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Kind-hearted volunteers keep festive spirit alive

KIND-HEARTED volunteers have come to the rescue of a Christmas event for people in need of festive cheer.

The Lochgilphead Christmas Community Gathering has been running for the past three years to help combat loneliness at Christmas, but this year there was uncertainty over whether the lunch and party would take place.

That was until kind and generous volunteers insisted on giving up their Christmas to organise and run the event.

Lynda Syed, who works with support group Mid Argyll's Third Sector Interface (TSI), said: 'It was looking as if there wasn't going to be an event this year but volunteers from last year got in touch. The TSI then stepped up and

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offered to support the event with both cash and in kind, while the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services offered the use of their hall and it really took off from there.'

Last year more than 40 Mid Argyll residents were a part of the event – either attending the party or making use of the delivery service the volunteers offer.

This year the party will be held at the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services' hall on Union Street, Lochgilphead. The meal will be a Christmas buffet, rather than hot meal, and there will be a delivery service for those unable to leave the house.

Lynda continued: 'Although the meal

will be the main event, we want to move the focus away from just the food and make sure everyone has a good time.

'Whilst we are appealing for a variety of things we need to run the event, more than anything, we would ask people to give up just half an hour of their time to come along and help the party go with a swing.

'In particular we are looking for singers, musicians, magicians and comedians.'

Organisers are also appealing for small gifts and drivers.

Anyone able to volunteer or anyone with a donation should contact Lynda on 01546 606808 or 07493 618437 or email lynda@argylltsi.org.uk.



Eli Pickering thanked her generous customers. 06_a51bookshop01

Charity bonus in Rona's memory

GENEROUS people of Mid Argyll have boosted a cancer charity's funds in memory of a much-loved local woman.

A collection tin in the Argyll Book Centre was put there to collect the five pence carrier bag charges. But customers donated £245 since September 2015, shortly after the passing of Rona MacPhail who managed the book-

shop for many years. 'It's quite amazing, really,' said current shop manager Eli Pickering. 'The year before, when the tin was just sitting there with no-one's name against it, we raised £10 in the year. After we decided to donate the money to the Beatson Cancer Charity in Rona's name, the donations shot up. Thanks go to all our generous customers.'

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TARBERT Academy pupils have been gathering donations for a food bank.

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Police files

Breach of bail conditions

A 22-YEAR-OLD man allegedly breached bail conditions by sending threatening text messages to a woman on Monday December 5 at around 5pm, in Paterson Street, Lochgilphead. Police arrested and charged the man who was held for court. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Dangerous driving

A DRIVING incident occurred at Craobh Haven at 9.15am on Monday December 5, when a vehicle struck a pedestrian. Police investigated and a 52-year-old man is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Vandalism to polytunnel

A POLYTUNNEL at the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, at the

Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, was damaged between 2.30pm on Tuesday December 6 and 10am Wednesday December 7. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses.

Vehicle seized at Inverneill

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman was stopped by police for routine checks on the A83 at Inverneill on Saturday December 10 at around 1.40am.

Checks revealed that there was no insurance for the vehicle and the driver was charged with the offence and issued with a £300 fine and six penalty points.

The vehicle was also seized.

Abusive behaviour

IN SMITHY Lane, Lochgilphead, on Sunday December 11

at around 2.10am, a 28-year-old man was arrested for shouting and swearing in the street.

The man also resisted arrest and obstructed police officers. He was later charged with the offences, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal. A second man, aged 22, was issued with a £40 fixed penalty notice for abusive behaviour.

Man warned for shoplifting

A SHOPLIFTING incident occurred at the Co-op in Inveraray on Sunday December 11 at around 6.15pm.

A 73-year-old man was traced by police and charged with the offence. The man was issued with a recorded police warning.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact police on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Clock Lodge group appeals for support

THE GROUP behind the redevelopment of the Clock Lodge is looking for your support.

As work draws to a close on making the building wind and watertight, Lochgilphead Phoenix Project must demonstrate that it has public support before pursuing grant funding to continue the redevelopment project.

Friend

You can show your support by becoming a Friend of the Phoenix.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'It doesn't cost you anything and you aren't committing to doing anything - although you are welcome to contribute further if you would like to. It just helps to show that our work to bring the Clock Lodge back into use is something which



Work in progress last month on the Clock Lodge. Photo: MacLeod Construction.

the local community supports.'

Lochgilphead Phoenix Project has five years to come up with proposed uses for the building and to secure

the funding for its complete refurbishment.

Gallery

Eventual uses might focus around a gallery space, as this was supported during an earlier

options appraisal process. To find out more about supporting the project, visit the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project website or Facebook page.



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Community councils urge people to complete survey

IF YOU don't get involved in a council consultation on spending priorities, you cannot complain when services are cut.

That was the clear

message from community councils around Mid Argyll as Argyll and Bute Council launched a campaign to survey the views of the public ahead of some

tough budget decisions in February.

The consultation, entitled 'Planning our Future', is available online or in paper and closes on Monday January 9.

'I recommend people fill in the consultation,' said Inveraray Community Council convener Iain MacAskill. 'We tend not to complain until it's too late,

so have your say on the budget this time.'

At Monday's meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council, convener Andy Buntin echoed that sentiment,

saying: 'I would encourage everyone to get involved. If we don't, then we have no room to complain when the council cuts services we want to keep.'



Furtive festive fairy strikes again

EVERY year a glittering tree on the shore catches the eye of those passing by but where does it come from?

The tree, which has been growing on the shore side, along the A83 near Brenfield, is treated to a seasonal spruce up, but no-one seems to know who is behind its magical makeover.

We would love to know who the secret festive fairy is. If you know, contact the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on our Facebook page, via www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk, call 01546 602345 or by emailing: editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Education stars sought for national awards

THE SEARCH for Argyll and Bute's brightest education stars is under way as nomination open for the Scottish Education Awards 2017.

People are being urged to nominate schools and teaching professionals that go the extra mile for recognition at the national awards ceremony which honours the hard work and innovation happening in classrooms across Scotland.

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning said: 'Argyll and Bute schools and education staff have an excellent track record in the Scottish Education Awards.

'Our teachers are enthusiastic and committed to delivering the best quality learning experience for all pupils. I would urge people to get nominating.'

There is a wide variety of award categories which recognise and reward the dedication of teaching staff and educational supporters across Scotland.

Nominations close on the Wednesday February 15 and the winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Glasgow next June.

To nominate a school or individual for the awards visit www.scotsheducationawards.co.uk



Pupils with their Christmas offerings for the food bank.

Christmas message from Tarbert Academy

THIS advent the children of Tarbert Academy have been encouraged to think of others by bringing food in for the Kintyre Food Bank.

We did this because there are people around us who may not be able to af-

By P6 Tarbert Academy pupils: James Walker, Daniel Blake and Guthrie Scott

ford a Christmas dinner. In school we have been thinking about how our community provides for local needs and understanding values such as caring, sharing, equality and love.

We borrowed a shopping trolley from the Co-op for our food bank. We even had a box for gathering food for pets as well.

Pupils explained: Daniel Blake: 'Having it there feels good

that you are helping others.'

Guthrie Scott: 'It made me feel happy to give something to someone I don't know, who might feel down because they don't have a lot at Christmas.'

James Walker: 'It was the first time I

did this. I have never given anything to anybody except my family so it made me think about other people. Although there are not homeless people in Tarbert, there are people who might not have a lot for reasons we don't know about.'

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New road surface at accident blackspot

by Colin Cameron
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WORK was due to start earlier today (Friday) to improve an accident blackspot where nine cars have left the road over recent months.

A downhill stretch of the A83 above the village of Cairndow has seen more than its fair share of minor accidents, Inveraray-bound, on a curve just below Strone corner.

In response to an inquiry from the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland last month announced that it was considering drainage works to reduce sur-

face water in the vicinity, as well as a potential resurfacing scheme.

A project worth £120,000 was all set to begin today (Friday December 16), and the work is due to be completed by Wednesday December 21, according to BEAR Scotland.

The works are scheduled to take place between 7am and 7pm during weekdays only, and will involve the resurfacing of an 800m long stretch of the A83.

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north-west representative, said: 'These essential works will improve the existing road surface and



The new road surface should reduce accidents at this bend above Cairndow. 06_a46a83cairndow05

address any defects in the road, enhancing the safety of the A83

through this section and creating a smoother journey for motorists.

'We have programmed the works to take place during the winter months when traffic flows are generally quieter to minimise disruption for road users and the business community, and our teams will continue to do all they can to limit the impact of

these works.' Asked what plans were in place to improve drainage at the site, a spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'Our teams have completed a design for drainage works for a section of filter drain next to the route which will be carried out following completion of the resurfacing improvements.'

'Messy' Ford trees will be cleared, says council

SCRUB cutting beside a Mid Argyll road has caused concern and a few raised eyebrows.

But Argyll and Bute Council has said the job is not yet complete, with trimming of untidy trees still to be carried out. As part of a £153,000 project to improve the condition of the C30 road from Ford to Kilmaha, Argyll and Bute Council contractors used a flail machine to trim back everything from small bushes to substantial specimens of ash, birch and other species.

One local woman told the *Advertiser*: 'What they have done is awful. It has left a terrible mess. The trees are decimated, and I cannot understand why it has been done this way.'

Another Ford resident, Donna Kennedy, said: 'It is a bit of a

mess, but to cut back the scrub any other way would have taken days and cost a lot more money.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council confirmed the improvements are being funded by Forestry Commission Scotland and the Strategic Timber Transport Fund.

She continued: 'Substantial resurfacing and drainage works have already been carried out and work recently started on clearing the roadside using a flail machine. This is the most economical way to do this. The trees which have been flailed and this will be carried out this week. Further scrub cutting is scheduled to take place and the area will be cleared once the work has been completed.'



A multi-stem ash tree apparently felled by the machine. 06_a51treecutting01

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Stellar performance from Kosmos trio

MANY of those who attended the afternoon concert on Saturday December 3 came to relive an amazing event in March 2012 when Kosmos first came to Lochgilphead.

After that concert, John Holt, whose recent and sudden death has saddened everyone who knew him, wrote the critique of the event for *The Argyllshire Advertiser*.

For him, this was probably the most exciting concert ever put on by the MAAA, and his in-depth write-up describes in great detail this amazing trio's background, style and the excitement their playing generates.

Nearly everything he wrote then remains pertinent to the trio's return visit.

As I am incapable of

matching the succinctness and eloquence of John's words, I would urge you to revisit his excellent critique on the MAAA's website: go to www.maaa.org.uk – concert reviews.

This is not laziness on my part, but respect for someone who loved all kinds of music and who recognised real artistry when he heard it.

However, to keep the record straight, it should be mentioned that there was a change in the line-up for this latest visit.

Instead of a cellist, Harriet Mackenzie on violin and Meg Hamilton on viola were joined by Milos Mili-vojevic, a Serbian accordion wizard.

Milos was playing on a newly-acquired instrument from which

he drew an amazing range of colours. The accordion can be overpowering in the wrong hands, but not here.

The balance between the instruments was perfection, with the crisp snatches of the accordion adding much to the tangos and the virtuosic sections were mesmerising.

Whilst most of the arrangements played were lively, the slow *Serbian Love-Song* in the first half was the emotional highlight of the concert; the build-up of the repetitions of this simple melody were tear-jerkingly beautiful.

After the interval the trio played a piece by the Argentinian tango-king, Piazzolla, which they dedicated to the memory of John Holt. This was



Kosmos performing at St John's Cathedral, Oban, as part of their visit to Argyll.

particularly apt as not only had John given so much to the MAAA over many years, but

he always loved Piazzolla's music and the accordion.

How he would have

loved to meet Milos. John was right, Kosmos are a class act and they gave us yet another

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From primary school children to people of a more mature vintage, the true meaning of Christmas appears to be alive and well in Mid Argyll. And, if truth be told, the same can be said across many other parts of the country.

We want, for the most part, to help one another.

And when money is tight, that is a particular time when we should all be helping each other out.

At the time of writing, we have yet to hear how much (or little) Argyll and Bute Council will have to spend after the Scottish Government budget announcement, but the purse strings are certain to be tightened even further.

Which is why it is important that council taxpayers and everyone else in Argyll and Bute sends back a reply to the local authority's current budget consultation.

The council has very little room to manoeuvre, but officers and councillors need to understand what parts of our council services we value as they wield the hatchet.

Some would argue that the council structure itself is in greater need of the hatchet in order to make real efficiencies – but that cannot happen as long as the Argyll and Bute Council is assessing itself.

The times they are a-changing, but as we look ahead to a new year, is our present local authority set-up the right one for the rough road ahead?

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Christmas lights stress unfair

Sir,
It was really sad to read the report in last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* regarding this year's Christmas lights.

The committees which organise these are, presumably, all volunteers who give considerable time and effort to make this a success. Not only do they fundraise, but organise the purchase, planning, switch-on event and everything else that goes along with this. The report does assure us that the switch-on in the various places all happened, except Campbeltown, I believe, but the stress these committees were put under was not fair.

For the past several years, this has gone without a hitch and the newspaper report states that communication has been the problem.

One has to ask – what was so different this year?

Does the council no longer see communication as a priority? Has it got rid of the post which previously communicated so well with the lights committees and, if this is the case, where was the person who has now assumed this responsibility?

I sincerely hope a full and proper investigation is already under way and the communities are not let down in this way next year.

These committees work hard and deserve the support from the council.

Name and address supplied.

Make a million miracles happen

Sir,
As an ambassador of Sightsavers, the charity that works to prevent and cure blindness in developing countries, I would love your readers to make a real difference to someone's life by funding a life-changing operation.

Sightsavers has pledged to make 'A Million Miracles' happen in some of the world's poorest countries by raising enough money to fund one million sight-restoring operations. A cataract operation that takes around 10 minutes and costs Sightsavers just £30, could save someone from a future of blindness.

I have been supporting Sightsavers for many years and have seen first-hand in Kenya how a simple eye operation can totally transform someone's life.

So, with this in mind, I would encourage readers to help Sightsavers perform a Christmas miracle by donating £30, or whatever they can, and give the gift of sight at millionmiracles.org. Thank you.

**Lorraine Kelly,
Sightsavers ambassador.**

Community spirit alive and well

Sir,
Thank you to the hundreds of Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), Britain in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood group volunteers across Scotland for

the work they have done to bring communities together and create greener, more environmentally friendly and healthier surroundings for everyone to enjoy.

This year, Britain in Bloom groups from Aberdeen, Bute, Dufftown, Haddington and Perth represented Scotland with great distinction at the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards – and their success reflects well on everyone.

Their efforts prove Scotland's community spirit is alive and well. The benefits of the work they do go far beyond the aesthetic, as research and experience have shown that when a community gardens together, civic pride, community spirit and health and happiness levels all increase.

The benefits of gardening and turning grey to green don't stop there. The work they've done has created habitats for wildlife, highlighted the value of the natural world and inspired children to get in touch with nature and learn more about where their food comes from.

**Sue Biggs,
Royal Horticultural Society director general.**

Scotland's place is within the UK

Sir,
Labour can't be trusted to prioritise Scotland's place in the UK.

Kezia Dugdale made a speech in London calling for a new Act of Union to preserve the future of the

UK. She also U-turned on her previous call for a separate Brexit deal for Scotland, saying it was now important we got a UK-wide arrangement.

The last thing Scotland needs is yet more constitutional upheaval and Labour should be focusing on being a decent opposition.

While Labour's weakness on our union is plain for all to see, the Conservative and Unionist Party has no such problem. In fact, our commitment to Scotland's place in our United Kingdom is in our party's name.

Labour, sadly, is not the only party flirting with betraying Scotland's unionist majority. The LibDems recently debated a motion at their party conference urging the party to consider Scottish independence.

The motion, from organisation 'A Liberal Scotland in Europe' states Scotland should prioritise its relationship with Europe over the UK.

It adds that the party should back Nicola Sturgeon on her pledge to consider 'all possible options' following Brexit, which would include a second independence referendum.

More and more unionist voters across Scotland are rightfully turning their back on Labour and the LibDems and backing the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party as the best choice to stand up for our place in the United Kingdom and take the fight to the SNP.

**Alastair Redman,
Isle of Islay.**

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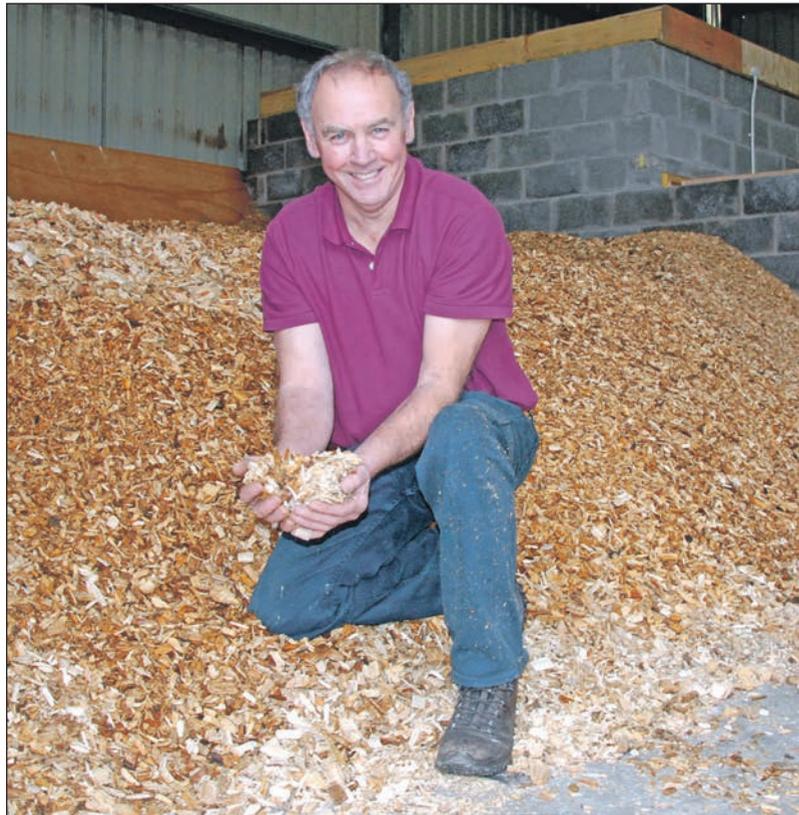
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Chips on a roll at Cairndow community enterprise



Our Power manager John Smart is delighted with the improved chip quality. 08_a51dryflo03

THE SPIRIT of enterprise at one of Argyll's flagship social enterprises shows no sign of drying up.

A decade after Cairndow community or-

ganisation Here We Are dipped its toe in the renewable energy market with a woodchip biomass operation through community interest company

'Our Power', the Merkle hydro scheme has since been established, in which Our Power has a significant share – and things don't stop there.

In a major step forward for Our Power, a brand new woodchip drying floor has recently been built at its Clachan depot under the watchful eye of manager John Smart, allowing a better quality of chip to be supplied to customers.

An investment of £110,000 in the new facility was made possible thanks to the support of Social Investment Scotland and the SJ Noble Trust.

The chipping plant and store is situated at the head of Loch Fyne, handily placed for the A83. From there, customers within a 30-mile radius are supplied with primarily larch and spruce woodchip fuel for biomass boilers.

Around 2,000 tonnes of timber is currently supplied by Tihill Forestry, with logs generally arriving at a moisture content of around 35 per cent. The vagaries of the Argyll climate can

mean that moisture content, unsurprisingly, can vary – and that is where the drying floor comes in.

The drying floor system, supplied by Dunster Biomass Ltd, uses blown air which has been heated by a woodchip biomass boiler. The warm air is passed through under-floor ducts and through the chips via floor vents.

'We are always looking to improve,' said Our Power direc-

tor John MacDonald. 'We got a new drum chipping machine last year which helped with the size of chip, and installing the drying floor means that we can now offer a consistent quality of woodchips to the customer's requirements.'

Our Power currently supplies everything from community hall boilers to housing association heating systems around Argyll, and even provides bi-

omass fuel to the Balloch headquarters of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

Mr MacDonald added: 'With this new drying floor we look forward to providing even better service to our customers old and new.'

If you would like to find out more about Our Power and its products, email lorna@hereweare-uk.com or call 01499 600350.



Paul Scullion, left, discusses the new product with wood chipping manager, John Smart. 08_a51dryflo01



Paul Scullion, left, of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park with John Smart, John MacDonald and Our Power administrator Lorna Watt. 08_a51dryflo04

Hunt on for Scotland's inspiring woodlands

THE SEARCH has begun to find and celebrate the best woodlands in Scotland.

The 2017 'Scotland's Finest Woods' awards are an annual recognition of excellence among those who use, own or manage Scotland's woods

and forests.

Last year's winners included entries from Argyll.

The 2016 award for newly-planted commercial woods was won by Carrick Estate, on the shores of Loch Goil, while the community woodland award was hand-

ed to Kilfinan Community Forest, which also won the viable livelihoods competition.

Applications are now open for 2017, with trophies and almost £7,000 of prize money to be won in seven awards across four categories.

Entries will be accepted up to March 31, 2017.

Full details, including criteria and entry forms, are available at the awards section of www.sfga.co.uk.

The winners will receive their awards at the Royal Highland Show in June.



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Lawrence Jaconelli

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Enjoy a splashing Christmas at MACPool fair

MACPool has splashed out and organised its first Christmas fair.

As well as sneak peaks at classes to fight off festive excess, gifts from local artists and small businesses including A Touch of Glass Studio, Highland Homewares and Needlesmiths will help save the day if you have left your Christmas shopping to the last minute.

And pampering products from Neals Yard Organics and Forever Living or a tasty treat from Cake-A-Way

might just be the very thing to treat yourself to if the Christmas stress has already kicked in.

The evening will also give you a great chance to sort out your new year resolutions, with some taster sessions of the MACPool's new exercises classes that will be starting up in the new year.

Be sure to take your costume along to have a go at Hourglass Aqua Class, Pump It or Young at Heart. To find out more call the pool on 01546 606676.

Live music magic

AN UP-AND-COMING singer/songwriter from Campbeltown is to entertain Christmas party goers in Lochgilphead.

Matt McAllister, 23, will be performing original music in The Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead, on Saturday (December 17) from 9pm.

To get a preview, look out for Matt's music on iTunes.

Youth company plans new national ensemble

SCOTTISH Youth Theatre National Ensemble is inviting 16-25-year-olds from across Scotland to register for an open audition to join the new group.

The Argyll auditions will be held on Saturday February 11, 2017 at The Rockfield Centre, Oban. There will be no participation fee, with entry based purely on the performer's ability and commitment.

In a bid to ensure they select the best Scotland has to offer, auditions will also be held in Stornoway, Inverness, Dumfries, Stranraer, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Once recruited, the Ensemble will undertake development sessions across Scotland working with profes-



Performing Shakespeare's *The Tempest* at the 2016 summer course.

sional theatre-makers. Scottish Youth Theatre's Artistic Director, Mary McCluskey

said: 'The National Ensemble is something we have wanted to do for quite some time. It

is an example of our commitment to giving talented young people the opportunity to chal-

lenge and develop their theatre skills.

'They will also have the opportunity to gain a formal qualification which will aid them in accessing further education and industry work.

'We will ensure participants work at the highest level, collaborating with some of the most influential practitioners and performers working in Scottish theatre today.'

Registration is now open and those interested are encouraged to visit Scottish Youth Theatre's website www.scottishyouththeatre.org

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Win an amazing three island day out for two

You can't wrap a puffin but you can 'gift' one this Christmas



West Coast Tours and Staffa Tours are giving readers the chance to win 2 Three Isles Tour gift vouchers worth £120 as the perfect Christmas present for their nearest and dearest this Christmas. So, if you fancy giving someone special a day to remember in 2017, now's your chance to win this special prize. The Three Isles Tour is an amazing day out which takes in three unique Inner Hebridean islands -

Mull, Iona and Staffa. Leaving Oban on the Cal Mac ferry, you will transfer at Craignure to a West Coast Tours coach which will take you through stunning scenery of Mull while you enjoy live commentary about the island and the sights you'll see. At Fionnphort you will hop on to the Staffa Tours boat over to Staffa where you will spend around an hour exploring the beauty of Fingal's Cave and, between April

and early August, have the chance to meet the island's Puffin colony, before heading to Iona for 2 hours to enjoy its sights and the tranquil atmosphere of this wonderful island. Then it's back on the West Coast Tours coach to Craignure for the return ferry to Oban. Gift vouchers for the Three Isles Tour and other brilliant day tours to Mull, Iona and beyond are available at www.westcoasttours.co.uk.

To enter, simply answer the following question correctly and send the completed form to Wyvex Media, Island Day Out Competition, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB. Please include your answer, name, telephone number and email address. The winner will be notified by telephone and email. Entry deadline Tuesday 20th December. Good luck!
Question: What island is Fingal's Cave on? a) Mull b) Iona c) Staffa

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Terms and conditions 1. Vouchers are valid for 2017 season (April until October) only. 2. Vouchers have no cash value and must be redeemed for Three Isles Tour tickets only. 3. Tour bookings are subject to availability.

The closing date for entries is midnight, Tuesday 20th December, 2016. Normal Oban Times rules apply. The Editor's decision is final. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. No cash alternative. You can email your entry to nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk

Tick this box if you do not wish to receive information, including special offers, from West Coast Tours & Staffa Tours.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MACPool Christmas Fair
Friday 16th December
5-8pm
Bring your costume to try some of our new classes, plus a range of local small businesses will be here to help you complete your Christmas list!

Rotary Club of Campbeltown Christmas Postal Service REMINDER
Posting boxes will be removed from shops on the afternoon of Saturday 17th December.
25p per card

Skipness Village Hall Festive Family Ceilidh Dance
Wednesday 28th December, 8.30pm with the one & only Gunna Sound
Come & join us!
Admission - Adults: £8, under 18's: £3, under 12's: FREE!
All proceeds to Village Hall funds

TARBERT GUN CLUB XMAS SHOOT
at Barmore
Sunday 18th December
11.00am
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Campbeltown Showracer Society XMAS QUIZ
Feathers Bar
Sunday 18th December
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Teams of 4, £10
Soup & light buffet
3.30pm prompt
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Gig at the Gathering ticket sale launched

TICKETS for Gig at the Gathering were launched this week, just in time to be a Christmas present for any ceilidh music lovers.

If last year is anything to go by, fans will snap up tickets for the event – part of Cowal Highland Gathering – over the next couple of weeks to ensure their place is secured at the four-hour Friday night extravaganza.

Once again, CHG organisers have signed up some of the most exciting bands on the traditional music circuit to ensure the crowd is rocking from the first note to the last.

The headline act at next August's event is Tide Lines – a four piece band whose first single, *Far Side of the World*, entered the UK download charts ahead of popular tracks by world-famous artists such as Coldplay and Beyonce.

Supporting Tide Lines will be the ever-popular young Argyll band Heron Valley, who played at

11 festivals this year and have become firm Cowal Gathering favourites.

Also playing will be Trongate Rum Riots, a Glasgow nine-piece band who play their own brand of 'turbo sea shanties'.

As usual, the Gig won't simply boast top ceilidh music. It will also feature whisky and gin tasting and street food will be available throughout the evening.

Cowal Highland Gathering chair Ronnie Cairns said: 'The feedback we've received from the first two gigs has been incredibly positive. Everyone lucky enough to have a ticket has had a fantastic night.

'It's going to be a great night out whether you're a first-timer or an old hand, so I'd recommend that people buy their tickets now so as to avoid disappointment nearer the time.'

More information available at the Gathering's website at www.cowalhighlandgathering.com



The winners are all smiles.

Youth wins the day in Furnace generation game

IT WAS a real generation game for St Andrew's Day, as the Furnace Primary School pupils took on the grown-ups.

Held on the evening of Wednesday November 30, the first ever pupils v adults community quiz was organised by Mike Masters of Furnace Community Council and Furnace Primary Head Teacher, Robyn McIlroy.

With questions ranging from Picasso to flags of Europe, the pupils quickly took the lead. There was a whiff of suspicion that the adults were being handed ever-so-slightly harder questions, including identifying

the flag of Azerbaijan and answering questions on global politics. Despite this, by the time the final round of charades arrived the grown-ups had recovered slightly – but the pupils were clear victors in the end with a score of 47 to 21.

The St Andrew's Day theme included shortbread made by school cook, Miss Rhona, and irn-bru. A raffle raised in excess of £100 for school funds.

A fun night was had by all, and as Mike Masters said in his vote of thanks at the end of the evening, the quiz was a fantastic example of school and community integration.



Headliners Tide Lines.

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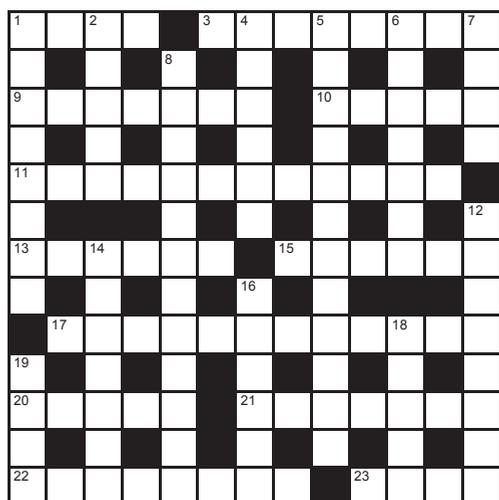


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- 10 Abrasive (5)
- 11 Church member (12)
- 13 Inn (6)
- 15 Fortune (6)
- 17 Double-reeded oboe (7,5)
- 20 Division of an army (5)
- 21 Farewells, night nights (3-4)
- 22 Raw sugar liquid (8)
- 23 Bed board (4)

Down

- 1 Money owed that is not collectable (3,5)
- 2 Buckwheat pancakes (5)
- 4 Organisations (6)
- 5 The one thing that will always let you down (8,4)
- 6 Overseas post (7)
- 7 Bounce back to you (4)
- 8 Hair removal method (12)
- 12 Game board (5,3)
- 14 Underside of an abdomen (7)
- 16 Functional (6)
- 18 Relating to those living in a palace (5)
- 19 Idea is not as it seems (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION





Gillian Aitken, right, receives gel nail treatment from beauty therapist Kerry-Anne Campbell. 06_a51pamperday03



Hannah Nicolson had a great time. Between giving massages she managed to take part in Zumba and get her hair done thanks to Ardrihaig's Hazel Hunter. 06_a51pamperday09

Lochgilphead ladies live it up for charity

A GLASS of Prosecco was just one of many attractions on offer to tempt ladies along to a special charity event in Lochgilphead.

The ladies' lifestyle day had all sorts of pampering treats as well as a variety of healthy lifestyle options to sample.

Pilgrimages

Held at the Lochgilphead Resource Centre on Saturday December 10, the event raised money for ACROSS, a charity set up to enable those with special care needs to go on pilgrimages to Lourdes.

Alcohol aside, while

Kevin Williams entertained with guitar and song the ladies enjoyed nail treatment by Kerry-Anne Campbell; getting their hair up and styled by Hazel Hunter; a wee massage courtesy of Hannah Nicolson; and henna tattoos by Mirren Robertson.

Anyone who fancied a glimpse into the future could have a reading with Cumberland-based psychic and medium Gail Ross.

Relaxation

Just in case all that pampering was creating too much relaxation, Sam Ford was on

hand with energising Zumba and Pound sessions to get the blood pumping.

After all that exercise, the healthy smoothie drinks didn't come free - they had to be earned on the smoothie bike. A silent auction, raffle and much more besides also contributed to a highly enjoyable afternoon.

Organiser Shirley Nicolson said: 'People have been very generous.

'I want to thank the people who gave their time voluntarily to come along to support this event and offer



Enjoying her hard-earned strawberry and banana smoothie, Emily MacMillan from Lochgilphead takes a break from the bike. 06_a51pamperday06

their services. Many businesses around the area gave vouchers, and Tesco in Lochgilphead donated a lot of items, including fruit for our smoothie maker.

'Thanks to everyone who came along and supported our day.'

She added: 'I wanted to have a nice relaxed day, and the atmosphere in the hall was just lovely.'

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Low Dunashery heifer tops Oban show and sale

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 1,030 suckled calves, store, breeding and OTM cattle at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday December 6 at the firm's annual Christmas sale.

Bullocks (571) sold to an average of 225ppkg, selling to 343ppkg for a 294kg Limousin from R Cuninghame, Neriby, Isle of Islay and to £1,100 for a 372kg Charolais from C McKinnon, 4 Kilkenneth, Isle of Tiree. Heifers (401) sold to an average of 208ppkg, selling to 444ppkg

for a 304kg Limousin from R Currie, Low Dunashery, Tayinloan and to £1,350 for the same beast.

Caledonian Marts Ltd would like to thank the following sponsors who contributed to the success of the show in Oban on the same day: Elanco Animal Health, Reid & Robertson, Donald McKay (Haulage), Hamilton Bros, D & J Campbell (Haulage), NFU Oban, Ian Murrie (Haulage), Saulmore Catering, Kerries Tyre Service, James D

Bilsland. Judge on the day was James Graham, Blairdrummond and the following were his results: Overall champion, R Currie, Low Dunashery, Tayinloan for a 304kg Limousin heifer which sold for £1,350 to the judge himself. Reserve champion, I A Torrance, Starchmill, Isle of Islay with a 382kg Charolais bullock which sold to £1,020 to Kirsty and Andrew Morton, Lochend, Denny. Single bullock calf from the mainland: first - DW Semple, Dip-



Show judge James Graham casts his eye over a bullock class.

pen, Carradale (346kg) £1,100 to A R Waddell Ltd, Herdmanston, Pencaitland; second - R Wright, Woodend, Fort William (368kg) £920 to A & AS Dunlop, Southbar, Inchinnan; third - D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale (376kg) £1,020 to A R Waddell Ltd.

Single heifer calf from mainland: First and overall champion - R Currie, Low Dunashery; second - R Currie, Low Dunashery (324kg) £1,300 to A Jolly, Clyne Farm, Straloch, Aberdeenshire; third - D Mac-

Donald, Tyree, Benderloch (324kg) £1,220 to H Buchanan, Creagan, Benderloch. Single bullock calf from islands: first and Reserve Champion - I Torrance, Starchmill, Isle of Islay; second - RSPB Islay (316kg) £1,000 to A and AS Dunlop, Southbar, Inchinnan; third - C McKinnon, Kilkenneth, Isle of Tiree (372kg) £1,100 to A R Waddell Ltd, Herdmanston, Pencaitland.

Single heifer calf from islands: first - I MacInnes, Ruaig, Isle of Tiree (350kg) £1,150 to A Jolly, Clyne Farm, Straloch; second - J MacCormick, Balnagown, Isle of Lismore (334kg) £950 to Cauldshiel Cattle Company, Haddington, East Lothian; third - I MacInnes, Ruaig, (420kg) £1,120 to M/s McKinnon, Blackhouse. Pen of four bullock calves: first - R Cunninghame, Neriby, Isle of Islay (231kg) £780 to J & A Cowie, Nicholson Park, Fordyce; second - I A McDonald, Baligrundle, Isle of Lismore (308kg) £750 to D A Watt, Cairntack Farm, Belhelvie.

Pen of four heifer calves: first - R Cunninghame, Neriby, Isle of Islay (281kg) £760 to J & N Blaylock, Hallburn, Longtown; second - D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale (327kg) £840 T Miller & Sons, High Gameshill, Stewarton; third - I Campbell & Sons, Strongorm, Balvicar (281kg) £640 to D G Watt, Cairntack Farm, Belhelvie.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1,100 Rhoine (Belgian Blue); £1,080 Baligarve (Lim) & 4 Kilkenneth (Char) £1,050 RSPB Islay (Char); £1,010 & £1,000 Neriby (Lim); £990 Tomaig (Lim); £980 Woodend (Lim) & Barcaldine Home Farm (Lim); £960 Barcaldine Home Farm (Lim); £950 Low Dunashery (Lim); £940 Achnacreebeag (Lim); £930 Tomaig (Lim), Neriby (Lim) & Achnacreebeag (Lim).

& Dunach Estates (Sim); £930 Low Peninver (Aberdeen Angus); £920 Tyree (Lim); £900 Dippen (Char); £890 Iochdar (Sim); £880 Barcaldine Home Farm (Lim); £860 Barcaldine Home Farm (Lim); £820 Rhoine (BB); £800 Low Dunashery (Lim).

Bullocks ppkg: 344p Neriby (Lim); 339p Tyree (BB); 338p Neriby (Lim); 309p Tyree (BB); 297p Kilkenneth (Char); 293p (twice) Neriby (Lim); 290p Tyree (BB); 288p Neriby (Lim) & Low Dunashery (Lim); 284p 283p + 282p Ruaig (Lim); 277p Achurran (Lim); 276p Baligarve (Lim).

Heifers ppkg: 359p Dippen (Char); 270p East Hynish (BB) & Neriby (Lim); 268p Ardachy (Lim); 265p + 263p Neriby (Lim); 262p (twice) Low

Dunashery (Lim); 259p Tyree (Lim) 257p Dippen (Char) & Neriby (Lim); 255p Ardachy (Lim) & Low Dunashery (Lim) 254p Dippen (Char) Breeding Cattle (56) sold to £1,000 twice for In-Calf Heifers from D McColl Jnr, Mid Farm, Isle of Lismore.

Leading Prices:- Cows with calves at foot: £800 Dunach Estate; £720 Ensay (Isle of Mull) In-calf cows: £680 + £650 Fracker-saig (Isle of Lismore); £620 24 Garrygall (Isle of Barra) £540 26 Glen (Isle of Barra). OTM Cows (55 sold): Luing - £670 Scammadale; Sim - £650 Ballard (Isle of Coll); Sim x - £540 Scammadale; Luing x - £500 Scammadale & Slaterich (Isle of Kerrera); Lim - £500 Ballard (Isle of Coll); Shorthorn - £460 Glenmachrie.

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Islay Christmas sale

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Some 2,543 head of all classes were sold, proving slower to sell in keeping with current market trends. Lambs sold to a top price per head of £71 for Texel cross from Coille Farm, to 161 pence per kilo for Texel crosses from Islay Estate.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices per head: Lambs SUFFx: £61 - Kilchiaran: £59 - Bayview: £58.50 - Kintra: £57 - Octofad: £55 - Coille. TEXx: £71 - Coille: £69 - 7 Claddach: £66 - 6 Bayview: £65 - Whiteroom: £62.50 - Keills: £61 - Islay Estates: £60 - 6 Bayview: £60 - Gartloist. CHEV: £46.50 - Duich. CROSS: £56.50 - Duich. BF: £56.50 - Kilchi-

aran: £55 - Ceannacroic: £50.50 - Keppols: £49.50 - Kilchiaran.

Ewes SUFFx: £65 - Smaladh: £55 - Kilchiaran.

TEXx: £71 - Islay Estates: £68 & £54 - 6 Bayview: £50 - Los-sit.

CROSS: £60 - Portantruan.

BF: £38.50 - Kilchiaran.

Top prices per kilo Lambs

SUFFx: 150p & 149p - Kilchiaran: 146p - Duich: 145p - Islay Estates: 144p - Kintra.

TEXx: 161p - Islay Estates: 160p - Ard-beg & Keills: 159p & 152p - Gartloist.

CHEV: 136p - Duich.

CROSS: 138p - Duich.

MULE: 133p - Duich.

BF: 142p & 141p - Kilchiaran: 135p

- Keppols: 133p - Ceannacroic, Keppols & Kilchiaran.

CHRISTMAS

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my friends
& neighbours from
Martha Robertson,
Ciaran Court.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
family &
friends from
Isabel,
"Garavoime".

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
relatives friends
and neighbours
from Ina
MacDonald.

FLORA ANDERSON & ELLA JOHNSTON

Auchinlee,
Campbeltown,
wish all staff,
relatives
& friends
a Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year.

ISABEL COX

would like to
wish all her
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a
Prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives
& friends, & the
residents & staff
at Kintyre Care
Home from
Margaret
McGown.

CATHIE & JOHN MARTIN

86 CROSSHILL AVENUE
would like to wish all
their relatives & friends
a Merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year.

Fiona & Frank Blake

regret that they are
unable to send
cards this year &
would like to wish
all relatives &
friends a Merry
Christmas & a
Happy New
Year.

JOHN & ANGIE

wish all their
friends &
neighbours
a Happy
Christmas
& good
health in
2017.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Tommy
Graham,
Craigruadh,
Tayinloan.

JANET FERGUSON, STRUANBANK

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our
friends &
neighbours
from Margaret
& Ian, 84
Roading.

DONALD, RHONA, JENNIFER & BETHANY KELLY

wish all their
friends,
family &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Fiona
& John,
Southend.

NANCY MACPHERSON, 30 LORNE CAMPBELL COURT

would like to
wish all her
relatives
& friends
a Merry
Christmas &
a Happy New
Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Archie
& Mary
Clark.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all my friends
in Ardrishaig and
Lochgilphhead, especially
the Wednesday Coffee
Group from Jean Berrie.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from May
Currie,
Tayinloan.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Anne, Sarena and
Rhianna Duff wish you
peace and happiness.
They are supporting
Arthritis Care and British
Heart Foundation.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Isabel
Stewart, 31D
Albyn Ave.

STUART & GAIL GILLESPIE

would like
to wish all
family and
friends
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Love to all my
family, friends
& neighbours,
all the best
from Phemie
Florence,
Millknowe xx.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
relatives &
friends from
Hamish
McMillan,
Calton
Avenue.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to my friends &
neighbours.
All the best for
2017 from
Mary Scally,
Kintyre Care
Home.

ALEX & FAY MACCUISH, SKIPNESS

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Alex & John
Johnston,
Stanley
Place.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all friends & relatives
from Betty Munro,
197 Ralston Road,
Campbeltown.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Betty Ronald,
Craigowan Park,
Campbeltown.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Merry Christmas
to all my friends &
a good new year,
Moira.

RICHARD & ELIZABETH SEMPLE, SOUTHEND

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from Eileen Bruce,
Ardrishaig, to
relatives, friends and
neighbours. Also
sincere thanks to
everyone for recent
help and support.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Cathie Baker,
1 Sealand,
Peninver.

RONNIE & MARION BROWN

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

Dougie & Pearl McEachran

would like to
wish all family &
friends a Merry
Christmas
& a Happy
New Year.

CATHIE ARMOUR, 18 GLEBE STREET

would like to wish
all family, friends &
neighbours a Merry
Christmas & a
Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Ken
Smith,
Peninver.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my
relatives, friends
& neighbours from
Ailsa Scott.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our
relatives &
friends from
Margaret &
Tommy,
Stirling.

KATIE & DANNY MACNAUGHTON, 19A KINLOCH RD

wish all their,
family &
friends
a Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year.

GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Dave & Isobel Davis, Perth.

NEIL KENNEDY, 27 ARGYLL STREET

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Jimmy Anderson, 6 Flemings Land, Castlehill, Campbeltown.

ANNIE HAMILTON, AUCHINLEE

would like to wish all her relatives, friends, staff and residents a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy & Healthy New Year.

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Sheena Graham.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all friends & family. God's blessings now & always from Agnes McAlister, Graeholme.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives & friends from Morag Rowan.

DAVID, FLORENCE & CHRISTOPHER MCEWAN

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

McNAIR

Hugh & Katherine wish all their family & friends a Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my friends & neighbours from Lesley Mitchell.

MADGE & FRANCIS MCWHIRTER

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Margaret & George, The Old Rectory.

PRUNELLA MACBRAYNE, 2 CROSSHILL AVE

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary & Willie MacBrayne, Lorne Campbell Court

would like to wish all family, friends & neighbours a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from May McDonald, Craigholm, Glenbarr.

NANCY BLACK

would like to wish family & friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 32 Lorne Campbell Court.

Donald, Margaret & Donald Jnr, 57 Meadows Avenue

wish all relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Reg McManus, New Parliament.

MARY DOCHERTY, REDLANDS

would like to wish all her relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Bobby Duncan, 35 Castleacres.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Barbara Lang, Davaar Avenue.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Emily McDonald, 15 Lochend Street.

DONALD & MARGARET MILLOY

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Agnes Graham, Braemore.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Mary & John Harvey, 39 Lady Mary Row.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives & friends from Archie Millar, Whitehill.

HUGH COLVILLE

would like to wish his relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Tom McCorkindale, 14 Meadowpark.

JACKIE & JUNE MORRISON

would like to wish all friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & all the best for 2017.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to family, neighbours & friends. A special thank you to Janette & Peter Ferguson, & Isobel & Charlie Dott, from Jenny Tyrrell, Ramsay Place.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Archie Greenlees, 4 Front Row, Drumlembie.

ISOBEL & CHARLIE DOTT, 1 PARK TERRACE

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GAVIN MUIR, 85 TOMAIG ROAD

would like to wish all friends, neighbours & family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DENIS MEENAN, MEADOWPARK

would like to wish all family, friends & neighbours a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Mrs Renee Davidson, Creagdhu Mansions.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Maggie Ralston, Conieglen.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Mrs Helen Wardrop, Smith Drive.

JAMES & MATTY MCCALLUM

would like to wish all their friends & family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy 2017.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Mr & Mrs MacBrayne & Colin.

WIN WIN WIN

GHD Gift Set
Mark V Styler, Paddle Brush
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RRP £160

All proceeds to Campbeltown
Christmas Lights Fund

To be drawn Sat 17th Dec

Tickets £1.00 available from

Numero Dix Hair Salon

Purchase your ticket by 4pm on Saturday
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO WIN!
10-12 Union Street, Campbeltown. Tel: 01586 553346

Acha-ho-ho-hoish Christmas

EXCITED pupils from Achahoish Primary School played market sellers to crowds of folk looking for unique Christmas gifts.

On Saturday December 10 the pupils opened the doors of

Ormsary Hall to welcome visitors to their Christmas market.

Full of handmade decorations, delicious jams, hot chocolate kits and festive-themed toiletries sets it was easy to see how busy the children must have been over the weeks organising the day.

Decisions

Delores Firth, principal teacher at Achahoish Primary, said: 'In planning the market the children made decisions about what to make, decided sensible prices for products and helped each other to make them.'

Impressed

'We have been very impressed at their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the planning and making period.'

'And, of course they have thoroughly en-



Morar and Evie Jackson browse the marble-effect painted baubles. 08_a51achahoish02

joyed interacting with the community on the day.'

Hot soup, mulled wine and home-baking gave visitors the perfect opportunity to take a break from browsing the busy market and have a chat with the enthusiastic parent

helpers and other market goers.

A help-decorate-the-tree stall, where you made a donation to hang a decoration, helped raise funds in aid of Mary's Meals. All other money made from the market will go towards school funds.



Eoghan Connel helped to sell knitted dog scarves and was more than happy to model them for customers. 08_a51achahoish03

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL



ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES : EDUCATION

EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980

CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2017 should be sent to the Executive Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000) by 17 March 2017 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tìree Primary School, Tìree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, By Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon. For further information on Gaelic Medium Education please contact Catriona Garvin, Education Support Officer: Gaelic, catriona.garvin2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 2 January 2017.

Parents of children due to start school in August 2017, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 2 January 2017.

ANN MARIE KNOWLES

Acting Executive Director - Community Services



Above: The knitted nativity scene in Flowers by Morna. 08_a50kntnat02

Nifty knitted nativity

ARDRISHAIG Church Craft Club has had their knitting needles going at full steam to help add to the village's festivities.

The post box has been knitted a warm, woolly hat, that has it grinning as you post your Christmas cards.

And a detailed nativity scene shows off the talent of members within the craft club.

Wonderland

All the knitted nativity characters can be seen nestled in the winter wonderland display in Flower by Morna's shop window.



Right: The post box is getting those posting letters in the festive spirit. 08_a50postbox01

Strictly festive fun for Ardrishaig dancers

MEMBERS of the Mid Argyll branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society held their Christmas dance on Monday evening in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

A great time was had by all, with music from Prestwick's Ian Muir on accordion.

A super programme, designed by Mike Murray who

also recapped the dances, was enjoyed by all the dancers and a delicious supper prepared by members.

Presents

Ardrishaig welcomed visitors from the Tarbert branch and Santa even made an appearance to hand out presents, ably supported by one of his elves – who also displayed some

nifty footwork. The Mid Argyll branch dances every Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and visiting dancers are always welcome.

Dancing restarts on January 9 after the Christmas break and the spring dance will be held on March 18, again with Ian Muir, this time accompanied by his band.



Smiling faces say it all at the Christmas dance. 06_a51dancexmas14



All the way from Ayrshire, Ian Muir provides the music for the festive celebration of dance. 06_a51dancexmas04



Dancer Kim Ritchie gets a wee shot on Santa's knee as she collects her present. 06_a51dancexmas07

Funding boost for Mid Argyll groups

IN AN early Christmas present, two Mid Argyll community groups have received grants worth a total of £15,000 between them. Awards for All Scot-

land offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to projects that bring communities together to enjoy a range of activities.

In the latest round of

funding, Tarbert Youth Group was awarded £8,560 for cooking workshops, a first aid course and a food hygiene course for young people attending the group.

In Lochgilphead, The Easy Club received £7,150 to develop club activities. The organisation delivers musical sessions for people with long-term health conditions, mental health problems or learning difficulties, but is open to everyone.

Elsewhere in Argyll, Oban Sea Cadets was awarded £7,093

towards upgrading equipment and developing membership.

Newly-formed shiny club Dunoon Camanachd will get £3,164 to develop club activities.

Across Scotland, 84 groups shared lottery funding worth £653,767.

Awards for All is a joint awards programme from the Big Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland and sportscotland.

Applications can be received at any time. Find out more at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/awardsforallscotland



Mid Argyll group The Easy Club has been given a Christmas funding gift. 06_a51easyclub01

WIN
AN OVERNIGHT STAY FOR TWO IN A LUXURY GUESTROOM AT FAIRMONT ST ANDREWS WITH FULL SCOTTISH BREAKFAST AND AN EXPRESS SPA TREATMENT EACH



Fairmont St Andrews resort has recently completed renovating their public areas with a rich colour scheme and nautical elements and a lighting installation called Zephyr by George Singer. With over 200 luxury guestrooms, the resort has a plethora of facilities, including two championship golf courses and an indulgent spa. There are diverse yet luxurious eating facilities within the resort and the lucky winner can be confident that they will experience the best of St Andrews in luxury surroundings with outstanding service.

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question: What is the George Singer lighting sculpture called?

To enter, send your answer, name, address, telephone number and email address to Competitions, Wyvex Media, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH5 2DL. Closing date is December 31, 2016. Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Wyvex Media, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Wyvex Media rules apply. This competition is open to readers of other Wyvex Media publications.

Jesus - He's the reason for the Season'



MID ARGYLL

ARDRISHAIG and SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 18th December
 "Count the Stars, if You Can"
 (Genesis 15)
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm

Christmas Eve
 "Stars in their Eyes"
 Carol Service
 Achahoish at 7:00pm
 Watchnight Service
 Ardrishaig at 11:30pm
 (Carol Singing from 11.15pm)

Christmas Day
 "Today in the City of David..."
 Ardrishaig at 10:00am
 (No Service at Achahoish)

Sunday 1st January 2017
 "I am Making Everything New"
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Saturday 24th December
 11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS
 Christ Church, Lochgilphead

Sunday 25th December
 9am St Columba's, Poltalloch
 Holy Communion
 11am Christ Church,
 Lochgilphead
 Carols & Eucharist of Christmas
 Father Simon Mackenzie
 01546 602315

ST. MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

Lochgilphead

Christmas Eve
 Midnight Mass
 Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day
 Service at 10am
 Fr. David Connor
 01546 602380
 All Welcome
 (SCO002876)

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE
 11.15 pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
 Carol singing, warm mince pies and hot drinks from 10.45 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
 11.00 am A SHORT FAMILY SERVICE

1 JANUARY 2017

11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 Rev. Hilda Smith
 More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland)
 SC016311

NORTH KNAPDALE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

We wish you a Happy Christmas and God's blessing in the year to come. We invite you to join us in our worship this festive season.

Sunday 18 December
 Tayvallich Church 11:30am
 Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24 December
 Tayvallich Jubilee Green
 Carols on the Green 4 pm
 (In the church if it's raining)
 Tayvallich Church 11:15pm
 Watchnight Service

Sunday 25 December
 Bellanoch Church 11 am
 Christmas Day Worship

Sunday 1 January
 Tayvallich Church 10 am
 New Year's Day Worship
 SC001002

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT, LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Tarbert - No Watchnight Service

Christmas Day Family Service
 11.30am

New Years Day Joint Service
 with Tarbert Free Church 11.30am
 - to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Kilberry -
 Christmas Eve Service 7pm

Skipness -
 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
 Christmas Day Service 10am

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
 Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
 on 07826 235735
 Everyone very welcome
 Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
 Skipness SCO04280

Church of Scotland WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Minister:
 Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell

Watch Night Service
24th December
 Cumlodden Church at 7.30 pm.
 Glenarary and Inveraray Church at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Service 25th December

Cumlodden Church at 10.00 am
 Glenarary and Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 All welcome

KINTYRE

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
 "Gifts for a King"
 A presentation by the Sunday School children
 with Campbeltown Brass Ensemble followed by coffee & mince pies

Sunday 25th December
 All Age Service

Sunday 1st January 2017
 New Year Communion Service
 "Be Still & Look Up"
 All our services start at 11.00 am and are held at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
 SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street
 Campbeltown

Sunday 18th December
 11.15am Worship Service
 led by Rev Prof Bob Akroyd

There will be a buffet lunch after the service
 3.00pm 'God with us'
 The message and music of Christmas
 Guest Speaker: Rev Prof Bob Akroyd
 Christmas refreshments will be served

Sunday 25th December
 11.15am Family Service
 All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
 Scottish Charity Number:
 SC046745

TAYINLOAN CAROL SERVICE

Friday 23rd December
 at 8.00pm
 in Tayinloan Village Hall
 Speaker: Mr Kelvin Moller
 Christmas Supper
 Come & share in the true spirit of Christmas
 Everyone welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
 All Age Service 11.15am
 With Choir items, Next Generation, Gen 1, Triple C and BBs
 Creche
 Rev P Wallace

Saturday 24th December
 Watchnight Service 11.30pm
 Tea and Mince pies in the Church Hall from 10.45pm
 Rev P Wallace

Sunday 25th December
 All Age Christmas Day Service
 11.15am
 Rev P Wallace

SADDELL & CARRADALE PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH

Saddell and Carradale Parish Church

Sunday 18th December
 10am Nativity Service with Carradale School

Saturday 24th December
 7pm Christmas Eve Carols

Sunday 25th December
 10am Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday 1st January
 10am Morning Worship

SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH

Friday 16th December
 7.30pm Coffee and Carols in Dunaverly Hall

Sunday 18th December
 11.45am Morning Worship

Saturday 24th December
 11.30pm Watchnight Service

Sunday 25th December
 11am Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday 1st January
 11.45am Morning Worship

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Christmas starts with Christ

Saturday 24th December
 Christmas Eve 6.30pm
 Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 25th December
 Christmas Day
 A short communion service starting at 11am
 All welcome to all events
 "For to you a Child is given"

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

SCO02876

Advent 4
Saturday 17th December
 Blessing of the Crib & Rorate Mass
 6pm

Sunday 18th December
 Holy Mass 10.00am

Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve
 Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day
 Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday 31st December
 Holy Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 1st January
 Holy Mass 10.00am

GIGHA AND CARA LINKED WITH KILCALMONELL LINKED WITH KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE

Interim Moderator
 Rev Catriona Hood

Christmas Eve
 Kilcalmonell - Service of Lessons and Carols 7.30pm - led by Elders

Killean and Kilchenzie -
 Watchnight Service 11.30pm - Ms Marilyn Shedden (Tea/coffee mince pies in Hall from 10.30pm)

Gigha -Watchnight Service
 11.30pm - led by Elders

Christmas Day
 Joint Service in Killean and Kilchenzie (A'Chleit) at 11.30am - Rev Catriona Hood

New Year's Day
 Kilcalmonell - Service in Church at 10.00am - Rev Catriona Hood

Gigha - Service in Church at 11.00 am - led by Elders

Killean and Kilchenzie -
 Service in Church Hall at 11.30am - Rev Catriona Hood



RES LTD
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000

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The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be over 50 MW comprising 17 wind turbines and with a ground to blade tip height of up to 149.9 metres.

RES Ltd 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 also 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 proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

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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 may be obtained from RES Ltd (tel: 0141 404 5500) at a charge of £350 hard copy and £15 on CD. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

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16/03138/PP	Erection of 10 dwellinghouses with associated car parking, upgraded access road and landscaping	Land West Of Argyll Court Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XG	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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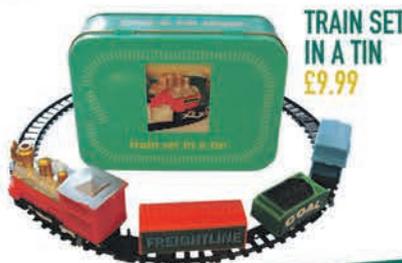
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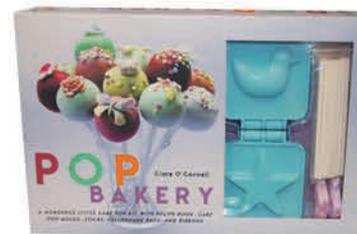
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- Tested by 12-times Everest climber Kenton Cool for Santa's peace of mind.

biggest-selling model, with more than 100,000 vehicles sold so far in 2016. Designed for active lifestyles, it features generous luggage capacity, innovative storage solutions and configurable 5+2 seating. Land Rover prioritised head-, knee- and shoulder-room when designing the vehicle, ensuring excellent interior space in all derivatives thanks to a wheelbase of 2,741mm.

Helen Ali, vehicle package team leader, said: 'We wanted to create a Christmas cabin for Santa, in a truly Land Rover way. The spacious and versatile Discovery Sport was perfect for this project. The seats can be folded flat at the push of a button from the load space, which is wide and square and there are plenty of hidden storage spaces like the area under the front cup-holders.'

'Building a cabin that utilised all these features was a lot of fun. We could have built this in one of our bigger models, but we wanted to prove just how versatile the baby of the Discovery family truly is.'

Land Rover engineers made a virtual model of the cabin to get the most from every millimetre of space. Then they worked with specialist Danish architects LUMO to build it from sustainable materials. Designed to have a minimal impact on the environment, it rests on 212mm wooden struts that exactly match the Discovery Sport's ride height.

The cabin shares several features with Discovery models, including an optional tailgate seat on the deck. The wide horizontal door opening is inspired by the vehicle's full-length panoramic roof and provides epic landscape views. There's a solar charger on the roof, while lights and a kettle can be connected to the Discovery Sport's 12V power socket.

Land Rover packaging engineer Muhammed Malik helped design and build the cabin. He said: 'Anything that wears the Land Rover badge has to be capable and versatile, with beautiful, simple design. Our cabin also had to be sustainable and easily transportable. We are used to working with VIP clients at Land Rover, but this was definitely one of the most unusual.'

Land Rover will be using the cabin over the next few years to support ongoing partnerships and upcoming events, and it will be making appearances through its network of Land Rover Experience centres.

TOP SECRET LOCATION, December 8, 2016: Santa's chilly grotto could be consigned to Christmas past thanks to Land Rover's engineers. They have created a cosy cabin that can be transported for a much-needed festive getaway – it fits inside a Land Rover Discovery Sport compact SUV.

The cleverly designed cabin has space for two adults to sleep snugly in North Pole temperatures as low as -20°C. It folds down to fit in the rear of Land Rover's top-selling Discovery Sport, so Santa could even fit it on his sleigh this Christmas.

Land Rover engineers carefully used every bit of the versatile Discovery Sport's 1,698-litre rear load space to carry the wooden cabin's components. Even the glove box, cup holders and door bins were filled with nuts, bolts and festive decorations fit for Santa himself.

The Christmas cabin was tested in Land Rover's own cold-climate chamber, in which all Land Rovers are subjected to sub-freezing temperatures, by mountaineer and 12-times Everest climber Kenton Cool. It was then transported by Discovery Sport – not sleigh – to its final secret location in the heart of the frozen wilderness.

Kenton Cool said: 'There is a growing trend for off-grid living and "wilderness cabins" and only Land Rover could create a go-anywhere cabin like this. The design is cleverly engineered and incredibly robust, making it perfect for remote locations across the world.'

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Happy 80th Birthday MAC

On 16th December
Lots of love, Agnes xx.
Happy Birtyhday Dad
Have a great day
Love David, Linda and Dave. xx



HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Ashley
19th December
Lots of love from Mum,
Billy, Lewis and Colin
XXX



ALISTAIR MACKAY

Would like to thank all family & friends who came to celebrate his 70th birthday on Saturday night. Thanks to Argyll Bakeries, Catherine, Fiona & Martha for catering, to Jock, Jessie & Catherine for keeping the drinks flowing and to Tommy & Stewart for the great music. Thank you also to everyone for the lovely gifts, I am truly humbled.

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Ashley
19th December
Lots of love from
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE were lots to choose from and everyone was looking for the best.

Everyone wanted the most perfect, the most balanced, the most luxurious, the most desirable.

No-one wanted the one that was misshapen, or the one that was crooked, or the one that didn't look right.

Folk examined, scrutinised and judged till they found the one that seemed just right — perfect even. After all, only the best will do for Christmas.

It's important that the tree is just right — is it not?

We are bombarded with adverts showing perfect trees with perfect decorations, adorned in perfect houses lovingly decorated by perfect families.

Everything needs to be perfect — does it not?

Yet we celebrate the coming of a baby born into a family that was not perfect, into a world that was not right, into a political system that was crooked.

We worship a God who treasured those who were regarded by the world as not beautiful, not perfect, not desirable.

God crept into the world beside us quietly and softly to embrace those who were regarded as undesirable, misshapen, imperfect.

God came into the world to bring other values, to whisper to the lost and the lonely that they were loved beyond measure.

God came into the world to walk beside us and tell us that we are all beautiful in his eyes. For thankfully God doesn't use our criteria by which to judge.

There were lots to choose from and everyone was looking for the best.

I think I might just choose the misshapen one this Christmas, and ask God's blessing on its imperfection.



Visitors to Kilfinan Community Forest can look forward to a special Hogmanay event.

TIGHNABRUAICH

Lottery funding sets up family Hogmanay torchlit event at forest

KILFINAN Community Forest Company has landed a share of £377,005 Big Lottery funding.

Thanks to an award of £1,070, the community company will stage a special family Hogmanay event at the forest.

Chairman Steve Williamson said: 'Our event will bring

together all the age groups in our community for a celebratory event, including a torchlit procession by primary school children, a concert, barbecue, fireworks and a Viking boat burning ceremony.'

The funding is part of the Big Lottery Fund Scotland Celebrate programme.

KINTYRE

More turbines in the wind

PLANS to build a new 17-turbine wind farm at Killean, near Tayinloan, have been submitted to the Scottish Government.

The 17-turbine wind farm would be located approximately 2.5km east of Tayinloan.

Louise Davis of wind farm developer RES said: 'A wind farm at Killean could provide significant benefits to the local economy as it would represent a major inward investment

in the area. We have selected a taller turbine at Killean, which we believe is acceptable within the landscape and will optimise the amount of electricity that can be generated with fewer turbines.'

The project will enter a six week statutory consultation period following validation of the planning application.

CRAIGNISH

A party to remember

IT'S SURE to be a big celebration in Ardfern as the hall celebrates

its first decade. The Craignish Village Hall committee is inviting locals to mark the occasion with them at a very special 10th anniversary Hogmanay party on December 31.

Further details will be released shortly but in the meantime look out that party frock ready to celebrate in style.

TARBERT

That Christmas feeling

NO CHRISTMAS is complete without a nativity, and the people of Tarbert can enjoy their very own this

Sunday at Tarbert Parish Church.

A family nativity service will be held on Sunday December 18, at everyone is welcome.

To add to the celebration, a children's choir and bell ringers will provide musical entertainment.

Teas and coffees will be served after the service, which starts at 11.30am.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Celebrate the winter solstice

BLARBUIE Woodland Enterprise will

be holding an event to celebrate the changing seasons.

Winter gardening tips and decoration workshops will be taking place at the old bowling green, at the top of the woodland walk, and seasonal produce will be for sale on Wednesday December 21.

You can also help put up bat boxes that have been donated by Artmap Argyll and enjoy some hot soup and toasted marshmallows.

More information can be found on the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd Facebook page.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

CARMICHAEL-MCMILLAN - Callum and Margaret (Australia), at the Church of Scotland, Tarbert, on December 19, 1956, by Rev D McKinnon.

DEATHS

GOOD - At home, Mo Dhachaidh, Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, on December 5, 2016, Clive Andrew Good, in his 57th year, dearly beloved husband of Jeanette Edward, much loved father of Mark and George, loving brother of Carol and Louise and son-in-law of Jean and the late George Edward.

HAY - Danny, died December 3, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and Peter, his brother.

JOHNSTONE - Suddenly, at Machrihanish Golf Course, on December 10, 2016, Archibald McKenzie Johnstone (Archie), in his 70th year, 21b Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Agnes MacDonald, much loved father of Angela, Mary, Linda and Caroline, father-in-law of Mike, Vasilis, Chris and Richard and a loving granda and great granda. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 1.00pm, 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 British Heart Foundation, Kintyre Locality.

MCGOUGAN - Suddenly, at the home of his brother, 17 Castleacres, Campbeltown, on December 11, 2016, Malcolm Ferguson McGougan (Fergie), in his 77th year, Creag Dhu Mansions, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Archie and May McGougan, much loved brother to Vivian, J and the late Gus and Mike and a much loved uncle. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Saturday, December 17, 2016 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 Highland Parish Church.

MUNRO - Suddenly, at his home, 1 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, on December 12, 2016, David Munro (Turbo), aged 49 years, beloved husband of Ann, loving and much loved dad of Blair, dearly loved son of Sandy and Carol Munro, adored brother of Christine and Linda, and an adored uncle, great uncle and cousin to all the family. A dear friend and much respected work colleague to many. (Former Buyer at MacLeod Construction). Funeral

service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Diabetes UK.

WATSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, with his family by his side, on December 13, 2016, Duncan Watson, in his 92nd year, 11 Wallace Cottages, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late June Rankin, much loved father of Duncan and Joanne, father-in-law of Morag, loving grandad to Laura, Greg, David and Craig, a much loved great grandad, a loving brother and uncle and a very dear neighbour. Service in the Southend Church, on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Southend Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDERSON - the family of the late Isobel Anderson would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss of Isobel. Special thanks to all the Home Carers, Social Work and NHS staff and everyone who has looked after Isobel over the years for their kind care and attention, there are too many of you to name. Grateful thanks to Stan Lupton for his efficiency and compassionate funeral arrangements. Special thanks also to the Rev William Crossan for his caring words and a lovely and fitting service. Finally, our thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and to the Ardshiel for the catering. Donations for Campbeltown Diabetics raised £350.

BEATTIE - The family of the late Janice would like to thank all the Lochgilphead medical staff, both nursing assistants and the district nurses, who made Janice's end of life that bit more comfortable. Special thanks to Dr Claire Harris and Dr Jeremy Philips who went above and beyond with their care for Janice. Thanks also to family and friends throughout Argyll for the kindness, thoughtfulness, love and support during Janice's two year illness. Thank you to the Rev David Caruthers for his comforting service, everyone's attendance at

Janice's funeral was much appreciated.

MCMILLAN - Archie and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers, baking and kind expressions of sympathy received after their recent sad loss of Nan. Special thanks to Doctor Norrie and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, and Gartnavel and Beatson Hospitals for their care and support. Thanks to the district nurses and carers for their dedication and endless support. Thanks to Rev Philip Wallace for a heartfelt service, to David McEwan for excellent music, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services, to the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection for Lorne and Lowland Parish Church amounted to £467.57.

WIKE - The family of the late David Wike would like to thank everyone for the support and many kindnesses shown to them at this sad time. Thanks also to the girls at the Argyll Hotel, to Father Tony Wood and the wonderful Blair family, not forgetting Mr Crossan, and the staff at Cardross Crematorium for their sympathetic handling of the service. Special thanks also to medical staff at Campbeltown A&E and the Queen Elizabeth University Critical Coronary Unit. Thank you and we wish you all the peace of the season.

IN MEMORIAMs

ADCOCK - Keira, August 11, 2000 to December 19, 2003. A silent night, a silent tear A silent wish that you were here. Love and miss you always. - From Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie xxxx.

The years go by but the memories last forever. - Loving you always, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Colin and Uncle Stuart xxxx.

BROWN - In loving memory of Jamie, who died December 13, 2009. No farewell words were spoken No time to say goodbye Before we knew it you were gone And only God can tell us why. - Agnes.

To Granda, your memories will live forever. - With love from George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jaimee xxxx. Always in our hearts. - Fiona and Alasdair.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Marion McKenzie, who died

December 19, 2009. You never said I'm leaving You never said goodbye You were gone before we knew it And only God knows why In life we loved you dearly In death we love you still In our hearts we hold a place That only you can fill It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone A part of us went with you The day God took you home. - Archie, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and families.

GILLESPIE - June, loved and remembered every day. - Barbara.

GILLESPIE - June, loved and sadly missed. - Nola and Steven.

MACAULAY - In loving memory of a dear dad and grampy, Tommy, died December 18, 2012. Always in our thoughts. - Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

MCALPINE - Duncan. In memory of a dear dad. Loved and missed always. - Mary and James.

MCALPINE - Duncan. Our love for you, Papa, will always be alive, Although you are gone your legacy will survive. Remembered every day. - Andrew and Jamie Duncan.

WILKIN - Treasured memories of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, granda and papa tin. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. - Nancy and family.

CHURCH NOTICES



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
WORSHIP SERVICE
11am. Worship Service - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th December
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
featuring *Sunday School Nativity*
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 18th December
"Count the Stars, if You Can"
(Genesis 15)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

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Sunday 18th Dec
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Speaker - George Stewart
"That your joy may be full"
Tuesday 20th December
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Praise, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH NOTICES

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

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Advent 4
Saturday 17th December
Blessing of the Crib & Rorate Mass 6pm
Sunday 18th December
Holy Mass 10.00am
Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass
with carols from 11.30pm
Christmas Day
Mass of Christmas Day
10.00am
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Saturday 31st December
Holy Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 1st January
Holy Mass 10.00am



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 18th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Prof Bob Akroyd
There will be a buffet lunch after the service
3.00pm 'God with us' - the message and music of Christmas
Christmas refreshments will be served
Wednesday 21st December
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SCO46745



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 18th December
"Gifts for a King"
A presentation by the Sunday school children
with Campbeltown Brass Ensemble followed by coffee & mince pies
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 18th December
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



lochgilphead baptist church
Pastor Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 18th December 2016
All Age Service 11am
Scottish Charity SCO15187

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 18 December
Fourth Sunday in Advent
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am
No morning meeting
5.00pm Family Carol Service
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 18 December 2016
Our family service with communion is taking place at 11am this Sunday. Mr Kelvin Moller from Clachan is our speaker this week. Everyone welcome.
Wednesday
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with
Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
Date for your Christmas Diary - Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December at 6.30
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
What is missing from CH CH? UR
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 18th December 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (communion)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Annual Carol Service in
Lochgair Church at 6.30 pm
Ecumenical Carol Service
Friday 16th December
in Inveraray Church at 7 pm
ALL WELCOME

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, Romans 10:17

BIBLE PREACHING FOR THE 21st CENTURY

go to www.youtube.com/Savedandkept

Crafty Christmas raises charity cash

PUPILS got creative in aid of their Christmas market and charity fundraising at Lochgilhead Joint Campus.

The festive fair, full of crafts and treats made by pupils from every year group ended up being a busy morning for the pupils on Friday December 9, with some stalls selling

out in the first hour.

As the school choir carolled over the buzz of the busy market, Young Enterprise groups sold their sea-shore-themed products, while pupils from the additional support needs class sold decorations and jewellery.

There was also cakes and other sweet treats

available, printed bags and more from the pre-five unit, and Santa's grotto in the school library.

Non-uniform

The high school also held a Christmas non-uniform day to coincide with the market. Money raised from the non-uniform day will go to Glasgow

Children's Hospital Charity, along with all money raised from the maths department's postal service.

Raffle

Pupils taking part in Tycoon, the S3 and S4 equivalent to Young Enterprise, sold tickets for a sweetie hamper raffle as another fundraiser for the charity.



Sandra Small, Yasmine Bowden, Julieann Small, Abi Gregory and Kirsty Gargan sold raffle tickets for a sweetie hamper in aid of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. 08_a51LH5market11



Andrew Cupples and Euan Gray-Stephens sold fire sparkles and cork decorations. 08_a51LH5market04



The Pre-five Unit were the first stall to sell out of everything they had made in class. 08_a51LH5market02



Rona Lockhart's elf jumper had her looking like she was part of the grotto. 08_a51LH5market08



Pupils and staff joined in the Christmas jumper themed non-uniform day. 08_a51LH5market07



Additional Support Needs class have been making decorations and jewellery all year in preparation for this year's market. 08_a51LH5market03

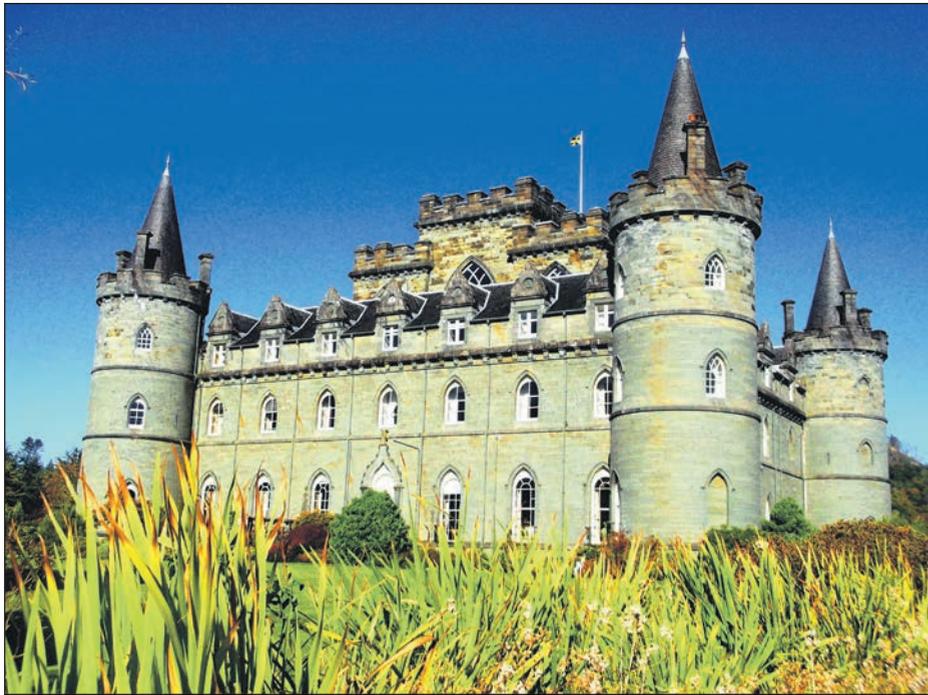


The school hall was full of eager customers. 08_a51LH5market05



Above: The S3 Personal Development Award class built a festive village and moving train display. 08_a51LH5market09

Left: Erin Downie and Isla Fowler offered a Christmas card postal service to help raise funds for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. 08_a51LH5market10



Eilidh Cameron's winning photograph of Inveraray Castle.



The winning primary six category photo, taken by Benjamin Hunt.

Picture perfect young photographers

PRIMARY school photographers took part in an exciting young photographers competition run by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll.

Judges selected two overall winners, one from the primary seven category and one from primary six, and two highly commended photographs from

each year group. Eilidh Cameron was the P7 winner and Benjamin Hunt won the P6 category.

Ella MacNab, Ruby-Jo Philips and brother and sister Algy and Mina Ritchie were all winners in the highly commended category.

The photos will be displayed on the camera club notice

board in Lochgilhead Community Centre from November 28 until January 20.

Footnote: in the original article published on Friday December 2 the name of one of the highly commended prize winners was incorrect. We apologise to Ruby-Jo Philips and her family.

What are your plans this festive season?

We want to hear about all the festive fun going on across Argyll. Let us know what you are getting up to by sending us your seasonal snaps to the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page, via our website www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or by email to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.



SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3600

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

Richard A McLellan, 4 Stag Park, Lochgilhead

Mr J Martin, 142 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

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Easy to enter

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

Competition Rules

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The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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Leisure deals on offer

ARGYLL and Bute Council is offering Christmas deals for the use of its leisure centres.

The three special deals are:

No joining fee – from November 1 until December 31 any customer who signs up to a direct debit or pre-paid membership pays no joining fee. As an added gift, after three months you will receive an extra free month.

A four-week student pass – the four-week student pass for £25 offer is aimed at students returning home for the Christmas holidays and this promotion ends December 31.

Gift vouchers are now on sale from any of the ABC Leisure centres and this offer effectively ends, Christmas Eve at 2pm when the centres close before Christmas.

Find out more at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/swimming>

Festive football appeal

AN APPEAL has been issued by Red Star players to take part in a festive football match to blow away the cobwebs.

Held on Boxing Day in previous years, a date for this year's match between over-30s and under-30s has yet to be set.

If you are interested in taking part, let a club official know or get in touch via Lochgilphead Red Star's Facebook page.



Grant Dolier presented the SCA Club of the Year award to Eoghan Condie.



Craignish Boat Club kayakers.

Plenty to celebrate at boat club event

CRAIGNISH Boat Club had plenty to celebrate at its annual prizegiving and social.

The event saw cadets and members awarded for personal achievements and hard work on Saturday December 10.

Scottish Canoe Association representative Grant Dolier was there to present the club with

the SCA Club of Year award which gives a good indication of how well the club is doing in its 25th year.

The kayaking section of the club has gone from strength to strength in recent years, in large part thanks to the efforts of club member and coach Diane Oliver. Kayaking instruc-

tor Eoghan Condie was pleased to accept the award on behalf of the club in Di's absence.

Cadet sailing also continues to be very successful with 42 cadets, aged six to 17, signed up this year for Monday night sessions. Special thanks were made to Tony Tucker, David and Carol Graham for all their

work with the cadets over the past 20 years. Thanks were also given to long-serving member Clive Brown for 25 years of volunteering for the club.

Guy Neville stood down this year as commodore after six and a half years in the role. He was pleased to be presented with a special commodore's board which will be erected at the club's new Eilean Traighte site. Guy will stay on the committee as the sailing captain.

Red Star's cup run continues

A STRIKING win against a Claremont side who have chalked up some impressive results this season saw Red Star progress to the last 32 of the West of Scotland Cup.

Heavy rain on Saturday December 10 made the Ropework surface tricky. However, both teams were keen to get their passing game going early. It was Star that managed to gain the upper hand early on, with the pace and trickery of Lee MacLean and Ciaran McPhie drawing some early fouls from the visitors' midfield.

After going close with a couple of efforts, Star deservedly took the lead after 22 minutes when Neil Russell beat the off-side trap. His initial effort was smothered by the keeper and the ball fell to Rab Docherty,

Lochgilphead Red Star	2
Claremont AFC	1
West of Scotland Cup fourth round	

who steadied himself before placing his shot into the bottom corner from the edge of the box for 1-0.

The Argyll Inn-sponsored home side continued to press and were playing some good stuff out from the back and through the midfield and it was no surprise when they doubled their tally after half an hour when Docherty was on hand to finish off another fine move from the edge of the box to put Star in command at 2-0.

Claremont did not lie down and battled back into the match, creating a few openings of their own and forcing a succession of corners. The pressure eventual-

ly took its toll and they pulled a goal back after a winger's run into the box was blocked and the ball fell to a Claremont midfielder who blasted home from the edge of the box to make the score 2-1 at the break.

Into the second half and Star were expecting an onslaught from their visitors from East Kilbride but the Lochgilphead men more than matched their opponents. Despite being under pressure for much of the second half, it was Star who created the best chances to kill off the game.

There was a frantic spell with 10 minutes remaining when a set piece from Clare-

mont saw their big defender get a header on target, but the effort was matched by a superb save by Kalache in goal. From the resulting breakaway, Stuart MacLean found himself one-on-one with the keeper but the youngster was forced too far wide to get a shot in, which would have made the closing minutes much more comfortable.

Despite a few nervy moments, the Star back line – Andy Weir, Ali Provan, Aaron Moore and Kyle Selfridge – stood firm in the closing minutes to seal another impressive win for Star in what has been a good start to the season.

Red Star return to action on Saturday January 7, when they face a tough test against Premier Division Champions East Kilbride at

home in the first round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup.

As a result of the team's progress in the cup, Red Star find themselves having played only five league matches, five fewer than league leaders Rossvale, so there will be no margin for error in the new year if they are looking to challenge for the league in a very competitive division.

The draw for round five of the West of Scotland Cup will be made in early January.



Callum Pollock won the first place Monday night senior prize.

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