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£3.8 million budget cuts to be made by council officers

Only cuts that have a direct impact on agreed council policy will be put before councillors for approval

By **KALI LINDSAY**
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COUNCIL officers at Kilmory are to take sole responsibility for making £3.8 million worth of cuts at Argyll and Bute Council.

Elected representatives will play no part in deciding where the axe will fall.

Only cuts that have a direct impact on agreed council policy will be put before councillors for approval.

The decision to hand over responsibility for budget cuts to staff was agreed by councillors at last Thursday's full

meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

Officers are tasked with saving one percent of the budget over the next two years through efficiency savings.

Council leader Dick Walsh said every effort would be made to preserve services and jobs - something the SNP has

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World's Largest Tree Hug

EVE Salmon, from Ardrishaig, took part in the World's Largest Tree Hug in an attempt to break a world record.

The six-year-old was joined by 21 others at Crarae Garden, near Minard, in an attempt to make the largest simultaneous tree hug.

People across Scotland visited gardens to hug a tree for one minute on Sunday afternoon in a bid to steal the record from the USA.

Earlier this year 950 people hugged trees at in Portland, Oregon.

Nigel Price, manager at Crarae Garden, said: 'We would like to thank everyone who came along and spent the morning hugging a tree.'

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The exact number of people who took part in Sunday's event was still being verified as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press.

Argyll residents also took part in Ardkinglas Woodland Garden in Cairndow and Cowal's Benmore Botanic Garden. 06_a49tree01

Huge response to Lochgilphead pitch petition

MORE than 1,000 people have signed a petition calling on Argyll and Bute Council to create a 3G all-weather pitch in Lochgilphead.

The petition, set up by Lochgilphead football referee Peter Laing, was submitted to the council last Thursday.

Now it seems likely that it will go before councillors at a meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area committee.

To read this story in full see page 2.

Police patrols paying off in battle against burglars

POLICE in Lochgilphead have said there have been no further house break-ins since the end of October, when several thefts were reported in the West Loch Fyne area.

Officers have, however, urged people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour by calling 101.

Police patrols in remote and rural areas were stepped up last month following an increase in break-ins.



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Thousands sign Lochgilphead all-weather pitch petition

A PETITION calling on Argyll and Bute Council to build a 3G pitch in Lochgilphead is 'likely' to be put before local councillors.

Peter Laing, a Lochgilphead-based football referee, handed the petition with more than 1,000 signatures into Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday. It called for the current 2G pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus to be upgraded to a 3G surface.

A spokeswoman for the local authority said the petition was likely to be put before councillors at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area committee. She said: 'The relevant council services

who have an interest in the delivery of services within Lochgilphead Joint Campus such as education, community and culture have been advised of the receipt of the petition so that the matter may now be given consideration.

'It is expected that once the matter has been looked at it is likely that it may be referred to local members for their view.'

Councillor Douglas Philand congratulated Mr Laing on his petition and the information he had gathered from the people who use the 2G pitch. Mr Philand said: 'When the 2G surface is due for renew-

al it won't automatically be replaced with same surface. We will need to look at how many people are using it and for what sports, so we can make an informed decision.'

Meanwhile Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, the main user of the 2G pitch, this week pledged its support for the petition.

Graham Whitefield, chairman of the centre, said: 'At our AGM on Monday there was unanimous support for Peter's campaign and the need for a 3G pitch and we hope the council will acknowledge the requirement for this facility in Mid Argyll.'



Lochgilphead-based football referee Peter Laing handed the petition with more than 1,000 signatures into Argyll and Bute Council.

Budget cuts to be made by council officers

Continued from Page 1 said is near on impossible.

As the previous council spokesman for finance, councillor James Robb said the council needed to save an average of £5.7 million over the next six years, making job losses and services cuts unavoidable.

He said: 'Shifting that responsibility to officers with no scrutiny or approval by councillors was one of the strangest decisions ever taken. It is a complete abdication of our responsibilities as the elected representatives of the communities, families and staff that will be hurt by these cuts.'

Concerns

'It is not the kind of response Audit Scotland would expect to address its concerns about the council leadership, governance and culture.'

The cuts will be made across all council departments and should, councillor Walsh says, prepare the council for operating with a reduced budget from 2016 onwards.

Defending the decisions, he said: 'Our focus for the next two years will be on preserving services and jobs. I am proud of the expertise, commitment and success of our employees in achieving savings where we need to and know they can be relied upon to meet the low target of one percent savings across the council.'

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New bid to stamp out bullying in Argyll and Bute schools

A NEW policy has been introduced by Argyll and Bute Council to stamp out bullying in schools.

The Anti-Bullying Policy Framework aims to create a relaxed environment within schools so young people can feel safe to talk to teachers and parents.

School staff will undergo training with Scotland's anti-bullying service, respectme, to make them confi-

dent dealing with bullying. Speaking at the full council meeting last Thursday, councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'Bullying is unacceptable. It is not an inevitable part of school life and so we are doing all we can to protect children in our schools.'

'Every child should know if they have worries they can talk to any adult in their school.'

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Chemotherapy suite to be unveiled at Mid Argyll Hospital

THE NEW chemotherapy suite at Mid Argyll Community Hospital will officially be unveiled to the public on Monday.

A purpose-built unit, the Macmillan Day Suite will provide a designated area for patients to receive chemotherapy and a range of other supportive treatments.

Relatives

The unit and the Dumnadd Room, a room for relatives of inpatients receiving palliative care, will be open to the public between 2pm and 4pm.

Staff from the hospital will be available to answer questions about the new facility on the day.

Alleged abuse aimed at helpful police officers

POLICE officers who went to the aid of a young woman who was apparently struggling to walk while drunk got no thanks for their efforts.

The 26-year-old allegedly turned on the officers and proceeded to shout and swear at them.

The incident occurred on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, on Saturday night at 11.50pm.

The woman was later arrested for committing a breach of the peace, resisting police arrest and assaulting police officers.



Members of the public were informed how to detect mouth cancer by the Argyll and Bute CHP Oral Health Improvement Team. 06_a48dental01

Health message for residents

'IF IN doubt, get checked out,' is the message Lochgilphead residents have been hearing as part of Mouth Cancer Awareness Month.

An information session was held at Lochgilphead Library, which provided people with advice on how to spot the disease which kills around 2,000 people a year.

Free mouth screenings were available to those who went along, while people were educated on the symptoms of mouth cancer.

Margaret Morrison, from Argyll and Bute Oral Health Improvement Team, said: 'We want to encourage people to get checked regularly by going to their dentist.'

'There are 18 people diagnosed with mouth cancer every day. Twice as many men than women are diagnosed and the number of young people has increased. Regular check ups and eating fruit and vegetables can all help.'

Mouth Cancer Awareness Month ran throughout November.

NHS reveals youth drink problem

THE NUMBER of young people in Argyll and Bute admitted to hospital because of alcohol is double the national average, but people should not be alarmed, says a Mid Argyll alcohol counsellor.

The figure revealed by NHS Highland is based on the number of young people aged up to 19 admitted to hospital between 2011 and 2012.

Peter Garrett, who manages Ardrishaig-based Encompass, which helps people with alcohol and substance abuse, said the figure was not a reflection of Lochgilphead.

He said: 'I'm not saying young people do not drink because they do experiment with alcohol. They will get

drunk and reach a point where they panic about their friends and call for help.

'But, I don't think there is a serious problem. I do not think Lochgilphead is above the national average.

'I think the figures have to be taken in context and social factors have to be taken into consideration.

'The figure is based on the whole of Argyll and Bute and that includes Rothesay, Campbeltown and Oban where there are problems.'

The figure did not surprise Nichola MacGillivray, project manager

at OASIS, the drug and alcohol rehabilitation and addiction service in Oban.

She said: 'I know from doing research that this area is generally above the national average for drink-related problems.'

Argyll and Bute councillors expressed concern when Dr Margaret Somerville, NHS Highland's director of public health and health policy, presented the figures at last Thursday's full council meeting.

Dr Somerville said: 'We need to change the way people think about alcohol.'

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Police report man after cannabis find

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Tarbert firm Duncan MacDonald Joiners and Builders has been hired to complete the work on the church. They are working with John Gleeson, historic building consultants. 06_a48church01

Prayers for good winter weather

Congregation hopes repairs can progress

THE CONGREGATION of Tarbert Parish Church is praying for good weather this winter as work progresses to renovate the church.

Work to replace the slate roof is well underway after a delay in grant funding being released prevented work being undertaken in the summer.

It is now hoped the church will be ready to welcome parishioners at the end of April.

Historic Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, Baird Trust, All Churches Trust Limited, Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Fund and Dalrymple Donaldson Fund have all donated cash to restore the church.

Reverend Tommy Bryson said the 2011 storm marked the end for a church roof already in need of repair.

But he added: 'The storm was perhaps divine intervention. If it hadn't happened it would have taken much, much longer for us to get the funds.'

Looking forward to the works being complete, he added: 'I have been more in the Free Church than my own church. I had eight weeks preaching in my own church and I have been here two and a half years so it a long time for the people to put up with and to persevere.'

Jamie MacFarlane, from the church, added: 'We are now in desperate need of joiners and qualified tradesmen who could lend a few hours per week to help with the renovation of the church hall and boiler house.'

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KINTYRE is set to house the largest on-shore salmon fish farm of its kind in the world after it was unanimously backed by councillors on Monday.

Developer Perthshire-based FishFrom hopes to start construction on the £20 million project at Rhunahaorine Point near Tayinloan within a few months.

Production could start by spring 2015 and create up to 20 jobs.

The go ahead for the development was given by Argyll and Bute Council's planning,

committee after it held a public hearing at Tayinloan Village Hall.

Visual

Objectors raised questions about the economics and logistics of the operation, the extensive visual impact of the buildings, which will be only partially screened, and the safety of an access road on the A83.

However, councillors were swayed by the fact the proposal was restoring a brownfield site and bringing valuable jobs to Tayinloan, as well as boosting the wider Kintyre economy.

Councillor warns east coast bias could destroy west coast fishing industry

AN EAST coast bias by decision makers has to be reined in or it risks destroying the west coast fishing industry, an Argyll and Bute councillor has warned.

Councillor Fred Hall lambasted Scottish Government officials who have proposed a number of areas off the west coast become Marine Protected Areas (MPA).

Fishing is often banned or restricted altogether in MPA zones.

Marine Scotland is currently seeking people's views on 33 pro-

posed MPAs in Scotland. Involved in the consultation is the proposed South of Arran MPA - an area fished by Tarbert boats and Campbeltown's fishing fleet. Fears have been raised that any restrictions imposed on the area would wipe out the fishing industry.

Speaking about the proposal at a full council meeting last Thursday, Councillor Hall said the industry needs to be 'protected' from decisions made by policy-makers with a bias

for the east coast, adding: 'Can we as a council hold this lot to account because enough is enough. These decisions are having a negative impact on our area.'

'The east coast is booming while the west coast is depopulated. They are turning this area into a theme park on how people used to live.'

Tarbert councillor John McAlpine said he feared for the future of his village. 'If we close these areas there will be fewer and fewer areas to

fish and the fishermen will leave our communities. It is not a lucrative business and continues through families and through generations. If we lose these fishermen now they will not come back,' he said.

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Government said the 33 MPA proposals were spread throughout Scotland's seas. 'All responses to the consultation will be given full consideration as part of the decision making process,' she said.

Engineer endorses current landslide prevention work

ACTION currently being taken to prevent landslides from closing the A83 at the Rest Be Thankful is 'appropriate and effective', according to a leading engineer.

Dr Mike Winter, head of ground engineering at the Transport Research Laboratory, this week said the Scottish Government's strategy to address the threat of landslides along the A83

was working. It comes as Transport Scotland confirms debris flow netting installed on the hillside has already prevented landslides reaching the road a few times this year.

Dr Winter, an expert on landslides, described the programme of landslide mitigation measures at the Rest as 'fairly robust'.

He said: 'We are not trying to stop landslides,

that's not what this is about.

'What is being done here is reducing the risk of landslides to an appropriate level.'

Dr Winter, who has worked at landslide sites all over the world, said the risk of landslides occurring on the A83 looked to continue for the next few years. But he said that risk was being managed.

'What we are seeing

is more money being invested and that is having a beneficial impact in a low risk environment,' he said.

'In that context what is being done here is a significant piece of work, which is appropriate and effective.'

He added that the recently upgraded Old Military Road, which was designed as a relief road when landslides close the A83 at the Rest

and Be Thankful, was at 'significantly less' risk of landslides than the A83.

Dr Winter, whose wife is from Campbeltown, has been lending his support to a campaign which aims to rebrand the Rest and Be Thankful as a tourist destination.

'Landscapes like those at the Rest and Be Thankful are one of the reasons why people come to Scotland,' he said.



Dr Mike Winter gave his assessment of the landslide mitigation measures at the Rest when he visited Argyll.



John Campbell with Kilberry resident Sarah Coates and PC Karen Watson, both of whom were instrumental in returning the milestone to its rightful place.

Unique milestone found six years after reported missing Distinctive post for sale in antique dealers

A KILBERRY resident was recently reunited with a unique milestone which he reported missing more than six years ago.

John Campbell, formerly chairman of South Knapdale Community Council, had renovated the 30kg cast iron milestone, which had been lying abandoned in his family property for some years.

The post marking 8.5 miles to Kilberry was reinstated on the road in April 2007 and was stolen within weeks.

But six years later a relative of a Kilberry road resident saw the distinctive item advertised for sale on

an antique dealer's website in England. Having reported the find to the police, Argyll officers liaised with their counterparts in Durham Constabulary and were able to recover the item. The antique dealer, who had acquired the item in good faith, signed a disclaimer allowing the item to be returned to its owner.

Constable Karen Watson of Lochgilphead Police Office, who was involved in the case, said: 'I would like to thank all of those involved in restoring the milestone to its rightful place, in particular Constable Simon Schofield of Durham Constabulary who played a key role in the recovery.'

Vintage car rally keeps A83 marketing on the road

ATTEMPTS to market the A83 as one of the greatest scenic routes in Britain will take a step forward this week as 150 vintage cars descend on the road.

The Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation will guide the cars through the Old Military

Road at the Rest and Be Thankful at around midday on Monday as part of the Le JoG challenge. An event that attracts motorists from all over the world, Le JoG offers crews the chance to drive through wooded forestry, on private land and across beauti-

ful landscapes. Organisers of the 2013 event decided the Rest and Be Thankful meets that criteria.

Mike Story, chairman of the A83 Marketing Committee, said the rally would be a 'fantastic spectacle'.

He said: 'This is exact-

ly the kind of event we need to take place on the A83 to get the message out there that this really is one of the great scenic routes in Scotland.

'Yes there may be a few incidents but they are not of a level that would ruin your enjoyment of the place.'

Red Cross coffee morning

THE ANNUAL Red Cross Coffee Morning will take place tomorrow (Saturday) and not November 30, as stated in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

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What exactly do we elect councillors for?

THE AXE is set to start swinging at Argyll and Bute Council, but this time it will be council officers who will decide where it will fall.

In the latest twist at Kilmory elected councillors have given their staff the task of making £3.8 million in efficiency savings over the next two years. This will be a worrying time for Mid Argyll residents who work at Kilmory as there have been no guarantees against job losses.

Indeed council officers could be faced with the ultimate decision on whose posts should be made redundant. Why should they be given the final decision, normally taken by councillors, of making cuts that could affect so many people?

Council leader Dick Walsh says he has every faith in his staff and the Argyllshire Advertiser has no doubt they can do the job, but the fact is such a responsibility belongs with elected members.

If it is not councillors that decide which services must be cut, what exactly do we elect them for? Surely when they take office they expect to be making tough decisions.

This agreement to defer decision making to staff will do nothing to improve the council's already poor reputation - as evident in the recent Audit Scotland report.

Once again, it would seem councillors have failed to think about the people whose lives will be affected by these cuts - the very people who voted them into power.

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Council did consult with clubs

Sir,
Argyll and Bute Council did consult with the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre and Lochgilphead Red Star AFC on the work carried out at Ropework Park. The drainage work undertaken this summer was the second phase of a two-year plan advised by the council in spring 2012 and agreed with the local football clubs and councillors.

The drainage work has seen a reduction in postponements in Lochgilphead this season.

Football clubs in Mid Argyll are keen to retain a grass pitch in the area and are pleased that work has been carried out on Ropework Park as agreed. However, the other playing surfaces in the area fall well short of what is required for the major sport in the area.

The soccer centre and Red Star agreed with the council several years ago that we wouldn't use Ropework Park for training so the alternatives are the 2G and grass pitches at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus and the KGV Park in Ardrishaig. These grass pitches are waterlogged and unusable for at least six months of the year so the only available pitch for the most of the year is the school 2G surface.

While training can be carried out on this pitch, it is described by SportScotland as unsuitable for development training and unsuitable for match play, so we can't do the development training we require. The SportScotland guidance is similar for the other two main team sports in the area - shinty and rugby.

Indeed the 3G surface is suitable for football, rugby and shinty. The Scottish FA recommends a 3G pitch for every community in their recently published facilities strategy so there can be no doubt that Mid Argyll requires a 3G pitch. Peter Laing's petition shows the strength of feeling in the area and the 1,000 plus signatures includes many coaches, players and parents from the soccer centre as well as friends and football people from other areas of Argyll and beyond who appreciate the benefit of a 3G pitch in their community.

The sensible place for a 3G is the existing 2G artificial pitch at the school campus which is the required size and floodlighting and fencing is already in place. The comments attached to Peter's online petition highlight many of the failings of the 2G surface - a variety of injuries, slippery in wet weather, icing up very quickly and slow to thaw - and the soccer centre can back up these claims from our own experiences of using the facility for several years.

Graham Whitefield,
Chairman,
Lochgilphead Soccer Centre.

Scotland's future unclear

Sir,
In response to your editorial November 29 in which you asked how would people in Mid Argyll fair in an independent Scotland.

You stated economists question the viability of the pro-

posals set out in the white paper, whereas the front page of the same newspaper carries the headline Families crying out for help as poverty rocks in Mid Argyll.

It does not take much of an economist to realise that our current set-up is not that viable.

The editorial was also concerned about an independent Scotland's position in the EU, whereas on the very same day a bill was passed at Westminster Parliament for an in-out referendum on Europe in 2017. With the rise of right wing anti-Europe politics south of the border, I will agree with the editor that Scotland's future is unclear.

The editorial concluded by asserting our responsibility to educate our young folk.

I can only hope newspapers were not included in this 'education'.

Name and address supplied,
via e-mail.

Thanks for fantastic book festival

Sir,
Following the fantastic success of the first Tarbert Book Festival held in the village, and very well covered in the columns of this newspaper, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organisations that so kindly supported it.

It is a long list, and I sincerely hope I have not omitted anyone - for which I apologise unreservedly, if it is the case.

Thanks must go to Loch Fyne Gallery, Tarbert Enterprise Company, J S Salmon

Ltd, Kames Fish Farming Ltd, The Anchor Hotel, Stonefield Castle Hotel, Springbank Distillery and staff and pupils at Tarbert Academy.

All the businesses that took advertising in the feature on November 15 must be thanked.

Thank you to PEP Taxis, Argyll FM, Birlinn Publishers and Argyll and Bute Council library service.

Thanks go to the authors for their interesting presentations, the audiences for their enthusiasm and attentiveness and to the staff at the Argyllshire Advertiser for their helpfulness.

Most importantly I would like to thank friends, colleagues and fellow committee members Susan Connor, Rae Bleasby and Lisa Tuttle.

Here is to the next one - November 22, 2014. People should mark it in their diaries now.

Liz Scott,
via e-mail.



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Palliative and end-of-life care to be improved in Argyll and Bute



MSP Michael Russell, fifth from right, and MSP Jamie McGrigor, left, with care staff at the launch of the Argyll and Bute Delivering Choice Programme. 06_a48mariecurie01

PALLIATIVE and end-of-life care is to improve in Argyll and Bute following the launch of a new programme of services and projects.

The Argyll and Bute Delivering Choice programme, developed by leading end-of-life care charity Marie Cure Cancer, Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership and other partners, will see people receive the care they want and need, wherever they want it.

Mixture

Services being rolled out include a mixture of short and long visits to patients' homes throughout the day and night, and improvements to carers' information and training.

Community events and roadshows will raise awareness of death, dying and bereavement and the support available. Guidance will be given on use of remote rural transport and support for palliative care in care homes.

The services announced last week

mark the start of phase three of a programme launched a year ago.

Jennifer Layden, project manager for the Argyll and Bute Delivering Choice Programme, said: 'The programme is taking a big picture view of the way that palliative and end-of-life care is delivered in Argyll and Bute.'

'We know, for example, that carers can feel isolated or lack support or knowledge of palliative care issues. As a result, we are developing a carer's training module specifically covering end-of-life care issues which will be delivered along with local carer organisations.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'With so many communities based in remote rural areas, it is vital that the end-of-life care needs for Argyll and Bute meet the specific needs of those communities.'

'This programme will make a huge difference to those patients and families with a palliative care need.'

Codi wins beautiful baby competition

A TARBERT lass has been crowned the winner of a beautiful baby competition thanks to the support of family and friends who voted for her.

Codi MacDougall beat 160 other youngsters to win the Venture Photography competition.

Proud parents - mum Mhairi and dad Nikki - entered the four-year-old in the competition when they visited Wonder World soft play in Glasgow at Hallowe'en. Once the photograph had been taken it was uploaded onto Facebook with the other entries to see who would get the most likes.

Thanks to locals and

family members liking and sharing the picture Codi finished second.

The top five were then judged by Venture Photography and Wonder World with the Tarbert youngster announced the overall winner.

Last week Codi travelled with her parents and six-week-old sister Esmee to claim her prize, which was a framed family photograph taken by Venture Photography.

Mhairi said: 'She is over the moon with her win. We are delighted that Codi won the competition and it makes it even more special that she was picked the winner.'



Codi MacDougall was named the winner of a beautiful baby competition run by Venture Photography and Wonder World soft play in Glasgow.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



TARBERT was bathed in perfection.

The wee boats were motionless on the calmest of seas and the hills shimmered gold across the bay.

Rae and Steve of the Loch Fyne Gallery had organised a wonderful Book Festival and Tarbert was alive with stories and poetry.

We were headed to the Anchor Hotel to hear Mairi Hedderwick tell stories of the Scottish islands and tales of Katie Morag.

There was a lovely atmosphere and as we met up with friends from across Argyll, we knew it was going to be a good afternoon.

Mairi sat herself down beside us, propped her glasses on her head, and launched into her stories.

She enchanted us with tales from days gone by and people she had met along the way.

Apart from a few slides, Mairi simply told her stories - a real gift.

In this day of the most amazing technology and entertainment, it's not often we get the chance to listen to a real 'seanchai' or 'storyteller'.

There is something special about someone reading to us.

Perhaps it takes us back to our childhood when our parents read us a bedtime story and we felt warm and secure.

Recently I have lost two very dear friends and amid all the sadness and grief there is a special place for stories.

We treasure the stories of our loved ones that are written on our hearts and we bring them out to retell them when we gather to remember.

Stories have healing powers and can bring laughter as well as tears.

Part of our grieving is eased when we share stories of our loved ones.

We feel their memory lives on as they come alive again in the remembering.

They are almost with us in this special place.

We tell our stories and laugh or cry, but we remember - and in that remembering time is endless.

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Secret recipe for the perfect tattie scone and oatcakes

ONE OF the longest serving members of Lochgilphead SWRI shared her secret recipe for the perfect tattie scones and oatcakes with institute members.

Jenny Campbell treated her friends to a cookery demonstration at the November meeting of the group. Her delicious baking was served up alongside a birthday cake, prepared by Jean Smith, to celebrate the institute's 84th birthday.

The competitions for the evening were: A Christmas table centre: Gold: Jenny Campbell, Jean Smith and Lizzie Scott. Shortbread: Gold: Debbie Munro, Silver: Jean Smith and Lizzie Scott, Red: Ealasaid Mackay.

The next meeting of the SWRI will be the institute's Christmas party on Tuesday, December 17. Taking place in Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7.30pm, a buffet will be enjoyed along with a Christmas sing along.

Visitors and new members are welcome.

Stuart Herd unveils 30 paintings in winter exhibition

Splash of bright colour marks slight departure in style

ONE OF Argyll's most renowned artists launched a winter-themed exhibition last week, marking the culmination of several years of work.

Stuart Herd has more than 30 paintings on show at The Harbour Gallery, Tarbert, as part of his solo exhibition Winters Calling - Across Scotland.

Locations

The artist has captured snowy scenes from across the country which include Edinburgh, the South of Uist and various locations around Loch Fyne.

Stuart has added a splash of red to each of

the paintings, focusing on the post boxes and telephone boxes that are dotted across rural landscapes.

Speaking at the opening of the exhibition on Saturday, Stuart said: 'The colour red just really attracts me and the phone boxes, post boxes and the poppies added colour.'

'My pallet is normally quite dark with greys and dark blues when I draw landscapes. This allowed me to add a focal point to the paintings. It allowed me to brighten everything up.'

The artist, who creates his pieces at the Art Studio in Tarbert, is known

for his stunning landscape paintings that often capture Mid Argyll at its finest.

Success

The man behind The Harbour Gallery, added: 'The gallery has now been open a couple of years and this is my first exhibition I have had in it. So far it seems to have been a success. I have been working on it for a number of years and it all seemed to come together. With it being winter now it was the perfect time to host the exhibition.'

The exhibition will be open daily for the next two weeks, from 10am-6pm.



Stuart Herd has a collection of more than 30 paintings on display at The Harbour Gallery, Tarbert, as part of his Winter Calling - Across Scotland exhibition. 06_a49staurt02

MALI Christmas Craft Fair

KEEN shoppers will have the opportunity to pick up hand-crafted African jewellery and bags when the MALI Christmas Craft Fair gets underway tomorrow (Saturday).

MALI, the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative,

is a Mid Argyll-based charity which supports the education of vulnerable young people in Zambia.

The charity's Christmas Fair will see accessories made by people in Zambia sit alongside gifts and produce made

across Argyll. Jackson Chisenga, a young man supported by the charity, will be helping out at the event.

The fair will take place in the newly refurbished Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall tomorrow between 10am and 2pm.

Nicky McMichan Trio perform at Inveraray

A WELL known face on the traditional Scots music scene Nicky McMichan was the guest performer at the November meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Performing as the Nicky McMichan Trio, the accordion player was accompanied by Ian An-

derson on keyboard and Shona MacPherson on drums. The trio entertained the audience with a marvellous selection of more than 20 sets, many of them Nicky's favourite pipe marches.

Supporting

The supporting players were Fyne Folk, which included Nick MacFarlane, Sally Hall,

Agnes Liddell, James MacArthur, Jimmy Duncan, Johnny Fisher, Janet Graham, Alex MacKinnon, Andy Phillip, Charlie Saune, Muriel Smith, Jimmy MacDonald, Donald MacLachlan and Jake MacKay.

Next week the club welcomes back the Robert Nairn Trio from Ach- aracle.

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Usual stalls
Santa's Grotto



Fyne Fusion was the headline act of the evening.



George Durnan and Elizabeth Perkins, who both helped to organise the MAMA Fest, spoke to the crowd about their plans for the future of the festival.

First mini MAMA Festival voted a huge success

THERE will definitely be more Mini MAMA (Mid Argyll Music and Arts) Fests in Lochgilphead after organisers dubbed the first evening of live music a 'huge success.'

More than 100 people from across Argyll turned up to watch a variety of acts perform at the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead, on Saturday night.

The evening's entertainment included Bar None Community

Choir, Ardrishaig lad Neil Parkinson, duo Straun Thorpe and Ross Kennedy and headline act Fyne Fusion.

The festival was the first of many which will be arranged in the coming months ahead of the 'big' MAMA Fest - a full weekend of musical entertainment - in the summer.

Liz Perkins, who helped organise the event, said: 'It was an absolutely brilliant night

from start to finish. There was a great mixture of people of all ages. There were people who had not been out in years who had come out especially for the event.'

Superb

She added: 'People commented on the variety of music and the feedback has been superb.'

The organising committee now plans to organise another 'mini' festival in the new year.

'We are thinking the end of February and will be trying a different venue. We would like to have different types of music and would really like musicians of all genres to get in touch,' Liz said.

'We hope this will be the start of something great and that businesses in Lochgilphead will get involved with. We hope it will benefit the entire community.'



Ross Kennedy and Straun Thorpe performed to a packed out Argyll Hotel at the mini MAMA Fest. 06_a49mama11



Ian and Rena Liddell, left, and Alister and Carol Dewar enjoyed an evening of musical entertainment. 06_a49mama07



Derek Scott, left, Jennifer Law and Neil MacFarlane danced the night away at the Argyll Hotel. 06_a49mama10



Neil Parkinson had the crowd up on their feet with his eclectic selection of rock hits. 06_a49mama02



Elizabeth Law, Corinne Mills, Trish Scott and Eunice Salmon watched acts take to the stage for Lochgilphead's first ever music festival. 06_a49mama09

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Boost for island abattoirs as support is put in place

SIX OF Scotland's island abattoirs are to benefit from a new move to improve their economic viability under a project supported by the Duke of Rothesay.

Funding and support from Prince Charles' Countryside Fund and the Scottish Government will help secure the future of facilities in Shetland, Orkney, Islay, Mull, Lewis, and North Uist.

The Sustaining Island Abattoirs in Scotland project comes after groundwork done by the Argyllshire Agricultural Forum on how to sustain abattoirs in remote locations.

Project manager Fergus Younger told *The Oban Times* the support package with an equivalent value of £300,000 over three years would come in two stages - working up robust business plans with each abattoir then funding support to lever in more investment for capital projects such as chilling facilities.

He said: 'Hopefully this will provide the right package for the facilities to get them more sustainable in future.'

The initiative is being delivered in partnership with each abattoir by the Scottish Agricultural

Organisational Society (SAOS) and Scottish Business in the Community (SBC).

It aims to provide funds for improvements, business mentoring, and advice on developing market opportunities.

Staff training

Support for staff training and apprenticeships, together with marketing initiatives to drive sustainable throughput, also forms part of the package.

Along with the benefits to abattoirs, an estimated 20 per cent of all farm businesses - 2,162 holdings on the islands - will benefit

directly, while 15 young people will be offered improved skills and job opportunities.

Prince Charles said: 'It is my strong belief that with the generous assistance of the Scottish Government, these businesses can not only have a sustainable future, but can at last help capture the increased consumer demand for traceable, authentic and quality UK meat.'

Rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'The islands are an important part of Scotland's rich and diverse cultural identity and livestock farming plays a full part in

underpinning the local economy.

'The meat processing is an integral part of this and I am delighted to match the support being provided by the Duke of Rothesay to assist the plants secure a viable future in the long term.'

Caledonian Marts Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 1,815 sheep at its Oban sale last Tuesday, when store lambs sold to a top of £69 for a Beltic from G Brechin, Upper Largie, Kilmartin.

Ewes sold to a top of £84 for Texels from Mrs McCallum, Achna-Bheinn, Lochgilhead.

Leading prices per head: Lambs: Suff: £68 Upper Largie, Kilmartin, £64 Achnacreebeg, North Connel, £63 Torbhlaire, Lochgilhead, £62.50 Ballimackillichan, Lismore.

Tex: £64.50 Fiddin, Isle of Mull, £61 Ardachy, Connel, £60 Burnside, Isle of Mull. Bel: £60 Acharonich, Ardfern, £56.50 Upper Largie, Kilmartin.

Chev: £59 Ballimackillichan, Lismore, £63 Brulin, Tarbert, £52 Achadaphail, Isle of Mull, £51 Cailaich, Isle of Mull.

Mule: £55 Fiart, Lismore, £54 Aird, Ardfern, £53 Ardachy, Connel, £50 Aird, Ardfern. BF: £45 Invernahyle, Appin and Upper Largie, Kilmartin, £44 Pulpit, Oban, £42 Invernahyle.

Ewes: Tex: £60 Achna-Bheinn, Lochgilhead, £56 Fiddin, £54 Leachive, Tayvallich Suff: £54 Achna-Bheinn, £52 Achenreir, Barcal-dine. Chev: £48 Slaterich, Kerrera, £47 Ardnacross, Isle of Mull, £45 Quinish and Stalker Cottage, Isle of Mull.

Mule: £48 Seaview, Appin, £47 Pulpit, Oban, £46 Fiart, Lismore, £45 Aird, Ardfern. BF: £42 Invernahyle, Appin, £41 Glenaros, Mull, £40 Kilbride, Balvicar, £35 Leachive Tayvallich.

Islay suckled calf sold for record price

A SUCKLED calf from the Isle of Islay has been sold for a record £3,100 at the Scottish Winter Fair in Edinburgh.

Bob Cunninghame, from Neriby, said his April-born Limousin heifer calf, Ciara, was the best calf he had ever had but admitted he was 'absolutely stunned' by the price tag.

Ciara won the suckled calf championship before being sold to Aileen Ritchie, Tamala, Whitecairns. The win made sure the class tro-

phy returned to Islay, having been won the previous year by Eoin Brown, RSPB Aoradh.

Bob paid tribute to the late Ewen MacPherson, Benderloch, who encouraged him to show cattle.

Big surprise

Caledonian Marts auctioneer John Kyle, who sold the calf, said: 'It is a record price for the suckled calf section by a long way.'

'I don't think we have ever sold anything above £2,000 in that section.'

'It was a big surprise, not least for Bob himself. It is a very, very good calf and I expect to see it next summer and at next year's winter fair.'

The 300kg calf is out of a home-bred Limousin cross and sired by Spittleton Drew, which cost 12,000 guineas.

Overall champion at the show was a Limousin heifer from Wilson Peters, Cuilt Farmhouse, Crieff, sold to judge Jimmy Mulholland, Midtoun, for £4,700.

United Auctions Islay

UNITED Auctions held their annual Christmas Sale of all classes of cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday, when a catalogued entry of 552 head was easily cleared to a good following of buyers.

Bullocks sold to average £743 per head or 235 pence per kilo as against £613 or 196 pence last year.

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CAP Reform meeting

NFU Scotland is holding a CAP Reform consultation meeting in Tarbert Village Hall on Friday, December 13, from 1pm.

Jonnie Hall, NFU Scotland's director of policy, said: 'It is vital that all members have an opportunity to hear the details and have their say.'

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ISLAY

Royal backing for Islay abattoir

ISLAY'S abattoir is set to benefit from a new project inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales to improve its economic viability and business resilience.

The small facility at Avonvogie is one of six island abattoirs which will receive funding and support from The Prince's Countryside Fund and the Scottish Government for the Sustaining Island Abattoirs in Scotland project.

The three-year project will provide funds for improvements, specialist business mentoring support, development of market opportunities, support for staff training and apprenticeships and marketing initiatives.

Increasing costs and regulation have threat-

ened abattoirs' existence, but it is hoped the project will be a way of securing their futures.

As well as the benefits to abattoirs, an estimated 20 per cent of all the farm businesses, 2,162 holdings on Islay, Mull, Lewis, North Uist, Orkney and Shetland, will benefit directly from the project.

Fifteen young people will be offered improved skills and job opportunities and environmental impacts and animal welfare will also see improvements.

His Royal Highness said: 'I have always passionately believed in the importance of sustaining our rural communities and these facilities are vital for the local agricultural businesses and

economy.

'It allows farmers and crofters to add value to their produce, tourism providers to promote local provenance and local people to have local food. It is my strong belief that with the generous assistance of the Scottish Government, these businesses can not only have a sustainable future, but can at last help capture the increased consumer demand for traceable, authentic and quality UK meat.

'I am delighted that two of my charities, The Countryside Fund and Scottish Business in the Community, have been able to support this project and I look forward to seeing a real, lasting difference.'

SOUTHEND



Caroline Corr, right, accepts the new puppet from the boys.

Southend primary donates puppet to library

SOUTHEND pupils in primary 2 to 4 enjoyed a recent visit from Caroline Corr of Campbeltown Library.

The children have recently completed a series of visits to the library and Caroline introduced them

to a puppet called Sage. They were so taken with Sage, they thought it would be nice for him to have a friend, so donated another puppet, called Onion, to the library to keep him company.

Sage and Onion can both be seen at the library.

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Southend SWRI has visit from Royal British Legion

REPRESENTATIVES from the Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown branch (RBLs) spoke to the members of Southend SWRI about Remembrance Day.

President Jen Ronald welcomed all members old and new to St Blaans Hall.

Geoff Spree, secretary of the Royal British Legion Campbeltown, and vice chairman Mark Pickering gave an interesting and informative talk about the Campbeltown branch, explaining the history, involvement and how money is raised for one of the largest ex-service charities in Scotland.

The Campbeltown branch, a registered charity, has been running for four years with 50 members and an enthusiastic committee holding fundraising events. The Campbeltown branch also visits and helps at Erskine Hospital, which provides first class nursing, respite

and short break care, dementia and palliative care, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy. Together with the Erskine Cottages, workshops, garden centre and cafe they raise money which is put to good use.

Mr Spree and Mr Pickering also told of the RBLs' part in Remembrance Day, laying poppy crosses on war graves at Kilkerran Cemetery and taking part in Campbeltown's annual service and parade. Southend SWRI vice president Inez Ronald said it would mean so much to many people and families to hear of their good work.

Competition results: poppy seed cake: gold: Jen Ronald, Fiona Rowland, Elizabeth Semple; silver: Elsie Hone, Margaret Penman; red: Jean Ives, Margaret Mclean; blue: Margaret Bakes. Card featuring poppy (any craft): gold: Margaret McDowall; silver: Trish Pearson, Fiona Rowland; blue: Jen Ronald; green: Margaret Penman, Margaret Russell. One item of wartime memorabilia: gold: Margaret Bakes, Inez Ronald; silver: Maureen Docherty, Jean Ives; red: Janet Ferguson, Margaret Penman; red: Jen Ronald, Margaret Russell; blue: Margaret McDowall; green: Elizabeth Semple.

TARBERT

Plans submitted

A GALLERY in Tarbert could become holiday accommodation if a recently submitted planning application is approved.

The owners of the Artisan Studio, Cragfoot, Harbour Street in Tarbert have applied for planning permission to change the use of the gallery to a one bedroom self catering short term holiday let.

The application is still under consideration by Argyll and Bute Council.

LARGIESIDE

WRI members learn about Red Cross

LARGIESIDE WRI members were treated to a talk about the Red Cross at a meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall.

Karl Hurd explained how the Red Cross was started in 1863 by Henry Durant from Switzerland. Members were told about its history and the Red Cross as it is today.

Linda Hutchinson gave

the vote of thanks.

Competition results: apple jelly: Zandra Macdougall five points, Linda Hutchinson three points. Prettier earrings: Patricia Johnstone three points, Linda Hutchinson three points, Helen Steel three points, Mary McDonald five points, Ann Clark four points, Adrienne Bradley four points, Zandra Macdougall five points.

JURA

Plans for golf course on Jura

PLANNING permission is being sought to build an 18-hole golf course on Jura as part of the Ardfin Sporting Estate.

Plans for the golf course have been circulating for some time, but were put on hold earlier this year.

An application has now been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council which would see an 18-hole golf course and additional practice hole created on the estate in southern Jura.

The 14,000-acre estate is owned by millionaire Australian financier Greg Coffrey who bought it in 2010.

It is not clear whether the golf course would be open to the public.

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The financial decisions you make at retirement will impact the rest of your life, so it's worth taking advice and considering all your options before taking any major steps.

The conventional route for most pensioners is to take out an annuity - but there can be downsides to being stuck with one source of income that is paying out a fixed amount, the main one being the effects of inflation.

Annuity rates have been historically low in recent years, and although they are starting to pick up many people still feel they need to make more out of their nest egg to be able

to afford a higher standard of living at retirement. Argyll & Bute Consultants Limited specialise in this advice area for clients who are approaching retirement and are able to offer a wide variety of solutions to meet client needs.

Consumer awareness has led to more retirees taking time to consider more alternatives at retirement such as looking at the Open Market Option, which is the process of shopping around for the most suitable annuity for your circumstances. In addition a high percentage of clients will be able to access an enhanced annuity due to health related issues.

Iain Reid, Director at Argyll and Bute Consultants Limited sees from his experience that most people with a personal pension arrangement that do not take advice, will simply opt to take the benefits from their existing pension provider. Conversely, advised clients will be unlikely to do so after being made aware of what the whole of the market has to offer.

Given that such decisions cannot be revoked, it is crucial that this group of investors take advice from a properly qualified Independent Financial Adviser.

IF YOU'RE heading towards retirement soon you'll be all too aware there is more to consider than your leaving party.

You need to look at how best to deal with your pension, what you're going to do with all your free time and, most importantly, where you'll take your first holiday.

When people hit retirement many start to think about updating wills, it is vital these are kept current as situations change over the years.

Your children will have grown up, loved ones mentioned may no longer be with you and some assets may not be included.

Making a Will is the only way to ensure your loved ones are provided for after you die. It ensures your estate and assets are dealt with as you wish and ensures your instructions as to who receives them is respected.

While you're dealing with financial issues you should ensure you're looked after for the whole of your retirement.

Putting in place a plan for your pension and other financial interests is vital and there are many good advisors in the Argyll area that can help you with that.

Keeping healthy into your old age is also important and it is never too late to get fit. There are a variety of classes and programmes aimed at the older generation.

Of course you could stay healthy on the golf course or while busy in your garden, just a couple of ideas that will also help you fill up all the spare hours.

But if you do find the days dragging unexpectedly then you might want to consider volunteering. You could either give a few hours over to a charity shop or perhaps organising fundraising events or providing companionship for others in the community.

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Archie Stewart, four, with Santa. 06_a49inv15



Inveraray's Scott McLean, six, took part in the lantern parade. 06_a49inv09



Sophie and Ashley Lindsay-MacDougall with Emily M.



From left, Sophie Lindsay-MacDougall, Angus McNeil and Ashley Lindsay-MacDougall took part in the lantern parade. 06_a49inv02



Kyle Lyon, six, from Lochgilphead, with Rudolf at Inveraray Fire Station. 06_a49inv12

Santa and Ro Inveraray Ch

SLEIGH bells could be heard going through the streets of the Royal Burgh of Inveraray last Friday evening when Santa arrived to help turn on the Christmas lights.

Santa travelled down the Main Street with special cargo on board in the shape of Inveraray's Rosie Blythe, who had the honour of turning on this year's lights.



Friends Gill Agutu, eight, and Pippy Cunningham, 11, got into the festive spirit at the Inveraray Christmas lights switch-On. 06_a49inv13



Celene MacIntyre, second left, with her daughter Lauren children Lena, three, and Sara, six. 06_a49inv06



Autumn Tierney-Clark, five, was one of dozens of children to make lanterns for the Inveraray Christmas Lights switch-on. 06_a49inv01



Harvey McLiesh, eight, and Finlay Hutton, seven, told Christmas. 06_a49inv10

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acDonald and Santa. 06_a9inv14



Rhys Lyon, four, had a shot on the fire engine. 06_a49inv11



Santa travelled down Inveraray Main Street with Jim McCulloch and Rosie Blyth, who turned on the Christmas lights. 06_a49inv04

They turn on Christmas lights

Families lined the streets to watch the big switch on and saw dozens of local children follow Santa and his sleigh with lanterns they had made in school.

Following the lights being turned on Santa headed to Inveraray Fire Station where he met dozens of youngsters who told him what they were wishing for this Christmas.



Ten-year-old Valenio Pia with his lantern. 06_a49inv03



Anna and Sandy Bryson with their grand children Eden Clark, 12, and sisters Jessica, two, and Abby Scott, five. 06_a49inv05



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Sisters Carys, four, and Erin Naisby, six, with Santa. 06_a9inv08



Santa what they wanted for



Lochgilphead's Riley Alderson, three, and Cameron Urquhart, eight, met Santa when he visited the Royal Burgh last Friday. 06_a9inv07

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Presents can be anything these days, whether it's a framed photo or painting, a voucher for a local salon or beautician to give someone a well-deserved pampering or some driving lessons for those desperate to learn or needing to brush up on their skills.

There really is a wealth of choice out there when it comes to Christmas presents and shopping around or doing an internet search can bring up all sorts of ideas and suggestions you may not have thought of.

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Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

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ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Argyll and Bute Council propose to make an order under section 68 (1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 stopping up the lengths of road described in the Schedule hereto.

The title of the Order is "THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (UC42 OLD QUAY AND UC41 NEW QUAY, CAMPBELTOWN) (STOPPING UP) ORDER 2013"

A copy of the proposed Order and of the accompanying plan showing the lengths of road to be stopped up, together with a statement of reasons for making the Order have been deposited at the Offices of:

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The documents are available for inspection free of charge during normal working hours.

ANY PERSON may, within 28 days from the date of this advertisement, object to the making of the Order by notice in writing to the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD. Objections should state the name and address of the objector, the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made.

Date 5th December 2013

Jim Smith Head of Roads & Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RD

SCHEDULE

Lengths of Road in Argyll and Bute

- That length of the Old Quay, Campbeltown (U42), shown zebra hatched and marked A-B on Drawing Number T335, extending from its junction with the B842 at the roundabout on Old Quay Head eastwards to the end of the Quay, a distance of 242 metres or thereby.
- That length of the New Quay, Campbeltown (U41), shown zebra hatched and marked C-D on Drawing Number T335, extending from Hall Street northeastwards to the end of the stone faced structure, a distance of 177 metres or thereby.

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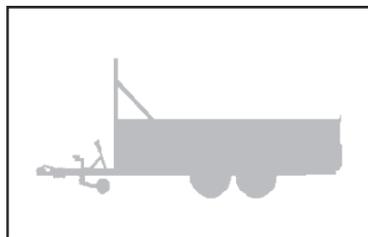
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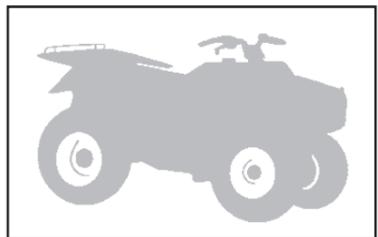
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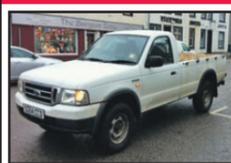
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Mid Argyll looks to gain a slice of £2.4 billion ancestral tourism market

TOURISM businesses in Mid Argyll have been encouraged to learn more about the history of the area in a bid to tap into the ancestral tourism market.

Ancestral tourism has been identified as one of the key areas of growth in Scotland over the next five years and is expected to generate £2.4 billion for the economy.

Tourism Intelligence Scotland hosted a workshop at Kilmartin Museum recently to highlight ways businesses could gain a slice of the market.

Learning about local archives, churches, museums and where traditional music is played, or food is served up were all highlighted as

ways to attract visitors to the area.

Carron Tobin, director of Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), said: 'This has huge growth potential especially with Homecoming Scotland next year and with the clan history we have it is perfect for this area.'

Information

'The HoATA has produced a leaflet that has information about where museums are in the area and about the clan history, which will be out at the end of the year.'

Research by VisitScotland has revealed ancestral tourists spend more money per day than average tourists and are likely to spend longer in the area.



Joanne MacDonald has become a familiar face at craft fairs in Mid Argyll. 06_a36ford01

Busy mum of three from Ford sending love this Christmas

A BUSY mum of three has overcome illness to successfully launch her own business and cash in on the emerging crafts and gift industry in Argyll.

Joanne MacDonald, who lives in Ford, launched Angels with Love, an online candle and gift business, earlier this year after ill health forced her to give up her job in administration.

And now, just seven months after launching Angels with Love, Joanne is enjoying selling candles, bath bombs, Fair Trade fairies and handmade button jewellery at craft fairs and online.

Enjoying her first Christmas in business and the busiest time of year for those in the gifts industry, Joanne said: 'Having had to give up work a few years ago because of ill health I really was starting to feel a bit lost. I knew there must be something that I could do from home and also work around the school holidays.'

'After much soul searching Angels with Love was born and the designing of our candles began. This really was so much fun and gave us all something positive to focus on again.'

Joanne has focused her atten-

tion on designing her own candles, which are made by another family business, sourcing fair trade products and toiletries that have not been tested on animals.

Angels with Love is another business that has been set up with the support of Argyll and Bute Business Gateway.

'My adviser Barbara Halliday helped me get my accounts set up and the book-keeping workshop I attended was very useful,' Joanne added. 'I'll be back in touch with Business Gateway soon to discuss my plans for expanding the business with new products.'

Grants available to help small businesses grow

GRANTS of up to £3,000 have become available to help small and medium-sized businesses to grow in Argyll.

Companies with an annual turnover or projected turnover of more than £70,000 will be eligible for a grant from the new Argyll and Bute Business Gateway Plus programme.

The programme was established last month after the local authority was given £120,000 of European funding, allowing it to provide financial support to 26 companies.

The grant, which can pay for up to 50 per cent of the project costs, can be used to buy equipment and pay for marketing or other costs directly supporting business growth.

More information about the programme, which will close in March 2015, can be found at argyll-bute.gov.uk/business-gateway-plus.

Businesses urged to launch festive promotion

BUSINESSES hoping to attract new customers and boost sales are being urged to launch a festive promotion.

The Argyll and Bute Business Gateway team is telling businesses a well-timed offer could encourage existing customers to buy more or tempt new customers to try out products or services for the first time.

Business advisors are currently on hand to help entrepreneurs develop a tailored marketing plan to grow sales over the Christmas period.

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More needs to be done to support business development, says MacLeod Construction

ARGYLL'S leading construction company has told the UK chief secretary to the treasury more needs to be done to support business development.

MacLeod Construction Ltd welcomed Danny Alexander to its Lochgilphead headquarters recently, where directors Murdo and Kenny MacLeod told the minister what was needed to boost the construction sector.

Company director Jane Macleod said: 'It was an opportunity to get to the heart of government and discuss the national and local economy with Mr Alexander. We asked that the government consider reducing VAT on extensions and renovations as that could really kick start the industry.'

'We also questioned the amount of money the government invests in remote and rural areas compared to the central belt; that investment needs to be much more evenly spread out.'

Other areas of concern discussed during the meeting were the high cost of fuel and the bureaucracy surrounding building regulations, planning consent and health and safety regulations.

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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).

ENGAGEMENTS



REID - HARDIE

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 1, 2013, of Anita, eldest daughter of Verona and the late John Reid, Lochgilphead, to George, son of George and Hannah Hardie, Elderslie.

DEATHS

CALLAN - Peacefully, on November 28, 2013, after a long illness, at Bury Hospice, Lancs, Michael, beloved husband of the late Susan, much loved dad of Katie and David, dear brother of Veronica and loving son of the late Willie and Ethel. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends, but never forgotten. Funeral service to be held on December 6 at East Lancs Crematorium.

CAMPBELL - On November 29, 2013, peacefully at home, Jean Hall Campbell, née McDonald, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the late Ian Campbell, much loved mother of Jim and John, dear mother-in-law of Margaret, dearly loved gran of Margaret, Emma, Craig and Ross and a loved great gran. Funeral service was held at Cumlodden Church, on December 5, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery. With thanks to nurses and home carers for kind attention, Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Quarry View Tearoom for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

CRYANS - Peacefully in the early hours of St. Andrew's Day, in his 79th year, George Cryans, late of Furnace, beloved husband to Catherine, a father of 7 and grandfather of 12. Interment at Kileven Cemetery, Furnace on Tuesday December 10, 2013. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACKINNON - Peacefully, after a short illness, on November 27, 2013, Catherine MacKinnon, aged 84 years, of 19 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, beloved daughter of the late Robert and Jean MacKinnon, dear sister of Willie, Donald Mary and the late Jimmy, Robert, Isabella and Jean, a dear sister-in-law, aunt and great aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private family funeral service was held in Lochgilphead, followed by interment at Achhabreac Cemetery.

MCLEAN - Suddenly, but peacefully, with family at his side, at Islay Hospital, on November 26, 2013, Donald Milloy MacLean (Don), aged 67 years, loving husband of Margaret (née Fletcher), younger son of the late Duncan (Pate) and Jeannie McLean of Campbeltown. Sorely missed.

NELSON - On December 3, 2013, peacefully at home, May Nelson, née Buntain, in her 85th year, beloved wife of the late George Nelson, much loved mum of William and Fiona, dear gran of Iain and Finlay. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Thursday, December 12, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome.

NELSON - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on November 30, 2013, Morag Ann MacInnes Nelson, in her 77th year, formerly of West Linton, Scottish Borders, dearly beloved mother of Stuart, Mari and Graeme and a loving granny and great granny. A cremation service will be held in Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, December 9 at 11.15am, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

SINCLAIR - Suddenly at her home, 19 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, with her family by her side, (Margaret) Louisa Sinclair, née MacAulay, aged 48 years, loving wife of Ross, much loved and adored mum of Adele and Scott, cherished daughter of John and the late Ann and beloved sister of Sheena and Hector. A much loved daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and much admired work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Ardrishaig Church Funds and local ambulance service.

THOMSON - Suddenly, at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, on December 2, 2013, Margaret McLellan Thomson, in her 75th year, Rhudal House, Machrihanish, dearly beloved wife of Hector Thomson, much loved mother of Kate and Revie, a loving and much loved gran and a dearly loved sister-in-law. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, December 7 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of The British Heart Foundation.

YOUNG - Suddenly at her home, Killearn Street, Glasgow, on November 26, 2013, Shona Young, aged 51 years, formerly of 33 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead and of Kimichael Glassary, loving daughter of Alison and the late Billy, much loved mum of Megan and Ewan, cherished sister of Campbell and Mhairi, a dear sister-in-law of Kathleen and Jess and much loved aunt of Genna, Lorna, Craig and Jack. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held today, Friday, December 6 at Kilmartin Parish Church, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilmartin Churchyard. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered at the church service.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

BAXTER - The family of the late Barbara Baxter would like to express their thanks to all family and friends for their support and cards at this sad time. Thank you to St Kieran's RC Church and congregation, also Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the Ardshiel Hotel for their help and professional service. The retiring collection raised the sum of £477.98 for Cancer Research UK.

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Always in our thoughts
Sadly missed.

- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband, dad and son-in-law, died December 11, 2002.

To us you were so special
What more is there to say
We only wish with all our hearts

That you were here today.
- Love, Mary, Janette and David xxx.

MACNAUGHTON - In loving memory of our dear mother and nannie, Mary, passed away December 10, 2012.

Up above in God's home now,
Our memories are as precious now as always,
No words are there to say how much we miss you.
Also remembering loved ones who have gone before,
In our hearts you'll always be.

- Love, Mairie, Catherine, Kirsty and families.

MARTIN - In loving memory of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997.

Always in our thoughts.
- Mum and family, at home and away.

ROBB - In loving memory of our dear dad, Duncan, who died December 7, 2012.

Forever loved and missed,
Always in our thoughts.
- David and Fiona.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Friday 6th December
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Panel Night - Any Questions?

Sunday 8th December 2013
11.15am Family Communion
with crèche

Mr R H Craig

Wednesday 11th December 2013
10.00am Toddler Group
No Bible Study this week

For details & other enquiries
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 8th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
10.45am Morning Prayer

All Welcome

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

8th December

Advent 2
"Love came down at Christmas"

Ardrishaig at 11:00am
and
Achahoish at 12:30pm

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Second Sunday of Advent 8
December - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside
and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
10am Cumlodden Church
3pm Gaelic Service Lochgair
Church

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
11.30am Inveraray Church

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 8th December 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am
Sunday School 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm
Mr Matthew Ramsay

Kirk Session Meeting
Tuesday 10th December 7.30pm
to be held in Tarbert Free Church

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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 8th December 2013
11.00am Morning Service

At Lochgilphead Community Centre,
Manse Brae
Scottish Charity SC015187



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SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2013

11.00 am Worship Service

Rev. Hilda Smith

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Panel Night - "Any Questions"
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before or at the meeting

Tea/coffee served afterwards
Everyone most welcome.

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George Street,
Campbeltown

Sunday 8th December
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service

Mr Calum Ferguson
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Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 8 December
Morning Worship
Glassary 11.30 am

Friday 13 December
Pram & Buggy Service
Glassary 2.00pm

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All welcome
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Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 8 December
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship

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Morning
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11:00 am
with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service

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Every Thursday

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10.30am Morning Worship
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7.00pm Town Carol Service
Lorne & Lowland Church

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling

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Saturday 7th December
10.00 - 12.00pm - Coffee Morning
12.00 - 2.00pm - Soup

Sunday 8th December
11.15am Rev A McIvor

Tuesday 10th December
Badminton
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P6-7 - 7-8pm

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Sunday 8th December
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BB Parade
Rev. P Burroughs

Monday 9th December
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm
Church Hall

Tuesday 10th December
Parents and Toddlers
9.45am - New Hall
BB Anchor Section
6 - 7pm in Church Hall
BB Junior Section
7.15 - 8.30pm in Church Hall

Thursday 12th December
Choir Practice 7.30pm

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Saturday 7 December 2013
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00-8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am

Sunday 8 December 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages
followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean
"The increase of HIS
Government"

Thursday 12 December 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
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Red Star win Argyll Derby

Red Star	5
Dunoon Athletic	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

AN EXCELLENT all round team performance saw Lochgilphead run out winners when they took on Argyll rivals Dunoon Athletic at Ropework Park on Saturday.

Star changed their formation from the sweeper formation to a straight 4-4-2 and this allowed the team to press higher up the pitch and instantly put Athletic under pressure.

The scoring opened on the half hour mark when Peacock closed down the goalkeeper, forcing him to fluff his kick and the ball fell kindly to Docherty. He kept his composure to finish into the bottom corner and make it 1-0.

Athletic soon found an equaliser before half time when a cross was deflected away from the unfortunate Kalache into the net to make it 1-1 at the break.

The home side did not feel sorry for themselves however and took the lead again after 55 minutes. This time Pater-son was on hand to convert Weir's corner with a powerful header, leaving the keeper with no chance to make it 2-1.

Star looked to have the points in the bag as they added a third. Docherty showed great desire to keep the ball in play before getting to the goal line and crossing to Morrison, who met the ball after a well-timed

run to nod Star 3-1 up.

Athletic did not give up and found a lifeline when a rare Red Star slip allowed the Athletic forward to knock the ball past Kalache and set up a thrilling last 15 minutes.

Star's two goal cushion was restored soon after, however, when Docherty beat the offside trap, after a neat through ball by Keen, and his shot went under the keeper and into the net for his second and Star's fourth of the afternoon.

In the last 10 minutes Star were able to run the clock down as they introduced fresh legs and the fifth goal came in injury time as Morrison was able to round the keeper before finishing into an empty net to make the final score 5-2 to Star.

The Star management



Star's Kevin Keen played a neat through ball to Rab Docherty who scored Star's fourth of the day. 06_a49star01

team were delighted with the result and performance shown by the team on the back of last

week's disappointment against East Kilbride.

Goal scorer Innes Pater-son was named man

of the match for his performance in defence following a six-week absence because of injury.

Finlayson's goal earns Lochfyneside a share of the points

A GOAL by Rhuaridh Finlayson secured an away draw for an unsettled Lochfyneside when they played Erskine Thistle on Saturday.

Lochfyneside has had trouble fielding a regular squad in recent weeks. No less than nine players have stepped into the goal-keeper role, while there has been inconsistency in the line-up of the back four throughout the season.

But, the team put in a solid performance against Erskine to finish the game 1-1.

Both teams are new to the West of Scotland Amateur League First Division and were evenly matched for the 90 minutes.

Lochfyneside now sit eighth in the league and will play Greenock tomorrow (Saturday) away from home.



The Red Star under 14 football team travelled to Campbeltown on Sunday to take on the wee toon's under 15 side. It was an entertaining game of friendly football, enjoyed by both teams. a49under14s01

Star under 17s sent home to think again

Riverside	5
Red Star U17s	1
Regional Cup	

PLAYING in the shadow of the battle of Bannockburn Monument on Sunday, the Red Star under 17s were sent home to think again after their poorest performance in almost 18 months.

The team suffered a 5-1 defeat to Riverside, from Bridge of Allan, when they travelled

with only 11 players for the third round regional cup tie.

The game started brightly enough with both teams creating chances; McCulloch in the Star goal having to be alert and show good handling on a number of occasions.

The opening goal came

after Star gave away possession in midfield and the striker pounced on a through ball giving McCulloch no chance. Soon after it was two for the home team as Star gave away another cheap goal.

The situation worsened for Star in the second half as they conceded a further three goals that the opposition did not have to work hard for.

Both teams finished the game with 10 men as a Riverside defender was sent off for two yellow card offences and a Star midfielder was shown a straight red for a poor challenge that could have resulted in injury to both players.

The only bright spot

for Star came in the last minute when following a period of good passing play involving Wylie and Hendry, the ball fell to Deans and, with his back to goal, he executed an acrobatic overhead kick. The ball deceived the keeper and dropped into the net at the postage stamp.

It was a quality finish to Star's only competent passing movement of the game but was scant consolation for the away team who did not even celebrate.

A disappointed Coach Dougie Moore said: 'This was a poor performance from a number of key players against a side that were hungrier for the win than our boys.'

Club lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with numbers 6, 13 and 15 drawn. The jackpot will be £500 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 3, 13 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

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Under 15s score eleven at Helensburgh

Helensburgh	0
Red Star U15	11
DFDL Unde 15 League	

RED STAR under 15s annihilated their Argyll rivals Helensburgh YFC on Sunday as they put 11 goals past their opponents.

Playing away, Star opened the game after eight minutes when a Souden shot was deflected beyond the Helensburgh keeper. They continued to pile on the

pressure but the home defence coped well until the 27th minute when Caskie cut in from the wing and sent a fierce drive in to the net.

Deflected

Two minutes into the second half Craig Young's effort deflected off a defender into the back of the net; next Caskie grabbed his

second and substitute Scott scored to increase the lead to five. Caskie grabbed his hat-trick with a neat volley from 20 yards.

Lochgilphead introduced all of their subs in the second half with everyone playing their part.

Star were now in command as Keiran Moore bagged a brace in 57 and 61 minutes. Scott Souden scored his overdue second goal to make it nine, Lorne MacFar-

lane coolly finished number 10 and an own goal completed the scoring.

Star's Aidan MacVic-ar who stood in as keeper for the afternoon did well, maintaining a clean sheet for the Lochgilphead lads.

This Sunday the under 15s hope to play their first competitive home fixture of the season against Ardencaple at Ropework Park. The kick off time is to be confirmed.

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Bid to resurrect Mid Argyll Sports Trust

'The trust still has a bank balance, which has a reasonable sum of money and it is time that money was put to good use'

SPORTS clubs in Mid Argyll are being urged to come together to resurrect Mid Argyll Sports Trust, while putting a 'significant' sum of money to good use.

Set up 20 years ago, Mid Argyll Sports Trust aimed to establish a sports complex in Lochgilphead but became defunct when the joint campus opened in 2007.

Now, with cash remaining in the trust's bank account and a number of campaigns running to improve sports facilities in Lochgilphead, it is hoped the trust will be reformed.

Bill MacCallum, of Mid Argyll Athletics Club, was on the original sports trust committee and is hosting a meeting next week in a bid to restart it.

Improve
'The timing is right [to reform the sports trust] as so many sports clubs including our club - Mid Argyll Athletics Club - are trying to improve their facilities,' Mr MacCallum said.

It is hoped the money within the sports trust account could be used for a number of projects including the proposed all-weather jump facilities at the joint campus and the football community's bid to get an all-weather pitch in the town.



The Fun Fours and Super Sevens from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre donned 'moustaches' while playing football to show support for Movember, which raises awareness of men's health issues. The youngsters thanked Jewsons, Hendrix Genetics Landcatch, Icon Hairdressing, Storvik Aqua Ltd and Lochgilphead Soccer Centre for supporting their efforts. a49fun01

He said: 'The trust still has a bank balance, which has a reasonable sum of money and it is time that money was put to good use. 'There would have to be agreement within the sports trust for any funding to be released to projects.'

Mr MacCallum hopes representatives of sports clubs, school sport and members of the public keen to see the progression of sports facilities in the area attend the meeting on Thursday.

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Poor finishing proves costly

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This missed chance, along with several other missed opportunities were what cost Tarbert the match and a much-needed three points.

The Dookers are at home again this weekend when they face high flying Drumchapel Ams, who currently have a 100 per cent record in the league so far this season.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup 4th Round - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Carradale 1; Oban Saints 6, Ellon 0; Premier Division One - Dunoon 2, Paisley 1; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star 5, Dunoon Athletic 2; Division 1A - Tarbert 1, Inverkip Thistle 2.

This weekend's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup 3rd round - Oban Saints v Glasgow Harp; Premier Division One - Paisley v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Port Glasgow United v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1A - Tarbert v Drumchapel Amateur Colts



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Poor finishing proves costly for the Dookers



**Dookers fail to convert
in first home league
match of the season**

Tarbert	1
Inverkip	2
SAFL Division 1A	

FAILURE to convert chances saw the Dookers lose by the odd goal in three when they took on Inverkip AFC on Saturday.

Playing their first home league game of the season, Tarbert immediately went behind when the visitors forced a corner after two minutes. Confusion in the box saw two Tarbert players scramble to clear the ball which unfortunately resulted in an own goal, much to the delight of the away support.

This did not deter the hosts, who stayed calm and started passing the ball well. MacIver was dictating play in the centre of the park, feeding Ronald at every opportunity, and soon the Dookers had the chance to level from the penalty spot. Captain Ronald took responsibility but his shot went over the bar.

However, the home side were soon on the front foot again and finally found an equaliser when Prentice fed Mackaveney, who buried his effort past the keeper.

Against the run of play, Inverkip had a very rare foray up the park and, with their first attack of the half, were gifted another goal after a mix up between Martin and Talbot in defence.

The final 10 minutes saw Tarbert desperately try to salvage something from the game. They forced several corners and with the last kick of the contest Prentice had an effort cleared off the line by the Inverkip defender.

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Tarbert's Malcolm MacIver fights for the ball in mid field. 06_a49tarbert02

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