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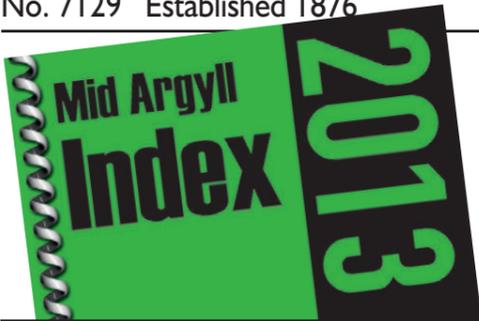
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50th birthday party turns into a surprise wedding

'There were lots of tears and shock but everyone was really happy for us'

FRIENDS and family of one of Lochgilphead's most well-known faces got a huge surprise on Wednesday when they attended her 50th birthday party to discover she had planned a surprise wedding.

Caroline Campbell, who runs the Stables Restaurant with her twin sister Lorraine MacEachern, had planned a birthday bash for the two of them and their nephew Scott Dempster, who was celebrating his 21st on the same day. With friends and family travelling from near and far for what they thought was a birthday party, a registrar announced to the group Caroline and her partner Gordon Gauld would wed in a matter of minutes.

**REPORT BY
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'We were hiding upstairs when the registrar came into the room and told everyone we were getting married,' Caroline said. 'There were lots of tears and shock but everyone was really happy and so excited for us.'

A complete surprise to both of their families, Caroline said she it was difficult keeping a secret from Lorraine.

'I work with her every day, she's my sister and my best friend. She was delighted for us.'

Explaining they had been planning to marry for a long time, Caroline added: 'The date 12/12/12 wasn't important to us, it was the

fact that it was a family event. It was perfect for us. As soon as Gordon said his speech it was back to a birthday party. We didn't want a big fuss or our families having a lot of expense.'

The pair, who each have a son - Dean Campbell, 26, and Robert Gauld, 23, - wed in The George Hotel, with their boys as witnesses.

Sharing the special moment with close friends and family, the pair, who have been together for eight years, met through Caroline's brother in law Brian.

'My sister would go to watch the boys at motocross events and I would keep her company,' Caroline said. 'I met Gordon that way and we got to know each other over time.'



Lorraine, Scott, Caroline and Gordon celebrate milestone birthdays with a surprise wedding.

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Gearing up for winter

ATTEMPTS are being made to create an emergency plan for severe winter weather.

The plan, being drawn up by Lochgilphead Community Council, will aim to identify vulnerable people who would need assistance if winter weather cuts off telephone lines and power stations.

Community councillors will meet with police officers and Argyll and Bute Council officials to create the plan.

Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'It's about helping people that cannot help themselves.'

The council recently administered all community councils with a booklet explaining how to create an emergency plan in a bid to get communities 'winter ready'.



Silver success for Lochgilphead High School wind band.

Wind band impresses judges

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's wind band was awarded silver plus status in their debut performance at the Scottish Schools Concert Band Festival.

The band, which features pupils from S1 to S6, played four pieces including an Abba melody and got a great reception from the audience.

Despite having fewer numbers than other school bands in the competition,

held in Livingston last Sunday, Lochgilphead High School impressed the judges with their performance.

Miriam MacKay, the band's musical director, was given particular praise from the adjudicators for her choice of repertoire and balance of parts within the band. Miss MacKay, parents and the band members, who had been practicing for the festival for months, were delighted with the success.

Action at last on pensioner's damp-ridden Tarbert flat

A TARBERT pensioner, who suffers from asthma and arthritis, can look forward to spending 2013 in a warm and dry home after three years of living in his damp-ridden flat.

Duncan MacMillan, of 8 Easfield, has been living with damp and mould after the apartment block fell into disrepair and a three-year long dispute between Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and private owners ensued.

Rendering on the side of the building has been gradually falling off for years, allowing water to seep into Mr MacMillan's home. The 65-year-old became desperate when a large

section of rendering fell off the building in the early hours of Monday morning.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Monday, Mr MacMillan said the damp had left his second bedroom uninhabitable.

'ACHA are just letting the render fall off the building,' he said.

'I was supposed to have my grandchildren here for Christmas but I can't because of the damp and mould.'

'I complained to them earlier but they blamed the private tenants, saying they wouldn't pay for it.'

'It's on our deeds that we have to contribute towards the work.'

But after the *Advertiser* contacted ACHA about the situation, the

housing authority, which owns half the flats, has managed to come to an agreement with private homeowners. Each household will now contribute £1,500 to the repair bill.

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, told the *Advertiser* that the repairs had been delayed, as other owners had not been willing to share the costs.

He said: 'There is as much onus on Mr MacMillan as an owner to co-ordinate a repair as there is on ACHA.'

'None the less ACHA has co-ordinated a repairs response. A contractor is in place to start the work after the holiday period and Mr MacMillan has been

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Nominations sought for Education awards

PUPILS and parents across Mid Argyll are being urged to nominate teachers and staff at their primary school for the 2013 Scottish Education Awards.

The awards have frequently been awarded to Argyll schools, with Furnace primary's Alison Robertson winning educational support worker of the year in 2012. To make a nomination visit www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk.

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Police files

A MOTORIST escaped injury last week after a load fell from a lorry and hit his car.

The cable drum fell from the lorry at 8.30am last Monday on the A83 at the Corran roundabout in Lochgilhead. The 41-year-old lorry driver was traced and charged with having an insecure load.

HEATING oil was siphoned from an oil tank at a property in Fernoch, Lochgilhead, sometime between Wednesday November 21 and Monday December 3.

A 24-year-old man has been charged with being in possession of cannabis after the car he was travelling in was stopped by police.

The man, who was travelling with another man on the A83 in Lochgilhead, was stopped and searched at 12.25am on Wednesday December 5.

A WOMAN is recovering from minor injuries after she was assaulted in Lochgilhead.

The woman was assaulted by a man at a house in the town at 10.30am last Wednesday. A 31-year-old man has been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

POLICE were called a disturbance on Argyll Street, Lochgilhead, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

A 29-year-old man was later issued with a £40 fine for committing a breach of the peace.

A TEENAGER has been charged with careless driving after a car crash on the A83, near Achnaba, last Friday afternoon.

The 18-year-old is alleged to have been driving a black Vauxhall Corsa which lost control and collided with Grey Peugeot 308. No one was injured.

AN SSPCA charity bottle containing £50 has been stolen from a flat on Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 01546 702200.

Luxury holiday homes plan for Inveraray

ONE OF the biggest developments Inveraray has ever seen could be built next year as a luxury holiday company plans to expand its business in the area.

Natural Retreats, a company that specialises in providing luxury self-catering accommodation, plans to build 23 holiday homes and a block of flats on the site of the former Argyll Wildlife Park.

The accommodation, comprising three and four bedroom homes, one and two bedroom apartments, reception area and service buildings, will be built across approximately 30 acres, near Argyll Caravan Park.

The land, owned by the Duke of Argyll, will be leased to Natural Retreats, which has said it will build the development using local

material and tradesmen. Stating building firms will not be the only companies to benefit from business, Natural Retreats has said its luxury homes will feature a welcome pack crammed full of Argyll produce.

Proven record
Adam Gough, head of technical services with the company, said: 'We know from our proven track record that we can help bring business to local enterprises and we hope business will flourish.'

'The economy will benefit when people are here spending money on local attractions and activities which we will help promote in our welcome packs and online.'

Factor of Argyll Estates Andrew Montgomery said he was excited about the project. 'I am looking forward

to working with them and seeing what this can bring to the area,' he said. 'It is a much-needed development and hopefully we can capitalise on what we already have here in Inveraray.'

Explaining the development would fill a gap in the market for 'high end' self-catering accommodation, Mr Montgomery added: 'I made it clear that I didn't want a lot of infrastructure on the site of the holiday homes so people are spending their money with local businesses, restaurants, pubs and hotels. That was important to me.'

'Although this creates an income for the estate there will be a spin off for income for local suppliers.'

The development has won the support of Inveraray Community Council.

Charity seals land deal



MALI founder Marian Pallister was selling jewellery made by children in Zambia at the Something Special Craft Fair. 06_a50malio1

PLANS by a Mid Argyll charity to build a secondary school in Africa have taken a major step forward after it signed a land lease agreement.

The Mthunzi and Lilandanda Initiative (MALI), which aims to provide education to vulnerable young people in Zambia, has been raising funds to build a new secondary school.

Now, the charity has officially signed a lease agreement with the landowner so building the school can begin once all the money has been raised. Charity founder Marian Pallister said: 'We are very pleased to have taken this big step forward.'

On Saturday, the charity held the MALI Something Special Craft Fair in Lochgilhead Baptist Church with more than £500 raised.

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Stacain windfarm refusal upheld

THE DECISION by Scottish ministers to refuse planning permission for a 14-turbine windfarm at Stacain, near Inveraray, has been upheld by judges at The Court of Session in Edinburgh.

The decision, the outcome a public inquiry, comes after a protracted legal process in which the planning application had been passed by Argyll and Bute Council and later rejected by the Scottish Government, after objectors called for an appeal.

Judges conducting the inquiry this week upheld the view that the windfarm would be detrimental to the 19 pairs of golden eagles living on the site.

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JoLoMo donates £2,000 to pool

RENOWNED artist and former lifeguard John Lowrie Morrison has pledged his support to Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool, this week donating £2,000 to pool funds.

John, who paints under the name JoLoMo, dedicated five per cent of the profits of his recent *Argyll Villages and Towns* exhibition to the Lochgilhead pool.

Passionate that all Mid Argyll youngsters learn to swim, John said he was delighted to support the community-owned pool. 'It is my view that people should learn to swim,' he said. 'Between the canal and the lochs there are a lot of people that have drowned

over the years; there are people that I have taught that have drowned in Loch Awe.'

John, who was a lifeguard at Carbeth Cutters in the 1960s, said he was from 'a swimming family'.

My youngest son Simon, who is 31 now, he was a lifeguard at the pool for years so we have lots of connections to the pool,' he said.

Pool manager Stuart Owen said the money would enable the pool to continue offering children on the learn to swim programme free access to the pool outwith their lessons. This gives them time to practice and boost their confidence in the water.



Certificates were handed out to more than 150 children in Mid Argyll, who completed the Learn To Swim Programme at the MACPool by Iain Jackson from The Scottish Salmon Company, programme co-ordinator Hazel Manson and Stuart Owen pool manager. 06_a50swim02



L-R: Director of the pool board Ali MacLeod, deputy lord lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Jane MacLeod, John Lowrie Morrison and MAC Pool manager Stuart Owen. 06_a50jolomo01

Youngsters rewarded for learning to swim

MORE than 150 youngsters from across Mid Argyll have learnt to swim in the past 14 weeks as part of the Learn To Swim Programme.

Children aged five to 13 have been jumping into Mid Argyll Community Pool to take part in swimming lessons, sponsored by The Scottish Salmon Company. This week the lessons

came to an end and the youngsters were presented with certificates by programme co-ordinator Hazel Manson and Iain Jackson from The Scottish Salmon Company.

The youngsters have been given vouchers to go for a free swim to encourage them to continue using the pool and developing their swimming.

Online auction fundraiser

AN ONLINE auction featuring a tour of a whisky distillery and vouchers for some of Argyll's best eateries has been launched by Lochgilhead Phoenix Project.

The group, which aims to improve Lochgilhead for the people who live and work there, has organised the auction in a bid to raise funds for the project.

The auction, found at www.lochgilheadphoenix.org, includes a range of signed CDs and pictures, books and even a year's supply of Tunnock's caramel wafers. The auction will run until December 19.

Tayvallich chef takes over hotel

A CHEF from Tayvallich has returned to Argyll to transform a rundown hotel into a gastronomic destination.

John McNulty jnr has taken over the Taynult Hotel this week and is about to embark on a mass renovation.

John, who has returned to Argyll from England with his partner Rachel and nine-week-old daughter Isla, aims to reinvent the hotel as a first class rural retreat for great food and drink.

Describing his ambitious plans, John said: 'The emphasis will be on the food. We want the hotel to be a gastronomic destination, get some awards and get in a good sous chef.'

'The food will be traditional but made using modern methods and using locally sourced ingredients.'

Explaining the rooms would be renovated over time, John said they would provide high-end accommodation, ensuring good quality throughout.

John, who trained as a chef in Glasgow and developed his career under Heston Blumenthal's sous chef Emily Watkins, spent two years refining his craft at the Kilberry Inn.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week, John, who worked in the kitchens of the Lochgair Hotel and George Hotel as a youngster, said: 'Clare Johnson and David Wilson from the Kilberry Inn have been helping me get started. I learnt a lot whilst working there and they have been offering me advice.'

John also paid tribute to his parents John and Jean McNulty for all of their support.

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Delivery scam warning

AN ARDFERN man is warning people to be vigilant of fraudsters in the run up to Christmas after he was targeted by a gang claiming to be delivery company Fed Ex.

The man, who did not want to be named, received an email that appeared to be from Fed Ex, stating they were unable to deliver a parcel on Friday and urged him to click on a link to a website.

Having been at home all day Friday the man instantly knew it was a scam.

He said: 'I'm not sure if it is a virus or a link that asks for bank details but it looked really official. It is the sort of thing people could fall for, especially at Christmas and people are out at work all day.'

Family cat dumped in wheely bin



Robbie Bell and seven-week-old kitten Boo.

Seven-week-old pet narrowly escapes being suffocated

A COMMUNITY is reeling this week after a family pet was tied inside a plastic bag and dumped inside a wheely bin in Furnace.

Boo, a seven-week-old kitten, narrowly escaped suffocation as he clawed his way out of the bag and to the top of the bin, where he was eventually rescued by his owner Robbie Bell.

Robbie, who lives in the centre of the village, said he was 'horrified' to find his cat in such distress. Describing the afternoon he found the kitten in the bin, Robbie said he could hear the kitten whining and fol-

lowed the sound to find her in the bin.

Explaining the kitten had not mistakenly got trapped in the bin, Robbie said: 'It was definitely deliberate, she didn't jump into a plastic bag, tie a knot in it and jump into the bin. She had tried to claw her way out, she could have suffocated. It was bin day that day as well so we could have lost her altogether.'

He added: 'I have no idea why anyone would do this. I am chairman of Furnace Primary Parent Council and sometimes make a decision that people don't like

but if that happens usually people come and say I don't agree with it.

'There are some sick people in the world.'

Explaining he, along with locals and police, was searching for the culprit, Robbie said: 'No one has heard anything at all; I hope it is a one-off.'

'I have had feedback from people in the village and they're absolutely horrified.'

Lynda Syed, who works in the village pub, said: 'Many people in the community have expressed their disgust at this and have been extremely upset by it.'

Sailing club name change

MID ARGYLL Sailing Club has this week changed its name to Mid Argyll Water Sports.

The Ardrishaig-based club has made the change as it expands its activities to kayaking on Loch Fyne.

Kayaking coach David MacBrayne is leading the expansion of the new

sport, whilst the club is arranging for people to train to become a qualified instructor.

The changes come as watersports clubs in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead investigate the benefits of creating an umbrella organisation, incorporating sailing, kayaking, boating and rowing.

Rare estate items go under the hammer

SEVERAL rare items from the private collection of the late Johnny Noble of Ardkinglas Estate were due to go under the hammer at Bonhams yesterday (Thursday) as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press.

John Henry Brunel, first Baronet of Ardkinglas, was considered an art connoisseur and had a sought after silver collection, which was passed on to his sons and eventually to Simon John 'Johnny' Noble,

who continued to add to it. Among the items to go up for auction in Edinburgh are a George III silver medal for the Edinburgh Amphitheatre and a rare George III silver Argyll, made by David Kerr circa 1765 and estimated at £2,000-3,000.

The most valuable piece from the collection is the rare 18th-century mother-of-pearl and ebony vase shape snuff mull estimated at £3,000-£4,000.

Donation to soccer school

THE LEADING football organisation in Mid Argyll has been given £50 by Lochgilphead Community Council.

Lochgilphead Soccer School, which teaches football to youngsters between four and 16, was awarded the money to contribute to the running costs of the school.

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Those Were The Days

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A UNION leader has warned cleaning staff at Argyll and Bute District Council might be paid as little as £2.10 an hour when private contractors take over in the new year.

They are almost certain to face increased hours, no paid holidays and no sick pay – and could even be charged for their overalls, says Mr Martin Doran, regional organiser with GMB Scotland. 'This is way below the decency threshold,' he said. Ten cleaners will be made redundant from December 31 and it is believed only three have accepted their new terms of employment.

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KILMARTIN Glen by Lochgilphead could become one of Argyll's most prestigious tourist attractions.

A new working group has been formed to explore the potential for tourism related initiatives within the glen. It has been recognised as having outstanding archaeological, wildlife and landscape features.

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A 'CLEAN sweep' by a mother and daughter at Inveraray Primary School has earned them the title of 'Cleaning Team of the Year'.

Mrs Margaret Hendry and her daughter, Carolyn, were judged to be the best in the west by Strathclyde Regional Council's cleaning arm, Cleaning Direct.

News of the accolade came as a complete surprise to a 'very delighted' Mrs Hendry, cleaner-in-charge, who did not even know they had been judged.



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives and was taken in May 1991. The picture is of Mid Argyll Pipe Band playing outside Kilmartin Hotel. Do you recognise any of these faces? To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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West Coast Motors responds to claims over drivers

Sir,
In response to Mid Argyll resident Susan Campbell's letter last week, I would like to cover a number of points raised within it.

Firstly, we don't have such a thing as 'bank drivers' and therefore I'm unclear on this aspect of the letter.

However, what I am clear on is that the majority of our drivers on our local bus services within Mid Argyll are employed on a full-time basis and I'd like to reassure Ms Campbell that those who work on

a part-time basis do this out of choice rather than through any West Coast Motors policy.

I hope that this has addressed any concerns Ms Campbell may have had with regards to our drivers as we, as a company, work hard to accommodate our drivers and other staff wherever possible.

**Colin Craig,
Managing Director,
West Coast Motors.**

Argyll and the Isles deserve better

Sir,
Another year, another expense claim from our second-choice MSP Jamie McGrigor.

When we are being told to tighten our belts and with more massive cuts to public spending Mr McGrigor incredibly racks up a mobile phone bill of nearly £1,800.

While this could be justified by hard work and results in travelling throughout Argyll and Bute on business I have yet to meet someone who has actually benefited from Mr McGrigor's knowledge or advice. This seems incredible to me.

In my opinion, in Alan Reid and Jamie McGrigor we have two of the most ineffectual and invisible public servants.

With the west coast population due to decrease by 10 per cent in the next decade we

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Shocked at deplorable act of animal cruelty

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser is shocked and horrified to learn that someone has tried to kill a kitten in Furnace.

The seven-week-old kitten was tied inside a plastic bag and dumped in a bin.

It only managed to escape suffocation after clawing its way out of the bag and whining until its owner found it.

The fact that someone would commit such an act of cruelty on a defenceless creature is abhorrent.

With no one arrested for the crime it is unclear whether it was a person in Furnace who committed the offence or someone passing through the Mid Argyll village.

The act of cruelty comes a year and a half after cats in Lochgilphead fell ill because people were spraying plants and gardens with anti-freeze.

We urge local people to keep their eyes peeled for such deplorable behaviour and report it to the police immediately.

Animal cruelty cannot be tolerated in our community.

need leaders with vision and foresight.

Argyll and the Isles deserves better.

**D Johnson,
By email.**

Amazing talent on show in A Christmas Carol

Sir,
I have just returned from Ardrishaig having attended the Mid Argyll Music Society and Youth Chorus production of A Christmas Carol.

It was a superb show with every member of the cast and production team working to produce a truly professional musical.

Again we have heard and seen the amazing talent in our area and I thank everyone for his or her commitment.

**Anne Horn,
Councillor, Kintyre and the Islands**

Carol service thanks

Sir,
Christ Church Worship Group would like to thank everyone who

came and participated in the Ecumenical Carol Service on Sunday.

Through your generosity we raised over £190, thank you to everyone who came along.

**Charlotte Hanbury,
Christ Church
Worship Group**

Expenses clarification

LAST week's report on expenses claimed by Argyll and Bute based MSPs erroneously stated Michael Russell's total claim included claims for the party's office in Oban.

Mr Russell did claim £1,564.27 in office cost provision for furnishings and decorations. This included £527.60 for carpets, £187 for blinds, £480 for internal office decoration and £234 for external office decoration. No money was spent in the party's Oban office, however.

We apologise for the error.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE FROST curled round every blade of grass and shimmered like a million white stalagmites in the morning sun as we approached Loch Awe.

The Cruachan Ridge was covered with a blanket of snow, and Kilchurn Castle looked as if it was floating on the still waters of the loch.

The bracken glowed as if on fire and nature seemed to be relishing this most perfect morning.

The bushes were ablaze with light, and it reminded me of the burning bush story when God speaks to Moses from the depths of the flames.

God speaking to people was a recurring thread woven into the stories of the Old Testament and as we read them, we can see a wee bit of the tapestry of God's plan emerging.

Yet we sometimes wonder why we don't hear of God having conversations with his people today. We may wish that he would speak and give a definitive answer to some of the many issues that concern and perplex us today.

We feel that there are so many loose ends in the story that need to be tied up.

People may say that God is silent because he just doesn't exist.

But is God silent?

Does God not speak to us through the kindness of others when we need comfort?

Does he not speak to us in the beauty of nature and the wonders of the universe?

Does he not speak to us in the joy of human love, or the things that are beyond our comprehension?

Is God silent, or is it just that we're not very good at stopping to listen?

God has tried throughout time to get our attention: in creation, by word of the prophets, by his word in scripture – but he kept the best till last.

A baby cried - and God came himself.

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Marie Curie service of remembrance at Christmas

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll remembered loved ones who cannot be with them at Christmas at the annual Marie Curie Care Lights to Remember service.

The service, which is held in Mid Argyll Community Hospital, is an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one, or been touched by cancer, to pay their respects at Christmas.

Attended by many in the local community, the event was addressed by councillor Douglas Philand, hospital chaplain Margaret Sinclair and Derek Leslie, director of operations at Argyll and Bute CHP, who praised the work being carried out by Marie Curie nurses in Mid Argyll.

People at the event enjoyed carols, sung by the Lochfyneside and Lochgair choirs, whilst Jane Macleod, deputy lord lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, was given the honour of turning on the hospital's Christmas tree lights.

Commending the Marie Curie nurses for their role in the community, Mrs Macleod said: 'It is such a vital service they provide, what they do is truly wonderful.'

Academy headteacher takes warm memories with her to pastures new

THE HEADTEACHER of Tarbert Academy has described her time in the village as 'superb' as she prepares to take on a new challenge in her hometown.

Reverend Catriona Hood will leave Tarbert Academy in the New Year to take up a new post at Campbeltown Grammar, where she was schooled

as a teenager. Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Tuesday, Rev Hood, praised Tarbert residents for welcoming her into the community when she arrived five years ago.

'I'm going to miss the warm friendships I have made with the pupils, who are superb, and I will miss the friendships I have made with colleagues,'

she said. Rev Hood will leave Tarbert Academy in the same week as a school inspection report is due to be published.

The report is expected to rate the school as excellent and one of the best in Argyll and Bute.

The report will, Rev Hood said, reflect the hard work of staff and teachers. 'One of the things which is great about

Tarbert is everyone works together and supports each other,' she said.

Lead councillor for education at Argyll and Bute Council Michael Breslin said Rev Hood had been a 'fantastic and popular' leader of Tarbert Academy. He said: 'The progress made at the school under her leadership has

been made clear in the recent Education Scotland inspection report. Catriona is not only a great teacher but her example ensures there is excellent behaviour in the school. Her warm and friendly personality has made it easy for her to make and sustain positive relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues.'



Members of Kilmartin, Glassary and Ford and North Knapdale churches united to perform Graham Kendrick's choral piece *The Gift*. 06_a50gift01

Delight as The Gift hits the high notes

THE GIFT came to Kilmartin and Tayvallich last week and played to packed churches on two evenings.

The idea to put on Graham Kendrick's choral piece came from organist Sue Grocock who was delighted with the response from the audiences.

Sue said: 'All our hard work under the guidance of choir mistress Catherine Patterson came together and both the choir and the audiences

thoroughly enjoyed the moving experience of the Christmas message.'

On the first night the choir received a standing ovation and young Alasdair McLean Heather Anderson's solo performances were well received.

The choir members from both Kilmartin, Glassary and Ford and North Knapdale churches are keen to develop their new found skills and Sue is actively seeking an idea for a new choral piece for the group to present.

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Knitters boost church funds

FUNDS to refurbish Lochgilphead Parish Church and hall received a boost this week thanks to enterprising knitters.

Members of the church's Knit and Natter Group, set up just over a year ago, have raised almost £1,000 through selling a range of their hand-knitted goods.

Creating their own Natter Knits brand, the knitters have been selling a range of scarves, shawls and socks to keep people warm this winter.

Proving popular with Mid Argyll customers, the business venture has raised £979 for the Lochgilphead Parish Church Renewal Fund.

Supporting the parish church's annual Christmas Coffee morning, members of the Knit and Natter Group also donated goods for the Christmas hamper.

The hamper was won by Cathleen MacDonald and raised a further £150 for church funds.

Community council AGM

THE ANNUAL general meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council saw Robert Millar re-elected as convenor and Betty Rhodick as vice convenor.

Iain Liddell will also retain his position as secretary of the community group, whilst Helen Rhodick

will remain the minute secretary. James Simpson will take up a new role as treasurer.

The election of office bearers took place on Monday evening at the December meeting of the community council.

The next meeting will take place on January 14.

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Còisir Ceann an Tuirc won Mull and Iona Shield as the best male voice choir at the Royal National Mòd in Falkirk.

Choir celebrates with album

A PRIZEWINNING Gaelic choir based in Mid Argyll, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012, has marked the occasion by recording the first album produced by a male voice Gaelic choir.

Còisir Ceann an Tuirc - translated as The Boar's Head Choir - takes its name from the crest of the Clan Campbell, which has its ancestral seat at Inveraray Castle.

And, in another first for the choir, four of the songs from its 14-track album, *Deich Bliadhna (Ten Years) of Còisir Ceann an Tuirc*, were recorded within Inveraray Castle by permission of choir supporter His Grace, the Duke of Argyll.

Deich Bliadhna was recorded by Finlay Wells of Nutshell Music in Oban. The album includes solos by choir members and conductor Joy Dunlop, a successful Gaelic singer in her own right and well-known Gaelic

teacher and broadcaster. Joy, who hails from Connel but now lives in Glasgow, said: 'I think it's fantastic that an Argyll-based choir has produced the first ever male voice Gaelic choir CD. The men of Còisir Ceann an Tuirc are a real pleasure to work with.'

Many of the choir members travel huge distances from places in Argyll as far afield as Carradale and Isle of Mull to attend the regular choir rehearsals held in Lochgilphead.

The choir, which won the Mull and Iona Shield as the best male voice choir at the Royal National Mòd in 2008, is made up of singers with an age range of 28 to 88.

The album has been recorded thanks to funding from Awards For All and Argyll and Bute Council's Third Sector Grant Scheme and is available to buy through www.joydunlop.com/shop, Highlander Music and local shops throughout Argyll.

School Christmas Fair success

THE MAIN Hall at Lochgilphead Joint Campus was transformed into a European market as the high school launched its Christmas Fair.

Selling food from Switzerland, Italy and Greece, youngsters set up shop to represent projects from different departments of the senior school.

Hand-made

Youngsters in the maths department sold hand-made Christmas gifts whilst the languages department sold foods from around the world.

The High School's 4XL programme also had a stall at the event.

Trading under the name Candescents, the S4 pupils sold candles they bought during a recent visit to Glasgow.

Bargains

Inviting members of the public and junior school pupils to the market, the main hall was filled with locals keen to pick up a bargain.

Santa also paid a quick visit to the market, meeting and getting his photograph taken with Lochgilphead Primary School pupils.



Elliot Lindsay was pleased as punch when he met Santa at Lochgilphead High School's Christmas Fair. 06_a50mark03



Aaron Boyd was all smiles when he met Santa last Friday. 06_a50mark04

Left: Lauren Royal and Rachael MacInder sold Christmas decorations on behalf of the Maths department. 06_a50mark01

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Pupils at Ashfield Primary School, trading under the name Ashfield Enterprise held a Christmas craft fair this week to raise money for a school trip. 06_a50ashfield01

£210 raised at craft fair

HOMEMADE candles, bird feeders, potted plants and cakes were just a few of the items on sale at Ashfield Primary School this week as the pupils held a Christmas craft fair.

Youngsters have been busy this term making crafts, which they were selling to make money for their new business venture, Ashfield Enterprise.

The youngsters got off to a great start and made £210 at the craft fair, which was put towards their class Christmas trip to the cinema in Oban last night (Thursday).

Ashfield Enterprise

was launched at the start of term and an accountant spoke to the children about managing their books. Each pupil was then given a role for running the business, which includes a managing director and accountant.

Headteacher Debbie Munro said: 'They have loved doing it and we had them work out how much the materials would cost and how much to charge so they could make a profit.'

The youngsters are hoping to continue their money making success when they set up shop at their Christmas panty, *The Lemonade Kid*, on December 17.

Dochas craft fair

A CHRISTMAS craft fair has this week raised vital funds for the Dochas Centre in Lochgilphead and the Kate McGlynn Holiday Home.

The fair, which was held in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Saturday, raised £663 for the two organisations.

The money will be used to plan special outings such as afternoon tea or swimming for

Mid Argyll carers, who are in need of a break.

Explaining carers rarely make time for themselves, Maggie McLaren, manager of the Dochas Centre, said: 'Carers often forget about themselves as they are more concerned about looking after the cared for person.'

Adapted

A portion of the funds will also be used to buy items for the Kate McG-

lynn Holiday Home, a house specially adapted to suit disabled people and their carers.

Maggie added: 'We would like to thank everyone who helped at the craft fair and to all those who supported us.'

For more information on the Dochas Carers Centre contact Maggie on 01546 602345 or for the Kate McGlynn Holiday Home call 07769873789.



The Robert Nairn Trio - Robert Nairn Alan Nairn and Ross Wilson - recently made their debut at the Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Good crowd at Inveraray

THE ROBERT Nairn Trio from Acharacle drew a strong crowd to the November meeting of the Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Making their debut at the Inveraray Club, the Robert Nairn trio played a very well rehearsed programme, which had a great west coast sound.

The Robert Nairn Trio - Robert on button box, his brother Alan on drums and Ross Wilson on keyboard - played 25 sets, whilst Robert also played a tune on his melodeon.

Supporting players at the November meet in-

cluded Fyne Folk, with Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod, Jake MacKay and Calum Satchel on fiddle, Ian Macaskill and Nick MacFarlane on accordion and Agnes Liddell on keyboard. Geoff Burton, Johnny Fisher and Alex MacKinnon played accordion, James MacArthur the melodeon and Alex and Arlene MacKechnie the fiddle and keyboard.

Jake MacKay played 'moothie', whilst Jimmy MacDonald and Margaret Burton the keyboard.

The great variety of music and instruments was much enjoyed.



Marion McNicol, Christine McDonald, Pat 'rudolph' McGuire, Dochas Centre manager Maggie McLaren, Stephanie Davy and Margaret Armour help serve up tea and cakes at the Christmas craft fair. 06_a50dochas01



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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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- 1 Down with something (4)
- 3 The absolute (8)
- 9 School (7)
- 10 Harder to find (5)
- 11 Frowning upon (12)
- 13 Split (6)
- 15 Higher than a bracelet (6)
- 17 Encompassed by kin? (6,6)
- 20 Bring up (5)
- 21 Carrion feeder (7)
- 22 Guiding (8)
- 23 An object here (4)

Down

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- 5 Unable to take it back (12)
- 6 Kind of gland (7)
- 7 Nobleman (4)
- 8 In order given (12)
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- 14 From Zanzibar (7)
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FORD

Double SWRI celebration

THE LADIES of Ford SWRI celebrated Christmas and Scotland in a recent change to format at their December meeting.

In the past the December weather has always thwarted the opportunity to meet in the evening so this year the group decided to meet during the day.

The women met with friends of Kilmartin SWRI in the Living Stones Hall to enjoy soup and sandwiches, followed by mince pies, tea and coffee. The women then watched a film, complete with popcorn. The film choice was *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, which proved to be both humorous and poignant, with a hint of Scotland at its best.

This was a new ven-

LOCH FYNESIDE



Four new elders were ordained in the congregation of Cumlodden, Lochfynside and Lochgair this month. Alison Hay, Karin Baird, Linda Biggar and Charlie Brown were ordained in the presence of the existing elders serving the church.

ture and, it was agreed, highly successful.

Sue Grocock of the Ford group said: 'We had time to relax, chat and enjoy the company of our neighbours without the worry of driv-

ing home in a dark and frosty night. It was a little oasis and an opportunity to pause before dealing with all the preparations which the Christmas season demands.'

LOCHGILPHEAD

them achieve their goals outside the classroom.

Innes Paterson, 25, will work with staff at Tarbert Academy and Tarbert Youth Group to help develop youth programmes in the village.

Employed by Argyll and Bute Council, Innes can be contacted at the academy.

LOCHGILPHEAD

New campus anti-litter campaign

LOCHGILPHEAD Joint Campus recently launched their Litter Less Campaign in a bid to dramatically reduce the amount of rubbish on campus and in the local area.

Pupils from the nursery, primary school and high school all participated in a range of activities to mark the start of the campaign last week.

Nursery children took part in a litter pick within the grounds of the campus, whilst members of the primary school's eco-committee prepared and presented an assembly to P1-7 pu-

pils, detailing the effects of litter on the local environment and wildlife.

Biology students in S3 also researched the effects of litter and created imaginative displays to present their findings. S1 pupils also conducted a litter survey in the school.

GLENDARUEL

Walking Theatre visits Malta

THE WALKING Theatre Company (TWTC) recently swapped walking boots for flip-flops, as the thespians headed off to Malta.

TWTC's artistic director, Sadie Dixon-Spain, met with a number of professionals from the Maltese performing arts sector, making some great connections and discussing future collaborations.

Sadie said: 'Malta is a place of sun and laughter and great potential, extraordinary sites and an open door for a touch of Walking Theatre.'

'We'll be walking all over the world in no time.'

KILMARTIN



Imogen celebrates 12th birthday on 12/12/12

Kilmartin girl Imogen Moody celebrated an unusual birthday this week as she turned 12 on 12/12/12. Imogen, a pupil of Lochgilphead High School, celebrated the special occasion with her family and friends on Wednesday.

TARBERT

Guild marks 125th birthday

MEMBERS of Tarbert and Kilberry Church of Scotland Guild recently held a nostalgia afternoon to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the guild.

Some ladies were presented with long-service certificates at the event, whilst members of neighbouring church guilds joined in the celebrations.

Donations were also collected for the Tarbert Church Restoration Fund.

New youth work assistant

A NEW youth work assistant has been appointed to work with young people in Tarbert to help

LOCHGAIR



Members of the Lochgair Association browsed the goods on offer at their silent auction.

A SILENT auction took place recently at Lochgair Hotel.

Organised by Lochgair Association, jewellery, paintings and many useful household items were donated by villagers and put up for sale. Despite heavy rain on the night more than £300 was raised, which will be used to fund village improvements.

GRADUATION



Scott MacBrayne of Southend, Campbeltown recently commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He will serve as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Scott is the son of Campbell and Mairi MacBrayne, Southend.

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Billy Currie and Jeanne Macalister open up Glenbarr Abbey to the public and spend a lot of time decorating the various rooms.
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Christmas at Glenbarr Abbey

FOR a number of years now Glenbarr Abbey has been opening its doors not just over the summer season but also for two weekends over Christmas. The Abbey is flooded with Christmas decorations and with the fire roaring and Santa visiting it is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Teas and coffees
The Mairi Semple Fund also put on teas and coffees to raise funds, and a band played a variety of tunes.



James Mclean and Rosie Brodrick next to one of the many Christmas decorations. 20_c50abbey04



Christmas decorations from within the house. 20_c50abbey07



Ken Bryce did the dishes on Sunday for the Mairi Semple Fund. 20_c50abbey05



Gus and Ian McAllister and Roger Gillespie provided the music throughout the afternoons. 20_c50abbey02

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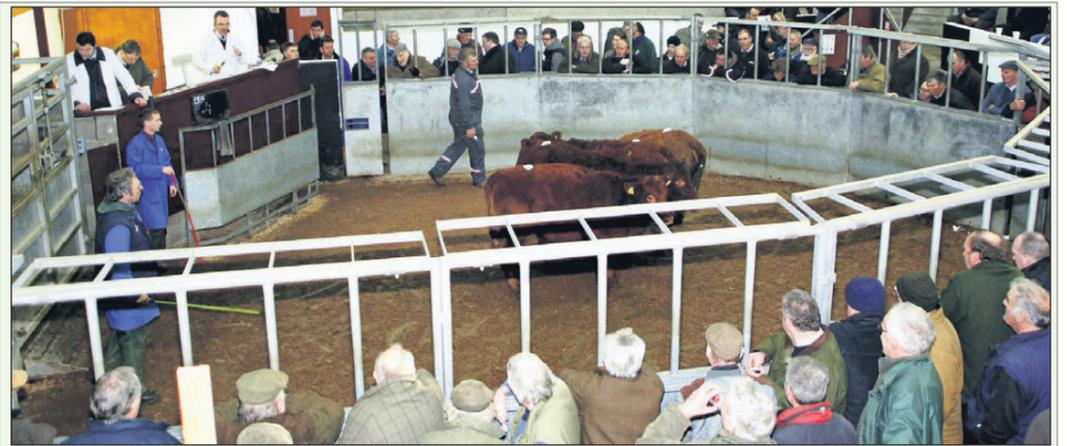
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A good ringside of buyers ensured all classes of cattle sold at top rates.

A show of calves was judged by Mr Tony Miller, High Gameshill, Dalry and he selected a Limousin heifer from M/

s Anderson, Tulloch, Killin as his champion, with a bullock from the same home as reserve.

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Rain fails to dampen the Christmas spirit at Tarbert lights switch on

RESIDENTS in Tarbert did not let heavy rain dampen their Christmas spirit when they turned out to watch the village Christmas lights switched on on Saturday night.

As the rain lashed down, the evening's entertainment was moved from around the Christmas tree on Harbour Street to shelter by Tarbert Hotel.

Entertained

The crowd were entertained by carols sang by local school children and served warming cups of

homemade soup and mulled wine by staff at the Tarbert Hotel.

Catriona Hood, headteacher at Tarbert Academy, was given the honour of turning on the lights, with the crowd joining in the count down before the entire street and Christmas tree were lit up at 6pm.

Earlier in the day Santa stopped by Tarbert's Templar's Hall to visit young dookers at the village's annual Christmas Craft Fair, which was in full swing with a variety of gifts on sale.



Local school children were not put off by the rain as they sang Christmas carols to the crowd. 06_a50tarbertlights02



Catriona Hood, who turned on the Christmas lights this year, with chair of Tarbert Enterprise Company John Hardie.



Cara and John McTaggart, John MacDougal and Jack and Ella MacNab were not put off by the cold weather at the Christmas lights switch on. 06_a50tarbertlights10



Three year-old Connor Dunn was with Vivienne Barker at the Christmas lights switch on in Tarbert on Saturday night.

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Below: Arin Tierney was getting ready for Santa as she watch the lights getting turned on with her grandparents, Margaret and Brendan.

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Andrew Henderson watched the lights get turned on with his three children, Murray, Jodie and Courtney. 06_a50tarbertlights04

Tarbert shops host late night opening event

DOZENS of people kick started their Christmas shopping in Tarbert last Thursday as local shops hosted a late night opening event.



Santa's little helpers were hard at work serving a steady stream of customers at Loch Fyne Gallery. L-R: Rose Richmond, Sarah Weir, Steve Bleasby, Rae Bleasby and Gina Chicken. 06_a50gall03

Loch Fyne Gallery, Rag Doll, Argyll Gift Shop, Tarbert Yacht Chandlery and the Harbour Gallery all opened their doors to friends and neighbours in search of the perfect gift.

Offering shoppers a glass of wine and a mince pie, people socialised as they browsed shops for art, jewellery, books, sailing equipment and clothes.

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Entries are being accepted until the end of January and with the with frosty winter weather rolling in, there's plenty of opportunity to have your skills showcased.

This week, we present the first of the images to impress our judges. You can vote for your favourite by sending a text to 88010 using the keyword POY followed by the code below your favourite photograph.

For example, if the number below your photograph is 123, your message would read POY 123.

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To submit your own photographs for the competition, log on to our website at www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk/poy.

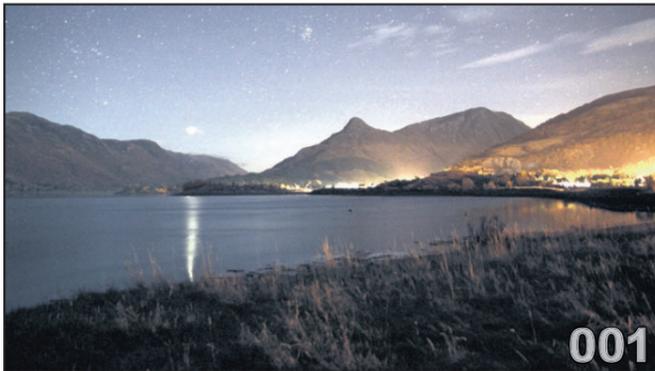
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Clare Bryden, Taynuilt: 'Our 7 month old daughter's introduction to the landscape in which she will grow up - Glen Lonan, Taynuilt.' t48bryden1no



001

Alasdair MacDonald of West Laroach: The Pap of Glencoe at night. t47alasdairglencoe1no



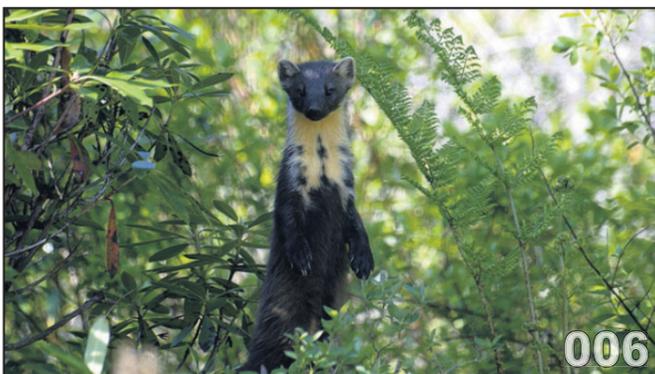
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Ross McNab: Scottish Sea Farm's site at Charlotte's Bay. t47mcnab1no



003

Jane Knowles: Lochgilphead Sunrise. t48jknowles1no



006

Hazel Moran, Appin: Pine Martin in the wild Argyll, summer 2012. t49hmoanpine1no



007

Michael Tart, Gigha: Islay ferry Finlaggan rounding the North end Of Gigha Saturday. t49martfin1no



008

Tom Campbell, Motherwell: Early morning overlooking Ailsa Craig Ayrshire/ Galloway coast from Macharioch Shore. t49campbell1no



005

Wullie Rodger, Soroba Road, Oban: 'Taken at the raft race on Gigha on the last Saturday of July this year, shows the best of community spirit that is still alive in this part of the country.' t48wullierodgergigha1no



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AMATEUR photographers across the West Highlands and Islands are being urged to get snapping with the launch of Wyvex Media's Photo of the Year competition.

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PLANNING

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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
12/02130/PP	Alterations and repairs to existing pier and extension to slipway (part retrospective)	Portachoilan Clachan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XN	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/02551/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access	Land 220 Metres North West of Barmulloch Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

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

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COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION

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Placing requests for session beginning August 2013 should be sent to the Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708560) by 15 March 2013 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education

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

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 31 December 2012.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2013, 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 31 December 2012.

CLELAND SNEDDON, Executive Director - Community Service

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (LOCHEND STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY ONE-WAY OPERATION) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday 10th December 2012, Argyll and Bute Council have made an Order in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a one-way operation on that section of Lochend Street, Campbeltown which extends from its junction with Milkknowe (A83) to its junction with Kinloch Road, a distance of 80 metres or thereby. The permitted direction of travel will be northeasterly.

The restriction is necessary due to the likelihood of danger to the public on the grounds of road safety following the recent alterations to the road layout and the introduction of new traffic restrictions within the vicinity.

The Order will be effective from 0001 hours on the 17th December 2012, until 2359 hours on the 14th February 2014, or until a permanent Order supersedes whichever is the earliest.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

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Personal Notices

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

From Angie and John, to all our family and many friends who helped us to celebrate our "Big 60th" and for all the presents, cards and good wishes. Also to all who joined us at Tangy Lodge on our "open days". We really do appreciate all your friendship over the years and especially at this time. We do hope you enjoyed the chat and fellowship as much as we did. Thanks you all so much again. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and trouble free New Year.

Angie and John.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY KENNETH



Love,
Mum, Dad, Keith, Kirsti, Martin, Abbie, Rianne & Louisa.

Ebbie and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and help during her illness and to wish you all a Merry Xmas and Peaceful New Year.

ALISON DAVIS



Congratulations on your 'Big 40'
With love from Mum and Dad xx



Jessie Lewis
Drumlembie
Happy 93rd Birthday
Lots of love from Dorothy, Mildred, Robert & all the family
xxx

John Graham Happy 70th Birthday Dad



All our love,
Mum, Kirsteen, Jennifer, John, Susan, partners, grandchildren & great grandson.

Happy 50th Papa Duggie
You're simply the best!
Lots of love, Quinn XX

Happy 21st Birthday David



Love, Mum, Dad & Seona
xxx

MACBRAYNE

Jessie would like to thank everyone, most sincerely, for the gifts, cards, flowers and messages she received on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

ROBERTSON – BLACK – On December 14, 1962, at Lome Street Church, by Rev JWHood, Lawrence to Mary. With love from all the family.

DEATHS

BARR – William McKinlay Barr, MRCVS (Veterinary Surgeon), peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital on Friday, December 7, 2012, in his 89th year, of Duisdale, Lochgilphead. Funeral service will be held at Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, by Lochgilphead, on Friday, December 14 at 12 noon. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to RNLI. Cremation service will take place at Inverness Crematorium on Monday, December 17 at 1.30pm.

HENDRY – On December 6, 2012, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Duncan Hendry, formerly of Inveraray Post Office, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Anna and much loved father of Allan, Janice and Gregor, father-in-law of Richard, Gale and May Louise, dear brother of Allan and a dearly loved papa and great papa. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on December 13, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

MACMILLAN – Peacefully, at Peacock Nursing Home, Livingston, on December 1, 2012, John A B MacMillan, in his 84th year, eldest son of the late Malcolm and Agnes McMillan, 100 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown.

MACNAUGHTON – Peacefully, after a long illness, borne bravely, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 10, 2012, with her family by her side, Mary Margaret MacNaughton, née Cameron, of 5 Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Ian, much loved mum of Mairie, Catherine, Kirsty and the late Fiona and adored nannie of George, Lucas, Cameron, Eilidh, Ruairaidh, Colin, Ryan and Cara. A much respected mother-in-law. A dear sister of Morag. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Saturday, December 15 at 9.00am, followed by a service and interment at Acharacle Parish Church at 2.00pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, to MS Centre, Mid Argyll.

REYNOLDS – Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 11, 2012, Joyce Reynolds, née Thornton, aged 87 years, of 2 Meadows Road, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Donald S Reynolds, much loved mother of Wendy and Phillip and gran to Faith, Lois, David, Samantha and Seth. Funeral service will be held in Donald MacDonald's Funeral Parlour, Lome Street, Lochgilphead, on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 10.00am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ROBB – On December 7, 2012, peacefully at home, Duncan Clark MacLean Robb, formerly of Ormsary and Eurach, Ford, in his 72nd year, beloved son of the late

David and Mary Robb, much loved father of Duncan, David and Fiona, a dearly loved brother, uncle and father-in-law and dear friend of Cathie. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, (today) Friday, December 14, at 10.15am, thereafter to memorial service at Ardrishaig Parish Church at 2.00pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection, if desired, for Macmillan Cancer Support.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COLVILLE – Peter would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness and for the many cards and flowers received following the sad loss of Rosie. Special thanks to the staff at Gartnavel Hospital, Agnes Stewart for a personal and comforting service, David McEwan for the beautiful music at the church and Alasdair Blair for efficient funeral arrangements. Thank you to everyone who attended the service. The retiral collection raised a fantastic amount of £976.

MACKAY – John, Barbara and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and baking, following the sad loss of their mother, Catherine. Thanks to Dr Norrie, staff of the Acute Ward, district and Macmillan nurses, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services and the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Sincere thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside, and to everyone for donations to Lorne and the Lowland Church.

SHARP – Harry and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and for the many cards and telephone calls of sympathy and help in this sad time, at the loss of Joan Sharp, who will not be forgotten and loved always. Thank you to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for the service at Lochfyneside Parish Church and rendition of how Joan and I met, and have been together for 60 years, and the service at Cardross crematorium. Also for the service and attention of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN – Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Deep are the memories Precious they stay No passing of time Can take them away.

- Agnes Granpa, you are still missed.
- George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jamie.
BROWN – In loving memory of my dad, Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Forever in our hearts.
- Fiona and Alasdair.

CAMERON – In loving memory of Richard Cameron, devoted husband, father, seanaid and great seanaid, who died on December 15, 2006.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

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

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of Marion McKenzie Campbell, who died on December 19, 2009.

If we could have a lifetime wish A dream that would come true We'd pray to God with all our heart For yesterday and you A thousand words can't bring you back We know because we've tried And neither will a million tears We know because we've cried. You left behind our broken hearts And happy memories too We never wanted memories We only wanted you. Forever in our thoughts and sadly missed by her husband Archie and daughters, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and their families.

The brightest star in the sky. **DUFFY** – In memory of a dear friend and fellow fisherman, Craig. Thoughts today, Memories forever. - TT Boys.

MACGREGOR – In loving memory of a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died on December 18, 1999. Also a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died on April 8, 1982. Always in our thoughts. - From all the family.

MACIVER – Billy, December 14, 2007. It's now five years and I think it's a lie That time would ease my loss when you had to die The missing you and loving you grows deeper every day My life's never been the same since you went away. Love you my Daddy. - Your Trina.

MCALPINE – In loving memory if a dear dad and papa, passed away December 15, 2011. Remembering you is easy Dad, I do it every day, and missing you is something that will never go away. - Donnie, Fiona and Ross.

MCALPINE – Duncan. In memory of Dad, died December 15, 2011, and Mum, Bella, died July 18, 2002. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you are always there. - From Mary and James.

In memory of Papa and Gran. Although we smile and make no fuss, No-one misses you more than us, And when old times are oft recall, That's when we miss you most of all.

- Jamie-Duncan and Pam. Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure, Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Andrew.

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair l/w
Glenaray and Inveraray
Church Services 16 December - all welcome!

Charity Nos. SC016097 and SC016665
Joint Family Christmas Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am mulled wine and mince pies after the service children start with Messy Church at 10.30 am in the Hall Christmas party with Santa after the service prize draw of the 'Sheep Trail'

Joint Carols by Candlelight service in Lochgair Church at 6.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 16th December, 2012
Glassary, 10am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Family Service
Wednesday, 19th December Ford Church 7p.m.
Christingle Service
All welcome
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 16th December 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Wednesday 19th December 2012
Messy Christmas From 4.30pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 16 December 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Stan Holloway "God shall make a way"
Thursday 20 December 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 16 December
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Morning worship
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknnapdalecofs

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2012
11.00 am Advent Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
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with Sunday School
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Youth Group
7:30 – 9:00 pm
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at The Old Manse
Baby & Toddler Group
10:00 – 11:45 am
every Thursday (term-time)
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 16th December
11.30am: Sunday School (for 5-8 years old)
12.45pm: Worship Service
4.00pm:
Jesus – Light of the World
Rev Prof Bob Akroyd
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 16th December 2012
11.15am Morning Service
Rev. Catriona Hood
Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Friday, 14th December (Today)
Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - 12:00 noon
Sunday, 16th December
Third Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
(Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Campbeltown Churches Together Christmas Service
In Machrihanish Village Hall - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 18th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 20th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible study & Prayer Meeting

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 16th December 2012
Tarbert Service 11.45am
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Nativity Play
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Rev Tommy Bryson
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Sunday 16th December 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Dr J L Morrison OBE
Carsaig Bay
Wednesday 19th December 2012
10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 16th December 2012
The Third Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
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Dunadd shinty team celebrate end of season

THERE were celebrations all round for the ladies of Dunadd Camanachd as they held their end of season party.

The ladies shinty team, which finished third in the South Division two league this year, marked the end of 2012 with a prize giving evening.

Prizewinners for season 2012 were: Player of the season: Iona Campbell, player's player of the season: Lorne Wilson, most improved player of the season: Emily Brown, top goal scorer: Roslyn McGuinness, joint player of the season for the South Division 2 by the Women's Camanachd Association:

Iona Campbell. The women will take a break from training until January and will start the 2013 shinty season in March.

Girls aged 12 and over, who are keen to play shinty are welcome to attend the Dunadd Camanachd training in January and try it out. Training is on a Tuesday night at 6pm at the astro pitch, Lochgilphead.

Dunadd Camanachd would like to thank Donald MacDonald Joiners for being strip sponsor this season and to everyone who supported the team in 2012. It is greatly appreciated.



Joe Payne, right, chases Neil Wilson during the rugby festival. 06_a50rugby03

Youngsters flock to rugby festival

MORE than 130 youngsters from across Mid Argyll descended on Lochgilphead last week for the 2012 Rugby Festival.

Children in P4-7 classes took part in the event, designed to get young people interested in the sport.

The event, organised by Argyll and Bute rugby development officer Allan Wright, follows a programme of rugby in Mid Argyll primary schools, which saw children take part in taster sessions.

Children from

Lochgilphead, Ashfield, Achahoish, Kilmartin, Minard, Furnace and Inveraray primaries took part in the festival, whilst S6 PE students from Lochgilphead High helped run the event.

Experience

Allan, who put the S6 students through a Rugby Ready course, said the event was an excellent way of giving the high school students experience in coaching and leadership, whilst encouraging primary school children to take part in the sport.

He said: 'It was really

successful. The non-competitive element of it makes it enjoyable for all as there are no winners or losers - it is about having fun.

'The children were all mixing well with kids from other schools and that's particularly important for the primary sevens as they will be moving to high school next year.'

Mini rugby for children in P3-7 will begin again on January 22. The rugby coaching sessions run from 4-5pm on Tuesdays at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

RED STAR UNDER 16S

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a tight angle after some excellent wing play by Coates on the right hand side.

This seemed to start a period of some hasty challenges coming from both sets of players, with Coates and Lenzie's number three and five going into the referee's book.

Star were caught napping as Lenzie almost scored their first of the game but for the alert McCulloch who produced an excellent one-handed save from the Lenzie number eight who managed to find space at the edge of the box.

Star again got the ball down and scored their fourth and final goal of the game with Hendry

grabbing an impressive hat trick.

In the final minutes of the match the referee was forced to abandon the game after punches were thrown by both sides, which lead to a Thistle player being red carded.

The Lenzie manager withdrew his players from the pitch, abandoning the match.

Both sides will have to wait for a decision from the Regional Cup committee to find out who goes through to the fourth round of the cup.

The under 16s were due to play Milngavie FC tomorrow (Saturday) but the match was postponed as Milngavie FC have to replay a game in the regional cup.



Star's Ewan Dudding drives the home side forward in a heated match against Lenzie Colts Thistle FC. 06_a50under16s02



The Dunadd Camanachd shinty team got together to celebrate their successful season.

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Competition Rules
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Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw with numbers 2, 15 and 16 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £600.



THE WINNERS of this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw were Gail Robertson and Graham Prentice. They won £150 each with the numbers 2, 5 and 11. Next week's jackpot will return to £100.



THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty lottery draw were 6, 12 and 20. There was no winner, which takes next week's jackpot up to £900.

Under 14s' cup action

RED STAR under 14s are hoping to progress through to the next round of the Regional Cup when they take on Carbrain Sky FC on Sunday.

The second round tie has been reversed after three postponements in Cumbernauld. The match kicks off at 10am.

Defence of title

RED STAR AFC is in cup action this weekend as the Lochgilhead side starts the defence of their Coronation Cup title.

The side hope to have another impressive run in the cup after winning last year and will take on Millerston Thistle AFC in the first round tomorrow (Saturday).

The match kicks off at 2pm at Ropework Park, with John Scott as referee.

Last Saturday's game against league leaders Easthall AFC was called off due to a frozen pitch.

Cammy the youngest pro to be awarded coaching badge



Cammy MacDonald, pictured left, of Lochgilhead, has become the youngest professional footballer, at 22 years old, to be awarded a top coaching diploma by the SFA.

A PROFESSIONAL footballer from Lochgilhead has become the youngest ever player to be awarded a top coaching qualification from the Scottish Football Association (SFA).

Airdrie FC defender Cammy MacDonald has completed an extensive coaching programme with the SFA, which has led to him successfully passing the Scottish FA UEFA Basic Licence Diploma.

At 22 he is the youngest Scottish professional player to be awarded the qualification, which he

can add to his personal trainer portfolio and football coaching certification from Coerver. The player has been able to complete the extensive programme after a hamstring injury has forced him to miss several games.

Now, the Division One player hopes the qualification will benefit him in the sport and leisure industry in the future.

But, as the winter kicks in his main priority is to keep fit and injury free so he can get some more games under his belt in 2013.

FOOTBALL

Regional Cup Lochgilhead Red Star YFC U16s - 4 Lenzie Colts Thistle FC - 0

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star under 16s put in an impressive performance in the third round of the Regional Cup but the match was abandoned in the final minutes after a fight broke out on the pitch.

Star started brightly but were a little sloppy with the ball before MacCallum and Moore swapped positions on the two-minute mark. This seemed to settle the Star team as they began to put more pressure on the Lenzie goal, with both Dudding and MacCallum coming close.

With 25 minutes on the clock Star broke the deadlock with good inter play between Coates and Deans. The latter played an excellent ball through for Hendry to race in on goal and make no mistake from close range.

McCulloch in goal had to be alert after a series of corners were forced by the Lenzie side. However the Star defence of Galbraith, Moore, Gibson and MacVicar made sure the home side did not concede a late goal before half time. **Half Time: Lochgilhead Red Star 1 v Lenzie Colts Thistle 0**

It did not take long for Star to score their second goal with MacCallum and Deans playing a neat one two before a Dudding's pass released Hendry. He did not waste his chance slotting the ball in to the left hand corner of the net. It was Lewis Mahaffey who scored the third, with a great finish from **Continued on page 23.**



Bob McColl and his teenage prodigies James McLean, 15, Niall Wilson, 15 and Euan MacDonald, 17, won the team contest of Tarbert Gun Club's December shoot.

Winter league shoot

ALMOST 60 shooters descended on Barmore Shooting Ground on Sunday as they fought to increase their points in Tarbert Gun Club's winter league.

Taking part in the December leg of the competition, dozens of shooters from across Argyll took part in the team contest in almost perfect weather conditions.

Despite the good weather only one team

managed to increase their score from the last round and that was a group of teenagers and their long-past teenage captain Bob McColl.

The sporting targets proved difficult for a lot of shooters including some very experienced captains.

It was the youngsters that won the day, with Donald Ferguson from Kilmichael making first place in his class, up on

his second place finish in last month's shoot, whilst teenagers Niall Wilson and Euan MacDonald also won their classes.

Results: Class A: 1. Ally McDonnell and Andrew McDonald, 2. Bob McColl. Class B: 1. Niall Wilson, 2. Stewart MacAllister, 3. Norman MacDonald. Class C: 1. Euan MacDonald, 2. Hugh McLean, 3. Craig Samborek. Class D: 1. Bill Bidmead, 2. Archie MacGilp, 3. John Cupples. Class E: 1. Donald Ferguson, 2. Archie Currie, 3. David Johnson.

Teams: 1. Bob McColl, Niall Wilson, Euan MacDonald, Shuan Johnson and James McLean. 2. John Paton, Lynn MacDonald, Craig Samborek, Michael Harvey and Donald Ferguson.

Community backs new football team

A NEW football team in Mid Argyll is going from strength to strength as it gains the support of the local community.

Lochfyneside Football Club was established in October and in just a few weeks has secured vital sponsorship.

The club, which hopes to compete in the Scottish Amateur Football League Division 1B next season, are being sponsored by WD Semple and David's of Inveraray, who will buy the team's football kits.

Now, the team are looking into various funding options with the hope of raising more than £2,000 to purchase training equipment

and cover the daily costs of running the club.

Dillan Spencer, who was inspired to start the club after he thought West Loch Fyne could benefit from another sport, said the future of the club looked bright but there was still a lot to do.

'We are definitely on the right track and we hope to get some friendly matches on the go in the New Year,' he said. 'There are around 30 lads turning up to training each week which is great and we aim to make it as fun as possible. There are definitely improvements within the team.'

The team trains on their home pitch at Furnace every Sunday

and at Inveraray Drill Hall on a Wednesday evening, with manager Jim Divers and coach Alan Smeaton.

The club is keen to get more young people coming along to their sessions, with the hope of establishing a youth side in the future.

Dillan said: 'At the moment we have five young people at our training sessions and we are keen for more to come along. Once the senior side is up and running we are hoping to develop this further.'

People interested in joining the football team should attend one of the training sessions.

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