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'Elf' and safety limits size of Tarbert tree

TARBERT OFFERING BRANDED A 'DISGRACE'

AFTER a public outcry a Christmas tree described as a 'disgrace' by Dookers has been removed by council staff.

The tree had sat proudly, at a slight angle, in Tarbert's harbour area for three days before it was inspected by officers and Argyll and Bute Council agreed to change it.

Described on social media as 'an insult', 'scabby' and like a 'match', a campaign to have the tree replaced quickly mounted.

It is understood that more than 100 people made complaints to the local authority and councillors about the tree.

The 12-foot-tall tree became a source of shame and anger for residents, who pointed out huge chunks missing from either side of it, and only a few branches that would be suitable for placing Christmas lights on.

Contacting the *Advertiser*, residents said other towns, such as Inveraray and Lochgilphead, always had better trees than Tarbert.

On All Things Tarbert Facebook page reader Jane Knowles said: 'Well, trees must be hard to get round Tarbert...it's not like we're surrounded by forests full of lovely trees!'

Gail MacDonald added, 'As per usual Tarbert gets the worst tree' and Heather Bellshaw said, 'send it back'.

Karlina Hamlin said: 'Visitors were just looking at it and shaking their heads. It's an embarrassment.'

The council confirmed it had been 'logging calls' about the unfortunate tree.

While confirming that a replacement was due yesterday (Thursday), hopefully in time for the Tarbert Christmas Fair and lights switch-on, a council spokes-

man explained: 'The council spends around £100,000 a year providing our communities with Christmas lights and trees. This tree is smaller than some of the trees in our other towns because of the limitations of the site - it is quite small and exposed.'

'The supports for a larger tree would encroach on the car parking spaces on one side and the footpath on the other, and the tree itself would be at risk of blowing down in the event of severe weather.'

'Public safety is our primary consideration when selecting and siting Christmas trees.'

News of a replacement tree was welcomed on All Things Tarbert with Steven Hamlin summing it up: 'Complaints were lodged with council regarding tree, the council agreed that complaints were valid and are the replacing tree. Everyone happy.'



Tarbert folk complained about the initial Christmas tree offering. 08_a49tree01

Landowner wants community trust to get involved

A LANDOWNER has called for support to maintain the pathways and bridge at White Shore Breathing Space, a popular nature walk in Tarbert.

Vandals have repeatedly damaged the bridge structure and have set fire to a picnic bench at the water, an area that families use in the summer.

Douglas Barker and wife Valerie own Barfad Farm, which includes the land of White Shore walk and the bridge.

His declaration comes after members of the public took to a social networking site to express their concern over the continued maintenance of the White Shore bridge.

Douglas is now encouraging a public partnership that will see members of the community work together to tackle vandalism, litter picking around the White Shore beach and maintenance of the bridge and pathways.

Douglas said: 'Valerie and I are in our 80s now and quite honestly we can't keep up with the maintenance of the land.'

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Group's petition for 'permanent' A83 solution backed by councillors

A PERMANENT solution for the A83 at The Rest and Be Thankful must be a priority for the Scottish government as well as the local authority, says a campaign group.

The Argyll First councillors' petition received the backing of all councillors at an Argyll and Bute Council meeting.

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'We were delighted when the deputy leader of the council Ellen Morton asked the full council to endorse our petition.'

'It is very important that Argyll and Bute Council speaks with one clear voice on this issue and keeps the pressure on the Scottish government in an attempt to find a permanent solution.'



Council homes project a winner

BRINGING 100 empty homes back into use this year has seen Argyll and Bute Council named Scotland's empty homes champion of the year.

The local authority won the outstanding project of the year award at the Scotland's Empty Homes Conference last week.

It was recognised for a wide-ranging strategy which includes initiatives that offer landlords grants to renovate homes for let and doubling council tax on homes that have lain empty for prolonged periods.

Another winner was James Lafferty, Campbelltown Townscape Heritage Initiative, who won the prize for best before-and-after photo. His pictures told the story of a building that was a blight on the town and the difference it has made now it has been transformed.

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Michael Russell.

MSP insists he stood down from cabinet role

FAR FROM being a casualty of First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's first cabinet reshuffle, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell insists he stood down from the role as education secretary.

Mr Russell pointed to the demands of a cabinet role alongside serving a constituency as 'huge and varied' as Argyll and Bute in explaining his decision to leave the government post.

He is succeeded by Angela Constance MSP. A member of former First Minister Alex Salmond's cabinet for seven-and-a-half years - five as education secretary and justice secretary Kenny MacAskill were notable absentees from the new first minister's top team.

Mr Russell said: 'My five years as education secretary was a learning experience in every way but I recently decided that whilst I fully

intend to stand again for Argyll and Bute at the Scottish Parliament elections in 18 months time, I would not wish to go into government for a third term given the demands of serving such a huge and varied constituency as well as travelling the length and breadth of Scotland (and sometimes overseas) as a minister.

Opportunity

'Nicola's election as Scotland's first female first minister was bound to produce an early reshuffle so I took this ideal opportunity to step down at a time when a new education secretary could have the chance to establish themselves in the run up to 2016.'

Mr Russell, who has lived in Argyll for more than 20 years, said that when he first became a minister in government, he was a regional member for the South of Scotland.

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Assault accused detained in custody

ON NOVEMBER 30 a 30-year-old male was arrested following a report that a 21-year-old female had been assaulted at an address on Westbank Road, Ardrishaig. He was detained in custody pending an appearance at court.

Defective tyres and exhaust

AT 6.20pm on November 27 a vehicle was stopped on the A83 Newton, Inveraray.

An examination of the vehicle found that it had two defective tyres and exhaust.

A 33-year-old man is now the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Man arrested following disturbance

AT 8pm on November 27 a 32-year-old man was arrested following disturbances on a Citylink bus at Inveraray and Lochnell Street Lochgilphead.

He is now the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Reported on drugs charge

AT 1.30am on November 30 a 22 year-old male was arrested for being found in possession of a quantity of herbal cannabis at a house in Union Street, Lochgilphead.

He is now the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Man allegedly bought alcohol for youngsters

AT 8pm on November 29 an allegation was received that a male had purchased alcohol at the Co-op, Barmore Road, Tarbert, for youngsters under the age of 18.

A 25-year-old male is now the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Consultation launched into Gaelic medium education for Mid Argyll



Staff help toddlers make Christmas arts and crafts.

Toddlers enjoy new space

ARDRISHAIG Parent and Toddler Group held its first event since moving premises and raised almost £200.

According to the group, a move from the village hall to Ardrishaig North Hall has given the group a bigger and warmer space for families to meet.

Jo Bowden, treasurer and volunteer, said: 'The move has meant we have lots of space to play, a baby corner and reading mat.'

The Kids Stuff Table Top sale was held on Saturday in a bid to raise

funds for new toys and resources. Jo added: 'There were arts and crafts for the children, home-baked treats, jams, tea, coffee and craft stalls, with plenty of pre loved items for sale.'

The event took place in Lochgilphead Baptist Church and with donations from parents and local businesses the group raised £175.

The group is welcoming more families to take part on Mondays from 10am until 11.30am and on Thursdays from 1.30pm until 3pm.

Gaelic medium education could be launched in Mid Argyll, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The local authority this week said a consultation on the provision of Gaelic education in Mid Argyll would get underway within weeks, assessing the demand and viability of the service in the area.

To date Gaelic medium education has only been available at the Oban Primary Campus and Sandbank Primary School, near Dunoon.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Argyll and Bute Council met with parents representing Little Gaelic Voices after they requested that Gaelic education should be considered for the Mid Argyll area.'

'Prior to any decision being made, a consultation will be carried out to determine interest and viability. This is be-

'If your children can speak a different language, the opportunities will be much better for them.' Janet McGavin

ing planned for early in 2015. The results of the consultation will then be analysed to establish the viability and feasibility of such a development in the Mid Argyll area.'

The consultation comes just months after playgroup little Gaelic Voices was established by Janet McGavin, with the support of friends.

Janet, mother of two girls aged one and three, is desperate to send her children to a Gaelic-speaking school.

Janet said: 'We are aware of the benefits of bilingualism and we want that for our children and we have been trying to get that message across to others.'

Janet said research has shown that children find

it easier to learn languages simultaneously, while gaining a better education overall.

Explaining Scotland is 'falling behind' other European countries where children often learn as many as three languages, Janet added: 'There's the Gaelic option but that depends on where you live and it's fragmented and it seems really unfortunate that everyone doesn't have access to it.'

'I think we will find that Europeans will have an advantage because they do speak three languages and there's a growing economy. If your children can speak a different language, the opportunities will be much better for them.'

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£23 million road improvement plans almost complete

THIS month marks the end of a three-year, £23 million project to improve the road network in Argyll and Bute.

The work, carried out in 360 miles of road which is equivalent to 25 per cent of the roads network, has involved Argyll and Bute Council carrying out a mix of resurfacing, patching and surface dressing.

This has seen a marked improvement in the overall network, with 90 per cent of the county's strategic A roads now regarded as being in a good or fair condition.

This programme is now substantially complete, with the rest of the work expected to finish before Christmas.

This programme, set out in the council's 2012 budget, is set to continue into a fourth year with around £5 million of works, by the end of which around 45 per cent of A roads will have been upgraded.

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ASAP was launched as CAB celebrated its 75th anniversary with staff, friends and supporters.
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Support for armed forces employees

A PROJECT to support veterans and people in the armed forces is underway in Argyll.

It is the latest project to be announced by Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) after it secured funding earlier this month.

The Armed Services Advice Project (ASAP) provides support and financial advice to armed forces personnel and their families.

Gillian McInnes, manager at Lochgilphead CAB, said: 'We recognised there was a requirement for such a service in the area, what with the naval base in Helensburgh and with so many people here connected to those who are serving in the armed

forces, or have done. For people who have served in the armed forces there are other issues that can come with their jobs, including deep-rooted emotional problems and although we can't help with that aspect, we are here to point people in the right direction.'

It is estimated there are more than 7,500 people within Argyll and Bute linked to the armed services.

Primarily funded by Poppy Scotland, ASAP will run until 2016.

It was launched as the CAB celebrated its 75th anniversary, after it was set up to help communities through the depression that followed the Second World War.

Desperate plea for firefighters

THE SCOTTISH Fire and Rescue service is desperate for retained firefighters in Tarbert, according to the area commander for Argyll and Bute.

Paul Connelly told the *Advertiser* that Tarbert and Lochgilphead fire stations frequently topped the list of Argyll stations most in need of staff.

But the commander says there are so many benefits to retained

fire-fighters who maintain their full-time job while being on call in their communities.

Mr Connelly said: 'We are always short of retained fire fighters in those two areas, but we are particularly desperate for staff in Tarbert. Anyone can do it and many build a career out of it. Because the service provides people with first class training in health, safety and advanced first aid it's help-

ful to employers to have someone qualified working for them.'

He added: 'The position is paid and the person will be on-call in the event of a fire in the area. If the stations are fully staffed then it takes the pressure off other fire-fighters.'

To find out more about what is involved in becoming a retained firefighter go to www.firescotland.gov.uk

Council staff stress hits new high

HIGH levels of stress may cause a staffing 'catastrophe' in Argyll's local authority, a list MSP has said.

Responses to both stress and morale surveys released last week saw almost a quarter of council staff unhappy at work.

Argyll and Bute Council says it wants to improve training and communication for staff

who feel unable to cope with their increased work load in light of staff redundancies imposed by central government cutbacks.

But Mike MacKenzie, SNP MSP for the Highlands and Islands, said he was aware of highly skilled and effective workers in various council departments felt under constant pressure because of the swinge-

ing, far-reaching cutbacks to essential front-line services.

Mr MacKenzie said: 'Ordinary members of staff on the front line have to take the brunt of the complaints from members of the public.'

Support

'Anyone can see why that would cause stress in the workplace. If something is not done to support workers,

the result will be catastrophic.'

MP for Argyll and Bute Alan Reid came to the defence of the council and praised it for carrying out the survey in the first place.

He said: 'It is worrying that most of the council employees feel that they are unable to cope with the amount of work expected, haven't had the training and development required to do their job and their managers don't communicate effectively with them.'

'However I'm pleased that the council's administration has recognised that they must make improvements in these areas and is drawing up a detailed action plan to achieve this.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'We are committed to providing a healthy, safe and supportive working environment for employees.'

Help available for Universal Credit change

A PILOT scheme to help people on benefits deal with the change to Universal Credit has been launched in Argyll and Bute.

Called Universal Support Delivered Locally, the scheme will see people receive computer training and advice on money management in a bid to ensure they can deal with the changes that come with the new system.

Universal Credit will replace a number of current benefits. Instead of receiving benefits such as job seekers' allowance and housing benefit, people will receive one pay-

ment, made monthly in arrears.

The payments will be handled online, so all those in receipt of money will need to have some computer skills, access to the internet and a bank account. In remote and rural areas training will be delivered in schools, where people have access to the internet and computers, and people can also receive support from the new community learning tutors to open a bank account.

Argyll and Bute is piloting the scheme as a rural area, while Dundee is assessing how it works in an urban environment.

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Accident leaves A83 partially blocked for six hours

AN ACCIDENT on the A83 between Inverneill and Tarbert on Tuesday afternoon saw the road closed to large vehicles for six hours.

A spokesperson from Police Scotland confirmed there were no injuries at the scene which involved a heavy haulage lorry.

A convoy was used to guide cars and small vans past the vehicle, but buses and HGVs were diverted from Corran roundabout at Lochgilphead and Tarbert south.

The road was reopened by late evening.

A heavy goods lorry crashed on its side on the A83 on Tuesday.

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Pupils focus on HIV awareness

PUPILS at Lochgilphead High School welcomed Katrina Mitchell from Waverley Care for HIV awareness sessions on December 1, World Aids Day.

Katrina, who is an experienced trainer, has been involved in developing materials relating to sexual health and awareness that are used across Argyll and Bute.

Pupils learned that in Scotland last year there were 354 new diagnoses of HIV, almost one every day.

The total number of people living with the virus in Scotland is now



HIV AWARENESS: A successful day with an experienced trainer brought the devastating effects of the virus into sharp reality.

around 6,000. It is estimated that one third of those are undiagnosed.

Waverley Care pro-

vides HIV support, prevention, testing and information services across Argyll and Bute.

A spokesperson for the school said: 'It is crucial that our young people are made aware of the facts surrounding HIV and given knowledge and information that will enable them to stay safe now and in the future.'

'Pupils in S1 to S4 attended awareness raising assemblies and pupils in S5 and S6 attended workshops in smaller groups.'

'They responded extremely well to the sessions and the feedback from staff and pupils was overwhelmingly positive.'

Landowner wants community to help maintain walk and bridge

Continued from page one

'We are happy for people to use the area and if they wish to form a partnership with us we would be delighted to be involved with that.'

'I have always stated that it is a breathing space for the community and encourage mem-

bers of the public to use it freely.

'My only annoyance is that we have a great deal of vandalism that goes on.'

'People have already damaged the bridge and cut down trees and set fire to the picnic bench.'

At one time the pathways were looked after

by a coalition of environmental organisations including the Tarbert Conservation Initiative and Tarbert Academy, but the partnerships have ceased.

The last time the bridge was repaired was around three years ago, in what was a one-off job led by Blarbuie Woodlands.



Douglas Barker would welcome a public partnership to look after the White Shore Bridge. 08_a49bridge01

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Council right to switch Christmas tree

CHRISTMAS is the one time of year when communities come together to celebrate the season.

The central point of the town's celebrations are the decorations.

Things such as lights and Christmas trees can, as many from Tarbert quite rightly state, attract people to come to the town.

We only need to look towards the largest stores in the country to see how much is invested in Christmas.

The penguin versus the Christmas Day football match between British and German soldiers seems to be the order of the day of this year's adverts - costing somewhere in the region of £10million between those two alone.

People want the town's decorations to be the centre point of their celebrations. So why would a tree that is described as a 'match', 'scabby' or even 'disgraceful' be looked upon as acceptable for Tarbert.

The people from the village themselves already feel as though they are bottom of the pile - claiming trees in Inveraray and Lochgilphead are better.

So quite rightly the council has listened to the voice of the people and taken the tree down.

Perhaps next year the community themselves should be allowed to choose the tree and the council might kindly deliver it to them to decorate.

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Argyll wants solutions not mitigation measures

Sir,
Keith Brown's letter gives the daily cost of operating the A83 diversion route on the Old Military Road (OMR) as £8,500 per day.

Could he confirm this is the total cost including 20 plus personnel, hiring eight vehicles and payments to the farmer to activate the diversion route. He also states that it would cost £105-120M to build a flow over canopy stretching 1.2km.

The design in the Jacob's report is of an overly complicated one with new much larger culverts, diagonal piling and having to extend the A83 outwards. All the major slides over the last seven years (those over 50 tonnes) have occurred down five gullies on the top 400m section of The Rest.

My solution is to cut into the hillside 15m (there is a 40m section already dug) use the exposed rock face as the inner wall, anchor the roadside wall into the new rock base and form an open sided outer wall.

The sections at the gullies will be closed at the outer edge with greatly reinforced roofs at these problem spots. The other concrete roof sections could be pre-cast off site. The existing culverts merely cut deeper into the hillside.

This design would be at least a 1/10th of the quoted figure being a quarter of the length, a simple safe design and would permanently protect this vulnerable section of The Rest.

I have had dismissive replies for the last 18 months from Transport Scotland about my suggestion that it is unafford-

able, lead to road closures during construction and huge safety issues.

I would hope that we have the engineering capability to design and build a much shorter, simpler design satisfying all the safety issues which can be successfully achieved in the Alps and The Pyrennes. This would allow 24 hour use of this vital road. It could be activated within 30 mins and would allow unhindered, uninterrupted clearance work to proceed.

I might add this is the very section where the A83 is at its closest to the OMR which was closed, due to landslides and flooding on several days during the last incident.

All we ask is a permanent answer to keep Argyll's M8 open. Mitigation measures lessen but will never solve this long running saga.

**Donald Clark,
The George Hotel,
Inveraray.**

Beaver trial

Sir,
I read with interest your report on the economic impacts of the Scottish Beaver Trial.

In regard to the £2 million project cost it's worth noting that over two-thirds of this was met by business sponsorship, grant funding, subscriptions and individual donations. There was no direct government funding of the trial.

The report goes on to emphasise that should the beavers stay, and be more widely reintroduced to Argyll, project costs will fall significantly. In the medium term this will result in benefits outweighing costs in terms of sustaining visitor numbers, education and volunteering opportunities.

A wider reintroduction would also be likely to encourage businesses to have greater confidence in investing in facilities and marketing, thus resulting in more visitors being drawn to the area. With innovative and creative management, Knapdale would be able to retain the allure of being the original official release site.

In regard to the factfile, readers might like to know that the dam has created over 13,000m² of freshwater habitat, this being one of the six priority habitats under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Some of the plants 'lost', ie trees, went on to provide both food and shelter for a wide variety of species including fungi, invertebrates and woodpeckers. Also the trees gnawed or felled by the beavers were all species that regenerate as a result of this coppicing and create layers within riparian woodland, attracting a greater range of species.

Having recently started a bed and breakfast business, I've been impressed by the level of interest shown in the trial by visitors, both those who knew about it in advance and others who learnt of its existence once in the area. As with all tourist experiences, the more business owners can inform and enthuse visitors in regard to the beavers and the area's many other attractions the longer these visitors are likely to stay and the more likely they are to return.

**Peter Creech,
Ford.**

MAMAFest thanks

Sir,
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to MAMAFest 2014.

We were overwhelmed by the

generosity of local people, volunteers, businesses and organisations with their time, money and products donated - far too many to mention. We couldn't have predicted just how successful it would be and it turned out to be an exciting, fun and friendly festival enjoyed by everyone.

After paying our dues, we have just over £1,000 to put towards next year's event, which is a huge achievement given that we were starting from scratch and had not made any grant applications.

The committee worked incredibly hard to make it the success that it was and planning is now well underway for next year.

We intend to keep the same format for 2015, based in the drill hall again, with the popular busker's café and family day included. We will make one or two improvements but remain focused on promoting Argyll musicians and showcasing more of our young talent.

We also plan on holding one or two smaller events throughout the year, which will help us to fund the Big MAMA, and provide locals with more live music nights to enjoy. We hope the Mid Argyll community will continue to support MAMAFest and keep the first weekend in September in their diaries for years to come.

If anyone would like to know more, to help or play at next year's event or contribute in any way they can contact us via facebook or email at info@mamafest.co.uk.

**Liz Perkins,
Chairwoman,
MAMAFest.**

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Festival party to say thanks and close 2014

ALMOST one year to the day since Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival (MAMA Fest) launched in Lochgilhead organisers have thrown a 'thank you' party to end 2014.

Organisers wanted to thank the public and the people of Mid Argyll who helped out by volunteering their spare time, expertise and donations in the lead up to and throughout the weekend back in September.

The MAMA Fest 'thank you' party was held on Saturday night in The Argyll Inn on Lochnell Street.

Liz Perkins, who masterminded the event itself, said: 'The night was wonderful. It went really well and was relaxed.

It was also a time for the committee to have a well deserved night off together.

'I think it really summed up the whole year and plans are already underway for next year.'

Although it has been confirmed that the summer time MAMA Fest will return in 2015, Liz

also hinted that there were plans for other events earlier in the new year.

She said: 'We are thinking about a Valentine's event and another in June, but we'll see what happens.'

MAMA Fest was set up in 2013 to celebrate local talent and businesses.



Fyne Fusion perform. 08_a49mamafest03

Capacity crowd at Inveraray accordion and fiddle club

THE NOVEMBER club night of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club attracted a capacity crowd to hear the guest artistes Nicol MacLaren and the Glenraig Scottish Dance Band and a host of supporting players – 15 in all.

Local players were – Fyne Folk, with Sally Hall and Jake MacKay on fiddles, Nick MacFarlane on accordion and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

Also James MacArthur on the melodeon young Gregor Camp-

bell, 12, on accordion, making his debut at the club; Geoff and Margaret Burton accordion and keyboard; Charlie Sloane and Jimmy Duncan fiddle and accordion; Johnny Fisher, John Renton, Karen Higgins and John Holt all on accordion; and Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard.

The guest artistes, with Nicol on accordion, Gordon Howe on fiddle, Isobel Hodgson on keyboard and Dave Bell on drums, did the usual couple of spots and treated the audience to



Nicol MacLaren and the Glenraig Scottish Dance Band.

a well-rehearsed varied programme, including a fine fiddle solo from Gordon.

Chairman Niall Iain MacLean thanked all the artistes for a splendid evening, which ended

with a grand stramash.

Next week the club welcomes accordionist Duncan Black and fiddler, Marie Fielding – both well known in the Scottish Dance music scene.

MAAA Concert - The Fires of Love

Review by John Holt
A HIGHLY successful Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA) concert was held in the Parish Church, Lochgilhead, last Saturday.

It offered a varied programme of songs and

wind instrument items from the 30-year period immediately before the 1603 Union of the Scottish and English Crowns.

This choice of Renaissance music was presented by the quartet,

The Fires of Love, with lutes, guitar, a range of recorders and 16th century percussion instruments providing an authentic backing for the fine selection of songs, ballads and solo lute and wind items.

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Sergeant Davie Scott switched on the Christmas lights for the first and last time.

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From left: Lewis and Ryan from Inveraray

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Audre McCaughey, owner of Londis, served refreshments and mince pies from the shop.

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Inveraray lights up

LOCAL legend Sergeant Davie Scott was selected to turn on the Christmas lights at this year's event in Inveraray.

The policeman, who initiated the event four years ago was chosen for the gig after it was announced he will be leaving his post and re-locating in the new year.

Linda Divers who organised the Santa's grotto in the fire station for the first time, said: 'If it wasn't for him there wouldn't be any lights. He usually gets someone else to do the switch on but Inveraray Community Council de-



Temma, 10, and Orin Tierney-Clerk, four, enjoyed the parade.

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cid to surprise him.'

The grotto was successful for the Royal Burgh and families queued through the fire station to catch a glimpse of the man in the red suit himself.

Funds were raised in Londis for the grotto after it was decided that it would be much

nicer and safer for children, rather than queuing in the street to climb on to his sleigh to whisper their Christmas wishes. The Mid Argyll Pipe Band played festive music during the parade and will also play in Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead next week.



Santa was led down the main street in his sled.

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Mid Argyll Pipe Band played to the crowd as it led Santa's sled.

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Erin Naisby plays the violin

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Charlotte Phimister from Claddich met with Santa.

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Daisy Mather, four, from Furnace.

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Young musicians played to the crowd as Santa met with children in the fire station.

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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 Sunday 7th December
 1pm - 3pm
 Ardrishaig Hall
 to raise funds for local group.
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 Goggles, swimwear, water bottles
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 Parish Hall, Lochgilphead
 Saturday Dec 6
 10am-2pm
Funds to Lusaka School
 (Scottish reg. charity SC038694)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
 Sunday 7th December
 11am - 2.30pm
 Ford Village Hall
 Craft stalls, home-made preserves, cakes, puddings, tombola, soup & sandwiches, tea & coffee
 Funds for Village Hall & St. Matthew's, Possilpark

BRITISH RED CROSS Christmas Coffee Morning
 Saturday 6th Dec 2014
 10am - 12 noon
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 Wednesday 10th December
 2.30 - 4.30pm and
 6.00 - 8.00pm
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 Lorne & Lowland Church Hall,
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Santa pays an early visit to Mid Argyll

CHILDREN of Mid Argyll were in awe as they met Santa in Lochgilphead on Saturday.

This year's grotto was held in the Parish Church, instead of the previous venue of Lochgilphead Community Centre.

Mid Argyll Rotary Club changed venue this year to create a smaller space in a bid to encourage people to stay and browse the fair.

Verina Litster, from

the town, is a photographer who volunteers at the grotto to capture the special moments when children tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

She said: 'The children love it. It's just magical. They believe in the magic of Santa and Christmas.'

'It's a good event to have for the town and this is a really good turnout.'

Len Simpson, president of the rotary club,



Len Simpson, president of Mid Argyll Rotary Club, Ian Davidson, Rotary member and Martin Stewart, convener of the Rotary club. 08_a49lochsanta10

said: 'This is the first time we've had the fair and grotto since the

change. We felt that the fair was too spread out in the community cen-

tre. Hopefully people will be more likely to go to the stalls in here.'



Emma Innis, three, and Ailidh Innis, five, enjoyed a visit to Santa. 08_a49lochsanta01



Santa and his elf. 08_a49lochsanta03



Brogan Elder with wee cousin Orla Mochrie. 08_a49lochsanta08



Seven-month-old Skye Williamson. 08_a49lochsanta05



Above Charlotte MacNeill, from Inveraray. 08_a49lochsanta09



Zach Campbell, nine, from Ardrishaig. 08_a49lochsanta06



Six-year-old Gavin Boyle went with baby brother Ryan, six months on his first trip to see Santa. 08_a49lochsanta02

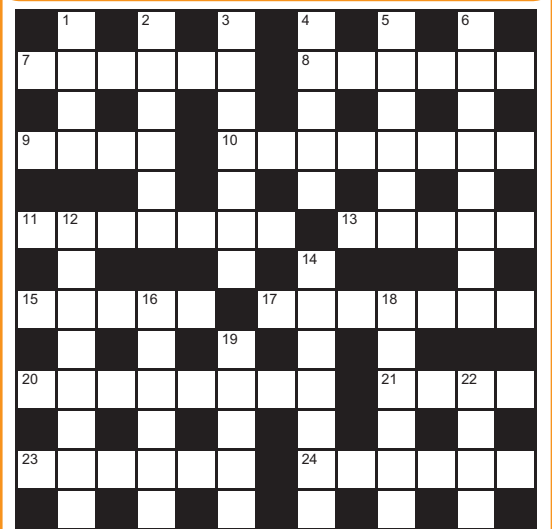


Right: Margaret and Brian Elder. 08_a49lochsanta07



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- 23 Card carrier (6)
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- 16 Badly eroded land (6)
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Last week's solution



'Not spots' on top of agenda

MOBILE 'not spots' in Argyll have been raised as a matter of urgency by Alan Reid MP in the House of Commons.

The Argyll and Bute representative questioned communications minister Ed Vaizey on the £150 million given to Arqiva to put up mobile phone masts.

Transparent

Mr Vaizey said: 'We are trying to be as trans-

parent as possible. If my Honorable Friend wishes to give me his specific concerns, I will ensure that he gets a full response.

'This is a technically challenging programme, precisely because these masts are going up in areas that are difficult to reach and where there has previously been no coverage.'

Speaking afterwards,

Mr Reid said: 'I have followed up my question with a letter to the Minister detailing my concerns with the project.'

'Mobile phone reception is vitally important these days and the Mobile Infrastructure Project should be speeded up, so that 'not spots' in Argyll and Bute can get mobile phone reception.'

Red Cross to hold Christmas coffee morning on December 6

THE RED Cross annual Christmas coffee morning will be held tomorrow morning, December 6, in the organisation's hall in Lochgilphead's Union Street.

Stalls including raffles, baking and craft will be on sale. All money raised will be going towards the local transport appeal.

Works will provide improved road surface

MOTORISTS using the A83 between Ardganavan and Drishaig will soon benefit from an improved road surface following the completion of resurfacing works starting next Monday, says Transport Scotland.

The road will have £230,000 spent on it to improve the 1.5km section over a two-week period.

The works will be carried out between 7am and 7pm each day from Monday to Friday with no works planned at weekends.

Due to the restricted width of the carriageway on this section of the A83 and to ensure the safety of road users and road workers, temporary traffic lights and a 10mph convoy system will be in operation while works are undertaken.



Stuart Herd at his art gallery in Tarbert, alongside the welcoming window display. 08_a49herd01

Stuart introduces new art style at his fourth Christmas exhibition

ARTIST Stuart Herd launched a new art style at his fourth Christmas exhibition and fair.

For the opening of Stuart's exhibition on Saturday Stuart introduced the Yacht Series, the sketching of yachts up to more than a century old.

He said: 'The idea is

that yachtsmen and fisherman can come and commission me to create artwork for them.

'It's the first time that I've sketched with charcoal, it's very straightforward and nice to do. I love sketching.'

Stuart's Christmas fair has become a festive tradition where he exhibits

his range of Argyll inspired artwork along with stocking fillers and advent ornaments.

People travelled from far and wide to explore Stuart's gallery, The Art Studio in Tarbert.

Michael Soutar, from Edinburgh, sailed in to Tarbert Harbour for the event. He said: 'I came

here especially for this exhibition. Stuart paints interesting places and I've bought some of his work before.

'I really like the idea of using old maps alongside sketches of the yachts.'

The exhibition is open until the end of December.

Mid Argyll charities receive cash from RBS Community Fund

TWO LEADING Mid Argyll charities will receive a total of £2,500 as a result of the 2014 Royal Bank of Scotland Community Fund scheme.

Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) was awarded £2,000 from the fund and Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) received £500.

Expand

MACPool is hoping to use the fund to expand its activities and adult swimming sessions.

AVA is expected to put the grant towards upcoming projects. The community funds were distributed following a public vote that saw 230,000 votes cast across the country.

The annual fund award will benefit 232 charitable causes in 58 Scottish communities.



MACPool received £2,000 from the RBS community fund scheme.



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Farming union representatives who met to discuss the UK's dairy crisis.

UK farming unions meet over dairy crisis

NFU Scotland met with representatives from the rest of the UK's farming unions at Ingliston on Monday to tackle the crisis in the dairy sector.

Hosted by NFU Scotland, its dairy team was joined by representatives from NFU England and Wales, NFU Cymru, Ulster Farmers Union and staff from the unions' Brussels office.

There was recognition that while there may be no quick fix to the problems faced across the UK dairy industry, activity at a national, UK and European level can make a difference and drive stability and confidence.

Following the meet-

ing, it was agreed that at UK union level, work will be done to:

*Ensure any price cuts are proportionate, that when the market turns farmers quickly see the benefits;

*Encourage Europe and the UK to increase promotional activity to promote exports and generate import substitution;

*Re-assess the EU intervention price to ensure it is an effective safety net and not simply a crash mat;

*Develop financial management and insurance 'tools';

*Lobby for tax incentives to accommodate the volatile nature of farming; and,

*Wherever possible and sensible, efforts will be increased to work collaboratively together.

Gary Mitchell, NFU Scotland milk committee chairman who organised the meeting said: 'Although the markets continue to react to the global supply and demand imbalance, we will continue to ensure price cuts imposed on farmers are proportionate and properly explained by all milk purchasers.

Imperative
'It remains imperative that the dairy supply chain shares the responsibility and consequence of weak markets and works to limit

any long-term damage to our dairy sector.

'The lack of transparency in the liquid sector needs to be addressed, as does the seemingly slow response of retailers to wholesale and farmgate cuts. While the retail price of cheese and butter on shop shelves has risen year on year, wholesale prices for these staple products have crashed by 30 to 40 percent. Growing retailer margins at a time of farmgate cuts is an issue the unions will challenge.

'The issue of volatile markets must be addressed and the European Union has tools at its disposal.

'Promotion of dairy products is also key. UK ministers must tackle a dairy balance of trade deficit of £1.357 billion. Of the 732,000 tonnes of cheese we use, 432,000 is imported. In terms of butter, of the 205,000 tonnes we eat, 105,000 tonnes is imported.'

*First Milk, which produces Mull of Kintyre cheese, this week announced it will be cutting price for its manufacturing pool by 1.1 p per litre and for its liquid pool by 1p litre from January. That is on the back of cuts in recent months because of decline in global demand for dairy products.

Class acts recognised at breeders' meeting

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders' Club held its annual heifer competition last Wednesday.

Judge for the day was Kevin Lawrie, a young man well qualified for the role having enjoyed great success at the Argiscot event at Ingliston with animals from the Sanyford herd at Monkton, Ayrshire, which he farms with his parents.

The prizes for the various classes were presented at a dinner in the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown before Malcolm Ronald, the club's vice-chairman, closed

the day's business with a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who contributed to the day's success.

Prize winners are as follows:
Team - 1 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, 2 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlembie, 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Individual Heifer - 1 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 3 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlembie. Mother and Daughter - 1 J and M Barr, Clochkeil, 2 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Progeny Group - 1 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlembie, ED Jackpot, 2 and 3 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, Wilsboro Red Razzle and Achavilly Bolt Red. Milk Solids, 1 and 2 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlembie.

MARKET REPORT

United Auctions - Islay

UNITED Auctions sold 497 head of cattle at Islay Auction Mart last Saturday.

Bullocks sold to average £789.55 per head or 244.56 per kilo against £742.24 and 234.61 at the corresponding sale last year while the heifers levelled out at £787.76 per head or 232.11 per kilo against £685.56 and 232.48 last year.

Uiskentuie's consignment led the top priced bullocks at £1,225 for Limousin crosses and the same breed from

Foreland Estate led the heifer prices at £1,165.

The top priced bullocks per kilo came from the Smaladh consignment when their Limousin crosses sold to 320p and Dunlossit Farms. Knocklearach led the heifer prices in this section at 285p.

Overall, an excellent show of stock sold at enhanced values and to a strong force of mainland buyers round the ringside.

Principal lots and prices
Top prices per head
Bullocks
AAx: £1,175 - Foreland Estate and Scarrabus (2), £1,125 - Uiskentuie, £1015 - Knockrome (Boyle), £955 - Scarrabus. CHARx: £1,205 - Knocklearach, £1,055 - Cladville. LIMx: £1,225 - Uiskentuie, £1,175 and £1,165(3) - Foreland Estate, £1165

- Kilchiaran, £1,125 - Uiskentuie, £1,095 - Kilchiaran(2) and Uiskentuie, £1,085 - Cladville, £1,075(3) and £1,025(4) - Uiskentuie, £1,005 - Ballychatrigan, £975 - Ballytarsin, £935(2) - Balaclava, £935 - Kintra, £925(2) - Kilchiaran, £915 - Ballytarsin(2), Uiskentuie(2) and Balaclava, £905 - Corrary. Luing: £815(8) - Kinnabus. SHx: £835 - Paire A Chlissan. BRBx: £845(4) - Knocklearach.

Heifers
AAx: £945(3) - Lorgba, £905(4) - Scarrabus. CHARx: £795(5) - Ballinaby. LIMx: £1,165(3) and £1,155(3) - Foreland Estate, £1,115, £1,095, £1,085(2), £995(12) - Uiskentuie, £965 - Foreland Estate, £935(4) and £925(2) - Kilchiaran, £915 - Balaclava(3) and Uiskentuie(5).

Top prices per kilo
Bullocks
AAx: 276p(26) - Scarrabus, 271p(2) - Kelsay, 241p(12) and 236p(12) - Scarrabus, 235p - Ballinaby, 234p(7) and 232p(9) - Kelsay, 228p(2), 227p(3) and 225p(3) - Scarrabus, 223p - Knockrome(Boyle), 223p(3) - Keppols, 221p - Uiskentuie, 220p Balinabby. CHARx: 308p(2) - Kintra, 288p(3) and 264p(2) - Balinabby, 260p - Knocklearach, 235p(2) - Balinabby, 229p and 221p - Knocklearach. LIMx: 320p(6) -

Smaladh, 313p(4) - Kintra, 306p(4) - Knocklearach, 304p(5) - Smaladh, 299p - Woodend, 297p(4) - Knocklearach, 295p(8) - Kilbride, 281p - Knocklearach (8) and Kintra(5), 280p - Kintra, 279p, 278p(4) and 277p(2) - Woodend, 275p(5) - Kintra, 273p(5) - Knocklearach, 270p(3) - Kintra, 267p(2) - Kilbride, 266p - Kintra and Knocklearach(6), 264p - Greanan, 262p - Knocklearach, 260p(7) - Smaladh, 246p - Balaclava, 242p - Kilchiaran, 240p(5) - Blackpark, 239p and 238p - Knocklearach, 237p(6) - Corrary. SHx: 231p (2), 228p and 224p - Paire A Chlissan. SIMx: 220p - Corrary. BRBx: 281p(2) and 262p - Knocklearach.

Heifers
AAx: 262p (2) and 257p - Balinabby, 224p (5) - Scarrabus. CHARx: 273p - Kintra, 262p (5) and 257p (5) - Ballinaby. LIMx: 285p(2) - Knocklearach, 280p(5) - Kintra, 279p(4) - Knocklearach, 275p(8) and 269p(4) - Kilbride, 269p - Smaladh, 264p(9) - Knocklearach, 262p - Woodend, 261p(4) - Smaladh, 259p(12) - Knocklearach, 255p(5) - Kintra, 254p(3) - Woodend and Kilbride, 253p - Kintra, 250p - Blackpark, 241p(5) - Woodend, 236p(4) - Smaladh, 235p - Kilchiaran(2) and Knocklearach(3), 230p - Ballychatrigan.

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Skerryvore to play in Tarbert

SKERRYVORE are coming to town for the launch tour of their fifth album Chasing the Sun.

The Tíre band will play in Tarbert Village Hall just five days before Christmas as part of its UK tour.

Support acts will kick the gig off at 8pm and the band will take to the stage at 10pm on the evening of Friday, December 19.

Children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.

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Sell-out book launched at Lochgilphead library

TO CELEBRATE Scottish Book Week and raise cash for charity, Lochgilphead Library hosted a book launch with a twist.

A cookbook filled with baking recipes, shared by people of Mid Argyll, turned into a sell-out at the launch event last Wednesday.

Staff at the library spent a year collating the recipes for the book which was launched to mark book week and raise money for the town's MS Centre.

Carol Lawson, assistant librarian, said: 'We started asking people who were coming into the library if they'd like to donate their cake rec-



Some of the ladies who donated their recipes for the book. 08_a49cookbook04

ipes for the book, and it really went from there. We had 50 books printed and they've all sold today. I think we're going to have to do another print.'

The 36-page page cookbook features recipes from how to make a gingerbread house to treacle scones and its artwork was produced by students at Lochgil-

thead Joint Campus. Paintings produced by the second year art pupils also formed an exhibition that was put on display for the launch.

Strategic housing programme

INVESTMENT on social housing in Argyll should see 110 homes built every year for the next three years.

Presenting the programme last week to Argyll and Bute Council, councillor Robin Currie said it was ambitious but achievable and it was good news for people looking for housing, good news for the house building industry and good news for the economy of Argyll and Bute.

Mr Currie continued: 'To me the construction sector is crucial to the economy and investing in house building is absolutely paramount.'

'I'm particularly pleased that Argyll and Bute Council will contribute nearly £9 mil-

lion over the next three years in getting new units built all over Argyll and Bute and the contribution per unit will increase from £22k per unit to £25k per unit as this will enable housing associations to keep rents at affordable levels and at the same time make the houses more energy efficient so that we can tackle fuel poverty.'

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THE SCOTTISH RURAL AWARDS CATEGORIES:

- BUTCHER OF THE YEAR**
Do you appreciate the best quality meat and good service that you local butcher provides? Does your butcher have a speciality or special recipe?
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- RURAL HERO**
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Education is vital to a productive and progressive rural society, so your nominee, either individual or establishment, needs to demonstrate skills for teaching which will benefit others around them, young or old, and the community as a whole.
- RURAL TOURISM** – Visitor Centre or Attraction
Your nomination may be about a specific attraction, place, experience or person that has brought something to life in rural Scotland. We are looking for innovation, communication, service and education as well as fun and excitement.
- HOSPITALITY**
Always important and popular, our hospitality industry has made great strides in recent years. Customer service is key, but so is the role that your nominee plays in the local community if they go beyond the call of duty. Are they ambassadors for local produce who care about where their food is sourced? These are important questions that you can help us to answer.
- BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION**
The key to thriving in a rural business is the ability to focus, re-focus and even change tack in order to stay ahead of the competition or even the times. The winning business here will be the one that has thought outside the box not only to survive, but to succeed to the benefit of all.
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Christmas

A festive Christmas scene. In the foreground, a glass of milk and a plate of cookies sit on a dark surface next to a white sign that says "Santa". Behind them is a decorated Christmas tree with warm white lights, red ornaments, and candy canes. The background shows a brick fireplace with gold garlands hanging from the mantel.

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Campbeltown Christmas Market



Campbeltown Christmas Market drew hundreds of visitors and showcased the very best Kintyre produce from food and drink to jewellery. 20_c49fayre07

CAMPBELTOWN Christmas Market attracted hundreds of visitors to the town's Springbank Distillery last Sunday - proving that Kintyre residents can find much of their festive shopping at home. More than 60 of the ar-

ea's businesses showed off their best products, with many ideal gifts for Christmas available to buy. From fresh local produce cooked on the spot and handmade winter clothing and jewellery, Kintyre showed how

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OFTEN deemed the gateway to the Highlands and Islands, the royal burgh of Inveraray has plenty to offer both visitors and locals during this festive season.

Last Friday saw the official start of the season of goodwill as residents turned out to see the burgh's Christmas lights switched on, while Santa also flew in for a quick visit to find out what the children of Inveraray are wishing for this Christmas.

The event, held on Black Friday - the busiest shopping day of the year, saw businesses open late, marking the official start of the shopping season in Mid Argyll.

And despite its modest size, Inveraray is brimming with boutique shops that are packed with stocking fillers and gifts no matter a person's taste.

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

In an area that is full of outdoor events and adventure, there are a range of clothing shops that cater to every hiker, horse rider and adventure sport enthusi-

ast's need.

And for anyone looking to pay homage to their Scottish routes there are an array of outlets that sell clothing manufactured in Scotland. From the finest tweeds to the warmest of scarves made from luxurious materials, there is an abundance of stylish clothing to ensure Mid Argyll folk are well wrapped up this winter.

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

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

those creating Christmas hampers as gifts, with the Eden Deli even opting to make up hampers to a customer's particular requirements

The deli on Main Street has a range of foods in stock for Christmas including mince pies, non alcoholic mulled wine, puddings Christmas cake and chocolate mints.

Indeed Inveraray offers a broad range of eateries.

The renowned George Hotel is famed for its good food and warm welcome. There is no better time to visit the hotel than in winter,

when you can relax with a hot drink by one of the many open fires in the lounge.

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

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Presents can be anything these days, whether it is 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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3. It's important to try to use as much natural - and free - heat as possible, so let in the sunlight.
4. Stop heat being lost up the chimney. It's now fairly common to have fireplaces that are merely decorative. If a fireplace is not being used consider a chimney balloon.
5. Draught excluders are one lesson people can learn from previous generations. The stuffing can be almost anything from rice and lentils to gravel.
6. Clear radiators. Try and avoid placing large pieces of furniture in front of them.
7. Putting a shelf above the radiator, especially for high ceilings, this can also help channel the warmth.
8. Cover bare floorboards. Floors account for as much as 10 per cent of heat loss if they're not insulated.
9. Insulating the whole house professionally. People on certain benefits or those who privately rent a home, may be eligible for help with energy-saving home improvements under the Energy Companies Obligation (ECO) - a government energy efficiency programme.
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Community life benefits from £140,000 council grant funding

COMMUNITY life all over Argyll and Bute has received a boost after 94 community groups were awarded a total of £140,000 in Third Sector grants in 2014.

The third sector grants programme is aimed at supporting communities and vulnerable people, and helping to kick start new projects and events.

Community groups

are being encouraged to apply for Argyll and Bute Council's Third Sector Grants for 2015.

The deadline for the return of completed application forms for a decision at the April Area Committee meeting is Monday February 2 2015.

A total of £35,000 was made available to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area and supported 26 groups and or-

ganisations this year, including the Loch Fyne Viking Festival organised by Tarbert Mooring and Berth Holders Association, Moving On-Mid Argyll (Mo-Ma), Islay Youth Pipers and Shopper-Aide.

Application forms for third sector grants are available from Kintyre Community Centre, Lochgilphead Community Centre and through the council's website.



These youngsters from Ardrishaig Primary School load the boxes on the lorry.

Ford SWRI hold Christmas lunch

FORD SWRI met on Tuesday for an early Christmas treat.

Members and friends from Kilmichael and Lochgilphead joined together in the Living Stones in Kilmartin, for a splendid luncheon with non-alcohol mulled wine.

After the feasting they all watched

an amusing film called Keeping Mum which had all the group laughing.

Ford SWRI would like to wish fellow members a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

The next meeting will be February 3 in Ford Village Hall, when members will be asked to join in line dancing.

Schools take part in shoebox appeal

PRIMARY schools in Mid Argyll contributed more than 100 shoeboxes to this year's Bythwood Care Shoebox Appeal.

Essentials

The charitable event, which provides daily essentials to poverty stricken families in eastern Asia, India and Africa, takes place

across the UK every year.

People and organisations get involved by gathering and donating shoeboxes filled with items such as toiletries and basic food products and warm clothing.

Children from Achaioish and Ardrishaig Primary Schools take part every year. They

are given a list of age groups to fill a box for.

Think

Eilidh Clark, Ardrishaig Primary School's P5/6 teacher, said: 'They could be putting it together for an adult male, children or even babies, so they have to think about what they'll pack.'

Betty Rennie volun-

teers with Blythwood Care and has been the event organiser for Argyll since it began 21 years ago. She said: 'Thanks to schools in Argyll and the many individuals who contributed, we managed to send 343 boxes away.'

North Knapdale and Dunoon primary schools also took part.

Ardfern student heads up Scottish society

A SOCIETY for Scottish students at an English university looks set to be resurrected after the number travelling south to start undergraduate degrees doubled this year.

The treasurer of the group, Cara Campbell, is a post graduate student from a farm in Ardfern.

Former Lochgilphead High School pupil Cara completed her first degree in Zoology from Dundee University and an MRes on cobalt and vitamin B12 metabolism in sheep from Nottingham University.

Cara is undertaking research in dairy cow nutrition and said: 'I had been to Harper Adams University to do some experimental work and I

felt welcomed by everyone I met.

'I'm really interested in research and in particular in agriculture, coming from a beef and sheep family farm, and was keen to focus on nutrition.'

Fewer opportunities

'There are fewer opportunities to do this sort of work in Scotland and I have enjoyed being at Harper Adams so far. I'd recommend it for people seeking post-graduate courses in agriculture.'

In recent years, Harper Adams University, a small institution in the Midlands specialising in courses related to the agri-food sector, has attracted five to seven students a year onto foundation and bachelors'

degree courses. But in 2014 the new intake has risen to 14, taking the total number of undergraduates above 40.

And a further 18 Scots are currently enrolled on post-graduate courses or are working as research students.



EXPERT: Ardfern's Cara Campbell is becoming an expert on dairy cow nutrition thanks to her studies at an English university.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02335/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (house 9)	Ardpatrick House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02337/PP	Alterations and change of use from garage and 1st floor flat to two flats and erection of conservatory and associated parking (Flats 7a and 7b)	The Garage Flat Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02444/PP	Erection of boathouse	Land North East of Barfad Farm Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02573/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	The Walled Garden Craignish Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QS	Sub Post Office Ardferrn
14/02598/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East of Kinerarach Farm (Balmore Ruin) Isle of Gigha Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Gigha

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01819/PP	Internal alterations, installation of replacement windows, replacement gutters, rooflights and formation of external ramp	Free Church Lochnell Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02336/LIB	Erection of dwellinghouse (house 9) attached to listed wall and rebuild bowed section of wall (style to match existing)	Ardpatrick House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02338/LIB	Internal and external alterations to garage and 1st floor flat to form two flats and erection of conservatory and associated parking (Flats 7a and 7b)	The Garage Flat Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02500/LIB	Erection of rear extension and access ramp and removal of existing window in church hall to provide new access door to extension	Tarbert Church of Scotland Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02554/PP	Demolition of existing washroom facilities, removal of existing harbour master and chandlery modular buildings, erection of new washroom facilities, harbour master accommodation/chandlery unit, workshop/storage, formation of waste/recycling areas and associated works	Harbour Masters Office Garval Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6TR	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION

EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708580). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2015 should be sent to the Executive Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708580) by 13 March 2015 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tieve Primary School, Tieve; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, By Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon. For further information on Gaelic Medium Education please contact Donald MacLeod, Education Officer, donald.macleod@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 29 December 2014.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2015, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 29 December 2014.

Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director - Community Services

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS (SCOTLAND)

REGULATIONS, 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Audited Financial Statements of Argyll and Bute Council and applicable charities for the year to 31st March 2014 together with the Audit Certificate, is available for public inspection during ordinary business hours at the undernoted main offices and libraries of the Council.

The Financial Statements can also be viewed on the Argyll & Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Copies of the Financial Statements will be available to any interested persons on application to the Head of Strategic Finance, Argyll & Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive


Offices of the Council:

Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead; Burnet Building, Campbeltown; Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; Hill Street, Dunoon; Albany Street, Oban; Eaglesham House, Rothesay; Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh; Jamieson Street, Bowmore; Breadalbane Street, Tobermory; Crossapol, Tieve (restricted hours).

Libraries of the Council:

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N.B. Please check with individual libraries for opening hours



Appointment of Trustees to Board of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority

This is a voluntary position requiring a commitment of 1- 2 days per month.


Existing Trustees are eligible for re-appointment.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, a Trust Port, is seeking applications from candidates willing to stand for appointment to the Board of Trustees. We are looking for three high quality individuals with an interest in public service to fill forthcoming vacancies. Trust Ports differ from company or local authority-owned ports by their constitution and powers. All Port activities are funded within revenue, supplemented in some cases by commercial borrowing up to prescribed limits. The Board is made up of a number of members with local or specialised interests and appointment will be for a period of three years. Successful candidates will be appointed from 1 April 2015.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities, such as community work. Commitment and experience are as valuable as qualifications, although in some areas specialist experience will be an advantage. You will be required to work with senior and professional staff, so experience of achieving results through demanding board or committee work is important, as is the ability to grasp complex issues quickly and express yourself clearly. Residence within a reasonable distance of the port and familiarity with local issues in the region surrounding the port are highly desirable. The position of Trustee is non-remunerated.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority is committed to the principles of public appointment on the basis of merit and aptitude with openness and transparency of process. Political activity will not be a criterion for appointment, but candidates must fully support the objectives of the Board. If you wish to be considered for appointment please write to The Harbour Master, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Garval Road, Tarbert PA29 6TR to request an information pack.

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Closing dates for applications is Monday 2nd February and Monday 15th June 2015.

For further information please phone 01436 657608 or email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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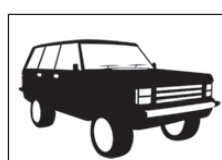
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The role of Fish Farm Technician is interesting and varied. Working outdoors as part of a small team, it is focused upon all aspects of successful trout production including feeding, grading, harvesting, net changing and other general farm maintenance tasks, including boat handling.

Previous aquaculture experience is desirable but not essential as full training and support will be provided. A full driving licence is essential.

Fish Farm Yardman/Technician - Loch Etive

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As well as carrying out various duties of a Farm Technician, the ideal candidate will also be carrying out the role of Farm Yardman. Such responsibilities include maintaining the yard area and storage facilities in a safe and orderly fashion. Also carrying out daily safety checks on the forklifts and carry out routine maintenance on forklifts and other engines. There will be offshore work when required.

Previous aquaculture experience is desirable but not essential as full training and support will be provided. A full driving licence is essential. Experience of operating tele-handlers is a necessity and experience of routine maintenance is not necessary but advantageous. The successful candidate will have the ability to work autonomously and as part of a team.

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 A driving licence is essential for this role.
 If you are interested in applying for this vacancy, please submit an application in writing to Gillian Dempster, Human Resources Assistant, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT by the closing date of Friday 19th December 2014.

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 An application form and job description can be found on the vacancies section of our website: www.argyllcollege.ac.uk
 All applications must be made on the Argyll College application form.
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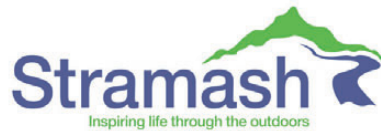
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Pat and Catherine would like to say sincere thanks to everyone for all phone calls, kind thoughts and assistance to them during Pat's recent stay in hospital. Thanks also to everyone who gave us cards and presents on the occasion of our golden wedding anniversary on 20/11/14.

9 Mansecroft, Clachan.

Catherine and Alex Irvine



Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary to a dear Mum and Dad, love from all the family.

THANK YOU

Davie & Jessie

We would like to thank family, relatives and friends for all the cards, flowers and gifts received on the occasion of our golden wedding. Very much appreciated.

Happy 50th Mum



Love,
Campbell,
Steven, Laura,
Kathryn & Daniel
XX

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden



IT was Black Friday indeed. I just couldn't believe what I was seeing as the news pictures unfolded across the country. People were stampeding over one another as they screamed and pushed each other out of the way. Their humanity was in tatters and all sense of propriety was lost in an avalanche of greed. I was astonished by the total disregard for others and I was amazed at how quickly a group of human beings could become a reckless mob. The object of their greed seemed mainly to be bargain TV sets. I found it strange and disconcerting that this happened at the same time in most major cities throughout the UK. I thought of other awful scenes that have haunted our minds and our TV screens in such different situations. I thought of the times food parcels have been distributed from lorries to those who are starving and who have absolutely nothing. In their desperation and need, these people behave better than the rabble that brought chaos to the big stores last Friday. It is a sad reflection on us all that in a world where there is so much poverty, so much deprivation, so much need, that here in the civilised West we have become so depraved that we fight for a TV set.

In this season of Advent surely there is even a whisper about the message of the manger; surely there is a glimmer of hope in the dark night of the soul; surely there is more to life and humanity than a TV set - surely. Last Friday was a black day; a day when hands outstretched were outstretched for greed. Let us try to make amends and this Advent stretch out our hands to help and heal and hold those who have nothing, yet in their quiet dignity have everything.

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BARGAINS: People browse the festive bargains at Craignish.

Hall makes £600 at Craignish craft fair

CRAIGNISH village fair was a busy day for locals at the hall. There was an amazing array of products; with hand-made and home-made treats. Some of the items on offer were felted jewellery, polymer clay jewellery and crafted silver wear alongside glass and porcelain tree ornaments. The hall raised more than £600 through stalls and entry fees, which included home-made soup, and a café. The money raised will help with hall maintenance.

JURA

Subsea cable 'being laid'

A REPLACEMENT subsea cable is being laid in order to get the island of Jura back on mains power.

The delay in fitting the cable had brought misery to some islanders as the standby generator was beginning to cause problems to the area.

Speaking after the announcement, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'This is very good news for the communities of Islay and Jura.'

'The failure of the cable six months ago has created real problems for the islands.'

'The continuous use of the standby diesel set in Bowmore was causing considerable inconvenience and disturbance to the local population and was costing a very large amount of money.'

'There was also a risk of outage during the winter which would have caused much hardship.'

'In addition renewable generation was being badly affected by the inability to export electricity.'

It is hoped the work will be completed by mid December, weather permitting.

TARBERT

Sunshine on Leith tops the polls

TARBERT Film Club polls its members annually to see which films they favour for screening during the coming year.

This year's winner was Sunshine on Leith

Many will know this to be one of the most successful of recent productions from the British movie industry.

It will be shown on Saturday December 13 in the Templars Hall, with free refreshments from 7:30pm.

Sunshine on Leith is based on the sensational stage hit of the same name, featuring the music of The Proclaimers.

The film follows the stories of Davy and Ally, who have to relearn how to live lives in Edinburgh after coming home from serving in Afghanistan.

It is a tale of one tight-knit family, and the three couples bound to

it, as they experience the joys and heartache that punctuate all relationships.

This jubilant, heart-warming musical, which has won widespread critical praise, also has some stunning cinematography around Scotland's capital city.

A trailer, reviews and more details are available on the film club's web site.

KILFINNAN

Forest launches 'dedicate a tree' campaign for Christmas

TREES planted in honour of a loved one are being offered by the Kilfinnan Community Forest Company (KCFC).

For £20, a contributor can sponsor a sapling, to be planted into the community woodland, alternatively they can pledge £75 to include an engraved dedication plaque, mounted onto hardwood and sited by their sapling. Both packages include a certificate of tree dedication with a special message from contributor to recipient.

Proceeds will go to-

wards building a tree nursery in Kilfinnan Community Forest, which will house young saplings to eventually be replanted into the native woodland which was largely destroyed by last winter's storms.

KCFC will be launching the campaign at the annual Christmas Producers' Market at Kames Recreational Hall, 10am-1pm on December.

SOUTH KINTYRE

Voters have choice of four

VOTERS in South Kintyre are encouraged to take part in the local authority by-election on Thursday December 11.

There is one vacant seat within the Argyll and Bute Council South Kintyre ward, which covers the area from Saddell Glen down to the Mull of Kintyre, including Campbeltown. It has an electorate of around 5,400 people.

Polling stations will be open from 7am until 10pm on election day. People in Campbeltown itself should go to Kintyre Community Education Centre on Stewart Road to vote.

There are also polling stations at Machrihanish Golf Club; MacVicar Rooms, Southend Parish Church; and Peninver Village Hall. Polling cards will have a note of local polling stations.

Four candidates are standing for election, listed below in alphabetical order:

John Armour (Scottish National Party), Charlotte Hanbury (Scottish Conservative and Unionist), Michael Kelly (Scottish Labour Party) and Joyce Oxborrow (Scottish Liberal Democrats).

The counting of votes will start at 10.30pm on the night of the election and after polls close at 10pm.

The results will be published on Argyll and Bute Council's website as soon as possible after the count has been announced.

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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).

DEATHS

HUGHES - At the Southern General Hospital, on November 29, 2014, after a brave fight, Sawyer Crawford Hughes, aged 13 days, precious daughter of David Hughes and Joanne Crawford, cherished granddaughter of Mary and the late Peter Hughes, and of Catherine and the late John Crawford. A much loved niece and cousin. Funeral service will be held at Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, on Saturday, 6th December 6, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. No black ties please, pink or bright colours preferred. Donations, if desired, to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Southern General Hospital.

LIVINGSTONE - Suddenly at his home, Karratha, Western Australia, on December 2, 2014, Brian Dougal Livingstone, aged 61 years, formerly of Davanelm, Ardrishaig, son of the late Duncan and Margaret Livingstone and dear brother of Avril and Russell. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

MACLACHLAN - John (Iain) D A MacLachlan. At St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, on November 22, 2014, John (Iain) MacLachlan, of Mount Merrion Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin and latterly of Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACLELLAN - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, with her family by her side, on November 29, 2014, Mary MacLellan, nee Hedges, aged 62 years, of 61 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of Campbell, loving mother of Lindsay and Robert, and devoted granny of Leyla and Archie. Dear sister of Anne, and loving aunt to all the family. A dear neighbour, good friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, December 5, 2014 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery.

MARRISON - Laura, oldest daughter of Donald and Anne Beckett, died at home in Alves, Moray, on November 29, 2014, after six years courageously living with cancer. She is so much missed by her husband, Andrew, two small sons, her sisters, Bryony and Lissa, all her extended family and a huge circle of friends. Donations, if wished, to Macmillan Cancer Support.

MENZIES - Peacefully, on November 27, 2014, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after an illness borne bravely, Kenneth A Menzies, aged 68 years, of 13 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead and formerly of Achahoish, much loved father of Kenny and Jamie, husband to Joy

and cherished grandpa of Calum and Kian. Dear brother of Alastair and Norma. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, December 1, 2014, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCINNES - Matt, Eileen and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, flowers, plants and cards at this time of their very sad loss.

REID - Following the death of Elizabeth Allan Reid (Betty), the family would like to thank everyone for their support over this difficult time. In addition we would like to extend our thanks to all the carers and nurses who cared for Betty at Norwood and the Kintyre Care Home, and the doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital. Our thanks are also extended to Kenneth Blair for all the help which he provided and to Agnes Stewart for a comforting service. Thank you, Donald, Peter, Jane and families.

WELSH - Catherine and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received since their sad loss of Mamie. Special thanks to Dr Rebecca Helliwell, nursing staff of Glenaray Ward, and the community nursing team for their kind care and attention to Mamie over the last few months. Our thanks are also extended to her friends and neighbours for their help and visits. Thanks to Rev Ken Ross for a lovely and comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to Eileen and staff of Quarry View, Crarae for excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

IN MEMORIAMS

BURNETT - Precious and loving memories of our dear mum and mum-in-law, Margaret, who sadly passed away December 9, 2013. Loved and thought of every day.

- Love, Annamarie, Allan, John and Linda xxxxx.

BURNETT - In loving memory of our dear granny. We miss you every day.

- Love, Jacqueline, John, Kyle, Joanna, Frazer and Jakub xxxxxx.

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

Always in our thoughts

Sadly missed.

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

CURRAN - Jean, passed away December 2, 2006.

Sadly missed but never forgotten.

Always in our thoughts.

- Francis, Sean, Michelle and the late Patrick, grandsons, Lewis, George and Jamie, and daughter-in-law, Mina.

HALLIDAY - In loving memory of our lovely mum, granny and great granny, Margaret, died December 6, 1994.

When someone you love becomes a memory That memory becomes a treasure.

- Jean, Betty, Danny and families.

MARTIN - Precious memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997, a loved and missed mum and granny.

Forever in our hearts.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxxx.

MCNAUGHTON - Treasured memories of John, who died December 9, 2013, a dearly loved husband, father, granda and great granda.

Though his smile has gone forever,

And his hand we cannot touch,

His memory lives forever,

Of the one we loved so much.

God has him in his keeping,

We have him in our hearts.

- Betty, John, Elizabeth and families.

SHARP - Treasured memories of Archie, a much loved husband, dad and granda, died December 8, 1994.

Deep are the memories

Precious they stay

No length of time

Can take them away.

- Betty, Archie, Caroline, Marie and families.

SMITH - In loving memory of Willie, died December 4, 1998. Loving husband, father and granpa.

Always in our thoughts.

- Love, Jeanette, Lyndsay and Sarah xxx, Ashleigh, Kirsty and Gregor xxx.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
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 Services 7th December 2014 - all welcome!
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
 Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 Short Service (with Communion) in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
 Sunday 7 December 2014 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean "Faithful in 'little' things"
 Thursday 11 December 2014 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

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 Sunday 7 December
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 SCO02493
 Sunday 7th December
 Second Sunday in Advent
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 Everyone very welcome

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Wednesday
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Wednesday 10th December
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 Rev. Tommy Bryson
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Free scoring Red Star put nine past Blairdardie

DFDL Under 16s League

Blairdardie 0
Lochgilthead
Red Star 9

BLAIRDARDIE playing fields was the venue for last Sunday's league encounter.

Lochgilthead bounced back from the previous week's cup result with a solid performance.

Blair Mackay opened the scoring in the early stages slipping the ball under the home keeper following an impressive flick from Brown.

Ryan Caskie netted a half-volley from 18 yards as he latched onto a Scott cross. Aaron Whitefield scored number three as he rifled the ball high into the net from a Scott cut back. Liam Scott, who had a fine match on the right of mid-field, cut inside and curled a left footer into the bottom corner of the net.

Second

Just before the break Mackay finished off his second of the game (HT 0-5).

With the sun behind them Lochgilthead started where they had finished the first half with Souden scoring from close in for the sixth.

Blairdardie were playing on the counter attack but were unable to break down the Star rear-guard.

Scott Souden won the ball on the half-way line beat four opponents and tucked the ball into the net for his second.

Next Keiran Moore was on the score sheet as he outpaced several defenders and fired the ball home from 20 yards. Souden then finished off his hat-trick as he ran 80 yards with the ball and slotted it home for number nine. Dardie kept plugging away and twice brought the best out of Star keeper Cammy Thom in the closing stages.

Team: Thom, Simpson, Young, Moore, McVicar, Scott, Brown, Souden, Whitefield, Mackay, Caskie, Subs Ritchie (used) and Cameron.

Dookers leave it late but take the three points against league rivals Eaglesham

TARBERT AFC travelled to Newton Mearns on Saturday to take on league rivals Eaglesham (B).

Messrs Elliott and Johnstone returned to the squad in what was expected to be a close fought encounter after two very tight games between the sides last season.

Eaglesham have not been showing the same early season form that saw them clinch a play-off spot last season however they were determined from the kick off in this encounter, putting the Tarbert side under

Eaglesham (B)	2
Tarbert AFC	3

intense pressure in the early exchanges.

A number of corners gave the Dookers some early scares and only a clearance off the line from MacNaughton after five minutes ensured the match remained goalless.

The home side did make the breakthrough midway through the first half and again it was a set piece that breached the Tarbert defence.

A free kick from the left was powerfully

swept past Martin in goal and into the top corner in what was an impressive finish.

This seemed to spark some life into the away side who had started slowly, and it was captain Talbot who dragged his team back into the contest showing great determination to react to a loose ball in the box and equalise – his second goal in two games.

Eaglesham continued to cause Tarbert problems on the break

and were ahead again almost immediately when another corner was not cleared by the away defence allowing the 'Rams' striker to head home, much to the delight of their supporters.

It has become apparent in recent weeks however that this Tarbert team never give up and just before half time they were back level again with Prentice bagging yet another goal for his season.

His free kick took a slight deflection off the wall taking it past the keeper and into the bottom corner.

Half time: Eaglesham 2 – 2 Tarbert AFC.

With both teams in desperate need of three points the second period was end to end with chances aplenty.

The home side will be disappointed they couldn't find a way past Martin in goal, in particular when they were awarded a penalty with minutes remaining. However the striker's spot kick was superbly palmed away by the Tarbert keeper with the rebound going agonisingly wide.

This proved to be the turning point in the match, as from the next

Tarbert attack, substitute Stuart found himself in the box with only the keeper to beat as he squeezed the ball home from the tightest of angles to win the points for the Dookers.

Full time: Eaglesham 2 – 3 Tarbert AFC.

The win lifts Tarbert into fourth spot in the league table as they continue their quest for promotion into the premier status.

Tarbert Squad: Martin, Blair, Johnstone, Elliott, Talbot, Ronald, Guy, Johnson, MacIver, MacNaughton, Prentice, Liddell, Campbell, Stuart.



Jog Scotland winners, left to right, back row: Kathleen Munro, Janice Campbell, Carole-Anne Burnett, Angie Brown, Anne Moore, Kellie McConnell. Front row: Lisa Mansell, Lysay Carmichael, Natasha MacNaughton, and Helen Carey.

No numbers up in this week's lottery

THE LOTTERY draws this week were as follows: Tarbert football club numbers are 6, 11 and 12. There were no winners, £600 jackpot next week.

Inveraray Shinty Club numbers this week were 3, 13, 17.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1,100 next week.

Kilmory Camanachd Club weekly lottery numbers 1, 14, 15. There were no winners and the jackpot for next week is £600.

Still moaning - but jogger praised at awards night

TARBERT Jog Scotland held its Christmas awards evening on Friday November 28 and celebrated the group's achievements of the last year - including the best complainer.

2014 was a busy year for the sports club with many taking part in the Tarbert 10k and five kilometre races. But not without complaint by some of its members.

Anne Moore picked up the moaners prize - not for the first time, but was cheered by the awards ceremony for her own tenacity.

The group heard that it was a record year for the club with new members boosting the number of folk joining in on its activities.

Runners also competed in the Great North Run, Belfast Marathon, Aviemore half marathon, Kyles 10 miles, Mull of Kintyre races and the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow.

Tarbert jog leaders

Lorraine MacDonald and Jessica Little are busy behind the scenes organising the third Tarbert five and 10-kilometre races for 2015. The date is now fixed for August 15 with online entries opening in the New Year.

The club are hoping for even more members in February 2015 when it begins again after a winter break.

The awards included: Completing level one: Kathleen Munro, Carole-Anne Burnett, Angie Brown - Joint newcomer of the year: Lisa Mansell and Natasha MacNaughton. Charity Fundraiser Award: Jennifer Coyle, Lorraine MacDonald, Kellie McConnell and Helen Carey. Progress Award: Janice Campbell and Lysay Carmichael. Superhuman Effort Award: Alexis Prentice. Best Moaner in the Tarbert Jog Scotland group 2014: Anne Moore.

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Keep safe when running on hills and mountains

THE POPULARITY of fell and mountain running has led to fears for runners' safety in the harsh conditions of the Highland's winter mountains.

A push for runners to take sensible measures is being highlighted by the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCS).

Heather Morning, of MCS, said: 'Fell running can take people into some unforgiving terrain and weather conditions and they really do need to be properly prepared for their own safety. Hypothermia is a real danger for those too lightly clad to withstand a change in the weather or inactivity brought about by injury or getting lost or benighted.

'Weather conditions and visibility can change quickly, so check the forecast and plan your clothing and kit for the worst case of having to sit and wait if injured.

'Plan your route in advance and let someone know where and how long you will be. Give

extra consideration to water crossings, ascents and descents if very wet, icy or snowy.

'Know how to navigate in reduced visibility.

'Carry a map of your intended route area, including escape routes, a compass, whistle, a lightweight bivi bag and basic first aid kit. If on a long run - ie over two hours - have a strategy for fluid and energy replacement.

'Equipment needs to be adapted for each and every run. Take waterproof top and trousers (windproof on dry days), a hat and gloves with you.

'Wear or carry extra warm top and bottom layers in winter and cold or wet summer days.

'In winter months a torch with a good running beam is an essential addition. Also consider spikes or running crampons that are compatible with your shoes.

Some people advocate a larger pair of shoes for thicker socks and warmer feet.'



LAST YEAR: The race got off to a great start.

Ready, get set - go online

GET on your starting blocks for MOKRUN.

It is getting close to that time of year again when only the swiftest will be ensured a place in one of the UK's most popular races.

Last year 900 entries for the MOK half marathon and 10k in Campbeltown were snapped up

within 24 hours. For the 2015 races on Sunday, May 24 the total entries have been increased to 1,000, but they are again expected to be taken up within hours.

'It never ceases to amaze us how the popularity of the event seems to have grown year on year,' said Elaine McGeachy, one of the

MOKRUN organisers.

There will also be no reserve list, so there will be one chance only to secure a place.

Entries will open online at www.entrycentral.com at noon on January 2.

More details can be found at www.mokrun.com

Sports cash up for grabs

CALLS are being made for west coast sports men and women to apply to the Scottish Sport Relief Home and Away Programme for funding.

Using the inspiration of the Commonwealth Games, this part of the Legacy 2014 programme is jointly funded by the Scottish Government and money raised through Sport Relief.

The fund will distribute £100,000 to groups and projects across Scotland using the power and inspiration of sport to reach, engage and support young people facing limited opportunities.

The programme will make grants up to £5,000 to support projects and initiatives which, using sport as a tool, can demonstrate the following: young people lead less chaotic lives and engage in less harmful lifestyles, young people recover, cope and thrive in the face of severe personal, family and social adversity and young people progress into employment, enterprise, training and education opportunities.



WIN £2450 JACKPOT

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact

centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown,

Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

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Tarbert AFC defeat rivals
Jog Scotland award winners

On form Red Star thrash Paisley

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RED STAR welcomed old foes Paisley to the Ropework on Saturday in what usually proves a close encounter.

However on this occasion it was the Lochgilphead side who ran out winners with Docherty helping himself to five goals.

The match was relatively even in the opening minutes with both keepers being made to work early on.

The hosts opened the scoring after 15 minutes when after a quick passing move Docherty found himself in on goal and made no mistake to put his side ahead 1-0.

The lead was doubled again through Docherty who linked up well with strike partners Naisby and Peacock and this time he finished with his left foot, the ball cannoned off the post and into the net as Star doubled their early advantage.

A quick-fire hat trick was secured when Docherty was again released and he raced clear of a shell-shocked Paisley defence to make the score 3-0 with less than half an hour gone.

Star were well on top at this stage and were passing the ball well through the midfield with S Crawford and Moore having plenty of time to pick their passes.

It was no surprise when a fourth goal arrived this time through Naisby. A surging run

from Peacock saw him reach the byline before crossing to the big striker to finish for 4-0.

Paisley never gave up and pulled a goal back on the stroke of half time after a corner was nodded in at the near post to make it 4-1.

Star were keen to press for more goals and Moore deservedly got himself on the scoresheet when he found the bottom corner from 25 yards with an excellent strike for 5-1.

Paisley still weren't done though and grabbed a consolation with half an hour to go when they scored from the penalty spot after Moore was adjudged to have tripped the midfielder.

The visitors were reduced to 10 men soon after though as their midfielder was sent off for violent conduct after throwing a punch at Naisby.

Star used their extra man advantage well in the closing stages and added a further two goals both through Docherty as he rounded the keeper on both occasions to cap an excellent afternoon for himself and his team as Star ran out 7-2 winners.

This result sees Star into the top half of the table and they'll look to push on again tomorrow, Saturday, as they play host to Easthall Star who are also in good form. Kick off 2pm.

Lochfyneside show off smart new strips



LOCHFYNESIDE Football Club showed off their new strip during training on Tuesday.

The strips were funded by the team's latest sponsor Londis, Inveraray.

Jim Divers, chairman of the club, said: 'Brian and Audre McCaughey are the new owners and their son Conor plays for and manages the squad. I'd like to thank Londis for its sponsorship.'

Lochfyneside Football Club trained at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Tuesday. 08_a49strips01

Susie drives on with race spot and new job

IN WHAT could be a watershed week for Argyll racing driver Susie Wolff, she has been named as the first female driver to compete in the Race of Champions and Williams Martini Racing's F1 test driver for 2015.

Susie, nee Stoddart, from Oban will make motorsport history later this month when she becomes the first female to compete in the traditional end-of-season Race of Champions, which features drivers and riders from all forms of motorsport, both four wheels and two, racing in a number of different vehicles.

She will join forces with fellow Scot and former DTM teammate David Coulthard for the Nations Cup part of the competition that takes place at the Bushy Park Circuit in Barbados on December 13-14.

'Any driver would love to be invited to do the Race of Champions,' she said. 'It's an event I've always looked closely at and always



Susie Wolff faces some exciting challenges in the next few months, as a competitor in the Race of Champions and as Williams F1 test driver.

dreamed of being part of, so I'm proud to have been chosen.

'But the biggest thing is the fact I'm just so looking forward to racing again.

'I have a full-time job at Williams which is great, but it's about getting that adrenalin of racing back, and that's what I'm looking forward to most.'

Last week Williams announced the former Oban High School

pupil, who now lives in Switzerland with her husband, Mercedes director Toto Wolff, would be stepping up to the position of official test driver for 2015.

In this role Susie will be driving the Williams Mercedes FW37 in two practice sessions and two test days during the 2015 Formula One season.

She will also be conducting extensive simulator testing to

help in the ongoing development of the FW37 and FW38.

This new role builds on Susie's three seasons as development driver for Williams, which

culminated in driving the FW36 during practice at the 2014 British and German Grand Prix.

This saw her become the first female driver to drive in a Grand Prix weekend for two decades. The team said it was currently evaluating a number of drivers to replace Susie as development driver.

Speaking about her new role, Susie said: 'This is another step in the right direction for me.

'I am delighted Williams are recognising my progression, hard work and that it is performance that counts.

'Williams is at a very exciting stage in its history and we are moving into 2015 with fantastic momentum, I'm proud to be part of the team.

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