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A83 road study group says cheapest 'fix' option is best



**Festive
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Valerie MacEachern and Hughie Lindsay raised a class to Macmillan Cancer Support last Friday as they celebrated Christmas with friends and colleagues. The duo joined a host of locals who turned out to the Christmas dance, organised by the Mid Argyll fundraising branch of Macmillan Cancer Support. Partygoers declared the evening a great success. See page 10 for more pictures. 06_a51dance04

THE RECOMMENDED long-term solution to landslides closing the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful is the option that will have the least impact on road closures.

The A83 study, released this week, states Option Red is the most 'cost effective' option for the Scottish Government.

It would 'significantly reduce' the impact of landslides as opposed to eliminating the risk of road closures entirely.

The long term solution recommended by Jacobs, the company carrying out a study of the A83 on behalf of the Scottish Government, would see 440m of debris flow barriers erected along the Rest, better drainage and increased

vegetation on the hillside. The benefits of vegetation will only be realised 15 to 35 years after planting.

The Red Option is the cheapest solution, with an estimated cost between £9-10 million.

But members of the A83 Taskforce have said the recommended option may not be the one chosen by the Scottish Government.

The five other options recommend:

- building a debris flow shelter over the Rest
- a new single carriageway constructed on a viaduct
- a new road running adjacent to the Old Military Road
- strengthening the Glen Croe Forest track

a road that runs through a tunnel in Glen Croe and rejoins the existing A83 at Loch Restil.

These options, described as making the impact of further landslides on the road as 'negligible', have estimated costs between £83 and £520 million.

Transport minister Keith Brown said the study would give the A83 Taskforce 'considerable food for thought'.

He said: 'With the Taskforce set up to ensure we and our partners remain resolute and focussed on the task at hand, every effort is being made to deliver workable solutions to mitigate against landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

How the recommendations will affect Mid Argyll

THE STUDY highlighting problems and potential projects to be carried out on the A83 has revealed a number of issues for many Mid Argyll communities.

Turn to page five to see how the recommendations in the report affect you and see next week's advertiser for further analysis and reaction to the report.

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Survey to be launched on controversial Loch Freasdail windfarm

A SURVEY is to be launched by Tarbert and Skipness Community Council (TSCC) to gauge the views of locals about a proposed controversial windfarm.

Renewables firm RES plans to build 11 turbines, 100 metres high, on land east of Loch Freasdail, at Whitehouse.

Concerns have been expressed by 11 householders living within two kilometres of the proposed windfarm, whilst others are worried about the impact it will have on the tourism industry.

The windfarm will, if it goes ahead, be visible

from Argyll's main thoroughfare, the A83.

At a special meeting of TSCC last week, the council voted to create a survey with questions focusing issues such as the economy, tourism and the visual impact the 100-metre turbines will have on the landscape.

Economic impact

Explaining the views of the whole community were needed before the council formed an official response to the windfarm application, chairman of TSCC Brian Mearns said: 'We have to look at the economic impact the turbines could have on the area. Already one bed

and breakfast has closed because of turbines, leading to two job losses.'

Commenting on the case, community councillor Bob Chicken said people did not come to Kintyre for windfarms but the scenic views.

'This will be the first time turbines are visible on an important tourist route,' he said. 'If we don't object, it looks like we find it perfectly acceptable.'

Louise Davis, development project manager for RES, which submitted a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council last month, said: 'It is important that

the views of local people who live within the Tarbert and Skipness Community Council area are heard.

Consultation

'The community has been able to make its views known to Argyll and Bute Council as part of the formal consultation on our planning application. We therefore look forward to finding out the results of the Tarbert and Skipness Community Council survey and to continuing our engagement with the community.'

The survey will be made available on the TSCC website by the end of the year.



INVERARAY and District Pipe Band delighted audiences at the 2012 Trad Awards with a performance of their Park Bar set. The band, Grade 1 finalists at this year's World Pipe Band Championships, were among the star performers at the event, held in the Nevis Centre, Fort William. 20_f50trad12

Knit and Natter group send clothes to Africa

A HORDE of blankets and clothing has been sent to Africa recently as a local knitting group helps those less fortunate than themselves.

The Knit and Natter group from Lochgilphead Parish Church has been sending a wealth of their knitted garments to Kasamba, the area Mid Argyll churches are twinned with.

Sending two consignments of goods this year, the most recent package contained 46 cardigans or jackets, four jumpers, 15 hats, four pairs of bootees, 29 crocheted cot blankets, two shawls, plus five cotton cot blankets, three packs of body suits and five large bed blankets.

Check repeat prescriptions

PEOPLE across Mid Argyll are being reminded to get their repeat prescriptions from their GP today (Friday) or Monday. NHS Scotland's Be Ready for Winter campaign is reminding people to make sure they check any repeat prescriptions.

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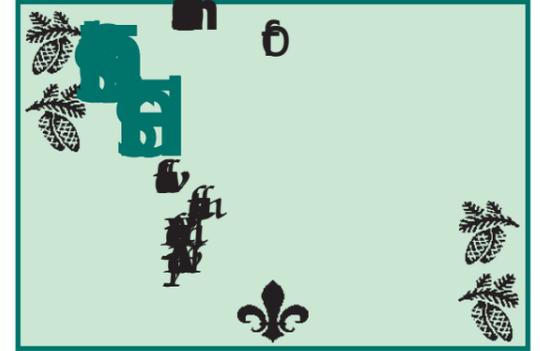
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Police files

HEATING oil was stolen from a house in Ardfern overnight last Thursday and Friday, whilst an oil tank in Garvel Road, Tarbert was targeted sometime between October 31 and December 13. Police are urging anyone with information to contact them on 01546 702200.

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A PERSON who broke into a shed in Lochgilphead but did not steal anything is being sought by the police.

The break in at a property on Lochnell Street happened sometime between 5pm last Saturday and 8am the following morning.

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A MAN suffered minor injuries last weekend after a fight broke out at a house in Ardrishaig.

A 24-year-old man was charged with assault and abusive behaviour following the incident at 8.15am on Sunday morning.

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POLICE are appealing for information after a car parked in Craobh Haven was vandalised. The Land Rover was scratched and the door handle damaged sometime between November 30 and December 13. Police are appealing for witnesses to contact them on 01546 702200.

Shoppers boost MS Centre

GENEROUS shoppers in Mid Argyll have helped raise cash for the town's multiple sclerosis centre.

Shoppers with the Co-op, who donate all or part of their twice-yearly dividend payments to the company's community fund, have raised £472 for aromatherapy sessions.

Set up 15 years ago the Co-op Community Fund provides grants between £100 and £2,000 to community groups across Scotland.



Precious pup Josie recovering at home in Tarbert with her devoted owner Elizabeth Tinney.

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Readers help save puppy

A PRECIOUS puppy has undergone a life saving operation thanks to the generosity of *Argyllshire Advertiser* readers.

Josie, a golden retriever, last week had an operation to repair a tear in her bladder after readers donated cash for the £2,000 operation.

Josie's owner Elizabeth Tinney, from Tarbert, contacted the *Advertiser* in November

hoping a kind samaritan would save the puppy, as she could not afford the veterinary bill.

Elizabeth even offered to hand over the puppy to a new owner who could pay for the operation.

Instead kind people across Mid Argyll donated money for the operation, ensuring Josie would stay with her devoted owner.

Now, six weeks later, 13 week old Josie is recovering well at home.

'She's fit and healthy,' said Elizabeth.

She added: 'She is already getting so much bigger.'

'We've noticed a change in her since she came out of the vet's.'

'We are just absolutely delighted to have her home and just in time for Christmas too.'

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ONE YEAR after severe storms destroyed part of Argyll's electricity network, the infrastructure has benefited from a multi-million pound investment.

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) has invested £6million in Argyll and West Highlands in a bid to make the network as robust as possible in winter months.

A programme of upgrades and maintenance is underway, with trees near electricity lines being felled and new remote control switches installed, allowing faster restoration of supplies when faults occur.

Investment

SHEPD director of distribution Stuart Hogarth said: 'This new investment work will mean our network is even more robust.'

'If there is a power cut, supplies in these areas will be restored more quickly as a result of this investment.'

'We have paid particular attention to areas which caused us problems last year to help prevent reoccurrences this year.'



Annie McWhinney (left) has lived in Chalmers Court for 16 years and is the oldest resident at 97, she tucked into a meal with Kirsty Carmichael who helps run the whist drive at the shelter. 06_a50inver02

Chalmers Court Christmas party

RESIDENTS at Chalmers Court Sheltered Housing in Inveraray got into the festive spirit this week at their annual Christmas party.

Entertainment

The pensioners enjoyed a meal made by Marjory Walker of Carloonan Farm.

Two children from Inveraray Primary School provided the musical entertainment when they played the chanter.

At 97 years old, Annie McWhinney is the oldest resident in Chalmers Court and has lived there for 16 years.

She said: 'It's lovely they put this on for us and it is great everyone can get together. It's a fantastic Christmas party.'

Throughout the year residents raise money for the dinner at whist drives and other social events.

Cautious welcome to unemployment figures

MICHAEL Russell MSP for Argyll and Bute has given a cautious welcome to figures that show unemployment in Argyll and Bute has fallen.

Figures released by the Office of National Statistics indicate the number of jobless in Scotland has fallen by 139,000, - an eight per cent reduction on the last quarter.

Mr Russell said: 'Argyll and Bute overall seems to mirror the Scottish national average but areas like Dunoon and Campbeltown still lag behind.'

School cleaning hours to be cut by 20 per cent

CLEANING hours at Argyll and Bute schools are to be cut by 20 per cent, prompting warnings from staff that pupil health could be affected as a result.

The local authority has notified cleaning, catering and janitorial staff of the intended changes, with meetings to be held across the county next month to discuss with employees how the changes will affect them.

It is understood the proposals are part of a long-term plan to cut millions of pounds from the education budget over the next five years, with the council looking to reduce its overall spend by £42million over the next seven years.

Suffer the brunt

It is thought school support staff, vehicle costs and extra-curricular activities are likely to suffer the brunt of the

education cuts, with the authority keen to maintain teacher numbers.

Plans to reduce cleaning hours could come into effect ahead of the new financial year.

A janitor has told the Advertiser that the council's latest proposal could mean cleaners would not be able to take as much care when cleaning.

He said: 'People don't realise cleaning in schools has been cut and cut and cut. Now they're planning on cutting again. The last thing our schools need is an outbreak of norovirus.'

'Now they're taking about a 20 per cent cut of the hours we've already had cut.'

'We're supposed to have a meeting at the Corran Halls in Oban on January 18. I'll be telling them it's a cut too far.'

A spokeswoman for

the council said: 'The proposed changes to the catering, cleaning and janitorial service have been reviewed in close and extensive consultation with staff and trade unions.'

Impact

'The process for making decisions about changes to services is based on an extensive range of factors and the impact on valued council employees is always taken into consideration. Throughout this process, every effort has been made to mitigate the impact on staff as far as possible.'

With regards possible further cuts to education, the spokeswoman said: 'Currently all areas of the council budget, including education, are under review. No detail is available at this stage prior to the council budget meeting in February.'

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Charities urged to stop sending junk mail

THE SCOTTISH Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) has launched a campaign urging charities to stop posting junk mail.

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SWRI's 20,000 members are being urged to return the mail to sender.

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The all-female launch crew, from left: Lynsey Brown, Heather Mitchell, Kim Thomas and Shona Moss.

All-female crew launches new lifeboat

AN ALL-female crew has launched the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's (RNLI) newest lifeboat in Tighnabruaich.

The Atlantic 85 class inshore lifeboat, *RNLB James and Helen Mason*, was taken for a spin by the four female members of the station at the official launch last Saturday. There are currently only 70 women among the RNLI's 909 Scottish crew list.

Kim Thomas, aged 27, took the

helm for the demonstration. Kim's father was a founding member of Tighnabruaich lifeboat station and her cousin, brother and husband are also on the crew. She was joined on board by 27-year-olds Lynsey Brown and Shona Moss and 23-year-old Heather Mitchell. The new lifeboat replaces the Atlantic 75 class lifeboat, which has been on station since 1998. The 85 class was paid for by a legacy from Mrs Janet Wilson Smith.

A83 road study raises hopes

PEOPLE living in towns and communities along the A83 have received a glimmer of hope that longstanding problems with speeding and pedestrian safety will be addressed.

The draft report of the A83 study, released this week, has identified a number of options that could be introduced over the short to long term that would fix problems that have tormented Mid Argyll communities for generations.

In Tarbert, the report has identified a pedestrian crossing island could be built on Barmore Road and pinch points at Erines and Barmore

Road could be widened. But with the costs of the road widening estimated between £2.5 and £6 million, they have been categorized as projects to be done in the long term.

Bob Chicken of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council said that whilst the report identified a number of solutions the timescale for potential work was 'very disappointing'.

'All the Tarbert stuff seems to come much later on,' he said. 'They haven't put Tarbert down for the flashing speed lights either. We have asked for them often enough and they are

needed coming down the hill.

'They have said they are giving some priority to the pedestrian crossing but even that is categorised as the medium term and that's cheap enough at £20-£50,000.'

'Both pinch points should have priority, I was expecting to see them as projects to be completed in the short term.'

The report also suggested flashing speed warning signs be introduced in Minard, Lochgair and Ardrishaig, remodelling the north junction at Furnace and improving signs in and around Inveraray.

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Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 25 December, 1992

ARGYLL and Clyde Local Health Council has rejected Health Board proposals to flouridate public water supplies.

The council gave the plans the red light when it failed to resolve a number of issues. It raised concern over the long term effects of flouridation, the absence of an absolute guarantee regarding control and public safety and it acknowledged the public's rights of autonomy and personal preference.

FEARS that more than 100 local jobs could be lost as a result of the proposed local government reshuffle were raised at a meeting of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce.

There was concern over the possible implications for Lochgilphead and surrounding areas, should the new local authority headquarters be based out with Lochgilphead.

Such a move could result in a dramatic drop in local trade and housing and a reduction in the number of children attending local schools, all of which could have serious repercussions for the local economy.

WHEN it comes to road safety, the youngsters of Craignish Primary School are top of the class.

In a region-wide competition by Strathclyde Regional Council's Road Safety Department to design a road safety calendar, five awards ranging from gold to highly commended were won by children at Craignish school.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



I watched little Charlie as he stood in the middle of the circle while we sang *Silent Night*.

A few moments before, he was a bundle of energy and excitement that so accurately describes a two year old just before Christmas.

We were in Tayinloan Village Hall for our Christmas Messy Church event and we were having a great time.

Charlie had more paint on his face than he had on his picture – but he was happy.

We were gathered round in a big circle for our act of worship together and I watched as Charlie left his Mum's hand to come into the centre of the circle on his own.

He had no shoes or socks on and he didn't make a sound.

He stopped and looked round each one of us and his face reflected the candlelight which was around the crib.

There was wonder on his face.

It was as if there was some understanding of mystery in his gaze, even if he didn't know what that mystery was.

I remembered Jesus saying we should become as little children and have the faith of a child – not childish faith, but child-like faith.

In that moment I saw something beautiful and wonderful in Charlie's smile and I hoped that he would retain that ability to wonder in his journey through life.

Soon we will symbolically gather round the manger and maybe we too will leave the hand of security to come closer to the crib and wonder.

Maybe we will stop what we're doing for even just a few moments to look in the manger.

Maybe we will come as a child and just let the wonder of the moment wash over us.

Maybe we could be like Charlie this Christmas and come, just as we are, to tip toe to the manger in wonder.

Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane picture has a festive feel and was submitted by Inveraray resident Rae McGregor.

The photograph was taken in 1924 and is of Inveraray Christmas tree, which at an impressive 26 feet, was believed to be the tallest in the UK.

In the photograph are Rae's great grandfather and her grandfather who would decorate the tree each year.

Rae, who has lived in Inveraray for 80 years, said: 'It used to take them a whole month to decorate the tree. It used to go up on December 1 and they would finish it on Christmas Eve.'

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. a51dml01no

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No excuses - stop dithering over the Rest and Be Thankful

Sir,
The UK Government's recent mini-budget brought good news for Argyll and Bute. The January fuel duty increase has been scrapped and the Scottish Government has been given an extra £394million for capital investment in Scotland.

This is more money than the Scottish Government asked for in the spring, so there is now no excuse for the SNP Government not going ahead with projects in Argyll and Bute such as a permanent solution to the landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.

I say to the SNP, you

have got the money, stop the dithering, get on with the job of at the Rest and Be Thankful.
**Alan Reid MP,
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunoon,
Argyll.**

Please pick up after your dog

Sir,
This is a plea to all dog walkers - please pick up after your pets before an adult or child falls foul of the problem.

Another weekend, more Argyll youngsters involved in local sport and more games on Lochgilphead's Ropework Park. But yet another referee coming and asking volunteers and coaches if we can get a shovel and move dog foul from the pitch before he allows the game

to start.

Surely in today's day and age you should not let your dog off the leash not just on Ropework Park but any of our well-used public pitches in Argyll, whether its football, shinty, rugby or any other sport that may be played on these local parks.

There must surely be a realisation as a dog owner that as soon as you let your dog off its lead there is the possibility that it is going to soil the area it is running around on.

There are a huge number of kids throughout Argyll that our community volunteers and coaches are trying to get back into community sports teams and clubs.

Please at least do the right thing and pick up any mess your pet has made. I am quite sure

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One wind farm too many?

IT IS not surprising to see north Kintyre and Mid Argyll people up in arms as yet another energy company submits a planning application to build a windfarm.

This week the *Argyllshire Advertiser* has been contacted by three residents in the Tarbert, Whitehouse and Kilberry areas concerned about the impact Freasdale Windfarm could have on their lives.

Each resident has a story – one who lives within 2km of the proposed site hoped to sell his property but fears its value will plummet if the windfarm is built, whilst another, who has invested tens of thousands in rental holiday lets, fears he will lose profits when his 'unique views' are dominated by turbines.

Whilst Argyll must look to green energy as a possible economic driver there has to be a point where enough is enough.

People living in north Kintyre are already surrounded by five windfarms, more individual turbines and planning applications for reams more.

We think it is time Argyll and Bute Council considered putting a cap on the number of turbines and windfarms built in a small area.

that the thought of any youngster or adult being misfortunate enough to make contact with dog foul whilst taking part in sport does not appeal to anyone.

**Douglas Moore,
Lochgilphead Red Star YFC, AFC and Soccer Centre**

MSP's mobile phone bill

Sir,
While I was looking through the paper last week I happened to notice a letter to the editor on page 6.

This was a rant about our MSP Jamie McGrigor's mobile phone bill and there was a claim that the writer had yet to meet 'someone who has actually benefited from Mr McGrigor's knowledge or advice'.

Well, MacPool certainly has. I can firmly state as a director of the pool that Jamie McGrigor did a great deal to help us at a critical point during the pool's emergence from its financial crisis in 2009/10.

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Ironically, there were many phone calls to and from Jamie McGrigor's mobile telephone during this period and I clearly remember that these phone calls took place as Jamie was working and travelling round his constituency.

It would have been very difficult to speak to him unless he had used his mobile phone during this time. Keep up the good work Jamie.

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Teacher's pride as inspection report praises academy

PUPILS at Tarbert Academy are well behaved, respectful and attentive, a recent school inspection has revealed.

The academy was recently inspected by national authority Education Scotland, which found the school to be very good at helping children and young people achieve their best.

The report states there are high levels of attainment within the school, its pupils are confident and articulate, links between the school and community are strong, whilst a caring and inclusive ethos has also been created within the school. Commenting on the report headteacher Catriona Hood, who will leave the school in

the new year to take up a post at Campbeltown Grammar, said: 'I am very pleased that the report is so positive. In the section that talks about the strengths of our school the qualities of our pupils are top of the list.

'The inspection team also praised our caring and inclusive ethos, which matters very much. The hard work of our pupils and staff has been recognised, as have the varied achievements of our pupils.

'I am so very proud of the school. It has been an honour to be head teacher of Tarbert Academy.'

A copy of the full report is available on the Education Scotland website.



Fundraising back in TV spotlight

LOCHGILPHEAD fundraising sensation Martha Payne will appear on our TV screens again over the festive period. Martha, Meals & Malawi airs on BBC1 Scotland on December 23 and features on BBC News channel on December 24, 25 and 26, and also on BBC World on December 26. The documentary will update people on Martha's NeverSeconds blog and fundraising campaign for Mary's Meals, which recently exceeded £125,000. 06_a25martha03

Dispute goes to tribunal

A DISPUTE over the sacking of Argyll and Bute Council's former communications manager is to go to an employment tribunal after an appeal was rejected.

A cross party panel of five councillors met at Kilmory last week to consider the appeal by Jo Smith, who was dismissed in August despite being cleared of false allegations she used social network websites to 'spy' on council critics.

She was instead dismissed on a charge of bringing the council into disrepute for using the word 'spy' in a presentation last September.

The hearing was the third and final stage of appeal open to her via the authority. Considering the case was Conservative councillor David Kinniburgh, Gordon Blair and Sandy Taylor of the SNP, Liberal Democrat Rory Colville and independ-

ent councillor James McQueen.

However, after a four and a half hour meeting, the panel decided to uphold the council's decision to dismiss Ms Smith.

Ms Smith was unable to comment, but Paul Holleran, Scottish Organiser of the National Union for Journalists (NUJ), said: 'The NUJ is very surprised and of course disappointed by Argyll and Bute Council's decision and continues to support Jo Smith's challenge against her dismissal.'

'We believe Jo was unfairly dismissed and have lodged a claim at the Employment Tribunal Service on her behalf.'

Argyll and Bute Council said: 'It would not be appropriate for the council to comment.'

The tribunal is likely to be heard early next year.

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Inveraray band to perform at the Royal Concert Hall

ONE OF Argyll's most successful pipe bands has been invited to perform at the most prestigious concert in the pipe band calendar.

Inveraray and District Pipe Band has been asked to perform at the Pre Worlds concert in August at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow.

Held each year before

the World Pipe Band Championships, the concert, hosted and by the Glasgow Skye Association Pipe Band, aims to highlight the wealth of musical talent within pipe bands in a great music venue.

This year's concert is aptly named ASCENSION as the band has, in only eight years, risen from humble begin-

nings as a Tuesday night chanter class to one of the top pipe bands in the world.

Commenting on the invitation to perform, pipe major Stuart Liddell, said: 'This event has become a highlight of the pipe band calendar and we are honoured to follow in the footsteps of so many great bands.'

'Our main aim is to en-



Inveraray and District Pipe band is led by award winning pipe major Stuart Liddell.

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tain the audience, ensuring that everyone has an enjoyable evening and goes home happy.'

Variety

The band plans to perform a wide variety of music when they take to the stage, from traditional classics to more contemporary arrangements and compositions by Pipe Sgt. Dougie Campbell, band member Alasdair Henderson and Australian composer and new band member Mark Saul.

The band will also perform what has become their signature tune,

The Water is Wide, and will be joined by young folk musicians for some of their performance.

'We are working hard with our team of backing musicians to deliver an overall musical package which hopefully will appeal to all tastes,' Stuart added.

The quality of the band's drum core will also be highlighted with a drum fanfare performance of The Limerick Society.

'We hope to showcase the drum section of the band as a musical unit using a variety of bass and tenor effects along with our guest percussionist Dominique Mollard, from Brittany, France,' drum leader Steven McWhirter said.

Since their launch in 2005, Inveraray and District Pipe Band has experienced a rapid ascension through the competitive grades.

In 2010 they joined the top flight of the pipe band world and are undoubtedly one of the most exciting bands to emerge on the grade one circuit in recent history.



Pupils at Achahoish Primary School performed to friends and family this week. 06_a50acha01

Wizard of Oz

FAMILY and friends piled into Ormsary Village Hall this week to see a special localised performance of the *Wizard of Oz*.

Pupils at Achahoish Primary School performed their annual Christmas panto, which told the adventures of the youngsters who were swept up in a storm on Ormsary Estate and taken to Munchkid Land.

Dorothy, the tin man, scarecrow and lion went on a quest to see Great Wizard Wiggins to make their dreams come true. But the characters are confronted by the wicked witch, Mrs P, along the way.

Luckily the children find the great wizard and the tin



Pupils perform nativity at Lochgilhead

CHILDREN from Lochgilhead Primary School performed the classic nativity play last week to friends and family. Youngsters from the P2-3 class at the school took the stage to tell the story of Jesus' birth, complete with angels, shepherds and the three wise men. 06_a51nat03

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Special extras

The audience were treated to all the classic Wizard of Oz songs with a few special extras thrown in by the children.

Headteacher Louise Patterson said: 'They have had a great time rehearsing for the show and have done fantastic.'

'Last week we went to the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow to see the Wizard of Oz which was great.'

Tayinloan woman wins Scottish Salmon Company photo competition

A WOMAN who captured a beautiful pink sunset over the Isle of Gigha on camera has been named the winner of the Scottish Salmon Company's (SSC) annual photography competition.

Emma Byers, a production and sales planner from Tayinloan, took first place in the contest which is open to SCC staff and their families.

Website

Emma's picture will now be seen by people all over the world as it will feature on the company's website and pro-

motional literature.

Commenting on the win Emma, who works in SCC's Lochgilphead office, said: 'We were coming home by boat after a day with my brother-in-law and his children who live on Gigha and it was such a perfect sunset. I'm glad I got the picture.'

Camilla MacDonald, a biologist with the company, won second prize for her picture of Loch Na Keel, Mull and Peter Cassels, an IT systems support analyst, came third with his photograph of Loch Fyne.



Emma Byers, who works in the Scottish Salmon Company's Lochgilphead office, won the photo contest with her picture of a Gigha sunset.

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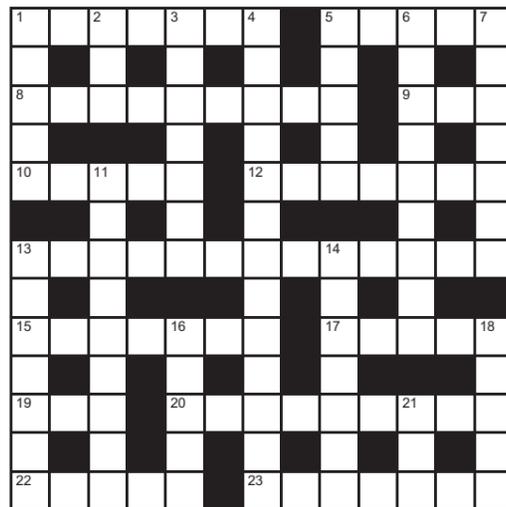
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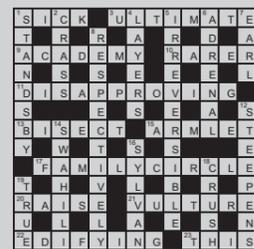
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- Fruit provider (5,4)
- Hazardous (5)
- The feeling of children at Christmas (7)

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- It comes from above (5)
- Where they had no room for Mary (3)
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- A week to the day after Christmas (3,4)
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- Jubilant (5)
- Dough? (5)
- Natural breakdown (3)



Last week's solution





Members of the community care team from Mid Argyll Community Hospital raised a glass to MacMillan Cancer Support at the dance on Friday night. 06_a51dance05

£1,500 raised at charity fundraising event

MORE THAN 100 teachers, nurses, social workers, council officers and friends turned out to raise a glass to MacMil-

lan Cancer Support on Friday as the local fundraising group held its annual Christmas celebration.

Laying on a three-course meal and dance, the Mid Argyll fundraising branch of the cancer charity hosted a Christ-

mas party to remember. With food supplied by The Smiddy Bistro and music by Kenny and Lochie, partygoers ate a classic Christmas feast before dancing the night away to many classic tunes.

Raising more than £1,500 for MacMillan Cancer Support, the event was deemed a huge success by organisers.

The Mid Argyll committee thanked caterers The Smiddy Bistro, Kenny and Lochie, Drill Hall, John Frier and the many volunteers who arranged flowers.



at the party. 06_a51dance06



Carys MacFarlane, Rebecca Strachan and Fedra MacIntyre from Lochgilphead Medical Practice. 06_a51dance02



Charlotte O'Ryan and Cathie Fife, from Lochgilphead Joint Campus' pre-five unit, partied the night away with a group of staff from the school. 06_a51dance01



It was smiles all round at MacMillan Cancer Support's annual Christmas party night. 06_a51dance03



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Thom Catterwell, 10, and pupils from Craignish Primary School handed a cheque for £89.04 to Liz MacInally of Craignish Restoration Appeal Group. 06_a51church01

Grant means essential repair work can start at Craignish Parish Church

ESSENTIAL repairs will start on Craignish Parish Church in the New Year after a grant of £6,000 was donated to the church's renewal fund.

The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland donated the cash, allowing work to begin on the balcony - which is currently unusable - and the north wall to repair a structural beam.

News that work can finally begin on the church has proved to be the best Christmas present for the Craignish Church Restoration Appeal Group. Group member Liz MacInally said: 'So many people have been donating money it will be great to see progress being made. The balcony being open again will be great for the church.' Children of Craignish Primary

School handed over a cheque for £89.04 this week, which was collected when they traced the outline of the church in two pence pieces around the school playground.

The group also secured £2,000 from the Dalrymple Donaldson Trust, which takes the total raised since fundraising began in May to almost £45,000. The restoration target is £250,000.

Charity event raises £30,000

A CHARITY ball in aid of a holistic cancer care centre in memory of Lochgilphead woman Johanna MacVicar raised more than £30,000.

Rainbow Valley was set up by Johanna's mum Angela and close friend Lindsay MacCallum to offer cancer patients a chance to learn more about their condition and to offer free preventative and self-help therapies, to help relax the patient and promote positivity out-with the hospital in tranquil surroundings.

The Rainbow Valley Ball in Glasgow's Thistle Hotel was well attended with many from Lochgilphead, Oban and Campbeltown supporting the event.

Rainbow Valley has been gifted the ground and services to build the centre and has now set a target of raising £1mil-

lion by 2015 for the bricks and mortar.

The family and subsequently the charity have already received huge support from Mid Argyll and the wider Argyll community, from searching for bone marrow donors to individual fundraisers and the now legendary 'Lochgilphead Weekend' fundraiser.

Johanna's mum, Angela, said: 'As a family we have been overwhelmed with the support the infamous 'Lochgilphead Weekend' has generated and we are excited that our efforts will continue in Johanna's memory and her dream of a place where you can fight cancer with choice.'

'Rainbow Valley will offer the opportunity to reach out and help a wider community of those whose lives have been changed by the di-

agnosis of cancer. For 14 years the generosity of the people of Argyll has supported our fundraising efforts, to which we will be eternally grateful.'

Lindsay MacCallum added: 'Rainbow Valley will be a community 'hub' where the people will be encouraged to go for days out, coffees, to visit the gardens, allow their children to play in the adventure playground and to learn more about healthy living.'

'There is much work to be done over the next three years in order that we can break ground and begin to build the Rainbow Valley facility in 2015.'

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Explore Tarbert Castle project moves forward

A PROJECT to encourage people in Tarbert to learn more about their ancient history has taken another step forward.

The Explore Tarbert Castle initiative, which aims to discover whether or not an archaeological dig could be carried out on the castle site and if further conservation of the ruins is needed, hosted its first public meeting this month.

Roddy Regan, field archaeologist with Kilmartin House Museum, described the non-invasive survey work and historical research programme that will lead to a greater understanding of the castle ruins and hopefully lead to a community archaeological dig.

Roddy used slides



Tarbert Castle lights up the Loch Fyne skyline in winter.

illustrating the result of the recent laser survey which records in detail the extent of ruined structures and site topography. The

illustrations impressed the 30 members of the public who attended the meeting and, when supplemented with a measured survey and photographs, will provide an invaluable record for further study.

Several on-site investigations will be held in the spring and volunteers including students from Tarbert

Academy are invited to attend and learn more about the investigative techniques.

Robert McPhail of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust said he was delighted with the interest in the project and confirmed the group was looking forward to working with expert advisors at the castle site.

Clock lodge ideas deadline looms

LOCHGILPHEAD residents have only a few days left to record their ideas about what they would like to see done with the town's clock lodge.

A survey questioning people on what they feel is lacking in the town and what they think of possible uses for the building is available on line at www.surveymonkey.com/s/WHJ53YC.

The results of the survey will be analysed in the New Year.

Award for Volunteer Coastguard Service

THE VOLUNTEER Coastguard Service has been awarded with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee volunteering award 2012.

The award is a special, one-off category of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, which was established in 2002 as part of the UK honours system. It is considered to be the MBE for community voluntary groups.

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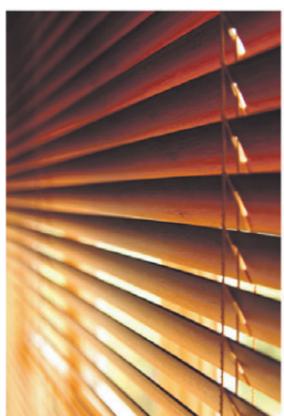


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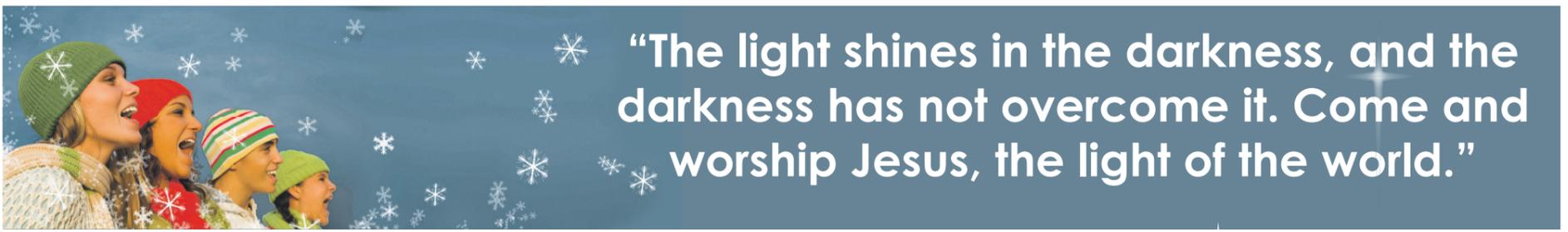
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Sunday 23rd December

“Fear Not — I Am With You”

Ardrihaig at 11:00am

Achahoish at 12:30pm

Carols Round the Tree
Car Park, Ardrihaig at 6:30pm
(in North Hall if wet)

Christmas Eve

Carol Service

Achahoish at 7:00pm

Watchnight Service
Ardrihaig from 11:15pm

Sunday 30th December

“Fear Not — I Am still with You”

Sunday 6th January 2013

“Fear Not — Only Believe”

West Lochfyneside

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Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

23 December - 10am Fourth Sunday of

Advent Lochfyneside (Minard)

24 December - 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Service Furnace Hall

25 December - 11.30am Joint Christmas

morning service Inveraray Church

30 December - 10am End of Year

Service Furnace Hall

6 January 2013 - 11.30am

New Year Service Lochgair Church

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

23 December - 11.30am Fourth Sunday

of Advent Inveraray Church

24 December - 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Service Inveraray Church

25 December - 11.30am Christmas

morning service Inveraray Church

30 December - 11.30am End of Year

Service Inveraray Church

6 January 2013 - 11.30am New Year

Service in Inveraray Church

6 January 2013 - 2.30pm New Year

Service in Chalmers Court, Inveraray

*Christmas Timetable,
St. Margaret's RC Church
(and All Saints, Inveraray), 2012.*

Monday 24th December

(Midnight Mass)

Carol Singing at 11:30pm

followed by Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December

(Christmas Day)

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

Sunday 30th December

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

Tuesday 1st January

Lochgilphead Mass at 10:30am

Sunday 6th January

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

*North Knapdale
Parish Church*

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 23 December

Inverlussa Church 11:30 am

Morning Worship

Monday 24 December

Tayvallich Front Green 4:00 pm

Carols on the green followed by mince

pies and mulled wine

Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm

Watchnight Service

Tuesday 25 December

Christmas Day Worship 11:00 am

Bellanoch Church

Sunday 30 December

Tayvallich Church 11:30 am

All welcome

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*Lochgilphead
Parish Church*

Rev. Hilda Smith

Sunday 23rd December 2012

11.00 am Nativity Service

(conducted by the Youth Fellowship)

Christmas Eve

24th December 2012

11.15 pm Watchnight Service

(Festive drinks, mince pies and music

from 10.45 pm)

Christmas Day

25th December 2012

11.00 am – 11.30 a.m.

All Age Carol Service

Sunday 30th December 2012

11.00 am Morning Worship

All welcome

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SC016311

Christ Church

Scottish Episcopal Church,

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead

Sunday 23rd December

11.00am. Service led by the Bishop of

Argyll and the Isles.

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Watchnight service led by Rev.

Michael Kitchener

Christmas Day

11.00am. Family Carols and Anthology

Birthday Celebration.

Sunday 30th December

11.00am Morning Eucharist

† Kintyre

*Campbeltown
Community Church*

Sunday 23rd December
Christmas Family Service
followed by coffee & mince pies

Sunday 30th December
All Age Family Service
“The Mystery of Christmas”

Sunday 6th January 2013
Communion Service
“Hope that doesn’t disappoint”

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*Highland Parish Church
Campbeltown (SC002493)*

Sunday 23rd December 2012

11.15am All Age Family Service

Mr. W. Crossan

Monday 24th December 2012

Watchnight Service 11.30pm

Lorne & Lowland Church

Sunday 30th December 2012

Session meet in Church 10.30am

11.15am Morning Service

Mr. M. Ramsay

*Kilcalmonell linked with
Killean and Kilchenzie*

A'Chleit Church

End of term service for Glenbarr

and Rhunahorine Primary Schools

1.30 pm on Friday 21st December

Members of the community and

parents/carers and friends of the

school all welcome

Ms Marilyn Shedden

(Schools Chaplain)

11.30am on Sunday 23rd December

Christmas Eve Service

11.30pm on Monday 24th December

Ms Marilyn Shedden

Worship on the final Sunday of

2012 and the first Sunday in 2013

11.30am Sundays 30th December and

6th January

Rev Catriona Hood

(Interim Moderator)

Clachan Church

End of term service for Clachan

Primary School

1.30 pm on Friday 21st December

Members of the community and

parents/carers and friends of the

school all welcome

Mr William Crossan

10am on Sunday 23rd December

Community Christmas Eve Service

7.00pm on Monday 24th December

Mr William Crossan

Worship on the final Sunday of 2012 and the first Sunday in 2013

10.00am Sundays 30th December and

6th January

Rev Catriona Hood

(Interim Moderator)

*Lorne And Lowland
Parish Church*

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship 11:15 am

(Triple C and Bible Class Nativity

Play and Choir items)

Rev Philip Burroughs

Monday 24th December

Joint Christmas Eve worship at Lorne

and Lowland Church 11:30pm

Mince pies served from 10-45pm

Tuesday 25th December

“O come let us adore him”

Morning worship 10:30 am

Short service to celebrate Christmas

Day

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Christmas Day

10.45 am Family Communion

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*Springbank
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Christmas Services

Sunday 23rd December

Christmas Family Service conducted

by Springbank Youth Group

11.15am

Monday 24th December

Carols by Candlelight

7.00pm

*Saddell And Carradale
Church*

Sunday 23rd December

12 Noon

Christmas Service

Service conducted by Matthew

Ramsay (Locum)

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and coffee will be served at 11.30am

prior to the service.

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Service

Service conducted by Rev Chris

Fulcher

Retiring offering for the Jen Fisher

School in India

Sunday 30th December

End of Year Service

Conducted by Rev Steve Fulcher

*Southend Parish Church
Christmas Services*

Christmas Family Service

Sunday 23rd December 2012

11.30am

Rev Steve Fulcher

Watchnight Service

Monday 24th December 2012

11.30pm

Rev Steve Fulcher

Family Service

Sunday 30th December 2012

11.30am

Rev Chris Fulcher

*Tarbert, Lochfyne and
Kilberry Church of
Scotland*

Sunday 23rd December 2012

Tarbert Service 11.45am

Sunday School 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Kilberry Service 2pm

Rev. Tommy Bryson

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Services

Kilberry 7pm

Mr Peter Minshall

Tarbert Service

Review of the Year - January to April



JANUARY: Two men escaped serious injury and possible death after a tree came crashing down on top of the van they were travelling in. Peter Stewart and Brian Wilkinson were monitoring the water levels of the Crinan Canal on January 3 in hurricane strength winds when a tree fell onto their van, missing the men by inches. Inset: Peter Stewart



JANUARY: Bill MacCallum, who set up Mid Argyll Athletics Club in 1984, was named on the Queen's Honours List. Bill was awarded an MBE for his services to sport.



JANUARY: Bright pink hair became fashionable in Ardrishaig's Argyll Arms as customers experimented with hair dye in the name of the charity. Customer Jock 'the bolt' McLellan donned a neon-coloured hair-do after vowing that he would do anything for charity. The 55-year-old fisherman underwent a 'pink transformation' to raise cash for MacMillan Cancer Support.



JANUARY: Ian Davidson makes a very animated address to the haggis at the Lochgillhead Parish Church Burns Night celebration.



JANUARY: Little Kyra Carruthers - the first baby born in Mid Argyll in 2012. Daughter of Ami Harris and Philip Carruthers, Kyra was born at 9.14am on January 3, amidst one of the worst storms in recent history. 'The midwives told me I should call her Gail because she was born in a gale', mum of three Ami said.



FEBRUARY: A Kilmichael man had a Valentine's Day to remember as he proposed to his girlfriend live on television. John Burnett, an Elvis impersonator otherwise known as John Graceland Burnett, got down on bended knee and proposed to his girlfriend Rachel Le Roque on ITV 1 programme This Morning.



FEBRUARY: Ten-year-old Joseph Harper was named the overall under-10 champion at the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championships.



FEBRUARY: Lochgillhead Drama Club's production of the Big Cats earned them the top spot at Kintyre and District Drama Festival. It was performed by Dorothy Hogbin, Duncan Burnt and Ruth Morrison.



JANUARY: Father David Connor, parish priest at St Margaret's in Lochgillhead, lit up TV screens across Scotland when he featured in popular BBC 2 series, An Island Parish. The TV appearance focused on Father Connor's ordination at St Columba's Cathedral in Oban.



MARCH: The Argyllshire Advertiser's exclusive photograph revealing the extent of the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful shocked readers.



MARCH: Holly Renton was named the most promising performer at the 33rd Mid Argyll Music Festival. The former pupil of Minard Primary and member of the Mid Argyll youth chorus, was presented with the Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award.



APRIL: Sisters Lorraine Macdonald and Kathleen Smith ran the London marathon together. They raised funds for Kidney Research UK in recognition of their nephew Robson Mair, who needs a kidney transplant.



APRIL: Runners from Mid Argyll took part in the jog of a lifetime as they ran one mile of Argyll as part of a Sport Relief challenge. The runners, part of the Lochgillhead and Inveraray Jog Scotland groups and Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club, ran from Inveraray to Arrochar first thing on Saturday morning as part of BBC One's The One Show 1,000.



APRIL: Ross Sinclair was the winner of the winter league as Lochgillhead Golf Course celebrated its 50th year. Andy Law and David Sinclair presented the trophy to Ross.

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Fluke control needed this winter

RECENT heavy rain throughout Scotland has maintained the high risk of liver fluke in sheep and cattle, and Sustainable Control of Parasites in Sheep (SCOPS) chairman Peter Baber has stressed the need for farmers to urgently contact their vet to discuss a fluke control programme.

A wet summer led to the SCOPS group putting out an alert at the end of summer warning the fluke risk would be high and that farmers should discuss the situation on their farms with their prescriber. The fluke challenge has, as anticipated, been very high this year and the traditional treatment times are no longer applicable. Mr Baber said none of the flukicides are persistent so the minute the stock graze fluke-infested pasture again they get re-infected. And given that fluke numbers are so high, sheep may show clinical disease



The minute livestock graze fluke-infested pasture again they get re-infected.

only four to five weeks after treatment.

Resistance

In the autumn acute disease caused by the immature fluke is most prevalent in sheep so treatments should kill these immature flukes and triclabendazole (TBZ) is the treatment of choice, unless it is not effective on your farm. If a produce does not appear to be working, be aware that while

resistance to some flukicides does occur, re-infection is more common. Another reason for drenches apparently not working is underestimating the weight of the animals, especially adult ewes. Any underestimation could make the dose inadequate and severe consequences can occur.

Lesley Stubbings of SCOPS says: 'There are very limited medicines

available to kill the very young flukes. It is vital for farmers to investigate any apparent treatment failures so you can make good decisions on how to control fluke for the rest of this year and the years to come.'

Dry ground

Anthelmintics on their own may not be enough in very badly affected areas. If animals can be moved to any dry ground available or even

housed this will help reduce the challenge the animals are receiving.

Rumen fluke has been diagnosed on some farms but, unless you have a problem diagnosed, liver fluke is still the main threat. The treatment for rumen fluke is oxytetracycline, which only kills adult liver fluke, so using it at this time of year could leave your animals at risk from acute liver fluke.

Market reports

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United Auctions

Lambs

BeltexX: £65.50, £58.50 and £56.50 6 Bayview.
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CheviotX: £39.50 Kilbride £39.00 7 Shore Street.
Cross: £58.50 Kilchiaran.
Mule: £61.50 Carrabus

Farm.
Blackface: £56.50
Kilchiaran £53.50
Carn £52.50 Uiskentuie £51.50 and £50.50
Ceannacroic £46.00
Kilchiaran £44.50 Lossit and Ceannacroic.
Ewes
SuffolkX: £90.00 44 Stanalane £75.50 24 Laoigan Place £69.50 and £68.50 44 Stanalane.
TexelX: £49.50 Lossit CheviotX: £47.50 44 Stanalane.
Cross: £43.50 44 Stanalane.
Blackface: £28.50 Ceannacroic
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153p - Ardbeg 150p - Coull and Pairc A Chlassan 149p - Pairc A Chlassan.
TexelX: 169p and 163p - Balaclava 153p Ballimartin 152p Ardbeg 149p Gartloist and Mulindry 146p Lossit.
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A busy sale ring at Oban witnessed a brisk trade for cattle Picture - Kevin McGlynn

United Auctions end their sale season in Islay

UNITED Auctions concluded their 2012 sales at Islay Auction Mart when they sold 2,307 lambs and sheep.

Although prices failed to keep up with the rates received at the corresponding sale last year, levels obtained compared favorably with rates currently prevailing at mainland centres.

The day's top price came from Neil McDonald's consignment from No 6 Bayview when his Beltex cross lambs sold at £65.50.

M/s Johnstone, Balclava, consignment of Texel lambs led the prices per kilo when their pen sold at 169pence.

Lantra celebrate 10th anniversary

FEBRUARY will see the 10th anniversary of the Lantra Land-based and Aquaculture Learner of the Year Awards in Scotland.

The awards recognise the achievements of Scottish learners in horticulture, forestry, equine, aquaculture and agriculture.

The ceremony, at the Crieff Hydro Hotel will also see the launch of the Land-based School Project of the Year Award for the school that has delivered the best rural skills project in 2012.

Oban sale breaks centre records

CALEDONIAN Marts (Oban) Ltd sold 1,189 store cattle and suckled calves at Oban Livestock Centre last week when the centre experienced its dearest trade on record with bullocks selling to 427p per kilo and heifers to 364p per kilo.

Bullocks averaged 222p and sold to 427p per kg and £1,600 for a 375kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm.

Heifers averaged 201p and sold to 364p per kg and £1400 for a 385kg Charolais from Dippen, Carradale.

The firm also held a show prior to the sale.

Judge on the day was Jean MacKay, Harelaw Farm, Barrhead.

Overall champion, sponsored by Norvartis

Animal Health went to D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale with a 385kg Charolais heifer which made £1,400 to judge Jean MacKay.

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Single mainland bullock calf, sponsored by Hamilton Bros, Campbeltown, 1st and reserve champion Barcaldine, 2nd D MacDonald, Tyree 425kg £1080 to Innes Farms Morray, 3rd E MacGillivray, 330kg £1080 to B Dufton.

Single mainland heifer calf, sponsored by D & J Campbell, Haulage, Connel, 1st and cham-

pion D W Semple, 2nd R Lines, Killoch, Campbeltown 420kg, £1150 to B Dufton, 3rd E MacGillivray, 315kg £950 to Jean MacKay.

Single island bullock calf, sponsored by NFU Oban, 1st C McKinnon, Kilkenneth, Tiree, 420kg £1100 to Watt Livestock, 2nd C McKinnon, Kilkenneth, Tiree, 370kg £900 to Watt Livestock, 3rd D McCormick, Baligarve, Lismore 380kg £900 to J Leggat, Little Invernorth, Fraserburgh.

Single island heifer, sponsored by Ian Murrie, Haulage, Stirling, 1st D McCormick, Baligarve, 335kg £980 to J Junor, Dell, Inverness.

2nd J McKellar, Auchnacloch, Islay, 290kg £640 to A Pettigrew, Faskine,

Airdrie, 3rd D MacDougall, Tirlfuir, Lismore 280kg £800 to J Junor, Dell, Inverness.

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MEMBERS of Mid Argyll Pipe Band brought some festive cheer to busy shoppers on Saturday as they played outside the Co-op in Lochgilphead.

Busking to raise cash for new uniforms for the novice juvenile band, parents of band members helped pack groceries in store in a bid for more donations.

New pipe major

Performing at the fundraiser were new pipe major Craig Lang, of Ardrishaig - who has taken over from University bound Struan Thorpe - and Brian Hastings on the bass drum.

Craig's grandfather Donald McLachlan,

who played in the band for many years and now helps teach the younger drummers, came along to give his support and play a few sets.

Members of the grade 4B band and juvenile novice band were also out performing.

Margaret Allan, treasurer of the pipe band said: 'We would like to express our thanks to the people of Mid Argyll who are so supportive of the band.'

Pipe major Craig Lang, Brian Hastings and Donald McLachlan of Mid Argyll Pipe Band were performing outside the Co-op in Lochgilphead to raise money for the novice juvenile band.

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Ishbel McLulloch and Kirsty Mccuaig were at the Tarbert Soup Group Christmas party where youngsters from Tarbert Youth Group went along to deliver presents.

Youngsters hand out presents

YOUNGSTERS from Tarbert Youth Group got in the Christmas spirit this week as they handed out presents to members of the community.

The youngsters went to the Tarbert Soup Group on Monday to hand out presents and cards, which they bought with money saved from their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Anyone who missed out on Christmas celebrations should not fear, as the youngsters will be coming around delivering presents to those who could not come along.

Heather Bellshaw, project co-ordinator for Tarbert Youth Group, said: 'Everyone there really enjoyed themselves and members of the

soup group were telling us how much they appreciated it and that the group was a great life line for them.

'It was a really, really lovely day and everyone was so excited to be involved.'

Youth group open three nights a week

IN THE New Year Tarbert Youth Group will be open three nights a week with a special drop in session on a Wednesday night for young people in S1 and above.

Teens can pop in and socialise, cook pizza and bring friends along to hang out.

Project co-ordinator of Tarbert Youth group, Heather Bellshaw, said: 'We want to get more older children coming along.'

TIGHNABRUAICH

New work on show in exhibition

A SPECIAL Christmas exhibition at Tighnabruaich Galley presents new work by three of Scotland's leading artists Pam Carter, Paul Bennett and Jim Wylie.

Firm favourites of the gallery, this is the first time the artists have been brought together for an exhibition.

They work in very different styles, but all find inspiration in the rugged land and seascapes of the west coast of Scotland.

Bute-based Jim Wylie, one of the gallery's most popular artists, has produced five bold pieces for the exhibition, whilst Pam Carter's new work

features her characteristically evocative west coast scenes of crofts, beaches and machair.

Paul Bennett has created three semi-abstract seascapes using expressive brushstrokes and a dramatic palette. Two of his pieces use gloss resin to form a sleek, textured finish.

Commenting on the exhibition, which runs until January 4, gallery owner Penny Graham-Weall said: 'We're delighted to present this new work by three outstanding Scottish artists. Classic with a contemporary twist, their art never fails to surprise, enchant and inspire.'

CRAIGNISH

Residents go back to the 1980s

RESIDENTS in Craignish went back to the 80s last week when they turned up to the ABBA-themed Curry-oake night in the village hall.

The curry and ABBA musical night was organised by the Craignish Church Restoration Appeal Group to raise money for repairs to be carried out on the church.

Liz MacInally, who co-ordinates the project said the night was a huge success.

'The night was really well attended,' she said. 'It was great fun and it was tremendous to see so many people turn up who would not normally go to these things.'

INVERARAY

Duke and Duchess host children's Christmas party

CHILDREN from Inveraray Primary School went to a special Christmas party this week, hosted by the Duke and Duchess of Argyll.

Pupils from the school were invited to Inveraray Castle where tucked into delicious food served up by the Duchess and enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon, entertained by a magician.

The youngsters sang Christmas Carols and were treated to a performance by Stuart Liddell, pipe major of Inveraray Pipe Band. Stuart piped in their special guest, Santa who handed out early Christmas



The special guest Santa handed out presents to children at the annual Christmas party hosted by the Duke and Duchess of Argyll.

mas presents to the youngsters, who could be seen having a great time. Inveraray Castle manager Jane Young said: 'It was a fantastic

party and the youngsters were dressed up in their party clothes which was lovely. The Duke and Duchess love hosting the party every year.'

DUNOON

Seafood workshop success

SEAFOOD Scotland continued its successful Seafood in Schools programme with an interactive workshop at Dunoon Grammar School last Thursday.

Around 180 pupils in the town enjoyed four workshops learning where seafood comes from, how healthy it is, and how it gets from sea to plate.

A selection of fish and shellfish was available to taste and pupils had the opportunity to see and handle fresh and live species such as crab, lobster, cod, monkfish and salmon.

Rosanna Pile from The Scottish Salmon Company was also on hand to discuss career opportunities within the fish farming industry.

FURNACE

Pensioners enjoy festive meal

PENSIONERS from Furnace enjoyed a festive meal this week at the Gentle Folks Christmas Party.

The event was organised by local community groups who fundraise throughout the year to make the day possible.

The over 65s piled into Furnace Village Hall to enjoy the party, which included a raffle with prizes donated from local residents.

Sybil Masters, who runs the village store said: 'Everyone had a really good time, it was a fantastic party.'

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Sarah Holroyd, via email: Rhum pony, September 2012. T51holroyd1no

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Jimmy McCallum, Lochgilphead: Overlooking Loch Tulla, from Beinn Achaladair, 28th March 2012. T51jimmymccallum1no

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Brian McMahon, Mull Terrace, Oban: Caledonian Macbrayne's pride of the fleet sailing into KennaCraig on a very still crisp morning on Sunday, November 2. Photo taken by me from MV Lord of The Isles. T51brianmcmahon1no

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Alexander Clark, Ganavan Road, Oban: Taken beginning of December 2012, in the afternoon, at Wee Ganavan beach Oban - a favourite local walk of ours. Typical winters day - bright, bright sun with sky to match. T51alexanderclark1no

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Mark James, Haverhill, Suffolk: The white sands of Calgary Beach - Isle of Mull April 2012. T51markjames1no

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Nita Eriksson, Oban: A frosty morning at Loch Creran. T51ni-taeriksson1no

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Bob Goodman, Campbeltown: View of Glen Catocal Arran, taken December 2012. T51bobgoodman1no

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All uplifts normally carried out on Tuesday 25th Dec – refuse and recycling will be uplifted on Saturday 22nd December (Inc: Recycling route 5)
 All uplifts normally carried out Wednesday 26th Dec – refuse and recycling will be uplifted on Sunday 23rd December (Inc: Recycling route 6)
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02539/PP	Erection of garage building	Kilmartin Garage Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RQ	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

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12/02512/PP	Change of use of retail shop (class 1) to bookmakers (class 2)	3 Longrow Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6JA	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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Easy to enter
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WEEK ONE of two



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK
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BIRTHS



HENDERSON
 Kevin and Laura (Williamson) are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Charlotte Rose, born on December 10, 2012, in Kirkcaldy. First grandchild for Alison Henderson and first granddaughter for James and Allison Williamson.

ENGAGEMENTS

GALLAGHER - **BYRNE** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of David Gallagher, son of Sid and Jane, Campbeltown, to Rebecca Byrne, daughter of Jackie and stepdaughter of Richard Williscroft, West Sussex.

GILMOUR - SIMPSON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Nicola, youngest daughter of Ronald and Valerie Gilmour, Largimore Farm, Campbeltown, to Scott, only son of Robert and Jeanie Simpson, Ballycaul Farm, Isle of Bute.



MCCLYMONT - McMILLAN
 Ewan and Elaine are pleased to announce their engagement, on December 14, 2012. Both families are delighted.

DEATHS

MACAULAY - Peacefully, after a long illness, borne bravely, on December 18, 2012, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Thomas (Tommy) Macaulay, in his 78th year, of 16 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Marie and much loved father of Thomas, Julie, Alec and the late Diane. Adored grampy of Donna-Marie, Chloe and great granddad of Connor. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A much respected member of the local community, a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday, December 24 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HENDRY - Anna and family, of the late Duncan Hendry, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for the kind attention received, to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout for his visits and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the Church and British Legion raised £470.

MACDONALD - Donald. The MacDonald family would like to thank all who attended at Cardross, and also for the many cards, phone calls and letters received. We would also like to thank the local police and ambulance services for their care and attention. Many thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald for efficient arrangements and to the Coachhouse Inn, Cardross for fine purvey. The retiral collection raised £280 for the SSPCA.

MACNAUGHTON - Mairie, Catherine, Kirsty and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters, and phone calls received following the recent sad loss of Mary. Sincere thanks to doctors, ambulance crews and all local care staff for their care and attention to Mary. A very special thank you to the nursing staff of Glenaray Ward for their excellent care. Grateful thanks to Margaret Sinclair and Rev Fiona Ogg for comforting services both in Ardrishaig and Acharacle; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and arrangements and to the Loch Shiel House, Acharacle for fine purvey. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £600 for M S Centre, Lochgilphead and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

MCARTHUR - The family of the late Neil McArthur would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters, and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff at both Mid Argyll and Lorn and Islands hospitals for their care and attention to Neil. Our thanks also to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, thank you to those who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £400 for Mid Argyll Hospital.

PRATT - Margaret and family would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends, for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the recent sad passing of Derek. Grateful thanks to local police and ambulance crews for their efforts and assistance. Special thanks to Rev Catriona Hood, for her support and a most comforting service at Cardross and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements. Thank you to all who attended at Cardross Crematorium to pay their respects. Donations, to date, have raised over £200 for WWF.

ROBB - The family of the late Duncan Robb, wish to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the Macmillan nurse and doctors and nursing staff at Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Cathie and Angus for their caring help and friendship, to Rev David Carruthers for his support and comforting services at Cardross and Ardrishaig, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at crematorium and church. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Support raised £430.

IN MEMORIAM

ADCOCK - Keira, 11.8.00 - 19.12.03. When nights are cold and stars are few We close our eyes and think of you A silent hope, a silent tear A silent wish that you were here. Missing you. - Love from Mum and Dad xxxx.

ADCOCK - In loving memory of our granddaughter and niece, who died December 19, 2003, aged three years. Your smile we cannot see, Your voice we cannot hear, But in our hearts you live forever. - Nanna and Pappa. Forever in our thoughts. - Uncle Colin and Uncle Stuart.

DUFFY - Tragically taken from us, with no chance to say goodbye, on December 19, 2004. In loving memory of our much loved son and brother, Craig. Quietly remembered every day and missed so very much. "We'll see you on the far shore". - All our love to you, Craig, from Mum, Colin, Shane and Eilidh xxxx.

DUFFY - In loving memory of my beloved partner, Craig, who died so tragically on December 19, 2004.

Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day, No longer in my life to share, But in my heart, Craig, you will always be there. Remembered every day. - With all my love as always, Jane xx. **DUFFY** - Craig, December 19, 2004. Deep in our hearts you'll always stay Loved and remembered every day. - Uncle Colin, Aunt Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma x. **DUFFY** - In loving memory of our precious grandson, Craig, died December 19, 2004. Today tomorrow our whole life through, We will always love and remember you - Gran and Papa.

FITZPATRICK - In loving memory of my precious husband, Terry, who died December 26, 2007. Missed every day. - Forever love Vivien and family xx.

GATNER - In loving memory of Andy, who died December 22, 2005. Sadly missed, loved and remembered always. - Sarah and family.

MACARTHUR - In loving memory of our parents, John (Jock), who died December 24, 2002 and Janet, died September 6, 2009. Loved and remembered always. - William, Lucy and families.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered every day. - Euphie and Eric, - Mhairi. Goodnight Grampa Tom Lorimer - From Mhairi, Eilidh and Tom.

SCOTT - In loving memory of my mother, Euphemia Scott (Johnson), who died December 21, 1963, aged 48 years. Also Alexis, granddaughter of Euphemia, daughter of Catherine and the late Alex Wotherspoon, who died November 15, 2009, aged 48 years. 'They will never be forgotten'. - Inserted by Catherine, Janette, Walter and families.

WILKIN - In loving memory of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, grandad and great grandad. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. - Nancy and family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday 23rd December
 Christmas Family Service followed by coffee & mince pies
Baby & Toddler Group and Youth Group will resume after the New Year
 Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
 We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
 SC043322

Highland Parish Church
 SC002493
 Sunday 23rd December 2012
 11.15am Morning Service
 All Age Family Service
 Mr. W. Crossan
 Monday 24th December 2012
 11.30pm Watchnight Service
 Lorne & Lowland Church
 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
 Sunday 23rd December
 Morning worship 11:15 am (Triple C and Bible Class
 Nativity Play and Choir items)
 Rev Philip Burroughs
 Monday 24th December
 Joint Christmas Eve worship at Lorne and Lowland Church 11:30pm
 Mince pies served from 10:45pm
 Tuesday 25th December
 "O come let us adore him"
 Morning worship 10:30 am
 Short service to celebrate Christmas Day
 Rev Philip Burroughs

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
 Sunday 23rd December 2012
 10.00am Breaking of Bread
 Mr R H Craig
 10.50am Coffee
 11.15am
 Christmas Family Service with Crèche
 Springbank Youth Group
 Monday 24th December 2012
 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight
 All Welcome
 Sunday 30th December 2012
 11.00am Breaking of Bread Service
 Mr Gordon Cosgrove
 For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
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 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547
 SC014646

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
 Sunday 23rd December 2012
 11am Morning Service
 Family Service followed by Mince Pies
 6.30pm
 Carols by Candlelight featuring Harry Bell
Christmas Day
 Family Service 10.30
 Scottish Charity SC015187

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH
 LOCHGILPHEAD
 Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
 Fr. David Connor
 01546 602380
 All Welcome (SC0002876)



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2012
 11.00 am ...Nativity Service (conducted by the Youth Fellowship)
CHRISTMAS EVE 24th DECEMBER 2012
 11.15 p.m. Watchnight Service (Festive drinks, mince pies and music from 10.45 pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DECEMBER 2012
 11.00 am - 11.30 a.m. All Age Carol Service
SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER 2012
 11.00am ...Morning Worship
 Further information (01546) 606218
 www.lpchurch.co.uk
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 23 December
 Inverlussa Church 11:30 am
 Morning Worship
Monday 24 December
 Tayvallich Front Green 4:00 pm
 Carols on the green followed by mince pies and mulled wine
 Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm
 Watchnight Service
Tuesday 25 December
 Christmas Day Worship 11:00 am
 Bellanoch Church
 All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 23rd December, 2012
 Kilmartin 10am.
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 Lessons and Carols for Christmas
 Monday 24th December 2012
 Ford 11.30pm.
 Watchnight Service
Tuesday, 25th December 2012
 Family Service
 Bellanoch Church 11a.m.
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
 SC002121

TARBERT LOCHFYNIE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 23rd December 2012
 Tarbert Service 11.45am
 Sunday School 11.45am
 to be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Kilberry Service 2pm
 Rev. Tommy Bryson
Watchnight Services
Monday 24th December
 Kilberry 7pm
 Mr Peter Minshall
 Tarbert Service 11.30pm
 to be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Rev. Tommy Bryson
Tuesday 25th December
Christmas Day Service
 Tarbert Service 10.30am
 to be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Rev. Tommy Bryson
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care
 Telephone 01880 821012
 Everyone very welcome
 SC002622

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 23 December 2012
 11.00am
 Christmas Carol Service for all ages
 followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "Bring forth the Son"
 All Welcome



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 23rd December 2012
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 10.45am Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th Christmas Day
 10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
 "Taste and see that the Lord is good"
Sunday Services
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm
 Registered Scottish Charities
 SC010713 and SC010782

CHRIST CHURCH, SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BISHOPTON ROAD, LOCHGILPHEAD
Sunday 23rd Dec. 11am.
 Service led by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.
Christmas Eve Watchnight service led by Rev. Michael Kitchener at 11.30am.
Christmas Day, 11am. Family Carols and Anthology Birthday Celebration.

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Christmas Services - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
23 December 10am Fourth Sunday of Advent Lochfyneside (Minard)
24 December 11.30pm Christmas Eve Service Furnace Hall
25 December 11.30am Joint Christmas morning service Inveraray Church
30 December 10am End of Year Service Furnace Hall
6 January 2013 11.30am New Year Service Lochgair Church

Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
23 December 11.30am Fourth Sunday of Advent Inveraray Church
24 December 11.30pm Christmas Eve Service Inveraray Church
25 December 11.30am Christmas morning service Inveraray Church
30 December 11.30am End of Year Service Inveraray Church
6 January 2013 11.30am New Year Service in Inveraray Church
6 January 2013 2.30pm New Year Service in Chalmers Court, Inveraray

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 3.00pm Family Carol Service
Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
 1.30pm Home League

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald & Lupton please turn to page 24.

Football club seeks new players

LOCHFYNESIDE Football Club is seeking more players to come along to its training sessions in the same week it thanks the community for its vital support.

When the club held its first training session at Furnace in late October, more than 20 players turned up to take part but the numbers have since dropped to 14.

The team want to get enough players coming along to the sessions to establish a full squad as it hopes to join the Scottish Amateur Football League Division 1B next season.

Squad

At the moment the squad meets twice a week, on Wednesday evenings at Inveraray Primary School and Sunday afternoons at various locations.

Manager of the side Jim Divers, said: 'We would like to see more players coming along. It is obviously difficult with the time of year but it would be great to establish a core squad of players.'

The focus of training sessions at the moment is improving the players' fitness levels with Inveraray Shinty Club's Graham MacPherson putting players through their paces.

Jim said: 'We really want to get everyone's fitness up and we are keen to get everyone playing together and understanding how to play as a team. It's really about taking baby steps.'

Changes

Since the club formed earlier this year, there have been a few changes with Ian McMillan now acting as assistant coach with the support of Hamish MacInnes.

The squad are also keen to thank everyone in the local community for their support.

'We would like to thank Lynn Kidd for opening the primary school on a Wednesday night for us to train and Graham for coming along to get the sides fitness levels up, it's greatly appreciated,' Jim said.



Andrew Gillies receives his RYA Community Award for Outstanding Contribution off HRH the Princess Royal in recognition of his work at Toward Sailing Club.



Mike Benson received the RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment from the HRH the Princess Royal in recognition of work as treasurer at Toward Sailing Club.

Toward Sailing Club stalwarts win prestigious volunteer awards

A BUILDER from Cowal who does not sail because of seasickness has been presented with one of the most prestigious awards in sailing.

Andrew Gillies, who volunteers with Toward Sailing Club, has been awarded the RYA Community Award for Outstanding Contribution by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

Andrew won the award for his efforts in maintaining the club and keeping its facilities in excellent condition.

Not a sailor himself, Andrew was awarded the RYA honour after being nominated by members of Toward sailing club.

Using his skills as a plumber, electrician and builder around the club, Andrew does a great job of making everyone feel welcome and his good rapport with all club

members makes him a valuable asset to sailors.

'I was so overwhelmed and surprised when I heard I had been awarded this honour,' Andrew said. 'I have never sought recognition for the work I do at the club - I get embarrassed easily by this sort of thing.'

'I am a much more behind the scenes kind of guy and never really like the limelight.'

Andrew was joined at the awards by Mike Benson of Toward Sailing Club, who was awarded the RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment.

Healthy

Also nominated by fellow members of the club, Mike has been treasurer with the club for 20 years, making sure the finances remain healthy.

The sailor has been at the front of fundraising

events at the club and has sought after vital grant applications.

His hard work has ensured all the boats and safety boats are up to scratch.

On receiving his award, Mike said: 'I'm astonished and humbled that my club mates would put me up for it and, of course, delighted that I had been selected as an award winner.'

'One puts in the time to help one's local club because 'someone has to do it' and to receive an award gives that boost that tells you your work is appreciated.'

Sarah Treseder, RYA chief executive said: 'The RYA is delighted to make this award in recognition of Mike's enthusiasm, promotion of our sport and many years' contribution to the Scottish boating scene.'

FOOTBALL

RED STAR under 14s failed to make it through to the next round of the Regional Cup when they were lost to Carbrain Sky 14s on penalties.

Star finally faced Carbrain in the second round on Sunday after the match had been postponed three times.

In the first few minutes Star looked strong with good play up the middle and an early shot by MacKay gave hope the five-week break would not have any adverse effect on the team's performance.

Pressure

Star keeper MacVicar was given plenty to do and the pressure piled on after the visitor's first attack, which was saved, was quickly followed by three more shots.

The game then evened out with shots at goal from Star's Souden, MacKay and Whitefield all going wide. It was



Star under 14s narrowly missed progressing through to the next round of the Regional Cup when they were defeat 4-2 on penalties against Carbrain Sky 14s.

a tight first half for both sides but Carbrain gained the slight edge, having had the better play of the ball.

Half time: 0-0

A more confident start to the second half for

Star was almost short lived, as Carbrain broke through the Star defence with their forward's shot hitting the post.

Star kept their heads up and came back with some brilliant chances. A good

corner from Whitefield found Cameron, whose powerful header went just past the post, whilst great play by Simpson to Ritchie was saved by the keeper.

Carbrain had several

more chances but it was almost on the hour mark that they had a meaningful shot at goal as they scored in the bottom corner gaining the advantage. Minutes later a free kick from

Young found Ritchie at the back post, whose powerful header back across the goal hit the post and was saved by the keeper.

On the 68th minute Star's fight finally paid off as a penalty from Young was saved but picked up by McCallum on the rebound. He then squared it back to Young to score the equaliser, bringing the game to extra time.

Full time: 1-1

Extra time seen more of the same play with both teams struggling to get any cohesive movement going or making their chances count.

Penalties

Carbrain Sky 14s won 2-4 in penalties, booking their place in the next round.

Star showed great team spirit throughout the game and is looking forward to getting back to league action.

Promotional material

Posters, flyers, leaflets, calendars, tickets

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Red Star reflect on a successful 2012

WHAT a difference a year makes for Lochgilhead Red Star.

At the end of 2011 the side looked like they would be involved in a relegation battle as they sat second bottom of the Scottish Amateur Football League Division 1.

But a change of fortune on the park saw the team go on a 15 match unbeaten run towards the end of last season, with

the side eventually finishing fifth in the league and winning the Coronation Cup after a tough match against Whitehill FP 3-2 in Cambuslang.

New division

The new season brought about a change in the SAFL set up and divisions one and two merged to form a new division with two sections A and B.

As the top two teams from each section gained promotion to Premier 2 there is now a great opportunity for clubs to gain promotion, unlike in previous years.

Star are currently sitting in second position in Division 1B with six wins from their first eight games.

Now, with the majority of their games at home in the New Year the

Lochgilhead side will be hoping to be in the mix for promotion come the end of the season.

This is not going to be easy as there are several teams with the same ambition.

The club would like to thank all of its sponsors, without their help and support the running of the amateur football club would be impossible.

No lucky winners in lottery draws

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw with numbers 4, 7 and 14 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £700.



THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 2, 4 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1,000 next week.

A bonus draw will also be held next week when four lucky people will win £50.

The extra draw is the club's way of thanking people for their support throughout 2012.

Artemis Macaulay Shinty Cup draw

THE draw for the 2013 Artemis Macaulay Cup took place last Saturday evening live on Oban FM and is as follows:

South 1st round - Bute v Kyles Athletic; Oban Celtic v Taynuilt; Glenorchy v Oban Camanachd; Inveraray v Glasgow Mid Argyll.

Second round: Oban Celtic/Taynuilt v Inveraray/Glasgow Mid Argyll; Glenorchy/Oban Camanachd v Bute/Kyles Athletic.

North 1st round - Fort William v Kilmallie; Kingussie v Kinlochshiel; Lovat v Glenurquhart; Newtonmore v Lochaber.

Second round: Newtonmore/Lochaber v Fort William/Kilmallie; Kingussie/Kinlochshiel v Lovat Glenurquhart.

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Youngsters from Lochgilhead Soccer Centre stand proud in their new football strips.

New strips for young players

YOUNG footballers across Mid Argyll received an early Christmas present as local company Landcatch delivered new training tops.

Attending Red Star Football Club's Christmas Party last Sunday, David Danson from the Ormsary-based business presented long-sleeved tops to youngsters who play in the club's Fun Fours Sunday football sessions.

A company that supports many community and school initiatives in Ormsary, Landcatch offered sponsorship to Red Star under eights to further boost its involvement in the local community.

Volunteer coach of the under eights football team Jamie MacKenzie said the strips were really appreciated by the young players in primary classes two and three.

Jamie works with fellow coach Davie Campbell to deliver the Fun Fours sessions, which is an offshoot of Lochgilhead Soccer Centre.

Commenting on the Landcatch sponsorship, Graham Whitefield, chairman of the soccer centre said: 'They have got the tops the same colour as the older teams so that will make them feel a part of the club. They are all really keen at that age. Every little thing, like a team strip, they get excited about. All of these little things helps encourage them and keep them coming back every week.'

Jamie and other volunteer coaches have been working hard to provide as much football training and experience for the young people in the area as possible. This year they have attended Fun Fours football festivals in Oban, Campbeltown, Dumbarton and further afield.

Keith Cowan wins winter golf SPOTY award

THE WINTER golf sporting personality of the year awards were held in the Stag Hotel, Lochgilhead, this year and there was serious competition for the top awards.

Winner of the main prize was Keith Cowan who as well as being a capable golfer, dances, writes books, travels the world and even works occasionally as a joiner.

He has so much personality that it just overflows out of him, unfortunately for the rest of us most of it escapes through his mouth.

Ross Sinclair is not happy if he does not win

the main prize every week, but he could not expect to get many votes from the other players as he spends so much of his time insulting them or putting them off their game. He had to settle with the award for least improved golfer, which is fair, as he has won the competition for the last two years. Winner of the international award was Lee Hardman.

We don't know which language he is trying to speak but he might be from Yorkshire.

As a famous cricket county he might have been better sticking to that. John

Downie dropped the Waterford crystal decanter presented to the luckiest player as he made his acceptance speech, but such is his luck that it bounced off the bar landed in the sink was washed and filled with whisky and returned to him intact.

We have to put up with this every week on the golf course. David Sinclair was awarded a special prize for the accurate reporting of events and as consolation for being Ross's cousin.

Jim Hunter sent a video from a cruise ship in the Caribbean of him accepting the broken

putter award for anger management. The video came to an abrupt end however when Jim lost control.

The trophy is now lost in the Bermuda Triangle.

Simon Taylor won the most improved golfer award and thank goodness for that, as he had to get better sometime.

Alec MacAulay would not get an award of any sort, even if he deserved it, as he keeps winning the nearest the pin prize every week and needs to behave.

Tommy Angus has more personality than

everyone put together but he just likes to let his dancing do the talking. Keith has much to learn.

I would like to thank the Stag Hotel for their very generous hosting of this event as we were made to feel very welcome indeed which was much appreciated by all.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. A Macaulay, 8. J Downie, 7. D Sinclair, 6. A Law, 5. S Taylor, 4. G Macdougall, 3. K Macaulay, 2. L Hardman, 1. K Cowan. Doubles: J Downie and R Sinclair. Team: A Macaulay, J Downie, S Taylor.

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