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Litter campaigner's disgust as council hits him with fine

By **COLIN CAMERON**
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A LOCAL campaigner has slammed Argyll and Bute Council for failing to show 'common sense' after he was fined for leaving timber at the back of his home.

For many years Peter Laing has highlighted problems around Lochgilphead and the surrounding area, including roads, drainage and, most recently, littering around the town's recycling bins caused, in his opinion, by lack of bin space.

Many of the problems Mr Laing has railed against are the responsibility of Argyll and Bute Council.

He believes he may have been singled out as a result. 'I feel it might be a wee bit of revenge for exposing the council managers' failure to deal with is-

sues around town,' he said.

The local authority acted in early November following a report Mr Laing had been spotted leaving old chipboard from a household cupboard in land at the back of his McIntyre Terrace home in the town.

Mr Laing, 43, makes no secret of the fact he left it 'in a neat pile', but had intended to come back at a later date and burn the wood.

'I left it out on bonfire night, November 5,' he said. 'But I discovered online that chipboard shouldn't be burnt because of the glue content, so between that and the fact the wood was wet, I didn't get round to doing anything about it.'

A letter from Argyll



Peter Laing at the site where he left the waste wood. 06_a49laing01

and Bute Council arrived the following week, fining him £200 for littering - one of just two such fines this year handed out across Argyll and Bute.

'I thought it was a joke at first,' explained Mr Laing, 'but this is no joke because it has caused a lot of stress.

I'm disgusted about it. It wouldn't have been so bad if they had shown a bit of common sense and given me a warning, but they went straight for a fine.'

Mr Laing contacted Councillor Dougie Philand, who commented: 'I do truly believe this has been a mis-

take and this is rather heavy-handed given all the circumstances that I believe should be taken into account.

'I believe the sanction should have been a warning if anything, as I know the sterling work Mr Laing has done, all off his own back, for his local

community.'

Argyll and Bute Council said it would not comment on individual cases, but a spokesman said: 'The council is committed to ensuring public spaces are maintained to as high a standard as possible and we actively discourage fly-tipping and littering. National legislation sets out the fines that apply for these offences across Scotland. Argyll and Bute Council works in line with this legislation and has a duty to investigate reports and will take appropriate steps to pursue those responsible. The legislation applies to everyone; no one individual is exempt from it.'

The spokesman added: 'It is pleasing that the council has only been required to issue two fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping this year.'

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A MOSAIC fish has gone missing from a Mid Argyll nature reserve.

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Auchinlee care home crisis

UNCERTAINTY over the future of Campbeltown care home Auchinlee means residents may be forced to move at least 100 miles away from their families.

The care home, specialised in the care of dementia sufferers, is funded by Church of Scotland charity CrossReach and is understood to be losing £250,000 a year.

Owners of the care home have called on the local authority to step in and take the home into public hands and a petition opposing the closure has been distributed around Kintyre. A decision on the future of the care home is expected this week.



The mosaic on display at the reserve.

Taynish fish disappears from burn

A SPECIAL fish has gone missing from a Mid Argyll nature reserve.

The unique and beautiful specimen disappeared in the last week from Taynish National Nature Reserve.

The mosaic artwork

was created by artist Lesley Burr for display at the reserve mill burn. Taynish, near the village of Tayvallich, is one of Scotland's National Nature Reserves and is managed by Scottish Natural Heritage.

A spokeswoman for SNH said: 'This unique artwork has given pleasure to thousands of visitors since 2015 when it first took up residence in the burn at the mill.'

'Its loss has been reported to Police Scot-

land and it is investigating.

'If anyone has any information which will lead to the return of the fish, please get in touch with us by emailing caroline.anderson@snh.gov.uk or calling 01546 603611.'

Police files

Pipe damaged

SOMETIME between 6pm on Monday November 21 and 9am on Tuesday November 22 an external water pipe at Lochgilphead Community Centre was damaged causing hot water to leak onto a roof.

Car vandalised

A WHITE Volkswagen Caddy van, parked on Glenfyne Terrace, Ardrishaig, had a front tyre punctured sometime between 4.30pm on Thursday November 17 and 8am on Friday November 18.

Man had drugs

A CAR was stopped and searched on the A83 near Port Ann at 1.10pm on Saturday November 26.

A 26-year-old man was allegedly found to be in possession of a small quantity of amphetamine. A 32-year-old woman in the car was arrested on warrants and allegedly found to be in possession of a small quantity of cannabis.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Driving charges

A DRIVER was stopped for speeding on the A83 at Inveraray at 12.45pm on Saturday November 26.

The female driver, aged 47, was also allegedly driving without insurance or road tax. She was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Resisting arrest

A MAN, aged 45, who was allegedly shouting and swearing in Harbour Street, Tarbert at 11.20pm on Saturday November 26 resisted arrest when officers arrived.

The man was arrested and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police office on telephone number 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Rotary photo winners

THE ROTARY Club of Mid Argyll has announced the winners of its photography competition for P6 and P7 pupils.

The judges chose a winner and two highly commended photos from each group, with all entrants receiving a certificate and the winning photographers a cash prize.

For a look at the winning photographs, go along to the Rotary's Santa event tomorrow (Saturday December 3) at Lochgilphead Parish Church hall from 2-4pm.

Santa will be there in his specially built grotto and tea and coffee will be available. There will also be a raffle with all proceeds from the event going to local causes.

Eilidh Cameron of Inveraray Primary School was the P7 winner, with her photo of Inveraray Castle, and Benjamin Hunt of Achahoish Primary's flower-power photo to win the P6 category.

Ella MacNab, Jo Philip and brother and sister Algy and Mina Ritchie were all winners in the highly commended category.

The photos will also be displayed on the camera club notice board in Lochgilphead Community Centre from November 28 until January 20.



Holy Loch Inn staff member Barbara Perry welcomes a new, rather famous customer.

Tennis star Andy's Argyll pub surprise

AN UNEXPECTED visitor took staff and punters of an Argyll pub by surprise last weekend.

World number one tennis player Andy Murray, joined by his brother Jamie, caused a social media meltdown while out celebrating their dad's stag do on

Saturday November 26, at the Holy Loch Inn, Sandbank, near Dunoon.

Landlord Craig Wilson, who took over the reins nine months ago, said: 'We pride ourselves on serving customers with local food in a warm atmosphere by happy staff. Andy

Murray's friends were a nice group of guys to have in the pub. We asked him if we could post a photo to our Facebook page and he said yes.

'I was thinking it would be good for a bit of local news, not thinking it would spread as far as it has.'

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Mystery meter man on mission to exterminate car parking fees

By RACHEL CARRUTHERS
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A MYSTERY meter man in Lochgilphead has been protesting over what he believes are council plans to introduce car parking charges by stealth.

The man, who identified himself only as 'Dave', claims that planned overnight parking charges for commercial vehicles in the Lorne Street car park will mean that Argyll and Bute Council, at a later date, will be able to introduce charges for all vehicles.

A draft traffic regulation order, he believes, allows scope for the authority to put meters in place and start charging every vehicle in the car park without further public consul-

tation. The public has until today (Friday) to comment on the draft regulation.

Argyll and Bute Council, however, denied that this was its intention.

A spokesman said: 'There are no plans to introduce parking charges for cars in the Lorne Street car park.'

'Following an informal public consultation on parking arrangements in Mid Argyll we used public feedback to develop a number of proposals, one of which is to introduce overnight parking charges for large vehicles such as lorries and buses in the Lorne Street car park.'

'This proposal will



'Dave' is out to exterminate parking charges by stealth. 08_a49parking02

help us to effectively manage the car park.

'What we are trying to do is manage our car parks better, ensuring they are used

as they were intended. To move this proposal forward we need to make a traffic regulation order (TRO), which is a formal

legal process. As part of this process, we are required by legislation to give people the opportunity to make representations. Notice of

the making of the proposed TRO was advertised in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on Friday November 11 and people have until Friday December 2 to make

comments. The number and nature of the comments will determine the next steps, and we will keep people informed as the process continues.'

Beavers can stay in Mid Argyll

BEAVERS can stay in Mid Argyll, the Scottish Government has announced.

But environment secretary Roseanna Cunningham said the species will have to be actively managed.

Work has now begun to ensure beavers can be added to Scotland's list of protected species. It will be the first time a mammal has been officially reintro-

duced to the UK.

A five-year-long trial reintroduction of Eurasian beavers to Knapdale concluded in 2014. The Scottish Beaver Trial was a five-year partnership project between the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and host organisation, Forestry Commission Scotland.

Scottish ministers also agreed a beaver population, established in Tayside following illegal releases, can also remain. Research has shown that beavers, which were native to Scotland before being hunted to extinction in the 16th century, provide important biodiversity benefits. The animals can, however, also cause significant difficulties for farmers and land managers in vital agricultural areas.

Roseanna Cunningham said: 'I have been determined to find a pragmatic approach, which balances the biodiversity benefits of reintroducing beavers with the obvious need to limit difficulties for our farmers. The announcement represents a major milestone in our work to protect and enhance Scotland's biodiversity.'

'But I want to be clear that while the species will be permitted to extend its range naturally, further unauthorised releases of beavers will be a criminal act.'

Appeal for information on memorial soldiers

LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupil Grant Graham, currently researching the Ardrishaig war memorial as reported in last week's *Advertiser*, would welcome any in-

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'Staff do an incredible amount of work'

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The awards celebrate and showcase the wide range of quality practice that makes services across Scotland the best they can be for young people and their families.

The Kintyre Family Pathway team were runners-up for the top team award, while the

Early Level team from Tarbert Academy came second in the early years merit award for quality improvement.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning, Councillor Rory Colville, said: 'The Argyll and Bute Early Years staff do an incredible amount of work to ensure that every child is given the best possible start.

'Their hard work often goes on unrecog-

nised so I am extremely happy that their efforts are being recognised.

'It is a massive honour for the teams to be shortlisted, let alone runners-up so a massive well done to them.'

Positive

The Argyll Family Pathway project works with families to promote positive outcomes from pre-birth until the age of five.

It involves midwives, health visitors, nursery staff, school staff

and other community services all working in partnership for the benefit of the child and supporting key stages

The other project focuses on engaging parents in early learning. Led by Kathleen Johnston of the council's education team, the project was based at Tarbert Academy and focused on increasing parental engagement in learning in their early level class.



Left to right are David, Ruari and Donald Murray.

The Murray men . . .

LADIES from Ford and Kilmichael Scottish Women's Institutes joined the Lochgilphead Institute last week to hear an fascinating talk by three generations of the Murray family.

Hearing of the company's history, including a devastating fire which ruined their original smokehouse, the women were glad to hear how Murray Smoked Products recovered and has since flourished in the fish-smoking industry.

The company not only sells salmon,

trout and Gigha halibut in its Lochgilphead shop but through an excellent online service.

Murray senior was keen to show off how the salmon is sliced by hand. A task made very simple by his capable hands but seemed a little more challenging for the less practiced.

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Sledgehammer approach

IT IS hard not to have sympathy for Peter Laing, who invests so much time raising local problems directly with the people who can act to fix them.

Where others moan to each other or grumble on social media, he is out there 'getting in people's faces' – often not letting go until he has an answer.

But he cares about Lochgilphead. No doubt Mr Laing is an irritant on occasion to people in the council, ACHA, BEAR Scotland and many more besides. And if he does get under their skin from time to time – good for him.

Readers can make what they will of the fact that just two fines for littering have been issued in 2016 across the whole of Argyll and Bute.

But surely a written warning would have been sufficient in this case, rather than going in with a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

Future parking charges?

ANOTHER campaigner seems to have arrived in town, but his methods are slightly more colourful.

The mystery meter man who caused a stir around Lochgilphead earlier this week is highlighting what he sees as another council problem.

He believes that traffic regulations are being amended so that we could be charged for parking, at the stroke of a bureaucrat's pen, at some point in the future. The council might not have any current plans to implement charging beyond lorries – though watch this space. His methods are unconventional but does he have a point?

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Thanks from Himalayan trekker

Sir,
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I am sure your donations will go a very long way to helping the Fishermen's Mission carry on with the very worthwhile work that it does for fishing communities and fishing families through out the UK.

Too many families have been bereaved this year, with the loss of 11 fishermen and it's not the year end yet, so the mission has had a busy time.

Again I thank everyone for their generosity. The trek was a great experience, even if a bit tough on the old knees at times – and I'm glad I trained for it.

**Kenny MacNab,
Tarbert.**

Young people helping in communities

Sir,
I am delighted that the Boys' Brigade has been involved in this year's #iwill week, held between November 21 and 25.

The #iwill campaign champions youth social action, where young people

between 10 and 20 years of age help others in their communities.

We have been using this to celebrate how much our own young people go above and beyond to help other people.

As an organisation, we are committed to increasing the opportunities we can provide for young people to get in to volunteering and using their skills to help others. I have met many of our young people who give up their time each week to make a difference in their town or village. Some of this is carried out through awards like Queen's Badge or the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, but often the young people get involved simply because they have seen a need and want to help.

In 2016, BB young people have already undertaken in excess of 50,000 hours of volunteering this year alone, and by 2020, we hope to provide an additional 2,000 youth social action opportunities.

Our hope is that by celebrating how much young people help in their communities, we can inspire a new generation of BB volunteers to help us make a difference for young Scots.

**Bill Stevenson, CEO,
The Boys' Brigade,
Carronvale House,
Larbert.**

Reclaim local decision-making

Sir,
I live in Argyll and Bute, a prime example of a dys-

functional local authority. All too often we have to put up with what is a top-down system of what is laughingly called 'local' government, where we have little or no say in what is done on our behalf. We vote for councillors who have little or no power to change anything in the face of decisions mostly made by officials.

In recent times, we had a refurbishment of central Helensburgh. This took two years to deliver and, during its course, I spoke to several of the elected councillors about aspects of what was going on. They had as much idea of what the plans were as I had.

All decisions are taken by a small clique, based in Lochgilphead. This group has management control of one of the largest local authorities in Europe, stretching from Helensburgh on the Clyde coast across Loch Long, Loch Fyne down to Campbeltown and up through the inner Hebrides to Coll and Tiree.

While Argyll and Bute is an extreme case, almost every council of the 32 in Scotland is in a similar position.

These are clear symptoms of a system that is broken.

We need smaller councils with volunteer councillors rather than armies of paid managers and career politicians running the show. We need a local council in Helensburgh that is responsible for what goes on in our area. There are numerous other places with-

in Argyll and Bute that have equally valid claims. Why do Campbeltown, Dunoon, Oban and the islands not have separate councils which know what is going on in their area rather than the one-size-fits-all approach, where nobody has any idea?

There is no need to duplicate all of the bureaucracy that we presently have. I believe this is where we are going wrong. We employ these officials and managers and in the end they tell the elected councillors what can and cannot be done. Let the officials do the sums and the administration and let the councillors make the decisions.

We do not need full-time councillors, each representing huge areas and very many people. There are lots of local volunteers who would work for their own community unpaid, on a part-time basis. Yes, we would need many more of them, but their duties would be far less onerous and the cost would not break the bank.

Let us reclaim decision-making for local people. They know what is wanted in their area and let them face up to the real challenges of getting the best results based on need.

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Helensburgh.**

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Five, four, three, two, one - switch on



Santa's smallest elf, Grace Divers, with dad, Jamie. 08_a49invxmas07

INVERARAY led the way with the festive fun at the town's big Christmas lights switch on.

Parading down the main street, Mid Argyll Pipe Band led the way as the crowds headed towards the Christmas tree on the front green.

With great anticipation everyone gathered for the countdown, with some even catching a glimpse of Santa on his sleigh as they waited.

With the tree lit, Santa made his way back to his grotto at the fire station, where eagerly awaiting him were children, and some sneaky adults, ready to tell him their wishlists.

The organisers were delighted by the turnout and hoped Santa had enough chocolate to go around.



Connor, Harris, Reece and Bryce Griffin wait with Evan Robertson to see Santa. 08_a49invxmas05

A dram fine night at the Argyll Inn

THE Argyll Inn is to host a fantastic night of malt whisky tasting, exclusively from west coast distilleries.

Led by respected whisky consultant Kenny Macdonald of Dram Mor whisky events, a number of fine malts will be explored from Arran, Glen Scotia, Oban, Bowmore and Laphroig distilleries - with a variety of west coast cheeses to match each whisky.

The evening is organised in partnership with Whisky West Coast, Tarbert, and Kitchen Garden, Oban.

Whisky West Coast will be taking orders for the malts tasted on the night at exclusive discounted rates, for one night only.

Landlord and host for the evening, Blair Johnston, said: 'We hope to grow this type of event, where local

small businesses have a platform to reach everybody who has an interest in food and drink, and in supporting the local economy.

'On the night everybody will be able to register their interest to

receive more information about forthcoming events, from producers and their products.'

The evening will be held in the Argyll Inn function room at 8pm on December 8 at a cost of £10, payable at

the door. Space is limited, so early booking is recommended.

Blair concluded: 'The cost will cover five very fine drams and five paired cheeses, and we think that represents amazing value.'

Thursday 8th December 2016 - 8pm - £10

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Delicious delights at coffee morning

COFFEE, cake and chitchat were on the cards at the Dochas Carers Centre coffee morning.

In a busy Lochgilphead Baptist church people enjoyed The Great

British Bake Off standard home-baking on Saturday November 26.

Scrumptious Raising money for Circle of Friends there was more than just

scrumptious cake to enjoy, a huge spread of baking was available to buy and a raffle and bottle stall full of fantastic prizes.

A total of £312 was raised on the day.



Sarah Calderwood, from Minard, Elizabeth King, who flew from Stansted, and Stephanie Davey, of Kilmartin, enjoy a cuppa and a catch-up. 08_a49dochas02



Stella Coburn helped daughter Rowan carry all four of her prizes from the bottle stall. 08_a49dochas01

Lighting up Mid Argyll this Christmas

Tarbert

GET THE family in the festive mood by attending Tarbert's Christmas fair and lights switch-on.

Starting at 4pm today (Friday December 2), you will have plenty of time to browse seasonal stalls at Tarbert arts and leisure centre before Tarbert Seafood Festival queen, Laura McCaff-

ery, switches on the Christmas lights at 6.30pm, followed by carol singing around the tree.

Santa will also be making an appearance between 5pm and 6pm and again from 7pm-8pm.

Ardrishaig

FESTIVE fun for Ardrishaig will be enjoyed at the Christmas lights switch-on then after-

wards in the north hall tomorrow (Saturday December 3).

The evening's events kick off at 5.30pm and there will be plenty of mulled wine, mince pies and festive surprises.

Christmas colouring activities, reindeer piñatas and a visit from Santa – if you have all been good – will provide all the family fun you need.

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A dream realised – and beautifully written

Shemaron: A Beautiful Endeavour
By Fiona Malkin

THE COURSE of true love never did run smooth.

Shakespeare could have penned those lines to describe the relationship between former ring net fishing boat the Shemaron and Newcastle couple Chris and Fiona Malkin.

Make no mistake; this is a love story – and a tempestuous one at that.

For Fiona, the book's author, it began slowly. So slowly that it was less love and more of a mild dislike.

The seafaring life was not for her. With a successful business and two grown-up children, she thought her life was fairly settled. The dream of owning a fishing boat was her husband's alone.

Chris fell head over heels as a boy watching the boats sail in and out of Campbeltown harbour. When the opportunity came along to buy their own vessel – a neglected 55-foot former ring net fishing boat named Shemaron – Fiona was unprepared for the impact it would have on their lives.

Shemaron: A Beau-



Fiona Malkin signs copies of the book at Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival earlier this year. 06_a49shemaron01

tiful Endeavour tells of the characters and places the Malkins encountered as they went through the ups and downs of bringing the old boat back to life.

Beautifully written in evocative prose, the book takes the reader on a voyage through turbulent waters and calm seas in such a way that we feel the salt air, smell fresh varnish – and experience mild sea sickness as they round the Mull of Kintyre.

The men who once stalked our coastal waters searching for herring on these boats are not forgotten. Their exploits are remembered, and that is, at the end of it all, what the boat represents.

Fiona eventually fell

madly in love with Shemaron, a boat with personality; the two reaching a level of mutual respect and acceptance Fiona would not have thought possible at the journey's beginning.

This is a fascinating book, affectionately recalling, warts-and-all, a memorable and unexpected voyage through waters never before explored by the author.

The ring net fishing boats may now have

passed into history, but something of the tradition remains through boats such as the Shemaron.

Fiona's journey and that of the Shemaron continues.

This is an ideal Christmas present for anyone with salt in their veins or memories of herring and the ring netters.

Shemaron: A Beautiful Endeavour is published by Mascot Books and is available from local bookshops.



Dookers dash – Santas will be in a hurry this Christmas in Tarbert.

Tarbert Santa dash fun

SANTAS galore will be on the run this Saturday at the annual Tarbert 5k Santa Dash.

The event is suitable for walkers, joggers and runners, and it will not be timed as those Santa bellies are sure to slow everyone down.

The dash starts at 10.40am. Meet at the harbour at 9am for a warm up. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served at the finish line.

Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall Sat 10 & Sun 11 December



Trolls (U) Sat 10, 2pm / 93 mins
Fun animated comedy from the team behind *Shrek*. Princess Poppy (Anna Kendrick) and Branch (Justin Bieber) must save their fellow trolls!

Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them (12A) Sat 10, 4.15pm / Sun 11, 12.30pm / 133 mins
Harry Potter spin off starring Eddie Redmayne in an all new adventure set in J.K. Rowling's wizarding world.

Doctor Strange (12A) Sat 10, 7.30pm / 115 mins
Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Marvel's brilliant neurosurgeon, whose life is turned upside after a devastating accident. His new abilities are put to the test by the villainous Kaecilius (Mads Mikkelsen).

I, Daniel Blake (15) Sun 11, 3.30pm / 100 mins
Daniel Blake is out of work and at the mercy of the welfare state. Ken Loach's much acclaimed Palme D'Or winner is an angry indictment of modern Britain, but also warm and funny with outstanding performances.

Arrival (12A) Sun 11, 6pm / 116 mins
Mind blowing sci-fi from the director of *Sicario*. Amy Adams stars as a linguist recruited to communicate with aliens as global war threatens in this smart emotional drama.

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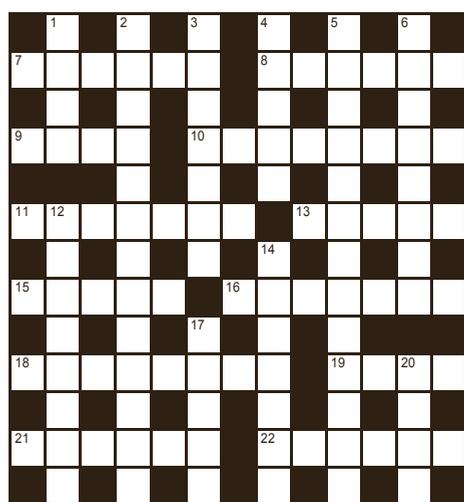
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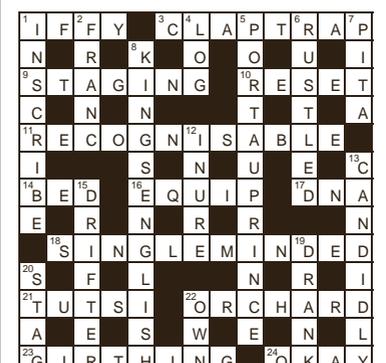
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Village hall boost at Ford's first Christmas market

FORD's first Christmas market proved a great success with stallholders and visitors from all over Argyll attending.

At a crafty morning on Saturday November 26 in Ford House, the youngsters had

their artistic skills put to the test by Inge Bos, who led the decoration making workshop.

Tenterhooks

Full of festive cheer and delighted with their efforts, they joined in the fun at the Christmas fair and waited on ten-

terhooks for Santa and his elves to arrive.

While waiting for Santa, the perfect opportunity was had to have a browse of the wide range of gifts and cards available at the market. The hall was full of tempting treats

and ideal gifts, from cakes and preserves to woodwork and glassware.

The evening continued with carolling and a Christmas party, with all funds raised going towards Ford village hall.



Samantha Leiper with daughter Isla Niamh and Amber Crowley with daughter Thea waiting for Santa on his sleigh. 08_a49ford03



Isla Niamh was first to post her letter to Santa. 08_a49ford08



Sue Creech, owner of Bee & Bee, had a wide range of bees' wax products, including some delicious heather honey. 08_a49ford05



Niamh Brady mans the A Touch of Glass stand for sister Kirsty. 08_a49ford01



Santa took a well deserved rest as he waited for letters to be posted to him. 08_a49ford07



Donna Kennedy with her homemade cards. 08_a49ford04

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MAYDS' soldiers shoebox appeal



Jamey Sansom, Meah MacDonald, Charlotte MacNeill, Cerys Murdoch and Phoebe Hutton start packing the first shoeboxes. 08_a49MAYDSshoebox02

THERE is still time to support Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) with their shoebox appeal for Soldiers off the Street Scotland.

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Report reveals importance of red meat to Scotland

THE IMPORTANCE of red meat production to Scotland is highlighted in an independent new report commissioned by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS).

The report, 'An Assessment of the Economic Contribution of Scotland's Red Meat Supply Chain', reveals that the red meat supply chain in Scotland contributes around £2.4 billion to total output.

This equates to a £733

million contribution to Scotland's Gross Domestic Product and provides employment totalling 33,000 jobs. The report also clearly lays out the Scottish red meat industry's very considerable importance in terms of employment in rural areas through jobs created by farming and meat processing.

The report accounts for production as far along the red meat chain as abattoirs and

cutting plants. The figures would be significantly higher if the economic impact further downstream, including the wholesalers and multiple and independent retailers, plus food outlets, were also included.

The publication, compiled by Dr Andrew Moxey of Pareto Consulting, reveals that red meat production accounts for around 40 per cent of total farming output in Scotland.

There are around 30 livestock markets in the country, which have a collective throughput of 2.7 million animals, with a turnover of £525 million in 2014.

The important economic role of the other businesses which support the industry is also very clear in the report.

Livestock haulage accounts for 108 haulage firms operating 275 vehicles registered for carrying livestock. Additionally, 201 veterinary practices are registered for treating farm animals and there are 113 feed suppliers.

'As well as clearly laying out the way in which red meat production underpins Scotland's agricultural output, the report also highlights the role it plays in social sustainability and in the maintenance of Scotland's landscape,' said Iain Macdonald, Senior Economics Analyst, QMS.



Livestock farming underpins a large chunk of Scotland's economy.

The report also clearly identifies there are opportunities to increase the contribution the industry makes to Scotland's economy.

'The main routes identified for achieving this include the retention of more animals in Scotland and the wider adoption of best practice at farm level,' said Mr Macdonald.

'The other key opportunities identified for driving growth in our industry are greater collaboration and information sharing across the supply chain.'

Moorland managers wanted

A WILDLIFE award scheme is looking for land managers with an outstanding record in moorland management.

With a particular focus on the West Coast, including Argyll and the Isles, the Golden Plover award for Moorland Management is now looking for applicants.

With support from Lindsays solicitors, the scheme highlights the

very best of progressive, forward-thinking moorland management across the country.

Open to any group, farm, estate or individual with a proven track record of balanced management, the award is becoming well established as a celebration of balanced diversity in Scotland's uplands.

Anyone can apply to enter the Golden Plover award provided they can show a dedicated level of commitment to multiple land uses. The size of landholding is immaterial; the award welcomes everyone from the smallest croft to the largest estate.

Speaking about the launch of the 2017 award, Heather Trust

director Simon Thorp said: 'There are so many exciting and progressive management projects in the north west of Scotland.

'Upland farms and estates are balancing traditional enterprises like deer stalking and crofting with contemporary ventures like tourism and renewables, and that kind of integration is exactly what the Golden Plover Award is all about.

If you think you fit the bill for 2017 award, or if you know someone who does, find out more by visiting the Golden Plover Award's website at www.goldenploveraward.co.uk

Closing date for entries is April 2017.



The Golden Plover.

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Bill Gray, Alison McFarlane, Elaine McFarlane and Mary Stirling enjoy some delicious homebaking. 08_a49craftclub03

Cakes and crafts



Betty McDougall and some of the winter woollies knitted by the craft club. 08_a49craftclub01

ARDRISHAIG Church Craft Club saw a big turn out for its Christmas sale and coffee morning.

Held in the North Hall, Ardrishaig on Saturday November 26, a great selection of sweet treats were served up by the ladies of the club. And some of their finest knitting was available to buy.

Woolly hats and scarves, Christmas

decorations, delicious homebaking and much more, all made by the craft club members, were for sale.

Game

A game of guess the pastime of the doll had many interested, with Penelope the doll and her beautifully knitted outfit up for grabs.

The money raised on the day will be divided between local charities.



Margaret MacInnes and Vi Stevenson sell some knitted Christmas crafts. 08_a49craftclub02

Kosmos Ensemble at the Parish Church

A TRIO showcasing a wealth of world music will perform in Lochgilphead this weekend.

Each member of Kosmos has each travelled extensively, performing with and learning from musicians from all over the globe.

They have collectively studied music from North Africa, the Middle East, Russia, Romanian Jewish and Gypsy

music, Argentine tango, Brazilian samba, Celtic and jazz traditions as well as contemporary classical music, combining all their knowledge with a respect for their own Western classical music training. Harriet, Meg and Milos have crafted a unique programme of music which they will perform freely with panache, innovation and creativity. Emotive Jewish and

Greek music will glide seamlessly into hot-blooded tango, alongside interpretations of Japanese, Polish and Sephardic songs, with references to classical composers, including Bach, Brahms and Sarasate, making for an interesting event.

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Highest number of first-time buyers in Scotland quarterly since 2007

In the third quarter:

- Home buyers borrowed £2.2bn for house purchases, up five per cent quarter on quarter but down five per cent year on year. They took out 17,100 loans, up five per cent on the previous quarter but down four per cent on the third quarter 2015.
- First-time buyers borrowed £940m, up three per cent on the second quarter and six per cent on the third quarter last year. This equated to 8,600 loans, up four per cent quarter on quarter and five per cent year on year.
- Home movers borrowed £1.3bn, up six per cent quarter-on-quarter but down 11 per cent compared to a year ago. This totalled 8,500 loans, up six per cent quarter on quarter but down 12 per cent on quarter three 2015.
- Remortgage activity totalled £890m, up six per cent on the previous quarter and 11 per cent on the same quarter in 2015. This came to 7,300 loans, up four per cent quarter-on-quarter and 11 per cent compared to a year ago.



Affordability metrics for first-time buyers in Scotland remain better than for the UK overall. The typical amount borrowed this quarter remained unchanged from the previous quarter at £100,000 (£134,900 in the UK overall), and the typical average household income of a first-time buyers increased slightly from £33,600 to £33,700 (£40,500 in the UK overall). This meant the income multiple in Scotland was 3.02, a slight decrease compared to 3.03 the previous quarter and lower than the UK average of 3.54.

Affordability metrics for home movers in Scotland similarly remain better than for the UK overall. The amount borrowed this quarter was £135,300 (£172,800 in the UK overall), down from £139,500 the previous quarter. The typical average household income of a home mover was £51,000 (£55,200 in the UK overall), up from £49,700. This meant the income multiple in Scotland was 2.76, down compared to 2.84 the previous quarter and lower than the UK average of 3.27.

Carol Anderson, CML Scotland chair, commented: 'First-time buyers continue to be a key driver in the market with more loans advanced to new home-owners than any quarter since 2007. This quarter also saw a four-year high in remortgage activity and quarter on quarter growth in home movers so all lending types have performed strongly over the summer months.'

'This is the first quarter post the EU referendum and the market appears resilient so far. It may take time to gauge the full impact but currently the Scotland market is in good shape and open for business moving forward.'

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16/03131/PP	Alterations to dormer (cladding of fascias in upvc) (retrospective)	Ashdale Pier Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UG	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
16/02909/PP	Installation of landfill gas abstraction plant, flare and micro turbine electricity generator to produce 50 kW of electrical power from landfill gas	Lingerton Landfill Site Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RR	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/02754/PP	Change of use of existing mooring pontoon from leisure to residential (class 9) and erection of 2 huts for residential storage purposes	Mooring Pontoon South of Oakfield Lock Crinan Canal Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/03086/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 25 metre high lattice tower and associated works	Land North Of Number 6 Finnish Houses Ford Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/02820/LIB	Widening of vehicular entrance by taking down a section of the existing wall and gate posts and rebuild in new position	Glendarroch House West Bank Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA30 8HJ	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/02795/PP	Formation of new access, erection of boat house, installation of septic tank, slipway, access path and floating pontoon (part retrospective)	Land South West of Pier Cottage Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RU	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/03093/PP	Erection of joiners workshop	Site 10A Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RR	Mid Argyll Area Office

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A MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT

AT 10.00A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Committee Manager, The Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, 38 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh G84 7PG. Telephone: 01436 657605.

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- **Network is based on the Combined Charging System (CCS) standard which uses a connector that is fully compatible with most current and next generations BEVs.**
- **Unprecedented collaboration of the automakers would form a brand-independent network for charging infrastructure.**

Stuttgart/Ingolstadt, November 29, 2016 – BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company and Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche have signed a memorandum of understanding to create the highest-powered charging network in Europe. The goal is the quick build-up of a sizeable number of stations in order to enable long-range travel for battery electric vehicle drivers. This will be an important step towards facilitating mass-market BEV adoption.

The projected ultra-fast high-powered charging network with power levels up to 350 kW will be significantly faster than the most powerful charging system deployed

today. The build-up is planned to start in 2017. An initial target of about 400 sites in Europe is planned. By 2020, the customers should have access to thousands of high-powered charging points.

The goal is to enable long-distance travel through open-network charging stations along highways and major thoroughfares, which has not been feasible for most BEV drivers to date. The charging experience is expected to evolve to be as convenient as refuelling at conventional petrol stations.

The network will be based on Combined Charging System (CCS) standard technology.

The planned charging infrastructure expands the existing technical standard for AC – and DC charging of electric vehicles to the next level of capacity for DC fast charging with up to 350 kW.

BEVs that are engineered to accept this full power of the charge stations can recharge brand – independently in a fraction of the time of today's BEVs.

The network is intended to serve all CCS equipped vehicles to facilitate the BEV adoption in Europe.

BMW Group

'This high-power charging network provides motorists with another strong argument to move towards electric mobility,' says Harald Krüger, chairman of the board of management of BMW AG.

'The BMW Group has initiated numerous public charging infrastructure projects over recent years. The joint project is another major milestone clearly demonstrating that competitors are combining forces to ramp up e-mobility.'

Daimler AG

'The breakthrough of e-mobility requires two things: convincing vehicles and a comprehensive charging infrastructure. With our new brand EQ, we are launching our electric product offensive. By 2025, our portfolio will include more than 10 fully electric passenger cars. Together with our partners, we are now installing the highest-powered charging infrastructure in Europe,' says Dr Dieter Zetsche, chairman of the board of management of Daimler AG and head of Mercedes-Benz Cars. 'The availability of high-power stations allows long-distance e-mobility for the first time and will convince more and more customers to opt for an electric vehicle.'

Ford Motor Company

'A reliable, ultra-fast charging infrastructure is important for mass consumer adoption and has the potential to transform the possibilities for electric driving,' says Mark Fields, president and CEO, Ford Motor Company. 'Ford is committed to developing vehicles and technologies that make people's lives better, and this charging network will make it easier and more practical for customers across Europe to own electrified vehicles.'

AUDI AG

'We intend to create a network that allows our customers on long-distance trips to use a coffee break for recharging,' says Rupert Stadler, chairman of the board of management of AUDI AG. 'Reliable fast

charging services are a key factor for drivers to choose an electric vehicle. With this cooperation, we want to boost a broader market adoption of e-mobility and speed up the shift towards emission-free driving.'

Porsche AG

'There are two decisive aspects for us: ultra-fast charging and placing the charging stations at the right positions,' says Oliver Blume, chairman of the executive board of Porsche AG.

'Together, these two factors enable us to travel in an all-electrically powered car as in a conventional combustion engine vehicle. As automobile manufacturer, we actively shape our future, not only by developing all-electrically powered vehicles but by building up the necessary infrastructure as well.'

The automobile manufacturers intend to make substantial investments to create the network, underscoring each company's belief in the future of electric mobility.

While the founding partners – BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company and Volkswagen Group – will be equal partners in the joint venture, other automobile manufacturers will be encouraged to participate in the network to help establish convenient charging solutions for BEV customers. The joint venture is also open for co-operation with regional partners.

The joint venture formation is subject to execution of definitive agreements and merger control approval in various jurisdictions.

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Thank You

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Maureen Taylor.

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with Marilyn Shedden



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The committee had worked hard all year to make this event a spectacular one for everyone, especially the children.

But at the switch-on there was just a flicker and then nothing.

The town remained dark. The people were disappointed. The children became fractious.

The lights just wouldn't come on.

The people waited in darkness.

At this Advent time we remember the quote from scripture which says: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.'

Well, there was to be no great light in Campbeltown.

This made me think about light.

God's first creative act was to bring light.

Light was to become God's autograph.

He gave the sun to give light by day and the moon and stars to give light by night.

Then to overcome our own spiritual darkness, he gave us his son.

Our world may seem to be in darkness and we often feel that the light of hope has been extinguished.

Desmond Tutu said: 'Hope is being able to see that there is light, despite all of the darkness.'

Hope and love thrive on light and give birth to peace.

Even the faintest flicker from a candle can banish the darkness – think what the Light of the World could do if we took him at his word in these darkest of times.

PORTAVADIE

Double up for Portavadie Marina

IT WAS a night of celebration for Argyll and the Isles as the first annual Scottish Outdoor and Leisure Awards were held in the Marriott Hotel, Glasgow, on Sunday.

Portavadie marina, which offers a stunning range of holiday accommodation on the shores of Loch Fyne, returned home with two awards: best self-catering accommodation and best marina.

Gavin Dick, chairman of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, congratulated Portavadie, saying: 'This was another great night for tourism in Argyll and comes hot on the heels of the region's success in the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, and more success for Argyll Holidays' Ross Coutts and NVA's Hinterland event in last week's West Region's Thistle Awards.'

KILMARTIN



Jane filmed for National Geographic TV in the Falkland Islands where many of the birds had no fear of humans.

Wildlife film-maker to give a talk about her work

ARTIST, author and wildlife film-maker Jane Smith will be giving a talk at Kilmartin about her work on islands.

She has filmed for both the BBC Natural History Unit and National Geographic Television on islands as varied as Sri Lanka, the Falklands and Victoria Island in the Arctic.

Illustrated book

More recently, she has written and illustrated a book about the Hebridean Island of Oronsay.

She visited this island in every month of the year to write about island life and draw the abundant wildlife which is protected there by the work of the RSPB.

The talk will take place on Thursday December 8 at the Living Stones Centre from 7pm to 8.30pm.

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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).

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

NICOLSON - CAMPBELL - At the Longrow Church, Campbeltown, on December 5, 1956, by Rev Campbell McLean, Alistair to Elizabeth.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, 3 Princes Street, Campbeltown, on November 24, 2016, Isobel Reid Anderson (née MacKinlay), in her 77th year, beloved wife of the late Johnnie Anderson, dearly loved mother of Reid, Andrew, Peter, Alasdair and Will, adored granny of Reid, Nicole, Lauren, Eilidh and Dione and a much loved sister and mother-in-law. Funeral service was held at the Highland Parish Church, on November 29, interment thereafter at Kilkerran Cemetery.

COFFIELD - Peacefully, at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle, on November 23, 2016, Amanda Taylor, in her 38th year, 7 Dalriada Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Steven Coffield, loving and much loved mum of Brooke, beloved sister of Rhona, Dorothy and the late Teddy, a loving aunt and a dear friend to all who knew her. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, December 2, 2016, at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle and the Butterfly Trust.

KNIGHT - Margaret Knight, née Noble, died peacefully, at Crinan Ferry on the afternoon of November 27, 2016. She was born in 1916 and became the much loved wife, companion and carer of the late Rev Sydney Knight, wonderful mother to Richard, Rachel and Rowena, grandmother to Alice, Robert, Kathryn and Hannah and great granny to Conan, Harris and Henry. The family would like to thank Mary McGarrie, her sister Libby and Ulla, and all the carers who tirelessly looked after her, becoming friends and companions during their years of support. We would also like to thank, for the much appreciated services, Argyll and Bute Council, who provide such fantastically kind, unfailingly devoted carers who enriched Margaret's life, the district nurse team, the doctors, the Marie Curie

nurses, the Carr Gorm team, Roddy MacDonald and Fiona for their kindness with the funeral arrangements, and the Rev Cliff Acklam. The funeral will be held on Saturday, December 3, at 2.00pm, in Bellanoch Church. No flowers please, but donations to the Marie Curie Trust would be appreciated. A memorial service will be held in the Unitarian Church in Glasgow at a future date.

MANSON - Peacefully, after a tragic accident, on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, Peter, beloved son of the late Elizabeth (Betty) and William and dear brother of the late William. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow, on Friday, December 2 at 11.30am and thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at home, 13 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, on November 29, 2016, Agnes Lambie Coffield (Nan), in her 84th year, formerly of Roding, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Archibald Graham McMillan, much loved mother of Archie and Billy, mother-in-law of Mhairi and Karen and a loving and much loved granny and great granny. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Church.

OAKES - Margaret (Peggy), of Shepton Mallet, formerly of Kilmichael Glassary, Scotland and Stretford, Manchester, passed peacefully away, at Centenary House Nursing Home, Shepton Mallet, on November 26, 2016, aged 90 years. Funeral service at Mendip Crematorium, at 1.00pm on Monday, December 12, 2016. Family flowers only. Donations kindly being accepted for Alzheimer's Society, which may be left in the crematorium or forwarded to G Holland & Son, 58-62 Vestry Road, Street, BA16 0HX.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FORD - Stuart's family wish to thank everyone for their kindness at our sad, sad loss and for all cards and telephone calls received. A special thank you to Mum, Flora and Nigel for their care and devotion to Stuart, making his life as comfortable and happy as possible in what was to be

his final months. Thank you also to all who attended the church service and then at cemetery. Thank you to Mr Matthew Ramsay and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for handling the arrangements so sympathetically, which was of great comfort to us. Also to the Tarbert Hotel for excellent purvey. Stuart touched all our hearts and will be lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him. The sum of £225 was raised in aid of RNLI and Fishermen's Mission. Thank you.

MCKINVEN - Anne and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers and baking, also for the support given to us by so many before and after the very sad loss of Donald. Thanks also to Rev Philip Wallace for a fitting service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys for funeral arrangements, to the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and to all who attended church and graveside, many of whom travelled a great distance to be there. The retiral collection for the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance raised £1,498.

SINCLAIR - Hilary and family of the late Davidson Sinclair would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, Kintyre and Tarbert medical practices and Tarbert carers for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev Robert MacLeod for his support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for RNLI raised £230.

IN MEMORIAM

MARTIN - Treasured memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997. Loved and missed always.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978. A heart of gold stopped beating. Two willing hands lie still. The one who did so much for me. Is resting at God's will. Remembering not just today but every day.

- Johnnie.

CHURCH NOTICES

lochgilphead baptist church
Pastor Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 4th December 2016
Morning Service 11am
Tuesday
mainly music at 10.15am
Friday
Jumpstart From 10am
Scottish Charity SCO15187

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th December
Advent Communion
Glassary 10.00am
Rev. C. R. Acklam
Messy Church Christmas Party
Thursday 8th December
4-6 pm
Tayvallich Village Hall
Cafe Church
Friday 9th December
7.30pm for discussion
at 8 pm in Church Hall,
Kilmartin Front
All welcome
SCO 02121

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 4 December
Tayvallich Church
Advent Worship 2 11:30 am
Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 3 December
There will be no cafe connect this week. Please go to the event in Tayvallich Hall instead.
Monday 5 December
Tayvallich Church
Prayer time 10:30 am
Thursday 8 December
Messy Church Christmas Party
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6 pm
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 4th December 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
ALL WELCOME

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Saturday 3rd December
Quarterly Prayer Gathering
Prayer, Praise and Sharing
9.30am - 12 noon
Sunday 4th December
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages
followed by a light lunch
Speaker - Bobby Owens
U.S.A.
Tuesday 6th December
7.30pm
Praise, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday
12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)
Sunday 4th December
11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's,
Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th December
WORSHIP SERVICE
11am. Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
(Church of Scotland)
SCO16311

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School
followed by refreshments
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SCO43322

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on
Friday 2nd December
at 7.30pm in The Free Church,
Campbeltown, Guest speaker:
Mr William Harrison,
Newton Stewart Musical items:
Carolyn Harrison
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown
Saturday 3rd December
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 4th December
11.15am Worship Service
Mr Iain K MacLeod
Wednesday 7th November
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SCO46745

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 4 December 2016
Come and listen to our guest speaker, Mr James McLellan from Mid Argyll, at the Family Service with Communion at 11.00am. Crèche available. We would be pleased to see you!
Wednesday
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
What is missing from CH CH? UR
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 4th December
Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer 10.45am
Followed by AGM
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 4th December
Skipness Service 10am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr Matthew Ramsay
Guild meets
Monday 5th December
Tarbert Church 2.30pm
Kirk Session meets
Thursday 8th December
Tarbert Church 7pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493
Sunday 4th December
Second Sunday in Advent
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
Christmas lunches in Kirk Street Hall 1st, 2nd, 3rd December
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday 3rd December
B B Coffee Morning
Church Hall 10 - 12 noon
Sunday 4th December
Morning Worship
11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace
Monday 5th December
Messy Church 3.45pm
Church Hall
Congregational Board Meeting
New Hall 7.30pm
Guild Committee Lounge
Tuesday 6th December
Tiny Tots New Hall
9.45am
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Company Section
7.00pm New Hall
Thursday 8th December
Friends of Auchinlee
Coffee Morning
Church Hall
Choir Practice
Friday 9th December
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall
Next Generation 7.00pm



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday 4th December
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
Campbeltown Town Carol Service
6.00pm Lorne & Lowland Church
Tuesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
Wednesday
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 4th December
Services of Holy Communion at 11.45am and 7.30pm
The evening service will include prayers for healing

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

BIBLE PREACHING

go to
www.youtube.com/Savedandkept

Double award for Argyll Holidays

IT WAS a big weekend for Argyll Holidays, which won two awards at separate ceremonies.

The holiday park firm beat off stiff competition at the Visit Scotland Thistle Awards and the Scottish Outdoor and Leisure Awards.

First up, 27-year-old digital marketing assistant from Lochgoilhead Ross Coutts was named Rising Star at the Visit Scotland Thistle Awards on Thursday November 25.

The Rising Star award is given to a passionate and talented individual who shows real promise in the industry. Winning the west region heat, Ross will now go on to compete in the national finals in March 2017.

On Sunday November 27 Argyll Holidays picked up its second award of the week at the Scottish Outdoor

and Leisure Awards. Drimsynie Estate Holiday Park was named Best Family Holiday Park, with Hunter's Quay and Loch Lomond holiday parks just narrowly missing out.

Lisa Allan-Downie, head of marketing at Argyll Holidays, said: 'Tourism in Scotland is teeming with a host of fantastic businesses and organisations, so to even be nominated for multiple awards in this competitive climate is a real honour. At Argyll Holidays, we strive to make sure our guests have a fantastic time while visiting, and to be recognised for our efforts is a real coup for the business and tourism in the area.'

Argyll Holidays is a family run company which will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year.



Zak Gilan, Lisa Allan-Downie and David Dain at the Scottish Outdoor and Leisure Awards.

Something fishy going on as mackerel are planted

WHAT would be the first thing you would add when planting a fruit tree?

Perhaps soil, compost, some manure or fertiliser.

In Tarbert last week, the trees were treated to two whole plump mackerel to nestle within their roots before the children of Tarbert Academy back-filled the saplings.

Work at the village's new community orchard – not far from Tarbert Castle – continued apace last Thursday as cooking apple trees were planted by P7 pupils.

Also planting a tree was Tony Crombie, asset manager for renewable energy firm Infinis at the company's A' Chruach wind farm.

Infinis recently donated £10,000 to Tarbert Castle Community Orchard, and Tony was impressed with what he saw. 'This is great,' he said.

'We wanted support a standalone community project, and this fits the bill. It is a definite boost to the village and is going to be around for a long time.'

'We want to thank all our supporters,' added Robert McPhail of Tarbert Castle Trust, 'but the contribution from



Above: Tarbert pupils look on as head teacher Neil McKnight, left, helps Tony Crombie of Infinis – complete with mackerel – plant a tree. 06_a49TarbOrchard01

Right: And the fish go in, with a little help from Tony Crombie. 06_a49TarbOrchard02

Infinis was critical in allowing the project to go ahead in the first place.'

While the pupils enjoyed getting down and dirty among the peaty soil and mackerel scales, their head teacher Neil McKnight explained: 'The community orchard offers a great opportunity to develop links within our community. Every level of class gets something from coming here, and our

P7 pupils are learning about the environment, so they couldn't get much better than coming up here to help today.'

As for the fish, Mr McPhail revealed that it is an old tradition followed in many places around the world, particularly among the native American population. He added that there is, however, no tradition of planting fish in Tarbert.

Until now, that is...



ACHA tenants urged to make their voices heard

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) has unveiled a new tenant participation strategy.

Released at the same time, the updated 'Get Involved' leaflet highlights different ways tenants can make sure their voices are heard. It will

cost tenants £1 to become a life member, meaning they are eligible to vote at the association's annual general meetings.

Other options include joining the tenant consultation register; the 'Your Voice' scrutiny group; forming or

becoming a member of your local tenant and resident association, the tenants' panel or being elected to the ACHA board or area committees.

Christine Johnston, ACHA's director of housing and neighbourhood services, commented: 'We really want

to encourage as many tenants as possible to get involved with ACHA and really appreciate their feedback.'

'By becoming involved, tenants have a stronger voice in how we run things and access to learning more about our work.'

Recommended Royal Mail Christmas posting dates

ROYAL Mail has released its recommended UK posting dates for this Christmas.

The dates are: Tuesday December 20 for second class mail, Wednesday December

21 for first class mail, Thursday December 22 for special delivery and Friday December 23 for special delivery Saturday guaranteed.

Customers are advised to

use the correct postcode when sending cards and parcels to help process it quicker. Royal Mail delivery offices are open six days a week and almost half open later

on Wednesday evenings for customers to collect items. Thousands of seasonal workers have been recruited and nine temporary parcel centres have opened for Christmas.



P7 pupils Ethan Thomas and Kyle Hamlin get to plant a tree, as Milo Ingram looks on. 06_a49TarbOrchard07

On your marks, get set, GLOW!

MORE than 50 runners and walkers braved the chilly weather to take part in the annual GLOW! run in Inveraray to raise funds for the Mid Argyll chemotherapy unit.

On Friday November 11, the event saw participants from Mid Argyll and beyond circumnavigating the town with torches, glow lights and, above all, enthusiasm in buckets.

The three-mile and four-mile runners took different routes and met in the woods above the town. The walkers stayed closer to civilisation but still managed to find plenty of puddles to jump in.

Amazing job

The Inveraray Jogscotland group did an amazing job at guiding and supporting the runners on a health and safety challenge over puddles, tree roots,

mud, soggy piles of leaves and more puddles, while the girls from Argyll Adventure did the same for the walkers.

With appetites built up, the runners retreated to The George for a well deserved curry and the much anticipated whisky raffle draw.

This year Robert and Jack Wilson and Norma Jack were awarded top prize for being the Glowiest Glowing



Liz Taylor Feeney, Denise McDermott and Annie McDermott.



Colin MacFarlane, Gavin Robertson and Samantha Robertson.

Kids on the run

COLD winds did not put off the youngsters of Inveraray Primary school for the first Kids on the Run session of the year.

Welcoming new runners Autumn, Alexander, Sara, Lewis, Liam and returnee Jodie, the club was delighted to have a great turn-out of 11 pupils from P4-P7 for the introduction to running class.

The young athletes all did very well with some vigorous warm-up games, some fast sprints and a revisit to our old favourites 'peeling' and 'weaving'.

With such fantastic work from the youngsters, it was impossible to pick just one star runner so two of the children were awarded it this week - Autumn, for some amazing sprinting and plenty of stamina, and Sara, for enthusiasm and following instructions really well.

If anyone wishes to volunteer and join the group, they would be very welcome.

participant - or, in this case, participants - in their family trio matching glowing glasses.

As this is the fifth year of the GLOW! run and something of a milestone, it was very special that this year saw the highest total raised with the amount reaching more than £600.

As well as raising much needed funds for

a unit providing expertise, support and care to Argyll residents at a crucial and challenging time of their lives, the runners and walkers hope to raise the profile of this medical hub within the community.

Delicious

The organisers would like to thank the local communities for supporting the run, The

George for providing the delicious curry, Loch Fyne Whiskies for the raffle donation, Fyne Ales for a selection of beers and Inveraray Sweet Memories for the sweet prize.

Generous

There were some very generous individuals who also donated raffle prizes so many thanks to them too.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3500

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

G McKillop
Burnbank Cottages
Drumlembie

A Russell
Crosshill Ave
Campbeltown

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. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.

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Please tape your £1 coin here (if posting)



Claire with her gold steeple chase medal. Gold medal for Argyle athlete

AN ARGYLE born athlete has claimed athletics gold down under.

As part of the Great Britain team, Claire Thompson won individual gold and team silver at the 2016 World Masters Athletics Championships, held in Perth, Western Australia.

Among a strong field of 13, Claire won her gold medal in the W40 2,000 metre steeple-chase in a time of 7.25.49 at the Western Australia Athletics Stadium in Mt Claremont.

The team silver medal was won in the eight kilometre cross-country held at Perry Lakes Reserve. Claire led her team home in a time of 31 minutes 19 seconds. Claire narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in the 1,500 metres but slashed her personal best time by a brilliant five minutes.

Claire is originally from Ardrishaig and attended Lochgilhead Primary and Lochgilhead High School. Her athletics career began as a junior member of the Mid Argyll Athletics Club.



Kicking the karate competition

THE CALEDONIA Kyokushin Karate tournament was held on Sunday November 20 at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Members of the Lochgilhead karate club put in a great performance with no less than six gold medals, two silvers and a bronze.

The tournament is hosted every year around this time and is a get-together for martial arts clubs in Argyle.

Attending this year were Caledonia Kyokushin clubs from Lochgilhead and Oban, the Senshi Do kickboxing club from Oban, and Argyle Martial Arts clubs from

Oban and Inveraray. Lochgilhead club members who received medals were:

Fighting for 8-10yrs low grade juniors: 1. Campbell Shaw; 2. Arran Crawford; 3. Mina Ritchie. Fighting for 11-13yrs low grade juniors: 1. Darcy Curran; 2. Algy Ritchie. Fighting for 14-15yrs high grade juniors: 1. Jodie Robertson. Junior low grade kata (set patterns): 1. Alistair Anderson. Junior high grade kata: 1. Jodie Robertson. Adult Black belt kata: 1. Iain Rodger.



Junior low grade kata – Douglas Cameron, 3rd, Argyle Martial Arts Inveraray; Feorlin Renton, 2nd, Argyle Martial Arts Inveraray; and Alistair Anderson, 1st, Caledonia Kyokushin Lochgilhead.



Fighting for 8-10 years low grade juniors – Mina Ritchie, 3rd; Arran Crawford, 2nd; and Campbell Shaw, 1st, all from Caledonia Kyokushin Lochgilhead.



Adult Black belt kata – Andrew Lawson, 3rd, Argyle Martial Arts Oban; Andy Buchanan, 2nd, Argyle Martial Arts Oban; and Iain Rodger, 1st, Caledonia Kyokushin Lochgilhead and Oban.



Fighting for 11-13 years low grade juniors – Donald Robertson, 3rd, Caledonia Kyokushin Oban; Algy Ritchie, 2nd, Caledonia Kyokushin Lochgilhead; and Darcy Curran, 1st, Caledonia Kyokushin Lochgilhead.



Fighting for 14-15 years high grade juniors – 3rd, Finlay Lawson, Argyle Martial Arts Oban; Darryl McLaughlin, 2nd, Caledonia Kyokushin Oban; and Jodie Robertson, 1st, Caledonia Kyokushin Lochgilhead club.

Life in the fast lane...

WITH such speedy swimmers on the team it is no surprise that Dolphins teachers had difficulty selecting just one Swimmer of the Month.

Presented with their trophies by teacher Melanie Chmielewska, on Thursday November 24, two 11-year-olds – Ellen Moir and Hannah

Young – were awarded Swimmer of the Month.

Personal best

Both swimmers are members of the junior squad and at the club's recent time trials they both achieved five personal best times and managed to take seven seconds off their 100m individual medley time.



Ellen Moir and Hannah Young are presented with their trophies by Melanie Chmielewska.

A grand time to try your luck

THE numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 1, 12 and 14. As there were no winners next week's jackpot will be £1,000.

At the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw on Monday, the numbers were 2, 12 and 15. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £700.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers this week were 2, 4 and 10. The winning numbers were matched by Shona Semple, who scooped a £700 jackpot. Next week the lottery prize will return to £100.

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