



Light delays have nerves jingling all over Argyll

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TWINKLING trees have been lighting up across Mid Argyll over the past few weeks but the switch-on ceremonies have been far from straightforward.

Argyll and Bute Council employed Paisley-based outside contractors to fit the lights across the region. But with the contractors not arriving until shortly before the lights were expected to be illuminated, many organisers feared their events would have to be cancelled and communities let down.

Although all lights were fitted in time and ready for the main event, it was only just in the nick of time for some places.

Jimmy Litster, an organiser of the Lochgilhead lights switch-on, said: 'It wasn't ideal. The time factor meant that work on the Christmas lights was still going on while the entertainment was progressing, but in these economic times, with

cutbacks through- out the area, I am well aware that things can- not run as smoothly as perhaps they did some years ago.'

Iain Macaskill, chair of Inveraray Commu- nity Council, com- mented on the experi- ence had in Inveraray: 'It was far from plain sailing. The contrac- tors were first class, and we appreciate the council organising them, but they had not been equipped with the information they need- ed. We were disap- pointed by the lack of communication from the council with them and us. It all came to- gether on the night, but only just.'

It was a similar story in Ardrishaig and Tar- bert, with everything being left to the last minute.

Margaret MacNeill, one of Tarbert's orga- nisers said: 'We were worried sick about whether the lights would actually be on the tree in time.



Cadet Emma hones hose skills

Cadets all the way from Falkirk learned a few tricks of the trade recently from firefighters at Lochgilhead Community Fire Station. Pictured above, firefighter Anthony Cassie looks on as cadet Emma Petrie tries her hand at operating a fire hose. Full story on page 5.

There was a serious lack of communication but the lights went on perfectly, in time and co-ordinated.'

Ardrishaig commu- nity councillor, Jeanette Laughton said: 'Sat- urday night went re- ally well but the run-

up was quite stressful. The lights did not go on the tree until after 3pm on Saturday – that was nail biting. They finished just before the switch on time. The most difficult thing about the work going out to contractors is the

lack of the liaison be- tween ourselves and the council. We have no idea who we should contact in case of prob- lems. The whole thing has become very im- personal.'

A spokesman for Ar- gyll and Bute Coun-

cil said: 'The evenings went fine in terms of the switch ons and the lights being turned on at the correct times. How- ever, the council will be investigating the prob- lems to prevent them from happening again in the future.'

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Patients are feeling the effects of 'pressures' on Mid Argyll dentists

PROBLEMS filling a vacant post have left dentistry services at Mid Argyll Hospital creaking under the strain.

Patients at the Lochgilphead practice claim they have been advised to register with dental practices in either Tarbert or Oban after

a full-time dentist was lost to the hospital. Lochgilphead resident Malcolm Crooks is signed up with the Mid Argyll Hospital

practice and told the *Advertiser*: 'This is ridiculous. How can I get to Tarbert or Oban on the bus? I am disabled so this is virtually impossible for me.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership confirmed a part-time dentist post has been advertised. He said: 'A dentist who was on secondment has now taken up a perma-

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nent post in Campbeltown.

'We have been given government approval to recruit a new dentist for three days per week and have advertised this post three times with no applicants coming forward. We are therefore exploring other avenues to promote this vacancy.'

He added: 'The practice in Mid Argyll continues to operate and patients have not been told they must travel elsewhere for treatment. They have, however, been made aware of other options which may assist them getting treated quicker.'

'Any patient who requires emergency den-

tal care will be seen as soon as possible and we have also employed a part-time locum dentist to provide routine care for children who were registered with the dentist who is now working in Campbeltown. We are putting together a letter for all patients registered with the dentist who has left so that these patients are made aware of the current situation.'

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Driver arrested after routine checks

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This revealed the man was wanted on a court warrant.

He was arrested and found to have a small amount of canna-

bis in his possession. He was held in custody for court the following day and issued with a recorded police warning for the drugs offence.

Windscreen cracked in Lochgilphead

THE WINDSCREEN of a red Volvo car, parked off MacBrayne's Lane, Lochgilphead, was cracked sometime

between 4.30pm on Saturday December 3 and 2.30pm on Sunday December 4. Police are appealing for witnesses.

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MAYDS joins youngsters in pushing for skatepark

MID ARGYLL Youth Development Services (MAYDS) is joining forces with another group pressing for a skate and bike park in the area.

With funding available to the group and a clear demand for such a facility, the only obstacle to MAYDS is securing land.

MAYDS has spent thousands of pounds hiring consultation firms to help it draw up plans on four occasions, all of which failed to materialise for various reasons.

It has put forward plans and placed bids on pieces of land that have been left derelict or are in need of upgrading, including the old Lochgilphead Primary School site,

Kilmory Home Farm, King George V park in Ardrishaig and the site next door to its building on Manse Brae, which would have meant anything built there would have been fully supervised.

Fiona Kalache, MAYDS manager, said: 'The council wants us to show we have the money but no funder is going to actually give us the money until we have secured a piece of land.'

Councillor Dougie Philand is in support of MAYDS' proposals and said: 'This is something the young people of the area have wanted for some time, I have in the past gone to the school with PC Richard Barrie to discuss this and there was

a real enthusiasm for this.

'I have and am continuing to work with the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services to look at securing land for this very project. To date we have not been successful but I will continue to help the group.'

There appears to be plenty of local support for a facility that would allow youngsters to take part in action sports in a safe and fun environment.

Councillor Donald McMillan said: 'I am all in favour of anything that would be entertaining to the young people.'

An online petition for a skatepark has now seen close to 14,000 signatures and



MAYDS has invited the group of teenagers behind this petition to look at its plans in the hope that they can work together to achieve their common goal of having a skate and bike park in Mid Argyll.

Men arrested in Furnace cannabis raid

TWO ARRESTS were made during a police drugs raid in Furnace last week.

Officers made their move on Monday, the focus of attention understood to be a shed in the vicinity.

Investigations on the scene continued later into the week.

A spokesman for Police Scotland said: 'At about 2.30pm on Monday November 28, police were carrying out inquiries at a premises in Furnace when an alleged cannabis cultivation was discovered.'

'Subsequently two men, aged 27 and 42, were arrested and charged.'

'A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

Police warning over scam calls

MID ARGYLL police have been made aware of members of the public getting telephone calls from people informing them they have won money.

The caller explains that to collect the money, the person is required to buy

vouchers and then pass the voucher reference numbers to the caller when they call back.

Scammed

An elderly woman in Tarbert has recently been scammed out of several hundred pounds this way.

Sergeant Iain Mac-

Nicol of Lochgilphead police said: 'Do not be duped into sending money or giving out reference numbers to vouchers that you are told you have to buy.'

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ONE OF the hottest tickets at next month's Celtic Connections festival will feature a band from Argyll.

After huge success three years ago with their outstanding 'Ascension' performance at the festival, current Grade One champion of champions Inveraray and District Pipe Band will once again grace the stage at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Also on the bill are Breton pipe band favourites, Bagad Kemper.

Tickets are selling fast for the concert, to be held on Saturday January 28, starting at 12.30pm. Book your tickets by calling the box office on 0141 353 8000.

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Inveraray parking charge scheme heads for hearing

COUNCILLORS this week avoided giving the green light to year-round car parking charges for Inveraray.

At a Wednesday meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles area committee, local members stopped short of giving the scheme the go-ahead.

Councillors heard that two objections were received by Argyll and Bute Council after the proposals were made public in June. Objectors contended that all-year-



Free Inveraray winter parking – but not for long. 08_a50inparking03

round charges would have a detrimental impact on the local economy and that residents who live within the conservation area of Inveraray would be unfairly penalised.

At its February budget meeting, Argyll and Bute Council approved the introduction of year-round charging in car parks, including all Inveraray car parks, as part of the 'Service Choices' programme of budget cuts. The area committee was delegat-

ed to approve or reject the resulting new traffic order.

In a paper in front of the committee, the reasons for moving from seasonal to all-year charges were said to be in line with the council's decision, bringing Inveraray in line with other busy tourist areas in Argyll and Bute.

In a split vote on Wednesday, area committee members decided that the matter should go to a hearing, though no further details were discussed.

Council consults on the unknown budget

WITH funding certain to be even tighter over the next year and millions more to save, Argyll and Bute Council is asking the people how we want to see scarce cash spent.

Ahead of setting its budget for 2017/18 in February, the local authority has begun a public consultation – despite the fact that nobody yet knows how much will be

available to spend. Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'Eighty per cent of our funding is provided by the Scottish Government.

'We do not yet know what our funding allocation will be for 2017/2018. This will not be announced by the Scottish Government until later in December.

'However, we must set our budget in February 2017.

Have your say on where money should be spent

'We are using this time therefore to seek the views of our communities on what matters most about the role and services of the council. We have already made millions of pounds of savings over recent years. We have taken on board ideas from our communities in transforming how we work. We

have identified a further £1.4 million of efficiency savings for 2017/18 without impact on communities.'

He added: 'We will do as much as we possibly can with whatever resources we have. We will make no more savings than absolutely necessary. We will listen to what you tell us.

'These are the tough-

est of times for councils. Please do take a few minutes to tell us what matters most to you.'

The consultation is available online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture. Printed copies will be available in libraries and customer service points from week beginning December 12 or by calling 01546 604171. The consultation runs until January 9.

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Lochgilphead firefighters welcome Falkirk cadets

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ers army cadets from Falkirk to Lochgilphead fire station as part of their two-star Cadet and Community qualification.

The cadets learned about the different jobs undertaken by the fire service. They were shown key lifesaving skills and how to remove a motorbike helmet from an injured biker. After a lecture and station tour, the cadets were very interested in learning about the equipment

on the fire engine - and had great fun blasting the fire hose.

Duncan, a retained firefighter, is the new watch manager for Lochgilphead, having taken over from watch manager David Stewart.

Starting as a retained firefighter, Duncan began his fire service career 34 years ago in Lochgilphead Fire Station. From there he joined the full-time fire service and worked in Glasgow for 20 years, spending the past 10 years at Oban Community Fire Station.

Scottish Fire and Rescue is currently campaigning for new retained firefighters, and Duncan, now retired



The cadets get to grips with a fire hose.



Pictured with the cadets group are Lochgilphead firefighters, left to right, Matthew MacMillan, Christopher Crawford, Duncan Litster and Adam Barclay.



Anthony Cassie demonstrates some of the lifesaving equipment carried on fire and rescue appliances.

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The light before Christmas

AS IF Christmas wasn't stressful enough, the organisers of festive switch-ons around Argyll have really been put through the wringer.

After organising the whole event, these public-spirited souls really should have been able to put on their slippers and have a glass of sherry by the time Santa's little helpers pressed the plunger to turn on the lights.

Not this year.

For whatever reason, the contractor employed by Argyll and Bute Council to put up the lights turned up for every event at the very last minute.

The Lochgilphead event was on the verge of being called off by lunchtime on the day of the switch-on due to lack of communication. In the event, workers were still putting up the lights on the Dochas tree as kids sang next to the cherry-picker.

It all turned out alright in the end, of course.

This needless stress of all this has nothing to do with the contractors, and everything to do with Argyll and Bute Council, which issued the contract.

Presumably the job was awarded based partly on price – never mind the fact that the chosen supplier is located 80 miles from Lochgilphead.

There are clearly more serious issues in Argyll and Bute, but if this moderate fiasco is anything to go by, we can look forward to interesting times as council service cuts bite ever deeper.

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Togetherness is the way forward

Sir,
The work was completed (just), the lights came on (most of them), the children and adults had fun and Lochgilphead is now gearing up for Christmas.

It wasn't ideal. The time factor meant that work on the Christmas lights was still going on while the entertainment was progressing, but in these economic times, with cutbacks throughout the area, I am well aware that things cannot run as smoothly as perhaps they did some years ago.

Argyll and Bute Council has been, and continues to be, helpful and supportive but things change and this year we now have to rely on outside agencies coming in to carry out the work.

The contractors are, I think, doing their best to ensure that the lights come on. Maybe we have been spoiled over the years by being able to call upon local people in the council to be available to help onsite, but times have changed.

So what is the solution? Perhaps we need to work together more. Lochgilphead, Tarbert, Ardrish-aig and Inveraray could be working collectively to get the Christmas lights stored, and to get them up, and switched on, when we think appropriate. Maybe we need to take control rather than being in the position we found ourselves in

this year, when everything seemed to be last minute.

I help with Lochgilphead's switch-on, but equally enjoy the illuminations elsewhere and fully appreciate the work done behind the scenes to ensure that we in Argyll have a Christmas lights display to be proud of.

So let's perhaps meet up and share views and ideas. Remember, as someone once said, many hands make light work.

Happy Christmas.

**Jimmy Litster,
Lochgilphead.**

Another Christmas lights success

Sir,
It was great to see another successful Christmas lights switch-on this year in Lochgilphead.

There may have been a level of uncertainty in the morning but it all worked out in the end and that is the important thing.

It is important to note and appreciate all the hard work that went into organising this event and I would just like to thank all involved for putting on another successful evening.

**Councillor Donald
MacMillan.**

Communicate over exit from the EU

Sir,
The current political controversies are a considerable cause for concern.

While a clear majority

of the Scottish electorate voted in the democratic Scottish referendum to remain within the UK, the democratic referendum on EU membership produced an overall majority of UK voters in favour of leaving. There is a clear perception that the EU is itself undemocratic.

Scotland and Northern Ireland appear to have favoured the status quo, though large sections of the Scottish fishing and farming communities have for some time been unhappy with many of the rules and regulations imposed on them by Europe.

Similarly, there are individual areas within England and Wales, which voted to remain because of particular local interests. The inescapable fact is that a clear majority of the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union.

The political leaders of Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the Westminster government should now co-operate with each other to find common ground for negotiation with other relevant parties in the best interests of all concerned.

These circumstances provide an opportunity for our leaders to work together and agree a joint approach to discussions with Europe's representatives.

Politicians must now act like statesmen. Issuing threats to hold a repeat referendum on Scottish independence will not be helpful.

A divided UK will be at a

disadvantage in any negotiations on Brexit terms with Europe.

The creation of 'hard' borders within the UK must be avoided at all costs.

Such a result would have damaging effect on the economies of all the individual parts of the kingdom. A closer association, rather than the creation of unnatural borders must be the primary objective.

Improved communications, whether by road, rail, air, ferry or via internet connection within the UK will itself be a benefit. A prime example is the lack of a convenient connection between the traditionally related areas of Kintyre and Antrim.

The SNP promise of 2007 to restore a vehicle ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle has failed to materialise. This has been blamed on Westminster cutbacks. The announcement in the autumn statement of additional funding to be allocated to the Scottish Government in Holyrood, to improve infrastructure, should now allow the promise to be fulfilled.

A general perception that Europe has become 'undemocratic' underlies the situation that has arisen. Certain other countries within the EU may have similar views. As part of the process of negotiating new trading terms, a wider discussion should be initiated on the possible reformation of the EU itself.

**Ian Y Macintyre,
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The next generation looks at the past

THE HISTORY of Inveraray will be the subject of a showcase today (Friday) by local schoolchildren.

Primary five and six pupils at Inveraray Primary School have been looking at the history of the Royal Burgh and will present their work at a History Café.

As visitors to the café enjoy their tea and coffee, there will be a short performance by pupils, assisted by the Walking Theatre Company.

Head teacher Lynn Sinclair issued an invitation to the public: 'Come and join us and share your memories of living in, visiting or growing up in Inveraray. We are collecting memories as part of our project about the history of Inveraray.'

The project is funded through the Inveraray Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).



The safe is loaded, to be taken away as the bank is stripped out.

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Inveraray banking history on the scrapheap as building is stripped out

A SIZEABLE chunk of Inveraray's history has been unceremoniously removed for scrapping.

Contractors were busy last Friday stripping out the interior of the recently-closed Inveraray Bank of Scotland building.

After an attempt earlier in the week proved unsuccessful, workers returned with heavier gear to hoist the bank's four-and-a-half ton safe on to a waiting lorry.

'It's a big old safe,' said one of the contractors, and I reckon

on it's about 80 years old.'

'We had to cut off the door to get it out of the building,' he added.

The branch closed last month due to changing banking habits, according to the Bank of Scotland.

New festive campaign to report drink drivers anonymously

A NEW campaign is asking people to speak up about drink driving.

Over the past year, crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers Scotland logged 650 calls from members of the public related to drink driving. Police Scotland took action in 63 of these cases and 23 people were arrested and charged.

Drink driving is the second most reported category of crime re-

ceived by Crimestoppers nationally, behind drugs offences.

Now, in the lead up to Christmas and New Year, the charity is urging anyone who has information about regular drink drivers to get in contact.

Many people may see their friends, family, work colleagues or neighbours regularly drink driving, but do not want to go to the police because they fear being identified.

By contacting Crimestoppers you will remain completely anonymous. Calls cannot be tracked through the 0800 555 111 phone line and information passed online through the anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org is non-traceable.

Angela Parker of Crimestoppers Scotland said: 'Too many people lost their lives last year due to drink

drive incidents, but there are still people out there who regularly drink drive and refuse to change their behaviour. We want to make the roads a safer place for everyone and urge people to give information to Crimestoppers anonymously about anyone who is regularly drink driving.'

'Crimestoppers never asks for your name or personal details, we cannot trace or record calls, or track information given online. You will not have to give a statement to police or go to court. We don't want to know who you are, just what you know. By taking action you could be helping to save a life - whether it's the driver or an innocent victim.'

If you have any information on those who regularly drink drive you can contact the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on

0800 555 111 or via the online secure form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

If you see someone attempting to operate a vehicle while intoxicated please call 999 as this may require urgent police action.

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Campbell Watt and Euan Finlay sold decorations at last year's market. 06_a50schoolfair01

Christmas cheer on school campus

PUPILS of Lochgilphead Joint Campus hope to help spread some festive cheer at their Christmas market.

Open to everyone, there will be stalls full of festive goodies and gift ideas, games and story telling and even an appearance from Santa.

The market will be today, Friday December 9, from 9.30-11.45am, in the school hall.

Accordion and fiddle club are in Fyne tune

THE INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club held its monthly meeting.

Chairman Niall Iain MacLean welcomed a smaller than usual crowd on Friday November 9, at the Inveraray Inn, partially due to overnight road closures on the A83.

Supporting were Fyne Folk, with Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod and Jake MacKay on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

Also playing were, on accordion, 14-year-old Calum MacDonald, Alex MacKinnon and Janet Graham; on fiddle, Alison Diamond; and on 'moothie' Jake MacKay.

It was good to have more 'box' players coming along this month.



The David Oswald Trio.

Guest artistes were the David Oswald Trio from Kippen, with David on lead accordion, Alastair MacLeod on second box and Andrew Barrie, all the

way from Biggar, on drums.

Encore

They entertained the audience with a well rehearsed and varied programme, ending

with a much deserved encore. Next week the club looks forward to welcoming the Donald MacLeod Trio from Drymen as guest artistes.



What are your plans this festive season?

We want to hear about all the festive fun going on across Argyll.

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MOLLER - THONGER
Kelvin and Moreen Moller are delighted to announce the marriage of their eldest son, Carwyn to Iona, younger daughter of Ted and Rita Thonger, at Colwyn Bay Baptist Church, North Wales, on 26th August 2016.

Acting Up Argyll takes to stage with first production

ACTING Up Argyll will be putting on a show to remember for its first production.

The group of teenagers has been rehearsing over the past six months and is excited to be performing a pantomime version of *Aladdin*.

Acting Up Argyll is a group for creative youngsters.

New skills

They are in charge of all production aspects, from directing to costume and stage design, and have been teaching each other new skills as they work together on their performance.

Expect the usual panto audience participation and fantastic costumes from this all-singing, all-dancing group.

Evening performances will take place at



Acting Up Argyll take a break from rehearsals. 08_a50aladdin03

Ardrishaig Public Hall on Friday December 16 and Saturday December 17, both at 6pm. A matinee performance will be held on the Saturday from 1pm. Tickets, £5 or £2 for concessions, are available at the door or call 01546 603073.

Santa Claus is coming to town

MID Argyll Round Table is delighted to say that Santa has accepted his invitation to come to Mid Argyll. Santa's sleigh will take him to Tarbert on Thursday December 15 from 6.30-8.30pm; Ardrishaig on Friday December 16 from 6-8.30pm; Lochgilphead on

Saturday December 17 between 3pm and 8.30pm; and Kilmichael to Inveraray on Sunday December 18 from 2-8.30pm. All money raised from Santa's sleigh contributes towards local projects and putting on next year's fireworks display.

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



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

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

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

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

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Last year's Christmas concert saw the audience entertained by the pipe band and other musicians.

Popular annual school concert

LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupils are preparing to present their popular annual Christmas concert.

With a wide range of musical talent being showcased, it is an event not to be missed.

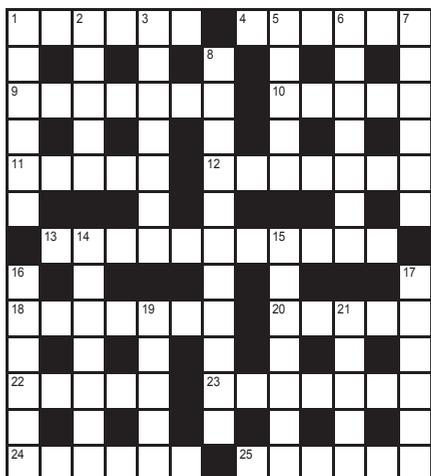
The school choir, woodwind and percussion ensembles will be playing plenty of songs which will have feet tapping and the dance group will make the audience want to be up on stage with them. This year's concert will also include a short play. The concert will take place at the school on Thursday December 15 at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the door priced £5 or £3 for concessions.

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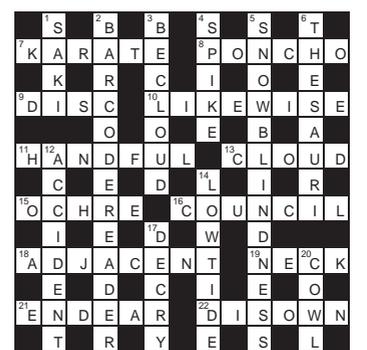
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- 23 Lie (7)
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Musical MAYDS

MID Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) has been selected to take part in the Big Music Project for the third year running.

The project, which is supported by UK Youth, the Big Lottery

Fund, Youth Scotland and Global Radio, aims to help young people break into the creative industries through careers advice and opportunities to gain experience of the industry.

As part of the project, a group of young-

sters were taken to Exchange, in association with Platform, Glasgow, to take part in industry panel discussions and to have the opportunity to workshop their own music with professionals and performers.



MAYDS' musical group who will be taking part in the Big Music Project.



Sean on the professional panel at the Big Music Project event.

THROUGH MAYDS' involvement with the Big Music Project, a Lochgilphead High School pupil has been selected to be a Big Music Ambassador.

Sixteen-year-old Sean Doogan, a keen guitar player, is one of only three champions to have been selected from Scotland and his role will see him be the voice of all the

young people involved with the music project.

Sean has already travelled to Doncaster as part of his involvement through this ambassador role and he will be making a trip to London soon. He was even on a panel with industry professionals at the Exchange event members of MAYDS attended in November.

Cutting-edge digital event for pupils

PRIMARY school pupils from across Argyll and Bute recently descended upon Inveraray for a cutting-edge digital leader event.

Organised by Argyll and Bute Council's learning technologies team, the event saw 244 pupils from more than 40 primary schools take part in a number of workshops aimed at training pupils to become digital leaders, who are able to support their peers – and perhaps even teachers – with technology in schools.

Supported by iTeach, workshops included training in leadership, digital creation, designing, coding and programming.

Cash boost hits right note for Gaelic choir

A YOUNG Gaelic choir has been given a big boost as members prepare for big events in the new year.

Coisir og Dhail Riata was handed a donation of £5,000 from Lochgilphead Community Centre Association, which is winding up its assets.

Chairwoman of the

Coisir og Dhail Riata committee June Graham said: 'We are very grateful to the association for this fantastic and very generous donation. This will help towards the costs of travel, accommodation and uniforms for our trip to the Royal National Mòd in Fort William in October next year.'



With the very welcome cheque are Cheryl Naisby, Christine Johnston and Rhona MacKenzie. 06_a50GaelChoir01



Young choir members are put through their paces at the regular community centre practice evening. 06_a50GaelChoir02

The choir has members from primary seven to sixth year in secondary school, and

June added: 'We meet on a Wednesday from 4.30pm to 6pm in the community centre, Lochgilphead. No Gaelic is necessary, as everything will be taught.'

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Christmas show and sale at Dalmally

DALMALLY sale – Saturday December 3, 2016 10 Eoligarry bullocks sell to £1,290 and Barguillean Breeders fetch £1,700.

At United Auctions' recent Christmas show and sale of store cattle, suckled calves, breeding and feeding cows and heifers and all classes of sheep, record entries were catalogued in all sections totalling 703 cattle and 1631 sheep.

A good offering of quality stock was on offer to a large following of buyers from throughout the country. This sale is becoming recognised as a calendar event for this area and is continuing to attract consignors from throughout Argyll, Lochaber, Perthshire and Loch Lomonside as well as the Islands of Barra, Lismore, Colonsay, Mull, Tiree and Coll. All stock sold well and to sellers' advantage.

Judging the various classes was Duncan W Low, Pittenkerrie Farm, Glassel, who made the following awards. Bullocks born before 1st February 2016. 1st and 2nd M/s A & I MacInnes, Ruaig, Tiree. 3rd M/s Ander-

son, Tullochcan, Killin. Heifer born before 1st February 2016. 1st M/s MacInnes. 2nd M/s Anderson. 3rd Mr. I MacTaggart, Carnoch, Glencoe. Bullock Calf. 1st and 2nd M/s MacVicar, Lephinchapel, Strathlachlan. 3rd M/s MacInnes. Heifer Calf. 1st A MacGillivray, Achuaran, Lismore. Reserve Champion at Show. M/s MacInnes with an Autumn Born Heifer.

Reserve Champion. M/s MacVicar with a spring born bullock. PRINCIPAL LOTS & PRICES

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BRBx: £1090 – Ruaig, Tiree : £1030 – Lephinchapel : £1030, £1020 & £940 – Ruaig, Tiree : £810 – Lephinchapel.

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Champion calf at Dalmally was a Limousin cross heifer from A and I MacInnes, Ruaig, Tiree.

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Poultry restrictions ordered over bird flu fears

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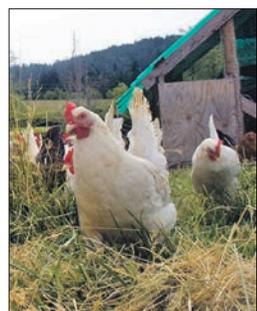
The Scottish Government this week declared an avian influenza prevention zone in response to reports of a strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 which has caused deaths among wild birds in mainland Europe, mostly waterfowl. There have been no cases of this strain detected in the UK.

The order requires that all poultry and

captive birds must be kept indoors, or otherwise kept separate from wild birds.

The zone applies to all of Scotland and will remain in place for 30 days. Similar measures are in place in England.

Cabinet secretary for the rural economy Fergus Ewing said: 'We have declared a 30-day prevention zone as a precautionary measure to protect Scotland's valuable poultry industry, particularly in the weeks before Christmas. It is important to stress that there has been no cases of this



strain detected in the UK.

'The Scottish Government and its partners continue to monitor the situation in Europe closely and stand ready to respond to any suspicion of disease in Scotland. Any bird keepers who have concerns should immediately seek veterinary advice.'

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Argyll Brass strikes silver at youth competition

DURING the last weekend in November, local youth band Argyll Brass made its annual visit to the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships in Perth.

Newly formed

The senior band has taken part for the past four years and was joined this year by the newly-formed Roots Band of younger players competing in the preparatory age group.

Band leader Darren Tarn said: 'Both bands played extremely well and were delighted to receive silver awards. We are all over the moon. It really is a wonderful achievement.'

As well as the more traditional brass band pieces, such as *Slaidburn*, the senior band also played a beautiful arrangement of *Highland Cathedral* and vocal soloist Eve Maxwell

well gave a spectacular performance of *Poor Wandering One*, skillfully accompanied by the band.

Fundraising

Argyll Brass is proud to be celebrating its fifth anniversary in January 2017 and will be embarking on a fundraising campaign to maintain the momentum and further develop the band.

The band will be out and about over Christ-



Argyll Brass wins silver for its performance.



Eve Maxwell surprised the audience when she broke into song.

mas so keep an ear out – they are not hard to find.



Brian, Flora, Hugh and Stephen lead a singalong to *Sailing*.

Easy to have fun at Easy Club ceilidh

A FINE evening of music was enjoyed at the Easy Club St Andrew's Night ceilidh.

Held at Lochgilphead Resource Centre, a good turnout of members were entertained with a selection of pipe tunes from young Alasdair McLean from Kilmartin.

Also playing for the audience was the Dalriada Trio,

comprised of Stephen Hunter on bass, Myles Clark on accordion and Grant McDougall on drums. Among other entertainers were singer Kevin Williams accompanied by Cameron 'Doug' McDougall on guitar, who offered a selection of folk songs. The music club, which formed earlier this year, is open to everyone but is par-

ticularly aimed at those with mental health problems, learning disabilities and long-term health conditions.

Easy Club events co-ordinator Hugh Fife said: 'We have some great evenings here. People might be reluctant to come along at first, but once they do come, they tell us they don't want to leave.'



Alasdair McLean entertains at the ceilidh. 06_a50easyclub01



Scottish tunes from the Dalriada Trio. 06_a50easyclub03



Argyll Brass Roots Band performs at the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships.

Frances Macdonald

BY SEA AND LAND

30 November — 23 December 2016

In the late summer I accompanied Frances Macdonald, her son Ross Ryan and six friends to explore Iona and Erraid, observe the artist at work, make our own efforts and cruise on the Ryan family boat Scarbh in the company of dolphins and perfect Hebridean days. Perhaps the highlight was a walk over Erraid past the quarry where the Stevenson family engineering company extracted the granite, to be shaped and then taken in barges out to the Torran Rocks to make the Dubh Artach lighthouse.

While we talked, Frances painted, her palette knife moving instinctively, the deep bay, white beach and emerald sea taking shape before our eyes.

This is her fifth show with The Scottish Gallery representing a remarkable decade of creative effort, always anchored at her favourite locations, at Crinan and Iona, full of originality and in deep tune with both the spirit and real experience of place.

Guy Peplow, 2016

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to all my relatives friends & neighbours from Ella Munro, Southend.



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Ardrishaig: People gathered to watch the Christmas tree being lit.

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Ardrishaig: Jeanette Laughton reads *The Night Before Christmas*.

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Ardrishaig: Sky MacLachlan was the first to win the piñata.

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Ardrishaig: Colouring activities kept youngsters entertained.

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Ardrishaig: Santa arrives to see the boys and girls.

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Lochgilphead: Myles Clark on accordion and Rory Davidson on drums performed festive tunes with a twist.

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Mid Argyll up for Christmas

Tarbert

MARKET stalls and a visit to Santa's grotto got the people of Tarbert in the Christmas spirit before the big lights switch on.

The popular community event kicked off with a Christmas market full of gift ideas, tasty treats and decorations.

And Santa, with his helpful elves, was there to hear the youngsters' wish lists.

A children's parade to the tree for the switch on was followed by carol singing around the tree for everyone.

Lochgilphead

MUSIC filled the air at the Christmas lights switch on in Lochgilphead.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) headed up the evening's entertainment on Thursday December 1 with performances from the Just About Music (JAM) group and UNIEK dance troop.

Singing Christmas favourites, JAM had the crowd singing along while UNIEK had to have the street cleared for its dynamic performances. In the MS cen-



Lochgilphead: Donnie MacMillan and Jimmy Litster McLellan switches on the lights.

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Lochgilphead: Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, with Michelle and Lauren who got the crowd *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*.

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Tarbert: Caitlin of Created by Caitlin sells her pyrography pieces.

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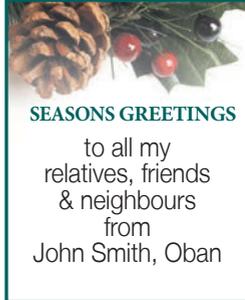
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Argyll lights Christmas



Lochgilphead: Ray Donaghy was one of the youngest to see Santa. 08_a50gilplights03



Tarbert: Tarbert Guides sell hot chocolate kits and other crafts.



Eilidh Bruce mans the Aunty Jane's stall.

tre, delicious treats and mulled wine were served and a chance to win a wheelbarrow of goodies had everyone excited.

Across the road in the Dochas Centre, Santa was in his cosy grotto, with plenty of presents to hand out to the queue of children waiting to see him.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band paraded down the street in time for the switch on and treated the crowds to a festive number before Richard McLellan switched on the lights.

Ardrishaig
THERE was plenty fam-

ily fun at the Ardrishaig Christmas lights switch on this year.

After watching the Christmas tree light up, the crowds retreated to the North Hall to warm up with mince pies and mulled wine on Saturday night.

Reindeer piñatas brought out the competitive edge in even the quietest children, but all the youngsters calmed down for storytelling from Jeanette Laughton.

The roof was raised again though when Santa arrived with a sackful of presents and a 'ho, ho, ho' greeting.



er look on as Richard



Tarbert: Leo visits Santa and his elf helpers.

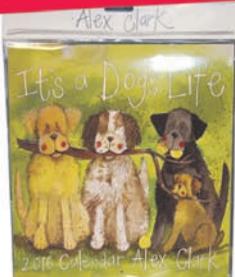


Tarbert: Lola and Mia wait excitedly to see the tree light up.

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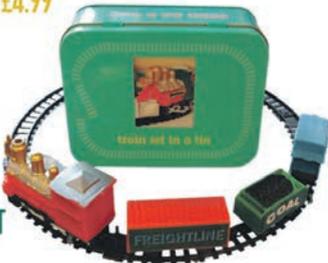
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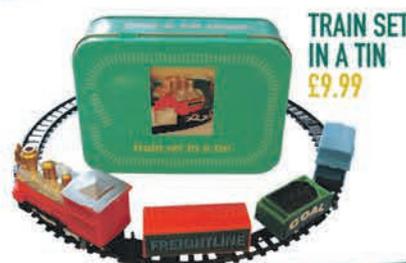
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I HAD the great privilege of visiting Dunoon Grammar School this week.

I wanted to share with young people their thoughts about life and faith.

I was with Paul, our presbytery youth minister.

Paul has a wonderful relationship with the young people and he is available for them in both the good and the bad times of life. He is a real friend and pastor.

We spent a joint session looking at a phrase from one of the best known Christmas carols, *O little town of Bethlehem*.

The phrase we considered is this: 'The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.'

We had a really good time of open debate and questions.

We asked our young friends about their hopes and fears in this present time. It seems that a big concern for our young people is that 'there will be a place for them'.

They want to know if they will find a job or a place in further education. Will there be a place for them?

That was their fear.

They asked me, in turn, what my hopes would be.

I told them firmly that they were my hope.

I told them that my hope for the future rests with them and that I believed in them.

I believe there is indeed a place for them, whatever shape that takes.

I hope that within that small group there are young people who care passionately about human rights and justice and fairness.

Advent is about the coming of hope.

God entrusted his hope to a young woman of about 14.

My hope for the future is in these young people.

COWAL

Tree disease strikes

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Phytophthora ramorum is particularly damaging to larch trees and has been found at several locations close to existing infected sites.

In total, more than 80 acres must be felled, much of this at remote sites around Loch Eck and Ardentinny.

Work is likely to start within the next few weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2017 and is likely to require traffic management at some sites.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Christmas all a-round

IN AN entirely unrelated story to the one above, Mid Argyll Round Table will be selling Nordmann fir Christmas trees at the Lochgilphead Co-op car park tomorrow, Saturday December 10, from 9am.

All profits from the sale of the trees are then put towards the fireworks funds, as well as any local community projects and charities that contact the Round Table.

LOCH FYNESIDE

Sale raises school funds

MRS Robyn McIlroy, principal of Minard and Furnace Primary Schools, arranged a Christmas craft fair at Minard village hall last Saturday.

It was a huge success and the hall was packed with stalls as well as school-kids and their parents and friends. The children manned their own stalls, selling products that they had made themselves. The event made a profit of £374 for the schools.

INVERARAY



The commemorative Somme bench with members of the legion at Inveraray war memorial.

A comfortable place to rest

VISITORS to Inveraray have a place to rest their weary bones after a sturdy bench was donated to the local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

Commemoration

The bench was presented to the legion by local man John Mather in commemoration of the centenary of the infamous Battle of the Somme.

The First World War battle in

north-west France between a British/French force and the German army lasted for five gruelling months between July and November 1916. More than one million soldiers were killed, missing or wounded on both sides by the time it finished.

The Somme bench is located beside Inveraray war memorial, a fitting place for it to sit.

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

BIRTHS

CONNELLY - Darren and Mairi (née Cameron) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Erin, on November 25, 2016 at the Princess Royal Hospital, Glasgow. Little sister for Lewis.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BURTON - CAMPBELL - John to Wilma, at Lochgilphead Free Church, on December 10, 1966. Present address, 15 Dalintart Drive, Oban.

DEATHS

BEATTIE - Peacefully, at her home, Sona House, Kilmartin, with her family by her side, on December 4, 2016, after an illness borne bravely and with great dignity, Janice Margaret Beattie, aged 57 years, beloved wife of Willie Beattie, much loved mum of Steven, William and Caroline, and adored gran of Ella, Steven and Kacey. A dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, on Friday December 9, 2016 at 11.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCCALLUM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 30, 2016, James Smart McCallum, in his 83rd year, 17a John Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Neil and Polly McCallum, much loved brother of Neil, Betty and the late Donald and a loving uncle.

MCCULLOCH - Grahame (Isle of Gigha), passed away on December 4, 2016, at Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow, after a long illness. Sadly missed by family and friends.

MCCORQUODALE - Peacefully, at Raigmore Hospital, on December 1, 2016, with her family by her side, Mary (Crawford), aged 90, formerly of Caberfeidh, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Douglas, much loved mum of David and Arthur, dear mother-in-law of Kay and Ann, devoted granny of Karen, David, Lesley, Douglas and Alister and proud great granny of Hamish and Louie. She was also a much loved sister of Anne and the late Jessie, aunty and friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish church, on Thursday, December 8, 2016, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

STEWART - Peacefully, at Oak Mount Care Home,

Bradford, on November 29, 2016, Douglas, much loved eldest son of the late Jim and Rachel Stewart and brother of Jamie, Margaret and Derek.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COFFIELD - The family of the late Amanda Coffield would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received after their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Doctor Lazarus and the nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Garnaval Hospital and Freeman Hospital for their care and support. Thanks to Rev William Crossan for a heartfelt service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their help and guidance and to the many people who paid their last respects to Amanda. The retiral collection raised £765.28 for the Butterfly Trust and Freeman Hospital.

MCMILLAN - Jessie, Alistair, Charles and families would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers, phone calls and baking, and also for all the support given to us before and after the very sad loss of Alistair. Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for a lovely service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys for caring funeral arrangements, to Carradale Hotel for excellent catering and to all who attended church and graveside.

POLLOK - The family of the late Mary Pollok, would like to thank everyone who expressed sympathy, helped and supported us, prior to and after the funeral, in so many different ways, for which we are really appreciative. Thanks also to Marilyn Shedden for a very comforting service, organist Marjorie Kelly for excellent music, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for Medicins Sans Frontieres raised £330.

IN MEMORIAMs

BROWN - In loving memory of James, a dearly loved son and brother, who died December 13, 2009. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

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

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

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

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

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007. Always in our thoughts. Sadly missed.

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

COFFIELD - Treasured memories of my dear husband, Ian, who passed away on December 13, 2014. Greatly missed every single day.

- Love always, Vivian and Wee Family xxx.

COFFIELD - In loving memory of a much loved dad and granda, Ian, who died December 13, 2014.

Every day in some small way, Memories of you come our way, Though absent, you are always near, Still missed, loved and always dear.

- Steven and your Wee Brooke.

COFFIELD - In loving memory of our dear dad and grandad, Ian.

Much loved and sorely missed every day.

- Leighanne, Zaa and Ariana xxx.

COFFIELD - In loving memory of our dad and granda, Ian, passed away December 13, 2014.

The whisper in the wind, The stars in the sky, Each day we walk, You're by our side.

Remembered every day.

- Nicola, Aaron, Grant and Sophie.

FLETCHER - In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003 and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977.

Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

- Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

GILLESPIE - June (née Hogarth).

Remembered today and every day.

- Dad and sister, Anne.

JACKSON - In loving memory of Alex.

Although we're apart, You're part of us still.

- Love always, Marleen, Iain, Mhairi, Sandi and families.

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband, dad and father-in-law, died December 11, 2002. No tears, no verse, no words can say

How much we still miss you every day.

- Love Mary, Janette and David xxx.

MCAUGHTON - Treasured memories of a loving husband and father, John McNaughton, who died December 9, 2013.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,

But love leaves a memory

no one can steal.
- Betty and family.

YOUNG - Treasured memories of Norman, dear husband and dad, passed away December 11, 2002.

Dearly loved and sadly missed.

- Margaret and Yvonne xxxx.

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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mrs Angela Stather
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Effortless musicality from Fred Morrison, a master of the pipes

Sole Argyll gig draws folk from near and far

By COLIN CAMERON
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

THE SIGN of a master instrumentalist is often said to be that their playing appears effortless.

Ably supported by young performers from across Argyll, piping trailblazer Fred Morrison held an audience enthralled in Strachur Memorial Hall, effortlessly moving between low D whistle, uilleann pipes and the great Highland bagpipes.

Performing a selection of tunes full of light and shade, each piece was played with a musical mastery born of decades in the

vanguard of the piping scene.

His craic was good, too, between selections, as Morrison recounted tales – doubtless told hundreds of times before on stag-trails around the world – connected to the pieces performed. But perhaps his most moving story related to his friend and fellow piping innovator, the late Gordon Duncan, who sadly died in 2005 at the age of 41.

The tales that could be told of the pair's escapades during the 1980s and 1990s at the

Festival Interceltique de Lorient in Brittany, said Morrison, were many and colourful. Looking out on a family audience, he wisely left it there.

He went on to offer a moving piece on the whistle, his own composition in memory of his friend.

Piping trio

Last Saturday's concert, organised by Strachur and District Piping Association, began with performances from a piping trio comprised of Rebecca Paterson and Mairi Cameron of Strachur, along with Thomas Young from Dunoon, followed by some lovely

songs in both Gaelic and Scots by Alasdair McLean of Kilmartin.

After a delicious tea served up by the ladies of the association, and a well-stocked raffle, young pipers Jamie Campbell of Strachur and Ross Conner from Campbeltown kicked off the second half with a lively duet performance.

Many of the young players had rushed from a Lanarkshire solo competition before hearing the results, such was their desire to play alongside Fred Morrison.

The fact that Morrison chose this as the only Argyll date on his



Lost in music – relaxed and effortless playing from one of the great piping entertainers. 06_a50fredmorrison14

current Scottish tour perhaps owes a little to the fact that he has fond memories of the area dating back decades.

He recalled accompanying his father in 1975 when Morrison senior, a Uist man, taught at the annual Strachur summer piping school. He also spoke on stage of friendships forged on the solo piping cir-

cuit and the accomplished Cowal pipers of the past.

One Morrison composition, though, summed up the evening for many.

Filled with flashing fingers and musical gymnastics, his playing of *The Hard Drive* will live long in the memory.

People had travelled from across Argyll for

the concert, eager not to miss this rare opportunity to hear Fred Morrison live, and they wouldn't let him leave without an encore, rapturously received.

This was a real treat and each tune played with effortless musicality.

Fred Morrison's solo tour concludes on December 10 with a concert in Dundee.



The young trio made up of, left to right, Mairi Cameron, Thomas Young and leader Rebecca Paterson. 06_a50fredmorrison01



A master of the uilleann pipes, which he described as 'a hellish thing, but great fun to play'. 06_a50fredmorrison07



A stirring set from Jamie Campbell and Ross Conner. 06_a50fredmorrison09



Fred Morrison – always innovative, ever entertaining. 06_a50fredmorrison08



Kilmartin's Alasdair McLean captivated the audience with song. 06_a50fredmorrison03



Soulful music on the whistle from Fred Morrison. 06_a50fredmorrison06



A full house is captivated by the Morrison sound. 06_a50fredmorrison13

Red Star battle for win against Millbeg

RED STAR travelled to Easterhouse to play Millbeg and despite not playing to their best, came away with a deserved win on the balance of play.

Star looked to continue their recent good run and started the match on Saturday November 26 on the front foot.

Kieran Moore had an opportunity after a neat passing move but his attempted volley flew past the post.

The deadlock was finally broken on 40 minutes when Gregor Peacock battled to win possession on the right wing. He was able to release Ciaran McPhie who in turn played in Kieran Moore.

Moore looked up and was able to lay the ball across goal to Robert Docherty who applied the finish from close

Millbeg	1
Lochgilhead Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division 2A	

range and kept his goal scoring run going.

Red Star were frustrated, however, to surrender the lead almost instantly. Ali Provan was adjudged to have fouled the Millbeg winger on the right flank. The resulting free kick was delivered to the back post where the Millbeg defender timed his run to perfection and headed the ball into the net.

Star went into the second half looking for the winner but knew it would be a hard task against a Millbeg side who had an unbeaten league record to defend.

The Lochgilhead side continued to probe without too

much joy so manager Dougie Moore freshened things up by bringing on Kyle Selfridge for his debut to replace the hard working McPhie.

Andy Weir was also forced off with a dead leg, with his place in defence being taken by Ben Forbes and Neil Russell replaced Docherty in attack.

Star were rewarded for their persistence. With 20 minutes remaining a strong run from Selfridge saw him release Peacock down the flank who was able to cut the ball back to Russell and the veteran striker was on hand to bag yet another vital goal for Star.

The match opened up

the longer it went on and despite some pressure from the home side, it was Star who looked more likely to add to their lead. Peacock could have made the match safe late on but his effort was saved and thanks to another competent display in defence Red Star saw the match out for a 1-2 victory.

Star were left with a free week last Saturday as their league match away to Carlton was postponed but return to action tomorrow, Saturday December 10, as they take on Claremont AFC at home in the fourth round of the West of Scotland Cup. The match kicks off at 1.30pm at the Rope-work although could be switched to the Astro in the event of poor weather.



Dr Rebecca Helliwell and John Dreghorn are presented with the cheque by Fee Corner.

GLOW!ing donation...

MEDICAL staff were delighted to be presented with a cheque for the raised funds from the Inveraray GLOW! Run.

The run, held the second weekend in November, is in its fifth year and despite a cold, wet night raised £600 for the unit this year.

Total

Fee Corner, one of the organisers of the run handed over the total raised for the Mid Argyll Chemo-

therapy Unit to John Dreghorn and Dr Rebecca Helliwell.

The Inveraray Jogscotland group has close links with the chemotherapy unit, which provides local care and expertise to the community at an anxious and worrying time.

Ms Corner said: 'At a time when services are being centralised more and more it is refreshing to be involved in the development of an accessible specialised centre of care.'

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

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

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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

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Course
improvements
above par at
Lochgilthead

MANY golfers will be aware of the somewhat tricky descent down the steps at the sixth hole at Lochgilthead Golf Club.

Over the last week or two, contractor DA McDonald has been working hard to improve this. The steps have now been replaced by a graded path with a much more gentle slope, and early reports from golfers are extremely favourable. The ladies and gents playing in their winter leagues are particularly pleased with this improvement.

As well as activity on the course, the clubhouse has also seen some improvements. Alison McColl from AMF fabrics recently assisted the committee to purchase new pelmets and blinds with a golfing theme – and with the addition of a Christmas tree and some decorations the clubhouse is now ready for the functions booked over the festive period.

The ladies held their AGM last month and the new ladies captain is Ele Hunter, who will be assisted by Donna McKellar in her new role of match secretary. Also joining the ladies committee is Margaret MacKinnon. Ele, Donna and Margaret are planning to organise coaching for ladies early in the new year and would like to encourage new lady members to give it a try.

For more information, please contact Ele on 01546 602381.

Donna will be continuing her role of junior convenor. Any juniors interested should contact Donna on 07919 242053.

Santa dash runs up charity cash

CHRISTMAS hit the ground running in Tarbert with Santas, reindeer, snowmen and puddings all taking part in the 5km Santa Dash.

Around 50 people donned Santa hats and other festive costumes on Saturday December

3 to take part in the run around Tarbert.

Dressed as a chilly snowman Jacqui Barker lead the group through a warm up before they dashed through the town.

The run raised £158.75 for Wee Mitchell's Fund.



Snowman Jacqui Barker leads the warm up.



Lorraine MacDonald and sister Kathleen, with Kathleen's grandson Cairon ran the full route.



Morag MacNicol, Catriona Crawford and Elaine McCann covered all festive bases with their costumes.



Mr and Mrs Claus, Cara Gorman and Jordan Brown.

Inveraray Kids
on the Run
face obstacle
challenges

IT WAS another good weather session for the Inveraray Kids on the Run as they took part in their weekly training.

A good warm up in the school grounds with a game called Dog and Bone (or grab the bean bag first if you can) kicked the session off, encouraging the youngsters to make fast, short sprints. Before the group used the peeling method to run to the castle grounds and shinty pitch.

Coordination and balance obstacles were used to test the youngsters. A Hop and Stop station, ladder skills challenge and cone weaving had the kids trying not to get their feet tangled.

A moving target – long suffering helper, Paul – then tested the young runners as they tried to avoid him during an impromptu run out onto the field.

The Star Runner this week was Jodie McKee.

Winter league sees excellent shooting at Tarbert Gun Club

THE DECEMBER leg in Tarbert Gun Club's winter league team shoot saw 50 shooters turn out in perfect weather.

Scoring was high in these conditions among the 10 teams.

Ally McDonnell broke all 50 targets, but close behind was Campbeltown's Scott MacAllister who lost one target.

Also shooting well is the new captain for this year, Lynn MacDonald, who managed to beat her dad Norman by some distance.

Overall, Roy Laird's team increased their lead – but there is still plenty to play for in this season's winter league.

Results: Class A: 1. Ally McDonnell, 2. John Weir, 3. Bob McColl.

Class B: 1. Andrew MacDonald, 2. Ian Winnard, 3= Ronald Jenkins and Jonathan Gargan.

Class C: 1. Scott MacAllister, 2. Jack Campbell, 3. Akram Khan.

Class D: 1. Andrew Gall, 2. Steve Sloan, 3.



Shooters David Hay-Thorburn, Lynn MacDonald, Bill Bidmead of Carradale and Matthew Peden.

Archie Currie. Class E: 1. Stephen MacSporran, Michael Harvey, 3. Matthew Peden, 4. Shaun Doy.

Teams
1. Roy Laird, Stew-

art MacAllister, Akram Khan, Andrew Gall and Stephen MacSporran.
2. Niall Wilson, Jonathan Gargan, Scott MacAllister, Ian Currie and Michael Harvey.

Club lottery numbers

THE numbers in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery were 7, 9 and 18. The winning numbers were matched by E Munro, who scooped a £700 jackpot. Next week the lottery prize will return to £100.

At the Tarbert Football Club lottery draw on Monday, the numbers were 7, 11 and 14. Libbie Guy won the £1,000 jackpot. The first draw of the new year will return to £100.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers this week were 3, 7 and 12. There were no winning tickets, next week's jackpot will be £200.

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