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The news comes as the *Advertiser* learns a 3G surface costs £100,000.

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First Ardfern affordable homes in 50 years

AFFORDABLE housing will be built in Ardfern for the first time in 50 years.

A controversial plan to build six affordable units and four private houses on the Lower Glebe in Ardfern was passed by Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee on Tuesday. The build is due to commence in spring 2014.

See page 3 for the full story.

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# Families crying out for help as poverty rockets in Mid Argyll



## Crafters' creations on sale in Ardrishaig

Neve Jackson helped her mother Susan sell Christmas cakes and cupcakes at her Suzie Bakes stall in Ardrishaig on Sunday. The duo were amongst dozens of local crafters who set up shop in the public hall offering locals a range of gifts and stocking fillers for the festive season. The event saw a range of goods on display from soap, candles and toiletries to clothes, jewellery and decorations. 06\_a48ardfair01

CHARITIES and social services in Mid Argyll are joining forces to tackle poverty in the area as it emerges families are struggling to feed themselves.

The *Advertiser* has learned that the number of people plummeting into debt just to pay for household essentials is rocketing, while a local charity has started making up emergency food parcels.

Argyll and Bute Council, the Citizens Advice Bureau and charities have told the *Advertiser* people in the local authority area are crying out for help as the effects of welfare reforms take hold.

Moving on Mid Argyll (MOMA), a charity which supports people out of homelessness, last month began responding to calls for food parcels.

Angus MacNeill, chairman of MOMA, said: 'In September the whole question of emergency food parcels arose. We had a discussion about a food

## Charity starts sending out emergency food parcels

EXCLUSIVE: By EDEL KENEALY  
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bank but it is a huge undertaking: you have to have premises and staff to manage it.'

Under the current set up, the organisation receives a request from social work and makes up a package, which is then passed to the family to ensure privacy.

In October the charity made up three food parcels. Geraldine Day, manager of Argyll and Bute Citizen's Advice Bureau, said 70 per cent of the cases it deals with are about debt.

Geraldine said: 'In past years we saw a lot of people who had easy access to credit

and with a change of circumstances they have struggled making repayments.

'But now people are struggling to pay for the basics. Often that's because of redundancy, reduced working hours or less overtime. We can see here in Lochgilphead businesses are failing and that has a knock on effect.

'The Trussell Trust [a UK food bank charity] is seeking to establish food banks in Argyll and Bute...we are certainly seeing more of a need for that. Money just doesn't go as far as it used to.'

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**Playground damaged**

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The damage was caused between 5pm on Saturday, November 16 and 8am on Monday November 18.

Police are carrying out enquiries.

**Trailer stolen**

POLICE are appealing for information after a 16ft twin axled flat bed trailer was stolen from a remote farm in Ardferrin.

The trailer, made by Brian James, was taken between Monday November 18 and Tuesday November 19.

Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with information can contact the police on 101.

# Council blows £57,000 on Tarbert pitch - but games still cancelled

## Drainage system silts up before team gets home match

**EXCLUSIVE** ARGYLL and Bute Council has spent £113,000 on drainage works at Ropework Park and Cil Andreis this year but games are still being cancelled because of water-logged pitches.

Figures obtained by the Argyllshire Advertiser reveal the council spent £57,020 on drainage at Cil Andreis earlier this year. And the investment has proved almost worthless as the football team has been forced to cancel all matches scheduled

during wet weather. An additional £56,840 was spent on drainage at Lochgilhead's Ropework Park, which has allowed games to be played in bad weather.

The news comes in the same week as a petition is to be handed to Argyll and Bute Council calling for a 3G all-weather pitch to built in Lochgilhead.

The cash invested by the council could have paid for a 3G grass surface, which the Advertiser has learnt is £100,000. It also represents almost

a sixth of the cost of a brand new, full length 3G pitch, with fencing and lighting. That would cost about £650,000.

Peter Laing, the man behind the petition said: 'What disturbs me the most about the amount of money spent is that

no one from the council asks the opinion of any of the local clubs what needs to be done to the grass pitches.

'Raising the level of Tarbert's pitch would certainly have helped instead of throwing money on drainage

which obviously has had little effect. This story surely means that the council can have no excuses for not upgrading the astro 2G pitch at the high school next year, especially with grants available for such projects.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said flooding near Cil Andreis had caused the new drainage system to silt up and remedial works would be done 'as soon as weather and ground conditions allow'.



## Crafts and coffee raise charity cash

Members of Ardrishaig Craft Club raised £914 at the weekend as they sold the many gifts, clothes and household furnishings they made throughout the year. Stalls selling the goods were set up in Ardrishaig North Church Hall on Saturday morning while a coffee morning was also held to boost funds. Money raised at the event will be distributed to local charities in the New Year. 06\_a48work01

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Neve Bowden, three, Tom Pendrieh, four, and play worker Fiona Gardner got their hands messy with finger paints. 06\_a47play03

### Play Talk Read bus comes to town

CHILDREN in Lochgilphead enjoyed finger painting, making crepe paper apples and playing in the sandpit when the Play Talk Read bus stopped in town.

Dozens of children boarded the bus, which is known as Benji, to enjoy fun and games that were based around the season of autumn.

Staff on board the bus showed parents, grandparents and carers how playing with children at a young age can help their development in later years.

The bus, which is part of the Scottish Government's early years campaign, also stopped at Inveraray as it makes its way around the nation.

### Local homes for local people

FYNE Homes, which will allocate affordable houses on the Lower Glebe in Ardfern once they are built, will establish a local letting initiative (LLI) to ensure they go to local people.

A condition of the planning permission, a letting initiative is often used in areas that have a chronic shortage of housing or have sub-standard housing - both are evident in Ardfern.

The Home Argyll housing register works on a points system whereby

those in most need have the most points.

But, with a LLI, people in Ardfern will be awarded additional points to those they already have via the Home Argyll register. This ensures the homes are awarded to Craignish residents.

Marie Bowie, the housing director for Fyne Homes, said: 'The first step by Fyne Homes will be to host a public meeting where we will ask people what they see as the priorities for the community.'

Explaining Ardfern could learn from another LLI, Marie added: 'On Gigha the housing situation was very similar to here.'

'For Gigha their priority was existing residents.'

'They agreed four priorities and we awarded them points on a sliding scale of importance.'

'The highest points went to people living in substandard accommodation and they naturally went to the top of the list.'

# Community deeply divided over Ardfern planning application

## Controversial housing development on Ardfern's Lower Glebe gets green light

THE FIGHT to ensure only affordable housing is built on the Lower Glebe in Ardfern will continue despite planning permission being granted for four private homes.

At a public hearing on Tuesday in Ardfern councillors agreed to pass the controversial application that would see six affordable homes built on the Lower Glebe alongside four plots of land to be sold for private houses.

### Opposed

But Craignish Community Council and Craignish Community Company (C3), which opposed the application, say they will now try to

purchase the four private plots.

The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, which submitted a planning application for the site in partnership with social landlord Fyne Homes, says it will offer locals six months to find the cash. It could cost up to £500,000.

Mary Smyth, convenor of Craignish Community Council, said she was disappointed councillors had agreed to deviate from Craignish Development Plan which states only affordable housing should be permitted on the glebe.

'The most important thing to do now is to try and persuade the

General Trustees of the Church of Scotland to sell the remainder of the glebe to the community,' she said.

### Not realistic

'The six-month time limit is not realistic but we will have negotiations with them and the time frame will be part of those negotiations.'

Mrs Smyth said the plan, if successful, could reunite what has become a deeply divided community.

'I'm not sure how easy it will be for the rift in the community to be healed,' Mrs Smyth said, 'unless the remainder of the glebe comes into ownership of the community and we don't see

four private houses built on the glebe against the wishes of the community.'

Kenneth Ross, minister of Craignish Parish Church, said justice had been done.

Urging councillors to pass the planning application, he said wealthy people had moved into the area in the last 40 years, pricing locals out of the market and forcing them to either move or live in sub-standard accommodation.

'That is not right, the injustice has been ripping the community apart,' he said. 'The only way to heal that rift is to pass the planning application.'

### The weather outside is frightful.....

THE FIRST ever winter awareness day is next Friday, December 6.

To recognise the occasion Argyll Voluntary Action is hosting a drop in event to ensure people stay well, warm and safe throughout the winter months.

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### ACHA tenants urged to speak up in survey

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) is letting its tenants know that they may be contacted by an organisation doing a survey on its behalf.

The survey, which will be carried out over the phone, aims to find out what tenants think of the service they receive from ACHA.

The social landlord, which will publish the findings of the survey next year, has urged residents to give frank and honest answers.

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# Appeal to get involved as new Kintyre Way sponsorship campaign launched



Andy Holtby, David Johnston, Rob Reid, Michael Russell MSP, Anne Martin, councillor Anne Horn and Ian Henry launched the Kintyre Way sponsorship campaign in Tarbert on Monday. 06\_a48kway01

## Help needed to ensure attraction continues to appeal to tourists

THERE are many ways ordinary people and businesses can help ensure the survival of one of Argyll's greatest tourist attractions, the Kintyre Way.

A new sponsorship campaign has been launched to show people how they can help to maintain and improve the 87-mile route and ensure it continues to draw thousands of visitors to Argyll every year.

The campaign urges people to offer their time, skills and equip-

ment for maintenance, while larger businesses are asked to consider corporate sponsorship of one of the seven sections of the route.

People can also 'adopt a waymarker' - one of the distinctive blue marker posts which are on the route - for £25.

The sponsorship campaign was officially launched by Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, on Monday.

He said: 'I am extremely supportive of the work that goes on to

both market and maintain the Kintyre Way - mostly voluntary. Today reminds us that we must continue to build on and further improve what has been achieved where we can. Outdoor activity tourism is on the increase and The Kintyre Way is well placed to benefit from that.'

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Niall Kennedy is to appear in a calendar as one of the most handsome young men in Scotland.

## Model school snaps up Niall for calendar

A YOUNG man from Lochgilphead has been dubbed 'one of the hottest' men in Scotland as he prepares to appear in a 2014 calendar of handsome young Scots.

Niall Kennedy, 20, won a competition to appear in a male calendar following a Facebook Competition run by the Nicola Green Model and Make-Up School.

Now the barman will take part in a photoshoot with 11 other hunks and be given the images to form a portfolio to present to model agencies. Niall said: 'I applied for a model agency when I was 16 but I didn't have much confidence then. I have had

quite a few opportunities recently and it's come back into my head that it would be something really good to do. I am trying to get my name out there. I have done some photoshoots before to help guys out, photographers wanting to create a portfolio, so I'm looking forward to it.'

Niall has also entered Mr Supernational, a modelling competition that will see one man named Mr Glasgow and gain the chance to compete in a UK-wide competition. The winner will be offered a modelling contract.

To support Niall at Mr Supernational, call him on 07789 795272.

### Red Cross Centre coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held at the Red Cross Centre, Lochgilphead, tomorrow (Saturday).

Volunteers will serve tea, cakes and coffee between 10am and noon to raise funds for the centre. Residents will have the opportunity to donate money to help people affected by the Philippines typhoon disaster.

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## Parents and children invited to special services

TWO SPECIAL Christmas services that are aimed at parents with young children are to take place next month.

Parents who worry their children may make too much noise at a regular service can attend the

pram and buggy service with their pre-school children. Organised by North Knapdale Parish Church, which is linked with Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford, there will be carol singing, story telling and mince pies. Children can make as

much noise as they like and the services are open to grannies and granddads too. The short services will take place in Glassary Church on Friday December 13 and Tayvallich Church on Monday December 16 at 2pm.

# Church Hall opens its doors to community again

## £80,000 to restore community hub

THE PEOPLE of Mid Argyll got an early Christmas present last week as the refurbished Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall opened its doors for the first time in almost two years.

Completely renovated, the once near-derelect hall has been transformed to feature one large function room, new kitchen, toilets and new disabled access.

Hosting its first event on Saturday, the hall welcomed dozens of visitors to the Lochgilphead Parish Church coffee morning and craft sale, which raised £1,100 for the Church Renewal Fund.

Reverend Hilda Smith from the church said she was delighted with the renovation, completed

by MacLeod Construction.

'It's so, so light and bright and just seems a much bigger space,' she said. 'It's warm and comfortable; we even had to turn the heat down on Saturday which is unheard of in church halls.'

The project received £148,960 from Argyll and the Islands LEADER but it was the efforts of local people and businesses that was remarkable, raising £80,000 in four years.

Hilda added: 'There was so much money raised within the local community and we had tremendous support from the Archway, the book shop, Ferguson's Butchers and Quarry View Garden Centre.

Each of them sold either our mugs, which featured a print by Jolomo, or our recipe books and that raised a considerable sum of money.

'The Archway also sold copies of the limited edition Lochgilphead prints donated by Jolomo.'

A special ceremony on December 15 will see the hall officially opened. The Right Rev Lorna Hood, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will join Rev Smith for a church service before taking part in the rededication of the church hall.

Groups or organisations wishing to use the hall for events should contact Ian Davidson on 01546 603784.



Reverend Hilda Smith of Lochgilphead Parish Church and Ian Davidson, convenor of the Church Renewal Project, 'raised a cup' to the local community as the church hall opened its doors again. 06\_a48hall01

### Ardrishaig ACTION Fund

COMMUNITY groups can apply for grants from Ardrishaig Action Fund next month.

Ardrishaig Community Trust will be distributing around £30,000 to projects that will benefit the village.

The trust received £80,000 from its second instalment of revenue from Allt Dearg Community Windfarm.

A share of the money is already committed to projects that applied for financial support earlier this year.

For more information see ardrishaigcommunitytrust.org.

### Blue Christmas Service

THE BLUE Christmas Service at Lochgilphead Parish Church will be held on Sunday at 3pm.

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### Mid Argyll in an independent Scotland

HOW WOULD people in Mid Argyll live in an independent Scotland?

The answer is we still don't know and that's despite the recent publication of the SNP white-paper which was supposed to outline exactly what an independent Scotland would like.

To be fair, the paper did set out a vision for Scotland but crucially economists say it didn't set out exactly how this vision could be achieved. Economists have in fact questioned the viability of many of the proposals.

The seemingly good news for Mid Argyll is the continuing growth of the £9 billion tourism industry and creative industries, worth £2.8 billion.

The white paper promises fairer deals for farmers and fishermen - something the yes camp is keen to promote in rural areas like Mid Argyll. However as Scotland's position in the European Union, and its relationship with it, remains unknown, only a cautious welcome can be given to such promises. At 650 pages long, the SNP's answer to independence takes some reading but it is paramount that over the next 10 months people take the time to learn what an independent Scotland would mean for Mid Argyll.

A key factor in the referendum will be 16 and 17-year-olds who have been offered the vote for the first time. It is our responsibility as teachers, parents and citizens to make sure they are educated on the economy, policies, welfare and defence to ensure they make an educated choice.

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### Lochgilphhead Christmas lights 'switch-on' a family favourite

Sir,

I was devastated to read in last week's edition of the Advertiser that the Lochgilphhead Christmas lights 'switch-on' has been cancelled.

The event has become a firm favourite within our family and one that my little ones look forward to each year - without fail it always manages to inject some festive spirit into us and marks the official start of Christmas.

It is a shame that the organisation of such an event has been left to such a small group of people who have always managed to pull together such a wonderful event, but clearly had difficulty this year.

The committee has said it will be back bigger and better next year to make up for the lack of festive spirit this year - I hope this is true.

But, I hope they get the support they need from the Lochgilphhead community.

There are more than 2,000 people in this town who have the skills and I'm sure a little spare time, to help organise such an event. It is vital we give the committee the support they need in anyway we can. Once an event like this is gone it could prove difficult to get back; let's make sure this does not happen.

Throughout the year the community comes together for events and helps to raise thousands for charity - let's

make sure that spirit lasts right through to Christmas. I really do hope the switch-on comes back next year with a bang.

Via e-mail.

### Public supports plans for MACPool refurbishment

Sir,

The board and staff of the MACPool would like to thank everyone who attended our public meeting to discuss the refurbishment and development of the pool.

The meeting was very well attended and the number of exciting ideas was almost overwhelming.

Anyone who did not manage to get along last Wednesday is welcome to email their ideas to hello@macpool.org.uk or pop into the pool for a chat with our pool manager Stuart Owen. Now that we have agreed in principle to extending the building we can really think about what facilities we would like to enjoy for the next 20 years.

Remember, it is not only a pool but also a community hub and there are other fitness, health and well-being and dry sports we could consider.

MACPool belongs to the people of Mid Argyll - it is a major community asset - we want to hear their ideas.

**Sue Hillman, chairwoman, Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd.**

### Think twice before buying a pet

Sir,

Adding an animal companion to the family is an important

decision and a long-term commitment. The number of animals bought as gifts peaks at Christmas, but we would like people to think twice before purchasing a new pet so they help reduce the number of abandoned animals which might otherwise be left at shelters in the first few months of the new year.

Animals require attention and care and can not simply be returned or re-gifted if they do not suit one's fancy.

The sad reality is animals are often forced to spend every day alone and many are left in crates or cages.

Others are dropped off at shelters that are already bursting at the seams or abandoned on the streets to starve, get hit by cars or abused by cruel people.

The Dogs Trust's Stray Dog Survey 2013 revealed that a shocking 112,000 stray and abandoned dogs were picked up by local councils across the UK across the previous 12 months - meaning that, on average, a staggering 307 stray dogs were found every day.

Animals need love, stability and care. Giving animals away as gifts can lead to serious problems.

We hope your readers will not give animals away this holiday season.

**Ben Williamson, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.**

### Kintyre Crafters Group Christmas fair

Sir,

Kintyre Crafters Group is holding its Lights On weekend Christmas Craft

Fair in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday).

There will be 15 stalls which includes three new members.

Since the summer we have had many new crafters join us and you will meet them over the next year.

Please check out the Argyll FM window to see a taster of the goodies on offer.

All the items can be purchased but will not be available until the fair is over. Speak to the relevant stall holder over the weekend and make arrangements with them to collect.

Kintyre Crafters Group helps to support Argyll FM with rental for the use of the window and this year our charity is Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Some of our table money and the collection box money all go to them.

We will put a notice in the radio station window in the New Year and you can read what the totals are.

If you cannot visit us at this event, you will meet others at the Christmas Market on December 8 as we are members of Explore Campbeltown and finally others will be at the Putechan Hotel on Sunday December 15. Lots of opportunities.

We look forward to meeting you all.

We wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season and thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past few year.

Best wishes from Kintyre Crafters Group.

**Anne Stewart.**

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# MAC Pool embarks on redevelopment

## 'We want to draw up a wish list of what people would like'

A VIEWING gallery, sauna, café and soft-play are just some of the ways MAC Pool could be improved, according to many of the people who use it.

More than 30 people from across Mid Argyll attended a meeting last week where they were asked what additional facilities they would like to see at the pool.

It comes as Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd (MACEL), which runs the pool, revealed its plans for a mass redevelopment that could see the Lochgilphead building extended at the back and side.

Sue Hillman, chairwoman of MACEL, told the meeting that the pool

was now 17 years old and many of its fittings were at the end of their useful life.

'People's expectations of what they get from a leisure facility have changed and we shouldn't have to settle for second rate facilities in Mid Argyll,' Sue said.

### Community

'This is a community owned pool and the community has a stake in its future. That's why we're asking the people of Mid Argyll how they'd like to see the pool developed so they have a building and facilities that are fit for the next 10 or 20 years.'

The pool which was in dire financial straits four

years ago, is now on a more stable footing. However, it is hoped the proposed redevelopment will create a reliable source of income.

Pool manager Stuart Owen said: 'We want to draw up a wish list of what people would like.'

'Then we'll have to look at what's feasible, but we're asking people to think big.'

'There is the possibility of extending the building, so we can offer more to people who currently use the pool - and maybe encourage those who don't use the pool at the minute to come along.'

People are asked to email ideas to hello@macpool.org.uk.

# Jolomo launches exhibition to raise cash for carers

ARTIST and one of Argyll's most renowned residents Jolomo is again using his talent to support a charity close to his heart.

John Lowrie Morrison, who paints under the name Jolomo, this week displayed his latest collection of paintings to raise funds for the Carers Trust.

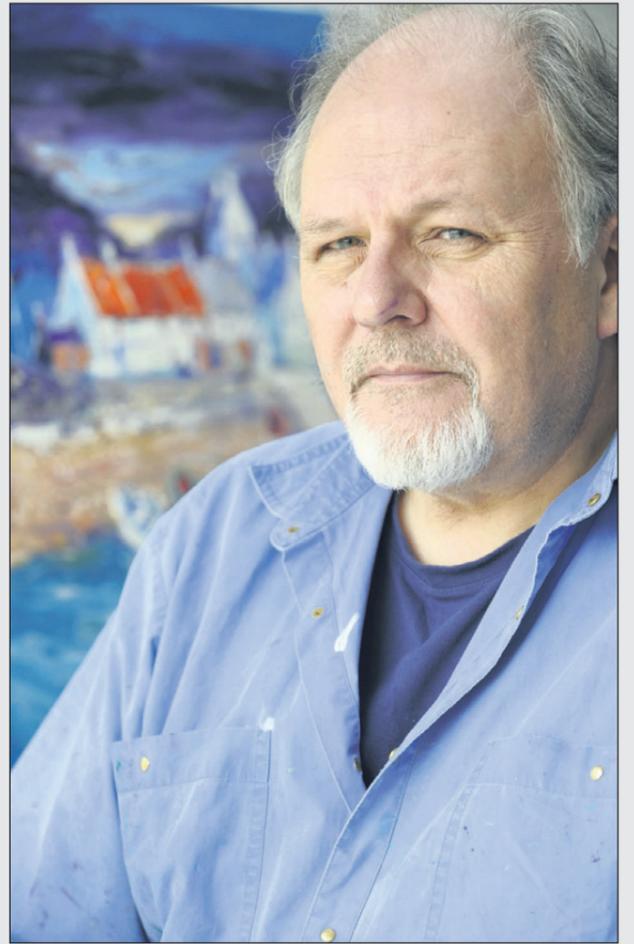
The Tayvallich man launched his new exhibition Isle of Mull, Isle of Iona at the Bank of Scotland headquarters on the Mound in Edinburgh.

Open to the public over the next two weekends, the exhibition features 40 new paintings of Mull and Iona, two of his favourite islands. Twenty per cent of the proceeds of all sales will be given to Carers Trust, of which John and his wife Maureen are vice presidents.

John said: 'Maureen and I have been carers for more than 30 years, caring for a brother, two mothers and a son - and, for a period, all of them together. We know what it means to be carers, juggling caring responsibilities with family life, bringing up three sons and both working full-time.'

'The Trust has a great track record in supporting carers and it's good to be able to contribute towards that.'

John, a former art teacher at Lochgilphead High School, and his wife Maureen were made vice presidents of the Carers Trust in November 2012.



Jolomo at his studio on the isle of Mull, one of his favourite places to paint. 06\_a48jolomo01no

## Action plan to increase the number of people to visit the area

ARTISTS, crafters and charities are being asked how they can improve the culture, arts, Gaelic and heritage sectors in Argyll.

Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) have launched a joint consultation on the topic.

It asks artists, voluntary organisations and businesses what their needs are and how they can increase the number of people who visit the area.

The survey coincides with a workshop in Tarbert today (Friday) where an action plan will be developed to encourage people to visit Argyll cultural attractions.

The survey can be found at [surveymonkey.com/s/Ry86T22](http://surveymonkey.com/s/Ry86T22)

## New 3D scanners will cut inquiry times after road crashes

NEW 3D scanners that cut police inquiry times following road crashes are to be deployed to Argyll, Police Scotland has confirmed.

The scanners, which can record up to 120,000 different details of a crash scene per second, are to arrive in the area in spring.

The announcement comes one week after it was revealed the main arterial routes into Argyll - the A83, A82 and A85 - were closed 186 times between

2010 and 2012.

Jamie McGrigor, who raised concerns about lengthy road closures at Holyrood last week, said: 'The results of trials of these scanners in England have been encouraging.'

'I will be asking the Scottish Government for more details of the deployment and would want to ensure my region benefited as quickly as possible given the critical importance of trunk roads to the region.'

## Charities urged to support water charge exemption plan

CHARITIES in Mid Argyll are being urged to support a plan that would see more voluntary organisations exempt from paying water and sewerage charges.

Organisations with a turnover of less than £75,000 per year could be exempt from the charges under a new Scottish Government proposal.

The government says the policy would lessen the burden on third sec-

tor organisations, which contribute a lot to communities but operate on low incomes.

Around 5,000 charities, whose turnover in the last three years averaged less than £75,000 - could benefit from the scheme.

All charitable organisations are being urged to take part in a consultation, found at [scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/11/9119](http://scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/11/9119), before February 2014.

## Christmas market raised £1,343

THE FINAL Christmas Market at Bishopston House, Lochgilphead, raised £1,343.95 for Lochgilphead Christ Church. The events have to date raised £10,000 for Bishopston House, which needs £70,000 worth of repairs.

The house this week becomes the new home of Father Simon MacKenzie, the priest in charge of Christ Church Mid Argyll.

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# Argyll folk urged to join mass tree-hugging event

## Three Argyll gardens join to feature in world record attempt

NATURE lovers are being encouraged to take part in the World's Largest Tree Hug as Scotland attempts to break a world record on Sunday.

Organised by Tree Trail Scotland (TTS), tree huggers will attempt to steal the record from the USA.

Crarae Garden in Minard, Ardinglas Woodland Garden in Cairn-dow and Cowal's

Benmore Botanic Garden are three of the eleven sites taking part in the event.

Marking the end of National Tree Week and a celebration of the Year of Natural Scotland, the mass tree hug must feature more than 950 people in order to take the world record.

Nigel Price from Crarae Garden said: 'We really need local people of all ages to come

along and get involved at Crarae Garden to try and help break the world record.

'We are really excited to be involved in the event alongside Ardinglas Woodland Garden and Benmore Botanic Gardens and hope we will be able to attract a number of people along on the day. It's free to participate, a great opportunity to be part of the launch of Scotland's Tree Trail and, you never know, we may even set a world record in the process.'

The people of Portland, Oregon, are currently waiting the approval of the Guinness World Records for their tree hugging event in July, which involved 950 people.



Skerryvore will perform at Tarbert Village Hall next month as part of its winter tour.

Photo: Kris Keisak.

## Skerryvore returns to Tarbert after its sell-out show in January

AWARD winning Scottish folk band Skerryvore will return to Tarbert next month as part of its winter tour.

The band - Tzee brothers Daniel and Martin Gillespie, who both play accordion, drummer Fraser West, fiddle player Craig Espie, bass player Colin Cunningham and singer Alec DalGLISH - will perform tracks from all four of their studio albums.

Recently launching a deluxe

edition of their most recent album, World of Chances, Skerryvore will treat the Tarbert audience to bonus tracks from the record, which includes the band's version of Runrig's Rocket to the Moon.

### Return

The December show marks the return of the band to Tarbert following its sell-out show in January.

The group, which has trav-

elled the world this year performing at gigs and festivals, won the Scottish New Music Awards Record of the Year in 2012.

### Rural towns

Tarbert is one of many rural towns to welcome Skerryvore on its winter tour, with other performances scheduled in Dal-mally, Ullapool and Inverness - where the band will perform on New Year's Eve.

## Mini music festival

LOCHGILPHEAD'S first mini music festival will get underway tomorrow (Saturday) night.

The mini MAMA (Mid Argyll Music and Arts) Fest will see performances from Bar None Community Choir, Neil Parkinson, Struan Thorpe, Ross Kennedy and headline act Fyne Fusion.

Kicking off in the Argyll Inn, the event, if successful, will be the first of many mini MAMAs in the town.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

To advertise in the community noticeboard call 01586 554646 or 01546 602345

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Tues Dec 3rd 6.30pm  
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### Carol Concert

Saturday 30  
November  
6.30pm  
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For Christian Aid  
All welcome

### DOLLY MIXTURES REUNION

13th December  
7pm  
Dochas Centre,  
Lochgilthead  
Please Tel  
01546 602074

### TARBERT GUN CLUB

Please Note  
December Team  
Shoot is on  
Sunday 1st December  
Xmas Shoot on 15th  
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### MID ARGYLL ARTS ASSOCIATION

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**ALBA BRASS**  
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Hall, Saturday 30th Nov  
7-30pm  
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Tarbert Loch Fyne & Kilberry  
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**SCOTTISH QUIZ NIGHT**  
Tarbert Bowling Club  
Friday 29th November 7pm  
£10 a table - proceeds to  
restoration appeal  
Families welcome.  
Teas, Coffee, Prizes and Raffle  
Supported by the Tarbert  
Masonic Lodge

### MID ARGYLL MUSICAL SOCIETY presents

"High Society"  
in Ardrishaig Public Hall  
from Wednesday 4th to  
Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm  
Tickets available from The Square Peg  
& at the door.

### Campbeltown Cat Rescue ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th December  
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown  
10am - 12 noon  
Baking, bottle stalls and Raffle  
(First prize £100)  
All donations gratefully  
received  
Everyone most welcome.

### Kintyre Chorale CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In aid of Shelter Boxes  
for Philippines Disaster  
& Town Hall Fund  
Tuesday 10th December  
Lorne and Lowland  
Church  
8.00pm  
Entry by donation

### Dunaverty Hall CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 30th November  
2.00pm  
St Blaans Hall, Southend  
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Santa (£2.50)  
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Stalls & Raffle  
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### Highland Parish Church CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th &  
Saturday 7th December 2013  
Lunches 12.00 - 2.00pm  
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£4.00 Adults £2.50 Children  
Coffees from 10.00am  
(Saturday only)  
Baking stall Saturday!

### Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society

'Kintyre in the 1960s: a  
photographic presentation'  
by George McSparran  
on Wednesday 4th  
December at 7.30 pm  
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Campbeltown  
All welcome (non-members  
£2.50 at door)

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**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
Saturday 7th December 2-4pm  
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Usual stalls & children's lucky dip

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Saturday 30th  
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10am - 12 noon  
Home baking & hot  
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Entry £1

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To be held in the Argyll Arms  
Hotel Campbeltown  
On Thursday 5th December  
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10am - 4pm

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# Flower club holds open night

MEMBERS and guests of Mid Argyll Flower Club last week welcomed an experienced professional florist to their annual open night.



Margaret Campbell with one of her arrangements.



Jean Wallace and Gayle Campbell were some of the lucky winners of the raffle.

Margaret Campbell from Doune, assisted by her husband and 'head gardener' Walter, last Wednesday joined the club at the Red Cross Centre in Lochgilhead.

### Entertained

A large turnout of flower club members were

entertained by Margaret's stories of her career in floristry and enjoyed her demonstration, whereby she produced eight stunning floral arrangements.

After an excellent supper, Margaret's arrangements were raffled to the

delight of the lucky winners.

### Welcome

Mid Argyll Flower Club meets on the first Monday of the month in the Community Centre, Lochgilhead, at 7pm and new members are always very welcome.



Jackson Chisengn, Patricia Singal, Eileen MacLachlan, Theresa McLetchie and Jan Hrdlicka volunteered in the kitchen. 06\_a48mgt04

## St Margaret's Church hold coffee afternoon and Christmas Fair

MEMBERS of St Margaret's Church came together on Saturday to mark the start of the festive season with a coffee afternoon and Christmas fair.

There was something for all the family and a host of games, activities, toys and face painting entertained young people.

Parents and grandparents meanwhile enjoyed good conversation with friends and neighbours over a cuppa or browsed through the festive decorations on sale.

An opportunity for the congregation to come together, the event was well attended by Mid Argyll people.



Cathleen McFadden and Marie and Catherine Hubbard donned their Santa hats at the Christmas Fair. 06\_a48mgt03

## High Society at Ardrishaig Hall

THE ANNUAL end of year show staged by Mid Argyll Musical Society will help people get into the party mood ahead of the festive season.

Closing 2013 with a performance of High Society, the thespians will be telling a story that consists of lots of mayhem and partying.

Based on the book Philadelphia Story, the musical is set in the 1930s and follows Philadelphia's High Society.

Quite different to the film featuring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra

and Grace Kelly, the stage version features well-known songs such as High Society, True Love, Who Wants to be a Millionaire? and I Love Paris.

### New faces

The show, produced by Sheila Campbell, features some new faces at the musical society, as well as experienced members of Mid Argyll Youth Chorus. Ardrishaig's Fiona MacDonald will also act as musical director.

High Society will run from December 4 to 7 in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

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First Monday Presentation  
Monday 2 December for 1 day at 8pm  
**Blue Jasmine (12A)**  
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Cate Blanchett, Joy Carlin, Richard Conti and Alec Baldwin  
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**Thor: The Dark World (12A)**  
SYNOPSIS  
Synopsis: Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa  
86 year-old Irving Zisman is on a journey across America with the most unlikely companions, his 8 year-old Grandson Billy in "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa". This October, the signature Jackass character Irving Zisman (Johnny Knoxville) and Billy (Jackson Nicoll) will take movie audiences along for the most insane hidden camera road trip ever captured on camera.  
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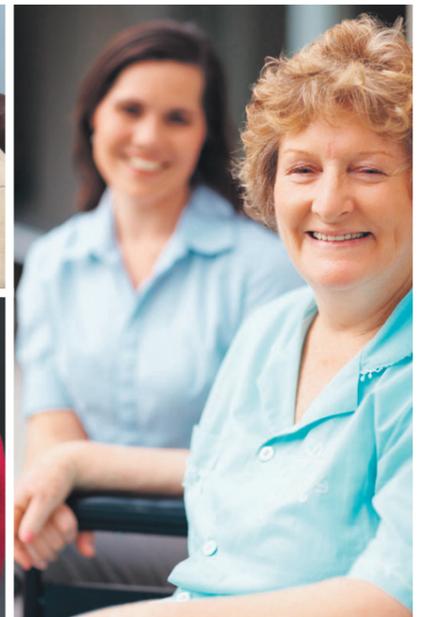
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THERE is no time of year that can be more lonely for people than Christmas. For those unfortunate enough not to be surrounded by loved ones during the festive period it can be a struggle.

A chat over a cup of tea and a few biscuits might solve some people's problems but others may have much more on their plate to deal with. And there are plenty of places in Argyll that you can turn to for care and support in a

time of need. You could be facing problems at home, whether that be coping with a loved one's illness, a recent bereavement or addiction issues.

There are many support and therapy groups that can help you overcome these issues and deal with the emotions you experience during them.

And as a friend of someone who has suffered loss, close to Christmas, what should you do? People that have lost a loved one close to Christmas may not even want to think about it or acknowledge the festive season. So what does that mean to close friends who want to support them?

Jane Pope, bereavement service coordinator at healthcare charity Sue Ryder, said: 'Some people will try to avoid thinking of Christmas, but it is not possible as it's

going to be around them everywhere.

'As a friend you want to support that person through a very difficult time and reach a balance that's right for your friend. Don't make assumptions, ask your friend what they'd like, we're all different.

'There's a time for staying with your grief and a time to be distracted from it; healthy grieving sees the individual oscillating between the two. Sometimes we grieve as much as our friends and each person's experience of bereavement is special to them.

'Grieving is a natural process which helps most people, eventually, find a way of learning to live with the death and continue with life.'

There are a few things that you can do to help your friends cope with bereavement especially at Christmas: help keep them busy, suggest

things that might help and offer to take part with them, like lighting a candle in church or allow them to skip Christmas altogether if that's what they want to do.

Their choices must be sought and respected, the last thing they need is people bossing them around.

Perhaps you're stuck in a situation you can't see a way out of, if you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse help is at hand - don't be afraid to speak up.

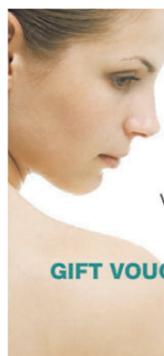
Reaching out to others can pull you back from a point where you may be considering harming yourself. Talking through our problems will help solve them.

If you're a carer for anyone and struggling to cope - or just looking for a bit of breathing space - there is also help available through respite services and support groups.



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## Crofters force extension to grazing response deadline

CROFTERS are to be given more time to give their views on how best to update their governing body on the condition of common grazings and crofts under new legislation.

The Crofting Commission was deluged with requests from grazing clerks, assessors and Scottish Crofting Federation members saying the deadline for two consultations - on grazing regulations and 'duty to report' - was impractical.

Around 300 forms sent out were due to be returned last Friday, but now the commission has relented and extended the deadline to December 6.

Convener Susan Walker said: 'We have had a lot of calls from crofters who were unable to meet the deadline of 22nd November and obviously the feedback from crofters is vital.'

'This extension will allow as many people as possible to reply so that their views are taken into consideration.'

'The commission wants to maintain a balance between the statutory requirements and the best working practice - but keep the valuable input from crofters at its core.'

The consultation on grazing regulations aims to get feedback from committees and shareholders on new guidance on regulating their common grazings.

Meanwhile, the 'duty to report' consultation asks grazing committees to comment on the form they will use to report on the

condition of their common grazing and every croft sharing in it, together with other matters of interest, to the Crofting Commission. The form will be completed by grazing committees once every five years.

Ms Walker added: 'We will use the consultation comments to finalise the

form and grazing committees will then be asked to fill them in with their township information. We will analyse the statistics contained in the completed forms which will allow us to report to ministers and the Scottish Parliament on challenges and opportunities for crofting communities.'



Stock from M Campbell, Airds was among the pens at Caledonian Marts' sale of store lambs, feeding ewes and cattle at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday. 15\_148mart01

Kintyre Agricultural Society  
**DAIRY & HORSE SHOW**  
On Saturday 14th December  
Venue: Machrihanish  
Airbase at 10.00am

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To allow Directors to make enough stall space available for stock

ALL entries must be indicated to the Secretary by Sunday 8th December  
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THE LADIES of the Strachur and Strathlachan SWRI will celebrate Christmas with a trip to Dunoon next month.

The 25 women will travel to The Argyll Hotel where they will enjoy a delicious three-course meal, which will include roast turkey and all the trimmings.

At the event, on December 18, the women will share out early Christmas presents as part of their secret Santa.

**TARBERT**

**Tarbert Book Festival bug**

PEOPLE who have caught the book bug after Tarbert Book Festival are being encouraged to join the village's book club.

Tarbert Book Club meets once a month to discuss a variety of books, which range from thrillers to classic English literature.

The next meeting will be held on December 17 at 7.30pm and the theme for the evening will be

Christmas. People can bring along their favourite novels or poems that are linked to the festive season.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss and The Night Before Christmas will both be up for discussion.

Donna Franceschild, from the book club, said: 'We hope Tarbert Book Festival has encouraged more people to take up reading. The book club is a great way to read a variety of books by different authors.'

'I find listening to other people give their thoughts on a book often makes me think about it in a different way.'

She added: 'It is a very social and easy going group. We would love more people to join.'

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**Games AGM**

INVERARAY Highland Games will hold its AGM on Thursday, December 5.

The meeting will be held in the Nicol Hall at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CRAIGNISH**



Children at Craignish Primary School have been busy preparing African-themed meals from a recipe book they have created to raise cash for the Pelandaba Orphan Fund.

**Recipe books and homemade meals**

YOUNGSTERS from Craignish Primary School will be selling recipe books and homemade meals to raise funds for the Pelandaba Orphan Fund tomorrow (Saturday).

The children have been busy in the kitchen this week with the fund's founder Cindy Macdonald and have made a variety of African-themed dishes to sell as ready meals.

**Purchase**

People will be able to purchase the meals, which will feature chicken, coconut and rice dishes, at the

Rotary Club of Mid Argyll's Christmas Fair tomorrow.

Those who would like to try and make the delicious meals themselves can purchase a cookbook that has been made by the youngsters and features all the recipes.

All the money will be donated to the fund, which pays for the education of 35 orphans living in or around Pelandaba.

The Christmas fair will be held in Lochgilphead Community Centre between 2pm and 4pm.

**TAYVALLICH**

**Christmas Craft Fair**

A CHRISTMAS Craft Fair will be held in Tayvallich Village Hall tomorrow (Saturday) to raise money for the annual pensioners' party.

There will be a variety of stalls selling beautiful handmade items on sale along with hot food and drinks.

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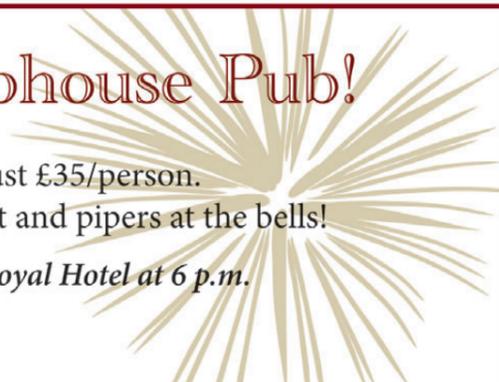


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It will then turn back along Hall Street and up Main Street for the switch on of the Christmas lights.

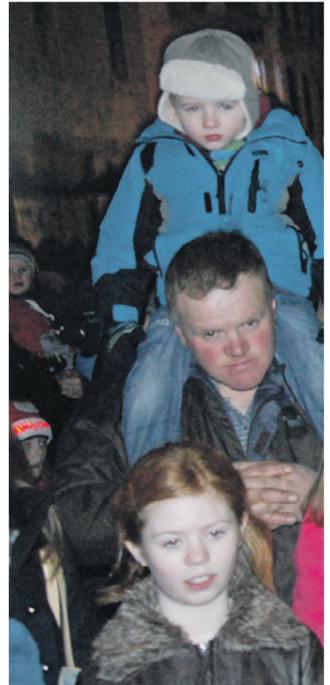
The street lights will go off for a short while before the switch on.

With most shops in the town offering late night shopping, there will be a fun fair in Burnside Square from 6.30pm and Campbeltown Brass will be playing in Main Street from the same time until 6.50pm.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will also be performing during the evening and Christmas pop tunes will be played in Main Street from 6.50pm till 7.30pm.

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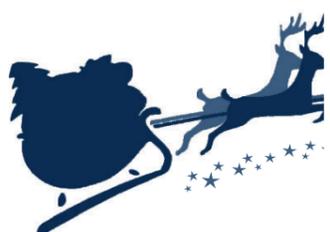
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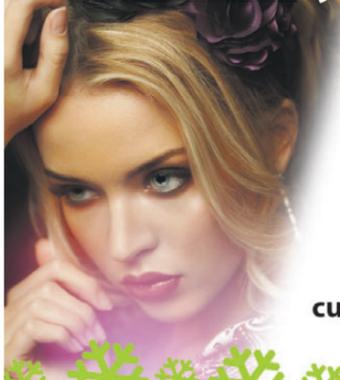
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*THE lantern procession is fast turning out to be a highlight of Campbeltown's annual Christmas Lights Switch On parade which takes place this evening (Friday).*

It certainly is for the young people involved in making the lanterns - some of which can be 10ft high - and in carrying them during the parade.

'The delight of it all is written all over the faces of the youngsters at the parade,' said development worker Mandy Robertson who oversees the making of the lanterns at workshops at The Hub in Campbeltown.

'The kids get really excited about being able to be part of the parade alongside the town's businesses and their vehicles.

'They love showing off their own lantern - one they made or helped make.'

Mandy explained that youngsters between the ages of five and 20 assist in making the lanterns using willow, tape, wet tissue paper and PVC glue and water,

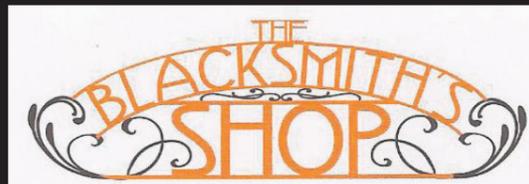
The come in all shapes and sizes representing the likes of Christmas trees, snowmen and reindeer.

This is the third year of the lantern procession, and it is hoped there will be around 60 again.



'We encourage families to get involved together in making and parading them,' said Mandy.

'We are on the lookout for suitable premises for future workshops and it would be good to see organisations like scouts and brownies become involved.'



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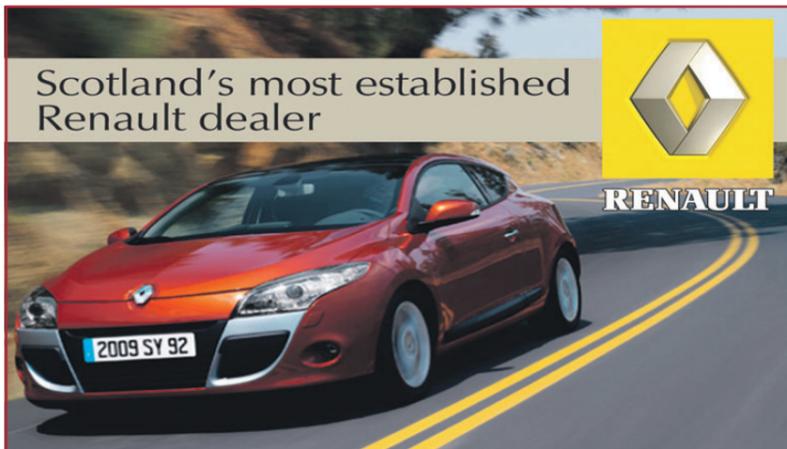
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The event will mark the beginning of the shopping season and despite its modest size Inveraray is brimming with boutique shops that are packed with stocking fillers and gifts no matter a person's taste.

Naturally the first port of call for most at this time of year is Inveraray's homeware and gift stores which are filled with inspiring and thoughtful presents for loved ones this Christmas.

In an area that is full of outdoor events and adventure, there are a range of clothing shops that cater to every hiker, horse rider and adventure sport enthusiast's need.

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A great time of year to send flowers, the Scotch Heather Shop is the perfect place to pick up a bouquet. Home to a wide range of flowers and plants, the florist's staff are always on hand to give expert advice.

The royal burgh's eateries and delis are not merely a place to rest at the end of a day's shopping but are also filled with artisan produce. From west coast whiskies to fine wine, local cheeses, chutneys and cakes, the royal burgh is the perfect place for those creating Christmas hampers as gifts.

Indeed Inveraray offers a broad range of eateries.

The renowned George Hotel is famed for its good food and warm welcome. There is no better time to visit the hotel than in winter, when you can relax with a hot drink by one of the many open fires in the lounge.

The Cottage Restaurant is another haven for diners. Hidden just off the main street, the restaurant serves up light lunches, modern classic or hearty Scottish fayre.

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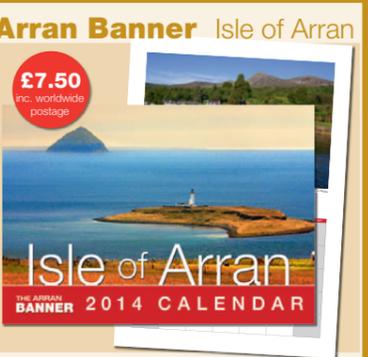
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ONE OF Scotland's most renowned authors of children's books made one of her final public appearances in the near future at Tarbert Book Festival.

Mairi Hedderwick, author of the Katie Morag series, delighted youngsters on Saturday as she read to them and signed copies of her books.

One of her final public engagements, the author who hosted two events at Tarbert Book Festival, has confirmed she will

be taking a break from touring and book promotions for two years. She will instead enjoy time at home and develop new projects.

Hosting the How to Make a Book event in Tarbert, Mairi enthralled children and their parents as she spoke about bringing Katie Morag and other popular characters to life on the page.

### Travelling

Before leaving Tarbert, Mairi, who lives

on Coll, spent time with adults and spoke about her other love - creating books about travelling in Scotland.

Mairi was one of many authors involved in the festival. Local author Lisa Tuttle also revealed the inspiration behind her fantasy novels including The Silver Bough and Panther in Argyll.

Fellow Argyll author Marian Pallister and Kilmartin Museum's Sharon Webb took part in a series of events dubbed Scotland: Looking Back - Looking Forward,

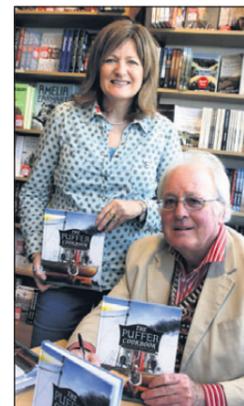
while D A Meyrick, author of Whisky from Small Glasses, hosted an event at Stonefield Castle. The sell-out event saw the audience enjoy a dram while listening to Denzil Meyrick discuss his favourite novels, growing up in Campbeltown and his future plans.

### Planning

It was an intimate event to round off the first Tarbert Book Festival deemed a great success by organisers. Planning is underway to make next year's event even bigger and better.



Local author Lisa Tuttle gave an animated reading of her book The Mysteries, a fantasy novel with a local setting which will be published next year.



Nick Walker, author of the Puffer Cook Book, signed copies of his book in Loch Fyne Galleries, run by Rae Bleasby.



A capacity crowd enjoyed a wee dram while listening to Denzil Meyrick in conversation with Lisa Tuttle for the final event Whisky from Small Glasses.



A lady from Japan travelled to Tarbert Book Festival in a bid to meet Mairi Hedderwick.



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### Head Bailiff / Fishery Manager

The River Naver Fishery is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and dynamic full time Head Bailiff / Fishery Manager to supervise the enforcement and management of the River Naver salmon fishery.

The successful candidate will demonstrate a good working knowledge and interest in salmon fishery management and rural issues. Some scientific background would be beneficial.

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- Proficient and qualified in the operation of sea patrol RIB,
- Experienced in fishery protection duties,
- Experienced in the management of full-time and part-time staff,
- Ability to communicate at all levels,
- Experienced in electro-fishing and hatchery work.

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Applications in writing by Friday 20th December 2013 with details of previous experience to:

**G J P Mason BSc FRICS, Bell Ingram Estate Office, Bonar Bridge Sutherland IV24 3EA**

**Tel: 01863 766683**

**Fax: 01863 766736**

**Email: jonathan.mason@bellingham.co.uk**



### Administration & Finance Officer For Maternity Cover of up to one year for 'Survive and Thrive'

This work supports a multi-agency approach to assist those who have experienced domestic abuse and their children to become a survivor.

AVA works closely with partners of the Against Domestic Abuse Partnership.

The project is funded by Big Lottery (Scotland) Fund This full time post of 35 hours per week requires an excellent communicator, organised and efficient with empathetic manner and an understanding of the issues who will also work to support the ADA Partnership.

For information pack and application form please email: [kathleen@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:kathleen@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk) or telephone 01631-564839.

Based in Oban or Campbeltown

The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act Posts will be open to women only. (Exempt under the Equality Act 2010 Schedule 9, Part 1) CV's will not be accepted.

Closing date: Monday 16th December 2013.

Interview date will be January 2014.



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The Association is seeking to appoint a Chief Executive, whose duties will include liaising with government and other bodies on industry matters, carrying forward the Association's policies as directed, overseeing the running of all Association business matters and office staff and ensuring good communication with our members.

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You will be required to produce reports to the members on a regular basis, be prepared to travel, be available to attend meetings at short notice and be contactable by members outside normal office hours, if necessary. UK driving licence and passport required.

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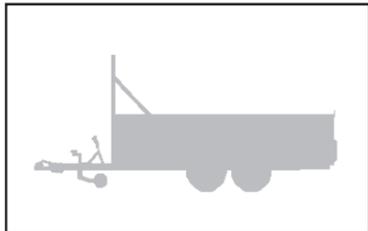
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Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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

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

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**Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre)**

Councillor Semple can be contacted by email - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01586 553765.

**Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**

Councillor Taylor can be contacted by email - [sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01546 604184.

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Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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**Councillor Robin Currie (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)**

Councillor Robin Currie can be contacted by e mail - [robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01496 301369, mobile 07795222849 or at home on 01496 850517. Councillor Currie will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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Happy 21st Janna



Love from Mum, Dad & the rest of the gang xxx

I would like to thank family, friends and relations for all the lovely cards, flowers, presents, phone calls and requests on A.F.M. I received on my 70th birthday. Also a special thank you to my dear family for all getting together and organising a surprise party with all family and friends at the Ardshiel Hotel, which I appreciated very much, it was lovely having you all there on the night to celebrate my birthday. Thanks to Marion, Flora and staff for everything, the meal was beautiful and we all enjoyed it. Also to my family for the birthday cake and my sister for the dumpling. Lastly, thank you for my beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to Mum, from family. Well done to my boys xxx.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was the most ghastly night.

The wind whipped the rain along the seafront as we rushed from the car into the shelter of the library.

Inside it was a haven of warmth and peace, and there was a great feeling of expectation. We settled into the cosiness of the arm chairs and conversations began.

Glasses of wine were laid out alongside some tasty nibbles and soon the wet night was forgotten.

We were gathered to listen to Kenneth Steven read his poem narrative, 'A Song Among The Stones'.

The haunting strains of the fiddle brought a hush to the audience.

Kenneth began to read his wonderful narrative to an enthralled audience as Peter interspersed the story with ancient Celtic music.

The story is one of the courage and dedication of 6th century Celtic Christian monks who journeyed from Iona to seek solitude in Iceland.

Kenneth's gift of descriptive prose made us almost feel we were on that perilous voyage on the edge of the ocean.

As the wind roared outside the library and the sea crashed to the shore, we listened as Kenneth read of the monks' sea encounter.

He spoke of 'islands of sea, floors of sea, valleys of sea, hills of sea, lifts of sea, slopes of sea, peaks of sea, rafts of sea - hollows, steepes, descents, edges, darkening, flickering, and shapes of sea'.

These monks set out on journeys of faith to reach the wild coasts, to build chapels and to seek God in the very teeth of the storm.

Our own coastlines are scattered with similar little chapels, built by the saints of old, like Columba and Kentigern, who gave their lives to bring people to God.

They are in ruins now, 'novembered' by the storms.

'Sometimes faith is elusive, hard to catch as a fish'.

But there will always remain a 'song among the stones'.

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# Two ministers welcomed to Mid Argyll before Christmas

## Father Simon Mackenzie

THE NEW Priest in Charge of the Scottish Episcopal charges in Mid Argyll and Arran, whose last parish was underneath the M6, has been installed at a service in Lochgilphead Christ Church.

Father Simon Mackenzie was given his licence to serve the area by the Right Reverend Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, on Monday night.

Members of the congregation gathered for the service and to welcome Father Simon, who moved to the area after serving in North Birmingham for 22 years.

The 61-year-old said: 'When I served in Birmingham it was underneath the M6, so it was quite noisy. Just now I am staying on the Crinan Canal. I was out the other day and saw a heron fly by and you couldn't hear a single thing. It was really wonderful.'

'This is something a bit different and I'm really looking

forward to getting out into the community and meeting everyone.'

Father Simon will serve All Saints Church, Inveraray, St Columba's, Poltalloch and St Margaret's, Whiting Bay on Arran.

He said: 'My ancestral connections are part of the reason I came here. My father was from Wester Ross and I think it was very much home to him. I think there is something about the west coast that tugs on the heart strings.'

Father Simon will live in Bishopton House, which is attached to Christ Church and has become a huge attraction for locals in the last year with markets and fairs raising thousands of pounds to restore the building.

He said: 'It has been quite an amazing thing to do and a really creative venture. I think we will have to come up with some way to be able to keep that happening.'



Reverend Robert Macleod was welcomed back to the area with a special service at Tarbert Free Church of Scotland on Saturday afternoon.

## Reverend Robert Macleod

MORE than 150 people packed into the Tarbert Free Church of Scotland building on Saturday afternoon for a special service welcoming new minister Reverend Robert Macleod back to the area.

Mr Macleod, a former hospital chaplain known for his plain-talking, honest approach, will be pastoring the Tarbert and Lochgilphead congregations in Argyll.

It is the second time 'Rev Robert' has ministered in Argyll, having preached in the Tarbert congregation from 1984 until 1992.

Mr Macleod said he had been greatly encouraged by the warm welcome from folk who remembered him from more than 20 years ago.

He said: 'Returning to Argyll fills me with trepidation and excitement. There is a significant challenge here, the work of the Free Church is small and very fragile.'

'I know I come amongst a people that my heart goes out to and trust that together we can see some development.'

'I have been touched by a number of folk I've met al-

ready who are not church going but have remembered us from our first time around and are welcoming.' Following Saturday's service in the Free Church building on the corner of School Road and Back Street in Tarbert, there were presentations and a buffet reception at Tarbert Bowling Club.

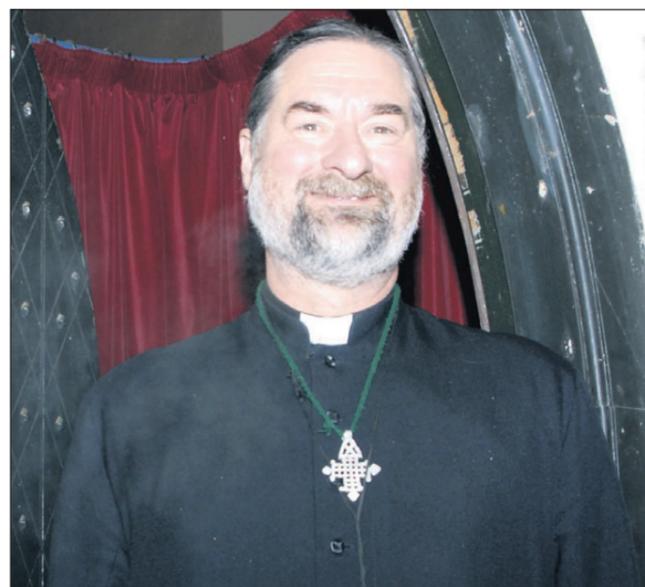
Mr Macleod was originally ordained to Tarbert Free Church where he spent seven and a half years before receiving a call to Falkirk.

### Healthcare

He was 17 years in Falkirk and then he moved to work in healthcare as a chaplain for Forth Valley NHS.

With a burden to return to Argyll, and the unanimous call from the Tarbert and Lochgilphead congregations, Mr Macleod recently resigned from that post and has now officially started his new duties.

Anyone is warmly welcome to attend the weekly Sunday services in Tarbert at 10am, and Lochgilphead at 11.30am, situated in the church hall behind the main building on Lochnell Street.



Father Simon Mackenzie was installed as the Priest in Charge of the Scottish Episcopal charges in Mid Argyll and Arran at a special service in Lochgilphead Christ Church on Monday.

## Fundraising carol concert

CHRIST Church Lochgilphead will hold its annual fundraising carol concert tomorrow (Saturday) to help raise money for charity Christian Aid.

The ecumenical service of readings and carols will be led by the new Episcopal Priest, Father Simon Mackenzie, with contributions from ministers and church leaders from Lochgilphead.

A service for people of all ages and faiths, the carol service takes place at 6.30pm at the church on Bishopton Road.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**  
 'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...'  
 (James 1:5).

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**CRAIG**  
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**MARTIN**  
 Barry and Joanne are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Daniel John Scott, on November 20, 2013 at the Princess Royal Hospital. A little brother for Alba and second grandchild for Una and Charlie.



**MARTIN - PARK**  
 At Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries, on October 24, 2013, to Julie and John, a son, Lauchlan. Third grandson for Lorna and the late Jim Martin, Castleacres. Both well.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**MACDOUGALL - HOUSTON**  
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stuart MacDougall, eldest son of James and June MacDougall, High Milndovan Farm, Cardross to Susan Elizabeth, only daughter of Archibald and Audrey Houston, Colonsay, Campbeltown.

**SILVER WEDDINGS**



**HATTON - WEIR**  
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**DEATHS**

**ASPINALL** - On November 18, 2013, peacefully in Oswestry, Shropshire, Jean Hoynes McMurchy, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the late Dick Aspinall, daughter of Dougie and Nessie McMurchy, Southend, a loving mother to John and Fiona and a much loved nanny to her five grandchildren.

**BLACKMAN** - Doreen Lynda Rodger 'Bunty', died peacefully after a short illness, on November 18, 2013, widow of the late Peter Blackman, a much loved Godmother and cousin. A true friend to countless many who will dearly miss her. Funeral service to take place at St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to The Cats' Protection League, c/o Cowley & Son Ltd, Independent Funeral Directors, Triangle House, 62 Victoria Road, Cirencester, GL7 1ES. Telephone 01285 653298.

**EDMONDS** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on November 17, 2013, Colin Digby Edmonds, aged 79 years, of Meadowsweet, Drimvore, Kilmichael, beloved husband of the late Ruby and much loved father of Ruth. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Wednesday, December 4 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK. Wear what you wish, preferably colourful and no black ties please.

**FALCONER** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 22, 2013, Judith May Falconer, in her 75th year, 45A High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Falconer, much loved mother of Tony, Nicky, Debby and Gordon and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish, Rear Church Hall, on Friday, November 29 at 12.00 noon. Funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Cat Rescue.

**MACLENNAN** - Jenny, formerly of Cairnbaan, on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Funeral on December 4, 2013 at Dumbarton Baptist Church, at 11.00am and thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery at approximately 1.30pm. Donations in aid of The Blind Society and The Diabetic Association.

**MCALISTER** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at home, 51 Caltoun Avenue, Campbeltown, on November 27, 2013, after a long illness, Cameron Andrew McAlister, in his 67th year, dearly beloved son of the late Neil and Connie McAlister, much loved brother of Ian, brother-in-law of Mary and a loving uncle of Barry and Karen. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, November 30 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Community Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MCCALLUM** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 23, 2013, Margaret McCallum, 109 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Euphemia Ramsay (Effie) and Peter McCallum, much loved niece of Elizabeth Ramsay and a dear friend to all the family.

**MCGEACHY** - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on November 25, 2013, Lena Allan, in her 93rd year, formerly of the Isle of Gigha, dearly beloved wife of the late Donald McGeachy and much loved mother of Morris and the late Angus. Service in Gigha Parish Church, on Monday, December 2 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilchattan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Flowers are welcome, or donations in lieu of flowers, to Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown.

**MCISAAC** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 27, 2013, Duncan Melsaac, in his 83rd year, 6 Glenbarr Cottages, dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Ian, loving grandfather of Gavin, Alexander and Jamie and great grandfather of Victor. Home is the sailor. Funeral private.

**PARK** - Peacefully, in Roxburghe House, Dundee, on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, Muriel, long beloved wife of William, much loved mum to Ann, Johnny and the late Raymond and Alison, step-mum of Rosemary and Margaret and devoted granny. RIP.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**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 and daughter-in-law, Mina.

**MARTIN** - Cherished memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997. Love and miss you dearly. - Nichola, John, Kyra, Mathew and family xxxx.

**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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 10am Lochgair Church  
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**Friday 6th December**  
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**Tuesday 3rd December**  
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 P6-7 - 7-8pm  
**Thursday 5th December**  
 12.00 - 2.00pm - Lunches  
 Congregational Board  
 7.30pm Kirk St Hall  
**Friday 6th December**  
 12.00 - 2.00pm - Lunches  
**Saturday 7th December**  
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 12.00 - 2.00pm - Lunches  
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**Tuesday 3rd December**  
 Parents and Toddlers  
 9.45am - New Hall  
 BB Anchor Section  
 6 - 7pm in Church Hall  
 BB Junior Section  
 7.15 - 8.30pm in Church Hall  
**Thursday 5th December**  
 Choir Practice 7.30pm  
**Friday 6th December**  
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 Rev David Parker  
**Thursday 5th December**  
 12.00 noon  
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**Thursday 5 December 2013**  
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# Five red cards dished out as Tarbert take on Yoker



James Prentice leaves a Yoker player on the ground in midfield. 06\_a48tar01

## Dookers throw away a 3-1 advantage

Tarbert AFC	3
Yoker AFC	5
Scottish Cup Second Round replay	

FIVE red cards were dished out and four Tarbert men ordered off the football pitch when the Dookers took on Yoker AFC at Cil Andreis on Saturday.

Despite a quiet start to the cup game, there was an overflow of yellow cards in the second half and extra time which ultimately led to Tarbert's downfall.

After a slow start, Tarbert gradually came into the game and took the lead on the half hour mark when Ronald whipped in a fantastic free kick from wide right, which was met by the head of Prentice who left the keeper with no chance.

Tarbert were content to let Yoker pass the ball about as they were not seriously troubling the home keeper but they hauled themselves level through a cracking free kick from 25 yards into the top corner on the stroke of half time.

### Good chances

Into the second half and Tarbert began breaking up the visitors' passing game while creating good chances themselves.

They took the lead on the hour when Johnson was fouled in the box. A penalty was awarded and the defender was sent off.

Ronald made no mistake from the spot

and MacKaveny soon made it 3-1 when he found himself unmarked at the back post.

Tarbert's fortunes quickly changed however when Prentice and Ronald both received their second yellow card and were sent off in quick succession.

This spurred Yoker on and within minutes they had scored two goals to equalise.

Tarbert performed well at the start of extra time until Johnson was sent off, again for receiving a second yellow card, and a substitute was ordered off the field entirely.

Despite a valiant effort by the Dookers, the red cards all but ended their hope of a win and the team conceded a further two goals in the second half of extra time to take the final score to 5-3.

## Shinty end of season event

DUNADD Camanachd enjoyed their end of season celebrations last weekend.

This season's prize winners were: player of the season: Megan Yuill; player's player of the season: Leone Airlie; most improved player: Eilish Malcolm; top goal scorer: Laurene Cameron; goal of the season: Shannon Wilson.

At the event Leone Airlie was named captain for next season and Megan Yuill was named vice captain.

## Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery with numbers 2, 3 and 11 drawn.

The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club Lottery were 5, 13 and 17.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

The jackpot in next week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery will be £400 as another week passes with no winner.

The numbers drawn this week were 10, 14 and 17.

## Shinty women vote for two leagues next season

THE WOMEN'S Camanachd Association (WCA) AGM was held recently in Fort William and the women's committee was delighted with a strong turn out representing clubs from across the country.

Regarding the possibility of league restructuring, the WCA presented two options. Both had been formed based on vital focus group discussions held with clubs earlier in the season.

Ahead of the vote Lisa Norman ran through a brief analysis which had also been circulated to all clubs with the agenda ahead of the AGM.

Following the presentation of both options a vote was taken and clubs unanimously voted in favour of Option One, consisting of two

leagues; Marine Harvest National Division One and Marine Harvest National Division Two.

A competitive National Division One will allow plenty of matches for all teams while a competitive National Division Two will allow developing teams to play at their own ability with a wide variety of games throughout the season.

The proposed league format is detailed below, subject to confirmation by each club.

National Division 1 - Glasgow Mid Argyll, Badenoch & Strathspey, Lochaber, Skye, Glengarry, Aberdour. National Division 2 - Cowal & Bute, Glasgow Mid Argyll 2nds, Dunadd, Ardnurchan, Lovat, Skye 2nds, Strathglass, Oban, Aberdeen.



Lochgilhead Bowling Club trophy winners show off their silverware.

## Prizewinning bowlers collect silverware

TROPHY winners from this season's play at Lochgilhead Bowling Club recently collected their silverware.

The winners were: Morris Mixed Pairs: C Bruce and C Morris;

Argyll Arms Shield: I Guy; Cruachan Shield: I Guy and J Young; John Cherry Trophy: J Young; Gents Championship: D Philand; Ross Trophy: T McLaughlin; Harvey Pairs: S Boyd

and I Guy; Carruthers Trophy: A Guy; James Young Trophy: C Bruce; Alf Branch Trophy: T McLaughlin and C Morris; IK Fleming Trophy: C Cameron, L Milne and H McNeil;

Junior Championship: L Harvey.

Indoor bowls is on every Tuesday and Thursday at the Lochgilhead Club, starting at 7pm. New members are welcome.

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# Curran boxes clever for first win

**By David Sinclair**  
HAVING spent all night watching highlights of the Froch/Groves fight Frances Curran was too tired to play golf. Not feeling at his best, he improved as the tiredness wore off and beat David Sinclair on a count back.

Ross Sinclair has been practicing for this year's pantomime and he thinks he will be one of the three wise men. Colin Rowan had a great second nine holes; he stroked his putts and got the ball off the tee which is the key to his game.

Alec MacAulay is the king of crazy golf but this does not guarantee him a part as a wise man in the pantomime.

John Downie should score better than he does with all the luck that he keeps getting and I fear

that he will be playing in the Duffers Derby again this year.

Simon Taylor was a bit punch drunk on the first nine holes as he had been golfing on Islay, where the punch consisted of seven different types of whisky.

Ronnie Kennedy let Kenny Cameron beat him in the knockout cup. This can be the only explanation as Kenny loses at least nine balls per round because over hitting.

Tommy Angus very nearly made the top 10 but was beaten in a count back by his dancing rival Keith Cowan. Keith was awarded an extra point by the judges for his matching outfit.

Results: 10. F Curran; 9. D Sinclair; 8. R Sinclair; 7. C Rowan; 6. G MacDougall; 5. A MacAulay; 4. J Downie; 3. S Taylor; 2. R Kennedy; 1. K Cowan. Nearest the pin: R Kennedy and K MacAulay.



Argyll Schools under 15s out performed Dalziel by 32 points.

## Argyll schools dump Dalziel by 32 points

**Argyll Schools U15s 42 Dalziel RFC 10**

THE ARGYLL schools rugby team, with a good turnout of players from Oban and Mid Argyll, looked strong from the start

as they took on Dalziel RFC at Glencruitten, in Oban.

The pressure piled on the visitors paid off within the first few minutes with early tries.

Although the Dalziel forwards

certainly had the edge in the scrum, the Oban backs were superb with scores coming from Alex Houston, Rufus Stone, Lomond MacPherson and Daniel Speirs.

## Teams wanted for Islay football tournament

ORGANISERS of an island football tournament have made an appeal for more teams to join and have extended their invitation to the mainland.

The Islay Easter Tour-

namment is held over the weekend of April 18 - 20 across the island.

The first two games will be on Friday evening, with two games on Saturday morning and two

that evening. There are two groups and the top two teams in each group play the final on Sunday at midday, allowing visiting teams to get away on 3.30pm ferry.

Anyone interested in entering a team can contact tournament organiser Andrew McEachern by email at am245@btinternet.com or phone 01496 850011.

## Red Star go down at home

Continued from page 32 efforts on goal coming from long range.

The visitors secured the points with five minutes remaining from a corner which Star didn't defend well at all and the East Kilbride player powered his header into the net to make it 1-3 at full time.

Star will have to dust themselves down quickly as they are back in action at home tomorrow (Saturday) in an Argyll derby against Dunoon Athletic. The game kicks off at 2pm.

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Cup 2nd round replay - Tarbert 3, Yoker 3. Yoker won 5-3 after extra time. Jimmy Marshall Cup 1st round - Dunoon Athletic 0, Dunoon 0. Athletic won 6-5 on penalties. Oban Saints v Shawlands walkover to Oban Saints. Inverclyde 5, Campbeltown Pupils 2.

This Saturday's fixtures - Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup 4th Round - Campbeltown Pupils v Carradale; Oban Saints v Elton; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Paisley; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1A - Tarbert v Inverkip.



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Five red cards  
dished out  
as Tarbert take  
on Yoker

# Poor performance results in defeat for Red Star



Star's Elliott Dougall maintains possession in the first half. 061\_a48star03

RED STAR faced East Kilbride at home last Saturday and despite getting off to a good start it was the visitors who left Lochgilphhead with a well-earned three points.

The home side started in a positive manner and were ahead after good individual play by Docherty,

<b>Lochgilphhead Red Star</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>East Kilbride</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SAFL Premier Division Two</b>	

who managed to work a space on the left channel before firing a powerful shot past the keeper to make it 1-0.

The home side couldn't capitalise however and allowed

East Kilbride back into the match. It was no surprise when the visitors were level on the stroke of half time. After a quick breakaway the forward finished well into McCulloch's

bottom corner and the sides were level at half time. 1-1.

The second half was played at a decent pace but it was the visitors who were playing the better football and they took the lead when a cross ball from the Star right side wasn't cleared and the striker again nipped in

front of the defence to poke the ball past McCulloch, who had no chance. 1-2

Star tried to pull themselves back into the game but never really settled into any sort of rhythm with passes going astray all over the place and the only

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