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# Sexual assault - 200 interviewed

## Public reassured of safety ahead of Christmas celebrations

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MORE than 200 people have been interviewed in connection with an alleged serious sexual assault in Lochgilphead, as police seek to reassure the public over the festive period.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, who heads up community policing in Mid Argyll, said the force will continue to have a visible presence in the area, as it has done in previous years.

Police Scotland confirmed this week it had not charged anyone in relation to the alleged incident in the early hours of October 13, but said it was 'satisfied' it didn't currently need to speak to anyone else.

A 22-year-old woman reported she had been sexually assaulted in a lane at the rear of Manse Brae, near where it meets Thistle Way.

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## Furnace pensioners hold Christmas lunch

Marilyn Dunn, Louise MacKellar and Mary Gillies celebrated Christmas amongst friends at the recent Furnace Pensioners' Christmas lunch. More than 50 villagers sat down for a three-course meal at the event, which was organised by Furnace Social Committee. 06\_a51party02  
For more pictures from the event turn to pages 12 and 13.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

AS THE year draws to a close the Argyllshire Advertiser would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with best wishes for 2014.

## Mid Argyll schools Shout Out

SCHOOLS across Mid Argyll have been a hive of activity in recent weeks as youngsters finish class projects and prepare for the festive season.

See our School Shout on pages 14 to 16 to find out what has been happening at your local school.

## Mid Argyll Sports Trust officially reformed

MID ARGYLL Sports Trust has officially been reformed following a meeting of sports representatives last week.

More than 20 people turned out to the meeting, where they called for more joint working on funding, training and improving facilities.

See page 28 for the full story.

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# Christian gets a warm welcome in Mid Argyll

'I don't know where I am going to be for Christmas, hopefully back in Tarbert'

A MAN who has been walking the British Coastline for 500 days and sleeping rough along the way was given a warm welcome this week when he arrived in Mid Argyll.

Christian Nock is walking the coast of Britain, sleeping in doorways, caves and toilet floors in a bid to raise awareness of homelessness and money for Help for Heroes.

The former soldier arrived in Tarbert on Saturday and is likely to

spend Christmas in Kintyre.

Christian told the Advertiser: 'I don't know where I am going to be for Christmas, hopefully back in Tarbert. I only know one to two days in advance where I will be.'

'The most miles I have done in one day is 31 and the least is three. No day is the same, the distance I walk depends on the weather and the terrain.'

Christian this week set up camp in the garage of



Christian was given a morale boost when his friends and support team visited him in Tarbert. From left: Emma Dunn-Beeching, Christian Nock, Brian Allan and PC Alan Frame. 06\_a51christ01

the police house in Tarbert, where PC Alan

Frame supplied camp beds and heaters.

These acts of kindness, Christian says, have restored his faith in humanity.

The 39-year-old began his challenge on August 8, 2012 after hitting rock bottom. Having lost his business and being forced to sell his belongings, the soldier, in-

spired by brave veterans and TV show Coast, embarked on his walk.

### Awareness

He has since raised awareness of homelessness with MPs and has raised in excess of £134,000 for Help for Heroes, for which the charity presented him with the exceptional fundraiser award.

Christian is continuing his journey along the Kintyre Peninsula and locals are urged to continue offering hot food, drinks and shelter.

Christian added: 'Argyll is beautiful and the people are really nice. Alan, who I never knew, he has pulled out all the stops to see me right on my journey.'

## Festive season office closures

ARGYLL and Bute Council offices will close for the festive season at 5pm on December 24 and reopen at 9am on January 3.

The opening hours apply to customer service points, libraries, museums and archives.

Staff will, however, be answering telephone calls on December 27, 30 and 31. People calling the council's switchboard will be given the numbers for a series of departments and services over the holidays. The number is 01546 605522.

## Oil stolen

POLICE are reminding Mid Argyll residents, particularly in remote and rural areas, to check their oil tanks on a regular basis after another oil theft in the area.

Heating oil was stolen from a property in Ford between Wednesday, November 13 and Monday, December 9.

Police are appealing for anyone with information and people who see suspicious behaviour to contact them on 101.

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## 200 quizzed over sexual assault

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A spokeswoman for Police Scotland said: 'Detectives in Lochgilphead can confirm they have completed their enquiries in respect of a report of a woman being seriously sexually assaulted.'

'A thorough investigation has been undertaken into the report, with more than 200 people traced and interviewed, house to house and CCTV enquiries conducted and a full crime scene examination com-

pleted in the area. Police Scotland officers are satisfied they are no longer looking to speak to anyone else in connection with the enquiry at this stage.'

Chief Inspector Baillie added: 'I thank the people of Lochgilphead for their patience and cooperation and would like to reassure them that, following a meticulous enquiry, there is no requirement for any further action from the police at this stage.'

'During the festive period, in line with previous years, we will continue to have a visible police presence in the Mid Argyll area.'

# Tarbert man guilty of seven charges of sexually assaulting two girls

A TARBERT man has been found guilty of seven charges of sexually assaulting two girls, aged 15 and 16, including while giving them private driving lessons.

HGV lorry driver Alexander Martin, 59, of 33 Eastfield, Tarbert, denied the seven charges over a period between April 2010 and August

2013 when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

The charges included touching one girl's breasts and making sexual comments to her and touching both girls on the thighs and bottoms.

During the trial, the court heard how Martin used to 'pretend tickle' one of the girls at an

address in Tarbert. Giving evidence, the girl said: 'It ended up he was getting really weird and going near my breasts and lower areas and it wasn't nice.'

'He said on one of the occasions it was to measure my breasts. It began when I started maturing and getting older.'

The girl, now 18, said

Martin gave her several driving lessons before she turned 17 on private and unclassified roads. While teaching her, the girl explained he would 'massage the bottom of my leg because he said I felt tense and after a while he kept getting closer and closer to my upper thigh.'

The other girl, now 16, said the lorry driver used to take her out on driving lessons when she was 15. She said they went out in his truck and his car and while he was in the driver's seat told her to sit between his legs to do the steering, before putting his hand between her inner thighs.

Martin's defence agent, Lewis Kennedy QC, suggested the accused had put his hand on the first girl's leg while she was driving to help her learn clutch control, and simply pushed down on her knee, adding: 'There is not any kind of sexual motivation on the part

of Mr Martin.' He told the court the two girls were colluding and lying, adding: 'It does seem remarkable that both complainers were, for such a long period of time, quite content to be in Mr Martin's company.'

But Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she found both girls credible and reliable.

Martin was found guilty on all seven charges and sentence has been deferred until January 16 for background reports.

## Window smashed in Lochgilphead

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the window of a house on Union Street, Lochgilphead was smashed last weekend.

The window was smashed sometime between 8.30pm on Saturday and 1.40pm on Sunday.

Anyone with information can contact the police on 101.

## Lochgilphead students just the business

LEE MacLean, 17, and Andrew Smart, 17, hoped to make a profit when they sold a range of goods as part of their Young Enterprise project. The pair set up business in Ardishaig's new pop up shop on Sunday to sell key rings, cushions, post cards and mugs, which have a range of funny lines printed on them.

Seventeen students from S6 at Lochgilphead High School set up the business Punny Products as part of the business enterprise initiative. The group will be selling their products in the coming months in a bid to make a profit.

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## Heartless thief steals from church hall

A HEARTLESS thief stole food from Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall just days before a party to formally open the hall last Sunday.

The thief made off with the party food and wine between 9.30pm on Tuesday December 10 and Friday December 13.

Ian Davidson, from Lochgilphead Parish Church: 'We are extremely disappointed and sickened to discover someone would do something like this.'

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**Allt Dearg narrowly misses out on green energy award**

A WIND FARM part owned by the Ardrishaig community has narrowly missed out on two accolades at this year's Scottish Green Energy Award.

Allt Dearg Community Windfarm was named a finalist in both the community initiatives and best project categories.

Unfortunately the windfarm missed out on top place in the categories, but Kintyre's Wind Towers Scotland Ltd was highly commended in the business growth category.



Colin MacFarlane, Stuart MacDonald, Robert McGlynn and Nicky Sobey from Mid Argyll Roundtable sold a wealth of Christmas trees to locals as they decorated their homes for the festive season. The men braved the cold weather last week to sell the trees outside the Lochgilphead Co-op. 06\_a50tree01

**Ardrishaig buildings to get face-lift**

ARDRISHAIG Public Hall has been identified as one of the buildings people would like to see improved as part of a project to regenerate the village.

The news comes as Ardrishaig Community Trust launches a consultation to find out people's views on proposals to give the village a facelift.

To finance the project the trust will keep a portion of the revenue generated from its share in Allt Dearg Community Windfarm to one side.

The cash will be used to develop the overall appearance of the village, unlike the money that has been distributed by Ardrishaig Action Fund, which has supported community groups.

Duncan Broadfoot,

a director of the trust, said: 'People have commented on the success of the Ardrishaig Christmas lights and the new play equipment in Bayview Park. The public hall was one of the facilities people would like to see have work done to it. There was also suggestions that all the halls in Ardrishaig should be looked at.'

No timescale has been set for any works to be done and a meeting has been scheduled for January to allow more locals to highlight the types of improvements they would like implemented.

Duncan added: 'We have been working closely with Ardrishaig Community Council to make sure the entire community is represented in this project.'

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**Village store nominated for a 'Rural Oscar'**

ARDFERN Village Store has again been nominated for a 'Rural Oscar' as the shortlisted candidates for the Countryside Alliance Awards are revealed.

The village shop has been named a 2013 finalist in the village shop and post office category of the awards, which champi-

on the people living and working in the Scottish countryside.

**Loyal customers**

A finalist in the 2011 awards, Ardfern shop was nominated for the award by its loyal customers. A judging panel has since named the shop a finalist and will later decide the ultimate winner.

The shop faces competition from Fort Augustus Post Office, Gargunock Village Store and Kincardine O'Neil Village Shop and Post Office.

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**Grants up for grabs from Ardrishaig ACTION Fund**

COMMUNITY groups and projects can apply for grants from Ardrishaig ACTION Fund from today (Friday).

Ardrishaig Community Trust will be distributing around £30,000 to projects that will benefit the village.

The closing date for applications must be submitted by Friday, January 24.

**Windfarm**

The trust received £80,000 from its second instalment of revenue from Allt Dearg Community Windfarm.

A share of the money is already committed to projects that applied for financial support earlier this year, while some has been set aside for regeneration work.

Application forms are available from www.ardrishaigcommunitytrust.org

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Eric Dearie, licensing standards officer for Argyll and Bute Council, Lynn Gorrie, Ardrishaig Co-op manager, PC Richard Barrie and Michael Poole, Lochgilphead Co-op manager, have all backed the carrier bag project. 06\_a51cala01

**Bags carry new booze warning**

A PLAN to stamp out buying alcohol for underage drinkers has been launched.

Community Action Lochgilphead Ardrishaig (CALA) is to provide alcohol retailers with carrier bags emblazoned with a warning against purchasing drink for youngsters.

The bags, which remind people they could face a £5,000 fine or three months in jail for providing young people with drink, will be used

each time a person buys alcohol from a shop in Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

The initiative comes just two weeks after NHS Highland revealed the number of 16 to 19 year olds admitted to hospital for the effects of alcohol or drugs in Argyll and Bute is double the national average.

John Woods from CALA, which funded the bag project, said: 'We are really trying to combat agent purchase

which has been highlighted in two surveys we did as an issue.

'The figures show that adults are buying kids alcohol at times, although they are aware that it's wrong. What we are trying to highlight is the consequences of their actions. What could happen is that person being fined or put in prison.'

The project is supported by local retailers, Argyll and Bute Council and Police Scotland.

**More than £1m to improve Arkland and Reliefland**

**Repair cash for Inveraray buildings is confirmed**

MORE than £1 million will be spent repairing the Arkland and Reliefland buildings in Inveraray, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The two buildings, which consist of flats, are to be at the heart of a project to conserve the built heritage of Inveraray via the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

Historic Scotland awarded the royal burgh £970,000 in CARS funding, more

than £500,000 of which will be assigned to the Arkland and Reliefland repairs. The remaining cost will be covered by Argyll Community Housing Association, which owns some of the flats, and private home owners.

**Investment**

The investment in Reliefland will slash the £25,000 bill each of the private owners faced to repair the exterior of the listed building.

The Inveraray conservation project is a £2 million scheme

which will see essential repairs also carried out to Temperance Hotel, Chamberlain's House and the Town House.

Argyll and Bute Council, which has contributed £350,000 to the project, will appoint a project officer to manage the scheme in February, while there will be a formal launch in March or April.

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## Think of heroes left homeless this Christmas

AS MID ARGYLL welcomes Christian Nock to the area on his journey around Britain, we are forced to think of the plight of both veterans and people living on the streets.

The former soldier is walking the entire coast of Britain to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds for military charity Help for Heroes.

Arriving in Mid Argyll as we are preparing to celebrate Christmas with our families, to feast and share gifts with one another, Christian reminds us to think of all those less fortunate than ourselves.

To think of those who have lost everything, both their family and their possessions.

Christian, who has spent nights sleeping in doorways with people who have become homeless through no fault of their own, forces us to face up to our prejudices.

It forces us to open our eyes and see that there are many reasons why a person, often soldiers - people who we hold up as heroes - end up on the streets.

Figures suggest that one in three soldiers leaving the armed forces is homeless.

As Christian prepares to make his way around the Kintyre Peninsula in the most horrendous weather, perhaps we should all make room at the inn for those in need of shelter.

## who's who at your advertiser

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## FCS to blame for power cuts

Sir,  
The first major power cut of the season has just been sorted and many grateful thanks to Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) for their sterling efforts.

But how much easier for everyone if they did not happen at all.

There is little one can do about adverse weather conditions, but there is something that can be done for one of the regular causes of power cuts - trees falling on the electricity lines.

The inappropriately named Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) is of course the culprit yet again. Why this organisation is allowed to plunge communities into darkness with impunity is a mystery.

I understand there is a man in a suit in Edinburgh who, armed with an ordnance survey map and the I-Spy book of trees - who might have seen a forest from a train - gets to make the decisions concerning forestry matters in West Argyll.

The value of the tree, at a generous guess is £1.50, the cost to the community is incalculable.

The power failure that took out Crinan and Tayvallich and other parts was caused by a single tree, and right next door to it is another the same size, and another, in fact at least 20 trees all in a row, just awaiting their turn to fall.

One could write to one's parliamentary representatives, but my experience of them has been they are too busy being

self important and, unless there is a photo opportunity, are unlikely to do anything.

But somewhere there has to be someone to insist that part of the £20,000,000 subsidy that FC receives is spent on competence training.

In a more litigious environment communities would be suing FCS for pecuniary loss, reckless endangerment, and anything else that occurs to a good lawyer. I do hope SSE will be billing FCS.

**Alexander Hamilton,  
Tayvallich.**

## What happened to forward planning?

Sir,  
I read in last week's Advertiser, with bemused bewilderment and incredulity, that pregnant ladies will still have to travel up to 136 miles to receive necessary scans.

Whilst the promoting of the now required qualification is very laudable, did no one in the NHS have an inkling this may be on the cards and make the necessary arrangements to phase in the training and provide interim cover at a local level?

We have one speciality of the NHS stating, quite rightly, that their client group should not be travelling large distances and should have services provided locally and we have another willing to inflict long journeys on pregnant women.

The Scottish Government has decreed it wants rural areas to increase in population and be viable and yet this lack of foresight is the exact opposite to what is required,

discouraging families with children. Has joined up thinking and forward planning gone out of fashion?

**Andrew Hemmings, Sound of Kintyre.**

## Working to save post offices

Sir,  
I see there has been a reference in regional media that the way to keep post offices open is to make letters between Scotland and England subject to international postal rates.

This is obvious nonsense. The previous Labour Government spent years preparing Royal Mail for privatisation, then stepped back at the last minute because, after the 2008 crash, they didn't think they would get a good price for it.

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When the coalition Government put forward their Postal Services Bill, which included the privatisation of Royal Mail, I supported it for several reasons.

The legal guarantee that Royal Mail must deliver to every home and business and collect from every post box six days a week. The levy on private mail companies.

The need for investment in Royal Mail which the private sector can give, but a cash

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I can assure your readers that I would not do anything to put post offices at risk and am pleased to have helped save Campbeltown's Carradale East Post Office from closure.

**Alan Reid, Argyll and Bute MP.**

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# Renowned sculptor to work with Lochgilphead students

## Rob Mulholland signs up for a place on the Snapberry Project

PUPILS at Lochgilphead High School will next year have the opportunity of meeting and working with an internationally famed sculptor.

Young people taking part in the Snapberry project - an innovative scheme which sees young people learn about Argyll wildlife through photography - will meet and work with Rob Mulholland.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), which runs the scheme in partnership with Lochgilphead High School, has confirmed the sculptor will take part in the project in 2014.

Rob, who is famed for his mirrored sculptures, will accompany students and SNH photographer Lorne Gill on their field trip to Taynish Natural Nature Reserve.

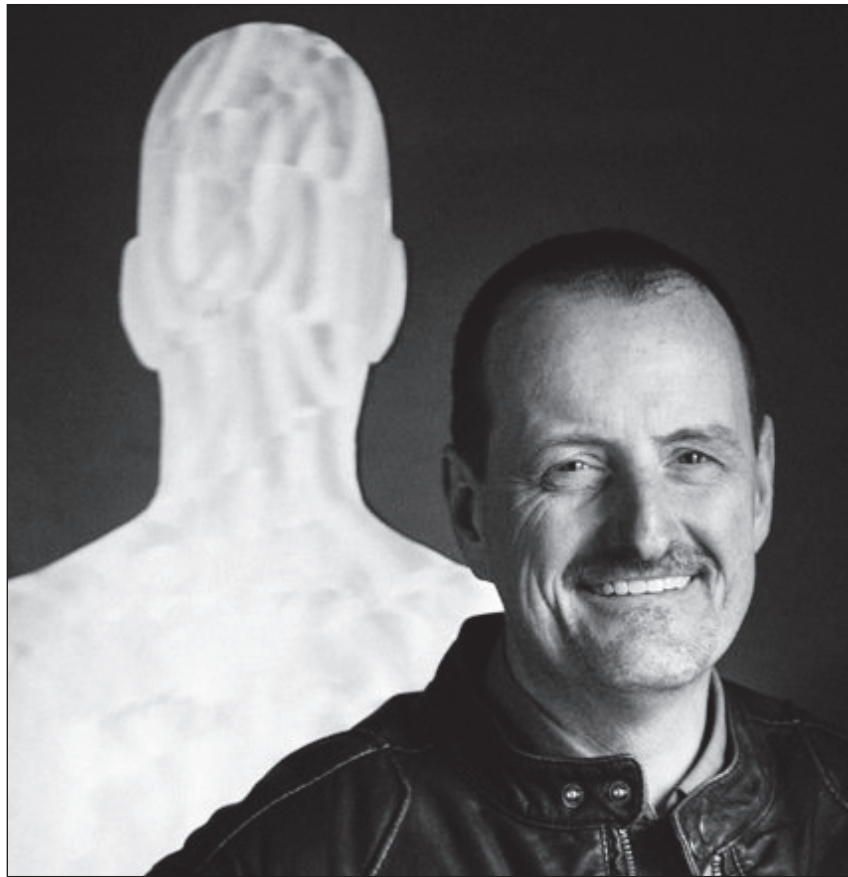
Rob said: 'I have miniature figures and we will

give each of the students one of those to work with as props for their photographs. Because they are reflective they will be able to reflect something from the environment like a plant or rock formation and they can focus in on that.'

Robb, from Scotland, will display his work in the reserve as a special way of celebrating the Year of the Homecoming.

He added: 'Taynish is a lovely spot so I am hoping we may be able to put some of my installations along the beach.'

The reserve is an ideal exhibition space for the artist whose work examines how the past shapes the present time. Research conducted at the reserve, near Tayvallich, suggests people grew crops and grazed livestock there for thousands of years.



Rob Mulholland has agreed to display his work at Taynish reserve next year and work with the Snapberry Project.

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# Actors light up the stage in High Society

**Review by Sheila McCallum**  
MID ARGYLL Musical Society is fortunate enough to have in its ranks a group of experienced performers who light up the stage and lift each scene whenever they appear. This was the case in this year's production of High Society, based on the play Philadelphia Story, which contained wonderful songs by Cole Porter. It was an ambitious choice with eight changes of scene in each act. These were cleverly constructed and skilfully handled by members of the chorus. Leading lady Ann McMillan played the part of Tracy Lord to perfection, with excellent

stage presence and vocal assurance. John Orr as Dexter exuded confidence with a nonchalant air and his singing, as always, was a pleasure to listen to. Holly McGregor was most convincing as the younger daughter Dinah Lord and the scene that included I love Paris was a gem. **American drawl** Marion MacCallum fitted well in the maternal role of Margaret Lord. She looked good, sang well and maintained a rather splendid American drawl. I liked the relaxed style of Iain MacInnes, which was appropriate for his character reporter Mike Connor, while Beverley Barclay in this, her first major part, was vocally

very good but needed to give more projection to her speaking voice. Colin Murray as Uncle Willie was extremely amusing and has a wonderful sense of timing. John Hay was suitably pompous as George Gutteridge and Ian Salmon as the apologetic, philandering husband Seth Lord. I have always enjoyed listening to the chorus which this year included some senior members of Mid Argyll Youth Chorus and they certainly proved their worth. Helen Maddox, accompanist, gave tremendous support to the singers throughout the show. Sheila Campbell was producer and Fiona MacDonald musical director.



Jackson Chisenga and Jan Hrdlicka volunteered in the kitchen at the recent MALI fair, which served soup and sandwiches to hungry shoppers. 06\_a50craft02



Joanna Terleka was one of the many people displaying crafts at the MALI Christmas fair. 06\_a50craft01

## MALI Craft Fair

THE NEWLY refurbished Lochgilhead Parish Church Hall was awash with colour last week as the MALI Craft Fair got underway. MALI, the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative, is a Mid Argyll-based charity which supports the education of vulnerable young people in Zambia. The charity's Christmas fair, which saw hand-crafted Zambian goods on sale alongside Argyll produce, raised £738.45. The money will be put towards the building of a new secondary school at the charity's Mthunzi Centre in Zambia. Marian Pallister, founder of the charity, said: 'MALI would like to thank all the crafters, all who helped on Saturday and all who supported us - I hope everyone had a good day that put them in a Christmas mood.'



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**Christmas party boosts charity funds**

LAST week's Christmas party at Mid Argyll Youth Development Services raised funds for the charity, which will be used to support its work in the New Year.

A series of local businesses got behind the fundraising event, offering a range of items to be included in hampers that were raffled off to party goers.

Icon hairdressing, Cassa, Andy Kerr, Tesco's, the Co-op, Law's Shop, Breagha, Ferguson's Butchers, The Flower Shop, MACPool, Riverside Garage and the Mid Argyll Substance Misuse Group all donated goods and prizes for the raffle.

**Lucky ACHA tenants win hampers**

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) recently delivered four hampers to lucky tenants who were entered into its annual Christmas raffle.

Mrs I Hatton from Lochgilphead was the lucky winner of the Mid Argyll and Kintyre hamper, filled with Christmas foods.

All life members of ACHA are automatically entered into the draw each year.



**Jamie Spencer from Feedback Madagascar sold silk scarves, with every sale helping to conserve the Tapia Forest.** 06\_a48trade01



**Jan Brown, from Ardfern, sold Carishea Products and other fair trade goods at the Kilmartin fair.** 06\_a48trade02

**Kilmartin Christmas Fair puts spotlight on fair trade goods**

A CHRISTMAS sale with a difference took place in Kilmartin recently where all the produce on sale was made under the rules of fair trade.

Many of the goods, which included scarves, handbags, toiletries and household decorations, were produced by charities working with disadvantaged people in Scotland and Africa.

Jan Brown, from Ardfern, attended the craft fair where she sold Carishea Products and other goods on behalf of the Balmore

Trust. Transforming the lives of many, Carishea skincare products sees women in Ghana harvest and collect shea fruits before creating shea butter.

It is then shipped to Scotland where workers from disadvantaged backgrounds transform it into luxury soaps and the profits are returned to the community.

**Conservation**

A second charity selling goods at the event was Feedback Madagascar, an organisation that supports conservation and economic development in the

impoverished country. Its wild silk project helps people around the Tapia Forest to earn a living from the silk worm in the trees.

**Trained**

Women in the community are being trained to weave silk into scarves and other goods, which ensures the communities have a vested interest in protecting the forest from logging.

Jamie Spencer from the charity was selling silk scarves at the Kilmartin event, raising awareness of the charity with every sold item.

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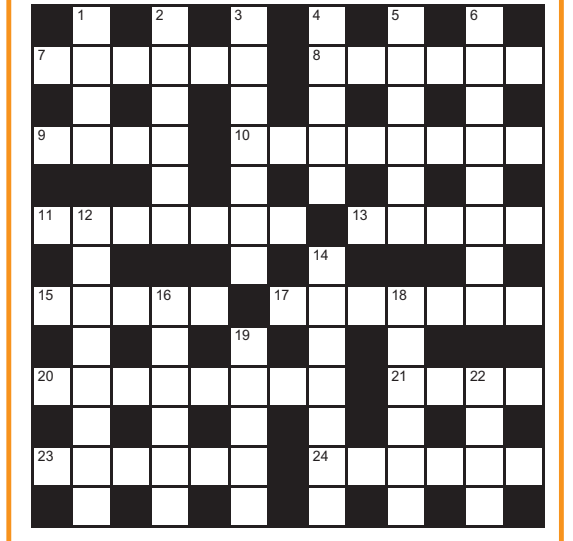
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Peter Nedin, from The Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation, said stopping the convoy beside Loch Fyne simply had to be done.

He said: 'The setting is superb and the staff were extremely welcoming and helpful.'

**CAIRNDOW**

**Theatre company returns**

THERE will be plenty of laughs for locals when the Hopscotch Theatre Company returns to Cairndow in the new year.

The company will perform Cinderella to residents in Cairndow Village Hall on Saturday, January 12.

Invited by Cairndow Community Childcare, the company thrilled



**Mid Argyll Youth Chorus hit the festive high notes**

Youngsters from the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus took to the stage on Tuesday night to entertain people ahead of the festive season. The group was joined by members of the Mid Argyll Musical Society for the Christmas Sing-a-Long in Ardrishaig Public Hall. Friends and family also got in the festive spirit by singing a variety of Christmas classics alongside the groups. 06\_a51sing01

youngsters earlier this year when it performed Dick Whittington and his Amazing Cat.

The show will begin at 2pm.

**LOCHGOILHEAD**

**New book club launched**

A NEW book club has been launched in Lochgoilhead which

aims to bring people who have a passion for reading together.

The Loch Goil and Argyll Book Club held its first meeting last Sunday and will meet on the third Sunday of every month at a different host's home.

People are invited to bring along their favourite or current book that they would like to share with the

group, which they will be asked to discuss.

The group may also choose to pick a book that everyone is to read in a month and it will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting.

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The group will take to the stage from 9.30pm.

**TARBERT**

**Plan submitted to turn gallery into holiday flat**

A GALLERY in Tarbert could become holiday accommodation if a recently submitted planning application is approved.

The owners of the Artisan Studio, Cragfoot, Harbour Street in Tarbert have applied for planning permission to change the use of the gallery to a one-bedroom, self-catering short holiday let.

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## All records broken at Christmas sale in Oban

ALL RECORDS were broken at Oban Livestock Centre's Christmas Sale, with a record turnover, record prices and record numbers sold since Caledonian Marts took over the lease of the centre in 1997.

An excellent selection of cattle forward for quality, which sold to a packed ringside of buyers. The show was judged by Blair Duffton, 2 Bogie Street, Huntly.

Overall Champion was a 320kg Limousin bullock from Ewan McGillvary, Barcaldine Home Farm, by Oban which realised £1,220 to the judge.

Reserve Champion, again from Barcaldine Home Farm, scaled 300kgs and made £1,200 to the judge.

Champion Pen of four calves in the yard went to Duncan Semple, Dippen, Carradale, with four Charolais scaling 365kgs which made £1,280 to Willie Paul, Newbigging, Carnock, Dunfermline.

Reserve Pen of four went to Bob Cunning-

ham, Neriby, Bridgend, Islay with four British Blues scaling 330kgs made £900 to Michael Nicholson, Gill Brow, Blackford, Carlisle.

Other results: Single Bullock Mainland Bred: 1 and 2 (Champion & Reserve); 3 DW Semple, Dippen, Carradale 420kgs £1,250 to Willie Paul.

Single Heifer Mainland Bred: 1 Robert Currie, Low Dunasherry, Tayinloan 290kgs £1,120 to Blair Duffton; 2 Duncan Semple 340kgs £1,100 to Murray Lyle, Cambushinnie, Dunblane; 3 Duncan Semple 375kgs £1,020 to Willie Paul

Single Bullock Island Bred: 1 2 and 3 Ian McInnes, Ruaig, Tiree 275kgs £980 to Michael Nicholson 290kgs £920 to Tom Faulder, Houghton Home Farm, Carlisle 290kgs £980 to Michael Nicholson.

Single Heifer Island Bred:

1 Bob Cunningham 530kgs £1,750 to Blair Duffton; 2 and 3 Ian McInnes 260kgs £1,200 to Robert Currie, Low Dunasherry, Tayinloan

280kgs £1010 to Mur-

ray Lyle.

Bullocks averaged 250p per kg (up 28p per kg on the year) selling to a top of 400p per kg for a 300kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm and to £1,300 for a 570kg Simmental from D McKendrick, No 5 Tomaig, Campbeltown.

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Left: Edith MacKellar and Amy Barlow raised a glass to the night's festivities.

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Right: Kenneth MacKellar and Mike Masters enjoyed the evening.

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Left: Donald Kennedy with his wife of 54 years Aileen.

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Youngsters from Furnace helped serve the local pens

## Furnace pensioners

FURNACE residents celebrated Christmas early at the annual pensioners party.

Organised by the village's social committee the event has proved a popular date on the calendar with 51 pensioners enjoying the three-course meal and entertainment.

The committee collects funds for the party throughout the year and this year youngsters from the village helped to serve up the food and attended the cloakroom.

Elaine Polanski, who helped to organise the event, said:

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## celebrate Christmas

'This year we really wanted more youngsters from the village involved and to show the older people in the village that not all young people are bad.

'We would like to thank everyone who helped to organise the event and to every who contributed, whether it was a raffle prize, food or drinks.'

Resident Edith MacKellar, who enjoyed the party with her friends, said: 'It started about three year ago and it has got better every year. The community is stronger than ever. Thank you to everyone who makes it happen.'



Ann Dodd celebrated Christmas with her husband Ronnie. 06\_a51party04



Duncan Sinclair enjoyed the Christmas party with his wife Fiona. 06\_a51party05

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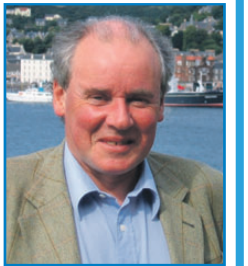


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**Tarbert Academy**

# Manao Brothers raise cash for homeland

TWO BROTHERS at Tarbert Academy came up with a novel way of helping to raise funds for their native homeland after typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines.

Genesis and Miguel Manao put their artistic talent to good use and launched enterprise Help Rebuild the Philippines Stone by Stone.

The small business saw the students paint stones and sell them as decorations for the home.

Setting up shop at An Tairbeart Centre recently, the duo aged 16 and 17 raised £115 from

their profits and charitable donations.

The Manao brothers' fellow pupils at Tarbert Academy have also taken the Philippines Disaster Fund to their hearts, organising more fundraising ventures in the school.

A non-uniform day raised £359 after pupils were urged to wear white, blue and yellow - the colours of the Philippines national flag - to school for the day.

A giant bake sale, organised the S6 Leadership Class and Mrs Dixon, was also a suc-

cessful fundraising initiative, with contributions from staff, parents and pupils.

A collection at the school's annual Christmas concert raised an additional £105 for the fund.

## Multilingual Christmas Concert

YOUNGSTERS at Tarbert Academy marked the start of the season of good will by singing a Christmas carol in several languages.

Pupils from the primary school delighted the audience with the well-known carol Silent Night, which they sang in English, French and German.

The story of Baboushka was another highlight, alongside the P4-7 pupils' performance of Let's Spread the Word that it's Christmas.

The concert was also the debut performance for the school's new wind band.

Following a series of lunchtime rehears-

als, the band took to the stage to perform a variety of pieces including Deck the Halls.

Family and friends of the school enjoyed

the performances while tucking into mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread, provided by students of the home economics department.

**Ardrishaig Primary**

## Dragon's Den comes to school

THE DRAGON'S Den came to Ardrishaig Primary School this month as pupils attempted to win investments for their business ideas.

Children in the primary five to seven classes formed companies, each having a chief executive, research and development officer, designer and quality controller.

They carried out surveys to find out what potential customers would like to buy at a Christmas craft fair, sourced materials and calculated projected profits and risk to form their business plan.

After successfully winning investment from the school fund in the Dragon's Den, headed up by headteacher Mr Helbert, the youngsters spent their money wisely to purchase raw materials for making gifts and goods.

The hard work culminated in a craft fair on Tuesday, where the companies sold their produce to friends and family.

## Winter Wonderland exhibition

PUPILS at Ardrishaig Primary School opened the school as an art gallery for the day - selling original pieces of work to the public in an attempt to make a profit.

The Winter Wonderland exhibition was full of pictures and paintings that the children had made as part of their business enterprise course work.

This term the children in P3/4 and P5 have been holding weekly

business meetings, costing the price of materials and planning sales in a bid to run a successful business.

### Art guides

At the exhibition last week the children acted as art guides and showcased their work to family members.

The money made from the exhibition will be split between the Philippines Disaster Fund and a class treat for the youngsters.

**Lochgilhead Primary**



Angels from P2 and P3 filled the stage for Lochgilphead Primary



Isla MacDonald, Holly Gilthorpe and Maddie Smith, p

## 'It's a Cracker' Christmas nativity play

PROUD parents watched their children take to the stage for Lochgilphead Primary School's P3 and P2 Christmas nativity play.

Dozens of shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the three wise men, angels and even grandpa performed - It's a Cracker.

The show focused on grandpa telling his family all about the traditions of the festive season around the Christmas table.



Pre-schoolers at nurseries in area invited to Lochgilphead Primary had great fun singing some wonderful storytelling handed out a free CD and so



Miguel and Genesis Manao set up shop at An Tairbeart Centre recently to raise money for the Philippines Disaster Fund.

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Finlay Kerr, eight, showed parents and family members around the school's art gallery.

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**More Schools shout out!**  
**on page 16**

## Schools shout out!

### Kilmartin Primary

#### The Great Shortbread Bake Off

IT WAS the Great Bake Off at Kilmartin Primary School this week as youngsters baked shortbread to give as a Christmas gift to the senior citizens of the village.

Robert MacLean, the school's only P7 pupil, went shopping for the ingredients after all the pupils did their sums to figure out all the quantities of flour, butter and sugar needed.

Baked under the watchful eye of their teachers, the shortbread was delivered to Kilmartin Hotel last Friday, where the annual Christmas pensioners' dinner took place.

More than 40 pensioners received the shortbread and for those who lived nearby, but were unable to attend the dinner, the pupils hand delivered the shortbread.

### Minard and Furnace

#### Craft fair in the dark

SEVERE wind, rain and a power cut did not stop students at Minard and Furnace primary schools from hosting their Christmas craft fair.

Having put so much work into the event, pupils decided to go ahead with their fair last Thursday and despite the poor weather enjoyed a good turn out.

Some of the things that were left over from the sale were put on display at the schools' Christmas concert the following week and, together with a raffle, raised £300 for school funds.

#### Christingle service at Cumlodden

WEST Lochfyne residents are invited to a special Christingle service at Cumlodden Church today (Friday).

The service, featuring youngsters from Furnace and Minard primaries, is open to all members of the community. It begins in the Furnace Church at 11am.

### Ashfield Primary

#### If you go down to the woods today

THE FOREST next to Ashfield Primary School has been a hive of activity as youngsters from the school headed into the woods to learn more about nature.

Rosemary Neagle, from the Forest School programme, was at the school for six sessions and taught the children about the benefits of nature and how it can be used in their daily lives.

The children made dens, dream catchers and walking sticks from materials they found in the forest.

Rosemary discussed safety with the children and discussed what dangers they should look out for if they were ever in the woods.

The youngsters were shown how to safely light a fire within the forest, which they then toasted marshmallows on.

### Achahoish Primary

## Museum proves a big hit

AN INTERACTIVE museum about the tiny island of St Kilda, launched at Achahoish Primary School, has proved a huge hit with locals.

Dozens of people who flocked to the museum were given a glimpse of the difficulties islanders would have faced going about their day to day lives.

Visitors to the museum were welcomed by children in authentic 1930s dress. They had transformed the school into a gallery which showcased the findings of their research and school projects.

There was art work, video footage from the island, information boards that gave details on some of the 30 islanders who lived there and examples

of the food they would have eaten.

The youngsters explained how residents were forced to live off seabirds because the waters were too dangerous fish.

Along with the museum each of the children created a blog, which discussed their findings.

Headteacher Louise Paterson said: 'The response from the local community has been fantastic. It was really a chance for the children to display their knowledge and all the facts and information they had found. They carried out interviews, searched archives and the project just grew. I think the thing the children learned the most was how hard life was for the islanders.'



ad Primary School nativity play. 06\_a51loch02



played the three wise men. 06\_a51loch01



Mid Argyll were amongst the many children in the Joint Campus for a special Bookbug event. Youngsters in English and Gaelic, as well as listening to the Bookbug himself made an appearance and sang a song to share their songs with their family.



ROSS Davidson, Jake Drynan and Nathan Jackson play the tiny triplets in Achahoish Primary's modern day version of the Christmas Carol. The children told the tale of Scrooge from Ormsary in their own specially adapted panto, which was performed on Thursday. 06\_a51acha04

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## Schools shout out!

### Lochgilphead High

## Older generation

AN ART student at Lochgilphead High School has been inspired by her gran to complete her sixth year advanced higher project, which is based on imperfection.

Lynsey Fyfe has created a number of pictures using oil paints, pencils and sketches that centre around her gran who is blind.

The 16-year-old, who showcased her work to friends and family along with two other students at an exhibition in the school, said the subject was one that was close to heart.

'I have focused on people's imperfections that are birth marks or scars and have reflected how

people can feel through the art,' she said. 'I have first hand experience as my gran is blind and she is a big character that runs through the project.'

#### Striking image

Speaking about a sketch of her gran's hands, she said: 'I noticed when she is nervous she plays with her hands.'

'I thought it was quite a striking image.'

'The painting of her with her budgie that she has had for years, it symbolises her being trapped in her life without being able to see.'

Minard's Luke Schofield created an interactive CD sleeve for



Lynsey Fyfe has created a number of pictures that centre around her gran who is blind. 06\_a50art01

fictional band Melt. The budding graphic designer used artist Andy Goldsworthy in his de-

signs.

Eilidh Wright, 16, focused on nature, fear and technology to de-

sign a piece of theatrical costume, which featured ravens and sketches of her granddad.

### Reading Flash Mob entertains at Lochgilphead Co-op

CUSTOMERS of the Lochgilphead Co-op had a shopping trip with a difference recently as Lochgilphead High School students read to them as they picked up their groceries.

Pupils of class 1A formed a Reading Flash Mob, which saw pupils reading extracts from fiction and non-fiction works in a growing chorus of voices.

The surprise event was part of the school's efforts to celebrate Book Week Scotland and raise awareness of reading in its many shapes and forms.

#### Book-swap

Other Book Week activities included a whole-school reading hour and book-swap sessions which were held in the library during lunchtimes.

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# Don't drink and drive

## Even think twice about driving the next day

PEOPLE celebrating the festive season at parties or family gatherings should think twice about driving the next day, a Mid Argyll alcohol counsellor has warned.

Peter Garrett, who manages Ardrishaig-based Encompass, which helps people with alcohol and substance abuse problems, said that although people may feel fine to drive, legally they may be over the limit. The message comes as Police Scotland launches its Don't risk it. Don't Drink and Drive Christmas campaign.

Peter said: 'Feeling fine is very different to being legally able to drive.'

'If people have to drive the next day my personal advice would be not to drink at all. People should remember if

there is a traffic accident they are automatically breath tested.'

Police Scotland has warned drivers about the consequences of being found driving over the legal limit, which includes automatic loss of licence and a criminal record for a minimum of 20 years.

### Stark warning

Mid Argyll Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie issued a stark warning as police officers crack down on drink driving.

She said: 'Officers in Mid Argyll are already out and about and will be taking proactive measures to reduce the risk to our community from anybody risking lives by drink driving.'

'It is your responsibility to ensure you are fit to drive. If unsure, don't risk it.'



Laura Gray, third from right, studied at the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne - one of the world's finest hospitality schools - for two days.

## Laura studies in one of the world's top hospitality schools

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman took the trip of a life time when she travelled to Switzerland to study at one of the world's finest hospitality schools.

Laura Gray, who is a tourism and hospitality student at the University of Highlands and Islands, travelled to the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne for a two-day course.

The school teaches its students about excellence within the hospitality industry.

The trip was an opportunity for the third year student to learn about global tourism, international etiquette and dress codes from the masters of hospitality.

Laura said: 'The Swiss have an amazing attitude to hospitality and life in general. The experience was awe inspiring.'

Laura joined 11 other students on the trip, which was funded by the Hospitality Trust.

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<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours. Best wishes to all, Catherine Cameron, Dochas Place.</p>	<p><b>MARGARET COFFIELD 19 CASTLEACRES</b> wishes all family &amp; friends a Happy Christmas &amp; all the best in the coming year.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all our family, friends &amp; neighbours from Mary &amp; Neil McKay, Harbour View.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my friends &amp; neighbours from Jean McKerral, 11 Meadowpark.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Sally &amp; Archie Anderson.</p>	<p><b>ELLA MCLACHLAN</b> wishes all her friends &amp; relatives a very Merry Christmas &amp; a Happy New Year.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Reg McManus, 48 New Parliament Place.</p>
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<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Denis Meenan.</p>	<p><b>ALISDAIR, LORRAINE, RACHAEL &amp; CAMPBELL O'MAY</b> wish all family, friends, neighbours &amp; colleagues a Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Nancy MacPherson, 30 Lorne Campbell Court.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from John &amp; Fiona, Southend.</p>	<p><b>SEASON'S GREETINGS</b> to my family, friends &amp; neighbours from Isabella MacPherson, 5 Wallace Cottages, Southend.</p> 	<p><b>DIANNE BRODIE</b> wishes all family, friends &amp; neighbours Season's Greetings.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all family, friends &amp; neighbours from Rachel, 13 Harbour View, Campbeltown.</p>
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Notice is hereby given that Creggan Wind Farm Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Burcote Wind Limited), company registration number 06850950, 15 Pitreavie Court, Queensferry Road, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 8UU has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent to construct and operate a wind farm to the north-east of Glenbarr on the Kintyre Peninsula within the Argyll and Bute Council area (central grid reference NR 693 381). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be around 62.7MW comprising 19 wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 125 meters.

Creggan Wind Farm Limited has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Argyll and Bute Planning and Building Standards Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX	Campbeltown Library, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute PA28 6EG
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The Environmental Statement can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Copies of the Environmental Statement (ES) may be obtained from Creggan Wind Farm Ltd (tel: 01383 749645). Volumes 1 and 3 of the ES are available at a charge of £195 per hard copy, Volume 2 of the ES (the Figures) is available at a cost of £255 per hard copy and the short non-technical summary is available free of charge. CD copies of the whole ES are available at a cost of £10.

Any representations to the application should be made by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at: [representations@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:representations@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

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by post to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation, not later than 5 February 2014.

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As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following receipt of all views and representations, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02642/PP	Change of use of land for the temporary siting of a static caravan (retrospective)	Land North of Beachcroft Tayinloan Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
13/02754/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached outbuilding, installation of septic tank and formation of new vehicular access.	Land South of Greenhill Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6QT	Sub Post Office Carradale
13/02855/PP	Erection of new store (mixed use incorporating 200 sq mtrs of class 1 retail and 300 sq mtrs class 6 storage and distribution with 60 sq mtrs of office and staff welfare facilities including works to the Clock Lodge. Formation of vehicular access to A83 (T) and associated landscape/woodland arrangement works	Land Adjacent to Clock Lodge Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8NH	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02856/LIB	Carry out wind/watertight works to existing building.	Clock Lodge Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8NH	Ardrishaig Area Office

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that Argyll Estates have submitted a Masterplan to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Strategic Masterplan Area MAST 1/5 Inveraray as identified in the proposed 'Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (February 2013)'. A copy of the Masterplan Reference 13/02860/MPLAN may be inspected Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, at the Sub Post Office Inveraray during normal opening times and by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX before the 17th January 2014.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that Colin Lindsay MacDougall has submitted a Masterplan to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Potential Development Area PDA 12/76 Tourism/Residential Caravan Park, Lunga By Croabh as designated by the 'Argyll and Bute Local Plan (2009)'. A copy of the Masterplan Reference 13/02859/MPLAN may be inspected Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, at the Sub Post Office Ardfern during normal opening times and by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX before the 17th January 2014.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011**

**NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18**

Planning Application Reference Number: 11/02525/PP

Proposed development at Land South Of Auchadaduie, Barr Glen, Glenbarr, Kintyre

Notice is hereby given that additional information in relation to an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Fyne Futures Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 3 wind turbines (100 metres high to blade tip) control building, new and improved access tracks and ancillary development, notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY; and by logging on to the Council's Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Fyne Futures Ltd at a cost of £10.00 (CD) or £50.00 (paper excluding p&tp).

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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (LOCHEND STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (ONE WAY OPERATION) ORDER 2013**

On Monday 16th December 2013, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which becomes effective on the 31st January 2014, makes permanent the temporary one way operation on that section of Lochend Street, Campbeltown which extends from its junction with Millknowe (A83) to its junction with Kinloch Road, a distance of 80 metres or thereby. The permitted direction of travel will be northeasterly.

A copy of the Order and plan relative thereto are available for inspection during normal working hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices:-

- (i) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Burnet Building, Campbeltown;
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Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 20th December 2013, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services 1A Manse Brae LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD

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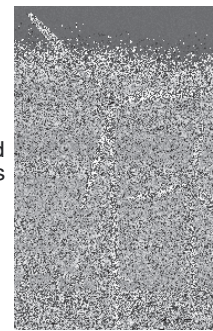
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



FOR whatever reason, this year I just couldn't get into the spirit of Christmas.

The shops looked bright enough and the lights twinkled in shop windows and on village trees, yet something was missing.

I wrote cards almost reluctantly as I waited for that spark which seemed to elude me.

We were never later in getting the decorations out and even they didn't bring their usual delight.

Perhaps the sadness of personal and world events made rejoicing more difficult - yet this is the season to walk from darkness to light.

Then it happened in a moment. We were carol-singing.

The storm had abated, the rain had stopped and the wind had ceased its relentless battering.

We gathered together to sing the age old words of the nativity, and in that singing of the story, Christmas became real once again.

People opened their doors to us and willingly put money in our collecting box.

There was room for the Christ child that night in the warmth of neighbours.

But the magical moment happened at Glencregan.

Gathered by the warmth of a huge fire, with Adam's homemade punch and hospitality I caught the wonder on the faces of the children.

Sonny and Charlotte were in the centre of our circle and reminded me that a child is at the centre of our story - not the decorations or the presents or the madness - just a child.

I realised that in the freshness and enthusiasm of the company of these youngsters, I had found my own way back to the wonder of the Christmas story.

And so in the glow of firelight, among friends with children's laughter, I felt I was back on the Advent journey.

The night didn't seem so dark.

A planet lit the sky, sleepy children tumbled into the car and I remembered the words, 'A little child shall lead them'.



Those involved with the refurbishment of Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall gathered for its formal opening on Sunday afternoon. 06\_a51loch01

# Rededication service held at Lochgilphead Parish Church

THE NEWLY refurbished Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall was formally opened with a rededication service on Sunday afternoon.

**Morning service**

The Right Reverend Lorna Hood, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, joined the congregation for the morning

service in the church, which was followed by the rededication in the hall.

The hall, which was near derelict, has been completely renovated to include a large function room, new kitchen, toilets and new disabled access.

**Praised**

Speaking to the congregation

gathered in the hall Rev Hood praised their efforts to raise funds to restore the building.

She said: 'I will tell the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland what a wonderful job you have all done. It really is quite amazing.'

She added: 'The project has helped bring people together within the church and has

brought the community together as a whole. You will be able to look back with a sense of achievement.'

**Hosting**

The hall has already been used by the local community, with the church hosting a coffee morning and MALI holding its Christmas craft fair there earlier this month.

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## Mid Argyll pupils donate to Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal



Ardrishaig Primary School's Arran Robertson, nine, Harley Cogan, 11, Ruby Dunlop, five, and Kyra Robertson, six, dropped off 99 shoeboxes, which had been filled by pupils, at the Blythswood Care lorry.



Dominique Dagleish, Janey Van-Stone, Elizabeth MacEachern, Laura Stewart and Caitlin Lemmon, delivered boxes to the Blythswood Care lorry.

KIND HEARTED pupils at Ardrishaig Primary School donated 99 boxes to this year's Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal.

**Gifts**

Pupils were on hand to help load the boxes onto the Blythswood Care lorry when it re-

cently stopped in Lochgilphead. The school has been filling boxes full of gifts for people who live in poverty to open at Christmas time since the appeal began 20 years ago.

Students from Lochgilphead High School donated 20 boxes to the

cause with a total of 488 boxes loaded onto the lorry when it travelled through Argyll.

**Delivered**

This year the boxes will be delivered to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldovam Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.



**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:11).

**BIRTHS**

**BARR** - Iain and Colette are delighted to announce the birth of their baby daughter, Lily Kate, in Edinburgh on November 24, 2013.



**BLACK**

Alec and Stacey are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Alexandra Beth, on December 1, 2013 at the Southern General Hospital. A baby sister for John. First granddaughter for William and Elizabeth Conley, second granddaughter for Malcolm and the late Sheena Black, fourth great granddaughter for Betty and the late John McNaughton and third great granddaughter for Danny and the late Jean Black.

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at home, with his family by his side, on December 13, 2013, Herbert Charles Campbell, in his 82nd year, of Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, beloved and devoted husband of Sheena, cherished dad and father-in-law of Jean and Alan and a very proud and adored papa of Scott and Craig. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead on Wednesday, December 18, followed by interment at Achtnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**CONWAY** - Peacefully, at home in Portsmouth, after a long illness bravely borne, Nancy (McIntyre) passed away on December 7, 2013.

**JACKSON** - On December 12, 2013, peacefully at home, Alex Jackson, aged 75 years, beloved wife of Marleen, much loved father of Iain, Mhairi and Sandi, loved papa of Nell, Robyn, Mac, Neve, Naim and Annie, a dearly loved brother, son-in-law and uncle. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on December 18, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

**MACKAY** - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on December 15, 2013, Robert James MacKay (Bobby), in his 71st year, 35 Saddell Street, Campbeltown, much loved partner of Isa Anderson and a very dear friend to all her family. A beloved son, brother, uncle and cousin. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Friday, December 20 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown and Ward 11, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

**MUIRHEAD** - On December 9, 2013, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, Beatrice Catherine Muirhead, RGN, RPN, CMB and Tropical Diseases, Acarsaid, Sandhole, Furnace, Inveraray and formerly of Oldhall, near Paisley, in her 89th year, only child of John and Florrie Muirhead and only niece of Captain William N Collins, who went down with his ship at Murmansk. At her own request her body has been donated to medical science. A memorial Service will be held at Cumlodden Church Furnace, on Saturday, December 28 at 1.00 pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**BURNETT** - The family of the late Margaret Burnett 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 staff at Glenarary Ward, Dr Sloan, district nurses and team, Ashley (who has been very much missed in the last few months), ambulance staff, Naomi, Tanya and Liz for their kindness and care, also Oban Hospital staff, Dr Henderson, Dr Johnstone and their team, who took care of Mum so many times over the years. She spoke very highly of the kindness and care she received from you all, thank you so much. Special thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for her visits and uplifting service and kind words, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most professional services, Stag Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Argyll Animal Aid raised £200.

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**IN MEMORIAMS**

**ADCOCK** - In loving memory of our beautiful daughter Keira, August 2000 - December 2003. Ten years have passed since we held you in our arms, Memories you gave to us we will always have, Our angel in heaven looking down on us, Now and forever in our hearts and minds.

- All our love and cuddles, Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie xxxx.

**ADCOCK** - Keira, died December 19, 2003. Deep are the memories and precious they stay, No passing of time will take them away.

- Nanna and Pappa. Forever in our hearts. - Uncle Colin and Uncle Stuart.

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

- With love, families at home and away. **DUFFY** - In loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, Craig, died December 19, 2004. May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be ever at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face And the rain fall softly on your fields And until we meet again May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

- Love, Mum, Colin, Shane and Eilidh xxxx. **DUFFY** - In loving memory of my beloved partner, Craig Duffy, who died so tragically on December 19, 2004.

Am pios a tha dhith nach urrainn cail a chuir na aite Remembered everyday, with all my love as always.

- Jane xx. **DUFFY** - In loving memory of our dear grandson, Craig. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

- Love, Gran and Papa. **DUFFY** - Craig, December 19, 2004. The years may pass but you are always in our hearts and thoughts.

- Love, Uncle Colin, Auntie Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

**GATNER** - Andy, passed away December 22, 2009. Lovingly remembered and missed always.

- From Sarah, Rita and Andrew. **MACAULAY** - In loving memory of Thomas, died December 18, 2012.

Much loved husband of Marie and loving father of Thomas, Julie and Alec and the late Diane, also loving grampy of Donna, Chloe and Connor.

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

Always in our thoughts. - From all the family.

**MACIVER** - Billy. Another year, Daddy, has come and gone Only six years but they've been so long

Time hasn't eased my sadness and pain My heart will only mend when we meet again Love you my Daddy. - Your Trina.

**MILLER** - Robert. In loving memory of Robbie, died January 1, 2011. Always in our thoughts. - Flora, Robert, Fiona and Amanda.

**PHILIPS** - Isa, December 24, 2008.

My heart is full of memory, With pride I speak your name, Though life goes on without you, It will never be the same. - Susan, Kenny and Jena, Robert and Alison.

**SCOTT** - In loving memory of our mother, Euphemia Scott (Johnson), who died December 21, 1963. Also Alexis, granddaughter of Euphemia, daughter of Catherine and the late Alex Witherspoon, who died November 15, 2009. Also Janette Clark (née Scott), daughter of Euphemia, who died September 8, 2013 'They will never be forgotten'.

- Inserted by Catherine and Walter.

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

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**

**Sunday 22nd December**  
No morning meeting  
3.30pm Christmas Messy Church  
5.30pm Christmas Carol Service  
**Wednesday 25th December**  
Christmas Morning Worship 10.30am  
Lt. Mark Scouling

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**

Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
Carol singing at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inveraray Mass at 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
01546 602380  
All Welcome  
(SCO002876)

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 22nd December**  
11:00 am  
"Love's Greatest Story"  
Christmas Family Service with Sunday School Nativity followed by coffee & mince pies  
**Baby & Toddler Group**  
Starts again on Thursday 9th January 2014 10.00 - 11.45 am  
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

**Campbeltown Community Church**

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**free church of scotland**  
George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 22nd December**  
12.45pm Worship Service  
4.00pm Carol Service  
Jesus - Light of the World  
Speaker: Rev Dr Bob Akroyd  
All Welcome  
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 22nd December 2013**  
Tarbert Service 11.45am  
Sunday School Nativity 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Watchnight Services  
Tarbert Service 11.30pm  
To be held in Tarbert Free Church  
Kilberry Service 7pm  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 22nd December 2013**  
11.00am Morning Service  
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 22nd December 2013**  
From 10.45am  
Coffee and mince pies  
11.15am Family Communion with crèche  
Dr John L Morrison - Jolomo  
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight  
Followed by coffee and mince pies  
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www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SCO14646

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**

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

**Sunday 22nd December**  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
10.45am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 25th December**  
Christmas Day  
10.45am Holy Communion  
All Welcome

Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**Highland Parish Church**

SCO02493  
**Sunday 22nd December**  
11.15am Rev C Hood  
Christmas Service  
All families welcome  
Session meeting 10.45am  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
No Badminton  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 22nd December**  
Morning Worship  
Ford 11.30am  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
Watchnight Service  
Glassary 11.30pm  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
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**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 22nd December**  
Morning Worship 11.15 am  
(Choir items, Triple C, Next Generation Nativity Play)  
Rev. P Burroughs  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
Joint service with the Highland Parish Church  
11.30pm  
**Wednesday 25th December**  
"O Come let us adore Him"  
All age service 10.30am



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2013**  
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11.15 pm Watchnight Service  
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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
11.00 am Christmas Service  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
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**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 22 December 2013**  
11.00am  
Christmas Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"Bring forth The Son"  
All Welcome

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 22 December**  
Bellanoch Church 10 am  
Morning Worship  
**Tuesday 24 December**  
Carols on Tayvallich Green 4 pm  
Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm  
Watchnight Service  
**Wednesday 25 December**  
Inverlussa Church 11 am  
Christmas Day Celebration  
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## Lochfyneside struggle with weather and Anderston Vics

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POOR conditions at Furnace Football Pitch forced Lochfyneside to play their home fixture against Anderston Vics at Scotstoun stadium in Glasgow.

The game kicked off in horrendous conditions, with a gale blowing and the rain pouring down.

The teams were evenly matched at the start of the game but that changed after 15 minutes when the Glasgow side broke quickly down the far side and crossed the ball into the box, catching the 'Fyneside boys cold. The ball was poked low into the net despite the brave efforts of goalkeeper Munro.

The goal proved to be the game changer as Anderston gained confidence and the 'Fyneside boys were constantly put under pressure deep in their own half, losing a further four goals before half time.

Despite concerns being raised about the weather, the referee continued the game and the Glasgow side went on to score a further three goals, one coming after a 'Fyneside player was forced to leave the field suffering from severe cold.

Jim Divers, manager of the team, said: 'The team who travelled must be congratulated for even attempting to play in such woeful conditions. Man of the match goes to everyone who was present on Saturday, with special mention for Lewis McNicol.'

Lochfyneside are due to play Minorities Youth Foundation tomorrow (Saturday) in Glasgow.



Lochgilphead High School's basket ball team took third place in the junior section of the Argyll and Bute Schools Basketball competition.

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# Young basketball team impress at Argyll Schools tournament

LOCHGILPHEAD High School were represented in the junior boys section of Argyll and Bute schools basketball competition last Thursday and the tournament was a great learning curve for the young team.

The boys, coached by teacher Fred Bombart, finished third after being pipped to a place in the final by a more experienced Oban side.

Throughout the day at Oban's Atlantis Leisure centre the Lochgilphead team

played seven matches, winning four and losing three.

Lochgilphead started off slowly with nerves playing a big part in a couple of under par performances, but the day ended on a bright note with their best performance

in a 9-4 victory over Oban High School.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools coordinator for Mid Argyll, accompanied the team to the tournament. He said: 'Many of the boys have only just started attend-

ing the high school's after school club and on this performance the future's bright for basketball at the school.'

Lochgilphead High School basketball club practise at the school every Thursday between 4-5pm.

## Star thrashed by wind, rain and Blochairn Star B

IT WAS somewhat a surprise for the Red Star team to find themselves travelling to Glasgow on Saturday for a game that in many circumstances would have been cancelled due to wind and rain.

The weather was not the only challenge for the team as they prepared to take on Blochairn Star B - a side that have won all eight of their league games this season - in the fourth round of the West of Scotland Cup.

Star started the game poorly and went behind after 15 minutes when a powerful strike from the right hand side of the box skidded off the wet surface and nestled in the bottom corner of the net.

Things got worse for the Lochgilphead boys five minutes later when a stunning strike from a Blochairn midfielder cannoned off the underside of the bar and into the net leaving Kalache helpless in

Blochairn Star B	4
Red Star	1
West of Scotland Cup - 4th Round	

goal. The gale force winds and rain were making it difficult for both teams to play passes, which resulted in a scrappy game. Blochairn however had clearly adjusted better to the challenging conditions during the first half.

### Freezing temperatures

Star were forced into a change on the hour mark when Kalache, who was struggling with the freezing temperatures, was replaced by McCulloch in goals and, shortly after, Blochairn grabbed their third goal of the game with a close range tap in.

Despite having much of the play in the second half, Star conceded a fourth goal when they were hit on the counter attack. Crawford was unfortunate when he cut out a cross only for the ball to get stuck in a puddle and the Blochairn striker slotted the ball past McCulloch.

Despite being 4-0 down, Star continued to try and get back in the game and their efforts were rewarded with a late consolation goal. Alderson slotted the ball through to Docherty, who calmly struck the ball into the bottom corner.

Both teams were relieved to hear the final whistle as the conditions had deteriorated significantly throughout the game.

Star will be back in action in the New Year and will be looking to continue on an encouraging first half of the season.

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# Inspiring a generation of sports stars at Lochgilphead High School

SIXTEEN students from Lochgilphead High School and one from Tarbert Academy recently gained qualifications allowing them to help deliver sports classes in the area.

The S5 pupils achieved a day certificate in sports leadership from Sports Leaders UK.

### Assist

Pupils, handpicked for their sports leader roles after coming through an application process, were educated on how to assist more senior coaches and how to engage with young children effectively during their training.

The pupils are now volunteering at a variety of secondary, primary and community sports clubs in Lochgilphead in order to further develop their coaching skills.

### Delighted

Mid Argyll Active Schools coordinator Innes Paterson has been delighted with the attitude and leadership the pupils have shown.

'This year's sports



More than a dozen pupils at Lochgilphead High School gained their sports leaders certificate and have gone on to assist in a range of sports classes in Mid Argyll. 06\_a50lead02

leaders have been a fantastic help to myself and other local community clubs.

'They have been volunteering with dance, badminton, rugby, athletics and football to

name a few activities and they have all coped well with the challenges they've faced,' he said.

'I think the Sports Leaders UK programme is a great way of developing your leader-

ship skills at a young age in an environment where support is at close hand.'

### Lottery numbers

THE £50 Christmas bonuses in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were won by Ian MacNab, Catherine Prentice, Alison Johnson and Flora Shaw.

There were no winners however in the weekly lottery with numbers 9, 11 and 15 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery, with numbers 6, 14 and 16 drawn. Next week's jackpot will be £500.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 7, 12 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week.

There will also be a Christmas draw next week when four lucky winners will each receive £50.

### Weather wins as games called off

SCOTTISH amateur football in the west of Scotland took a hammering last week-end with hundreds of matches falling foul of the horrendous weather.

The games involving Oban Saints, Campbeltown Pupils, Dunoon Athletic and Tarbert were all postponed.

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**Week 1 of 2**

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### Annual Boxing Day match

THE ANNUAL football match between the youthful men of Lochgilphead and their over 30 counterparts will again take place on Boxing Day.

Managers for the day Colin Weir, for the under 30s, and Dougie Moore will send their teams out with strict instructions not to return unbeaten.

A charity match, money raised on the day will be donated to a local charity, which will be chosen by the man of the match.

Never a game for the faint hearted or weary legged, the match will kick off at Ropework Park at 1.30pm.

### Best wishes go to Fergus

FOOTBALL clubs in Mid Argyll are sending their best wishes to young Fergus Galbraith who suffered a fractured knee cap on Saturday.

The 16-year-old was playing with Red Star Under 17s when he collided with a Helensburgh player within the first minute of the game.

Brian Deans, of Lochgilphead Red Star, said: 'All players, coaches and committee members would like to wish Fergus a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him recover from his knee operation and be back alongside his teammates as soon as is possible.'

Footballers at Tarbert AFC also sent their best wishes to the teenager.

### International honours

A HOST of Argyll youngsters have been selected to represent Scotland in orienteering. Eilidh Shearer, Briony Kincaid, Callum Hunter, Roanne Lillie and Tom Lines from Argyll's EckO Orienteering Club have been selected for the Scottish Junior Orienteering Squad (ScotJOS).



A young Lochgilphead basketball team gained some vital experience when they took to the court in the Argyll Schools Basketball competition last week. The team narrowly missed out on reaching the final after losing to Oban High School, who took on their counterparts from Dunoon, as pictured above. For a full report from the event see page 26.

## Serious injury to Star youngster

RED STAR lost this league game against Helensburgh but the scoreline was irrelevant to the team, their concerns being with teammate Fergus Galbraith who sustained a serious injury in the first minute of the game.

Fergus was injured when he challenged a Helensburgh player for a ball on the touchline and both players' knees collided. It was an unfortunate accident.

Clearly unable to play, Galbraith was replaced on the field by substitute Munro, who is struggling with injury him-

Helensburgh	3
Red Star	1
DFDL Under 17 League	

self.

Helensburgh opened the scoring when a ball played into the striker, standing offside, played the ball back to a midfielder who struck a quality shot into the top corner from just inside the box.

Mcfarlane scored a great equaliser when he lost his marker on the right and drove into the box to finish through the keeper's legs for a great individual goal.

Helensburgh scored two late goals to win the game and Red Star finished the match with only 10 players as Munro was forced to come off because of the injury that made him a doubt for the game in the first place.

It was a great effort from Munro and reflected the spirit the majority of the team showed in completing the game, in such appalling conditions.

Coach Brian Deans said: 'In atrocious conditions with strong gusting winds and driving, freezing rain, it was impossible to play football, and both teams deserve credit for what turned out to be an endurance test.'

'It is never easy to continue in a match when a popular and vital member of the team is injured and again credit is due to the team in completing the fixture.'

The under 17s will have a rest over the festive season before re-summing play in the new year.

## Mid Argyll Sports Trust reformed

Meeting hears a range of ideas to improve sports facilities for all at Lochgilphead Joint Campus

AN ORGANISATION which promoted participation in all sports in Mid Argyll for more than 20 years has officially been reformed.

Mid Argyll Sports Trust was re-established last Thursday at a meeting which saw more than 20 representatives of sports clubs call for more joint working on funding, training and improving facilities.

Bill MacCallum, a committee member of the previously defunct sports trust, said almost £23,000 remained in the trust's accounts which could be used to boost sports facilities and equipment in the area.

Fiona Corner, a jogsotland leader in Inveraray, said: 'I thought it [the sports trust] would be a good forum for sports enthusiasts to support each other and advise each other.'

'I am trying to set up a cycling club and I am not saying we should come here for money but for support and guidance on how to do these things.'

'We feel out on a limb here.'

Fiona was supported by numerous other small sports clubs which need help training volunteers in sports, as well as first aid and child protection.

Members of sports clubs agreed a multi-sport umbrella organisation, which could potentially represent more than 500 people, would be in a strong position to win funding from organisations such as sportscotland and the Big Lottery Fund, especially in the run up to and following the Commonwealth Games.

### Large turnout

Councillor Douglas Philand, who chaired the meeting, said: 'I was delighted to see a large turnout of representatives from various sports clubs at the meeting and the very positive discussions which took place. There will be another sports trust meeting in the new year to take a number of issues forward for the benefit of the various sports clubs in Mid Argyll.'

A provisional date for the next meeting of the trust is January 23.

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