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Mother appeals for A83 crash barrier



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A MOTHER has appealed to Transport Scotland to erect a safety barrier at the bad bend on the A83, north of Stonefield.

Heather Bellshaw made the appeal after coming across an accident on the Lochgilphead to Tarbert Road, which saw a car, carrying a woman and three children, skid off the road and down a 20ft embankment.

No-one was seriously injured in

the incident but Heather, co-ordinator of Tarbert Youth Group, said it could have been so much worse.

'If the accident had resulted in serious injury or happened at night there may have been very different circumstances - the children and mother may not be here today,' Heather said. 'The worst of it is I couldn't call 999 as there is no signal there at all. What chance would they have had in the middle of the

night as we couldn't see the car until we started down the embankment.'

She added: 'I am sick to the stomach knowing how disastrous today could have been.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland said the organisation is seeking to improve safety on the road, with a host of measures to be rolled out in the New Year.

The spokesman said: 'Work has already begun on the A83

Route Accident Reduction Plan between Lochgilphead and Kenacraig that will see new signs, lines and high friction surfacing being installed at a series of bends including those north of Stonefield Castle. The signs and lines are scheduled for completion in February with the high friction surfacing being completed by April.'

Lochgilphead Police Officer, Sergeant Iain MacNicol, has witness-

es a series of accidents on the road. He said he welcomed the safety review: 'I would like to find a way of preventing cars skidding in the first instance.'

Sergeant MacNicol added: 'Things such as applying anti-skid surfacing may be more effective than a crash barrier.'

'Whilst this may stop cars leaving the road it may cause accidents with oncoming traffic.'

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Glasgow confirmed as piping host city

PIPERS from around the world will be descending on Glasgow in each of the next four years, as the city has been confirmed as hosts for the World Pipe Band Championships until 2015.

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association made the announcement that 'the Worlds' will be staying in Glasgow after the city saw off competition

from Belfast. George Ussher, president of the RSPBA, said: 'The bands get such a warm welcome and genuinely look forward to competing at Glasgow Green - and the hospitality of a city which embraces piping.'

The annual global festival of piping attracts more than 200 bands and up to 30,000 participants, supporters and spectators.



Lochgilhead's Kay West helped carers Heather Smithson and Margaret Lees to make a floral arrangement. 06_a49dochas01

Hard-working carers treated to special day at Dochas Centre

BELLY dancing demonstrations and floral arrangements were some of the ways Lochgilhead folk celebrated National Carers Day this week.

Hosting a celebratory lunch and 'fun day', the Dochas Centre in Lochgilhead, invited carers for a day of pampering and some 'me time'.

With carers from both Lochgilhead and Campbeltown attending

the event, people learnt to make festive floral arrangements, had a go at belly dancing and took part in a relaxation class.

Commenting on the event, Maggie McLaren, manager of the Dochas Centre, said: 'Looking after a family member, partner or friend is something that will happen to most people at some time in our lives,

yet it remains something most people don't talk about.

'Carers who have been caring for a number of years tell us how important it is to maintain a life outside caring and the centre can help to provide support, information, advice and a setting which encourages social interaction with others who understand.'

Council considers new service charges

ARGYLL and Bute Council is considering charging for services as it strives to meet a savings target of £74million by 2015.

The authority also said fortnightly collections of general household waste are 'likely' in a possible arrangement that would see recyclable waste collected on alternate weeks. The possible money-savers were revealed during a live webchat last week, when the public were given the chance to put their questions on next year's budget directly to senior council officers and administration leader, Dick Walsh.

The cash-strapped local authority says it has already identified £64million of the savings target it needs to meet by 2015, but tough measures were still being considered with another £10million to save.

Chief executive, Sally Loudon, said 'all services are likely to be affected' as a result.

Responding to a question on what other options are available to raise additional funds, Bruce West, the council's head of strategic fi-

nance, said: 'The council is considering the balance in terms of who meets the costs of services - users or the taxpayer - but one of the key issues is the ability to actually recover any charges and we need to recognise practical issues. We are looking at all services but there are no specific proposals in the budget at the moment.'

On waste collection, Douglas Hendry, executive director of customer services, said: 'The council is more likely to do things like go to alternative types of collection. For example, week one, general; week two, recyclables etcetera.'

'[It's a] 'greener' approach too.'

Mr Hendry said recycling more would help ease budgetary pressures, as the council would pay less in landfill tax. However, Mr Walsh took a swipe at the Scottish Government for continuing to impose its freeze on the council tax, saying an increase would be prudent.

He said: 'It certainly makes sense when you consider all this that the council tax should be increased to protect/preserve services.'



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Police files Arrested

A WOMAN has been arrested for allegedly stealing from a shop in Lochgilhead.

The 25-year-old is said to have taken goods at about midday last Tuesday.

Driver arrested

A CRAIGNISH man has been arrested for alleged drink driving and for driving without insurance after he was stopped by police in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The 38-year-old was driving between Ardfern and Croabh Haven when he was stopped by police and asked to provide a breath sample.

Scrap metal stolen

PEOPLE are being urged to store valuable metals safely after scrap metal was stolen from a farm in Ford.

A variety of lead, copper and iron was taken from the farm sometime between November 1 and 7. Police say the metals have increased in value recently and owners should be more aware of the possible risk of theft.

Appeal for witnesses

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after cable wires were stolen from a portacabin on the Inveraray to Dalmally Road.

The 20-metre electrical cable was taken from the cabin at about 2pm on Monday.

Police are urging anyone who saw people acting suspiciously near the cabin, situated just outside Inveraray on the A819, to contact them on 01546 702200.

Traffic chaos as tanker blocks diversion route

TRAFFIC in and out of Argyll almost came to stand still on Tuesday after road closures on the A83 and A819.

The Inveraray to Dalmally Road, the A819, is the current diversion route for traffic heading for Arrochar and Glasgow, after a landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful closed the A83 during the hours of darkness.

But the road was closed on Tuesday afternoon as engineers battled to

retrieve a loaded water tanker from the side of the road.

Working for four hours to get the tanker upright, the engineers just managed to clear the key transport route before the A83 closed for the night.

The tanker, owned by Scottish Water, went off the road at 9am on Monday morning. Scotland Transerv cordoned off the site and reduced traffic to one lane.



Robyn Glendinnig, Leanne Goodall and Iona Jackson greeted art enthusiasts at their first art exhibition at Lochgilhead Joint Campus. 06_a49art01

High school pupils host art exhibition

SIXTH year pupils from Lochgilhead High School launched their own art exhibition this week.

The art and design students displayed a range of works, which are part of their advanced higher art portfolio.

The five girls – Iona Jackson, Leanne Goodall, Robyn Glendinnig, Maxeme Renfrew and Caroline Duff – explored issues such as family relationships, performance art, poster design and clothing. Excited about the future, the majority of the girls hope to pursue a career in the art and design industry.

Call for road safety inquiry

Tarbert claims pleas are being ignored

AN INDEPENDENT inquiry into Transport Scotland's response to road safety concerns in Tarbert should be called, community councillors have said.

The call comes after Tarbert and Skipness Community Council said it could no longer have 'constructive dialogue' with the area manager of the national roads authority.

Writing to Keith Brown, minister for transport and infrastructure, the community council called for an inquiry and set out a list of concerns about the A83 trunk road.

Bob Chicken, chairman of the community council's roads committee, said the A83 in Tarbert was a threat to 'life and limb' for both pedestrians and road users. He said: 'The A83 in Tarbert is character-

ised by its steepness, sharp bend, complex junction and narrowness - two trucks cannot pass unless one goes onto the sole, narrow pavement. This, as well as, increasingly heavy HGV usage has led this stretch of road to become, in our opinion, a real hazard.'

Mr Chicken said despite suggesting a number of traffic calming measures, Transport Scotland has refused to take action.

'They only seem able to say no,' Mr Chicken said. 'They never seem to offer solutions; they can only offer refusals. We have seen other communities with a less apparent case for traffic calming measures get them installed. For this reason we believe that we have reached the end of the road with Transport Scotland and call upon the minister to

appoint an independent person or body to look into Transport Scotland's response to our road safety concerns.'

As the Advertiser went to press Keith Brown's response had not been confirmed.

However, a spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said: 'We take seriously our responsibilities in managing and maintaining the trunk road network, not least this stretch of the A83. We are, as always, ready to work with local communities to address their concerns. However it is not always possible to action requests due to feasibility, suitability and budget.'

She added: 'We would be happy to attend any future community council meeting to review their concerns about this stretch of the A83.'

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Lorry slips down hill

A GRIT lorry rushed to Inveraray on Tuesday morning after a lorry slid down a hill in the snow.

The lorry was travelling along the A819 Inveraray to Dalmally road at 6.10am when it lost grip and slid down the hill, near Inveraray Police Station. The lorry, unable to move, blocked the road for an hour but returned on its journey when the area was gritted.

Tayinloan pier closure dates

THERE will be no ferry sailing between Tayinloan and Gigha throughout the last weekend in January.

The Calmac service will be suspended on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28 as

improvement works are carried out on Tayinloan Pier.

During the closure, Calmac will operate a twice-daily service from Kennacraig to Gigha, weather permitting.

The ferries will leave

Gigha at 8.30am and 12.30pm and depart from Kennacraig at 10.15am and 14.15pm.

The dates of closure for the Tayinloan Pier were agreed by Gigha residents and Argyll and Bute Council.

Lucky readers win cheese hampers

CONGRATULATIONS to the following readers who have won the delicious Mull of Kintyre Cheddar hampers in our competition.

They have each won a hamper full of Mull of Kintyre cheddar goodies and a beautifully crafted slate cheese board,

all worth £34.50. So well done to: Catherine Doyle, Clachan; Lorna Galbraith, Carradale; Sheila Reid, Ballybracken; S MacIntyre, Tarbert, and Isobel MacFarlane, Lochgilphead.

The hampers will be posted out to them.

Landslide leads to sharp drop in business trade

People put off coming to the area

LAST week's landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful is still damaging trade in Mid Argyll, local businesses have confirmed.

The A83 Inveraray to Tarbet Road is now opened for part of the day, following a landslide last Thursday morning, but businesses say they are still suffering the effects.

Transport officials said overnight closures would continue until the current weather patterns change. Businesses in the Royal Burgh and Cairndow have especially been affected, with a sharp fall in passing trade.

Chris Clarke from the family-run George Hotel in Inveraray said the landslide had put people off coming to the area.

'We have definitely been affected; we have had a lot of cancellations for accommodation and have had very little passing trade this week.'

Chris said. 'It is hard to estimate the effect it has had on takings but probably about 20 per cent in accommodation; actually about 20 per cent across the board.'

Urging Transport Scotland to find a permanent solution to the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful, Chris said: 'The A83 is our lifeline; we need it.'

Virginia Sumsion, from Loch Fyne Oysters, said



Engineers examine the damage following the landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful on the A83.

trade had also fallen at the Cairndow business: 'We are very concerned,' she said. 'In terms of the shop and the Oyster Bar business falls away to nothing; it's a huge issue for us.'

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press on Wednesday morning the A83 was still opening between 8.30am and 4pm.

A spokesman for Scotland Transerv said: 'The

safety of the public and our workforce is absolutely paramount and the monitoring of the area of the most recent landslip on the A83 continues.

'We are grateful to the public for their continuing support and patience.'

When the A83 is closed traffic is being diverted via the A819 Inveraray to Dalmally road and the A85/A82 Tyndrum to Tarbet road.



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Red Cross coffee morning

ALISON and Aileen Barr raised a cuppa in aid of the Red Cross last weekend. Alison and her five-year-old daughter Aileen were just two of the dozens of people who turned out for the charity's annual Christmas Coffee Morning. The event, which included a homebaking stall and raffle, raised more than £300 for the humanitarian organisation.

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Challenge to Argyll knitters

People are being asked to knit the largest blanket in the world

AN ALZHEIMER Scotland campaigner from Lochgilphead has challenged Argyll knitters to hand-knit the largest blanket in the world.

Chris Doogan is calling on people to pick up their needles to make a 710-square metre blanket in a bid to raise awareness of dementia.

Individual

The blanket, which will be made up of 71,000 individual squares, will represent the number of people in Scotland that had dementia in 2010.

Chris, an Argyll dementia link worker, said the inspiration for the blanket came to her when driving home from work one evening.

'I was thinking about

different groups that we could get involved in our campaign and was thinking about knitting groups and knitting squares for a blanket and it all went from there,' Chris said.

'I checked what the world record is with the Guinness Book of Records and thought we may as well aim high.'

It is hoped the record attempt will not only raise awareness of dementia but encourage people to pass on the skill of knitting to someone they know.

'People of all ages are getting involved, from 10 and 11-year-olds to a 92-year-old,' Chris added. 'We have people from all over Scotland

and even America who want to knit a square for one of their grandparents, who has dementia back in Scotland.'

It is hoped the blanket, which is due to be completed for the 2012 Dementia Awareness Week in June, will also raise funds for Alzheimer Scotland. It is envisaged that people will be sponsored for knitting each 10cm x 10cm square.

Support

The money raised will be used to help support those people currently living with dementia in Scotland.

To get involved in the world record attempt contact Chris on 01546 605517 or by email at cdoogan@alzscot.org.

Parking amnesty

MOTORISTS are to receive an early Christmas present in the run up to the festive period as Argyll and Bute Council suspends parking charges in all its off-street car parks in the five days leading up to Christmas.

The parking amnesty will take effect from December 20 to December 24,

Childcare service rolled out

A GOVERNMENT service helping families to find childcare, activities and support in their local area has been rolled out to Argyll and Bute.

The Family Information Service takes over from the childcare information service. The helpline can be contacted on 01369 708157 or www.scottish-families.gov.uk.

Health and safety good practice

A SCHOOL trip to a sawmill by Argyll pupils has been picked as an example of good practice by the Health and Safety Executive.

Having assessed the safety issues of visiting a working sawmill, the successful visit by four Helensburgh primary schools now features in the organisation's advice on planning school trips.

Wind development could be expanded

AREAS for potential offshore wind developments on the west coast could be greatly expanded following a Scottish Government scoping study.

Identifies

A report published last week by Marine Scotland Science identifies new areas for medium-term development, unlocking a potential extra 10 Gigawatts of production.

It examines environ-

mental, heritage and industrial constraints on development and concludes huge chunks of Scottish Territorial Waters between Barra and Kintyre have few barriers to windfarm development.

It expands current areas earmarked for potential development, including south of the Argyll Array off Tiree's western shore, north west of Coll and south of Kintyre, as well as a new potential

zone south of Islay.

Energy Minister Fergus Ewing also announced a new £5 million fund for offshore research and development.

Witnessing

Speaking at a Europe-wide conference on wind energy last week, he said: 'By positioning Scotland as a world leader in low carbon activities, we are witnessing new investment and new jobs. Offshore wind could support almost

50,000 direct and indirect jobs in Scotland by 2020, generating over seven billion pounds for our economy, while there is already 300 million pounds being invested in Scotland to develop the next generation offshore wind turbines.'

Gareth Baird, The Crown Estate's Scottish Commissioner said the report was a milestone for offshore wind development.

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Senior citizen heads for the hills

CHARLIE the cross-bred donkey was no angel when he turned tail on the Tarbert road in a one-horse race that stopped the traffic.

His Houdini style escape from the paddock at Inverneil Health Clinic near Ardrishaig would have pleased the great man himself when, for the third time, Charlie deftly untied the ropes on the gate and stampeded towards Tarbert via the A83.

An entourage of willing helpers was brushed aside as the equestrian senior citizen made his big bid for freedom at a speed second only to Red Rum.

The ensuing chase resulted in one of the most hilarious donkey derbies this side of Argyll with *Squeak* reporters in hot pursuit.

Several miles and many carrots later he was cornered, haltered and led back home, but his stubborn streak prevailed and only as dusk fell did he condescend to return to the walled garden at Inverneil.

£1,000 parking fines in store

MID Argyll motorists who continue to flout parking regulations will be taken to task, it was claimed this week – and perpetrators could face fines as high as £1,000.

Police are set to clamp down on drivers who blatantly abandon their vehicles in restricted areas, ignoring official car parks.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheden



THE waves were tumultuous and the sea was a foaming frenzy of froth as these great Atlantic breakers crashed onto the Kintyre shores all the way from America. The storms had buffeted the coastline for quite a few days and rainbows decorated the dark skies like gigantic Christmas trees, while the stars became a myriad string of lights. The days are getting shorter and we spend much of our time in the darkness of winter now. However, it's just a couple of weeks till the shortest day and the light will once again have dominance. We are waiting for the lighter nights. We are waiting for the lengthening days. We are waiting for the light.

So how do we wait? Do we wait with patience? Do we wait under cover of darkness?

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But it's hard to stop and wait; it's not easy to pause and ponder; it's difficult to take time at this time.

We're busy with the bargains and not so bothered about the baby.

We're busy with the tinsel but haven't time for the truth.

We're busy with the mince pies and we will get round to the manger.

We're busy trying to fix the tree lights but have forgotten about the real light.

We're busy with the stocking fillers and have set aside the stable.

We're busy with the cards but have pushed away the crib.

We're busy – it is Christmas after all. We just don't have time. It's Christmas after all. Thank God that God made time.



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane Picture was submitted by Iain Lazaras. The picture shows Campbell Street in the 1930s and houses which previously stood on the site of the existing MS Centre. 'I used to live at number two Campbell Street between 1938 and 1946', Iain said. 'I had not been in the area since the 1950s and didn't know it had been knocked until four years ago; I called in to the centre and told the ladies I used to live here.' 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.

Pick up your dog dirt!

Sir,
Please could you print my letter to ask people that have dogs – could you please pick up your dog dirt that is messing up our streets?

I was walking to my gran's house on Manse Brae, in Lochgilphead, and I had to walk around 11 poos. Yes, I did count them! That is why I am sending this letter.

It made me feel very sad that there are people out there that do not seem to bother picking their dog dirt up.

I am five years old and I have a dog, my gran has a dog and my uncle Barry has a dog and we all pick up our dog mess and put it in the bin so that other people do not stand on it. The people who do not pick it up should be ashamed of themselves!

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Ps. My gran helped me write this letter but I told her what to write as I am only in primary one and still learning how to write.

**Niah Martin,
Aged 5,
Lochgilphead.**

War pensions

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**Royal British Legion
Scotland,
New Haig House,
Logie Green Road,
Edinburgh.**

ME diary

Sir,
Many people affected by the illness Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) have been keeping a diary for decades.

It is an ideal way to record symptoms, experiences and feelings, as they happen and look back to see if anything can be learned from it.

But individual ME sufferers are losing the best opportunity there is to compare all their observations with fellow patients, from all over the world, simply by not sharing them, as they could so easily do.

To achieve this connection, for everyone's benefit, the ME Community Trust is inviting ME sufferers, to keep a diary in a uniform way, in order to attempt to better understand the cause, onset, progression and possible outcomes, using the ben-

efit of a much bigger population for statistical analysis and mutual support. Safety and confidentiality is insured by each diarist, assuming an alias and saving data to their own computers to avoid any hacking or personal abuse.

As a prelude to potentially the most ambitious longitudinal study of ME, on every continent, ME sufferers are invited to send an email from their assumed name to mymediary@mecommunitytrust.org with 'My M.E. Diary 2012 Trial' in the subject line.

Everyone who does makes the collective M.E. voice more audible and this awful illness more visible.

**Dr John H
Greensmith,
ME Community Trust,
36a North Street,
Downend,
Bristol.**

Information wanted

Sir,
I have been researching my Scottish ancestry for over 35 years now. I have found it a life long passion. Having been to Scotland, my heritage is rich in history. It is to this end, that I write you today.

Recently, I have found information regarding an ancestor of mine, who still has descendants in your area. I am trying to find the children of Dr. Joseph Buist Loudon.

Dr. Loudon passed away in 1999. I regret having not met him but would like to open up a correspondence with his descendants. This would be the first time since the late 1690s that our two families, the Buists of Fife, have been in touch. That is a story in itself!

If there are any descendants of Dr. Loudon, please make contact. I thank you very much for your efforts and look forward to hearing from you.

**Michael Tracy
PO Box 244,
Palos Heights,
Illinois 60463,
United States.**

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TARBERT

Christmas fayre

THE CAFEBARGE in Tarbert Harbour hosted its first Christmas Fayre on December 1.

Local traders from Tarbert Yacht Chandlery, SeaHorse Clothing and The Luckenbooth ran festive promotions on-board the barge, and many customers braved the winter weather to browse for gifts while enjoying a glass of mulled wine and mince pie or two courtesy of their hosts.

Other retailers along the Tarbert waterfront, including Ragdoll, MacIntyres and Argyll Gift Company, extended their opening hours during the fayre to offer even greater choice for Tarbert customers.

All involved would like to thank those who attended the fayre.

Action at film club

TARBERT film club can enjoy an a-list cast for this month's film as the club screens *The Prestige*.

The action-packed movie features some of Hollywood's finest including Hugh Jackman, Scarlett Johansson, David Bowie and Michael Caine. The

film, screened tomorrow night (Saturday) in Templars Hall, focuses on the relationship between two London-based magicians in a tale of obsession, jealousy, and deceit.

LOCHGAIR

Residents help keep roads clear

RESIDENTS of Lochgair have been out and about trying to keep the roads of the village clear despite recent snowfall.

Ian Smith of the Lochgair Association was himself shovelling salt after dark at a blackspot where three vehicles have careered off the road in this week's wintry conditions.

The association is urging villagers to work together and do their bit to keep the village moving, especially if the winter weather continues.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Annual meeting

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Council will hold its Annual General Meeting, at 7.30pm, on Monday evening, December 12.

The meeting will see officers elected to represent the town for the forthcoming year.



Waiting for Santa: Jack Stuart, from Tarbert, waiting as patiently as a four-year-old boy can manage! Jack was taken along to Glenbarr Abbey on Sunday by his family to see the Christmas decorations and visit Father Christmas. 12_c49abb04

Santa visits Glenbarr Abbey

FATHER Christmas paid a visit to Glenbarr Abbey on Sunday, to join in the festivities.

Every year Jeanne Macalister spends days transforming the abbey into a wonderland for

GLENBARR

children and the young-at-heart.

And the events, held last Sunday and again this coming Sunday,

December 11, help to raise funds for the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research.

A group of the charity's supporters serve soup lunches and afternoon teas on both days.

BELLANOCH

Reflection

THE LADIES of Glasgary, Kilmartin and Ford with North Knapdale invite you to spend some quiet time in Bellanoch Church thinking of the real meaning of Christmas – before the panic sets in!

A time to be still, a time to reflect and a time of joy.

KILBERRY

Plan gets green light

A PLANNING application for the demolition of an existing garage

and summerhouse for a property in Kilberry, Tarbert has been approved.

The application for Orda Coille in Kilberry was approved by Argyll and Bute Council and will see the erection of a replacement double garage.

Concert

CREAR Studios will be holding their final concert of the year this weekend to raise funds for charity.

Talented pianist Steven Osborne returns to the Kilberry venue on Sunday afternoon, December 11.

The event is a fundraiser for the 'Piano in

Peril' scheme. Admission is free and donations are welcome, while a tasty buffet lunch prior to the concert can be booked in advance.



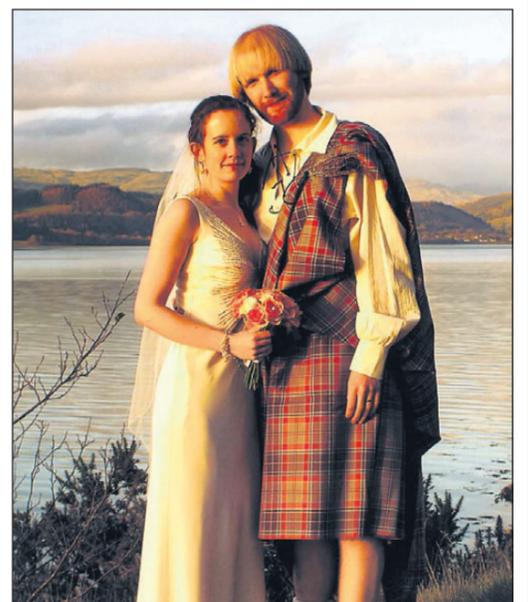
Holly Mackay, Lucy McKinven and Laura Mackay man their stall at the Tarbert After School Care coffee morning. The youngsters were asking locals to name the tiger and selling homebaking in a bid to raise funds for the charity, which provides after school care for primary school children in the village.

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WEDDINGS



ROBERTS - Ben and Jodi (née Towler) were married on Saturday the 21st May 2011 at St John the Evangelist, Bradford.



ROBERTS - Tim and Amanda (née Cumming) were married on Saturday the 5th November 2011 at the Creggans Inn, Strachur.

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Staff, friends and customers of Artlines toasted Christmas with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. 06_a49lights06



Staff from Dalriada Hardware watched the lights turned on from the shelter of the shop doorway. 06_a49lights03



The crowds were entertained with festive music. 06_a49lights05

Crowds turn out for Christmas switch on

A WINTER wonderland was created for the Christmas lights switch on in Lochgilhead as rain, hail and snow descended on the town on Saturday.

Despite the weather, hundreds of people turned out for the event, which saw Santa Claus parade down Argyll Street.

The Mid Argyll Pipe Band led Santa and

Lochgilhead woman Cathie Mitchell down the town's main street, before Cathie set the town aglow with the festive lights at 7pm.

A well-known figure in Lochgilhead, Cathie was chosen to turn on the lights because of the 'kindness' she has shown local people over the years.

Describing herself as a born and bred Loch-

gilhead lass, Cathie said she was 'honoured' to be asked to turn the lights on this year.

'I absolutely love Christmas,' she said. 'Everyone will tell you that I am the first to have my tree and decorations up; it's a lovely time of year.'

Shops and bars in the town also took part in the festivities with Dalriada Hardware, Loch Fyne Tackle and Artlines all opening their doors to friends and customers.

Some revellers escaped the hail and warmed up with mulled wine and mince pies in the Artlines store, whilst others took shelter in Lochgilhead Parish Church for the Rotary Club's annual Christmas Carol Service.

Enjoying the atmos-



Lochgilhead woman Cathie Mitchell was honoured to turn on the Christmas lights. 06_a49lights01

phere of the church, locals sang a host of Christmas carols including *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, *Infant Holy*, *Infant Holy* and *See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw*.



Santa waves to the crowd as he makes his way down Argyll Street. 06_a49lights08

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Community Noticeboard

The Corran Singers Carols
for Everyone
St Margaret's Church, Lochgilhead
Sunday 11th December 2011
3pm
Retiring collection in aid of "CrossRoads"

Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club
Tuesday 13th December 2011
Please note change of date
The McAllister's Argyll Inn, Lochgilhead
7.30pm
Admission £5

TARBERT GUN CLUB XMAS SHOOT
at Barmore
Sunday 11th December 2011
11am
Bring a prize - Win a prize

EXHIBITION OF FABRIC COLLAGE
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Weekdays 10am - 4pm & Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Mid Argyll Round Table
Come and buy quality Nordmann fur xmas trees
Outside Co-op, Lochgilhead
Saturday 10th December 2011
9am - 2pm

MS CENTRE Campbell Street CHRISTMAS CRAFT CRACKER
Sat. 10th December 11-3pm
Various local craft stalls and lots of festive fun - fundraising games, raffle and side show.

Mid Argyll Round Table
SANTA'S SLEIGH CAIRNBAAN / KILMICHAEL - Wednesday 14th December
Tarbert - Thursday 15th
Ardrihaig - Friday 16th
Lochgilhead - Saturday 17th
Port Ann / Inveraray - Sunday 18th

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 10th December 2011
10am - 12 noon in the Victoria Hall
Usual stalls
Mini band

The Royal British Legion Scotland
Campbeltown Branch
MONTHLY MEETING
Lodge St John's No 141
Recreational Club
Friday 9th December @ 1930hrs
Any new members should arrive @ 1900hrs.

St. Kieran's R C Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
in St. Kieran's Hall, Kirk Street,
on Saturday 10th December at 2.00 pm
All Usual Stalls

Steven Osborne (piano)
2.30pm Sunday 11 December 2011
at Crear, Kilberry
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Tel: 01880 770369 (during office hours), or e-mail concerts@crear.co.uk

Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club
Argyll Hotel, Inveraray
Wednesday 14th December
At 8.00pm
Guest Artistes
From Campbeltown
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Lochgilhead High School pupils performed at the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll's Christmas carol service. 06_a48lights07



Mid Argyll Pipe Band led Santa Claus and Cathie Mitchell down Argyll Street before the 'big countdown'. 06_a49lights09

Winter Festival kicks off this weekend

RESIDENTS of Tarbert will be celebrating all things Christmas tonight as the village's winter festival kicks off.

Marking the start of the festive season, a children's disco will be held in Templars Hall at 7pm, where families can

dance the night away to all their favourite festive tunes.

Opportunity

On Saturday the Christmas fete will take place in the hall, giving locals an opportunity to buy some last minute Christmas presents.

The Starfish restaurant will also be opening its doors to art enthusiasts on Saturday as it hosts a Stuart Herd exhibition.

Combining good food and art, the restaurant will be serving up mulled wine and mince pies to people browsing

the selection of original paintings and framed prints from the much-loved artist.

Continue

The festivities continue into Saturday night when rock band TooZup takes to the stage at the Islay Frigate Hotel.



Karen Mackie and Margaret Devine show off their merchandise in a cosy and atmospheric yurt. 06_a49kilmartin02

Handcrafted goodies at Kilmartin

TENTS and yurts in the grounds of Kilmartin House Museum were filled with handcrafted goodies last weekend.

Colourful Gifts

Put up for the annual Kilmartin Craft Fayre, the

tents were a haven of colourful gifts and stocking fillers in the run-up to Christmas.

The event featured a host of local artisans and crafters, who sold a range of goods including jewellery, glassware, art, soaps and candles.

Top award for Celtic Connections

THE TEAM of organisers behind music festival Celtic Connections is celebrating this week after the event was named Best Large Festival at the UK Event Awards.

The annual festival, which takes place in Glasgow, beat off competition from Edinburgh's Christ-

mas celebrations to scoop the coveted award.

Delighted

Donald Shaw, artistic director of Celtic Connections, said: 'We're really delighted to win such a coveted award, especially with such fantastic festivals on offer in the UK.'

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

The Adventures of Tin Tin: The Secret of The Unicorn
Thrilling and wildly funny, the Tintin stories chronicle the escapades of a junior reporter who has a nose for a good story and a talent for attracting trouble, which more often than not imperils his life! Spielberg and Jackson have selected three stories from the Tintin book series to develop into theatrical feature films, which they intend to direct back to back, employing state of the art performance capture technology.

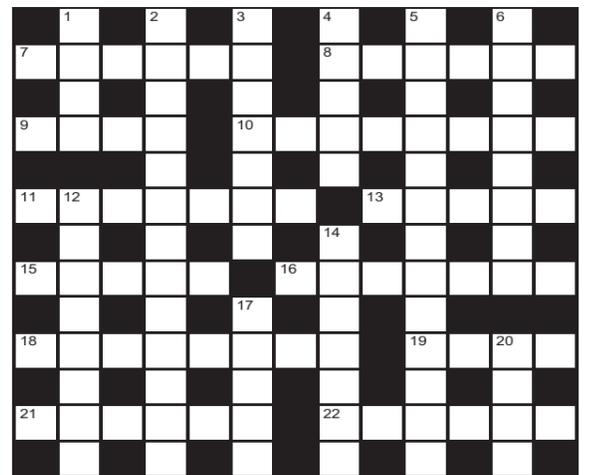
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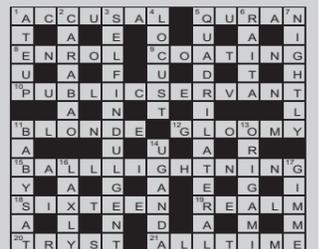
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- 9 Wise men (4)
- 10 Abridge (4,4)
- 11 Render unnecessary (7)
- 13 Begin (3-2)
- 15 Disinclined (5)
- 16 Spaghetti film? (7)
- 18 Rough (8)
- 19 Type of dealer (4)
- 21 Teach (6)
- 22 Spanish dish (6)

Down

- 1 Liquid lamp type (4)
- 2 Manager (13)
- 3 Statement of gratitude (7)
- 4 Beau (5)
- 5 Propelled by hot water on water... (6,7)
- 6 ...big trouble (3,5)
- 12 Gas escaping from the rear (8)
- 14 Proof of purchase (7)
- 17 Plunder for weapon! (5)
- 20 Draw out (4)



Last week's solution



Limousin bullocks sell to £1,180 at UA's Islay sale

UNITED Auctions held their annual Christmas sale of 487 of all classes of calves and store cattle at Islay Auction Mart last Saturday.

An excellent entry of mainly spring born calves were on offer to a packed ringside of buyers and all stock was cleared at satisfactory rates.

Bullocks sold to an average of £629.39 per head or 207.34 per kilo which recorded a rise of £144.07 per head and 60.11 pence per kilo. Heifers sold to an aver-

age of £559.62 per head or 197.10 which recorded a rise of £134.41 per head and 52.49 pence per kilo.

Top price

The top price per head for bullocks came from Uiskentuie when Aberdeen Angus crosses sold to £1,180.

The same home sold the top priced heifers when their Limousin crosses sold to £1,045.

Leading the top call per kilo was Ardtalla Estate when a pen of their Charolais bullock calves sold to 268pence and

the same home shared the top per kilo with Kintra at 228pence for Charolais and Limousin crosses respectively.

The top 12 consignments per kilo for bullocks and heifers were: Kintra (23) 233p; Kilbride (24) 222p; Ardtalla (20) 222p; Knocklearach (53) 215p; Mansfield (28) 213p; Smalladh (21) 210p; Frederick Cresc. (9) 210p; Brybruich (13) 208p; Scarrabus (55 AA) 207p; Woodend (20) 207p; Ballychatrigan (9) 203p and Ronnachmore (20) 206p.



Quality cattle were in demand at Oban on Tuesday when average prices rose by 50 p per kilo on the year for bullocks and 52p per kilo for heifers. Picture - Kevin McGlynn

Oban hosts largest cattle sale in a decade

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 1099 suckled calves and store cattle at their show and sale at Oban on Tuesday when the auctioneers conducted their largest one-day sale since the firm took over the market in 1999.

Auctioneer John Kyle was delighted with the trade which saw averages rise for both bullocks and heifers to peak at 432p per kilo for a 250kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm.

The 613 bullocks forward averaged 221p per kg (+58p on the year) and sold to 373p per kg for 335kg Limousin from Tyree, Benderloch and to £1,250 for a 335kg Limousin also from Tyree.

Heifers averaged 209p per kg (+52p per kg on the year) and sold to 432p per kg for a 250kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm, Barcaldine and to £1,080 again for a 250kg Limousin from the same home.

The judging of the pre-sale show was in the hands of John MacGregor, Allanfauld, Kilsyth and he selected as his champion a 320kg Charolais bullock from D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale, Kintyre. It scaled 320kg and sold at £1,100 to A Wilson, Crawfordjohn Mill, Abington.

Reserve was a 270kg Limousin heifer from E McGillivray, Bacaldine Home Farm which sold at £980 to G Stirling, Burnbank, Stirling. Single Mainland Bullock, 1st & Champion, Dippen. 2nd & 3rd D McDonald, Tyree, Benderloch, 440kgs £950 to A Shand, Cortiecrum, Ellon, 335kgs £1250 to G Stirling, Burnbank, Stirling. Single Mainland Heifer 1st & Reserve Champion, E McGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm, Barcaldine. 2nd A Hamilton, Kilwhipnach, Campbelltown, 270kgs £700 to

Miss S Dunn, Willowbank, Airth. 3rd D W Semple, 280kg £710 to A Wilson, Crawfordjohn Mill, Abington. Single Island Bullock 1st & 2nd J McCormick, Balnagown, Lismore, 255kgs £640 to A Wilson, Gree, Beith. 2nd 310kg £715 to A Wilson, Gree, Beith. 3rd D McCormick, Baligarve, Lismore, 340kgs £710 to D Low, Pittenkeerie, Glassell. Single Island Heifer 1st D McCormick, Baligarve, 320kgs £680 to B Campbell, Achnacreebeag, North Connel. Pen of 4 Bullocks 1st D W Semple, 370kgs

£940 to J Leggat, Little Invernorth, Rathen, Fraserburgh. 2nd A Hamilton, Kilwhipnach, 350kgs £760 to J Leggat, Little Invernorth, Rathen, Fraserburgh. 3rd B Campbell, Achnacreebeag. The firm also forward 63 breeding cattle which sold to a top of £1,120 for an in-calf Aberdeen Angus second calver from L MacLean, 5 Cleat, Castlebay, Isle of Barra. Fifty-two Over 30 Month cattle averaging 136ppk, selling to a top of £1,120 for a Shorthorn bull from T Nelson, Glengorm, Isle of Mull.

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Caledonian Marts

Bullocks:
0-250kgs £690 Barranloch, 291p Culbhirg;
251-300kgs £950, 322p Achnaba;
301-350kgs £1250, 373p Tyree;
351-400kgs £1100, 297p Dippen;
401-450kgs £950 Tyree, 225p Upper Largie;
451-500kgs £1060, 211p Tomaig;
501-550kgs £1130, 209p Barnakill.
Heifers:
0-250kgs £1080, 432p Barcaldine;
251-300kgs £980, 363p Barcaldine;
301-350kgs £900, 277p Achnaba;
351-400kgs £860, 239p Achnaba;
401-450kgs £955, 212p Pollywilline;
451-500kgs £970, 202p Pollywilline;
501-550kgs £960, 188p Pollywilline.
Breeding cattle
AA In-calf cow £800 (2) Ardnacross, £750 Laggan and 5 Cleat, Lim Cow In-calf £790 Stroneskar. AA - £1075 ICleat, Lim - £990 Ballard, £950, £920 South Ardnacloch, Luing - £970 Ballard; Highland bull £940 Achnacloch; Continental - £890 Tyree; AA x - £820 5 Cleat.

ISLAY

United Auctions

Bullocks
Aberdeen Angus X: £1180, £1155 and

£945(2) Uiskentuie £930, £785(7) and £755(2) Octomore £655 Knocklearach £650(6), £645(4) and £615(13) Scarrabus. Charolais X: £900, £755(4) and £725 Brybruich £670(7), £655(2) and £610(2) Knocklearach. Limousin X: £1045(2) and £930 Uiskentuie £910 Corrary £880(5) and Uiskentuie £875 Ballychatrigan(3) and Lossit £870(5) and £810(2) Uiskentuie £755(3) Balaclava £745(3) Ballychatrigan £735 Lossit £670 Knocklearach £665 Balaclava(3) and Knocklearach(4) £655 6 Bayview £635(2) and £630 Kintra £625(5) Knocklearach £610 Ballychatrigan £605 Kintra(5) and Woodend(4). Shorthorn X: £745(4) Octomore. Simmental X: £925 and £745(2) Corrary.
Heifers
Aberdeen Angus X: £935 and £800 Uiskentuie £695; Lorgba £655; Cattadale. Blonde D'Aquitaine X: £1025 Uiskentuie. Charolais X: £935 Uiskentuie £675(6) Brybruich £600(13) Knocklearach. Limousin X: £1045, £915 and £875(11) Uiskentuie £875, £820(3) and £795 Lossit £790(8) Uiskentuie £775 Knocklearach £770 Lossit £755 Uiskentuie and Woodend £715(3) and £700(2) Balaclava £680 6 Bayview £660 Ballychatrigan £645(2) Balaclava £615(9) Kilbride. Simmental X: £795(2) and £715(3) Corrary £685 Island £605 Corrary.
In-calf heifers
£950 Greanan.
Prices per kilo

Bullocks
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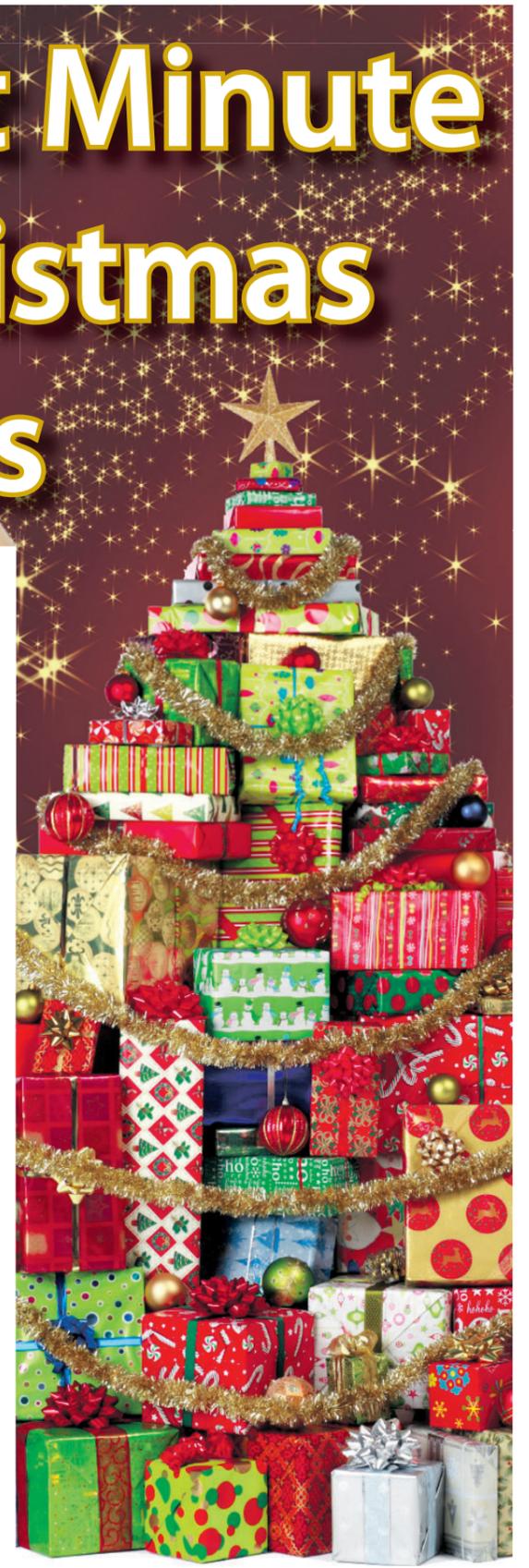



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Those last minute gift ideas will be churning round in your head throughout the day and night, adding to the stresses.

Our guides of local shops and retailers can help you to make more time for your loved ones in the run up to Christmas, and on its day itself, by giving more options locally you might not think of.

Sometimes taking time out of your daily life can help make you more calm and relaxed, taking a day out to go visit somewhere you wouldn't normally can open up more avenues for ideas for those close to you.

On your way to the city its worth stopping in the places you pass through, not only supporting those shop keepers who provide business all year round, but to find the unusual or intimate gifts people will appreciate.

Places like the smaller villages of Inveraray and Tarbert have their own craft and gift shops and it's worth stopping, even for a browse, to show your support for these local businesses.

Some of them are ones you wouldn't normally go into, but they offer different products and the staff will be on hand to help you pick out that perfect gift.

Having a browse through the shops will help to relax your mind and allow you to enjoy this time of year instead of stressing about everyone else.

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Whether it's a gift for a close friend or family member, getting into the Christmas spirit by physically going shopping around your local shops can boost your mood.

It will give you a chance to see people you don't normally see and have a relaxing walk around rather than rushing about large department stores, getting hot, sweaty and stressed and fighting your way through the crowds.

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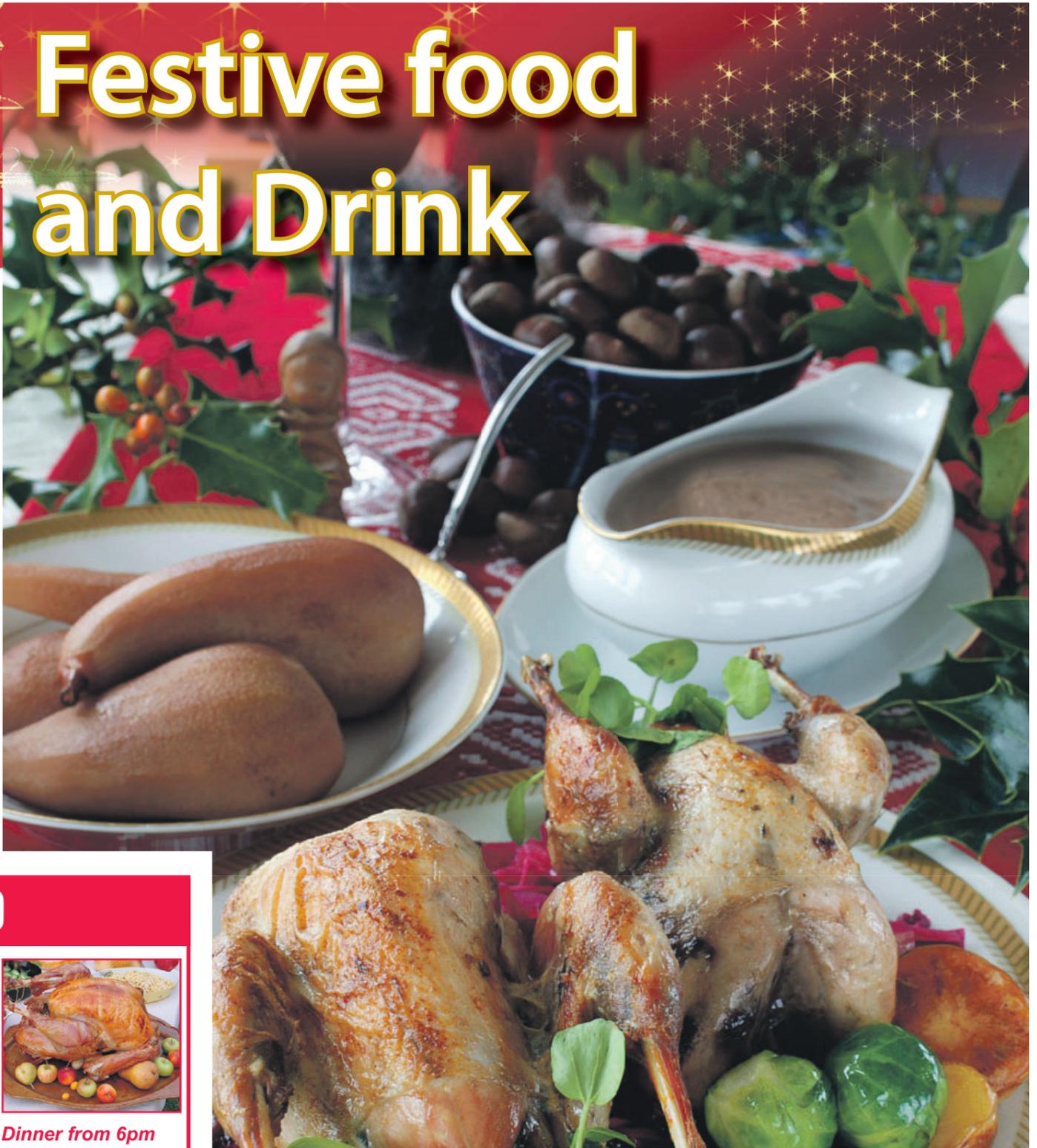
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Partridge in a Pear Tree

Serves 4

Ingredients: 4 young grey partridge
zest and juice of a lemon
4 Conference pears
150ml red wine
150ml water
1 tsp soft brown sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
4 whole cloves
4 tbsp single cream
salt and pepper
watercress

Pre-heat the oven to 190 degrees C/375 degrees F/gas mark 5.

Method: Place the zest and juice of a lemon in a saucepan. Put a quarter of the lemon shell inside each partridge. Secure the legs to the parson's nose and place in a self-basting roasting tin. Cover and cook in a hot oven for 35 minutes.

Peel the pears whole leaving the stalks on. Place in the saucepan with the lemon zest and juice. Add the wine, water, sugar and spices and poach for 10 minutes. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and keep warm with the cooked partridges. Strain the poaching liquid into the roasting pan and de-glaze. Stir in the cream and heat very gently. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange the watercress on the plates to form the tree, then add a partridge and a pear. Hand the sauce separately. Serve with roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts and chestnuts and spiced red cabbage to add colour to this festive meal.

WHY not treat the family this Christmas, get dressed up and head for one of the local hotels or restaurant.

It would save you a lot of time, hassle and effort and allow you to spend even more time with your family.

Most families don't see one another much throughout the year, busy with their own lives, so this is the time when everyone tends to get together.

Making time for them will pay off and you will feel more relaxed and enjoy your Christmas by letting someone else cook for you for a change.

There is a selection of places open with great menus to choose from and guaranteed to have something that will suit all the family – from the little ones to the grannies and granddads.

However if making your own Christmas dinner is something you enjoy, and are proud of then why not look for something a bit different from your bog standard supermarket options.

There are lots of alternatives too choose from, and it doesn't necessarily have to include meat.

Locally sourced fish can jazz up any plate and add extra flavours, guaranteed to get you compliments from friends and family.

There will be something to suit every course, whether its for a starter, main course

or as leftovers for sandwiches on Boxing Day.

There are lot of different food producers in the area, from country markets to local fish producers, and smaller companies, to add that touch of luxury to your meal.

If you want something a bit different why not ask and see what they can do for you, they may have recipes and tips you would be pressed for time to find; it would save you having to trawl through masses of website pages.

Their produce will be fresh and add extra flavour to any dish. You could even use any extra produce for leftovers following Christmas, or freeze it to do for another time.

A special lunch would allow you to take time out your busy schedule in the run up and meet with friends or colleagues to catch up.

There are various hotels, restaurants and cafes that have special menus. If you have time you could invite your nearest and dearest for a lunch or Christmas Day trial of recipes, it will help to lift everyone's spirits and make the most of seeing each other over the Christmas and New Year period.



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Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees C/400 degrees F/gas mark 6.
Method: Fry the mushrooms in some oil until just soft. Slice each breast almost in half along its length. Insert 2 slices of mozzarella, a quarter of the mushrooms, 4 fresh basil leaves, salt and pepper. For each breast brush 4 sheets of fi lo pastry with oil and arrange at right angles to each other. Place the breast in the centre of the pastry and pull the edges together to make a parcel. Place the parcel on a baking tray, brush with oil and cook in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes. Serve the parcels hot or cold.



Christmas Cake

Ingredients:	225g/half pound butter
225g/half pound currants	5 large eggs
100g/4oz raisins	half tsp nutmeg (freshly grated if poss.)
100g/4oz sultanas	half tsp cinnamon
225g/half pound plain flour	100g/4oz ground almonds
225g/half pound Demerara sugar	1 lemon - juice and grated rind
100g/4oz glace cherries	half tsp almond essence

Method: Wash fruit. Combine together and soak overnight in cold Earl Grey tea to plump up the fruit. Next day, drain fruit. Cream together butter and sugar and add well-beaten eggs. Sift flour and grated nutmeg and fold into butter mixture. Add fruit. Glacé cherries need special attention; cut them into quarters, wash, dry and then dredge with flour or else they are apt to sink to the bottom of the cake. Finally, add ground almonds and almond essence. Pour mixture into a 9in/23cm cake tin lined with special non-stick cake lining paper. Tie brown paper around outside of tin, a little higher than the top of the tin, to prevent top of cake burning. Hollow centre of cake slightly to achieve a completely flat surface when cooked. Bake in a slow oven for 3 1/2 - 4 hrs at 130°C or 250°F. When the cake has cooled, add two tablespoons of whisky via skewer holes in the top before storing, well wrapped, in greaseproof paper and foil. I generally make two of these cakes - one for adults and a fun one for the children (without whisky). When decorating, sieve approx. 3 dessertspoons of apricot jam and warm through. Paint over both cakes then cover with natural coloured almond paste. You will need 1lb of paste per cake. Cut the paste to the size of the cake base, place it on the top and then roll the remainder to fit the sides. Leave for one day before putting on icing to allow the marzipan to set. I ice the cakes with Royal icing which contains a quarter teaspoonful of glycerine. When icing the adult cake, use a spatula dipped in a jug of warm water to achieve a smooth surface. For the children's cake, make 'snow drifts' by lifting the icing with the tip of a dinner knife.



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Business is blooming for Mid Argyll entrepreneur

THE DEMAND for country-chic homeware, decorations and gifts has resulted in business success for one Mid Argyll entrepreneur.

Lynda Young, from Kilmartin, launched Tilly and Rose just over a year ago and is now meeting the needs of shoppers both locally and across the UK.

Launching the Tilly and Rose website six months ago, Lynda has created a platform for artisans to sell their beautiful and unique creations.

From shabby chic to handmade one-off pieces, the merchandise on offer appeals to a wide range of tastes and budgets.

'We have spent many hours sourcing

beautiful and mainly handmade gifts, finding some hugely talented craft workers who put love into everything they make,' Lynda said. 'We want to provide customers with a pleasurable shopping experience, with the hard work already done for them.'

Benefited

Lynda benefited from Business Gateway support to help her develop the Tilly and Rose brand both online and at craft fayres.

'Going through the arduous task of starting a business is always a challenge, especially with a job and a young family,' Lynda said. 'Business Gateway real-

ly helped guide me through the process.'

As well as support from her Business Gateway adviser Mary Kennedy, Lynda attended a Business Gateway workshop to help her create her online retail outlet.

Explaining the practical advice and support helped her open the business, Lynda said: 'I learnt some very valuable ideas both about our design and also about social media marketing.'

With a range of distinctive Christmas decorations now available to complement the gifts on offer, Lynda is looking forward to a busy festive season for Tilly and Rose.



Lynda Young with her Tilly and Rose gifts.

Small business checklist

This month:

- Prepare to submit your Self Assessment Tax Return if you are a sole trader or a partnership. The deadline for online submissions is 31 January 2011

- Get ready for winter conditions – whether you are based in business premises or are out on the road, make contingency plans for bad weather

- Consider whether a seasonal promotion could help boost your business

- If winter is the quiet season for your business, use the time for maintenance, developing marketing plans, stock-taking, or reviewing your suppliers

- If you notified HMRC under the 'VAT Initiative' campaign you need to send your VAT registration form by 31 December to take advantage of a reduced penalty.

Need help? Business Gateway offers support and advice, contact the local office on 01546 605 459.

Quality gifts at Coastal Design Gallery

AT Coastal Design Gallery in Campbeltown we aim to offer a collection of quality gifts chosen to reflect the essence of Kintyre.

Within this airy gallery you are welcome to

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In addition to exhibiting our own unique gold

jewellery designed and crafted here in Campbeltown by Grant Logan, we are fortunate to offer a wide selection of paintings by a wealth of talented local artists together with a variety of hand crafted glass, wood, jewellery and many other items, often with an interesting focus on stylish recycling.

Our aim has been to add to the wonderful range of individual shops that we are fortunate to have here in Campbeltown.

Whilst we appreciate

business from visitors to the area our emphasis is to provide a diverse selection of quality items for the resident community, to appeal to all ages and pockets.

We are often told that Campbeltown is a special place to browse and shop because of our excellent independent shops.

We hope that Coastal Design Gallery will add to this diversity of small individual retailers. We look forward to welcoming you.



Jane Logan with some of the hand-crafted glass on sale in the gallery.



Grant Logan's unique gold jewellery designed and crafted in Campbeltown.

Self-assessed tax return

THE TAXMAN is calling on all self-employed people to complete their self-assessed tax return forms.

Essential for all self-employed business people, tax returns update HM Revenue and Customs on a person's income and capital gains. The information will be used to help HMRC identify people that are entitled to tax relief and allowances.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway Team is offering advice and assistance on completing the forms, which have to be submitted online before January 31, 2012.

Urging locals to submit the forms as soon as possible, Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for enterprise, said the closing date for paper forms has already passed.

Where Should I Invest My Money These Days?

By Iain Reid

(Independent Financial Adviser)

THIS question is asked on a daily basis in banks, financial advisers' offices and indeed in living rooms and pubs across the country, and the correct answer is down to an individual's knowledge and experience of financial matters as well as some other factors.

As most of us are by nature, risk averse and do not want to put capital at risk, investing in a deposit account, seems to be the sensible thing to do while we wait for the markets to improve. How many people are reading this article and nodding their heads in agreement because that's what they have done? Quite a few I would imagine, however then consider how long have you been invested in cash waiting for 'real growth' to return?

Over recent years the combination of low interest rates and current inflation rates are simply eroding

the value of cash investments. If you are receiving gross interest of 2.5 per cent and inflation is running at 5.5 per cent then you have made an investment guaranteed to loss 3 per cent, per annum. What makes matters worse is that you may be taxed on the 2.5 per cent even although you have made a real loss!

So if cash in the bank is not the answer, what is the alternative? The simple answer is to use the correct type of funds or assets for the level of return you want to potentially achieve. The traditional methods of savings and investment have their limitations in the new financial world, which is continually evolving, however this evolution has led to innovation and development of products to combat inflation, to protect capital and to meet the needs of investors.

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Band on lookout for new members

CAMPBELTOWN Brass is on the look out for new musicians as it hopes to reach audiences all over Argyll.

The band, which already includes a number of Mid Argyll musicians, hopes to attract more young people to its ranks.

Holding regular beginners' workshops throughout Argyll, Campbeltown Brass hopes to attract new members to their well-established junior and senior bands.

Jamie McVicar, musical director of Campbeltown Brass, said it is a good time for the band to expand by performing additional concerts in other communities.

The band, which regularly performs in Lochgilphead, has a number of committed musicians from the town who make the 110-mile roundtrip to rehearsals twice a week.

For more information on Campbeltown Brass log on to www.campbeltownbrass.co.uk.



Mitchell Wishart, Dochy MacLean, John Docherty, Hughie Dunlop and Alex Millar before the 'public shaving' in the Victoria Hotel. 06_a49movenber01

Movember five raise £1,000

FIVE men from Lochgilphead have donned moustaches, goatees and beards throughout November in a bid to fight prostate cancer.

The men – Mitchell Wishart, Dochy MacLean, John Docherty, Hughie Dunlop and Alex Millar – grew a variety of comic facial hair in aid of men's charity Movember.

Raising £1,000 for the charity that promotes health and wellbeing amongst men, this is the second year Lochgilphead men have fundraised for the cause. Eager to return to a moustache-free life, hairdressers from Icon Hairdressing shaved the men's facial hair on Saturday in front of a crown at the Victoria Hotel.

School enterprise group sets up shop

LUXURY shortbread and a host of fun stocking fillers will on sale from a 'pop-up shop' in Lochgilphead this weekend.

The shop, which will be outside the Bank of Scotland on Lochnell Street, is the latest business venture of Lochgilphead High School's Young Enterprise Group.

Identifying a gap in the market for 'good value' Christmas gifts, the S6 students will be selling tea lights, candle holders, snow globes, diaries and cookbooks.

Exclusive suppliers of Crystals Shortbread, the pop-up shop will be the first Lochgilphead retailer to sell the luxury treats.

The teenagers will also offer a gift-wrapping service for their merchandise and presents purchased elsewhere at their stall, which opens on Friday night. The pop-up shop will open tonight between 5pm and 8pm and on Saturday and Sunday for the next two weekends between 9am and 5pm.

Ferry fares to rise by 6.5 per cent

Price increase a bitter blow for islands not included in RET scheme

FERRY fares will increase by 6.5 per cent from April – but only for those islands not included in the Roads Equivalent Tariff (RET) scheme.

Local authorities were last week advised of the above-inflation increase for all CalMac routes throughout the Clyde and Hebrides, as well as NorthLink connections to Orkney and Shetland.

The news will come as a bitter blow to islands like Mull, Lismore, Canna, Rum, Iona, Jura, Muck and Raasay, who have not been included in the expanded RET

scheme at this stage but continue to struggle against increased living and business costs.

There has already been some suggestion that the increased fares are in effect paying for the permanent extension of the RET to the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree, but Transport Scotland say the move has been forced by cuts imposed by the UK Government.

A spokesperson for Transport Scotland said: 'The decision was made in order to safeguard lifeline ferry services in light of cuts imposed on the Scottish Government by the UK Government

as well as increases in fuel costs.'

Mandie Currie, the chair of Lismore Community Council, said: 'I think we're all too busy struggling to get by to be angry at the increase. People are being squeezed from every angle and this won't be good for the island.'

Meanwhile, Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat MP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'This increase, well above the rate of inflation, is a blow to ferry passengers. The blow will fall most heavily on those islands, like Mull and Bute, which will not benefit from RET.'

Cast your vote for the stars of Scottish education

THE HUNT is on for the stars of education in Mid Argyll, as nominations open for the Scottish Education Awards 2012.

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A PAISLEY-based driving instructor is looking to provide drivers from the Argyll area with the opportunity to improve their technique of driving in the city, or to continue their driving lessons whilst at university or college.

Jennifer Owen, aged 34, whose family stay in Carradale, began her training in February 2008 with the British School of Motoring, while working full-time

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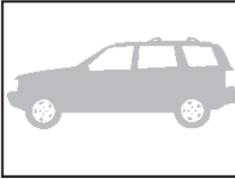


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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation' (Isaiah 12:2).

BIRTHS



WILSON - POTAKA

To Stephen Wilson and Raquel Potaka of Telok Kurau, Singapore, a son, Sam Turama Wilson, born November 17, 2011 at Mt Alvernia Hospital, Singapore. Mum and baby both well. A brother for Tyler and grandson for Archie and Margaret Wilson of Stewarton, Campbeltown and Lynne and Dr Paul Potaka of Nelson, New Zealand.

DEATHS

FORSHAW - Peacefully in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on December 6, 2011, Margaret Harvey McCormick, in her 93rd year, formerly of Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late John Forshaw, dear mother of Betty, Ian, Alex and Andrew, a loving and much loved grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, December 9 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 RNLI Campbeltown Branch.

KING - Peacefully on November 20, 2011 at Bournemouth Hospital, Jan (Miles), beloved wife of Alan, much loved mum of Colin and Stuart, loving gran and dear niece of the MacBrayne family.

WEST - Peacefully at home, 8E Meadowburn, Campbeltown, on December 5, 2011, Stuart West, in his 50th year, dearly beloved son of James and the late May West and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, December 9 at 2.00pm, 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 MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

WEST - In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, died December 2003 and Margaret Robertson beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977. Loved and remembered always.

MACKINNON - Callum (Ski). The family of the late Callum MacKinnon wish to express their sincere thanks to all, for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the many cards, letters of condolence and floral tributes received. Our thanks also go to the undertakers T A Blair of Campbeltown for their care and attention throughout and all others who took part in the service, helping to provide such a memorable tribute to Callum.

BROWN - Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Jamie, your life was one of kindly deeds and helping hands for our needs. Loved and remembered always.

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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services 11 December - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10 am
Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm (Readings and Carols)

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sunday Club

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 11th December 2011

Kilmartin Church 11.30am
Service of lessons and carols
Rev Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 11th December 2011

11.00am Morning Service
TONIGHT Friday 9th
Holiday Club Reunion
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Ladies Meeting
Monday 12th December
2.30pm
Christmas Tea
Messy Church
Wednesday 14th December
4.30pm
Scottish Charity SC015187

Highland Parish Church

SC002493

Saturday 10th December 2011

12 Noon - 2pm:
Christmas Lunches -
Kirk St Hall
£3 per head

Sunday 11th December 11.15am

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

JaM (P6+): Church 12.10pm

Time for Prayer 6.30pm
Campbeltown Churches Together

Christmas Service -
Machrihanish Village Hall
with Campbeltown Brass

Tuesday 13th December
Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall

Last one for the year...
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.30pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7

Wednesday 14th December 7.15pm

Bible Studies for Advent: 4
Manse

Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 11th December 2011

10.00am Breaking of Bread

Mr George J Stewart, Kilmartin

10.50am Coffee
11.15am Family Service with
Sunday School and Crèche
Mr George J Stewart, Kilmartin
7.00 Youth Group

Wednesday 14th December
10.00am Jollytots - Parent and
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7.30pm Bible Study and
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Friday, 9th December (Today)

Lunch Club
Christmas Lunch - 12:00 noon.

Sunday, 11th December
Kirk Session - 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs
Campbeltown Churches Together
Christmas Service
In
Machrihanish Village Hall
- 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 12th December
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Congregational Board 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 15th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street
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Sunday 11th December
12.45pm

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Speaker: Stan Holloway
"Faith"

Thursday 15 December 2011

7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

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Sunday 11th December 2011

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Morning Worship
Rev Cliff Acklam

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5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.00 noon Over 60's
Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League

Thursday
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New to you Stall
7.00pm Bible Study

Major Dolores Thomson

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Sunday 11th December 2011

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Vital three points for Red Star

Dunbartonshire Football Development League, Division B

EDFC Villa - 2
Red Star - 3

THE LOCHGILP-HEAD under 15 team was on the road again last weekend to face a team they had already beaten in the league this season.

There was a strong wind blowing down the pitch that Red Star faced in the first half but this did not deter the boys from trying to get the ball down and play a passing game.

Josh Coates was seeing plenty of the ball on the left wing and it was he who opened the scoring following a strong run into the box, waiting for the keeper to go to ground before calmly stroking the ball into the net. This settled the team down and they grew in confidence despite a few hefty tackles in the mid-field from Villa.

The second goal arrived and was a great team goal when, after a tremendous one touch passing movement involving McNeil, Dudding, Deans and Wylie through the centre of the pitch, Andrew Guy found himself through on the keeper and he made no mistake in scoring from 12 yards.

Not intent on making it an enjoyable afternoon for the small but vocal travelling support Villa pulled one back when a free kick was needlessly given away 20 yards from goal. With the wind at his back the Villa player fancied his chances and, although Miller saved the initial shot, the striker was first to react to the rebound to put his shot into the net.

Andrew McCallum came on for Michael McKinlay at the start of the second half and Cameron Wylie moved to left midfield and Coates to the right.

As in the first half chances came and twice the home keeper saved well from Guy to deny what would have been a match-winning goal. Deans was having a great game in centre midfield and again the home team were resorting to rough tactics to try and stop Red Star's passing game. Twice in five minutes Lochgilphead had chances from Deans' corners to extend their lead, Fergus Galbraith narrowly missing the target on both occasions.

Unbelievably Villa equalised when the Red Star defence went to sleep and allowed the striker to score past Miller in goal when it seemed easier to clear their lines. The home support was urging their team forward as they sensed the chance for an unlikely win.

Red Star had to dig deep to score what would eventually prove to be the winner. McNeil and Coates worked the ball down the right and when Coates found Guy in the box it would seem certain he would score. The defender made a crude challenge and as Lochgilphead claimed for a penalty the referee was not interested. The ball however had broken to Deans in the box and he wasted no time in despatching it into the net past the despairing dive of the keeper.

Dudding and Deans used all their experience to try and see out time as they kept the ball at the opposition corner until the referee blew the whistle.

A vital three points for Red Star that sees them jump to third place in the league, well placed to push for the title in the New Year.



Craig Young and Arron Whitefield are regulars at the soccer centre football training sessions. 12_a36soc02

Kick-off for Lochgilphead primary pupils

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre hope to re-start football sessions for primary two, three, and four pupils in the New Year.

The extra coaching will take place on Sundays inside the sports hall at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, with Fun Four games being played together with skills practice. Look out for more details being published in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Set piece defending lets boys down again

RED STAR under 13s travelled to Clydebank at the weekend where they quickly adjusted to the all weather surface at the Donald Dewar Leisure Centre.

Star's Liam Cameron almost put the team ahead after only seven minutes but the home keeper smothered the ball at his feet as he out-paced the defence and ran in on goal.

Two minutes later the

Dunbartonshire Football Development League

Clydebank BC - 6

Lochgilphead Red Star YFC Under 13 - 3

home side took the lead with a close range header from a corner.

But the Mid Argyll boys reacted well and Lorne MacFarlane scored two goals in four minutes to put them in front. Aaron Whitefield was central in setting up both goals and the sec-

ond was a well-worked team effort with Cammy Simpson and Arran Robertson also involved in the build up.

Unfortunately Lochgilphead couldn't hold on to their lead until half time, conceding another goal from a corner.

Lochgilphead's hopes

of a rare win were dashed by a first minute goal for Clydebank in the second half and they scored three more before Lucas Williamson scored a consolation in added time.

Star had several chances in the second half including a saved penalty and a Ryan Caskie overhead effort, from an excellent Liam Scott cross. But it was the boys defending at set pieces that

let them down again. Best for Lochgilphead were Allan Cameron who was solid in defence and Lorne MacFarlane for two cool finishes in only his second game back after injury.

Lochgilphead now face home and away games against Drumchapel United before Christmas, the first at Ropework Park on Sunday 11th, kick off 11am, weather permitting.

Carmichael is the prince of putting

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snow but he seems to like it the harder it gets; it's just the way he is.

Simon Taylor had a golfing lesson from his wife and as a result played dramatically better. He should be aware however that his next lesson will almost certainly include tips on ironing and laundry.

Robert Baxter had a

brilliant second nine holes and if he could contain his need to hit the ball a country mile he could win this competition. Neil Russell had been up all night working and, in a daze, he took on Ross in the knockout cup and very nearly beat him. It was a tie in the end and they will go again next week. Jim Hunter won nearest the pin at the ninth hole

with a measurement of 14 inches but David Sinclair was wearing his new varifocal lenses and insisted that he was closer at 12 foot four inches. Raymond Flanagan is due to go to the golf hospital to get his swing repaired but this may be a mistake as he has had a very successful year. Kenny Cameron and Grant MacDougall have volunteered to go

in his place and so they should.

Lee Hardman picked up the last of the points which is much better than the mat off shame, which went to John Davidson who has a fair collection of them.

Keith Cowan made some wonderful soup and the recipe is included in his new cookery book which should be out in time for Christmas

entitled - How to very nearly cook the almost perfect Christmas meal. It could be a bestseller if his soup is anything to go by. Results: 10. D Carmichael; 9. R Sinclair; 8. A MacAuley; 7. R Baxter; 6. N Russell; 5. J Hunter; 4. D Sinclair; 3. R Flanagan; 2. G MacDougall; 1. L Hardman Nearest the pin: 7. R Baxter; 9. J Hunter

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Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 4, 8 and 14. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £800 next week.

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 15, 18 and 20 drawn. The jackpot will be £900 next week.

THE JACKPOT for next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery is £300 after another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 5, 10, and 14.

Tarbert on their travels

THIS weekend Tarbert AFC travels to Dunoon to take on their 'B' side in the first round of the Coronation Cup.

Kick off is scheduled for 2pm with Jimmy Litster as referee.

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Lorenzo was identified as a future Olympic hopeful and handpicked to join the Bank of Scotland Local Heroes initiative earlier this year.

Lorenzo trains with Olympic athletes

TEENAGE sailor Lorenzo Chiavarini has been training with world-class Olympic athletes as he prepares to compete in the World Championships.

The Mid Argyll teenager has been training with the 2012 Great British Olympic team as he makes the transition between youth and adult competition.

Sailing with Olympians Paul Goodison and Nick Thompson, the 17-year-old says he has improved a lot in a short time.

'I was selected to train with the Olympic team in September and have

been training with all the gang in Weymouth,' Lorenzo said. 'It has been really good for my development and they have helped me to move into the new boat used in the men's standard competition.'

Lorenzo, who is ranked second in the Great British youth squad, is working to move from the youth laser radial boat to the men's standard sailing boat.

The Bellanoch boy will next year face his biggest challenge in the standard category as he takes part in the men's standard under 21 competition of the World Champion-

ships in Argentina. 'It will be my biggest event in the standard so it will be my biggest challenge to date,' Lorenzo said. 'It is my first overseas event in the standard too so I have no idea of the competition; but as I have been doing well in the Olympic squad I have high hopes.'

With the championship taking place in April, Lorenzo has a busy training schedule ahead.

Still living with his parents in Bellanoch, Lorenzo, who finished high school in July, trains full time under the watchful eye of sailing coach Peter Walker.

'Since leaving school I have been completely focused on sailing,' Lorenzo said. 'It's been a big help and I don't start university until next year. I travel to Weymouth every week to train for four or five days and I will be going to Palma for four special training events between January and April.'

Looking to the future, Lorenzo, who is a 2016 Olympic hopeful, said when the world championships is over he will continue training with the Olympic squad, an experience he describes as 'a great opportunity'.



Lorenzo sailed in the Lazar Radial class as both a youth and men's competitor at the world championship, held in La Rochelle.

Tarbert Gun Club holds winter league team shoot

TARBERT Gun Club held the December leg of its winter league team shoot on Sunday.

The weather blew any big scores away; in fact it was one of the lowest scoring events ever held.

The club had set up a very difficult sporting section and with the hail showers, the cold and strong winds a lot of targets kept on flying.

Ally McDonnell's lads increased their lead at the top of the team event over Bob McColl's boys. John Paton again pipped Brian Baird in the individual contest.

Did Norman beat Lynn this time? No he didn't,

it was a tie. He will still need to do better.

Results: Class A: 1 Brian Baird, 2 Ally McDonnell, 3 John Weir. Class B: 1 John Paton, 2 Andy Peden, 3 Akram Khan. Class C: 1 Alisdair McCallum, 2 Jonathon Gargan, 3 Niall Wilson. Class D: 1 Pierre Godts, 2 Even MacDonald, 3 Ian Wilson. Class E: 1 Michael Harvey Snr, 2 Bill Bidmead, 3 Michael Harvey Jnr. Teams: 1. A McDonnell, A Peden, A McCallum, I Winnard and M Harvey; 2. B McCall, A Khan, J Gargan, P Godts and B Peterson; 3. J Weir, A MacGilp, N Wilson, M Holder and M Harvey.

Carmichael is the prince of putting

DONALD Carmichael's putter is like a magic wand when he is on form. Adopting a trance like state he stands over the ball and just as you think he is going to sleep

abracadabra the ball is in the hole.

This was his finest moment as he beat Uncle Joe (Ross) with the last put of the day.

Needless to say this

was as welcome as a camping holiday on a wind farm on a windy day by Ross, who has never hidden his intent to win on every single week. Donald and

Ross have a history of savage competitiveness, which can lead to them cancelling each other out as they take their eye off the ball and this year is no different. They are

both playing well every week and are totally unbearable.

Alec MacAulay should know better at his age than to play golf in the

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