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Blockbuster movie secrets set to boost area's tourism

Hopes high *Brave* documentary will inspire people to visit Mid Argyll

TOURISM businesses are to benefit from the kind of advert 'money can't buy' this week as producers of blockbuster movie *Brave* reveal Mid Argyll was the inspiration behind the magical animation.

The secrets behind the movie were revealed this week as *Brave* was released on DVD and blu ray alongside a documentary following the director of the film on a journey through Argyll.

The documentary *Brave New World* shows Disney-Pixar animators explaining the ancient Kingdom of Dalriada and landscape of Mid Argyll provided the backdrop of the tale.

The fly on the wall film confirms the standing stones, rock carvings and ancient woodland are inspired by Mid Argyll's Dunadd Fort and ancient woodlands.

David Adams McGilp, regional director at VisitScotland, said: 'The film's release on DVD and blu ray, including fascinating special features that promote Argyll are really a money-can't-buy advert for our region.'

'Disney-Pixar's *Brave* has catapulted Scotland into the hearts and minds of millions of people all over the world, raising the profile of our country and inspiring potential visitors to come and experience our amazing landscapes, legends and history for themselves.'

'Our campaign with Disney is an incredible opportunity for businesses throughout Argyll to get involved.'

Mid Argyll businesses are already working to capitalise on the release of the movie, many featuring on VisitScotland's *Brave* website, which

features numerous holiday experiences.

Ailsa Raeburn of Kilmartin House Museum said this is an exciting time for Mid Argyll.

'We hope to build on the success of *Brave* to encourage more people to come to here and see the wonderful historical sites of Mid Argyll,' Ailsa said. 'This area is about to be promoted as the birthplace of Scotland as Scotland's first kings were crowned here - it is incredibly important in Scottish history.'

Andrew Wilson, chairman of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance, said: 'Argyll has been inspiring people and artists for a long time, that is reflected in the number of artists that live here but to be recognised by Hollywood will undoubtedly be good for business.'



JOE ANDERSON was one of dozens of children that squealed with delight on Saturday as Glassary's new play park was officially opened.

Playing on swings, roundabouts and a wealth of equipment, the children's laughter marked the end of a ten-year fight by the local community to create a play area in the village. See page 5 for the full story. 06_a48play01

Population decline causes concern

ALARMING projections for the population of Argyll and Bute show that the number of people aged 75 and above will increase by 74 per cent by 2035.

Councillors on Argyll and Bute Council's Community Planning Partnership were told on Wednesday how the population of Argyll was forecast to fall by nearly 7,000, from 89,200 to 82,754, between 2010 - 2035.

Projected estimates indicate that by 2035 deaths would exceed births, the number of children and working adults would fall dramatically and the population of people aged 75 and above will increase by 73.6 per cent.

Council leader Roddy McCuish said: 'We need to make sure our young people have work within Argyll and Bute because they are our greatest asset, yet also our greatest export.'

'We need more jobs, more affordable housing and infrastructure that is suitable for the 21st century.'



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Man in court on Mid Argyll theft charge

AN ARREST has been made in Campbeltown in connection with a theft which took place in Mid Argyll.

The Campbeltown man was arrested on November 20 on suspicion of being involved in the theft of metal in Furnace.

He has appeared in court and was released on bail.

Woodlands in Argyll still free from Ash Dieback Disease

A FURTHER examination of woodlands across Argyll has revealed that the area has not yet been affected by Ash dieback disease.

Forestry Commission Scotland had confirmed it was carrying out further tests on areas that had showed symptoms of the Chalara infection but would not name the locations.

This week it revealed 14 woodlands are infected with the disease with several cases in Perth.



Ricky Holloway, right, and Raymond Banaghan will shave one side of their moustache off tomorrow (Friday) for the last day of Movember.

Duo's Movember moustaches given a colourful makeover

MULTICOLOURED moustaches could be seen in Jewson Store, Lochgilphead, this week as members of staff brightened up their efforts for Movember.

Ricky Holloway and Raymond Banaghan, who have been growing handlebar moustaches for men's health campaign Movember, this week dyed their facial hair all the colours of the rainbow in a bid to raise more money for charity.

The men have dyed their hair green and yellow and added 'sparkle' in the final week of Movember in a bid to

raise awareness of illness such as prostate and testicular cancer.

Explaining Movember makes it easier for men to talk more openly about health concerns, Ricky said: 'It is talking about it without really talking about it, people get the serious message whilst having fun. Raymond works on the counter so he has been having banter and fun with the customers and we decided to colour them to make it a bit more interesting.'

The second year the two men have taken part in Movember, last year they raised £500.

Man dies on Loch Fyne camping trip

A MAN on a camping trip to Loch Fyne has died of suspected hypothermia.

The man, from Glasgow, was kayaking on Loch Fyne and camping at Lagganroig, four miles south of Tarbert, on Saturday. His kayak had capsized with another man on board on Saturday afternoon and he fell ill overnight.

His father and a friend called the Coastguard at 6am on Sunday morning as the 26-year-old's condition deteriorated. Tighnabruaich RNLI

lifeboat was launched and the three men were taken to Tarbert, where an ambulance was waiting.

The man was rushed to Mid Argyll Community Hospital, where he received treatment but was pronounced dead at 9.15am on Sunday morning.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol from Lochgilphead Police Station said: 'The man had been in the water between 4pm and 5pm the previous day when the kayak he and another man was in capsized. However

his condition later deteriorated whilst they camped on the shoreline.

'Unfortunately the man later died in hospital. The exact cause of death is not yet known and a post mortem will be carried out at a later date. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.'

The father of the deceased, aged 48, and friend, 47, were examined by medical staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and later released.

First rescue 'by the book'

THE BELFAST branch of the coastguard has claimed its first major call-out in Mid Argyll was carried out 'by the book' despite an hour and half delay in notifying the police of the incident.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), which moved operations from Clyde to Belfast earlier this month, was called to a man in distress on the shores of Loch Fyne at 6am on Sunday morning. It did not notify the police until 7.30am.

But Fred Caygill of MCA told *The Advertiser* that a delay in alerting the police was 'not unusual' in a water-

based emergency. 'The best thing to do was to get this person medical attention. The police would not have made any difference to this whether they were called an hour and a half or five minutes after the initial call,' he said.

'During the rescue we spoke to ambulance control, the coastguard team, the helicopter and RNLI.'

The Coastguard also released inaccurate information on the incident on Sunday, when it said the man in distress was in the water after his kayak overturned.

In fact, the kayak had capsized the previous day and at the time the

call was made the man was onshore.

Mr Caygill said: 'We received a call at 5.54am saying there were three people and two were in a kayak that capsized and this person had been in the water.'

MCA came under fierce criticism when it announced plans to close its rescue control centre at Clyde and move operations to Belfast. Opponents said local knowledge and expertise would be lost.

Mr Caygill said local knowledge is still used by the Belfast control room as they task local coastguard and RNLI teams, made up of local volunteers.

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Police files

A SECOND Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) yard has been targeted by thieves in pursuit of high-value metal.

The SSE yard on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, was broken into at about 7.40pm last Friday night and a number of copper connectors stolen.

SSE had £5,000 worth of copper stolen from storage units at Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, Stronachullin, overnight between September 8 and 9.

The theft was deemed unusual for Mid Argyll and police stepped up their patrols of industrial sites in the wake of the incident.

Police are urging anyone who may have witnessed people acting suspiciously on Bishopton Road on November 23 to contact them on 01546 702200.

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A LARGE blue gents racing bicycle has been stolen from an outbuilding at a home in Ford.

It was taken sometime between 8.30am on Friday November 9 and 3pm on Tuesday November 20.

Police are urging anyone with information on theft to call Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

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SHOPOWNERS are being warned to be vigilant when placing advertising boards on the pavement in Lochgilphead after one was vandalised.

A sandwich board near the corner between Argyll Street and Lorne Street was damaged sometime between 5pm last Saturday and 9am on Sunday morning.

New £1m bid to restore Inveraray



EFFORTS to restore some of Inveraray's most loved buildings are being stepped up as Argyll and Bute Council applies for another £1 million cash injection.

The local authority, which is working with the community to regenerate Inveraray, has applied for a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant to coincide with its earlier application for £1 million to Historic Scotland.

The council, which has identified eight Inveraray buildings in need of urgent repair, is hoping the two bodies will help contribute to the £3 million restoration bill.

Following a winning formula, which saw Campbeltown's buildings restored with HLF and Historic Scotland funding,

the council hopes money from the agencies, combined with contributions from private homeowners, businesses, ACHA and the council, could see Inveraray transformed.

Commenting on the HLF application, Frances O'Hagan of the Inveraray Regeneration Group said: 'I was pleased when I got that update. Lynda Robertson and Audrey Martin from the council have put in a powerful amount of work on this.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said the grants were vital to the success of the project. She said: 'Historic Scotland and THI funding pots are the main funding streams available in regard to securing funding for a project of this

nature, which relates to the repair of traditional buildings to secure a wider regeneration outcome. There are no other meaningful funding streams available if these two bids are unsuccessful.'

Competition for a share of funding is fierce but Inveraray has gained support from MSPs in the area and the Scottish secretary for culture, Fiona Hyslop.

Answering a question raised in parliament by Highland and Islands MSP Jamie MacGregor, Ms Hyslop agreed Inveraray is one of Scotland's most important planned communities and said she was confident Argyll and Bute Council had submitted a 'positive' bid for funding.

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Van witnesses sought

PEOPLE who saw a red van driven erratically on the A83 near Lochgilphead on Saturday morning are being urged to contact Lochgilphead Police.

The appeal comes after police stopped a red Ford Transit Connect van on the A83, near Castleton at 11.30am and arrested the 33-year-old driver with driving under the

influence of drugs, possession of a knife and possession of cannabis.

Police are continuing enquiries into the incident and are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen the van being driven on the A83 from the Inveraray area towards Lochgilphead to contact them on 01546 702201.

New fishing proposals

PROPOSALS to increase the amount of monkfish and megrim fishing in Scotland whilst boosting cod conservation have been put forward by Marine Scotland.

The plan seeks to modify EU regulations that restrict the number of days spent at sea, allowing fishermen to travel to deeper waters

and catch monkfish and megrim. Marine Scotland's proposal would give fishermen who target monkfish and megrim a 50 per cent 'discount' on the regulation, meaning a four-day trip would only account for two days against the vessel's days at sea.

Catches of monkfish have fallen by 27 per cent since 2009.

Looking Local TV service goes live

LOOKING Local, Argyll and Bute Council's new digital TV service, went live on Monday.

The service will give Argyll residents access to more than 400 pages of information about council services from their TV sets and smartphones.

The content is sourced from the council's website and viewers can

check the latest news and service disruption information.

The interactive part of the service will allow customers to report a range of issues such as potholes and to access services such as library book renewals.

Looking Local is available on Sky TV, Virgin Media, smartphones and Wii consoles connect-



Margaret Morrison of the Oral Health Improvement Department has been raising awareness about mouth cancer. 06_a48cancer01

Advice on spotting early signs of mouth cancer

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being urged to watch out for early signs of mouth cancer as the number of people

diagnosed with the disease increases.

As part of Mouth Cancer Awareness Month, the oral health team in Mid Argyll has been raising awareness about the disease, which affects more people than ovarian and testicular cancer combined.

The team, along with senior dental officer Karen Emslie, has been hosting free mouth screening sessions at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital for people worried about their oral health, whilst highlighting the symptoms of mouth cancer with information

displays.

Margaret Morrison, from the Oral Health Improvement Department, who has been working on the campaign, said: 'The message we are sending out is if in doubt check it out.'

'If people find any unusual lumps, bumps or ulcers in their mouths, which don't go away within three weeks, they should have them checked.'

Regular trips to the dentist and regular self-examinations are the best route to early detection of oral health problems.

Hotel sign branded 'graffiti'

AN ADVERTISING sign, painted onto a sea wall within a National Scenic Area of Argyll, has been branded 'graffiti' by members of Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee.

The sign, advertising mooring space at the nearby Colintrave Hotel, can only be seen by yachts travelling through the Kyles of Bute and has been in place for nine years.

But a retrospective planning application by the hotel owner was turned down by councillors last Wednesday, despite a recommendation by planning officers to approve it.

The hotel owner has said the removal of the sign could be 'the final nail in the coffin' for her business.

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'This sign is cheap and nasty and if this type of thing could be seen from the road we would be up in arms about it.'

'This is one of the most scenic areas in Argyll, if not in the whole of Scotland, and I can't believe planning officers are saying this is acceptable.'

Other councillors called for consistency in advertisement consent, saying they feared

allowing the Colintrave Hotel sign would set a precedent for similar painted signs.

Councillor Colville's motion to refuse the application on the grounds the sign was 'inappropriate to the location and detrimental to the visual amenity of the National Scenic Area' won by five votes to four.

Hotel owner Patricia Watt said a few locals who did not support her hotel and village shop businesses had complained about the sign.

Moorings

She added: 'It is just block capital letters, it is definitely not graffiti. We have no passing trade here and this is the only way I can let the sailors know there are moorings here.'

I am running a business that, when I took over, was the pits and now it is an award-winning, three-star establishment. I have invested a lot in the hotel but we need business from passing yachts to sustain it.

'I thought the council was supposed to support businesses. To take away this advertising could be the final nail in the coffin.'

Ms Watt will meet with council planners to discuss an alternative sign.

Education trio praised

A TRIO of staff from Argyll and Bute Council have been highly praised at the London Early Years Foundation conference.

The team - Anne Paterson, quality improvement manager,

Stephen Glen-Lee, head teacher at Easdale and

Kathleen Johnston, head teacher from Keills on Islay and the Small Isles Primary School on Jura, were part of a group of eight people from Scotland who made presentations at the event, attended by nursery school staff

from all over London.

Mrs Paterson said: 'We were asked to present workshops on our early level work in Argyll, and we made comparisons between our rural communities and London's 'villages'.'

'Great'

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon, lead councillor for children and families, said: 'It is great to know that the quality of education provided in Argyll and Bute is admired, and that our staff were able to share best practice with colleagues in a very different environment.'

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Spots and stripes Children in Need fun at Badden Farm Nursery

Children In Need was celebrated in style at Badden Farm Nursery as the children and staff dressed for the occasion in their spots and stripes.

Even the very youngest members of the baby room enjoyed the celebrations and fundraising by partying the morning away.

The nursery's Jennifer Campbell said: 'Sincere thanks to all the parents for their support and donations to this fantastic charity.'

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Farewell to retiring Ardrishaig headteacher

PUPILS and staff of Ardrishaig Primary School said farewell to their headteacher Robina Millar, who has led the school for more than 20 years.

Hosting a reception for the much-loved teacher last Friday, pupils and staff commended Mrs Millar for her dedication and service to the school. Carol Evans from Argyll and Bute Council's education department presented Mrs Millar with a quaiach for her 28 years service with the local authority.

School staff praised Mrs Millar, who they said had worked tirelessly during her time as headteacher at the school. They said her efforts have produced a school which has an excellent reputation and one which all pupils past and present, colleagues and locals are proud of.

Mrs Millar will be greatly missed by staff and pupils and the beautiful gifts she received on her retirement are a testament of her popularity and the respect which she had gained from so many.

James Helbert, current headteacher of Furnace and Minard primaries, will become the new headteacher of Ardrishaig in January.

Delight as new playpark opens

YOUNGSTERS in Glassary could be seen rushing to the school gates on Saturday morning as the village prepared to officially open its new state of the art play park.

Situated next door to the school, the park features a wealth of equipment to suit all ages including climbing frames, swings, slides, supernova roundabout and see-saw.

Pupils at the school helped create the design for the play area, making a presentation to the company who built the park about their ideas.

The opening of the park marks the end of

years of hard work by Glassary Project Group, a group of parents and grandparents determined to create a safe play area in the village.

Gordon Parker from the group, a sub group of Dunadd Community Council, said: 'It is so good to have the local community here and to see them delighted with the results in front of them. The project board has but in a lot of hard work, we have had long meetings and late nights but we have finally got here.'

Tim Litster, a member of the Glassary Project Group said: 'I have been involved in this project

for a long, long time and it is great to see it come together.

'Gordon has thanked everyone but as you are aware he has underestimated his own involvement. We all know that without his determination and commitment we wouldn't be here at this stage.

'So on behalf of the community thank you Gordon, it has been a tremendous effort.'

The play park is funded by Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme, National Lottery's Awards for All, Lachlan Millar Memorial Trust and Glassary Fundraisers.



Martin Bryson and Zara Wilkens give the new Glassary Play Park a thumbs up. 06_a48play05



Members of the Glassary Project Group are delighted to see local children finally enjoy a safe play area in the village. 06_a48play06

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Jim's long wait for Beattie's call

A LOCHGILPHEAD businessman was made to wait two months to have a telephone connected, with nothing but idle promises from British Telecom (BT).

The delay cost Jim McKirdy hundreds of pounds in lost trade – and BT £25 a day. BT promised to install a phone at Mr McKirdy's new garden centre, at Riverside, Lochgilphead on October 5.

Only this week, two months later, was he finally connected – although he had previously been given a number.

Directory enquiries provided callers with a number they couldn't get through to, which caused massive problems for the McKirdy family business.

New bishop for Argyll

ARGYLL and the Isles has a new bishop, in the very reverend Douglas Maclean Cameron.

The electors of Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and the Isles chose him to succeed the right reverend George Henderson, who retired in July.

Mr Cameron, 57, is currently dean of Edinburgh diocese and he has previously spent 10 years in Papua New Guinea.

His duties there included training and education, including two years as archdeacon of New Guinea mainland. He returned to Scotland in 1974.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



WE ARE now amidst the darkest days of the year when many of us feel a bit gloomy and fed up with all the rain and wind we've had to endure lately.

We feel like troglodytes emerging from the caves of our own winter as we long for the light.

Tonight the 'Wee Toon' will switch on the Christmas lights and help dispel that gloom for a time.

Tonight we will celebrate once again that light is stronger than darkness, and we will smile as the pipers march through Campbeltown with their bagpipes aglow with fairy lights.

The pavements will be thronged with people waiting for the countdown.

Our first experience of this was eight years ago on a wet and windy night. We ducked in and out of the shops trying to keep dry, and as we stopped to hear the carol singers, we met our friends from Tangy.

'Come back in on your way home for a dram and sit by the fire', came the warm invitation.

Well, we got lost on the Tangy hills in the dark, but after circling round a few times, we saw the lights from the house and saw the smoke curling up into the cold night air.

Inside there was a roaring fire, some supper, a dram and a welcome.

Every year at this time I remember that act of hospitality and friendship, and it signals for me the beginning of Advent.

Tonight reminds us that we now prepare to wait to offer our own welcome to the Christ child who will come among us once again.

Tonight reminds us that the light will always overcome the darkness.

Tonight reminds us that amidst the tinsel and the trappings, God also quietly waits to welcome us.

So pause awhile, and sit by the fire of God's love on this special night.



Kilmory Shinty team

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. The picture is of Kilmory Shinty team approximately six years ago. Can you recognise the faces? To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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Tarbert Youth Group thanks

Sir,
Tarbert Youth Group would like to thank every one who supported them to do their one hour sponsored swim. Between us we racked up just under seven miles, raising just over £400 to give to BBC Children in Need.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and will be looking at swimming more often in the future with our young people.

**Laura Mair,
Tarbert Youth Group Committee.**

Council to save £41 million

Sir,
I congratulate Argyll and Bute Council on taking a more strategic approach to budgeting but am appalled at the amount they have to cut and the way in which they are hamstrung by the Scottish Government.

The bulk of the UK Government cuts have been unjustly aimed at

the poor and vulnerable in order to give tax breaks to the well heeled. We therefore look to our council to offer some protection to the most vulnerable in our own communities.

However, they are now hamstrung by a Scottish Government that has already handed down a disproportionate amount of these cuts to local government whilst kicking other difficult, Scottish spending issues into the long grass until after 2014. They have then frozen the council tax which, in times past, was able to give some flexibility to take money from those who could afford it and use it to protect vital services and the jobs needed to provide them.

It is ironic the Scottish Government has now grudgingly confirmed that publicly funded civil servants are working on 16 separate independence-related projects. One now understands where some of the money taken from local authorities is head-

ed – to justifying the case for independence.

**Bob Chicken,
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Branch,
Scottish Labour Party**

Scottish Water - the future

Sir,
Scottish Water is inviting customers in Argyll and Bute to have their say on the future of water and waste water services in Scotland.

In planning for the future and wanting to meet customers' expectations, Scottish Water has launched a consultation giving customers the chance to tell us whether we have identified the right challenges, opportunities and priorities between now and 2040. The consultation identifies potential opportunities and challenges such as climate change, population movement and developments in science and technology as well as possible measures that could be taken to provide high quality

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Fingers crossed

INVERARAY residents will be keeping their fingers crossed this month as they await the decision on a funding application that could see the Royal Burgh transformed.

Argyll and Bute Council has submitted applications for £1 million to Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Heritage Lottery Fund but confirmed this week that if the applications were unsuccessful the regeneration would not go ahead.

The council has said there are no

other funding streams available to the project.

It is understood that the number of applications for a share of CARS funding exceed the £10 million money pot.

The Argyllshire Advertiser gives its full backing to the application to restore what is one of Scotland's first planned towns. The built heritage of Inveraray should be cherished by Mid Argyll and remain a draw for tourists the world over.

Surely the board at Historic Scotland will agree.

Carers Rights Day

Sir,
Most of us are looking forward to taking time off work and relaxing this festive season, but for the UK's six million carers, Christmas will be a hard struggle, just as it has been all year long.

One in eight of us care for a disabled or older spouse or family member and this number is rising. Many carers provide round the clock care for their loved ones, often without any kind of break, with very little support and hardly any recognition.

This week we highlight Carers Rights Day. I work for Vitalise, a charity providing desperately-needed respite breaks for people with disabilities and carers at centres around the UK. The guests who take breaks with Vitalise often tell us how important a break is in their lives. Just one week a year really can make the difference between coping and despair.

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Pledge to stamp out criminal gangs in Argyll

CRIMINAL gangs are operating throughout Argyll, generating millions of pounds through the drug trade and sale of counterfeit goods, Strathclyde Police has confirmed.

Speaking at an information sharing event with Argyll and Bute Council recently, senior officials from the police said drug gangs were operating in all towns across the county, whilst gangs selling counterfeit CDs and DVDs had targeted Oban and Campbeltown this year.

Highlighting a number of intelligence-led operations in the area, Strathclyde Police divi-

sional commander for Argyll Barry McEwan, said an investigation is currently underway into an Argyll man recently found with a multi-million pound haul of counterfeit music, films and games.

Focusing on criminal gangs that launder money through 'legitimate' businesses, police forces are working with local authorities, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and British Record Music Industry to share information.

At the event, chief superintendent Barry McEwan and Sally Loudon, chief executive of

Argyll and Bute Council, signed the signed an information sharing protocol - a plan to stop criminals winning lucrative local authority contracts.

Chief superintendent McEwan said: 'This event and the signing of the improved information sharing protocol shows we ensure that scarce resources are only spent on legitimate companies who deserve to win contracts.'

'All the agencies here today are committed to driving out organised crime from local communities and improve the lives of decent people.'



Council chief executive Sally Loudon and Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan sign a protocol they hope will help stamp out serious organised crime in Argyll. 06_a46crime02

Money list to be made public

A LIST outlining what Argyll and Bute Council spent money on will be made public, the local authority has said.

The council will publish all expenses above £1,000 on the Scottish Government's Spotlight On Spend website following a trial, which saw spending in the 2011 financial year published online.

The website sets out clear categories under which the money has been spent with the name of the company and supplier also identified. In cases where money is paid to an individual their name will be withheld.

Last shoebox collection

THE FINAL collection of shoeboxes for the annual Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal is Wednesday.

The Blythswood lorry will stop in Mid Argyll villages on December 5 to collect boxes filled with presents for people living in poverty this Christmas.

The lorry will be in the top car park in Tarbert at 12.45pm, Lorne Lorry Park, Lochgilphead at 2pm, Furnace Layby at 4.30pm and Inveraray Lorry Park at 5.15pm.

Meals cash delight

A GROUP of artists from across Scotland has raised money to help Mary's Meals build another school kitchen to feed hungry children in Malawi.

Artists and Musicians for Mary's Meals has raised £12,000 in two years, ensuring a food shelter will be built in Mulunguzi in Blantyre, South Malawi.

Netta Ewing, co-ordinator of the art organisation, handed over a cheque to the

charity last Friday. She said: 'I am delighted to announce that due to fantastic support for our 2012 fundraising events we have completed payment for the building of our third school feeding shelter. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.'

The Festival of the Arts included an arts and crafts sale at Pollok House, concerts in House for an Artlover and an exhibition in St Enoch shopping centre.

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Lochgilphead gears up for Christmas

SATURDAY will officially mark the start of Christmas celebrations in Lochgilphead as a jam-packed day of Christmas fun gets underway.

Festivities begin at the town's Red Cross Centre as the charity hosts its annual Christmas Coffee morning.

Marking December 1 and the start of the Christmas season, volunteers will serve up a wealth of mince pies, cakes and festive treats alongside a warming cuppa.

Money raised from the event will be used to fund Red Cross projects in Mid Argyll such as the Red Cross minibus, which helps vulnerable and isolated people get to

medical appointments. Santa will be making his first appearance in the town on Saturday afternoon, as he flies in to hand out presents to youngsters at the Rotary Club's Christmas Fair.

Taking place at Lochgilphead Community Centre at 2pm, the fair will feature fun and games for both adults and children, as well as stalls for people eager to start their Christmas shopping.

Good causes
Another fundraising event, money raised at the fair will be donated to good causes within the Mid Argyll community.

To round off the day, Lochgilphead residents will descend on Colchester Square to see the

town's Christmas lights switched on. Kicking off the celebrations with music and games at 6pm, four mystery guests will switch on the lights at 7pm. The guests will form part of a procession, led by Mid Argyll Pipe Band, that will march from the top of Argyll Street to the square at 6.40pm.

Workmen could be seen working late on Monday evening to install the lights and decorations on lampposts throughout the town ahead of the weekend's celebrations.

Businesses have also been donning tinsel this week, decorating shop fronts and window displays to mark the countdown to Christmas Day.



Gardener Tommy McCrae displayed beautiful holly wreaths and Christmas decorations, whilst Heather MacNicol sold her handmade jewellery at the craft fair. 06_a48craft01

Craignish Craft Fair success

CRAIGNISH Village Hall was a hub of activity on Saturday as Mid Argyll folk came out in force in search of Christmas presents, decorations and food.

Hundreds of people across the county attended the annual fair, which sells artisan foods, handmade Christmas decorations, jewellery, clothing and accessories.

Members of the hall committee served refreshments and food at the event to raise cash for the village hall fund. The church restoration appeal also had a fundraising stall at the event



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Aged nine to 90 – the cast of A Christmas Carol is made up of members of the Mid Argyll Musical Society and Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

Groups unite for anniversary show

THE COUNTDOWN is on until the premiere of the west of Scotland's *A Christmas Carol* as local musical and theatre groups unite to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens.

An adaptation of Dickens' novel, the musical will be performed in just over a week by the Mid Argyll Musical Society in partnership with the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

The new musical, by

Piers Chater Robinson and Chris Blackwood, was first staged in 2010 and has only once been presented either professionally or by amateurs in east Scotland.

The musical remains true to Dickens' much-loved tale with the addition of very catchy, bright and moving songs.

Ron MacInnes from the society said: 'This year again, as in our 2010

production of *Oliver*, we are joined by the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus who from the start, like ourselves, have been very enthusiastic about the whole project.

'It is interesting to note that the ages of those on stage range from nine to ninety.'

A Christmas Carol will be performed in Ardrishaig Public Hall from Wednesday, December 5 until Saturday, December 8.

Enjoy something special this Christmas

ONE OF Mid Argyll's most treasured charities is inviting locals to celebrate Christmas with them at their Something Special Craft Fair.

The Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI) will be hosting the fair next Saturday, December 8, to showcase the wealth of artistic talent in the area.

With displays of handmade jewellery, felt art and glass ornaments, the event will offer locals the chance to pick up Christmas presents whilst so-

cialising with friends and neighbours. MALI, which supports the education of vulnerable young people in Zambia, will celebrate its African roots at the event, selling jewellery, wall hangings and bags from Zambia.

Running from 10am to 2pm at the Baptist Church in Lochgilphead, the fair will also offer tea, coffee and mince pies in the morning and a bowl of warming winter soup for lunch in the afternoon.

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Strachur & District Piping Association are holding a
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Synopsis: *Now is Good*: Based on the best-selling novel "Before I Die" by Jenny Downham, the film tells the story of Tessa, a 17-year-old girl with a limited time to live, who sets herself the challenge of living her adolescence on fast forward. Until suddenly, she falls in love and everything changes.

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- Dance step (3)
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- Pledge (6)
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- Warm cover (9)
- Hot plate... (3)
- ...one who fixes plates (6,7)
- An overseer (5)
- Milky (7)

Down

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- Body of law (13)
- Valve (9)
- Sagging down (6)
- Portuguese airport (3)
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- Unusual person (9)
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Weather adds to slurry handling problems

SEPA aim to minimise any risk of environmental pollution

ALTHOUGH falling temperatures this week has brought with it the prospect of drier weather, the recent prolonged wet spell has prompted the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to work with farmers to address increasing issues around the spreading and storage of slurry.

Currently, the spreading of slurry or farm yard manure on waterlogged ground is a breach of environmental legislation, as run off pollutes local water courses. However, when conditions are consistently wet, and spreading activity is limited, this can create storage problems and possible animal welfare issues on farm steadings.

Stephen Field, land unit manager for SEPA said they are taking a pragmatic approach to the problems facing land managers on an in-



Spreading slurry or farm yard manure on waterlogged ground is a breach of environmental legislation

dividual and site specific basis.

'We will agree to slurry spreading, under certain restrictions, to minimise any risk of environmental pollution,' said Stephen.

'Anyone who is facing a problem with storage of agricultural materials

should contact SEPA on 0800 807060.'

Following the recent extreme wet weather, the SEPA has received evidence from the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC), demonstrating the problems faced by land managers and contractors as they try to

manage slurry and apply it to land in line with legislation.

The agency has developed a position statement and set of guidance for slurry spreading which only applies in emergency situations and exceptional circumstances.

Call for more woodland crofts

SUPPORT for a call to make land available for woodland crofts was met by the Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) last week.

A woodlands crofts workshop, heard presentations from Jamie McIntyre, woodland croft consultant and Derek Flynn, chairman of SCF and crofting consultant.

Patrick Krause, the SCF's chief executive who introduced the workshop, said: 'The Crofting Reform Act 2007 gives the power to create new crofts. As a bill introduced by the Scottish Government and passed by Parliament, the existence of this Act indicates that the Scottish Government is enthusiastic

about the creation of new crofts.

'As one of the largest land-owners in Scotland, surely the ministers should therefore be creating new crofts? Land held under the management of Forestry Commission Scotland, which includes woodland and open land, would be ideal for woodland crofts.'

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Luxury treats on offer at craft fair

KILMARTIN House Museum will be transformed into a treasure trove of luxury festive gifts as the annual Christmas craft fair is held this weekend.

Taking place on Saturday and Sunday, the fair will feature displays by renowned artists Lucida and Duncan Hopkinson, Kirsty Brady and Terri Burt, as well as crafters who create beautiful gifts from glass, wool, felt and gemstones.

Selling Christmas decorations, jewellery, soap, artisan foods, fine art, clothing, gift bags and ornaments all made in Argyll, the event is a perfect way to 'buy local' this Christmas.

A host of games and activities will be available to keep children entertained, ensuring parents can browse the many stalls at their leisure.

People hoping to learn more about the local landscape can also speak to curator of the museum, Sharon Webb and author Sally Wilkin, who will be at the event to speak about their 2012 walking guide *In the Footsteps of Kings*.

A full list of stallholders and what they are selling can be downloaded from the Kilmartin House Museum website www.kilmartin.org.

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Mid Argyll mothers Natalie MacEachern, Jo Bowden and Nicola Neilson launch their bring and buy sale of baby goods. 06_a48baby02no

Toddler group mums raise £200 at bring and buy

ENTERPRISING mothers from a toddler group have created a winning idea to raise funds for the group and allow local families to buy expensive baby equipment at a reduced price.

Members of the Ardrishaig Toddler Group launched a bring and buy sale on Saturday, offering parents the opportunity to sell things they no longer need and buy goods second hand. Natalie MacEachern, one of the mothers involved in the event, said the sale aimed to provide good quality clothes, toys and

equipment on the doorstep of Mid Argyll families. Natalie said: 'It was a fantastic afternoon and proved popular, with a lot of people coming in off the street. We will be doing it all over again and we already have five stalls booked for the next event, which will be held next year.'

Organisers of the event, Natalie, Jo Bowden and Nicola Neilson also sold homebaking at the event to raise funds for the group.

'We managed to raise £200,' Natalie said. 'That will go back into

the toddler group to help pay for trips or days out, replenish the toy stock and boost our resources.'

The sale has also helped raise the profile of the group within the local community.

'Since advertising the event we have doubled in numbers so this has done us the world of good, Natalie added. People are visiting our webpage and coming to see us so it has benefited us in many ways.

'We are chuffed and glad it was such a success.'

Band helps groups promote sensible drinking message

COMMUNITY groups adopted an English tradition last week and marked alcohol awareness week with a special event in Slainte Bar in Ardrishaig.

Encompass, which provides counselling for people with alcohol problems, joined forces with hospital band Sanctuary to provide a night of entertainment and promote alcohol free wines and beers available locally.

Sanctuary, made up of patients, staff and friends of Argyll and Bute Hospital, played a session in the bar on Sunday evening, keen to promote the message of sensible drinking.

Peter Garrett, manager of Encompass, said: 'Some members of the band have had problems with alcohol themselves and they were keen to take part. They can go into a public bar and not feel the temptation to



Sanctuary lent their support to alcohol awareness week, performing a session at Slainte on Sunday evening.

drink because there is an alternative available.'

He added: 'We are not telling people not to drink alcohol. This is about alcohol awareness, keeping the message at the fore that there is an alternative.'

Manager of Slainte Tommy Mulholland has been lending his support to the initiative, selling an array of alcohol-free drinks, supplied by the Argyll Drugs

Partnership. Tommy said: 'It's good for people who don't drink or are driving home. I have been given it to sell as a trial to see how it goes. If it's something that people want on a permanent basis it is something I would look into.'

A second event, promoting good music and alcohol free drinks will be held in Slainte on December 16.

Studio friends hit the high notes

FRIENDS of Crear Music Studios in Kilberry will be returning to the music venue to celebrate Christmas on December 12.

Steven Osborne, a supporter of the charity's Piano in Peril campaign, will perform at the celebration.

During the evening he will play

pieces by Medtner and Rachmaninov. Steven will be joined by Athenaeum Winds for the festive event. The group includes Aleksandra Henszel on flute, Siobhan Parker on oboe, Ewan Zuckert on clarinet, Jenna Sloane on horn and Christopher McShane on bassoon.

Biker pleads guilty to speeding

A MAN who fell from his motorbike while 'looking at stones' on a road near Kennacraig Ferry Terminal has had eight penalty points added to his licence.

Appearing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday, Pirvaze Aziz, of 66 Robert Burns Avenue, Clydebank, pleaded guilty to driving a motorcycle carelessly at excessive speed whilst failing to observe police accident signs and police officers

on May 27 this year.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court Aziz had been riding his motorcycle on the A83 near Kennacraig Ferry Terminal at excessive speed and failed to slow down when he encountered police officers and a police car attending a road accident.

The 45 year old was forced to swerve his motorcycle as a result.

He later came off his bike in a separate incident.

Aziz's defence agent said he had been going for a ride with a friend to Campbeltown and did not see the signs near the accident. When he saw the cars had to swerve.

He said Aziz, a taxi driver, later came off his bike whilst looking at stones on the road.

Sheriff Tom Ward said: 'It seems to me you were going far too fast and that's why you didn't see the signs.'

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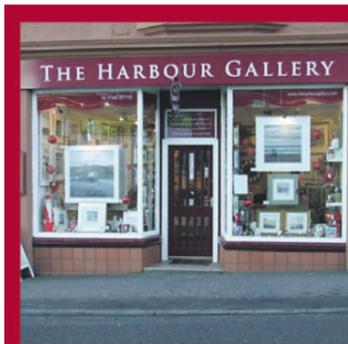
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Great Auks mark 40 year milestone

THE GREAT Auks marked an important birthday last week as it celebrated 40 years of encouraging youngsters to enjoy archaeology in Mid Argyll.

Children as young as five have enjoyed activities in the club, which helps young people understand the landscape they live in.

Members of the group tucked into birthday cake during the celebration and made their own prehistoric pottery to take home.

Events planned for the 40th year of the Great Auks include a Christmas party, Iron Age cooking event and an opportunity to participate in a dig and a trip to Lismore.



Strachur pupils enjoyed a recent outing to Loch Fyne Oysters.

Pupils visit Loch Fyne Oysters

PUPILS from Strachur Primary School were shown how to 'handle' their fish when they made a recent trip to Loch Fyne Oysters in neighbouring Cairndow.

Twenty-two children in P4-5 visited the oyster and mussel farm where they were shown how staff care for shellfish during the growing process and learnt how

STRACHUR

the Oyster Bar traces the arrival of fresh salmon from fisheries.

The youngsters were shown the processes of filleting, curing, smoking and slicing salmon and how it is distributed to customers all over the world. Finally they enjoyed a tasting of

Loch Fyne oysters and smoked salmon before heading home.

The school's seafood experience was arranged through the Seafood in Schools project which aims to teach children about Scottish seafood, where it comes from, how it reaches their plates and why eating seafood is good for them.

LOCHGILPHEAD

SWRI ladies enjoy Tai Chi

LADIES at the November meeting of Lochgilphead SWRI enjoy a quiet but energetic evening of Tai Chi, under the guidance of Ian Smith from Lochgair.

Not a sound could be heard in the hall but the quiet swish of Ian's movements as he ably demonstrated a full routine of the art.

Lizzie Scott won the November competition for her tasty quiche.

TARBET

Country house B&B wins gold award

A BED and breakfast with breathtaking views across Loch Lomond has earned a gold award from VisitScotland.

Glebe Country House B&B, run by Bernadette Rainey, was awarded gold in recognition of consistently good standards under the tourism organisation's grading

scheme. The Gold award highlights businesses that excel in the areas of customer care and hospitality and show evidence of a real commitment to staff development and training.

Commenting on the award, Bernadette said: 'For us at Glebe Country House to be recognised by VisitScotland is an achievement that we feel proud to receive and we hope that we can continue to work together to achieve our joint aim of promoting Scotland's outstanding natural beauty throughout the Year of Natural Scotland in 2013.'

ARDRISHAIG

Community council meeting

THE NEXT meeting of Ardrishaig Community Council is on Monday evening, December 3.

The meeting, which allows locals to raise issues of concern within the village, takes place at 7.30pm in the South Church Hall.

INVERARAY

Santa drops in for early visit

LUCKY children in Inveraray were amongst the first in Mid Argyll to enjoy an early visit from Santa at the weekend.

The man in the red suit flew in for the annual Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church Christmas Fair.

Santa, who helped create a welcoming atmosphere for local families at the fair, helped Royal Burgh residents raise £1,000 for church funds.

Organisers of the event thanked the local community for making the fair a great success.



Santa meets some of the Royal Burgh's youngest residents.

TIGHNABRUAICH

Portavadie hosts Christmas market

SANTA'S grotto, mulled wine and roasted chestnuts will get everyone in the Christmas spirit at the Portavadie Festive Market.

Stalls featuring clothes from local boutiques and designers will be put up at Tighnabruaich marina whilst a host of family friendly activities will take place to keep youngsters entertained.

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MSP Mike makes a difference in Dunoon

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Mr Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, was working in the shop to raise awareness of the importance of volunteering for worthy causes. Taking part in Make a Difference Day, the UK's biggest day of volunteering, Mr Russell said everyone has a skill they can use to help others. The education secretary was one of many MSPs to take to their local Barnardo's store to help sort sizeable charity donations on the shop floor, whilst sharing their skills with the retail staff.

Lauren Carson, who needs five retail volunteers to join the store, hopes Friday's event will inspire local people to lend their time to the charity.

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School pupils back festive gift appeal

STUDENTS at Lochgilphead High School have helped people less fortunate than themselves this Christmas by collecting gifts for families in poverty stricken countries.

Filling shoeboxes with presents for the annual Blythswood Care Shoe Box appeal, the youngsters have been donating and collecting presents for people who do not receive gifts at Christmas.

The first year the Lochgilphead school has supported the appeal, the collection was organ-

ised by the school's S6 Charity Committee and saw more than 100 boxes filled with presents.

Charity committee member Eilidh Phillips added: 'We thought it would be a nice idea and a chance for people to give something back. We also wanted to raise awareness about global issues.'

Lorry

Teenagers from the school joined pupils of Ardrishaig Primary in loading the boxes on to the Blythswood Care lorry when it visited the area recently.

Ardrishaig Primary School has supported the shoebox appeal for more than 20 years.

Lochgilphead Guides, Knapdale Parish Church and the Mid Argyll branch of Enable Scotland also filled boxes, which will be sent to people living in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.



Members of the S6 Charity Committee help load shoeboxes onto the Blythswood Care lorry. 06_a46boxes01



Ruby Dunlop, William Brock, Kyra Roberston and Cameron Garrett put the shoeboxes collected by Ardrishaig Primary School onto the lorry. 06_a46boxes02

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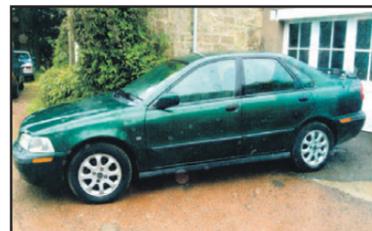
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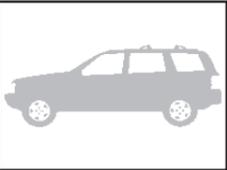
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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01012/PP	Alteration, extension and change of use of garage/stable (ground floor) to form two residential flats, alteration and extension of two existing first floor residential flats and incorporation of attic space to form three residential flats and installation of sewage treatment plant (retrospective)	The Garage House Skipness Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XT	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/02253/PP	Installation of 2 x 11kw wind turbines (18.3 metres high to hub height)	Point Sands Caravan Park Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XG	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
12/02344/PP	Alterations to dwellinghouse to provide first floor accommodation	Gartnacopaig Farm Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/02437/PP	Redevelopment of factory site (Class 5) to provide separate units (1no. Class 4 Business and 3no. Class 5 General Industrial) - amended proposal relative to planning permission reference 11/02570/PP (revised site layout)	Fyne Fish Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6SX	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/02458/PP	Erection of 75 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and associated meter housing and formation of new vehicular access road.	Tangy Kilkenzie Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/02501/PP	Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension and formation of vehicular access and hardstanding.	Fyne View Crarae Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8YA	Ardishaig Area Office
12/02522/PP	Installation of air source heat pump	Watermill Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
12/02559/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 09/01477/PPP (Site for the erection of 1no dwelling house and installation of a septic tank).	Plot 2 Torran Farm Ford Argyll and Bute	Ardishaig Area Office
12/02568/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse, installation of shared sewage treatment plant and soakaway and formation of shared vehicular access.	Keills House Keills Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PQ	Ardishaig Area Office
12/02571/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse, installation of shared sewage treatment plant and soakaway and formation of shared vehicular access.	Keills House Keills Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PQ	Ardishaig Area Office

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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 2012 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.

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Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
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THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (DISABLED STREET PARKING - MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY) (AMENDMENT)(NO.1)ORDER 201_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an amendment to an existing Order in accordance with the introduction of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will introduce new bays and delete existing bays no longer required. The effect of the order will be to make it an offence for anyone to park in a marked disabled persons' parking place unless they are the holder of a valid blue badge and are using it in accordance with the terms of the national blue badge legislation.

This order affects the following streets:-
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 TARBERT - Harbour Street.

Full details of these proposals, which form the proposed "The Argyll and Bute Council (Disabled Street Parking-Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay)(Amendment)(No.1)Order 201_". together with Plans, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of:

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- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead;
- (iii) Tarbert Post Office, The Rest, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert ;
- (iv) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll by 21st December 2012.

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, AS AMENDED

ADVERTISEMENT UNDER SECTION 67(2) OF THE MAKING OF A REVOCATION ORDER OR MODIFICATION ORDER PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ERECTION OF A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT LAND NORTH OF RHUVAL, TARBERT, ARGYLL AND BUTE REFERENCE NUMBER: 09/01606/PP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Argyll and Bute Council have made an order under section 65 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to revoke the above planning permission.

The Council have been notified by the owner or lessee (if any); the occupier of the land, and all persons who in the Council's opinion will be affected by the Order that they do not object to the Order.

Any person who will be affected by the Order and who wishes for an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Scottish Ministers, must give notice in writing to The Scottish Ministers, The Directorate for the Built Environment, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ not later than 27th December 2012.

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Date 29th November 2012

Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory Lochgilphead

A MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CAMPBELTOWN AT 10.30A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 2012.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Quasi-Judicial matters cannot be discussed at this time. Questions for consideration at the meeting can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at Burnet Building and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

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
12/02134/PP	Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse and detached double garage	Schoolhouse Kilberry Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YD	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/02472/LIB	Erection of conservatory and formation of internal doorway to access conservatory	Laundry Cottage Ardrpatrick Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/02528/PP	Renewal of planning permission 09/00248/PP - Formation of upgraded access, erection of four detached dwelling houses and their detached garages and installation of septic tanks	Plots 2 - 5 Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YJ	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/02537/PP	Removal of smoke shelter and temporary shelter and extension of public bar and erection of garden pavilion and garden screen wall (amendment to planning permission 12/02537/PP) - replace high level windows with conservation style rooflights and replace timber posts to garden pavilion with steel posts	George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8IT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
12/02538/LIB	Removal of smoke shelter and temporary shelter and extension of public bar and erection of garden pavilion and garden screen wall (amendment to planning permission 12/00190/LIB) - replace high level windows with conservation style rooflights and replace timber posts to garden pavilion with steel posts	George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8IT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
12/02552/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 09/00249/DET (Formation of upgraded access, erection of one dwelling house and its detached garage and installation of septic tank).	Barmore Farm Stonefield Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YJ	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



MCGEACHY

John and Kerry (née Carmichael) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their precious daughter, Jessica McGuire, born November 13, 2012. A beautiful little sister for Adelle. Second granddaughter of Sweeney and Marianne, Braeside, Campbeltown and Roddy and Margaret, Glenmurrell, Machrihanish. Special thanks to Campbeltown Maternity Ward and Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow.

DEATHS

DEWAR – Suddenly, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on November 22, 2012, William (Billy) Dewar, in his 81st year, 9 Union Terrace, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of the late Dorothy Brown, much loved father of Roslyn and the late Angus and a special grandpa of James. A dear cousin and uncle to all the family. A faithful friend and good neighbour to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, November 28, followed by interment at Kilveare Cemetery, Ardferr. Sadly missed.

GRAHAM – In Sandalwood House, Corby, on November 11, 2012, Angus Armour Graham, in his 94th year, beloved husband of the late Jean McLean, loving father of Rose, Angus, Colin and much loved granda and great granda. Interred in Kilkerran Cemetery.

PROSSER – Peacefully, at the Hillview Nursing Home, Clydebank, on November 21, 2012, William Gillespie Prosser, in his 95th year, formerly of High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jean Milligan, much loved father of Richard and a loving grandfather of Matthew and Nicola.

SHARP – On November 26, 2012, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Joan Winnifred Sharp, aged 75 years, of Greenbank, Victoria Park, Minard, beloved wife of Harry and much loved mother of Les, David and Mark, dear mother-in-law of Karen and Ali, dear sister of Jean and sister-in-law of the late Linda. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochfyneside Parish Church, Minard, on Monday, December 3 at 11.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium. Peace at last, with love.

WALLACE – Peacefully, at home, Fairfield, Kilkenzie, by Campbeltown, on November 26, 2012, Jean Elizabeth Grant, in her 78th year, formerly of Craigbank, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Jack Wallace, much loved mother of Simon, Ian and Andrew, dear mother-in-law of Alice and Cheryl and a loving and much loved grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to

Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Flowers will be very welcome. A retiral collection will also be held in the church in aid of the Macmillan Nurses and the Community Nurses Kintyre Locality.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CUPPLES – Christine and the family of the late Bobby Cupples, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards and telephone calls received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Spink, Macmillan nurse, Collete, district nurses, Diane, Rhona and Sarah, for the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson and Dr Roddy MacLeod for their visits and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

MACLEAN – Mary and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, kind words, cards, flowers and visits which have been greatly appreciated following the sad loss of Hector. Special thanks to the staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and Macmillan Nurses for their care of Hector in his final days. Heartfelt thanks to Margaret Sinclair for conducting such a personal service and for her support to Hector's family, which has been a real comfort during these difficult days, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their excellent professional service and arrangements and thanks to Graham Brown and team (A & B Council), for a dignified and professional service at Achtnabreac Cemetery; and to the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead for a lovely lunch and refreshments. Finally, thank you to everyone who paid their respects at the church and graveside, and who donated to the retiral collection. The sum of £340 will be donated to the Macmillan Nurses at the Mid Argyll Hospital. Sadly missed by all.

MCKERRAL – The family wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the recent sad loss of their mother, Agnes. With thanks to Dr Lazarus and Dr Cook, the Macmillan and Community nurses, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient and respectful funeral arrangements and the Ardsheil Hotel management and staff for purvey. Special thanks to Mr William Crossan for his comforting service, Mr David McEwan for the musical tribute and accompaniment and to Mr John Brown for his piping at the graveside. Sincere thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside. The sum of £1035.48 was realised and will be donated to Macmillan Nurses Kintyre Locality.

MCQUARRIE – Rhoda. The family thank everyone for the many cards and messages of comfort received following the sad loss of Rhoda. Thank you to the Rev L Bezuidenhout for the comforting services at Inveraray and Cardross and to all who attended, to Stan Lupton for funeral arrangements and Mrs Ethel MacCallum for beautiful organ renditions. An excellent purvey was provided by The Coach House Inn. The sum of £700 has been forwarded to the Beatson Oncology Fund.

MORRISON – John, Peter and family would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the passing of mum. Special thanks to Dr Norrie and all the staff of the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital, Rev Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements and to the Seaford Hotel for excellent catering. Thanks to everyone who attended the church and graveside. A retiral collection in aid of Macmillan Nurses raised £697.96.

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.

GEMMELL – Mary. In loving memory of a beautiful mum, granny and great grandma, died November 26, 2011.

We miss you now
Our hearts are sore
As time goes by
We miss you more
Your loving smile
Your gentle face
No-one can fill
Your vacant place.
Forever in our thoughts.

- Moira, Rhona, Craig, Phil, Jack and Jamie xxx.

MACDOUGALL – Anne. In loving memory of my dear wife, Anne, who passed away on November 25, 2010.

Sadly missed, Bill, Brian, Kirsteen, Colin, Oliver and Paige and extended family.

MACLELLAN – Treasured memories of a loving husband and father, Neil, Nursing Officer, brutally murdered at Carstairs State Hospital on November 30, 1976.

The midnight stars are shining
On a grave not far away
Where I laid my darling husband

Thirty six years ago today
It's there I'll always wander
It's there I'll keep in touch
With a husband I love so dearly
And miss so very much.

- Marion.
Simply the best.
- Loving son, John.

MARTIN – Treasured memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997.

Loved and missed mum and granny.
- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

WEST – In loving memory of my brother Stuart, died December 5, 2011.

How can I put on paper the feelings I have inside,
Of a broken hearted sister who has missed you since you died.
So find the softest pillow lord to lay his head upon,
And place a kiss upon his cheek,
he'll know who it is from.
- Sister Kathy, brother in-law Brian, nephews Jason and Jordan.

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 2nd December, 2012
Kilmartin 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
First Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion
Messy Church Thursday 6th December at Kilmartin 4-6p.m.
All welcome
SC002121

TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 2nd December 2012
Tarbert Service 11.45am
Sunday School 11.45am
Rev Tommy Bryson
Guild meets Monday 3rd December
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
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SC002622

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 2nd December 2012
11.15am Morning Service
Mr. W. Crossan
Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall
Tuesday 4th December 2012
Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm
Primary 6 & 7 7pm – 8pm
Christmas Lunches
Kirk Street Hall
Thursday 6th December 12 – 2pm
Friday 7th December 12 – 2pm
Saturday 8th December
10am – 12 Coffee
12 – 2pm Lunches
Everyone very welcome

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Saturday 1 December 2012
Quarterly Prayer breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00-8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
Sunday 2 December 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Amazing Grace"
Thursday 6 December 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 2 December
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Communion
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
Thursday 6 December
Messy Church Christmas Party
LSCC Kilmartin 4 - 6 pm
All welcome
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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 2nd December 2012
11am Morning Service followed by shared lunch
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

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

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 2nd December
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev David Ford
11.30am Sunday School (for 5-8 years old)
Monday 3rd December
Dress a Girl Sewing Event
10am to 3pm
(See Community Noticeboard for more details)
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting to be held on Friday 7th December at 7.30pm
in Salvation Army Hall, Burnside, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Mr John Miller from The Mustard Seed Gospel Hall, Glenrothes
Musical items
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone welcome.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible study & Prayer Meeting

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 2 December - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church (Ordination of Elders, tea and coffee) 11.30 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Service with tea and coffee in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 2nd December
11 a.m. Morning Worship (Rev Hilda C. Smith)
All welcome
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St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 2nd December 2012
The First Sunday of Advent
10.45am Morning Prayer
11.00am Annual Meeting
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 2nd December
First Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Bible Class and Triple C) (Jim Campbell)
Tuesday, 4th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 6th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 7th December
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 2nd Dec Advent 1
"Fear Not..."
Impossibility to Reality (Luke 1)
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (including Communion)
Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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Sunday 2nd December 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Robert Holden, Ardrishaig
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Mr Robert Holden, Ardrishaig
7.00pm - Youth Group
Wednesday 5th December 2012
10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
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Rowan finding it a mere cakewalk in the bake off

COLIN Rowan's golf has improved dramatically since he got the mix right.

Just enough straight hitting added to some good chipping, with a dash of one putting thrown in meant that the whole thing came out of the oven perfectly.

Three under par and second place was a vast improvement on his last few efforts, which were either undercooked or burnt.

Master baker Alec MacAulay took the top honours again with a performance that showed that a bit of rough pastry can sometimes get the job done better than a French Fancy.

Speaking of Ross, he was unavailable this week due to work commitments as he is trying to build an extension to his shed in time for the Christmas party. He used John Downie as a template for the size of

REPORT BY DAVID SINCLAIR

the average golfer which was a mistake and he had better lock the shed at night or some canal user will berth their boat in it.

Kenny Cameron predicted that he would get it wrong but supplied a very competitive price for completing the work.

He had a good round as he is usually in awe of Ross and did not have that distraction this week.

Dancing

Tommy Angus had a rest week in his busy dancing and gymnastics schedule which allowed him to pick up the nearest the pin prize at the seventh hole and come in third. He is back on the horse next week and possibly the beam as well.

Donald Carmichael hurt his back but, unlike the

rest of the field, he is not prone to complaining and just got on with it. This goes against the very ethos of the winter league, where unjust grievances should be cherished and bad bounces discussed at length.

Donald is missing a chance for some truly righteous moaning.

Simon Taylor was not last this week but seems keen to be at the wrong end of the scoreboard.

Keith Cowan very nearly won again only losing by sixteen shots which put him in twelfth place otherwise known as last.

Results: 10. A MacAulay, 9. K Cameron, 8. T Angus, 7. J Downie, 6. K MacAulay, 5. D Carmichael, 4. R Kennedy, 3. S Taylor, 2. G MacDougall, 1. K Cowan.

Nearest the pin: 7th hole: T Angus, 9th hole: R Kennedy.

Cairnbaan wins at Portsonachan tournament

BOWLING duo Adrian MacKay and Colin Clark from Cairnbaan enjoyed success at the Portsonachan Bowling Club Open Doubles competition on Saturday.

The Mid Argyll pair took third place alongside Dalmally double Ian Gibson and Martin McKillop in the competition, which saw entries from far and wide.

The eventual winners of the contest were Connel's Caroline Ronald and Ian Boyd. Second place went to local bowler Joe Z, partnered by Andrew Watson, a young man from Dalmally, playing in his first competition.

The good turnout was much appreciated by the organisers after the previous two years were spoilt by bad weather, stopping people from travelling.

Seeing, and indeed hearing, a room full of people enjoying themselves is a real fillip to those who spend their own time and effort to keep the hall running, the organisers said.

Portsonachan Bowling Club thanked sponsors Sgurr Energy, Ardbrecknish House and Dawn Fresh Farming for their support.

Club lottery draws

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 7, 15 and 19.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week.

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw with numbers 2, 3 and 20 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £400.

NUMBERS 11, 17 and 19 were drawn in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw. There were no winners. Next week's jackpot is £200.

Young stars lose Argyll derby

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth Under 18s had an emphatic win over a young Lochgilphead Red Star on Friday night, winning 7-1.

Pupils looked like scoring from the first five minutes and did not disappoint when Donald McCallum flicked on a free kick at the front post.

With McCallum on top form terrorising the Lochgilphead defence, another two goals followed to give Donald a hat-trick and the pupils a 3-0 lead within 20 minutes. Ten minutes later another goal from McCallum made the score line 4-0 at half time. At the restart Lochgilphead Red Star came into the game for the first ten minutes pushing the Pupils back to defend and scoring with their first shot on target through Josh Coates.

However, normal service was resumed with McCallum adding his fifth and Ryan McConnachie adding two excellent goals from 30 yards.

There were excellent performances on the day from Toran Currie, David McFadyen, Donald McCallum and Ryan McConnachie. Final score C.P. Youth 7, Red Star 1.



Argyll and Bute's shinty development officer Euan McMurdo and football development officer Martin Rae were amongst the dozen coaches who took part in the positive coaching event.

Coaches learn there's more to success than just winning

SEVERAL tutors from Argyll and Bute Council's leisure and youth services team have completed a training course to teach children there is more to sport than winning.

The seven tutors took part in the Positive Coaching Scotland course, which is de-

signed to teach valuable life lessons and skills to young people through sport.

A central part of the programme is to develop Double Skills Coaches, who will teach young people the importance of winning, but also character building life skills. Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for sport, Douglas Philand, said: 'Sport can bring so much to the lives of young people and not only when taking part. So many of the skills learned on the playing field, like teamwork, playing fair, motivation and discipline, can help in many other areas of life. Congratulations to the local sports tutors who have completed the course already, and I hope that this is a rewarding experience for all involved.' The Double Skills Coaches workshops will now be offered to sports clubs across Argyll and Bute. For more information, contact Nicola Hackett, Active School manager, 01369708667.

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Search for golf greats tees off

THE SEARCH has begun to find and select Scotland's top junior golf clubs and volunteers for the coveted RBS Junior Club and Volunteer Awards.

Launched at Edinburgh's South Queensferry, home of reigning RBS Junior Club Dundas Parks, the awards will reward clubs and volunteers that demonstrate excellence in promoting junior golf through the national junior programme, ClubGolf.

The winners will receive their prizes alongside the biggest names in Scottish golf at the Scottish Golf Awards Dinner in Glasgow in March.

An increased prize of £1,500 will be presented to the winning facility or club, with funds available for the runners-up, whilst £500 will be awarded to the leading volunteer.

All time high

Numbers of juniors taking up golf across Scotland are at an all time high as a result of ClubGolf, sponsored by RBS to support the development of the sport in the community and encourage children to stay in the game.

Jim Cowper, Dundas Parks Golf Club's ClubGolf Coordinator said winning the award last year made a huge difference to the development of junior players.

'In winning the award and engaging our partners, Active Schools and supported by our ClubGolf regional manager, we have raised the profile of the club and sport beyond all recognition in the local community,' Mr Cowper said.

To nominate your club for RBS Junior Golf Awards visit www.clubgolfsotland.com. The closing date for nominations is January 16.

Mid Argyll club issues SOS: Save Our Swimmers

VOLUNTEERS are being urged to step forward to make sure a successful Mid Argyll swimming club can continue.

Dalriada Dolphins will try to find a new president and secretary at an extraordinary general meeting next Thursday to ensure the club survives.

People with an interest in swimming and helping young people fulfil their potential are being urged to attend the meeting of the swimming club.

It is hoped people from the local community will put themselves forward to fill the crucial roles, which vital to continue the success of the club in the coming years. Dalriada Dolphins is an

amateur swimming club that meets every Thursday at the Mid Argyll Pool and currently has a membership of 27 children, ranging from eight to 17 years.

The club is split into the junior and senior squads and helps children to improve their swimming skills.

The young people get the opportunity to compete in swimming galas and learn life-saving skills and confidence around water.

They are also encouraged to have fun, playing water polo and other water-based activities such as Octopush.

The extraordinary meeting begins at 6pm at Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool, Lochgilphead.



Dalriada Senior Squad winners for the summer 2012 season are Cameron Wragg Senior Boy Champion, Rachel Bolwell Senior Girl Champion, Olivia Kerr The Rory Simpson Quach winner and Kirsten Way, winner of The Tait Trophy. 06_a48dolphins01



Lochgilphead is athletics host

THE SECOND round of the Argyll and Bute indoor athletics championship will be held in Mid Argyll on Sunday.

The event, which takes place at Mid Argyll Sports Centre at the joint campus, includes various running, jumping and throwing events for young people aged up to 17.

Mid Argyll Athletic Club, host of event,

Harris Campbell from Kilmartin Primary was amongst the many local children who took part in last year's event.

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is hoping local schools will encourage youngsters to take part in the competition.

There will be awards for the overall winners in each age group, whilst each competitor will receive a medal for taking part.

Successful athletes will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final, which will be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban in February 2013.

At the Argyll Final qualifiers from the Lochgilphead contest will compete against young

athletes who qualified at the earlier event held, on Mull, and the competitions in Oban in December and Campbeltown in January.

The event begins at midday, with entries accepted on the day from 11.30am. There will be an entry fee of £2 per competitor and £5 for families of three or more.

Become a coaching champion

BOOKINGS for the Coaching Champions programme in Argyll and Bute are being taken from today (Friday).

The sports coaching programme will run in 2013 with a number of new courses and opportunities for existing and new sports coaches.

Coaches, teachers, instructors, clubs, youth leaders and community volunteers can all be trained in the most up-to-date coaching, including skills not only in their chosen sport but also first aid, child protection and nutrition.

There are courses in a range of different sports including outdoor adventure sports. Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for sport, Dougie Philand said Coaching Champions was an opportunity not to be missed by anyone wanting to become a quality coach or improve their skills.

'This is a unique event in Scotland - no other local authority runs anything like it,' he said. 'It reflects the council's desire to increase participation in sports and physical activity, and combat social inequalities by getting people more active in our natural environment.'

'I would encourage anyone interested to sign up. It's a fantastic event.' The event will take place from February 1 to 3 in Oban and free minibus transport is available to people in Mid Argyll.

More information can be found at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coaching-champions.

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