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Parking charges lifted for five days

CAR PARKING charges will be suspended for the five days before Christmas, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The charges will be suspended from December 20 until Christmas Eve inclusive.

The estimated loss in car parking revenue is estimated to be thousands of pounds but halting charges is considered to provide an overall benefit to local economy.

Police probe fourth theft of copper in four months



A Christmas Carol hits the right note with audience

Catriona Arnot and Jim Curnyn have been delighting audiences this week as part of the cast of *A Christmas Carol*. A production by Mid Argyll Musical Society and Mid Argyll Youth Chorus, the first show took place on Wednesday to rapturous applause. Theatregoers will have another opportunity to see the show tonight (Friday) and tomorrow, when it is staged at Ardrishaig Public Hall. 06_a49mus01

Empty Highland Heathers buildings targeted by thieves

THE ADMINISTRATORS of Highland Heathers are this week counting the cost of damage caused to Inverliever Nursery after it was targeted by thieves this week.

Thieves broke into the former nursery yard on Monday night and ripped out copper piping from the empty buildings.

The robbery marks the fourth theft of valuable metal in four months in Mid Argyll.

The spate of copper thefts began in September when SSE storage units at Allt Dearg Community Windfarm were broken into and £5,000 worth of copper stolen.

More metal was stolen from Furnace in October, whilst an SSE yard on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, was broken into two weeks ago.

Chief Inspector David Pettigrew said Strathclyde Police had launched an operation to target scrap metal thieves, who are operating all over the country.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Wednesday, Chief Inspector Pettigrew said: 'We have launched Operation Shield which focuses on stopping works vans and vehicles typically used to transport stolen metals, particularly at night.'

'We do regular patrols of these sites but unfortunately we cannot be there all the time. That is why we ask the public to be vigilant and report anything suspicious.'

Encouraging people to contact the police if they see vehicles hanging around closed premises or people acting suspiciously in their area, Mr

Pettigrew said: 'If it is a false alarm don't worry, we would always want to check it out.'

The Highland Heathers theft comes in the same week as administrators PKF put the 16-acre site up for auction.

Anne Buchanan, of Glasgow-based PKF told the *Advertiser* agents were on site assessing the damage as the paper went to press on Wednesday.

She said: 'I understand some copper was taken but I have not yet received the report from my agent on quantity or value, nor do I know at this time the extent of damage to the premises or how this will impact on the property value.'

The 16-acre Highland Heathers site is currently being auctioned with a guide price of £125,000.

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Councils back case for Kintyre to Troon ferry

THE BENEFITS of introducing a Kintyre to Troon ferry are being highlighted by Argyll and Bute Council this week in the lead up to the publication of the Scottish Government's Ferries Review.

The local authority, in partnership with Ayrshire Council, has written to transport minister Keith Brown to highlight the business and economic benefits the ferry would bring to both areas.

The authorities are in discussion with the

owner of Troon, Port Associated British Ports, and the Northern Irish Government to explore the possibility of a triangular route, including a port in Northern Ireland's east coast.

Deputy leader of Argyll and Bute Council, John Semple said: 'I firmly believe an Argyll - Ayrshire Service would bring significant benefits in both directions.'

'I believe there would be significant economic benefit connecting growing sectors in Argyll

with an accessible labour pool and supply chain capability via Troon, in particular for off-shore renewable energy, food production, whisky and tourism.

'A new service could also relieve freight pressures on the A83 and reduce transport emissions if it has the right pricing structure and timetable.'

Both councils will submit a detailed case on the potential of an Argyll - Ayrshire ferry service to Transport Scotland.



Staff, parents and children involved in Fyne Families projects will be in the Co-Op today (Friday) raffling tickets for their Christmas hamper.

MID ARGYLL Sports Centre played host to a fun fundraising night on Friday, hosted by Fyne Families.

A slot of half an hour was delegated to pre-school children, fol-

Report by Connor Boyd

lowed by a fun filled hour of ball games for school age children in the hope of raising funds for the services that Fyne Families offer; including Elfs

Nursery and the local after-school club.

Baking

The following morning the fundraising continued with parents and staff organising a coffee morning in the Bap-

tist Church, supplying homemade baking and serving hot drinks.

It was all smiles throughout both events, and after raising over £200, the smiles continued.

Bookmaker shuts up shop

THE BOOKMAKERS in Lochgilphead ceased trading on Saturday.

The betting shop, owned by Archie McKellar, has closed due to a loss in business and difficult trading circumstances.

Mr MacKellar, from Campbeltown, first opened the bookies in 1994. He told the *Advertiser* the growth in on-

line gambling and a drop in people's disposable income meant they were not placing bets in the shop. Things have gotten very quiet and that is why we are closing,' Archie said.

Explaining people can bet on computers and mobile phones, Archie added: 'People are feeling the pinch at the minute. It's not like it used to be.'

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Appointments appeal

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Police files

POLICE are searching for the person who trapped a kitten inside a wheely bin in Furnace last week.

Someone put the kitten in the bin outside a house in the village between 6pm last Monday, November 19 and 5.30am the following morning. Police are appealing for anyone with any information to contact them on 01546 702200.

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A CAR, parked on Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, was vandalised overnight on Monday, November 27 as the car bonnet was dented.

Police are appealing for witnesses to contact them on 01546 702200.

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A PENSIONER is being investigated for drink driving after a sample of his breath tested positive for alcohol.

The 65-year-old was stopped by police at 12.10pm on Tuesday, November 27, while driving on the A83 in Lochgilhead. The man later provided a blood sample, which has been sent to a laboratory for analysis.

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WITNESSES are being sought after a teenage girl was assaulted on Front Street, Inveraray.

The teenager was assaulted by a man at 7.20pm on Wednesday, November 28.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is being urged to contact Lochgilhead Police Station on 01546 702200.

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A SET of aluminium ladders were stolen from outside a house in Brodie Crescent, Lochgilhead. The steps were taken between 10am last Wednesday and 2pm last Friday.

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A 55-year-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal after allegedly found driving a car without an MOT certificate.

The man was stopped by police at 4.45pm on Saturday on the A83 in Inveraray.

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A YOUNG man was allegedly found in possession of cannabis in Lochgilhead, on Sunday. Police stopped and searched the teenager on Lochnell Street at 12.30am.

Concerned residents reassured

RESIDENTS of a sheltered housing complex in Tarbert are being reassured that they will not be ousted from their homes when the local housing authority does refurbishing work.

Concern had been expressed this week that elderly residents of Lochgair Place would be asked to leave their homes when Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) did

work to rewire the properties. A Tarbert man, who did not want to be named, said he was concerned residents, many who are elderly, frail and disabled, would be left 'with nowhere to go'.

However ACHA this week told the *Advertiser* that it was merely recommending householders leave the property. Chief executive of ACHA Alastair MacGre-

gor said: 'The association does not require tenants to leave their homes during the works but we recognise that because of the scale of the work required, it may suit our tenants to move out during the day when the work is on-site. The association plans to have a place where tenants can go during the day, which is warm, where they can get a cup of tea or coffee and watch tel-

evision. He added: 'The Association's Housing Management staff will be able to liaise with and answer any queries our tenants may have regarding the programme of works.'

A start date for the works to be done to the 13 ACHA properties has not yet been set but ACHA has said it will confirm the date and time with tenants in the New Year.



Argyll Brass impress at their debut performance at the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships.

ARGYLL Brass, the Lochgilhead-based youth brass band, has won a silver award at its debut performance at the Scottish Open and Youth Championships.

Despite only being set up in January this year, the band impressed judges at the competition, the biggest event of its kind in Scotland, held at Perth Concert Hall.

Winning rave reviews with their rousing performance in front of an audience, competition judges said the band gave 'a good performance, stirring in effect.'

The award is a major coup for the band as many of its young members had never performed at this level of competition.

Members of the band

described it as a thrilling experience.

Funky

Asked what was their favourite part, one member said: 'When we all stood up at *African Funk* and everybody was clapping.'

'It made you want to really get the best sound possible.'

Another said their favourite part was walk-

ing out on the stage to a cheering crowd.

Musical director of Argyll brass Darren Tarn said: 'This has been an incredible year and what was achieved in Perth was remarkable.'

'The band has performed at many public performances this year and we are looking forward to doing the same next year.'

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Assault charge not proven

AN ASSAULT charge against a man who was accused of hitting a stranger in Achnabreac Forest was found not proven in court this week.

Edward MacGinty, 68, of Elaside, Achnabreac, Lochgilhead, was accused of hitting a woman in the face at a wooded area of Achnabreac on February 12 following a dispute over their dogs when out walking.

However, after hearing evidence from the accused, alleged victim, police and another witness, Sheriff Iain Fleming said the charge could not be proven beyond reasonable doubt.

SWRI spotlight on Captain Scott's Antarctic adventure

LADIES from Lochgilhead, Ford and Tarbert WRI joined the Kilmichael Glassary WRI for an illustrated talk by Falcon Scott on his Antarctic Adventure.

He is the grandson of Captain Scott of the Antarctic, who made his way to the South Pole 100 years ago.

The ladies were

entertained by some beautiful photography of the area and the animals which survive in the cold conditions.

The competitions for the meeting were: Viennese Fingers: 1 C Litster, 2 E Rhodick, 3 C Smith. Fingerless Mitts: 1 J Blackwood, 2 J McIver, 3 M Campbell.

High school Christmas market fun

FACE painting, Rosa Jewellery, raffle prizes and a range of gift stalls will be at Lochgilhead High School today (Friday) as part of the school's Christmas Market.

Kicking off at 9.15am, the market will feature gifts from countries around the world and Santa is due to drop in on the event, which runs until midday.

Teenagers take up role as sport ambassadors

TWO TEENAGERS from Mid Argyll have been charged with delivering the legacy of the Olympic Games in the area and getting more young people involved in sport.

As young sport ambassadors for Lochgilhead High School, Alistair MacVicar and Fraser MacNicol, recently met British Olympic athletes in a bid to learn more about inspiring people to take up sport.

Taking part in the Sport Scotland National Programme, the teenagers recently made a trip to the Commonwealth Games 2014 Arena in Glasgow for the Sports Ambassador Conference, where they met members of Team GB.

Speaking about the trip, Alistair said: 'The conference was fantastic. We got to meet Emily Maguire from the Team GB hockey side which was great.'

'We met with other young ambassadors from Scotland and took part in games and dis-

cussed ideas to get people more involved.'

Alistair and Fraser, both 17, were named sports ambassadors for their school in recognition of their contribution to sporting life there and leadership skills.

New ideas

Following their time at the conference the duo are putting some of their own ideas into action.

They have already raised £300 through a dress as you please day, which will be used to buy sports strips for the school.

'We have a red post box in the school where students can post their ideas and put in suggestions about what they would like to see happen with sport in the school,' Fraser said.

Explaining their goals for the future, Fraser added: 'We really want to get more people involved in the clubs.'

'At the moment there are very few people taking part and we really want to get more girls involved as well.'



Fraser MacNicol and Alistair MacVicar went to the Commonwealth Games 2014 Arena in Glasgow to attend the Sports Ambassadors Conference.

New council bid to tackle Japanese Knotweed

A NEW plan to tackle an invasive species of plant on land owned by Argyll and Bute Council should come into force next year.

Able to undermine foundations, Japanese Knotweed takes years to treat by spraying and locals have expressed frustration that not enough is being done to remove the weed from publicly owned property.

However, councillor Louise Glen Lee has said action was being taken.

It is hoped private landowners would follow the council's lead and treat growths of Japanese Knotweed in the same way, she added.

The weed has been spreading across the county and can take three years to kill.

Man guilty of dangerous driving

A MAN who overtook a learner driver, snapping the car's wing mirror and forcing another motorist to swerve to avoid a serious crash has managed to hold on to his driving licence.

Daniel MacDonald, of 7 Mackintosh Way, Lochgilhead, had eight points added to his licence after pleading guilty to dangerous driving when he appeared at Lochgilhead Annexe of Du-noon Sheriff Court on Wednesday.

MacDonald admitted driving at excessive speed, overtaking a car, colliding with it and causing another car to swerve onto the verge of the road on the A816 Lochgilhead to Oban road on August 7, 2012.

'Misjudged'

The 23-year-old said he 'misjudged' the overtaking manoeuvre.

Defence agent Gordon Williams told the court MacDonald needed his driving licence to commute to his work on a Mid Argyll fish farm.

Sheriff Fleming told MacDonald he 'did not treat his driving licence with the respect it deserved' and fined him £540.

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Missing pensioner found dead

A TAYVALLICH pensioner who went missing from his home on Wednesday, November 28, has been found dead.

Police launched a search for the man, named locally as Donald MacDonald, last Wednesday morning using men on the ground and a search helicopter, but later found him dead at Lochan Taynish.

Police tried to resuscitate the 78-year-old when they found him at 6pm but could not revive him. They have confirmed there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

Young driver drunk in charge of vehicle

A YOUNG driver received 10 penalty points on his licence after being found asleep and drunk behind the wheel of his car.

Stephen Povey was found by police asleep in the driver's seat of his car, parked on Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead, in the early hours of the morning on October 6.

Povey, of Smithy House, Kilmartin, pled guilty to being drunk and in charge of a vehicle when he appeared at Lochgilhead annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

Defence agent Rubin Murdanaigum told the court that whilst Povey, 24, had put the car key in the ignition he had no intention of driving, but planned to sleep in the car and catch a bus in the morning.

Sheriff Fleming fined Povey £520.

MSP vows to cut down on mobile phone costs

AN ARGYLL-based MSP claimed expenses for nearly £1,800 in mobile phone bills alone in the last financial year.

Jamie McGrigor, a Highlands and Islands MSP for the Scottish Conservatives, claimed £1,745.27 back from the taxpayer in the 2011/12 financial year as part of an overall £27,767.44 expenses claim.

Meanwhile, Argyll and Bute SNP MSP Michael Russell claimed a total of £30,091.62, including a refurbishment of the party's office in Oban. Highlands and Islands list MSP Mike Mackenzie of the SNP claimed total expenses

of £26,712.99 for the financial year. The claims for the last financial year were published by the Scottish Parliament last week.

Mr McGrigor's mobile phone costs were among the highest to be claimed by any Scottish MSP in the last financial year.

It includes rental charges of £50 per year through Vodafone Corporate.

Standard calls are charged at 30p per minute by the provider, suggesting Mr McGrigor spent just under eight hours on the phone per month.

However, the company offers a contract at

£12.92 per month less VAT that includes 10 hours of free calls a month – representing an 11-fold saving over Mr McGrigor's claim.

While Mr McGrigor accepts he does make heavy use of his phone, he has pledged to cut down on his costs after *The Oban Times* queried the claim.

He said: 'I readily accept that I do use my mobile phone a lot, especially for calling constituents all across my huge region of the Highlands and Islands as well as stakeholders and interest groups, but these are key parts of my job.'

'I will certainly endeavour to use landlines more regularly and to avoid calling directory enquiry numbers.'

Mr McGrigor also claimed £4,805.78 in travel expenses and £9,967.13 for his Edinburgh accommodation. Among his most expensive claims was £1,636 for an Apple Macbook Pro.

Mike Mackenzie claimed £6,230.38 in travel and £10,876.20 for his Edinburgh flat.

Michael Russell claimed £7,344.13 in travel expenses and £8,269.04 in costs for his Edinburgh flat.

Man to stand trial on assault charge

A TARBERT man who stands accused of assaulting a woman in her own home and attempting to assault police officers will stand trial at Oban Sheriff Court.

David Beckett, 36, of Braeside, Castle Street, Tarbert, appeared from custody at the court on Monday. He is also

accused of kicking a door, possessing cannabis and verbally abusing, threatening and violently struggling with police officers.

Beckett denies all charges and was released on bail. He will stand trial on February 20 next year and is expected to appear again on February 5.

Ardfern man accused of refusing breath test

AN ARDFERN man appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday accused of failing to provide a roadside breath test.

Michael Dyer, 49, is also alleged to have refused to provide two specimens of breath in

Lochgilhead Police Office.

Dyer, of Ardlarach Chalet, Ardlarach Road, Ardfern, denies the charges and is expected to stand trial on January 9 next year. He will appear again on December 11.



Louise Farmer, screening radiographer, with Michael Bradley, 65, who was in for an aneurysm scan with health care support worker Fiona Munro. 06_a49scan01

Men urged to get scanned

MEN over the age of 65 in Mid Argyll are being urged to go for a scan that could prove life saving.

The scan, which looks for aortic aneurysms in the abdomen, will be offered to men in the area in the coming weeks after a new screening programme was launched at Mid Argyll Community Hospital on Monday.

Aneurysms, which occur when the wall of the main artery into the

abdomen becomes weak and swells, often have no symptoms and can prove fatal if they burst.

Men will automatically receive a letter asking them to go for a scan.

Louise Farmer a screening radiographer said it is vital men get checked out.

'Today we have detected three aneurysms, so it shows these scans can make a difference,' she said.

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Those Were The Days

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PARENTS and concerned residents of Kilmichael Glassary have vowed to continue to fight against the proposed closure of Glassary Primary School.

At a packed public meeting on Monday night in the school, attended by 60 people, Archie Morton, director of education with Argyll and Bute Council, and Joe McGeer, head of resource management within education, explained the council's difficulties. They urged the audience to look at the bigger picture and argued that savings made from the closure of Glassary Primary School would help improve education throughout Argyll and Bute.

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TEN tour operators from Durban in South Africa recently swapped the shores of the Cape for the shores of Loch Fyne and Loch Lomond during a fact-finding tour.

The group visited several Mid Argyll attractions, including Ardkinglas Woodland Gardens, Inveraray Castle, Inveraray Jail and the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

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A MAN from Ford is raising money to improve the treatment of heart attack victims in Mid Argyll.

Alick Beaton, aged 45, is currently organising a third sponsored walk to raise money for a treadmill machine in the Mid Argyll Hospital.

Alick told *The Advertiser* it was his way of saying 'thank you' to the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital who nursed him back to good health following his heart attack in January.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



A crowd of us gathered on a winter evening at Putechan Hotel to explore the wonders of the universe.

Unfortunately cloud precluded us from stargazing but we were treated to the most wonderful lecture from Alec MacKinnon, an astrophysicist originally from Campbeltown and now at Glasgow University.

Facts and figures bemused and overwhelmed us, but the wonder of it all was what registered in my mind.

I was completely awestruck by some of Alec's amazing photographs of the stars and planets.

As we remembered our planet is some four and a half billion years old and that the light from some of the stars takes millions of years to reach us, it made me feel very small indeed.

The night sky is beyond my comprehension and I remembered the psalmist who also gazed at a starry sky and wondered how the creator of all this could care for each one of us so deeply.

Over 2,000 years ago there were other stargazers looking for a very special sign in the night sky over Bethlehem. The Magi were told that an extremely bright star would herald the birth of the Messiah. These early astronomers had spent their lives studying the configuration of the planets, and it is thought the star they saw may have been a meeting of Jupiter and Saturn.

It is amazing to think that we are looking at the same stars today, but with the expertise of folks like Alec, we can understand so much more about our universe. As we left the hotel after enjoying conversations over a delicious supper, I looked up. The clouds had cleared and there in the east was Jupiter rising majestically into the darkest of skies which was now a twinkle of stars.

The heavens surely declare the glory of God as we wait once again for a birth.



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* archives and was taken in June 2002. The picture is of James Bates, David Stuart, Kyle Macfarlane and Jamie Taylor who were taking part in Tarbert raft race. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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Christmas Lights Switch On thanks

Sir,
May I, of behalf of our committee - Betty Rhodick, Fergus Murray, Jimmy Litster, Sam Balkeen, Pat McGinlay, Ina McDonald and Stephen Hunter - thank everyone who assisted in any way in making this year's switch on a great success as usual.

Special thanks go to this year's sponsors: The Mid Argyll Pipe Band, Army Cadets, Archie Ferguson for the 'stage' and Roddy MacDonald for the car.

The list goes on I do hope I have not forgotten anyone - sorry if I have.

Lastly many thanks to Argyll and Bute Council for the truly magnificent

tree, Ryan McGlynn with his street lighting gang, without whom the display would not have taken place and to the millennium girls.

Brian Christie, Chairman, Lochgilphead Christmas Lights Committee

Give 'bank' bus drivers more shifts

Sir,
I am a frequent user of the bus service in Mid Argyll, supplied by West Coast Motors.

I believe there is only one bus driver on the school run that is employed by the company on a full-time basis. I find this unsatisfactory.

Using the local bus service on a daily basis I have come to know the

many other bus drivers that form the bank staff I find them helpful and very kind.

These drivers do not get as many shifts as they would like and I believe it is very important for them to be given permanent roles.

They should be placed on the rota and given regular shifts.

Susan Campbell, Mid Argyll resident.

Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships

Sir,
We are keen to encourage schools in your area to take part in the first Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, which are due to take place on March 10 next year at Broughton High School in Edinburgh.

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MSPs must tighten the purse strings

AS RESIDENTS in Mid Argyll struggle financially in these tough economic times, it was shocking to find out this week that MSP Jamie McGrigor claimed £1,800 in expenses for his mobile phone bill.

The phone bill of the Highlands and Islands MSP was revealed as one of the highest of Scottish MSPs when the Scottish Parliament published expenses for the last financial year.

It is estimated Mr McGrigor talks on his phone for eight hours a month through Vodaphone Corporate, yet the company offer a contract at £12.92 per month less VAT with ten hours free calls.

If MSPs are given the responsibility of looking after the needs of their constituents they should perhaps be more aware of how much and what they are spending taxpayers hard-earned cash on. Many residents in Mid Argyll are struggling to pay standard bills and starting to feel the spending cuts made by the government, perhaps MSPs should think about tightening their purse strings as well.

The idea of the competition is to provide an event for established and new bands to compete in what should be an inspiring event.

The championships are being run with the blessing of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association but will not be one of their official events.

The association has also kindly agreed to waive its rules on membership to allow young players registered with a non-school band to play for their school at this competition.

Already over 20 schools from across the country have signed up to take part in this new initiative, which will become an annual event.

We would like schools with even just four pipers on their roll to consider participating it what will be an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Every school needs a pipe band.

David Johnston, Chairman, Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships

Poor turnout of Mid Argyll athletes

Sir,
The organisers of the Mid Argyll round of the Argyll Athletics Championships wish to say a special thank you to all the competitors and parents who supported the competition.

However we were disappointed with the entry numbers this year.

The coaches were surprised by the poor entry considering almost 100 different boys and girls have attended weekly training since September but obviously the Olympic competitive spirit has had no effect in Mid Argyll.

Mid Argyll Athletics Club.



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Get ready for winter

BUSINESSES in Mid Argyll are being urged to get ready for winter.

A new Scottish Government website www.readscotland.org features a range of practical tips to help businesses.

These include:

☐ Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for all aspects of your business.

☐ Staff may be unable to get to work - make sure you know what to do to keep the business going in their absence and even consider remote or flexible working.

☐ What does 'essential travel' mean for your business and staff? Plan ahead and talk to your staff about what 'essential travel' means.

☐ Be prepared for all kinds of severe weather - if you look after your customers and staff this will build you a reputation for reliability and help maintain your cash flow.

☐ Have a contingency plan in place on how you would manage if there was a power cut, or failure of your phones or other utilities.

☐ While preparing for severe weather it gives you the opportunity to check that you are not taking unnecessary risks elsewhere in your business - like equipment or IT failure.

☐ Use social media and other methods of communication during severe weather to keep in touch with your customers, suppliers and staff.

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Family duo plugs market gap with new clothing store

Affordable fashion for babies to young adults

A MID ARGYLL builder has moved into the fashion industry and forged a business partnership with his daughter as he opens a Lochgilphead clothes shop.

Donald Duff and daughter Amanda Brown have launched D&D's Clothing Store on Lochnell Street, selling clothes for all ages from babies to young adults.

An exciting time for the duo, the business marks Amanda's return to Lochgilphead and a change of career after living away from the area for more than a decade.

Amanda, who worked in the hospitality sector for many years and was a youth worker at Lochgilphead Community Centre in the 1990s, will be moving into the world of fashion for the first time. 'I thought I would

be back in the pub trade but the opportunity of the shop came up and we had a look at it,' Amanda said.

'We thought there was a real need for a clothing shop here.'

Explaining the business follows the name of her father's building company, Amanda said: 'My dad's name has a ring to it and it was his idea that we open a clothing store - he saw a gap in the market.'

Right idea

'I researched it and realised he had the right idea.'

Catering for the teenage and young adult market, the shop, which has been open for four weeks, is already proving popular with locals.

Amanda said: 'I was catering for teenagers but people have been coming in and asking for specific things so it has grown from there. We stock clothes for young



Amanda Brown has launched D&D's Clothing Store in Lochgilphead to offer affordable fashion to Mid Argyll teenagers. 06_a49fashion01

people and a small range of everything else.'

Hoping the shop will provide an affordable alternative to long shopping trips to Glasgow for children's

clothing, Amanda said the clothes and pricing in store are 'reflective of the economic climate'.

The Lochnell Street shop is another welcome boost to the

business community in Mid Argyll, as Amanda and her father have renovated the former VisitScotland tourist office, which has lain empty for two years.

Winehouse shuts up shop permanently

ALCOHOL retailer Winehouse appears to have shut up shop permanently in Lochgilphead after the landlord repossessed the Lochnell Street store last week.

Winehouse closed its doors in July claiming it was revamping the store and wine stock.

However the upgrade never took place and landlord MacLeod Construction Ltd took possession of the property.

A notice placed on the door said: 'The landlord has taken possession of this property and changed the locks. All enquiries to MacLeod Construction Ltd.'

Seeking buyer

Parent company of the Winehouse chain BrandInvestGroup Ltd had confirmed in recent months that it was seeking a buyer following the death of one of its co-founders last year. Phillip Craig, the remaining director of the Paisley-based company, was unavailable for comment as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press but we understand the business has gone into liquidation.

Holiday firm award double

A FAMILY business that has been providing holiday accommodation and facilities in Argyll for more than 40 years has been recognised with two top industry awards.

Argyll Holidays, managed by the Campbell family of Lochgoilhead, was

awarded the Best in Britain award for lodges and parks for its Lochgoilhead estate at the Hoseasons Customer Service Awards.

The UK-wide event, held recently in Birmingham, also saw the business named best provider of relaxing and exploring holidays

in Scotland. Keith Campbell, managing director, of Argyll Holidays said: 'I believe these awards reflect Argyll Holidays' vital role in Scottish tourism and our commitment to providing exemplary customer service and a fantastic customer experience.'

Scenery

'Argyll features some of the most spectacular scenery and coastlines in the UK, and our fabulous holiday parks ensure guests from all over the UK and further afield have the opportunity to explore all we have to offer.'

Drimsynie Estate Holiday Village, Lochgoilhead, offers a range of self-catering accommodation from luxury lodges with hot tubs to modern caravans. The estate has nine hole golf course, swimming pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, gym and indoor bowls.

A Christmas Cracker!

WHEAT'S LIVE MUSIC MALLS

Christmas Weekend
 Thursday 20th - dj Jamie G
 Friday 21st - dj Kerry
 Saturday 22nd - dj Jamie G

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th
Violent Echo

Boxing Day - Wednesday 26th
Medium High

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 Friday 28th - dj Kerry
 Saturday 29th - dj Jamie G

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Craft club raises £820 for good causes

MONTHS of knitting, sewing, quilting and crafting beautiful goods has paid off for Ardrishaig Craft Club.

The club, which recently held its annual sale of work, has raised £820 this year, which it will donate to worthy causes throughout Argyll. The sale, which also included a coffee morning, saw a wealth of handmade goods and gifts on display, highlighting the talent of the 20 crafters in the club. Kay Ballantine from the Ardrishaig Club said: 'We have raised £820 so we are really delighted with that. There are so many organisations trying to raise money so we are delighted with the support of the community.'

Members of the club will hold a business meeting in January to decide how the money will be spent and what charities they will support in 2013.

Ardrishaig Craft Club, which has been running for 16 years, meets every Monday afternoon in the North Church Hall.



The Christmas Coffee Morning is a highlight on the Red Cross social calendar for the many local volunteers who run the event. 06_a49red01

Christmas coffee morning boosts Red Cross coffers

MORE than £400 has been raised to support Red Cross projects in Mid Argyll following a coffee morning on Saturday.

Residents of Mid Argyll turned out in force to support the charity's annual Christmas coffee morning at the weekend, which saw volunteers serve up a warming cup of tea, coffee and festive treats.

Funds

The coffee morning and raffle helped raise vital funds for the charity which provides crucial transport links for elderly and vulnerable people living in rural Argyll.

The money will contribute towards the running costs of the Red Cross Ambulance and 4X4 car used to access isolated areas, provide wheelchairs, first aid courses and the loan other medical equipment.



Robert Livingston raised a cuppa to Red Cross on Saturday. 06_a49red02

Victorian ghost story on Tarbert big screen

Film club's Christmas blockbuster

A VICTORIAN ghost story will be screened in Tarbert tomorrow (Saturday) as the local film club celebrates Christmas.

The Woman in Black, an adaptation of Susan Hill's novel, is part of a succession of supernatural yarns, written to be told around the fireside at Christmas.

The film centres around Arthur Kipps (Daniel Radcliffe), a young lawyer who is depressed by the loss of his wife after giving birth to a son. He is assigned to prepare a large house for sale on a marsh and travels to an obscure village where he is shunned by most of the townspeople.

Arthur visits the Eel Marsh House, the estate of the late Alice Drabow, to look it over, but finds his job has grown more perilous as it is haunted

by the ghost of a woman scorned. He learns from the villagers that the ghost of the woman in black seeks revenge against their children because her child was taken away from her. Kipps is befriended by Sam (Ciaran Hinds) and his wife Elizabeth (Janet McTeer). They too have lost a son and help the lawyer to investigate the background of the estate and what happened.

Originally published in 1982, Susan Hill's ghost story has been adapted for radio and TV, and a stage version has been running for more than 20 years in London's West End.

This year saw the story made into a blockbuster movie, featuring Harry Potter's Daniel Radcliffe.

The film will be screened in Templar's Hall at 8pm.



Daniel Radcliffe, star of *The Woman in Black*, won rave reviews for his performance in the film.

Community Noticeboard

The Salvation Army
Presents
THE TOWN CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 9th December 2012 at 7.00pm
in the Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown
Led by Majors Elwyn and Carol Harries
Offering in support of the work of the local corps

NHASMA
Thursday 13th December
From the Ice Age to the Present: Geological & Landscape Evolution in Mid Argyll
Dr. Roger Anderton
All meetings are on Thursday evenings at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and commence at 7.00pm
Attendance free to members, visitors £1 per head
Any queries to membership Secretary Phil Holt on 01546 810205 or e-mail glasvaar@btinternet.com

M.A.L.I.'s
Something Special Craft Fair
December 8th
Baptist Church Lochgilphead
10am - 2pm
Mince Pies, Coffee
Soup from 12.30pm
Christmas Solved!
Scottish Reg Charity SCO38694

Inveraray & District Accordion and Fiddle Club
Argyll Hotel, Inveraray
Wednesday 12th December
At 8.00pm
Guest Artists
Charlie Kirkpatrick Trio
Supporting players most welcome

Steven Osborne (piano)
6pm Wednesday 12 December
at Crear, Kilberry, by Tarbert
Medtner-Sonata romantica op.53 no.1
Rachmaninov-Variations on a Theme of Corelli
Medtner-2 Skatski op.20
Rachmaninov-Piano sonata no.2
Drinks and festive nibbles will be served • donations welcome on the night

Mid Argyll Musical Society
and Mid Argyll Youth Chorus
presents **A Christmas Sing-A-Long**
in Ardrishaig Public Hall
on Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm
Tickets Adult £5.00 Concess & Children £3.00
Tickets at the Door
Ticket Price includes
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Shortbread
(Come Along & Join in Singing Your Favourite Christmas Songs)

Campbeltown Heritage Centre
TABLE TOP SALE
Saturday 15th December
10am - 1pm
Tables £8
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
on Saturday 8th December
11am - 3pm at Lochgilphead Community Centre
Teas, coffees and homebaking, face painting, tombola,
Lots of ideas for that special Christmas Present.
In aid of the Dochas Carers Centre and the Kate McGlynn Holiday Home

DALRIADA ACCORDION & FIDDLE CLUB
Tues 11th December
with Local Artists
Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead
7.30pm
Admission £5.00
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Tarbert Music Centre
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday 16 December
in Tarbert Village Hall at 7.30pm
Adults £4.00 • School age children £3.00 • Concessions £3.00

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 8th December
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Usual stalls.

KINTYRE CARE HOME
are holding a Prize Bingo at Argyll Bowling Club
on Tuesday December 11.
Eyes down at 8pm.

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Carradale Drama Club
Presents
GOLDBLOCKS
By Isabella C. Rae
In Carradale Village Hall
Friday 7th December at 7.30pm &
Saturday 8th December at 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Adults £5 • Children £3

Argyll Voluntary Action COMMUNITY AWARD FAIR
Saturday 8th December
2pm to 4pm
Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road (between Co-op & Tesco)
Prizes for Over 25 & Under 25 volunteer & group winners will be awarded at the event.
Donations will be presented through the Community Shop Fund.

Skerryvore return to Tarbert in New Year

RENOWNED ceilidh band Skerryvore will be making a return to Tarbert in the New Year as the band tours the country playing tracks from their latest album, *World of Chances*.

The band, which performed at Tarbert Music Festival in September, will be back in the Loch Fyne village on January 5 for a gig in Tarbert Village Hall.

Tour

Tarbert is one of 14 gigs that feature on the band's winter tour, which begins in Aberdeen on December 14.

The deluxe edition of *World of Chances*, featuring two live performances, including *Rocket to the Moon*, three new acoustic tracks and the band's unique version of *Caledonia*, went on sale on Saturday.



Craft fair success

Nicola Baikie, Sue MacDougall and Mairi Fleck were among dozens of Argyll craftsmen and women to put their goods on display at Kilmartin House Museum at the weekend.

Taking part in the annual Christmas Craft Fair, the crafters set up stalls selling jewellery, accessories, fine knits, art, ornaments, candles, cards and decorations. 06_a49craft01

Raffle prizes galore

WHISKY connoisseurs have been dropping into the MS Centre this week as the local charity raffles off an Ardbeg Hamper as part of its Christmas celebrations.

Tickets for the hamper from the Islay distillery have been on sale all week and a winner will be chosen at the MS Centre's Christmas

Craft Fair tomorrow (Saturday).

The event, held at Lochgilphead Baptist Church between 10am and 2pm, will see a host of prizes raffled off, whilst local crafts people sell handmade Christmas cards, felt wrapped soaps and purses, glass vases, quilts and jewellery.

Gift of song and festive cheer

THE CHRISTMAS Gift will arrive in Mid Argyll this week as locals unite to offer the gift of song and festive cheer to families in the area.

Members of the Church of Scotland's Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford and North Knapdale congregations have joined forces to tell the story of Christmas through song as they perform Graham Kendrick's *The Gift*.

Organised as part of the Church of Scotland's outreach initiative, members of the two congregations sought to mark the start of the festive season in a new way, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life.

Looking at the talents within their numbers, the two congregations decided to come together to form a choir and



Twenty budding choristers have met faithfully over the last few months to learn *The Gift*, under the guidance of organist Sue Grocock. 06_a47singers01

perform the renowned musical.

More than 20 budding choristers have met faithfully over the last few months to learn the songs under the guidance of organist Sue

Grocock. The fruits of their labour can be heard when they perform *The Gift* in Kilmartin Church on Sunday evening and Tayvallich Church on Monday.

The performances,

which offer people the chance to listen to the story of Christmas unfold in a new way and enjoy a cuppa and a mince pie with friends and neighbours, begins at 7.30pm.



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Glenbarr Abbey Charitable Trust
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 Music with Gus MacAlister

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
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Synopsis: Skyfall. Bond's mission is to keep a computer drive that has a list of British agents from being used against them. He chases the man who has it and they have a brawl on top of a train. Eve, an agent sent to assist Bond has them in her cross hairs but hesitates to take the shot because she might hit Bond but M orders her to take it. She does, and hits Bond who falls into the river and is believed to be dead.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

7 Deviate (6)
 8 Hint at (6)
 9 Harmony (4)
 10 Without any missing (8)
 11 From rock (7)
 13 What assails one's nostrils (5)
 15 Turf (5)
 17 Underwater bloodsucker... (7)
 20 ...bug (8)
 21 Bounce back (4)
 23 One who pays (6)
 24 What is to occur (6)

Down

1 Not close (4)
 2 A divine revelation (6)
 3 Comprised of somewhat independent coll (7)
 4 Avalanche (5)
 5 Nasty (6)
 6 Show of appreciation (8)
 12 Deep down (8)
 14 Leave (7)
 16 Devastated (6)
 18 Fast (6)
 19 Irritated (5)
 22 Where you are (4)

Last week's solution

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Schools shout out!

Welcome to the *Advertiser's* new Schools Shout Out page, which highlights the wonderful achievements of young people in the area and gives our readers an insight into life inside the classroom. Once a month we aim to bring news of work being done by the 13 schools in Mid Argyll.



Tayvallich pupils Thorkil, Jamie and Alfie: first, second and third in wildlife art competition.

Wildlife art competition

YOUNGSTERS in North Knapdale schools have been victorious in a second art competition.

Run by Kilmartin House Museum in partnership with Scottish Wildlife, the competition tasked youngsters with drawing their favourite wild animal found in Argyll.

The competition was split into two age groups, with pupils at Tayvallich and Ashfield primaries winning first to third in both sections. Ashfield's Alice Adair was named first in the P1-4 section, whilst fellow pupil Louisa Hedley was placed third. Tayvallich's Morven and Ella were joint second. In the P5-7 category, the winners were all from Tayvallich Primary School pupils. Thorkil was first, Jamie second and Alfie third.



Ashfield's Alice Adair, receives her certificate from Julia Hamilton of Kilmartin House Museum.

Headteacher's special memories of Furnace and Minard schools

ONE OF Mid Argyll's best loved headteachers is on the move next term as he says goodbye to Furnace and Minard primaries after six years of teaching in the Loch Fyneside area.

James Helbert, joint head of the two schools, will enjoy his last day with students on December 21, before he starts his new role as headteacher of Ardrishaig primary in January.

Mr Helbert, who was a teaching head of Furnace Primary before taking on the joint head role with Minard this year, said he would miss the students he has come to know so well.

'I will miss the children's sense of humour,' Mr Helbert said. 'Obviously when you teach the same children, some of them for six years, you get to know each other

very well and children know they can have fun without overstepping the mark. So I will miss laughing with them.

'I will also miss the staff tremendously. We have a very dedicated team here. There is only one remaining member of staff that was here when I arrived and there has been a full rotation of staff but it really is like family.'

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Monday Mr Helbert said he has some very special memories of his time in Furnace.

'There have been quite a few highlights,' he said. 'One of my absolute best memories is of 2008 when I took a Samba band to the opening of the National Conference of Music Teachers at Stirling University. It was almost an experiment as I didn't know anything about

conducting a band. It was great.'

Looking forward to his remaining few weeks with the Furnace and Minard children, Mr Helbert said: 'We will have a joint Christmas service on the last day of term so that will be our final formal event of and my chance to say goodbye to everyone together.'

Explaining it is an exciting time to be a teacher with the introduction of the Curriculum for Excellence, Mr Helbert said he was delighted with his new role at Ardrishaig.

'I'm really looking forward to the opportunity of working with a bigger team, more children, staff and parents and I'm thrilled to be taking over a school that has got such a good reputation in the community,' he said.

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LOCHGILPHEAD PRIMARY

REHERSALS for the annual nativity play at Lochgilphead Primary School are well under way as the children prepare to tell the traditional story of the birth of Jesus.

Children in primaries two and three are set to take to the stage on December 13 when parents, grandparents and friends will be invited to watch the performance.

WEDDINGS



Barnett - Walker
 Robert and Rebecca married on 1st September 2012 at St. Columba's Chapel, Poltalloch Estate, Kilmartin.
 A fantastic day!

MILLAR - ARTHUR

On the 25th August 2012 at the University Chapel, Glasgow,

Dr. Eoghan R. A., son of Robert and Barbara, Lochgilphead and
Dr. Laura Margaret, daughter of Michael and Pearl, Braidwood.

A memorable occasion and a very happy celebration for both families and friends.

GRADUATION



Susanna Angus recently graduated from Elmwood College, Fife, with an HNC in Early Education and Childcare. She was a pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School and is the youngest daughter of Rod and Niccy Angus of the Scottish Owl Centre and granddaughter of the late Col and Mrs Angus of Kilchrist Castle. Susanna now works at 1st Steps Day Nursery in Oban.

ACHAHOISH

WE'RE OFF to see the wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz is the tune that can be heard coming from pupils at Achahoish Primary School as they prepare for this year's Christmas panto.

This year the pupils are putting a unique twist on the classic *Wizard of Oz*, which will include the smash hit dance, Gangnam Style.

The youngsters are hoping to get further inspiration for their play when they head to The Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow this week to see the theatrical interpretation of the 1939 film.

KILMARTIN

YOUNGSTERS at Kilmartin Primary School enjoyed the last of their shinty lessons this week.

Run by Euan McMurdo, Argyll and Bute shinty development officer, children in P4-7 embarked on a 10-week programme of lessons with the aim learning shinty and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

Headteacher Fiona Johnson said the shinty had proved a real hit, explaining the youngsters 'loved' taking part in the lessons.



CHILDREN in P5-7 classes have been learning how to manage their feelings and build their confidence as Kilmartin Primary School joined forces with Mid Argyll charity Befrienders.

Cathi Berton, from the Lochgilphead-based charity, has been holding workshops with the children to discuss how negative feelings of fear and anxiety can hold them back from achieving goals and experiencing new things.

Primary seven pupils talked about the challenges they might face when they move to high school next year and discussed ways to overcome them.

Students came up with ideas to stop their feelings holding them back, which included the traffic light system with the red light representing the feelings holding them back and the green light being positive thoughts allowing them to move forward.

Ms Johnson said it was a great opportunity for the children to discuss their feelings and realise they were not alone when they are faced with a new situation.

'They learned they can have a mix of feelings at any one time and how to deal with those emotions. It has been very good for them.'



CHRISTMAS celebrations at Kilmartin Primary will see the school perform both a Christmas Panto and nativity play.

This year's panto, Pirates, will be performed for friends and family whilst the nativity play will be performed in Kilmartin Parish Church on December 21.



Pupils take part in annual Christmas card competition

RESIDENTS of Kilmartin, Ford, Glassary, North Knapdale have this month received a Christmas card designed by local school children.

The two Church of Scotland parishes held their annual Christmas card competition in November, with children from the schools within the parish area drawing pictures for the cards.

Winners

The winners were six-year-old Alice Cinnamon from Glassary Primary School and Connor Coley, five, a pupil of Kilmartin Primary School.

The youngsters beat off competition from Ashfield and Tayvallich primary schools to have their design put on the cards, which feature the dates of the forthcoming Christmas events at the church.

LOCHGILPHEAD HIGH

LOCHGILPHEAD High School will stage its Christmas concert next week, the school's choir, wind, pipe and percussion bands taking to the stage. The concert on Wednesday evening will see the choir perform A Winter's Tale and River, whilst singers will perform a host of Christmas classics when they take to the stage in pairs, trios and as soloists. Fusion Dance troop will also perform on the night. 06_a49choir01

Report by Connor Boyd

SIXTH year students at Lochgilphead High School have helped local and national charities this term after raising more than £1,000 for good causes.

The students, operating as the S6 Charity Committee, began their fundraising in November and took part in the annual Poppy Appeal. The teenagers sold poppies to their fellow pupils and staff, raising a £194 for organisations that support

the armed forces. The teens also marked Children in Need, launching with a yellow and spotty-themed non-uniform day, coffee and smoothie morning and Just Dance event that offered pupils and staff the chance to strut moves on the dance floor. The event raised £552.

The charity committee also took part in the Shoe Box Appeal, requesting donations of money, shoeboxes or items for the shoeboxes. Pupils of the school complied generously and made a total sum of £114 and a considerable amount of items for the shoeboxes.

Finally a sum of £360 was raised through raffles and donations for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), which relies on donations to continue to operate and save lives at sea.

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ASHFIELD

PEOPLE hoping to buy an extra special Christmas present can go along to Ashfield Primary today (Friday) where there will be a craft fair with gifts for sale made by the pupils.

Over the past few weeks the children have been busy making candles, cards and all sorts of unique gifts in the run up to the festive season, which they will be selling between 1.30pm and 3pm.

The children have also started rehearsals for this year's Christmas panto *The Lemonade Kid* that they will be performing on December 17.



Members of the S6 charity Committee at Lochgilphead have almost £1,000 through various fundraising activities. 06_a49charity01

CRAIGNISH

LETTERS are being penned by pupils at one Mid Argyll primary school, which are being sent to young children in Africa as part of a new twinning project.

Craignish Primary School has twinned with Olgarua Primary School in Kenya and the children from each school have started to exchange letters talking about their daily lives.

The project is an opportunity for

the youngster to learn more about different cultures and learn about the differences between life in Mid Argyll and Kenya.

Headteacher Iain Jameson said the children were amazed by what they had already learnt about their Kenyan counterparts.

'Just seeing what the children have for breakfast and how far they have to walk to school shows the differences in culture,' Mr

Jameson said. 'It has been quite striking.'

During the next six months the children at both schools will be making a film to document their daily lives at school, which will be exchanged with their twin school.

Mr Jameson said the pupils were already well engaged with the project and the amount of work pupils were putting into their letters was 'fantastic'.

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Hundreds enjoy Christmas Lights switch on across loch

Cheers as Santa arrives in sleigh

And lanterns light up the night sky

HUNDREDS of people across Loch Fyne lined the streets of their towns and villages to see the Christmas Lights switch on at the weekend.

Families in Inveraray kicked off proceedings on Friday evening with a lantern parade through the Royal Burgh. Youngsters from Inveraray primary proudly waved lanterns in the air as they paraded down Main Street and into the Avenue Car Park, where a special visitor was waiting to greet them.

Santa Claus and one of his elves had flown in on his sleigh for the event, handing out sweets ahead of Christmas Day.

The following day Santa delighted more Mid Argyll youngsters when he was spotted at the Christmas lights switch in Lochgilphead.

Santa joined Mid Argyll Pipe Band in marching down Argyll Street on Saturday evening, meeting and greeting local families.

The town later became aglow with colour as four special guests – Sheila Cameron, Isa Muir, Vi MacKenzie and Mary Gillies – switched on the Christmas lights.

The four women are former members of the Millennium Committee and helped launch the annual Christmas event two years ago when they handed over funds from the Millennium organisation to the Lochgilphead Christmas Lights Committee.



Santa and his elf handed out sweets to youngsters as they queued to meet him on his sleigh, parked up in the Avenue Car Park. 06_4910v06



Rain failed to dampen the spirits of Inveraray youngsters who queued for a chat with Santa. 06_4910v05



Santa met a lots of Lochgilphead children on Saturday including Niah and Arran Martin. 06_4910v06



Helen Rhodick, Karen Cameron, Niah Martin and Phyllis Cameron manned the MS Centre stall at the event in Colchester Square. 06_4910v03



Members of Mid Argyll Pipe Band wrapped tinsel around the pipes and donned Santa hats as they played Christmas Carols for the crowds. 06_4910v04



Left: Inveraray Christmas Lights Committee delighted pupils of the local primary school this year by introducing a lantern parade to the celebrations. 06_4910v01



Little Sophie MacIvor, pictured with Kelly Rhodick, won a mammoth £250 in the Christmas Prize Draw after buying a ticket in the Lochgilphead raffle. 06_4910v08



Sheila Cameron, Isa Muir, Vi MacKenzie and Mary Gillies, former members of the Millennium Committee, were given the honour of switching on the Christmas Lights in Lochgilphead. 06_4910v07



Youngsters in Inveraray gave Santa and the Christmas Lights Switch on a big thumbs up.



Logan, William, Callum and Innes enjoyed a spin on the teacups in Lochgilphead. 06_4910v01

Left: Connor Frew, Helen Paterson, Ethan Frew, Ali Gallacher and Cara Mackie donned their glow in the dark sticks at the Christmas lights celebration. 06_4910v02



Santa drops in on Rotary Club's festive fair

Delight for youngsters

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Centre transformed into a winter wonderland on Saturday as Santa dropped in to meet Mid Argyll youngsters.

Santa and one of his elves took a break from their busy schedule to attend the Rotary Club's Christmas Fair and hand out some early Christmas presents.

A popular event on the festive calendar, the fair saw children play a

host of games and fun activities, whilst adults enjoyed a warm cuppa and homebaking in the kitchen.

With a range of prizes to be won it was councillor Louise Glen-Lee that won the grand hamper, whilst Ardrishaig's Susan Cameron guessed the correct weight of the cake, winning the handmade and beautifully decorated Christmas cake.



Members of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll prepare to raffle off their luxury hamper. 06_a49xmas14



Brother and sister Poppy and Finn McClymont met Santa in his grotto on Saturday, along with mum Laura Campbell. 06_a49xmas02



Left: Poppy McClymont was one of many youngsters that took a walk on the wild side with face painting. 06_a49xmas12



Councillor Donnie MacMillan, who turned 85 last week, called in to say hello to Santa and his elf, 12-year-old Hanna MacDonald. 06_a49xmas03



Two-year-old Riley Alderson had great fun attempting to throw beanbags at the cans. 06_a49xmas06



Right: Daniel Logan from Ardrishaig eyes up his target in the throwing challenge. 06_a49xmas07



Orla Flanagan and Rosie Hetherington, aged 12, from The Crafty Creations Company manned the stall on Saturday. 06_a49xmas05

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Mid Argyll Youth Forum sells range of goodies

ENTERPRISING youngsters from the Mid Argyll Youth Forum set up shop at the Christmas Fair on Saturday, selling a range of festive goods.

The young people, operating under the business name of The Crafty Christmas Company, sold candles, Christmas decorations, sweets and Christmas gifts.

Impressing locals with the range of goods on offer, the young

people had made and customised much of the produce on sale.

Buying plain candles from Ikea the young people revamped them with glitter and transfers to print slogans such as Merry Christmas on them and packaged sweets in festive wrappers to sell them as a Christmas Gift.

The Crafty Creations Company will be at Ms Centre's Christmas Fair tomorrow (Saturday).

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Festive food and drink isn't just about Christmas day, the whole season is filled with merriment. Stock up on some good malt whiskies, why not try those that are locally produced? At least if you burn the dinner nobody will notice.

Head to a farmer's market, there are often extra ones held at this time of year and you might just come across some delights you wouldn't get in the shops. Markets are also a great place to pick up fantastic fresh veg, just what you need to go with a roast.

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But it isn't all about poultry, the west of Scotland has some fantastic fresh seafood on offer – even at this time of year. Try serving some locally produced mussels, scallops or oysters as a starter.

Handmade chocolates can be a nice neat little dessert when you've indulged just that bit too much on the main course, head down your local high street and see what delights you can find.

Of course eating at home leaves someone with the unenviable task of doing the dishes – why not take the stress out of festive food and enjoy dining out in one of the wonderful restaurants Argyll has to offer.

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Heifers sold to a top of £935 for Limousin crosses from Uiskentuie whilst a pen of 10 Limousin crosses from Kilbride led the top call per kilo at 220pence.

The bullocks sold to average £613 per head or 196pence per kilo and heifers averaged £507 per head or 182pence per kilo.

In general, most of the annual consignments were lighter on the year by around 20/40 kilo's. Breeding cattle met with a sound trade with most lots remaining on the island.



Magnus Bell and Marc Haggart of Mint Energy, with some of the farmers who came to the open day at Drum Farm. 08_c49mintenergy01

Energy company hosts farm open day at Drum

RENEWABLE energy company, Mint Energy, held an open day at a farm just outside Campbeltown.

The company invited farmers in the area last Tuesday to come and see the advantages of wind turbines which it has installed at Drum Farm, Kilkenzie.

The company were involved in the wind turbine project at Drum Farm from the begin-

ning until its completion in January.

Magnus Bell, who works for the company said Kintyre was an ideal place for small wind turbine projects. 'There are a lot of farms and a lot of wind,' he said.

According to Magnus, renewable energy is a very sustainable way of running dairy farm which use a lot of electricity. Any excess electricity goes into the na-

tional grid, giving the farmer an additional income source.

He added: 'This open day is to give farmers in Kintyre an opportunity to see how an installation works.'

'Once they have seen it in operation it's easier to visualise it on their own farm.'

Mint Energy has been involved in building around 250 wind turbines across Scotland.

Double silver for 'Mull' cheese

MULL of Kintyre cheddar has once again picked up titles at the World Cheese Awards.

The cheese, produced at Campbeltown Creamery picked up two silver awards - one for the mature cheddar and the other for the vintage cheddar.

For more 20 years the World Cheese Awards has been bringing together buyers and sellers from the dairy industry worldwide.

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This year's event took place in Birmingham at the BBC Good Food Show on November 28.

Monitor farm

THE next Kintyre Monitor Farm meeting at Glenbarr Farms will be on Wednesday December 19. Succession planning for family farms will be up for discussion at the evening meeting.

Farmers will learn about the best route to pass on their farms to the next generation.

Market report

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Bullocks
Aberdeen Angus X: £985 and £780(3) - Uiskentuie £745(5) - Scarrabus £695(7) - Octomore.
Charolais X: £855, £825(4) and £675(2) - Brybruich.
LimousinX: £1045, £1000(3), £945(3) and £875(9) - Uiskentuie £845(2) - Ballychattrigan £815 - Uiskentuie(7) and Kilchiaran £805(3) - Uiskentuie £795 - Kilchiaran £775 - Carrabus £745 - Pairc A Chlassan £740(3) - Uiskentuie £730 - Carrabus £725 - Ballychattrigan(2) and Pairc A Chlassan £715(2) - Ballychattrigan £705 - Kilchiaran and Kilbride £700(8) - Knocklear-

ach £685(3) - Cladville £670 - Carrabus.
Simmental X: £875 - Uiskentuie £820(3), £805(4) and £750(3) - Corrary £695 - Island £685 - Cladville.
Heifers
Aberdeen Angus X: £625 - Kelsay
Charolais X: £795 - Uiskentuie £715(2) and £690(5) - Brybruich.
LimousinX: £935(2), £855(3), £765(6) and £755(4) - Uiskentuie £755 - Kilchiaran £685(2) - Dunlossit - Knocklearach.
Simmental X: £675 - Island.
Prices per kilo Bullocks
Aberdeen Angus X: 219p(18) and 206p(10) - Scarrabus.
Charolais X: 233p - 9 Mansefield Rd(8) and Knocklearach(6) 221p(2) and 207p(2) -

Brybruich 201p(7) - Knocklearach 200p - Brybruich.
LimousinX: 238p(4) - Kintra 237p - Kilbride 233p - 9 Mansefield Rd and Kintra 230p(6) - Woodend 229p(5) - Kintra 228p - Kilbride 227p(4) - Woodend 224p - Knocklearach(2) and Gleneedale Lotts(I Bell) 223p(4) - Ronnachmore 219p - Kintra(3) and Smaladh(2) 218 - Knocklearach(4) and Smaladh(2) 217p(4) - Smaladh 216p(11) - Ronnachmore 215p - Ballychattrigan(2) and Neriby(6) 214p - Kintra 213p - Knocklearach 211p(5) - Neriby 210p(3) - Uiskentuie 208p(2) - Ballychattrigan 205p - Ronnachmore 204p - Uiskentuie(7), Woodend(2) and Pairc A Chlassan 203p - Carrabus, Bal-

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Prime sheep meet rising trade at Stirling

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Texel cross lambs from West Park sold to £99 and 211p per kilo, with Doune Farms selling Beltex crosses to £72.50 and 198p.

Texel cross ewes from Lochmillsold to £100.50, with Sharp-itlaw selling Suffolk crosses to £95.50.

Uigle sold Blackface ewes to £49.50.

Sheep trade up at Stirling sale

CALEDONIAN Marts had 1,068 cast ewes and tups forward for their sale at Stirling on Tuesday.

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QMS appoint new development officers

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Monitoring

Quality Meat Scotland has appointed Katie Keiley and Stuart Annand following an open tender process and they took over the reins from Rod McKenzie.

'Through EID (Electronic Identification), sheep farmers who are interested in monitoring how individual animals within their flock are performing can do so in a relatively easy way rather than viewing the whole flock on a batch basis,' said Kathy Peebles, QMS livestock development manager. 'Only when sheep

breeders and feeders monitor the individual animals within their flocks can the passengers (those which are underperforming) be identified. The role Katie and Stuart are undertaking will help the industry introduce changes to take these points forward and to support farmers, and groups, through the different stages.'

Heavy snow hits Stirling sale

DUE to heavy snow more than 1,200 sheep failed to reach the market when Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 5,548 lambs and ewes at the Martinmas Show and Sale at Stirling this week.

The overall sale average was £50.37 (-£18.95 on the year) and sold to £79 for the champion pen of Continental lambs from Lurgen.

Mule grit ewes from Urrard estates sold to £82.

Cattle trade remains firm at Stirling weekly sale

UNITED Auctions sold 463 store cattle and 940 sheep at Stirling last week when trade for both bullocks and heifers maintained recent rates.

Bullocks averaged 192.55p (+0.27p on the week) and sold to 213.50p per kg for a 466kg Limousin cross from South Arditte and £1,260 for a 650kg Simmental cross from Blair Mains.

Heifers averaged 183.05p (+1.83p on the week) and sold to 215.90p per kg for a 220kg Limousin cross from Drygate and £1,050 for a 548kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Blair Castle. Forward cattle averaged 152.52p and sold to 192.40p per kg for a Simmental cross from Chesterstone and £1235 for a Limousin cross from Falsidehill. Cast cows averaged

123.54p and sold to 196.70p for a British Blue cross from Falsidehill and £1,540 for a Charolais cross from Clova.

In the sheep rings, Suffolk cross lambs from Belstruther and Lleylamb sold to £57 with Texel cross lambs from Belstruther fetching £56.

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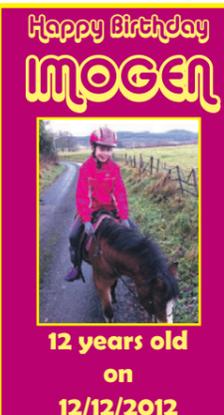
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



PATERSON

Greig and Vicky (née Scott) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their twins, a son, Caleb and daughter, Lois, born November 16, 2012. First grandchildren for Marianne, Campbeltown and Ronnie and Christine, Troon. First great grandchildren for Annie Hamilton, Smith Drive, formerly Craigowan Park. Both families delighted.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCKINLAY – FRENCH – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Rachel, eldest daughter of Scott and Aliceanne McKinlay, to Naili, elder son of John French and Jane Beckett, Motherwell.



WALKER

MCCALLUM – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Kevin, eldest son of the late Basil Walker and Liz Glover, Helensburgh and Christine, daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth, Campbeltown. Congratulations and love to you both.

MARRIAGES

BARNETT – WALKER – Robert and Rebecca married on September 1, 2012 at St Columba's Chapel, Pottalloch Estate, Kilmartin. A fantastic day!

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

SMITH – MACMILLAN – Congratulations to John and Angie who are celebrating sixty happy years, on December 5, 2012. Best wishes from all their family.

DEATHS

MACKAY – Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on November 27, 2012, Catherine Colville McLean, in her 72nd year, Strathmore, 7 Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Malcolm MacKay, much loved mother of John and Barbara and a loving granny of Mara and Ross.

PRATT – Suddenly, at his home, Birchfield, Whitehouse, by Tarbert, on November 30, 2012, Mr Derek J E Pratt, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Margaret, much loved dad of Jacqui and Stewart and adored grandad of Andrew, Kieran and Niamh. Much respected father-in-law of Mark and Louise. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, December 13 at 12.15pm.

All friends and family are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to WWF.

ROME – Peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, on November 30, 2012, after a short illness, Nancy (née McLean), aged 91 years, dearly beloved wife of the late Johnnie, much loved mum of Elizabeth, John and Margaret and devoted granny and great granny. Funeral service on Friday, December 7, 2012 at St Andrews & St Marnocks Church, Kilmarnock at 12.15pm and thereafter to Holmsford Bridge Crematorium at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to the Macular Disease Society would be most welcome.

WILSON – Peacefully, on November 17, 2012, in Portfield, Haverfordwest, Mary Campbell Rae, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved daughter of the late Elizabeth Cox and James Rae (watchmaker) and dear sister of the late Margaret, Victoria, Wee Aggie and John.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DEWAR – Roslyn and James would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss of Billy. Special thanks to Robert Cameron and Janette Eynon for their guidance and support and to local ambulance staff, Graham and Lorna, for their efforts and care. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements, and to the Galley of Lome Hotel, Ardfem for fine purvey. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The collection for Mid Argyll Chemo Unit raised £100.

LOVE – Anne, Elizabeth and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness, for the many cards, flowers and telephone calls and expressions of sympathy shown to them at this sad time. Special thanks to all connected to Ward B, Lorn and Islands Hospital and Southend Surgery who so kindly cared for Bob; the Reverend Dugald Cameron for a very personal and comforting service; to Ross MacPherson for his lovely music and Peter Sinclair for his wonderful singing; to Ian MacInnes of D & A Munn for efficient funeral arrangements and thanks also to the Rowantree Hotel for refreshments and to all who attended church and graveside, many of who travelled a long way in appalling weather. Thanks also to Emma Law for her excellent bagpipe tribute at Pennyfuir. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiral collection which raised a fantastic amount of £705.

MCNAUGHTON – Elizabeth and the family of the late Neil would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy. Special thanks to Mr William Crossan for his fitting tribute and heartfelt thanks to staff at Kintyre Care Centre for their compassion and care; to Mary Stewart and the staff at the dementia

day unit for their help and support. Thanks to the staff of the patient transport service for their patience and kindness. Many thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional funeral arrangements and to the Argyll Hotel for their fine purvey. Lastly, the sum of £425.30 was collected for the dementia day unit.

WALLACE – Jack and family desire to return sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many kinds expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes received in their sad loss of Jean. Heartfelt thanks to Rev Philip Burroughs for his many visits, words of comfort and prayers, and for excellent delivery of the service in celebration of Jean's life, in the Lorne and Lowland Church, also David Gardiner for organ playing and accompaniments, and Susan Lovell for beautiful rendering of "The Lord's Prayer". Special thanks to Dr Bhimani, staff at Campbeltown and Oban hospitals, Macmillan and community nurses, whose help was invaluable during Jean's illness. Also, Alasdair Blair for personal and competent funeral arrangements, and the Ardshiel management and staff for the warm welcome and kind attention. The retiral collection raised £1670 for Macmillan and community nurses.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN – In loving memory of James, a dearly loved son and brother who died December 13, 2009. The years pass by, but memories stay. Loved and remembered every day.

- With love, families at home and away.

FLETCHER – In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003 and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977. Loved and remembered always.

- Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

LAY – In loving memory of our brother and uncle, Jimmy, who was taken too early, on December 8, 2011, to keep a watchful eye on us. Missed sorely and thought about every day. Always remembered with a smile.

- All our love, Pat, Nona, Lorraine, Lesley, Mandy and families xxxxx.

LAY – In loving memory of Jim, who passed away on December 8, 2011. Thank you for being the most special person I've ever known. I love you with every part of my heart and soul. Still my inspiration, forever more.

- Lisa x.

MACCALLUM – In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband and dad, died December 11, 2002.

We often sit and think of you and think of how you died, To think you could not say goodbye before you closed your eyes.

- Love Mary, Janette and David xxx.

MACCALLUM – Treasured memories of Tommy, died December 11, 2002. Loved and remembered always.

- Mary, Roslyn, Margaret and Davie x.

MARTIN – Treasured memories of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997. Always remembered.

- Mum and family at home and away.

YOUNG – In loving memory of Norman, passed away December 11, 2002.

Ten years have passed since you went away.

But in our hearts you will always stay.

- Margaret and Yvonne xx.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Sunday 9th December 2012
 11.15am Morning Service
 Mr.C. Holden
Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall
Tuesday 11th December 2012
 Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm
 Primary 6 & 7 7pm – 8pm
 Last meeting before Christmas
 Badminton Resumes 8th January 2013
Christmas Lunches
 Kirk Street Hall
 Friday 7th December 12 – 2pm
 Saturday 8th December
 10am – 12 Coffee
 12 – 2pm Lunches
 Everyone very welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 9 December
 Bellanoch Church 11:30 am
 Morning Worship
 Worship led by
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
Sunday 9 December
 Kilmartin Church 7:30 pm
 The Gift Celebration
Monday 10 December
 Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm
 The Gift Celebration
 All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

WEST

LOCHFYNESIDE
 Church Services 9 December
 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in
 Lochfyneside Church (Minard)
 10.00 am
 Gaelic Service in Lochgair
 Church 3 pm

Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray
 Church at 11.30 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
 "Taste and see that the Lord is good"
Sunday Services
 in
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 and
 Achahoish at 12:30pm
 Registered Scottish Charities
 SC010713 and SC010782

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 9th December, 2012
 Ford 10am.
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
Sunday 9th December, 2012
 Kilmartin 7.30pm.
CHORAL SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS
 "THE GIFT"
 All welcome
 SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 9th December 2012
 11am Morning Service
Monday 10th December
 Ladies Meeting 2.30pm
 Christmas Tea
Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
 Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 9 December 2012
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "The Light shining in the darkness"
Thursday 13 December 2012
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number
 SC011686
Sunday, 9th December
Second Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Crèche, Bible Class and Triple C)
 (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Tuesday, 11th December
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
 Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys
 - 6:00 p.m.
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section
 - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 13th December
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 14th December
 Lunch Club Christmas Lunch
 - 12:00 noon

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship
 7.00pm Town Carol Service in Lorne & Lowland Church
 Majors Elwyn & Carol Harries
Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
 1.30pm Home League
Thursday
 7.30pm Bible study & Prayer Meeting

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 9th December
 12.45pm Worship Service
 Rev Prof. John Angus MacLeod
 11.30am Sunday School
 (for 5-8 years old)
 Scottish Charity Number:
 SC003847

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 9th December 2012
 10.00am Breaking of Bread
 Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
 10.50am Coffee
 11.15am
 Family Service with Crèche
 Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
Wednesday 12th December 2012
 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
 For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
01586 551237
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 For Furniture Recycling Project call **01586 551547**
 SC014646

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
 Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
 Fr. David Connor
 01546 602380
 All Welcome
 (SC0002876)

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2012
 11.00 am Advent Service
 Rev. Hilda Smith
 12.15 pm Christmas Lunch
 Red Cross Hall
TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2012
 7.30 pm Guild Meeting
 All Welcome
 Further information
 (01546) 606218
www.lpchurch.co.uk
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 9th December 2012
 Tarbert Service 11.45am
 Sunday School 11.45am
 to be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Kilberry Service 2pm
 Rev Tommy Bryson
Tuesday 11th December 7pm
 General Meeting of Congregation followed by Board and Session Meeting in Tarbert Free Church
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care
 Telephone 01880 821012
 Everyone very welcome
 SC002622

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



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church:
 Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 9th December 2012
The Second Sunday of Advent
 8.30am Holy Communion
 10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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Lorenzo's plain sailing in 2012

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'In spring I was then selected to sail with Team GBR in the world and European championships.

'I achieved my goals in the World Men's Championships in Germany and the men's Europeans in Hourtin, where I was ranked in the top youth sailors and, as a result, was offered a place in the GBR Olympic transitional squad.

'I aimed to medal in the European Youth Championships the following month and was thrilled to top the podium and to be named European Champion'



Lorenzo Chiavarini

Speaking about his RYA award, which recognises the outstanding impact Lorenzo has had on the UK boating scene, Lorenzo said: 'The news gave me a sense of pride that took me back to 2008 when as a young Topper sailor I won the Young Sailor of the Year Award for Scotland for the first time.

'The award completes what has been a great year for me and it is an honour to be nominated. I would like to thank all those concerned. Thanks to so many for the support, training and guidance over the years.'

Lorenzo, a student at Plymouth University, will pick up his award at a special ceremony in London in January.



Lochgilphead Red Star Under 12s seven-a-side team with Ally Barber from L&A MacKay team sponsor Bob Finlay from R&M Finlay and Sons Haulage.

New strips for bright young stars

YOUNGSTERS in Red Star's under 12 football team donned new football strips at the weekend thanks to new sponsors L&A MacKay.

The local building company has sponsored the new team strips whilst R&M Finlay and Sons Haulage has continued its sponsorship of the team in the 2012/13 season.

The under 12s have enjoyed some excellent football recently, taking part in seven-a-side football festivals with youngsters from Oban,

Campbeltown and Islay.

Hosting football tournaments in Lochgilphead, with the assistance of the Mid Argyll Youth Project, the under 12s have also travelled to play regular seven-a-side Sunday football in Oban. They have also played against Campbeltown on their excellent all weather 3G astro surface and taken part in football festivals in Helensburgh and Oban, which included teams from Ardencaple, Dumbarton, Gourrock, Inverness and Glasgow.

Argyll to host world pairs

ONE OF the world's top amateur golf pairs competitions will take place in Kintyre's Machrihanish Dunes links course.

The world final of the International Pairs Club event, recognised as the world's biggest club competition, will take place in October 2013.

The event has been held in Scotland at the Carrick Golf Course at Loch Lomond for the past three years.

A conversation between event organisers Golf Frontiers and Argyll and Bute Council revealed they were looking for an alternative venue in Scotland.

Red Star to play league leaders

ICY conditions and a frozen Ropework Park saw Red Star's league match against Inverkip Thistle cancelled on Saturday.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Lochgilphead side travel to Glasgow to face top of the table

Easthall Star, who are in excellent form.

Red Star will be looking for revenge after losing 5-3 at home to Easthall earlier in the season and know that they must win if they are to return to the top of the league.

Youngsters impress at indoor event

THERE were several impressive performances at the second round of the Argyll Athletics Championship on Saturday despite a low number of competitors.

One of the stars of the three-hour action packed contest, hosted by Mid Argyll Athletics Club in the Lochgilphead sports centre on Sunday, was Rhys Casci of Lochgilphead.

Rhys, a pupil at Ardrishaig Primary, was the overall winner in a very competitive under-11 age group. He won five out of the eight events excelling in the running event, recording 22.8 seconds in the three lap race and 52.3 seconds in the six lap.

Gregor McGeachy, also of Ardrishaig primary, was runner-up to Rhys.

The under-9 boys contest was also very competitive with only one point between champion Ben Maddox from Kilmartin and Zak Barclay

from Ardrishaig.

Ben won four events including the high jump, while Zak won the long and triple jumps and also the javelin throwing 15.25 metres.

The entry was disappointing in the older age groups for both boys and girls. Joseph Harper from Kilmartin was the under-13 winner. Liam Scott from Kilmichael won the under-15s and Ben Millar from Lochgilphead won the under-17s.

C J Curtis from Lochgilphead was the under-7 champion ahead of Logan Phillips from Ardrishaig.

Karis Kidd from Ardrishaig was an outstanding winner in the under-9 girls contest, winning five events.

Karis impressed in the running events, recording 26.9 seconds in the three lap and 59 seconds in the six lap race, but her best event was the standing long jump in which she cleared 1.59



Ben Maddox from Kilmartin took first place in a very competitive under nine contest.

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metres. Anna Airlie, Ardrishaig, was runner-up to Karis, thanks to wins in the vertical jump and high jump.

Lochgilphead girls dominated in the under-11 contest with champion Emma Curtis only two points ahead of Jodie Robertson and Megan Danson in third.

Erin Downie from Lochgilphead won the under-13s ahead of Katie

Luxmore from Tayvallich. Erin won six events including a double in the three-lap and six-lap races.

Olivia Kerr from Ardrishaig dominated in the under-15 age group winning six events with some style.

Successful athletes from Sunday's competition can enter the Argyll Final in Oban on February 23.

Seasonal conditions are simple for Simon

SIMON Taylor responded to some unfavourable press coverage with a much improved performance this week.

He played really well in difficult conditions and is an asset to the Winter League - an asset that will be wearing a red and white costume and a false beard at the Christmas party in Ross' shed on December 16.

Ross won again this week and should be handicapped further. Possible solutions include playing left handed or single handed or the ultimate solution would be playing with John Downie every week.

John is thinking of making the course easier in an attempt to play to his handicap which should be

alright as long as he stays away from heavy earth moving equipment.

Keith Cowan is acting, directing and building the set for this year's festive pantomime.

It is a one man show that tells the story of a golfer's struggle to break par as he travels abroad and is based on Keith's own experiences and is entitled *Very nearly around the world in under eighty shots*.

Alec MacAulay won the nearest the pin prize for the seventh time and should be barred from entering this part of the competition as he is too good.

Tommy Angus did not play this week as he had been practising dancing in the dark in his hall

cupboard and got locked in. This was a shame but could work to his advantage if there is ever a solar eclipse on a Sunday morning.

With the frozen conditions Jim Hunter found that he had to be more careful than usual when throwing his clubs as no amount of bubble wrap would have protected them on a day like this.

The rest of the field just do not like the frozen conditions but they should get better after some acclimatising training was arranged for them at no extra cost.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. A MacAulay, 8. K Cowan, 7. D Sinclair, 6. R Flanagan, 5. A Law, 4. S Taylor, 3. J Hunter, 2. J Downie, 1. K Cameron.



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Plain sailing for Lorenzo in 2012



“It has been
a great year
for me”

Lorenzo Chiavarini

SAILING sensation Lorenzo Chiavarini will end a successful year by lifting one of youth sailing's most prestigious awards.

Lorenzo, from Bellanoch, has been named RYA Scottish Regional Young Sailor of the Year in recognition of his outstanding achievements to the sport throughout the year. Lorenzo, who this year made the transition from sailing laser radial vessels with

a small sail to the men's standard sail, has enjoyed great success in 2012, winning the under-19 European Sailing Championships.

Commenting on the year which saw him named an official member of the Great British sailing team Lorenzo said: 'The main highlight of the 2012 season has to be winning the European Championships Under

19's in Belgium in August.

'But looking back, there have been so many opportunities and highlights that contributed to my improvement and to getting to the podium.

'I was invited to train alongside the Olympic training squad after the New Year at the winter base in Palma.

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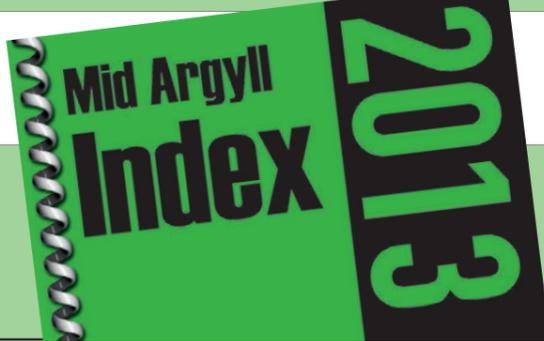
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