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Mid Argyll sisters are 'Angels of the Year'

'We are absolutely delighted to be the first winners'

KIND hearted Mid Argyll sisters, Helen McCuaig and Lizzie Scott, have been named joint winners of *The Oban Times*' first Angel of the Year award.

For years, the inseparable Kilmichael Glassary pair have tirelessly and selflessly worked to support Glassary Primary School, where they attended as children, as well as a number of local charities, in particular First Aid for Gambia.

Nominated

Helen, 63, and Lizzie, 62, were nominated for the award by Richard Edie, head teacher of

Glassary Primary School. They were then selected for the top award after a blind voting process by our judging panel. Each received cheques of £250 for their considerable community efforts.

Speaking at the presentation, Helen said: 'I actually thought I'd won Spot The Ball when I got the call. It was a total surprise. We are absolutely delighted to be the first winners.'

'We've always been part of the community and we want to keep our wee school going.'

Lizzie said: 'I was sitting in the house when I



Helen, left, and Lizzie receive their Angel of the Year awards from *Oban Times* editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie. 15_t50angels1

heard. I actually thought it was someone wanting more baking!

Making his nomination, Mr Edie said: 'Helen and Lizzie run baking stalls at community and school events and they never take any cash to cover their considerable expenses. The amount they have raised over the years must be estimated in the tens of thousands.'

Three generations of the family have now been schooled at Glassary, with the pair's grandchildren currently in attendance.

Recognition

Struan Thorpe, from Lochgilphead, was presented with the Runner Up award and a cheque for £100, in recognition of his work with the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Such was the quality

of entry that two Highly Commended Awards were also presented, to Helen MacKay, in recognition of her running of the Ulva School Community Association, and Lucy Heycock and the Macmillan Cancer Support Team at Oban and Lorn Hospital, in recognition of their service for local cancer patients.

The Oban Times editorial director, Stew-

art MacKenzie, said: 'The striking thing that came out of this was the amount of people who put so much time into keeping communities going.'

Important

'We felt it was important to recognise this commitment. This is the first year we've presented this award and we're delighted it has gone to such worthy winners.'

Front Green submerged under flood water

LOCHGILPHEAD Front Green almost disappeared this week as the town braced itself for a second storm within a week.

The waters of Loch Fyne swelled to flood the green, its play park and spill onto the A83 on Lochnell Street on Tuesday afternoon.

Residents living across from the front green blocked the doors to their homes with sandbags as the water threatened to flood their properties, but the water subsided before further damage was caused.

Waves

Large waves also crashed into harbour walls in Ardrishaig, Tarbert and Inveraray, with Strathclyde Police forced to close roads around the Royal Burgh for several hours on Tuesday afternoon.

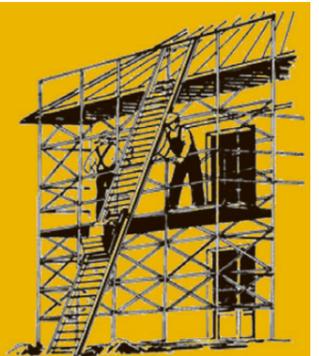
The battering came just days after Argyll faced hurricane-strength winds, which left a trail of destruction across the region and a Lochgilphead police officer seriously ill in hospital.

For more on the storms see page 5.

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Provost's Christmas message 2011

COUNCILLOR William Petrie has made his final Christmas message as Provost of Argyll and Bute Council. Wishing Argyll residents a merry Christmas, he said: 'I would like to sign off by wishing you all the patience to treasure our memories and live every minute of the present to the full. May you all enjoy a joyous, peaceful and prosperous 2012.'



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Argyll First Councillors John McAlpine, Donald Kelly and Dougie Philand launched the 'Sign for the A83' petition last week. 21_c49road01

Road safety petition launched

A PETITION to address a number of road safety issues on the A83 has been launched by Argyll First.

Councillors Donald Kelly, Dougie Philand and John McAlpine are urging locals to 'Sign for the A83' in a bid to force the Scottish Government to improve the trunk road.

The Rest and Be Thankful; the pinch points at Inveraray and between Lochgilphead and Tarbert; the lack of

safe crossing in Tarbert and Ardrishaig and a request to upgrade the road between Kennacraig and Campbeltown to a trunk road are among the issues highlighted by the campaign.

Petition

Argyll First hopes to collect upwards of 20,000 signatures on their 'Sign for the A83' petition, which enjoys cross party support and will be presented to the Scottish Government next year.

Tough new crackdown on knives

ANYONE caught carrying a knife could face four years in jail as part of a six-week crackdown.

Lord Advocate, Frank Mulholland QC, announced the zero tolerance as part of plans to deter anyone carrying a knife for any reason.

It follows July's announcement that the prosecution policy for those found in possession of a knife on licensed premises, when gang involvement is probable, or on public transport will face tougher sentences.

A Strathclyde Police spokesperson said: 'This announcement sends out a message to those who carry knives that their behaviour will not be tolerated.'

Anger as A83 is closed hours after re-opening

MOTORISTS were left furious on Tuesday after Transport Scotland closed the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful – less than 24 hours after announcing it had reopened.

The transport quango said it was being as 'proactive' as it could be, taking into account 'new information' on the weather conditions which could potentially cause another landslide on the road. It has been closed for most of the

month following a landslide.

However, Donald Kelly, one of the Kintyre councillors leading a new Argyll First campaign to have the A83 upgraded, said the situation had been 'badly handled,' saying any announcement should have been delayed at least until stormy weather, forecast for this week, had passed.

A spokesperson for Transport Scotland said: 'What we've been do-

ing is giving almost daily updates as to the situation on the A83 and we've been doing that proactively for two weeks now.

'We are informing people whenever there is an update and this is not a decision we have taken lightly.'

Plans to install floodlighting and monitoring equipment had to be postponed due to high winds. It is hoped it can be installed by the end of the week, again, weather dependant.

Councillor Kelly said: 'I've had a lot of hauliers and businesses phoning me this afternoon venting their anger.

Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil's spokesperson for transport, Duncan MacIntyre, also described Transport Scotland's announcement as premature.

The situation has highlighted the need to do something with the road, Mr MacIntyre said, but cost estimates at making the collapsing hill safe are 'in comparison with a new Forth Road Bridge.'

'It's a serious situation,' he said. 'But something has to happen.'

As the *Advertiser* went to press the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful was fully re-opened. For regular updates on road closures see log on to our facebook page.



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Smiles greet MS Centre shoppers

Holly MacKinnon, 8, and Rebecca McCurry, handed out lollipops to locals as they perused the crafts on offer at Lochgilphead MS Centre on Saturday. Holly and Rebecca more than played their part in the fundraising effort, with all funds raised going towards the centre, organising a Teddy Tombola, an ordinary tombola and selling Rock Star Squares. Local crafters paid a donation to the centre to host stalls, selling a range of original and interesting Christmas presents to suit all tastes. Meanwhile, a double quilt raffle, drawn at the event, helped raise £700 for the centre. Organiser, centre worker Karen M Curry, said: 'There's been a great turnout and thanks to everyone who helped out and everyone who turned up.' 15_t50AAfayre1

NHS pledge to support mental health patients

MENTAL health services will be available in the community before the number of beds in Argyll and Bute Hospital are reduced, NHS Highland has said.

The announcement comes as Argyll and Bute Hospital prepares to close the Tighnalinne rehabilitation ward and care for patients in the community. The ward will close within the next six to 12 months.

The closure of the inpatient ward, which cares for up to 11 patients with a range of mental health problems, will see the number of inpatient beds in the hospital fall to 30.

But a source, who works in Argyll and Bute Hospital, said staff are concerned that many of the patients currently receiving treatment in Tighnalinne will not be fit to be released from hospital in six months time.

The man, who did not want to be named, said: 'Tighnalinne is a rehab unit but some of the patients have been in there for years. There may be some people that are ready to live in the community but not all of

them. For some of them, the unit is all they have known for years; I just don't know how they will manage.'

Anxious

Accepting people were anxious about the changes, John Dreggorn, project director of mental health modernisation with Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP), said: 'We have made it clear that these services will be in place before there are any major changes to where patients will receive their care.'

The health authority said it was in the process of appointing a number of posts in the community mental health teams

across Argyll and Bute, which would be complete before patients were moved into community care. All patients will be, the CHP says, 'supported to the level they require'.

The closure of Tighnalinne is the latest development in Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership's redesign of mental health serv-

ices in the area.

The redesign will see a new purpose built mental health hospital in the grounds of the current hospital and more people living at home, supported by community mental health workers.

Staff working in Tighnalinne ward will be redeployed into other wards or into community posts.

Store fuel safely plea

FARMERS and people living in rural areas are being urged to store their fuel in a safe place.

The call comes after police report an increase in the theft of diesel from farms in Campbeltown and Islay.

More than 500 litres of oil, costing £350, were stolen from a Campbeltown farm early last week.

Police files

A MAN was due before Dunoon Sheriff court yesterday (Thursday) charged with alleged drink driving.

The 26-year-old man was stopped by police on the A819 near Inveraray in the early hours of Thursday morning.

The man, from outwith Mid Argyll, provided a positive breath sample and was subsequently arrested.

POLICE are appealing for information after a fire was started in a

Lochgilphead flat last Thursday.

The Campbell Street flat was set on fire at 4pm when someone set alight pieces of paper and put them through the letterbox.

Minimal damage was caused to the property but police are appealing for witnesses.

Anyone with information can contact Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

A CAR parked on outside the Argyll Inn in

Lochgilphead, in the early hours of Sunday morning, has been vandalised.

The passenger door of the car appears to have been kicked and damaged.

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More adult 'at risk' referrals made last year

Neighbours to be encouraged to help

THE NUMBER of referrals for adults 'at risk' in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands (MAKI) area has increased over the last year.

During 2010, 72 referrals were received for adults deemed 'at risk' by the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee.

Bill Brackenridge from the committee told the MAKI Area Committee last week that this has risen from 10 referrals the previous year and for 2011 expects it to reach more than 100. He said

the committee is looking to try and encourage more of the general public, like neighbours, to report any issues of concern where an adult may be 'at risk of harm'.

Out of the 72 referrals during 2010, 17 were for older people, 33 for people with mental health difficulties, 13 people with a learning disability and six people with an addiction; as well as three people who did not fit any of the descriptions above.

People at risk include: older people, people

with disabilities, people with mental health difficulties, people who are frail and people who suffer ill health.

The majority of the referrals come from Strathclyde Police, with others from social workers and family members.

Mr Brackenridge said they get three quarters of their referrals from Strathclyde Police, and the number of referrals from health professionals and care homes was 'concerning' and needed much more awareness.

Ronnie McIlquham, who is also part of the adult protection committee, told the meeting there has been a couple of referrals from care homes in Kintyre.

'If it is a council contract then staff at the care homes have a duty to report an incident if they are concerned about an adult at risk,' he said.

Jury ferry out of action

THE JURA ferry, *Eilean Dhura*, was out of action over the past few days after hitting the pier last Friday.

The vessel, which is run by ASP Ships Management, suffered minor damage but was off the run for a few days and replaced by the *Margaret Sinclair*.

ASP informed islanders via its public messaging system.



John Barrie, left, and Michael Beveridge, right, presented Alan McDougall and Karen Baxter of Argyll Smokery with their new business award 2011 at the annual Highlands and Islands Enterprise Food and Drink Awards held in October at Drumossie Hotel in Inverness.

Dunoon firm supply Waitrose with kiln-roasted salmon

SALMON that's kiln roasted by a family-run smokery in Argyll and Bute has proved so popular with Waitrose shoppers that the company is now supplying three of the company's Scottish stores.

The Argyll Smokery, Dunoon, run by partners, Allan McDougall and Karen Baxter, first won a contract to supply Waitrose's Newton Mearns store where their hand-crafted, kiln-roasted smoked salmon has been flying off the shelves.

Now the partners have won a contract to supply Waitrose's two Edinburgh stores.

The contract marks the end of a very successful first year in business for the Argyll Smokery, which this month won a Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) New Business Start Up Award, hot on the heels of three, two-star Gold awards in the UK-wide Great Taste Awards.

The awards are welcome recognition for the couple, who started up in

their Dunoon-based thriving smokery exactly a year ago to the day on November 27, 2010.

They both have years of experience in the industry, having originally met at Loch Fyne Oysters where they both worked for many years, before finally striking out on their own.

Sourcing the finest salmon farmed in sea lochs on the west coast of Scotland, Karen and Allan specialise in creating small, handcrafted batches of their smoked foods which include Argyll Smoked Salmon, Hot Kiln Roasted Smoked Salmon; smoked trout, mussels, prawns, scallops and homemade fish pates.

They manage all aspects of the business themselves: in a typical day they will hot smoke the fish, slice and pack it, despatch, deliver and market their products.

For further information please contact Argyll Smokery, 01369 705 286 info@argyllsmokery.com www.argyllsmokery.com

Fatal crash: Tarbert man to stand trial

A TARBERT man is to stand trial accused of causing the death of a teacher in a fatal road smash.

Clifford Dickson, of Glenreashdale House, Tarbert, is charged with causing the death of Christine Beard when his car collided with the car she was travelling in on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road, on August 12 last year.

It is alleged the 68-year-old attempted to overtake another motorist by going onto the opposite side of the road.

Mrs Beard, aged 59, from Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire, died in hospital almost a month after the incident.

Her husband Paul and daughter Laura Jane, who were also passengers, are said to have been left severely injured as a result of the crash. Dickson and his passenger Vivien May Watt are also said to have been injured following the incident.

Dickson will stand trial at Glasgow High Court in February.

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Council leader asked to take positive action

THE LEADER of the opposition on Argyll and Bute Council, Robert Macintyre, has called on Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh to take positive action.

The SNP councillor's call came after the news of next year's funding levels for local authorities by the Scottish Government, which was announced last week.

'It is extremely disheartening to me that Councillor Walsh has, in recent months, decided to set himself and his new coalition against the very positive steps

our government has been taking to protect communities the length and breadth of Scotland.

'I call on him to accept the settlement offer made by the Scottish Government which protects the council tax freeze for the people of Argyll and Bute for a further year and enhances support for our communities.'

And he added: 'I hope Councillor Walsh will produce a balanced budget. If he does not, we will see that the communities of Argyll and Bute hold his administration to account.'



The A83 was closed at Inveraray on Tuesday as Loch Fyne burst its banks and spilled on to the road. Buses and cars only just managed to get through the water before the police closed the road at the Aray Bridge to traffic in both directions.

Two escape safely as wave engulfs car

A CAR became submerged at the bridge traffic lights in Inveraray during high tide and high winds in the Royal Burgh.

Emergency services attended the incident at 2.10pm on Tuesday after a wave swept over the car, but soon realised reports two people were in the car

had proved to be a false alarm.

After the car broke down, as the driver tried to negotiate deep floodwater, the occupants evacuated the car as the tide rose.

Lochgilphead Police Inspector Alistair Davidson said: 'The fire and rescue service arrived assuming there was

someone in the car but it turned out it had already been abandoned. There was no danger to life.'

Although weather conditions were not as dangerous as the previous Thursday, Tuesday's floods caused problems on the A83, which was closed, and the A815.

Lochgilphead PC badly injured during storm

Policeman suffers fractured skull after being blown off his feet

A POLICE officer, who went to help people trapped in the storm last Thursday, is this week in hospital recovering from a fractured skull.

Lochgilphead police officer Cameron Brownlee was directing traffic at the Rest and Be Thankful after a lorry was blown over. The 50 year-old was literally blown off his feet, knocked to the ground and sustained serious head injuries.

The police constable was taken to the intensive care unit in Glasgow's Southern General Hospital and is now recovering in a general ward.

Inspector Alistair Davidson from Lochgilphead Police Station wished his colleague a speedy recovery.

Explaining the circumstances of the accident Inspector Davidson said: 'A man was reportedly trapped in an overturned lorry at the Rest and Be

Thankful. Police officers went to help him and he was removed from the scene with a hand injury.'

'PC Brownlee remained at the scene to make sure that no-one else was trapped in other overturned vehicles; that is when the incident occurred.'

The A83 was one of many roads affected by hurricane-strength winds, which left a trail of destruction across the

region last week. Trains, ferries and buses were disrupted and roads, including the A819, A828 and A816 were blocked by fallen trees.

Schools, shops and businesses were also affected, as people were encouraged to stay indoors as the storm reached its peak in the afternoon.

Residents of rural Argyll were amongst the worst affected by the storm with many parts,

including Inveraray, without electricity for more than 24 hours.

'It was undoubtedly a very challenging day with all major routes affected by fallen trees, overturned vehicles and a whole range of other weather related problems.'

Inspector Davidson said: 'I'd like to thank the majority of the public who heeded warnings and stayed off the roads.'

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Argyll and Bute forest strategy up for award

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The strategy, which influences the future expansion of woodlands in the area, has made the finals of the UK Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Planning Awards.

The strategy, devised by Argyll and Bute Council and Forestry Commission Scotland, is nominated for the rural areas and natural environment award.

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Vandal threat to decorations

VANDALS were on the rampage in Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig last weekend, when their targets were the town Christmas trees.

Severe damage was caused in each incident, and there could have been a fatal incident.

Now a district councillor has warned that, if the Christmas trees are vandalised again, they will be removed.

The culprits struck on Saturday night in Lochgilphead, pulling down cables linking electric bulbs.

A 2p piece was stuck in one of the sockets, fusing the lights, and bulbs were broken.

Ardrishaig, too, was visited by vandals and the Christmas tree and also the nearby public toilets were badly damaged.

Chairman of the council's tourism, leisure and recreation committee, Councillor James Bradley, said on Monday: 'This is a final warning - any more vandalism and the trees in Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig will be removed instantly.'

£6,000 stitch in time

A MASSIVE fundraising appeal is to be launched within the next few weeks, aimed at bringing in about £6,000 to pay for essential repairs to Lochgilphead's town clock.

The clock, at Lochgilphead Parish Church, is badly in need of an overhaul.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



ALTHOUGH it was almost 20 years ago, I will never forget walking across Manger Square in Bethlehem.

It was a wonderful experience and I could hardly believe that I was about to kneel at the very place where Christ is said to have been born.

The Square was crowded with pilgrims who jostled and pushed through the throng of people.

I thought that it must have been just like that as Mary and Joseph tried to find a place to stay in the busy little town on that world-changing night.

We were fortunate on our visit to Bethlehem that we could get to the site of the crib. There was no wall then as there is now.

It is strange to think that the Wise Men would have travelled all that way and finally there would have been a barrier between them and this most special baby.

The wall would have stopped them. How sad that this wall, this barricade, causes division in the very place where the Prince of Peace took his first breath.

A wall divides and separates the people for whom Christ came; that wall reminds us that we have a long way to travel even 2000 years after that amazing night.

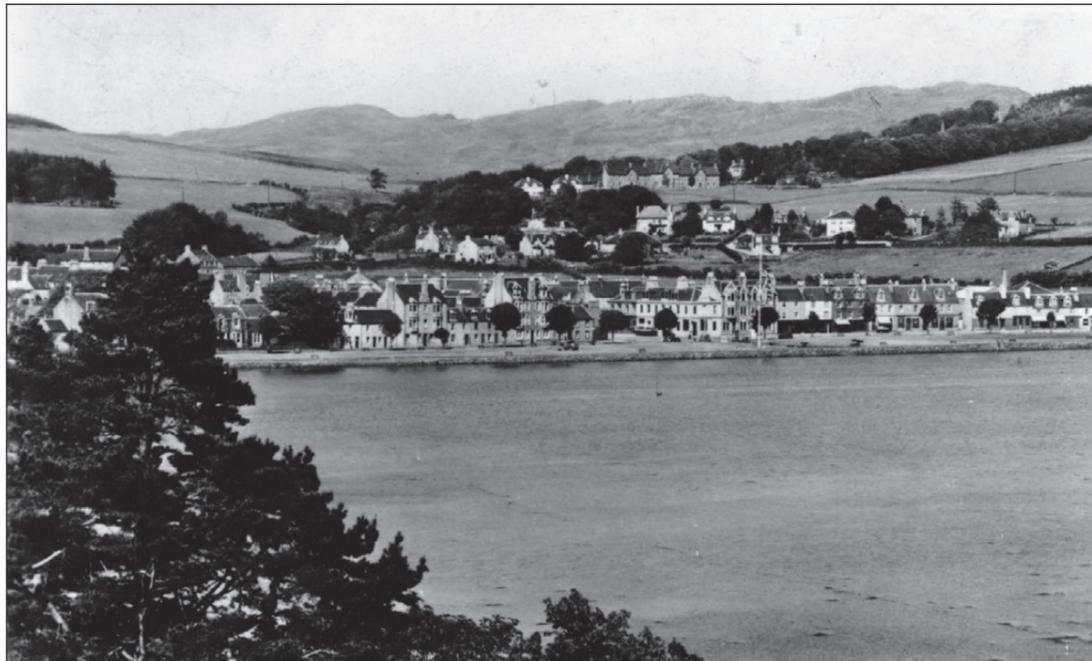
I wonder what 'walls' we build to separate us from the Christ child today?

I wonder what 'walls' we build to separate us from each other, and so from Christ himself?

I wonder what our own personal 'walls' are today that block us from coming to the manger?

Only we know what our prejudices are; only we know the people we marginalise because they are different from us; only we know what walls we build to barricade love out.

Maybe this Christmas, the best gift we can bring to the Manger is to dismantle our own walls and let love in.



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane Picture was submitted by Iain Lazaras. The picture shows the view of Lochgilphead from across Loch Fyne more than 40 years ago, before many of the town's housing estates were built. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

After school care thanks

Sir,
Members of Tarbert After School Care would like to thank everyone that came out on such a wild and horrible day to our coffee morning. We raised nearly £300 for our funds.

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated.

Children of Tarbert After School Care, Tarbert.

What a load of rubbish!

Sir,
Argyll and Bute Council's proposal to change weekly refuse collections to a fortnightly collection to 'save money' is a bad idea. This idea was tried, and failed, in English councils as it proved to be a health hazard.

Any savings the council thinks it can make on this proposal would be offset by the cost of any clean up operation.

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There will be an inevitable clean up from vermin, which rubbish lying too long will attract and people's health will also be affected.

Encouraging people to recycle is fine but the council will have to provide more facilities for doing so as, at present, there are too few.

The council tax freeze was also blamed for the lack of revenue the council receives but people pay enough council tax as it is without an increase. How can any council justify asking for an increase in council tax but not provide extra, or the same service?

I think people are fed up hearing and reading that cuts are necessary from this council and council's throughout Scotland. If Argyll and Bute Council is struggling to reduce its budget it should take this matter up with the Scottish Government. Tax-payers pay enough as it is. Here's a money saving idea - reduce all extravagant salaries from high earners nationwide, including council chiefs. Do you think this will happen?

Peter Laing, Lochgilphead.

Santa leaves his post too early

Sir,
I refer to the advert published in last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* for the Tarbert Christmas Festival. As you will see from the advert it clearly states that you can 'Visit Santa - he'll be dropping in upstairs between 2pm - 4pm'.

I thought the festival was a great idea and fully intended to support it. As a mother of a two-year-old child I was really looking forward to taking him along to visit Santa, mainly to see his reaction at meeting the man himself. After getting him all excited we attended the festival at 3.30pm, after my sons nap, only to be told that Santa had gone!

I was very disappointed that my son missed out and trying to explain to a two-year-old that Santa was gone was no easy task.

I am writing to highlight that this event should not have advertised until 4pm if Santa wasn't going to be there until 4pm.

Whilst I appreciate that a lot of effort went into organising the festival and praise everyone for

their hard work I have got to express my disappointment at Santa's premature finish.

My son was not the only child let down by Santa's early departure and I sincerely hope that this will not be repeated again if the festival is to go ahead next year.

Dawn MacDougall, Carrick Brae, West Loch, Tarbert.

Blue badge concern

Sir,
As a blue badge holder I am concerned about the rise in fee we have to pay to get a new badge.

The fee has risen from £2.50 to £20 and I feel the council and government are hitting the worst off in the country by picking on the disabled. There was less than a month's notice of the increase, which will come into effect in January, and we have not been given any official letter to say it would increase. I only know because it appeared in the paper.

How can they justify such a large rise? I hope our local councillors or MPs can help.

Iris Kerr, Tarbert.

Helping children

Sir,
I would like to thank the people of Argyll and Bute for their support during 2011.

Action for Children Scotland continued to help over 8,000 of the country's most vulnerable children, young people and their families to transform their lives and fulfill their potential at 62 services across the country, from the Western Isles to the Borders - and including Argyll and Bute. If readers aren't able to donate money this Christmas, there is another way they can help.

During 2011, over 1,500 Scots signed our petition calling for the Scottish and Westminster Governments to increase the amount they spend on identifying children who are at-risk of neglect and intervening before it is too late. Readers can do so by visiting www.actionforchildren.org.uk.

Paul Carberry, Action for Children.

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 "Christmas UnPact — Immanuel"
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm
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 (in North Hall if wet)

Christmas Eve
 Carol Service
 Achahoish at 7:00pm
 Watchnight Service
 Ardrishaig from 11:15pm

Sunday 25th
 United Service
 in
 Ardrishaig at 10.30am

Sunday 1st Jan 2012
 In the Beginning

West Lochfyneside
 Church Services

18 December 2011 - 1 January 2012

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

18 December 10.00am Cumlodden Church (Furnace)

18 December Carols and Readings Service 6.30pm Lochgair Church

24 December Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm Cumlodden Church (Furnace)

25 December Christmas Day Service 10.00am Lochfyneside (Minard)

1 January New Year Service 10.00am Cumlodden (Furnace)

1 January New Year Service 11.30am Lochgair Church

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

18 December Children's Christmas Service 11.30am Inveraray

24 December Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm Inveraray

25 December Christmas Day Service 11.30am Inveraray

1 January New Year Service 11.30am Inveraray

Lochgilphead Parish Church

Sunday 18th December 2011

11.00am Advent Service
 Rev. Hilda Smith
 All Welcome

Saturday 24th December 2011

11.15pm Watchnight Service
 Rev. Hilda Smith
 Festive music, food and refreshment from 10.30pm
 All Welcome

Sunday 25th December 2011
 11.00am Christmas Day Service
 Rev. Hilda Smith
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Christmas Timetable, St. Margaret's RC Church (and All Saints, Inveraray), 2011.

Sunday 18th December
 Lochgilphead Mass at 10.00am
 Inveraray Mass 12:30pm
 Carol Service Inveraray 3.00pm
 Confessions in Lochgilphead 3.00pm

Saturday 24th (Midnight Mass)
 Carol Singing at 11:30pm
 followed by Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th (Christmas Day)
 Lochgilphead Mass at 10.00am
 Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

Sunday 1st January
 Lochgilphead Mass at 10:30am
 Inveraray Mass 12:30pm
 (No mass on 26th and 27th December and 2nd and 3rd of January)

North Knapdale Parish Church

would like to invite you to join us for our special Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 24 December
 Tayvallich at 4.00pm
 Carols on the Green

Tayvallich Church 11:15pm
 Carol singing followed by...
 11:30pm Christmas Eve Worship

(Retiral offering for Moving On Mid Argyll)

Rev. Cliff Acklam

Sunday 25 December
 Inverlussa Church 11.00am
 Christmas Celebration
 Dr. J. Morrison, OBE

Sunday 1 January
 Bellanoch Church
 Morning Worship at our new time of 11:30am
 Rev. C. Acklam

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+ Kintyre

Campbeltown Community Church

Christmas and New Year Services

Sunday 18th December
 Nativity Service

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Sunday 25th December
 Christmas Service

Sunday 1st January 2012
 New Years Day Service
 All services start at 11.00am at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road.
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Free Church of Scotland
 George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 18th December

12.45pm
 Worship Service
 5.00pm

The Reason for the Season
Christmas Carols and reflections on the Christmas story

Guest Speaker:
 Rev Bob Akroyd

Sunday 1st January

12.30pm
 Joint Service with
 Springbank Evangelical Church
 Guest Speaker:
 Rev Colin Rogerson
 Everyone Welcome

Scottish Charity Number:SCO03847

Highland Parish Church Campbeltown (SC 002493)

Sunday 18th December

11.15am
 All-Age Christmas Service with children singing

Saturday 24th December
 11.30pm

United Christmas Eve Watchnight Service in Highland – with Carol singing from 11.15pm
Retiring offering to support Bible translation in Burkina Faso

Sunday 25th December

11.15am
 Christmas Day Carol Service
Sunday 1st January 2012
 11.15am
 New Year's Day Service

Kilcalmonell linked with Killean and Kilchenzie

Clachan Church

Christmas service for Clachan Primary School

Thursday 22nd December at 2.00pm
 (parents, carers, families and friends welcome)

Mr William Crossan

Christmas Eve Community Service
Saturday 24th December at 7.30pm
 (Carol singing from 7.10pm)
 Rev Catriona Hood

Worship for Christmas Day
Sunday 25th December at 10.00am
 Mr William Crossan

Worship for New Year's Day
Sunday 1st January 2012 at 10.00am
 Rev Catriona Hood

A'Chleit Church
 Christmas service for Rhunahaorine and Glenbarr Primary Schools
Wednesday 21st December at 1.00pm
 (parents, carers, families and friends welcome)

Ms Marilyn Shedden

Watch-night Service
Saturday 24th December at 11.30pm
 (Carol singing from 11.10pm)
 Rev Catriona Hood and Ms Marilyn Shedden

Worship for Christmas Day
Sunday 25th December at 11.30am

Rev Catriona Hood

Worship for New Year's Day
Sunday 1st January 2012 at 11.30am

Rev Catriona Hood

Lorne And Lowland Parish Church

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 18th December

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Triple C Nativity Play and Choir Items)

Rev. Philip Burroughs

Saturday 24th December

Joint Christmas Eve worship at Highland Parish Church 11-30pm

Sunday 25th December

"O come let us adore him"
 (Retiring collection for Shelter)

Rev. Philip Burroughs

Saddell And Carradale Church

Christmas Eve 24th December
 Watchnight Service 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Informal Family Service with carols
 12.00 noon

St Brendan's Skipness

Christmas Eve 24th December
 Carol Service 7.30pm

Christmas Day

Informal Family Service with carols
 10.00am

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The Salvation Army

Sunday, 18th December

Special Christmas Carol Service
 6.30pm

Sunday, 25th December

Christmas Day Worship Service
 10.30am
 Christmas Dinner following at 12.00 noon

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Springbank Evangelical Church

Christmas 2011

Sunday 18th December

11.15am— Christmas Service
 Led by Springbank Youth Group

Saturday 24th December

7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 25th December

11.15am Christmas Service and communion
 Gordon Cosgrove - Joint Service with the Free Church.

Southend Parish Church Christmas Services

Watchnight Service

Saturday December 24th 2011
 11.30pm

Preacher Mr William Crossan

Christmas Family Service

Sunday December 25th 2011
 11.30am

Preacher Mrs Agnes Stewart

New Year Family Service

January 1st 2012

11.30am

Preacher Mrs Agnes Stewart

St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

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Christmas Day

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Tayinloan Bible Fellowship

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Christmas Supper

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Tarbert, Loch Fyne linked with Kilberry Church of Scotland

Christmas services

Sunday 18th December

Nativity Play

11.30am in Tarbert Parish Church
 3.00pm in the Templars Hall

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve Services

7.30pm – Kilberry Christmas Eve service

11.30pm – Tarbert Christmas Eve Watch night Service

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day Service

11.30am Tarbert Church

New Years Day Service

Sunday 1st January

11.30am Tarbert Church

All welcome



Good crowd at accordion and fiddle club

INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle club had a good crowd at their November club night, welcomed by chairman, Niall Iain MacLean.

Fyne Folk opened proceedings in their usual lively fashion with Sally Hall, Duncan Crawford, Alex John MacLeod and Jake MacKay on fiddle, Agnes Liddell on keyboard and Allan McIntosh on accordion.

Other local players were – James MacArthur on melodeon, Johnny Fisher on button-key accordion accompanied by Allan and Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard, Billy Buchanan on accordion - playing at the club for the first time, accompanied by Allan and Jake MacKay on 'moothie', along with Agnes and Allan.

Guest artistes were Wayne Robertson from

Perth and Davy Stewart from Kirriemuir, both on accordion. They gave an excellent, well-rehearsed programme with plenty of 'patter' between them and reversing the lead role throughout the night.

Thanked

Before the final set of reels and a grand stramash, the chairman thanked all the artistes for the superb entertainment and next week the ever popular MacAlister Brothers – Archie on fiddle and Alex on accordion – top the bill. A great way to end the year, so make it a date.

As reported last month, the club was nominated in the Club of the Year category of the Hands Up for Trad Awards 2011. The award ceremony took place in Perth last Saturday, however the winning club was Leith Folk Club. The committee wish to thank most sincerely all those who voted for them.



Wayne Robertson and Davy Stewart took it in turns at entertain as the guests at Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.



Some of the members of the Lochgilphead High School Choir in the music room, rehearsing. 06_a50choir01

Last minute rehearsals for Christmas concert

It was the Lochgilphead High School Christmas Concert at the Joint Campus on Wednesday night and *The Advertiser* went along to the school to see (and hear) some last minute rehearsals.



Brother and sister Ewan and Robyn Glendinning played guitar during the concert. 06_a50choir02



Shannon Patrick and Leanne Goodall were soloists. 06_a50choir03

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Stunning winter photos go on display at Taynish Nature Reserve

SCOTTISH Natural Heritage has this week announced a follow up outdoor exhibition to the hugely successful Snapberry 3 display.

Winter Wonderland, on display at the Piggery Gallery is a visual reminder of how spectacular our natural heritage is in the winter season.

The photographic collection, produced by the award winning father and son duo Lorne and Fergus Gill, brings a taste of wildlife and landscape from across Scotland to the gallery in Taynish Nature Reserve.

Lorne Gill, a professional environmental photographer for over twenty years, firstly with the Countryside Commission for Scotland and latterly with Scottish Natural Heritage, had his first encounter with photography when he won a Polaroid camera as a youngster. The magic of instant photography was life changing and he has been taking photographs ever since. Studying photography for two years at Napier College in Edinburgh in the 1980's, his early years as a professional photographer were spent working with medium and large format cameras primarily pho-

tographing the Scottish landscape in both black and white and colour. He has been a category winner and five times commended in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition and, in 2009, won the urban wildlife category in the British Wildlife Photography Awards. He also had a highly commended landscape image in the European Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition.

Fergus, Lorne's son, took up photography at the age of nine and in 2004 his interest in photography developed into a passion, winning the 11-14 year old category in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, with a photograph of the Aurora Borealis. In 2008 Fergus was the Young Garden Photographer of the Year with an image of a Partridge staring at a window and received several awards in the Focus Environment competition.

The work of the two acclaimed photographers is now open to the public, who can view and access the Piggery Gallery at any time of day or night. The exhibition, which is free of charge, is on display until January 16.

Portavadie auction boosts RNLI



A Highland dancing display delights the audience attending the auction at Portavadie Marina.



Goodies galore for raffle winners

Guests at the recent Lochgilphead Parish Church coffee morning carried home a host of gifts after a very popular Christmas raffle. Goody bags from *The Oban Times* and a subscription to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* were among the prizes on offer in the raffle, organised to raise funds for Lochgilphead Parish Church. 06_a49affle01

A FUNDRAISING auction at Portavadie Marina has raised thousands of pounds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

There was Highland dancing entertainment and 20 lots on offer at the event, which has taken in £3,074 for the charity.

Among the lots up for grabs were a free boat listing with Boatshed Scotland, a three-night stay in one of Portavadie's five-star luxury apartments and an oil painting by resident artist Anne Hewitt.

Portavadie Marina's nearest lifeboat station is Tighnabruaich and the marina's general manager Iain Jurgensen said that without everyone's generosity, the RNLI would not be capable of providing the peace of mind for sailors to enjoy the water safely.

He drew attention to the preventative sea safety checks that are

held throughout the year at Portavadie and stressed that prevention is better than cure.

This was echoed by Campbell McFall, one of the marina's berth holders and a supporter of the auction.

He emphasised the effort made by the RNLI in ensuring the safety of people on the sea and lochs on the west coast.

Portavadie Marina has taken on the RNLI as its adopted charity.

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Skerryvore set to party

AS PART of their winter tour well-known ceilidh band Skerryvore will be coming to the area for a 'party'.

The band is encouraging people of Kintyre and Mid Argyll to join them in the January 2 party in Ardrihaig.

The band's tour will also take them to various other places including Oban, Falkirk, Skye and Uist.

During 2011 the band performed in 12 countries across the world. The band has also picked up a number of awards over the last 12 months including the Live Act of the Year and their album was awarded Record of the Year.

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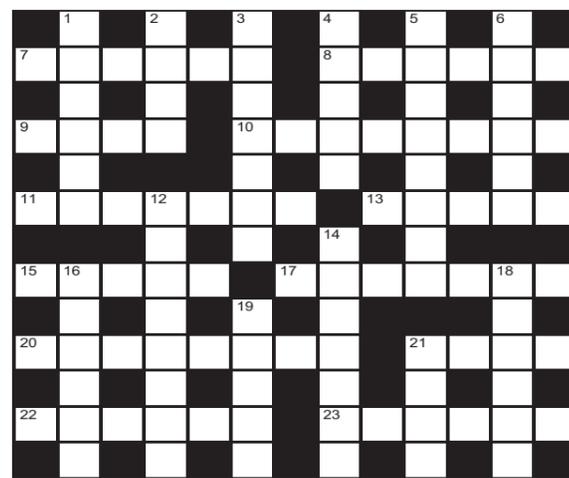
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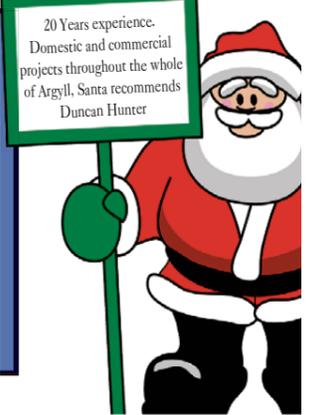


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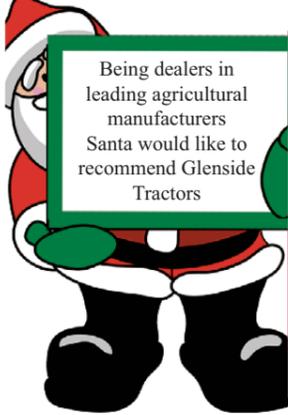
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COWAL

Cowal ferry group holds inaugural meeting

THE INAUGURAL meeting of the Cowal Ferry Users Group was due to be held last night (Thursday) at St Mun's Church Hall, Dunoon.

The group was formed in response to the mass meeting held on November 26 at which 500 people voiced their concerns about the new passenger ferry service to Mike Russell MSP and Archie Robertson, the chief executive officer of David MacBrayne Ltd, among others.

Replaced

This service operated by Argyll Ferries replaced the old CalMac service from Dunoon town centre to Gourrock town centre to link with the trains to Glasgow.

At that meeting 52 people signed up as willing to serve on the new group and more are expected to join as many regular travellers were unable to attend the earlier meeting having been stranded on the Inverclyde side due to the ferries being off because of adverse weather conditions.

KILMARTIN



Retiring after 21 years: Sheena McNair, with John Murray and minister Cliff Acklam.

Session clerk retires after 21 years

AFTER Sunday's church service refreshments were provided at Kilmartin Church Hall to mark the retirement of Sheena

McNair from the position of session clerk.

Sheena has served in this role for 21 years and a presentation from the

congregation was made to her.

Although she has stepped down from the post of session clerk,

Sheena intends to continue as an active elder and John Murray has taken over as session clerk.

DUNOON

Workboat fire

CLYDE Coastguards received a report on Thursday morning last week from Strathclyde

Fire and Rescue that the workboat *Gary Grey* had a fire on board the vessel at Sandbank, Dunoon.

There were four crew on board at the time and they managed to extinguish the fire.

Dunoon Coastguard Rescue Team, Strathclyde Police, Scottish Ambulance Service and Clyde Sea Recovery were sent to help.

The waiting ambulance team examined all four crew but no medical attention was required.

KILCHRENAN

School closed

KILCHRENAN Primary School on Loch Awe-side remained closed on Monday, as it was still without power, following Thursday's storms.

KILMARTIN

Shortlisted for award

KILMARTIN Glen has been shortlisted for a Creative Place Award, Fiona Hyslop, the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs has announced.

The Creative Place Awards aim to recognise and celebrate the creativ-

ity of smaller communities across Scotland.

Nominees were chosen for their existing creative activity and the wide involvement of the whole community. They aim to celebrate the value of creativity to the social and economic wellbeing of smaller communities across Scotland, and to reward the hard work and imagination of such places.

Kilmartin Glen goes up against Creetown and Wigtown in the category for places with under 2,500 residents. The winner will be announced at a ceremony in January, and will receive £50,000, which will allow them to develop a year-round programme of activities.

The Creative Place Awards are part of the Year of Creative Scotland 2012, a year-long celebration of Scotland's cultural and creative strengths which begins this Hogmanay. The year puts Scotland's creativity in the global spotlight with a focus on cultural tourism and developing the creative sector and the events industry.

Dr Sharon Webb, director of Kilmartin House Museum said 'We are so pleased and excited to have been short listed for this award. Kilmartin

Glen really has been a creative place for 5,000 years; our artists of today are carrying on a fantastic tradition, founded in Neolithic times, of using art to tell stories of what the landscape of Argyll means to them and us.

'We are extremely fortunate to have so many wonderful local artists with whom we work and support on a daily basis.'

Kerrien Grant from Highlands and Islands Enterprise said: 'Kilmartin House Museum plays a vital part in the provision of museum and educational services in Argyll. The high quality museum, shop and cafe provide a unique attraction with an innovative and creative approach, drawing visitors into Argyll and encouraging local people to participate in the wide range of events and activities.'

TARBERT

House plan approved

THE RENEWAL of planning permission to erect a dwellinghouse in Tarbert was approved last week.

The application is for the house on land north of the Victoria Hotel, Barmore Road, Tarbert.

Tarbert Castle conservation and wind turbines on AGM agenda

By Colin Hunter

WIND turbines led to some strong feelings surfacing at the annual general meeting of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust on Tuesday December 6.

The meeting at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre marked the end of another busy year for the Trust and heard director Robert McPhail report on the Tarbert Castle conservation project.

He described recent work, which has seen wallheads capped with clay and meadow turf, and new stone used to strengthen a supporting arch.

The meeting passed a proposal that, with a view to protecting the castle in the event of the trust failing financially, the directors investigate transferring ownership into the charge of a number of trustees who would hold title on behalf of the community.

Felix White, from the charity Community Energy Scotland, addressing briefly the meeting, explained that CES has worked very closely with the trust in relation to the proposed Corranbuie wind turbine project. He reassured members that community consultation will take place prior to any future decisions in relation to the project.

Robert McPhail related the trust's current renewable energy opportunities, these being a Trust-run wind tur-

bine on the Corranbuie forest road south-east of Tarbert, a draft offer from Allt Dearg Wind Farm between Tarbert and Ardrishaig to take a community share in its Phase 2 Development, and a draft offer from Genesis Energy of involvement in a proposed wind turbine near the B8001 Skipness road.

Genesis managing director Jonathan Waxman suggested to the meeting that, where possible, landowners have a responsibility to use their land for renewable energy.

David Bridge, who lives near the site of the proposed Genesis Energy turbine, said that he was deeply unhappy at the trust talking to a developer 'Where everyone who can see the site is unhappy about it'.

After the meeting, David added: 'I don't like to see these machines scattered over the landscape - whether or not they are visible from my own house. Four years ago, prior to buying a plot of land (for the house), I researched the likelihood of this happening; there was no indication that it would.'

Mr Waxman said: 'The purpose of building wind turbines is not for the area; energy infrastructure is for everybody. The purpose is to generate renewable energy.'

'They have the ability to generate significant benefit for a local community - and they do.'



A report on Tarbert Castle conservation project was given to Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust AGM last week.

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School holidays and in service days

THE school holidays and in service days have been agreed for the 2012/2013 terms for the Mid Argyll area.

Term one: school closes for in-service days August 14 and 15, 2012, reopens August 16; school closes October 5 for October holidays, in-service day October 17, and school reopens October 18; school closes November 15, in-service day November 16, schools re-opens November 20; and school closes for Christmas on December 21, 2012. Term two: the school reopens on January 7, 2013; closes February 14, in-service day on February 20, and school reopens on February 21; the school closes for Easter holidays on March 28, 2013. Term three: school reopens on April 15, 2013; school closes on May 3 and reopens May 7; school closes May 31, and reopens June 4, and the school closes for the end of that school years on June 28.

Call for more broadband cash

MID ARGYLL businesses and politicians are calling on both the UK and Scottish governments to increase funding allocations for broadband.

The call comes after another internet provider, Cable & Wireless, withdrew its tender for the superfast broadband pilot scheme in the Highlands and Islands.

Rhoda Grant, MSP for the Highlands and Islands said: 'This follows Fujitsu backing out last week due to the lack of public money being invested in the project. This pilot is of vital importance to communities and it is essential that more public money is invested in this project – so far only 10 per cent of the estimated costs have been secured.'

Ms Grant urged the Scottish Government to invest in Scotland's 'digital future'.



Enterprising high school pupils wrapped up in 'Pop up' shop

ENTERPRISING pupils from Lochgilhead High School held a 'Pop-up Christmas Shop' outside the Bank of Scotland on Lochnell Street at the weekend.

Using a Portakabin donated by MacLeod Construction, the pupils sold a range of festive goods

as well as providing a wrapping service for local shoppers.

Organised by the S6 Young Enterprise Group, the pop-up shop will reappear this Saturday between 9am-5pm and Sunday, between 10am-3pm.

Pictured are, from left, Jade

Young, Rebecca Newman, Maya Halliday, Lewis Allan, and Ross Henderson.

Not pictured but part of the group were Lewis Powys, Adam Johnston, Daniel Hodgson and Rachael Cameron.

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Minard senior citizens treated to festive lunch

Minard's John Orr provided the entertainment at the village's Community Trust senior citizens Christmas lunch, on Saturday, which was a great success. Councillor Alison Hay, Sandra Orr, Margaret and Erin Moncur, all trust committee members, provided and served the lunch and refreshments. The event was held in Minard Village Hall.

Housing move branded ineffective

A DECISION to expand the priority need category for housing has been criticised as ineffective and disruptive to communities.

More than 3,000 people are on Argyll's housing waiting list, but half of all social housing vacancies go to people assessed as in priority need.

Even those applicants have to wait an average of 47 weeks because of a lack of homes.

Status

Last month Argyll and Bute councillors voted to give all unintentionally homeless people priority status, in line with Scottish Government targets.

But Councillor Roddy McCuish said this could have a major impact on those who have been waiting on the mainstream housing list, some of them for years.

He said: 'I'm heart sorry for homeless people but I don't think it's the way to address the problem.'

'All we are doing is creating more lists.'

'It must be very depressing for someone who has been waiting on the housing list for years in an overcrowded house, when perhaps because of the homeless legislation, someone gets allocated a house faster.'

'I have lots of constituents who would gladly wait for 47 weeks for a house.'

Preventative

A paper presented to the council's executive said that the number of families applying as homeless was falling and the council's homelessness department used a preventative approach to try and stop people becoming homeless.

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Emma Dudley got a 1st Class BED from Strathclyde University, and SSLA award for the best dissertation in the Standard for Initial Teacher Education. Emma, daughter of Viv Dudley and Garry Robson, is now completing her probationary year at Ardrishaig Primary School.



Mairi Paterson recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BA(Hons) degree in Entertainment and Events Management. Mairi is the youngest daughter of Lachie and Jean Paterson.



Lauren Milstead graduated with a 1st Class BSc (hons) degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics and also achieved the award for the best clinical performance in the 4th year. Lauren is the daughter of Alan and Alyson Minstead of Dunvalanree, Carradale, and is currently working as an Orthotist for the NHS in Wolverhampton.

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Aberdeen Angus cross heifers from High Balantyre, near Inveraray sold to £655 at Dalmally

Bullock average rises almost £100 per head on year at Dalmally sale

UNITED Auctions held their annual Christmas sale of all classes cattle and sheep at Dalmally Market last Saturday

A good entry of all classes of stock sold to a packed ringside of buyers including many making their first visit to this popular venue.

Bullocks sold to average £683.69 recording a rise of £98.33 on last year's high values.

Heifers, which consisted mainly of late born spring calves sold to average £534.46 which recorded a rise of £51.86.

The top priced bullock per head came from Mr

I R Morrison, 13 Eoligarry, Barra, when his Aberdeen Angus crosses sold to £1125.

Heifers per head sold to £850 twice from Mr A J Morrison, 10 Eoligarry, Barra.

Bullocks per kilo sold to 250pence for Limousin crosses from Mr

R Wilson, Sonnachan whilst Mr R MacDougall, Ashgrove led the heifer prices per kilo at 260pence for Shorthorn crosses.

All classes of sheep sold in keeping with current values with Texel cross lambs from Edlerline selling to £70.

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Lambs
 SuffolkX: £86.50 Octofad £83.50 Coille Farm £80.50 Corrary £80 Octofad £79.50 Kilchiaran £78.50 Duich £78 Coull £76.50 Octofad £75 Ardbeg, Island and Coille £73.50 Coille £72.50 Octofad £71.50 Kintra £70.50 Kilchiaran and Duich £70 Corrary £69.50 Coull and Duich £69 Coillabus £68.50 Ballinaby £64.50 Duich £64 Kilchiaran £62.50 7 Shore Street £60.50 Ballinaby.
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 Blueface Leicester: £92.50 Coille
Riggs
 TexelX: £74.50 Coull £64.50 Dunlossit Lossit.
 Blackface: £85.50 Cladville.
Price per kilo
Lambs
 SuffolkX: 227p and 225p Octofad 216p Coille 215p Duich 214p Island 210p Kintra 209p Ballinaby

205p Octofad 204p Coull, Octofad and Duich 203p Coille 201p Duich 200p Coull (D Jones).
 TexelX: 234p Balaclava 231p Coull 231p Dunlossit Lossit 230p 7 Claddach 229p Octofad 219p and 216p Balaclava 214p 6 Bayview 213p Stanalane, 6 Bayview Lossit 212p Carrabus 210p Windyedge 207p Octofad and Balimartin 206p Kintra, 6 Bayview and Coull (D Jones) 205p Carrabus and Coull 204p Carrabus 201p 6 Bayview 200p Carrabus and Balaclava.
 CheviotX: 206p Kilbride 194p Windyedge.
 Cross: 198p Keppols 191p Coull. Mule: 213p Coull 201p Corrary 198p Coille 193p Rockside. Blackface: 194p Kilchiaran 190p Cladville 189p Lossit 188p Tarbert Estate 186p Coull (D Jones) 185p Kintra.

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Breeding cattle
In-calf cows
 £790 High Carse £720 Achnacarron and Craig £710 High Balantyre Farm.
Cows with calves at foot
 £870 Curacoa; £810 Sonnachan.
Over 30 Month cows
 £790 and £660 Duallin.
Prices per kilo
Bullocks
 Aberdeen AngusX: 225p(5) and 224p(6) Machrins, Colonsay 215p AirdsCroft.
 CharollaisX: 226p Myretonhill 223p(2) Tullochmhor 217p and 211p Ballygown.
 LimousinX: 250p and 243p Sonachan Farm: 229p Tullochcan Farm 228p(3) Ardslnigh 223p 2 Keil Croft 221p(3) 10 Eoligarry, Barra 219p Ardachuple Farm 217p 2 Keil Crofts 215p and 214p 10 Eoligarry 213p Sonachan 211p 10 Eoligarry and Tullochcan 210p(2) 10 Eoligarry 205p Sonachan(2) 203p 10 Eoligarry 200p Moleigh SalerX: 227p(2) Tullochmhor Farm. SimmentalX: 238p Keilator Farm 229p(3) and 221p(3) Dericambus 220p Ardachuple and Auch 217p(2), 213p and 208p Keilator Farm 203p(3) Dericambus: 200p Auch.
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Ewes
 Cross: £63.50, £60 Lochdochart. Blackface: £53.50 High Carse.

UA's Islay sales end on a high

UNITED Auctions held their last sale of the year at Islay Auction Mart when they held their Annual Christmas Sale of all classes lambs and sheep on Monday.

The 3,365 sheep of all classes sold to a good ringside of buyers and prices realised recorded the highest levels ever recorded at this centre.

Charollais ewes from Craignies sold to £126 per head while Texel lambs from Carrabus sold to £95. Leading the trading per kilo was M/s Johnstone, Balaclava with Texel crosses to 234p per kilo.

Blackface lambs sold at record levels, with Keppols (Mr Walker) leading at £75.50 for an exceptional pen whilst Kilchiaran's consignment of over 400 head led the top price per kilo at 194pence. Blackface riggs from Cladville sold to £85.50.

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Merry Christmas
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MISS BARBARA GILL
Smith Drive
Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BETTY MCLEAN
Would like to wish all friends and neighbours, especially those in Campbeltown Bowling Club, a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas
To family, friends and neighbours, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012
Best wishes, Len, Lizzie & Kieran Sugarman x.

DUNCAN MACKINNON
Wishes all his relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GAULD
Greta, John and Margaret wish family, relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

INA & IAN
Wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

JEAN MILLOY
Wishes all family, friends and relations Season's Greetings for 2012. Also the Macki girls, ambulance and day hospital staff and all concerned.

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FLO MACDONALD
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ELIZABETH KELLY
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my friends and relatives.

Merry Christmas
Jean & Alistair McKerral
11 Meadow Park would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MRS BETTY GREENLEES
9 Burnbank, Drumlemble
To all my family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cissie McMurchy
Wishes friends and neighbours Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MARGARET GRAHAM
10 Ralston Road
Wishes all family and friends a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2012.

JIMMY ANDERSON
Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ISABELLA MACPHERSON
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Would like to wish all her family, friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Merry Christmas
Matt & Kirsteen Dillon wish their friends seasonal greetings and good fortune in 2012.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and relatives.

Merry Christmas
To all my relatives and friends from Reggie McManus.

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Billy & Lucy Cunningham, 54 Kirk Street, wish all relations, friends and neighbours Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

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I'm not sending cards due to illness, but I'd like to wish family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to family and friends.

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SENGA & BEN
Would like to wish all their friends, neighbours, family and doggy friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nellie Ronald
Wishes all relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HUGH HALL 79 CROSSHILL AVE
Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CATHIE & JOHN MARTIN
86 Crosshill Ave
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all friends and relatives.

Merry Christmas
To all my friends and neighbours from John McKerral, 2 Mill Road.

JAKE & PEGGY WAREHAM
5 Castlehill Court
Wishing family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FRANCES & HUGH COLVILLE
Crosshill Avenue
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our relations, friends and neighbours.

Merry Christmas
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all my family, friends and neighbours from Margaret Oman, Abbeyfield House, Carradale.

NANCY MACPHERSON
30 L.C.C.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all friends and relatives.

Cathie & Neenie
Would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
6 Broomfield, Carradale.

SEASONS GREETINGS
To all my relatives, friends and neighbours from Ellen Kelly, 29 Calton Avenue.

IRENE O'NEILL
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my friends, locally.

John & Fiona
Wallace Cottages, would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ELLA & CATHIE MCLACHLAN
Wish all friends and relations a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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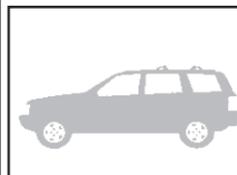
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/02107/PP	Alterations and change of use of derelict church/hall to form dwellinghouse	Old Baptist Church Furnace Argyll and Bute	Furnace Post Office
11/02237/PP	Renewal of planning permission 06/00889/DET - Erection of dwelling house and installation of a septic tank	Land North West of Home Farm Whitehouse Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
11/02330/PP	Erection of extension to dwellinghouse	34 Burnside Cottages Stewarton Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PQ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02411/PP	Erection of 225kw wind turbine (46.9 metres high to tip height) and formation of temporary access track	Land North East of Bunlarie Farm Whitehouse Argyll and Bute PA28 6OR	Sub Post Office Carradale
11/02426/PP	Erection of 225kw wind turbine (46.9 metres high to tip height) and formation of temporary access track	Land North West of Ardnacross Farm Peninver Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6OP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02428/PP	Erection of 225kw wind turbine (46.9 metres high to tip height) and formation of temporary access track	Land North East of Strathnafanaig Clachan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XL	Sub Post Office Tarbert
11/02432/PP	Formation of motorcycle racing circuit including car parking, starting gate, race control hut and portable toilets (Retrospective).	Achnashelloch Track Achnashelloch Farm Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RE	Ardrihaig Area Office
11/02446/PP	Erection of single storey front extension and replacement garage.	Derwent Ardnacraig Avenue Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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
11/02352/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse	Ardaily Mill Croft Isle of Gigha Argyll and Bute PA41 7AA	Sub Post Office Gigha
11/02424/LIB	Installation of additional ventilation duct and external grille and replacement of external grille to existing duct.	10 Relief Land Main Street South Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UA	Sub Post Office Inveraray

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 The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.
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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 708508). 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 2012 should be sent to the Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508) by 16 March 2012 for primary and secondary schools.

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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 2 January 2012. Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2012, 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 2 January 2012.

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 Executive Director - Community Service



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.
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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 2012.

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.

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Closing date for Applications: 31 January 2012

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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Marine Construction: Extension to Existing Pontoon, Tarbert Harbour
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(WGS84)
 Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Tarbert Post Office, The Rest, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6TN.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference:

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Closing date: Monday 16th January 2012

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Kinnaird, nr Brechin

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Lindsey Elder, HR Officer, Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd, Bothwellpark Industrial Estate, Uddingston, G71 6LS. Office 01698 810008, E-mail: lindsey.elder@dawnfresh.co.uk

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This post is funded with the assistance of Argyll and the Islands LEADER Board, the Scottish Government and West Highland Housing Association.



To request an Application Pack for either post please contact May Tosh, Corporate Services Manager at Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB or telephone 01631 564451 or email mail@westhighlandha.co.uk

Closing date for Applications for both posts will be 30th December, 2011 with interviews being held week commencing 9th January 2012.



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name ...' (Isaiah 12:4).

ENGAGEMENTS



MUIR - ANDERSON
Deborah, eldest daughter of Samuel and Lucille Brodie, Davaar Avenue and Craig, youngest son of Ian and the late Sheila Anderson, Ciaran Court are thrilled to announce their engagement on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Both families are gobsmacked but delighted.

DEATHS

BARR - Oliver Stevenson. Peacefully, at home with his loving family, in Tayvallich, Argyll, on Thursday, December 8, 2011, Oliver Stevenson, beloved husband of Eileen, much loved father of Rod, Iona, Colin, Graham and Ailsa, adored pappy of Hannah, Kelvin, Norah and Ollie, treasured father-in-law to Kerensa. Funeral service took place at Tayvallich Village Hall on Thursday, December 15, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery.

MACKILLOP - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, on Sunday December 11, 2011, Catherine Neil MacColl, Strathcona Cottages, Glencoe, loving wife of Donald MacKillop and beloved wife of the late John Hutchison (ex Argyll County Police), dearly loved and loving mother of Margaret McMillan (née Hutchison) and much loved mother-in-law of Neil. Funeral service on Saturday, December 17 at 11.00am in St Mary's Church, Glencoe. Family flowers only and donations if desired will be divided between St Mary's Glencoe and St John's Ballachulish. Family and friends respectfully invited.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on December 8, 2011, Alice Louise Hunter, in her 100th year, formerly of Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Peter Robertson, much loved mother of Moira, Mattie, John and Louise and a much loved granny, great granny and great great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FORSHAW - The family of the late Margaret Forshaw would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and for the many expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr Iain Norrie for his attendance; to the staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their great

kindness and professional approach to Mother's care and to all other departments within the hospital who made our mothers time with them a warm and caring experience; the Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service. Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for the efficient handling of all funeral arrangements and to Ardshiel Hotel for the catering. The retiring collection raised £173.70 for RNLI Campbeltown Branch.

WALKER - Mary Hamilton and family would like to thank family, friends and work colleagues for all support during their sad loss. Thanks to Dr Norrie, MacMillan Nurses, staff of Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks also to Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and Alasdair Blair and son for their sensitivities with arrangements. The retiring collection raised £704.16 for MacMillan Nurses Kintyre. Final thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMS

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The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- With love, families at home and away.

CAMERON - In loving memory of Richard Cameron, devoted husband, father, seanair and great seanair, who died December 15, 2006. Deep in our hearts you'll always stay, Loved and remembered everyday.

- Inserted by his loving wife May, Niall, Phyllis and family, Ian, Tania and family, Mary, Walter and family.

CAMPBELL - Treasured memories of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19, 2009, a much loved and missed wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Our memories build a special bridge When loved ones have to part To help us feel we're with them still And soothe a grieving heart Our memories span the years we shared Preserving ties that bind They build a special bridge of love And bring us peace of mind.

- Her loving husband Archie, Moira, Lachie and family, Fionnaigh and Adrian, Christine, Johnny and family.

DUFFY - Craig, December 19, 2004.

A silent grief that's in our hearts No human eye can trace For many a broken heart is hid Beneath a smiling face. - With love Mum, Colin, Shane and Eilidh.

DUFFY - In loving memory of my beloved partner, Craig Duffy, who died so tragically on December 19, 2004. I miss you now my heart is sore

As time goes by I miss you more Your loving smile your gentle face No-one can ever fill your vacant place. Remembering you every day with all my love as always. - Jane xxx.

DUFFY - In loving memory of our precious grandson Craig, died December 19, 2004. Today tomorrow our whole life through We will always love and remember you - Gran and papa

MACGREGOR - In loving memory of a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died December 18, 1999. Also a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died April 8, 1982. Fondly remembered.

- With love from all the family.

MACIVER - Billy, December 14, 2007. This should be a time of joy each year To be with family and be full of cheer

But my heart grows heavy and my tears overflow As the date comes around when you had to go The fourteenth four years ago was such a sad day I lost you, my Daddy, when you went away But I feel how often you are around me now And until we meet again I will cope somehow. Love you My Daddy. -Your 'Trina.

MCALPINE - In loving memory of Irene, a dear mum and gran, who died December 18, 2006. Loved and remembered always.

- John, Karen and Sam.

SCOTT - In loving memory of our mother, Euphemia Scott (Johnson), who died December 21, 1963, aged 48 years. Also Alexis, granddaughter of Euphemia, daughter of Catherine and the late Alex Wotherspoon, who died November 15, 2009, aged 48 years.

They will never be forgotten. - Inserted by Catherine, Janette and Walter.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th December 2011
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All welcome
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 18th December 2011
11am Morning Service
Family Service
Followed by shared lunch
6.30pm Evening Service
Carols by Candlelight
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Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Saturday 17th December 2011
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Sunday 18th December
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Macaulay Cup draw made live on radio

THE DRAW for the 2012 Artemis Macaulay Cup was made live on Oban FM last weekend by Macaulay Association President Donald Skinner and Darren Reid, Camanachd Association Development Officer for Argyll and Bute.

The final is due on Saturday 18 August at Mossfield Park, Oban.

First round

1st Round ties to be played on Saturday 12 May: Ballachulish v Bute; Taynuilt v Glasgow Mid Argyll; Glenorchy v Oban Camanachd; Inveraray v Kyles Athletic; Kinlochshiel v Newtonmore; Glenurquhart v Kilmallie; Lovat v Fort William; Lochaber v Kingussie;

Quarter final

Quarter final ties due to be played on Saturday 9 June: Glenorchy or Oban Camanachd v Ballachulish or Bute; Taynuilt or Glasgow Mid Argyll v Inveraray or Kyles Athletic; Lovat or Fort William v Kinlochshiel or Newtonmore; Glenurquhart or Kilmallie v Lochaber or Kingussie

Semi final ties due to be played on Saturday 7 July: Glenorchy or Oban Camanachd or Ballachulish or Bute v Taynuilt or Glasgow Mid Argyll or Inveraray or Kyles Athletic; Lovat or Fort William or Kinlochshiel or Newtonmore v Glenurquhart or Kilmallie or Lochaber or Kingussie.



Action from the Oban Saints versus Lochgilphead Red Star Under 13 match played on the Oban Community Pitch last Sunday. The Oban side won an entertaining game 5-3.



Shooters at Tarbert Gun Club's annual Christmas Competition.

Tarbert shooters battle it out for Christmas Competition honours

SHOOTERS battled it out to take home the turkey from Barmore Shooting Ground on Sunday as Tarbert Gun Club held its annual Christmas Competition.

In a change of format, shooters were paired by drawing names from a hat and there were a few complaints as some of the club's best shooters were paired together.

Sunday's score sheet was more impressive than that of the previous week, and the weather proved ideal for some excellent shooting.

Young Ian Winnard, from Ormsary, shot well when paired up with Norman MacDonald. The duo managed to out-perform the very experienced Ally McDonnell and John Weir, taking

second place. It was Bob McColl and Brian Baird that emerged triumphant and took first place.

Bob also won the pool competition after tremendous shoot-out with Scott McNeil and Niall Wilson. The youngsters showed great skill in long range shooting.

The last shoot of 2011, the club extended seasonal greetings to all over the holiday period and will return to competition in the New Year.

Results: Wining pairs: 1. Brian Baird and Bob McColl; 2. Ian Winnard and Norman MacDonald; 3. John Weir and Ally MacDonnel; 4. Roy McNeil and Malcolm; 5. Andrew MacDonald and Bill Bidmead; 6. Scott McNeil and Ian Wilson.

Taynuilt star in close encounter with the Reds

Friendly Taynuilt Amateurs 3 Lochgilphead Red Star 2

TAYNUILT came back from a 2-0 deficit to clinch victory against Red Star at the Oban Community Pitch last Saturday.

While Red Star fielded a young team for this game, Taynuilt also experimented with a new 4-1-4-1 formation to try and catch their opponents on the break.

Red Star took the lead midway through the first

half when some shocking defending gave centre forward Gregor Peacock an easy goal.

Taynuilt had plenty chances to equalise with Craig Campbell, son of former Red Star favourite Donald 'Tammie' Campbell, hitting the post from a corner and Stefan Campbell missing a few gilt-edged chances.

For the second half, Taynuilt manager Stuart Reid reverted to the more familiar 4-4-2 shape, with Kris Gil-

lies coming on for Chris McCaig, and this instantly paid dividends. Taynuilt were dominating possession with Red Star seemingly content to defend their lead.

It was a shock, then, that Red Star went 2-0 up from a good counter attacking move through the heart of the Taynuilt defence with Peacock again on target for the Mid Argyll team.

Taynuilt did not give up though, and were back in the game with 25 minutes remaining.

A run from deep by centre half Paul Carmichael was not challenged and he exchanged passes with Josh Rippon before firing in an unstoppable shot.

Wave upon wave of Taynuilt attack drew the game level in the last 10 minutes with Kris Gillies netting from inside the box.

Then with minutes remaining Taynuilt were rewarded for their effort when sub Kris Gillies netted again to make the final score 3-2.

Young Red Star miss chances against Saints

ONE DAY soon Lochgilphead Red Star YFC Under 13s are going to win a game as they are playing too well to keep losing - the boys suffered another defeat at the hands of a strong and physical Oban Saints YFC on Sunday.

Saints got off to good start and it took an excellent double save from Ally Pow in the Red Star goal to keep the home side from scoring in the first five minutes. But Pow was helpless three minutes later when the Oban attack split the Star defence and a cool finish gave them a deserved lead.

The Hire A Joiner sponsored Mid Argyll boys then woke up and had the better of the game in the middle of the first half. Ryan Caskie and Lorne MacFarlane both had shots saved by the home keeper but the two boys combined for the equaliser, when Ryan excellently volleyed home Lorne's corner on 19 minutes. Unfortunately Red Star couldn't keep it level until half

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time, losing a poor goal at a corner after Ally Pow had done well to push the initial chance onto the bar.

Saints then doubled their lead early in the second half to make Lochgilphead's task even harder. But Red Star were still finding holes in the Oban defence and Ryan Caskie and Angus Lewis both had chances before the home side scored a fourth goal.

This seemed to finish the game particularly as Red Star had to reshuffle their team with Craig Young going off after a very late challenge, which went unpunished by the referee.

To their credit Lochgilphead kept trying and Aaron Whitefield put Lorne MacFarlane through on goal but his shot was deflected on to the post and went wide. Minutes later the two combined again with an excellent one-

two, which put Aaron through on goal and he finished well to give the boys hope.

Another poor goal was conceded with three minutes left but Craig Young returned to run off his injury in the final minutes and he scored a third from a tight angle. It was, however too late for Lochgilphead to get the draw their play probably deserved.

It was another game of missed chances for Lochgilphead and there were many good performances from the 13 players who took part.

Lochgilphead's final game before Christmas is away to Drumchapel United on Sunday, December 18.

Lochgilphead team: Pow, Simpson, Young, A Cameron, McCallum, L Cameron, Whitefield (capt), Robertson, Caskie, MacFarlane and Williamson. Subs: Scott and Lewis.

Cameron DIY builds a winning crowd

HAVING destroyed his golf swing by having lessons with Keith, Kenny Cameron did a bit of DIY on himself and reverted to his old swing and managed to build a winning round. Thank goodness for that as he was starting to moan like Ross.

Talking of Ross, you would think that he would be pleased for his pal who has been playing like a duffer for weeks. Not a bit of it, the Grinch was green with envy at Kenny's win and green is not his favourite colour.

Keith very nearly won today with some better play and if his golf was as good as his soup he would be numero uno.

David Sinclair is the Wizard of wedge play and he outplayed the Prince of Putting, Donald Carmichael. Both were out hit by the Demon of Driving, Robert Baxter, who cannot chip or putt. But if they are drawn together in the team event next week they could be unstoppable.

Alec MacAulay and Tommy Angus are old enough to know better than

to try and play golf in conditions like these. However they are both very determined and will be first on the tee on new years day while others fail to appear.

Jim Hunter is getting a new putter for Christmas. This one has an inbuilt parachute which is deployed when it re-enters the atmosphere after Jim has chucked it on missing a short putt. Please do not remove the bubble wrap this time Jim.

Grant MacDougall beat Raymond Flanagan in the knockout cup; this was a battle of the bandits with the winner playing the Grinch in the next round.

Next week is the team and doubles trophy day and you don't really care who you are drawn with as long as it is not Ross, Donald, Keith or Jim who think teamwork is overrated.

Results: 10. K Cameron; 9. R Sinclair; 8. K Cowan; 7. D Sinclair; 6. A MacAulay; 5. R Baxter; 4. D Carmichael; 3. J Hunter; 2. G. MacDougall; 1 R Flanagan. Nearest the pin: 7. T Angus; 9. D Carmichael.

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Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 5, 9 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £900 next week. The Christmas week draw, on December 26, will see four £50 bonus draws take place.

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 15, 18 and 20 drawn. The jackpot will be £1,000 next week.

THE JACKPOT for next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery is £400 after another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 3, 6 and 20.

Sports hall athletics underway

SPORTS hall athletics is now underway in Argyll for the winter season.

The first competition took place at Tobermory High School last weekend. The next local area competition will take place in Lochgilhead on Sunday January 15, with the final on February 25 in Oban where the qualifiers from each area will compete.



John leads the Campbellville University Soccer team out on to the pitch.



John Kennedy goes up for a header against Shawnee State earlier in the season.

Footballer John living the dream

Talented Mid Argyll player makes his name in the American college soccer scene

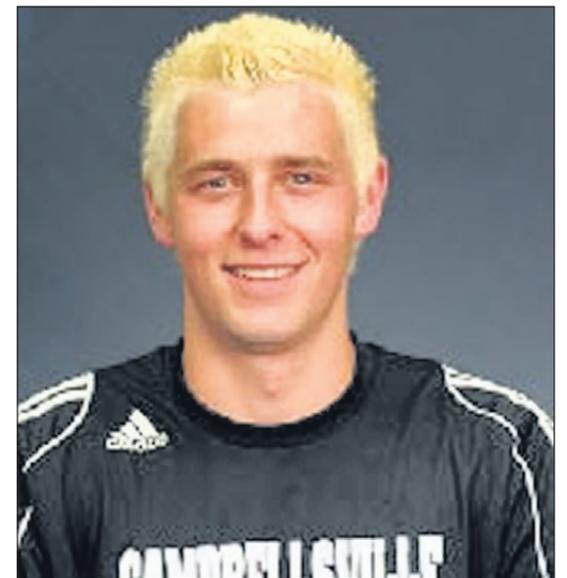
A YOUNG talented Mid Argyll footballer says he is living the dream as he continues to make his name in the American college soccer scene.

John Kennedy, from Lochgilhead, plays for Campbellville University in Kentucky and was recently named captain of the soccer team.

An honour normally awarded to university students in third or fourth year, John is the first non-American footballer to be awarded the captaincy in second year.

John, who studies marketing, only began playing competitive football at the age of 16 but won a football scholarship with the Kentucky university two years ago.

'I played football all my life but didn't play in a competitive league until I was 16,' John said. 'I played in my younger days for the soccer centre, Wanderers, Red Star, Oban Saints, East Stirlingshire, and Kirkintilloch Rob Roy.'



John was recently named an All-American by the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) for Division One Men's Soccer.

A former Lochgilhead High School student, John has not only impressed footballers at Campbellville University but coaches all over America, making the second team of the All Americans.

John, who last year helped the Campbellville team make the national tournament, has also been named the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) defender of the week. 'Last year's team made it to the national tournament, with a school record of 19 wins and six loses,' John said, 'the nationals were held in Orlando, Florida and were great experience.'

The Campbellville team is sadly not enjoying the same success

this season, with seven wins, seven losses and two draws. But, John says he is still enjoying university life.

'I love Campbellville University,' he said, 'even the studying. I love life and the weather, which is wearing shorts weather up until Christmas.'

Born and bred in Mid Argyll, John, son of John and Catherine Kennedy and brother to Niall and Michael, has another two and a half years at the university.

'It is every boy's dream to play football everyday and I'm glad I made the decision to come over, which was a big one,' John said.

'Although it was hard to leave my family and friends it has been worth it.'



Tayvallich Primary School won the Mid Argyll schools orienteering competition.

Tayvallich crowned orienteering champs

TAYVALLICH Primary School emerged the overall winner of the Mid Argyll Orienteering Championship last week.

The children, who took part in the competition for children in classes primary four to seven, fought off competition from six other schools to win the title. Lochgilhead Primary School took second place, with Craignish third, Kilmartin fourth, Inveraray fifth and Ashfield sixth. It was

Lochgilhead primary that took first place in the individual contest with Fionn Doherty topping the leader board and Jake Gillespie, also from Lochgilhead, was second. Kilmartin's Daniel Kennedy was third.

The orienteering competition, which took place in the grounds of Kilmory Castle, was a joint venture between Stramash, Active Schools and EckO.

One hundred and sixty eight children took part.

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