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## Cairndow plan gets go-ahead



VICTORY was won by the people of Cairndow last week as residents overcame planners in their fight to build a sustainable future for their fragile rural community.

### 'Yes' vote

Despite planners recommending the application to build a residential and commercial development be refused, Argyll and Bute Councillors voted

with the people and granted outline planning permission.

A project that aims to ensure people continue to work and live in Cairndow, the mixed development features 16 houses, seven commercial units and child-care centre on land adjacent to Ardkinglas, Sawmill, Clachan.

Phase one of an overall masterplan for the area at the tip of Loch

Fyne, the planning application was submitted by Ardkinglas Estate, which owns the 30-hectare site. More than 150 signed a petition in support of the application which many believe will revive the rural community.

But addressing a meeting of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of Argyll and Bute Council,

planning officials said the masterplan failed to provide enough detail about future development.

Planning officer, Ross McLoughlin, said he had concerns about trunk road access, landscape biodiversity and private water supply on the site.

'The lack of a sufficiently detailed masterplan in this instance has resulted in an in-

ability for the planning department to fully assess this two-hectare gateway phase one application in the context of the wider 30-hectare development site and its relationship with future phases,' Mr McLoughlin said.

But upon hearing a plea from Cowal Councillor Bruce Marshall and reviewing the level of public support for the development, coun-

cillors granted outline planning permission with conditions.

David Sumsion, owner of Ardkinglas Estate, welcomed the decision and thanked local people for their support.

'I am very grateful to the 155 people that put their names to a petition in support, it is fantastic. I didn't expect so many people to do so,' Mr Sumsion said. 'Also thank you

to the councillors of the committee who voted unanimously in favour of the development; it is quite unusual to have that level of support.'

Hoping the development will boost the local economy, Mr Sumsion added: 'Argyll, in order to survive, needs to increase its employed population and that really is the basic aim behind this development.'

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# Ferry plan opens door on consultation

TRANSPORT minister Keith Brown unveiled the Scottish Government's draft Ferries Plan last week, but denied the ambitious document is 'pie-in-the-sky'.

Released at the conclusion of the Ferries Review, the document outlines a broad spectrum of improvements for the country's ferry services, including scheduling additional ferry sailings, investment in new vessels and safeguarding lifeline services.

The proposals will shape ferry provision until 2022 and are now out for public consultation, with responses due by March 30. The final plan will be published in the summer.

The Scottish Government will consider a new vehicle and passenger service between Campbeltown and Ayrshire and offering nil fares for Jura residents travelling to Islay when en route to the mainland.

Those services currently run by local authorities could also be taken on by the government, while there is a com-



**Transport Minister Keith Brown: 'We are looking at real ways we can improve ferry services'**

mitment to adopting privately run lifeline routes if they fall into financial difficulty.

Mr Brown admits many of the measures outlined could be 'difficult' in the current economic climate.

'It is certainly ambitious,' he said. 'It certainly isn't pie-in-the-sky; we are looking at real ways we can improve ferry services.'

Mr Brown has urged people to have their say on the proposals, all of which are still subject to change depending on the results of the consultation.

Reacting to the draft plan, Rob Darroch of Jura Development Trust said: 'My initial feeling is one of disappointment for the Jura community.'

'Clearly little consideration has been given to the passenger ferry service, since all the necessary infrastructure is already in place and this investment will be wasted if the ferry does not continue.'

'The proposal to offer Jura residents free travel to Port Askaig is almost insulting. Yes, this will save money each time one travels to the mainland, but does nothing to help the cost of living on Jura. Tradesmen and deliveries from Islay will still pay the exorbitant fare between Port Askaig and Islay so goods and services will still be much higher on Jura than on Islay.'

'In short, Transport Scotland have spent little time considering the real needs of Jura and have tried to hide it by tying Jura to Islay.'

'Jura wants, and needs, its own direct mainland ferry.'



**Jean Murray (centre), Tina Paddock (right) with Dorothy Hogbin (secretary), Isobel Thompson (Argyll and Bute Social Services) and Morag Hunter (chairwoman).**

# Talking Newspapers celebrates 25 years

A CHARITY that brings news and current affairs to the blind and partially sighted has celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Argyll Talking Newspapers, which creates audio recordings of news featured in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, *The Oban Times* and *Campbeltown Courier*, this month celebrated its history of bringing local news to people who are unable to read.

The organisation held a special lunch recently to mark the occasion, where volunteers were joined by the original Argyll Talking Newspapers secretary Jean Murray.

'We are very dependent on our volunteers,'

Morag Hunter, chairwoman of Argyll Talking Newspapers, said, 'and Jean has been there from the start in 1986. At the lunch, we were also able to thank Tina Paddock and Walter and Heather Ritchie who stepped down from the organisation in 2011.'

The first audio news recording for Argyll Talking Newspapers

took place in the old Ardrishaig Primary School in 1986.

### Organisations

The talking newspaper group now works with a host of organisations in delivering the weekly service including Argyll and Bute Social Services, which often refers individuals to the group.

'We sometimes hear directly from *Argyllshire*

*Advertiser* readers about their mother or father who would like to receive the newspaper as a recording,' Morag added.

If anyone is visually impaired or cannot hold a newspaper to read and would be interested in receiving a digital newspaper, contact Dorothy Hogbin on 01546 606 774.

### Jack remains top boy's name

NEW data released by National Records of Scotland shows Jack remains top boys' name with Lewis in second place - both for a fourth consecutive year.

For the seventh year in a row, Sophie is the most popular girls' name with Lily climbing seven places to second, however, Alexander, Isla and Katie were the most popular baby names in the Western Isles this year.

Five baby boys were named Alexander while four girls were named Isla and four Katie.

### Cowal sheep sell at Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) sold 2,000 prime sheep at Stirling last week when export ewes averaged £52.54 (-69p) selling to £68.50 from G McKellar, Ardachernmore

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## Patient is found safe

A FULL-scale search of the Lochgilphead area ensued on Monday and Tuesday after a 42-year-old man went missing from Mid Argyll Hospital.

Police requested coastguard assistance to search for the man and Coastguard Rescue Teams from Crinan, Tarbert and Ardrpatrick were tasked to search along the Crinan Canal.

Police search and rescue teams and the Strathclyde force helicopter were also mobilised.

The man was found safe and well on Tuesday morning by the police helicopter at Lochgair.

## Man kicked moving car

POLICE are keen to speak to a man who allegedly kicked a moving car in Lochnell Street on December 11.

The incident happened at around 12.15am and caused damage to the car.

Anyone with any information should contact the police station in Lochgilphead on 01546 702200.

## Offensive weapon

TWO MEN were injured following an incident in Highbank Park, Lochgilphead at 2.45am on Christmas Eve.

A 46-year-old man has been charged with a breach of the peace and possession of an offensive weapon.



Kevin Roxburgh, managing director of Scottish Gas, hands over the latest instalment of a £60,000 sponsorship deal. a52pool01

# Scottish Gas cheque keeps the pool afloat

MANAGERS at Mid Argyll Community (MAC) Swimming Pool were smiling last week when they received an early Christmas present – a cheque for £20,000.

Securing the pool's future for 2012, the cheque was delivered by Scottish Gas, who pledged their support for the pool earlier this year.

The mammoth cheque is the second instalment of £60,000 sponsorship deal, which sees Scottish Gas support the cash-strapped pool for three years.

Kevin Roxburgh,

managing director of Scottish Gas, travelled to Lochgilphead last Wednesday to deliver the cheque.

He said: 'Local pools such as Mid Argyll Community Pool play a vital role for many as they learn to swim. That's why we remain committed to funding the pool for the next three years to ensure that the Mid Argyll Pool will stay open for the whole community.'

Jilly Wilson, director at the MAC Pool, said she was thrilled to host Scottish Gas' return vis-

it to the pool. Directors and staff were also absolutely delighted to accept the second tranche of the very generous financial support which Scottish Gas is providing to ensure the pool's continued existence, she said.

### Pleased

Directors of the swimming pool were introduced to Scottish Gas by Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor, who said he was also pleased to see the latest cheque being handed over.

'I thank Scottish Gas

for their generous and continuing support for this much-loved community facility,' Mr McGrigor said. 'This is a wonderful Christmas gift for the people of Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll and will make a real difference.'

He added: 'I want to pay tribute to the directors of the pool and their supporters for their sterling work over the last couple of years in turning round its fortunes. It is hugely gratifying to see the pool thriving and I wish it continued success in 2012.'

## Training group encouraged by uptake in Argyll

MORE than 1,200 people across Argyll and Bute received support from Skills Development Scotland's careers information, advice and guidance services during the first half of 2011.

### Modern apprenticeship

Furthermore, 252 people joined SDS' national training programmes between April to September. This included 187 people starting a modern apprenticeship, and 65 new starts on the organisation's Get Ready for Work, Training for Work and Lifeskills programmes.

Anthony Standing, SDS's head of operations for north said: 'We are encouraged with the high uptake of our services as this demonstrates that SDS is successfully delivering programmes that are meeting the needs of people in Argyll and Bute.'

'During 2011/12, SDS will continue to work closely with partners, such as the council, Jobcentre Plus and local training providers,

to increase pathways to sustainable employment across a wide range of sectors.

'SDS will also maintain its commitment to responding to the changing economic environment, and has a range of initiatives available to assist employers and individuals.'

### Businesses' boost

Meanwhile, SDS has reminded businesses that it can still benefit from the Employer Recruitment Incentive that offers companies up to £2,000 when they employ someone, including when they take on an apprentice.

Mr Standing said: 'Businesses of every shape and size can reap real rewards from bringing on employees to a stage where they are fully qualified for the job and understand their employer's needs and aims.'

If you are looking for help to get in to work or training or need advice, call the careers helpline on 0800 917 8000.

## Information sought into Inveraray hit-and-run

WITNESSES are being sought in relation to a hit-and-run incident in Inveraray.

It was reported that a black Vauxhall Astra hit the side of a parked car in Inveraray's Main Street, before driving off in the direction of Glasgow.

The incident happened at 6.50pm on Christmas Eve and anyone who has information regarding the hit-and-run should contact Lochgilphead Police.

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# Police campaign to stamp out domestic violence

DO NOT suffer in silence – that is the message from a Lochgilhead police officer working to stamp out domestic violence.

Targeting men and women suffering physical and mental abuse in the home, police constable Trish Collins has embarked on a five-week campaign to address domestic violence in Mid Argyll over the festive period.

The campaign will proactively target individuals who have previously been involved in domestic violence and there will be a focus on children living in violent or abusive households.

Explaining letters high-

lighting the campaign have been sent to known domestic abuse offenders, Trish said: 'We continually visit victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and work to stop repeat offending. We will keep on doing that in the hope that we can make it go away.'

Reminding people that incidents of domestic violence rise during the festive period, Strathclyde Police have released figures marking a 21.2 per cent rise in domestic violence cases where children are involved, in the last year.

In December 2009 the number of domestic violence incidents involving children was 1,301. In

December 2010 it was 1,609.

At the heart of the campaign to reverse this trend is a short radio play devised by Trish and Mid Argyll author Kerrie Ross.

The play focuses on the escalation of a domestic situation and the isolation victims can feel when in an abusive relationship. Performed by Pauline and Brian Burrows and played on Argyll FM, the play is intended to encourage people suffering domestic abuse to seek assistance.

Recognising the stigma attached to domestic abuse, Trish is reminding people that all reports to the police are completely confidential.

'Because this is a close-knit community and everyone knows each other, people don't want to report domestic violence.'

Urging anyone experiencing domestic abuse to pick up the phone, Trish can be contacted on 01546 702200.



Lochgilhead PC Trish Collins, Mid Argyll author Kerrie Ross and Elaine Galbraith of Strathclyde Police work together to stamp out domestic abuse. 06\_a52domestic01

## Sixteen-year old admits Kennacraig thefts

A 16-YEAR-old Islay youth who broke into two cars at Kennacraig Ferry Terminal has had his sentence deferred.

James Gillies, of 21 Antrim View, Port Ellen, admitted forcing open the two vehicles parked at Kennacraig Ferry Terminal and stealing a quantity of money on August 18, 2011, which was committed whilst on bail from Airdrie Sheriff Court.

He had his sentence deferred at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week for six months until June 7, 2012.

## Demand for rural land remains high say agents

DEMAND for rural land has sent valuations for farms and estates in Argyll, Perthshire, Fife, and Angus to all-time high prices, according to land agents Bell Ingram.

It believes the downturn in the mainstream housing market in Scotland has prompted investors to consider alternative property types. Mark Mitchell, head of farms and estate agency at the firm, said: 'There's no doubt that rural property, such as farmland and forestry has been performing very well over the past year, compared to other areas of the property market.'

## Argyll's green waste disposal falls foul of new classifications

ARGYLL'S track record on green waste disposal has fallen foul of a change in what counts as recycling.

For the last two years, Argyll and Bute Council beat government targets by recycling and composting more than 40 per cent of all household rubbish through kerbside collections, bottle and can banks and recycling centres.

The council also set up a public private partnership agreement with Shanks to treat mixed waste, producing a 'compost-like output' used in landfill restora-

tion. But the Scottish Government and SEPA announced in March 2011 this material would now be considered as recovered waste that is diverted from landfill, but no longer contributes to recycling rates.

Now only four local authorities have worse rates of recycling and composting than Argyll and Bute, most of them also using similar waste treatment processes.

A council spokesperson said: 'While Argyll and Bute Council's recycling, composting and recovery rate is still above 40 percent for the

April-June 2011 period recently reported, the new classifications have reduced the recycling and composting rate to 28.2 per cent for this quarter.

'The council continues to focus on reducing landfill and this has been demonstrated with a year on year reduction in landfill over the past five years.

'The council is also fully committed to recycling and we hope to offer increased kerbside recycling materials provision to several areas sometime during 2012/13 financial year.'

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### GRADUATIONS



Carolyn Jean McAlpine, Craiglea, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert has graduated from the University of Strathclyde with an Msc in Human Resource Management. Carolyn is a former pupil of Tarbert Academy. She has been supported through her course by her employer Argyll and Bute Council.



Bruce Carmichael recently graduated from West Coast of Scotland University (Ayr) with a BA Degree in Broadcast Production. He also gained an HND in Sound Production at Perth College. Bruce is the son of Donald and Christina Carmichael, Tayvallich.

### Webster murder trial costs £430,000 in legal aid and expenses

THE COST of bringing Malcom Wibster to justice has been reported to be in the region of £430,000.

The former Oban hospital nurse, jailed following a Glasgow High Court trial in May, 2011 for murdering his wife, Claire Morris, in 1994 as part of an insurance scam, ran up £333,000 in legal aid fees, with the Scottish Court Service paying a further £97,000 of taxpayers' money on expenses for witnesses.

Webster's legal team argues that he is subject of a miscarriage of justice and claims that the jury were 'misdirected' by Judge Lord Bannatyne.

### Coastguard rescue

A COASTGUARD team, all-weather lifeboat and an inshore lifeboat from Campbeltown were called out on Boxing Day to rescue a woman from Campbeltown Loch. The woman was recovered from the water by the inshore lifeboat and taken to a waiting ambulance.

### Irish VAT rise

AS OF January 1, 2012 the Value Added Tax (VAT) rate on the sales and purchases of standard goods and services in the Republic of Ireland will increase from 21 per cent to 23 per cent.



Derek Leslie, general manager of Argyll and Bute CHP, presents the Healthy Working Lives Bronze Award to staff at ACHA's Ardrishaig office. 06\_a51healthy01

# ACHA wins top wellbeing award

ONE OF Mid Argyll's largest employers has been recognised for its commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of its staff.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) was this week awarded the Healthy Working Lives Bronze Award for its success in promoting good health, safety and wellbeing amongst its staff and the wider community.

The association, which employs 210 people across nine offices throughout Argyll and Bute, was also praised for taking care of the environment.

The award, presented by Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP), comes after ACHA introduced a host of healthy work-

ing initiatives.

The housing association launched an in-house 'healthy newsletter' and provided information about the Drive Safely campaign, breast cancer awareness, smoking cessation, healthy eating, healthy lifestyles and physical activity.

The company also celebrated Samaritans Stress Down day with chill-out activities and is encouraging staff to walk at lunchtime or have 'walking meetings' whenever possible.

Marina MacArthur, human resources and training manager at ACHA, said: 'I am delighted that the association has achieved the Healthy Working Lives Bronze Award, in recognition of the progress that we

have made towards improving health and well-being for all our employees.'

Derek Leslie, general manager of Argyll and Bute CHP, said: 'It is important for the community to work together to improve the health of the population of Argyll and Bute and beyond. It is great to see Argyll Community Housing Association playing a positive part in doing that; very well done and congratulations. I look forward to other employers in Argyll and Bute promoting and showing a similar commitment.'

Businesses can learn more about Healthy Working Lives by contacting Angela Coll at NHS Highland on 07775 404754.

## Dunoon to Gourock ferries undergo an upgrade

COMMUTERS using the Dunoon to Gourock ferry will enjoy a more comfortable journey in 2012 as two ferries undergo an upgrade.

Seats upon the Sound of Shuna and the Sound of Scarba vessels are to be galvanised to stop rust playing havoc in passenger areas.

The seats, which are 10 years old, will be sprayed with a bespoke Colourgalv® system to ensure they stay corrosion-free and retain their colour for up to 25 years.

Owners of the two ferries, Western Ferries, say the new system, delivered by Highland Galvanizers & Colour Coaters, will stop the passenger areas from looking tatty and having to be repainted so frequently.

### Constantly

Roger Beecroft, technical manager at Western Ferries, said: 'Western Ferries values its customers enormously and we constantly look for ways to ensure they are as comfortable as possible.'

He added: 'One of the vessels has just gone through the Colourgalv® process and I am very pleased with the results. The seats look completely different and we were able to colour them in blue which fits in with our branding. We have had a very positive response from passengers.'

Established in 1973, Western Ferries provides 1.3 million passengers per year with a vehicle and passenger ferry service from Dunoon to Gourock.

## £100,000 boost for Lochgilphead

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Argyll College is one of the biggest winners from the latest tranche of LEADER funding, receiving £104,370 to develop an engineering training facility at Lochgilphead.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has also been awarded £147,739 to help fund further community-led growth initiatives.

In North Argyll, Apin Community Trust is to receive more than £50,000 to create a car park for visitors and locals. The community trust wants to build the car park and cycle track access to take full ad-

vantage of the new paths network and draw more tourists into the area.

Argyll and Isles Tourism's Strong Together initiative received £54,500, while the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust received £34,105 of LEADER money for its programme of event infrastructure.

Other beneficiaries in last week's announcement include Mull Museum, receiving £38,368 to pay for further work at Baliscate Chapel, Tobermory, and £22,500 to the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society for its Kintyre pilot of the Argyll Farm Woodland Collaboration.

## Online delivery comments keep coming

MORE than 1,500 people have added their comments to a Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) survey on rural deliveries, days after it appeared in *The Argyllshire Advertiser*.

The influx is more than double the number of responses the survey originally received before it was re-opened.

Since, parliamentary motions supporting the campaign for fair delivery charges for 'remote' areas have been lodged at the House of Commons and Scottish Parliament. It has received cross party backing.

The survey will run until January 19. Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/FreeDelivery](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FreeDelivery).

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## Those Were The Days

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### Explosive find in Crinan by beachcomber

A MID Argyll beachcomber had an interesting, but potentially dangerous, find recently, which resulted in a visit from the bomb disposal squad.

Geri MacPherson of Lochgilphead was pursuing his father's favourite hobby on the beach near Crinan Ferry when he discovered an object with 'DANGER! DO NOT TOUCH' labelled on it.

The label prompted Geri to contact the police. After Lochgilphead police called the bomb disposal squad in, it emerged that the object had in fact dropped from an aircraft.

It was a canister containing chemicals for making smoke and if Geri had picked it up and put it in his car, it could have caused a serious explosion. The bomb disposal squad made the device safe.

### Tayvallich woman in New Year Honours' List

CATHERINE Pollock of Tayvallich is among those in the New Year's Honours' List.

On Monday it was announced the vice-chairwoman of the Lomond and Argyll Primary Care NHS Trust, will receive a MBE for services to health care.

### Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



HOGMANAY just won't be Hogmanay without Rikki Fulton.

He just had to send his police goggles flying over his helmet to send the audience into fits of laughter.

He had a great gift of making people laugh and brought much happiness to many. Rikki also seemed to be a very nice man and many truly mourned his passing.

Tomorrow night on the last night of yet another year, we will remember with fondness in laughter and tears, those we have loved and lost and dearly miss.

We will wait once again for 'the bells' and will revisit the past in our memories.

It is a time for reflection and for reminiscing. It is a time for company but also for solitude. It is a time of past and also of future.

In a second, this year will be gone forever to give birth to a New Year.

Some will be pleased to see the back of this year as they hope for better days in 2012. Others will have cherished memories in this year to hold in their hearts forever. Some will just want it over.

All round the world some will gather their loved ones around them and hold them tight, while others will reflect quietly alone.

At midnight tomorrow the bells will ring out the old and bring in the new; drams will be raised, toasts will be made, tears will be shed, and so the traditions will continue.

We will ask God's blessing on those we love and pray that he will guide us through yet another year.

And so on this Hogmanay, I wish all of you a year filled with promise; a year filled with love and with laughter; and a year with people to love you and care for you. And may God hold you always in the hollow of his hand.

### Allt Dearg Wind Farm deal signed

Sir,

We are pleased to announce that the deal to finance and build the Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm was finally signed on Wednesday 21st December. This involved over a thousand pages of contracts and legal agreements. We would particularly like to thank the teams in Argyll and Bute Council's Legal Services and Planning Departments, the Lochgilphead SEPA and the Mid-Argyll SNH officers, whose professional advice and assistance helped deliver a very complex process on schedule, to allow the project to start building next spring.

The wind turbines will be supplied by Vestas, and serviced by their local team. The construction contract has been awarded to Wales based Jones Bros, and Lochgilphead based George McNaughton & Son will build the access roads and prepare the turbine foundations.

Funding has been provided by the Renewable Energy division of the Co-operative Bank, who has also provided the funding to allow the Ardrishaig Community to purchase their 1/12th share of the project.

The first 2 km section of the access track has now been completed, and we hope to be in full production by next Christmas.

**James F. Lithgow,  
Allt Dearg Wind Farmers,  
Ormsary Estate,  
Argyll.**

### Saliva could save a life

Sir,

As founder of the Jack Petchey Foundation, I want young people to make a valuable contribution to society, so it's

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not often that I encourage them to spit. But I'm making an allowance – because a saliva sample could help save a life!

The Jack Petchey Foundation is funding a new campaign launched by Anthony Nolan to recruit more donors to its stem cell register. They are particularly looking for young men aged 18-30 to sign up, as they make the best donors yet account for just 12 per cent of the register.

Signing up to donate blood stem cells is one of the greatest things your readers could do. Every 23 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with blood cancer and a stem cell transplant is often their last chance of life. By joining the register, your readers could give them that chance of life.

It's easy to join the register – simply visit [www.anthonynolan.org/jponamission](http://www.anthonynolan.org/jponamission), fill in a short medical questionnaire and give a small saliva sample. It's as simple as that.

I therefore urge your readers, especially the young men, to join us in helping save lives.

**Jack Petchey CBE,  
Founder,  
The Jack Petchey Foundation.**

### What are you putting in your bin?

Sir,

We are all well aware that Argyll and Bute Council is being forced to make cuts due to the economic mess we are in. However, setting this aside for a moment, I believe we should take this opportunity to look at what we are putting in our bins.

The vast majority of our waste is made up of food, not just domestic but from commercial kitchens and supermarkets. This decomposes, gives off methane (one of the most noxious of greenhouse gases) and attracts vermin. In Scotland we throw away 566,000 tonnes of food waste every year of which 69 per cent could have been avoided. Each household wastes on average £430 per year buying food and not consuming it. Yet we still panic buy over the festive period when shops are closed for no more than 24 hours. How many of those 'delightful' air filled loaves get discarded along with the BOGOF offers that we were never going to eat anyway?

The council most definitely needs to increase the amount of recycling facilities available especially if we are to reach the Scottish Executive's ambitious targets. One of the aims of the executive's climate change legislation is to recycle 70 per cent of all Scotland's waste and send only 5 per cent of the remaining waste to landfill by 2025. A lot needs to be done and will only occur when we all adopt a very different attitude to our waste and finite resources.

I know many of us lead busy lives but it only takes a little time to check our fridges, veg rack and cupboards in order to think about what we actually need to purchase in the week ahead. Plus many tasty meals can be conjured up from leftovers or frozen for another day. Less waste means more cash in our pockets. And of course there is composting, with bins that take cooked food now

available.

Funding to campaigning and awareness raising organisations such as the GRAB Trust should be increased not cut. GRAB have no doubt played a large part in Argyll and Bute's success in increasing the amount of recycling and the awareness of the need to do so. This message urgently needs to be put across along with the practical solutions and easy steps we can all take in order not only to meet targets but be aware of why it is so important to live within our resources; these problems will not disappear into the ether.

Fortnightly bin collections should not be the perceived health and safety problem if introduced alongside a programme of information and support from our council. Though this does require ALL of US to rethink and start to take responsibility for our waste, the pollution and the problems it is causing now and for future generations.

**Sally Wilkin,  
GRAB Trust Zero Waste Volunteer,  
Argyll.**

### Welcome appointment

Sir,

I am writing in response to the appointment of Angela Constance MSP as the Scottish Government's Youth Employment Minister.

This is a very welcome and necessary step if we are truly committed to supporting the 100,000 young Scots currently unemployed.

There is a substantial challenge that lies ahead for the portfolio and one that must be tackled with a degree of immediacy.

Rescuing what could become a lost generation is vitally important, not only just for our young people but for the country as a whole.

Young people were hit particularly hard by the recession. Entry-level opportunities dried up and all groups of young people have faced a struggle in getting onto the first rung of the career ladder.

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**Heather Gray, Director, The Prince's Trust Scotland, Queen Street, Glasgow.**

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# Something for the holidays

SPENDING time with friends and family is what everyone looks forward to over Christmas and New Year.

The lull between Christmas and New Year is the perfect time once all the rush is over to take time and enjoy seeing your loved ones. Whether its catching up with friends or going for a day out or a drive with family, can be just what you need to get out of the house at the busiest time of year.

No matter where you are in Mid Argyll and Kintyre there will be somewhere you and your family can go to spend time with one another.

And if you want to have some special time with your partner there is always a childcare option in your area who would help look after the kids whilst you take time out to care for number one.

Although some businesses shut down over the festive season there are still others open and raring to go to make sure you get the best service possible.

There are still many local shops that are open when the larger stores close over the festive period, and by shopping in the smaller stores help them to keep money going into the till over the quieter time.

Whether you've forgotten ingredients for your favourite dish, or you simply need milk, the shopkeepers will welcome your custom.

Meeting friends for a coffee, lunch or cocktails could be exactly what you're needing to relax and catch up.

Old friends return to the area to see their families and there are plenty of places locally to go to for a bite to eat and a natter.

For the more adventurous there are activities also available across the area which you maybe normally wouldn't do at this time of year.

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# Nativity fun at Mid Argyll schools



Children from the primary one class of Ardrishaig Primary School took to the stage last week to perform for senior citizens and on Thursday for parents, friends and family. 06\_a52nativity01

## Feathers set to fly once again

INVERARAY Badminton Club is having a break over Christmas and New Year.

After a well attended few months the club will open again in the Church Hall on January 11 at 7.30pm.

The charge of £1 for the evening will remain.

The club hopes that people of all ages will come to play and have some fun.



Ashfield Primary School recently performed its pantomime, Cinderella, in front of friends and family. The evening was a great success with the choir from the local churches joining the children for carol singing.

# Charity on target with sport session

YOUNG and old worked on their co-ordination last week as they tried Archery for the first time.

Organised by Argyll Activities, a charitable arm of Ardrishaig Community Trust, the Archery 'tasting session' was launched in a bid to discover what activities people would like to do regularly in Mid Argyll.

The charity, funded by the Big Lottery, will host another two 'tasting sessions' in 2012 to allow locals, with a range of abilities, to sample different sports.

Argyll Activities has yet to decide on the sport for the next two events and is urging people to recommend an activity by emailing antonia@argyllactivities.co.uk.



Angus Milne, Stuart Milne, Shaun Doy and Alison Garrett took part in the Archery tasting session. 06\_a51archery01

## 'Mince pie' hill run for Christmas Eve

ORMSARY JogScotland celebrated Christmas Eve with a 'mince pie' run up to the Cnoc a Phrop trigpoint.

Santa hats were worn by everyone taking part and mince pies and a flask of hot winter Pimms were enjoyed at the

blustery summit. Ormsary JogScotland has its last run of the year tomorrow (Saturday) at 10am and first run of 2012 on New Year's Day at noon, starting at Ormsary hall with brief dip in the sea afterwards.

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# Soccer Centre boys sign for top clubs

## Lochgilphead club goes from strength to strength

AS 2011 comes to an end Lochgilphead Soccer Centre can look back on another very successful year.

This year, for the first time, the club is running three youth teams, which, despite mixed results and performances, have been encouraging.

But the big achievement this year has been the number of boys moving to play in the youth set-ups at Scottish professional clubs.

For a club of Lochgilphead's size to have seven boys at this level is a tremendous achievement and is a great reward for the all the volunteers running youth teams, 7-a-side teams in the Oban Primary League and the Saturday Soccer Centre.

The first to sign was Keir Whitefield, who was spotted playing for the Lochgilphead 97s in Greenock and is now in his second season at Rangers. Keir's highlight so far has been a trip to Italy, which included a game against Inter Milan.

This season Keir has played in several positions before settling back in his preferred central midfield role and has scored his first Rangers goals.

Kieran Moore is also now at the Rangers Youth Academy after signing in December 2010. Kieran now plays with the under-13s and is a regular goalscorer from a wide midfield position. The highlights

so far this season are a victory over Celtic at Murray Park in Kieran's first Old Firm derby plus a 10-day trip to Russia.

The 1997s goalkeeper Ewan McCulloch also attracted interest from Rangers but trained at Livingston at the same time in the early part of 2011 along with Coll McCallum.

The Lochgilphead connection through Livingston defender Cameron MacDonald initially set up the trials for Ewan and Coll and the club's youth coaches were impressed enough with the boys to sign them towards the end of the 2010/11 season. Both were re-signed this season and Ewan, with Coll in front of him in central



The former Soccer Centre players now with senior clubs

defence, has delivered several clean sheets for his new club.

The next opportunity for Lochgilphead boys to make the move to pro youth came with 1998s trials for Dumbarton in June 2011.

Four Lochgilphead boys attended the trials, two making it through to the final trial and Kyle Selfridge being successful in making the squad. Kyle benefited from playing for two seasons with boys that were a year older in the Lochgilphead 97s, winning the young player of the year award in both seasons.

Kyle has regularly turned out at centre back for Dumbarton this season and the coaches

are delighted with his progress.

Ciaran McPhie attracted interest from Patrick Thistle when Kevin Morrison, a Thistle coach with Lochgilphead connections, returned to run coaching sessions in the town. Ciaran trained with older age groups at Partick towards the end of last season and when they formed a 1999s squad for 2011/12, Ciaran was asked to sign. Ciaran has played regularly this season across the length of Scotland, from Dingwall to Dumfries.

The next generation of potential pro youth players also continue to be coached regularly at the soccer centre with extra training being arranged

to give them every opportunity to improve to their skills and take the next step on the football ladder. Rhys Casci from the 2002s is the first of the younger boys to be spotted and he currently trains and plays with Hamilton Accies Under-10s.

All the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre coaches are delighted at the progress these boys have made and continue to support all seven of them whilst assisting other kids to reach their potential. There is no one route to success as can be seen from the different paths these boys have taken.

The Lochgilphead youth teams have suffered with the loss of

these players but the soccer centre will continue to run teams where possible and give opportunities for others to play football.

The support of the club's sponsors is crucial in allowing the soccer centre to run extra training sessions, kit out the teams, buy equipment and transport the boys to games. This year the club would like to thank the Mid Argyll Youth Project for their generous donations and all the club's other sponsors - D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd, Hire A Joiner Ardrishaig, Lakeland Marine, Peter McKerral & Co Ltd, EWOS, R M Finlay & Sons Haulage, Fyne Fins and Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

As well as the support of the sponsors and volunteer time put in by the coaches the dedication of the parents to take the boys to training and games plays a huge part in the soccer centre's success. Some weeks the total mileage of the parents of the boys at the professional teams could take them to Barcelona or Milan and back!

Most Soccer Centre activities will restart in the second week of January and extra training will take place for children from ages six to 13.



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Last week's solution

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## 2011 through the lens

JANUARY



John Lowrie Morrison named in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

### OBE for 'delighted' Jolomo

JOHN Lowrie Morrison has been awarded an OBE for his services to art and charity after being named in the New Year Honours List. Jolomo, as he is also known, is 'delighted' at receiving the honour.

The Tayvallich-based artist and former Lochgilphead High School teacher, said: 'It's not expected. You work away at what you do. You don't work to be awarded things. But I'm very honoured.'



Sean Taylor greets the men who 'saved his life' (L-R) Deckhand Durroch Fulton, Skipper Mark Sheldrick and Sean Taylor. 06\_a04sean01

### Crewmates saved my life

SORE EARS, a little breathlessness and a stiff knee – the only ailments Tarbert fisherman Sean Taylor is suffering after a horrifying eight-minute ordeal 50 metres underwater after being dragged overboard.

Sean was shooting a line of creels aboard the *Blue Angel* when his foot

got caught on a rope. The 21-year-old was pulled from the boat and plunged 50 metres beneath the water.

Only the quick actions of *Blue Angel* skipper Mark Sheldrick and fellow crew member Durroch Fulton, who pulled Sean back on board, saved his life.

### Tarbert couple are Citizens of the Year

A TARBERT couple have been named as this year's village Citizens of the Year.

Ricky Graham and partner, Nicola, who moved to the village four years ago, say they feel 'humbled' to be given the award.

Ricky is a police officer and has also been instrumental in raising considerable sums of money for charity.

Nicola has been recognised for her efforts in fundraising for the Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Unit, as well as a host of other local charities.



Partners Ricky Graham and Nicola Monks are this year's recipients of the Tarbert Citizen of the Year award. 06\_a07citizen01

FEBRUARY



Lynn Garret, centre, received the Scottish Enterprise Life Sciences Award for innovation earlier this month. She is pictured with Deputy First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon and Rhona Allison, director of life sciences at Scottish Enterprise.

### Lochgilphead healthcare worker wins third award

A LOCHGILPHEAD healthcare worker has picked up a third award for an innovative tele-healthcare project.

Lynn Garret was presented with a Scottish Enterprise Life Sciences Award for innovation at the International Conference Centre in Edinburgh at the beginning of the month.

The Highland Hub redesign and tele-health project manager, who lives in Ardrishaig, was presented with her award by Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister, and Rhona Allison, director of life sciences at Scottish Enterprise.

Competing against large multi-national companies, Lynn was surprised to have picked up the award for her tele-health project. She said: 'It really did astonish me because of the kind of people in the room and the fact we were up against such large companies.'

MARCH

### Carolyn to run the London marathon



Carolyn's personalised trainers mark her greatest life challenge – the London Marathon 2011. 06\_a12carolyn02

A WOMAN who bet her terminally ill father that she would run the London marathon if he gave up smoking will next month fulfil her promise.

Carolyn McAlpine, who lost her father to leukaemia in February last year, will run 26 miles around England's capital on April 17 in memory of her dad Douglas.

The 27-year-old, who this time last year had not even ran a 10k race, laughed when her dad said she'd be running the London marathon, after joining the Tarbert Jog Scotland group at the end of 2009. 'My dad said you take everything to the extreme, you will be running the London marathon next,' said Carolyn. 'We joked about it at the time and I said if you stop smoking I will run the marathon. He did stop so now I'm running.'

Carolyn, a human resources officer for Argyll and Bute will also be running to raise funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust, which she says 'is very close to her heart'.



Stacey Rhodick and Connie Spridell of the Mid Argyll Youth Project presented Alex Ferguson, presiding officer of the parliament, with a gift from Argyll.

YOUNG people are inspirational, respectful and hardworking - that is the message Mid Argyll Youth Project (MAYP) delivered to the Scottish Parliament.

Twelve representatives from the youth project travelled to Holyrood to tell MSPs negative stereotypes of teenagers are wrong.

The youngsters attended the Community Partnerships Project outcomes conference after they were chosen to work with the Scottish Government for a year.

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## 2011 through the lens

APRIL

### Bellanoch teenager hopes to go to the 2016 Olympics

TEENAGE sailor Lorenzo Chiavarini has been named as a potential British Olympian.

As the number one youth sailor in Scotland and number two in Great Britain the Mid Argyll boy is currently on track to compete in the 2016 Olympic games. Competing for a place at the World and European Laser Standard Junior Championship at a Royal National Yachting Association (RYA) competition, Lorenzo's performance will be watched by Olympic development managers. Lorenzo is poised to take a championship medal in the national contest, at Hayling Island.



Mid Argyll teenager Lorenzo Chiavarini is thrilled to have been selected to take part in the Bank of Scotland Local Heroes initiative.



Mairi Voinot has been extended a personal invitation to attend a top fiddle school in California. 06\_a15mairi01

### Lochgilphead girl hits high notes with invite to top school

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager has been extended a personal invitation by one of Scotland's top fiddle players to attend his summer school in California.

Mairi Voinot was asked by Alasdair Fraser to apply to his summer camp 'Valley of the Moon' after hearing her play at a fiddle camp in Skye.

The 16-year-old said she was 'shocked' after being extended the invitation

adding: 'Alasdair is my idol; he's just amazing.'

Mairi is a regular feature on the competition circuit, travelling all over Scotland.

So far this year she has competed in Inverclyde Music Festival as well as the Mid Argyll Music Festival; each time walking away with silverware.

And what makes Mairi's success even more awe-inspiring is that she only picked up a fiddle five years ago.

MAY

### Tarbert duo craft Royal wedding gift



A CRAFTS man and woman from Tarbert have been charged with making a wedding gift for Prince William and his bride Kate Middleton.

Derek Farrar and Wilma MacKenzie have made two personalised walking sticks for the recently married pair, who have a love of the outdoors.

Commissioned by personal friends of Prince Charles, the unique walking sticks were made by traditional crook maker Derek, with the handle engraved by artist Wilma MacKenzie.

JUNE



Children made waves as they dived wholeheartedly into fundraising for Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool. His Grace The Duke of Argyll officially cut the ribbon, signalling the start of the 24-hour Swimathon and Big Lunch Family Fun Day.



John Nelson, far right, with son Peter, far left, and friend Derek, who re-enacted the 'hangman horse' route, which finished in Inveraray.

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 Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd January  
 The civic amenity site at the Roding Campbeltown will be closed 1st and 2nd January.  
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Regret meeting scheduled  
 2nd January 2012  
**Cancelled**  
 Next meeting  
 Monday 6th February 2012 at 7pm.

**Alan Reid MP**

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BIRTHS

LAWSON - Ava is delighted to announce the birth of her wee sister Poppie Catherine Lawson on November 22, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Special thanks to Elspeth and all the staff at Campbeltown and Southern General Hospital.

DEATHS

ANNAN - On December 26, 2011, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, John Campbell Annan, in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Agnes Gillies, much loved Dad of Fiona and the late Sheila, dearly loved Pa of Louise, Megan and Camille. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Friday January 6, at 11am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection if desired for Mid Argyll Stroke Club.

CLELAND - Isobel MacQueen. Peacefully on December 23, 2011, aged 49 years, in Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban. Dearly loved mother of Alexander, beloved daughter of Marion and the late Walter, dearest sister of Susan and sister-in-law of Phil, dear aunt of Robert, Michael and David. A much loved niece, cousin and friend. Funeral service will be held in Clachan Parish Church on Tuesday January 3, 2012, at 1pm, thereafter to Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to MS Society and MacMillan Nurses. "Everyday courage has few witnesses, but yours is no less noble because no drum beats for you and no crowd shouts your name".

IRVINE - On December 23, 2011, suddenly, but peacefully at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, Lorna, aged 53 years, beloved partner of Robert, much loved mum of Caprice and dearly loved granny of Peyton. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on December 29, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

KRAUSE - Passed away peacefully in her sleep, with her son by her side, on December 21, 2011 in Pensacola, Florida. Irene McIntyre Stewart, daughter of Renee, beloved wife of Don, much loved mother of Dale, mother in law of Doreen, a proud grandmother of Derrin and Kyra, much loved sister of Ian and the late Keith and much loved aunt, sister in law and friend.

MCDONALD - On December 26, 2011, peacefully at home, William (Willie) McDonald, in his 85th year, beloved husband of May Campbell, much loved father of Marie, Donald and Campbell, a dearly loved papa and great papa. Funeral service at A'Chleit Church, on Saturday, December 31 at 1pm, interment thereafter

at Patchan Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for A' Chleit Church.

REID - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital on December 21, 2011, Catherine McDiarmid Wilson, in her 82nd year, Ashgrove, Ardnacraig Avenue, formerly of Callibur Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie Reid, much loved mother of Jimmy and Marjory and a loving granny of Keith, Bruce, Calum and Megan.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at home, Inverness, on December 22, 2011, after a long illness, Barbara Moira Robertson, in her 69th year. Formerly of Carradale, Argyll, beloved wife of Cecil, much loved mother of Julie and Bob and dear granny to Niamh and Hannah. Funeral service on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 2.30pm in Inverness Crematorium. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only. Donations welcome at the service for Macmillan Cancer Care or please forward to William T Fraser and Son, Funeral Directors, Culduethel Road, Inverness.

RONALD - Suddenly but peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on December 26, 2011, Alexander Ronald (Alex), in his 87th year, 13 Wallace Cottages formerly of Kilmashenachan Farm, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Elsie Mitchell, much loved father of Elizabeth, Rosemary, Sandy and Helen, an adored grandfather and great grandfather and brother of James and the late Archie. Service in Southend Parish Church on Friday December 30 at 12.00 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCALPINE - The family of the late Duncan would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their support and sympathy following their recent sad loss of their dad. Many thanks to Tarbert Medical Centre, a huge thank you to all the carers involved in Duncan's care over the last few years and to Pat his homehelp. Matthew Ramsay and Rev. Bryson for a comforting service. Also for all who attended the church and graveside. Fiona would like to thank Nicola for her much appreciated support at the time of her dad's passing, Stan Lupton for his guidance and professional services, Tarbert Hotel for fine purvey. Collection for Fisherman's Mission raised £445.

IN MEMORIAM

CURRIE, Dochie - Died January 1, 2002. Ten years have passed since we were together But treasured memories last forever

- Lily and family

EVANS - In loving memory of Taff (John) died January 7, 2011 also my mother Margaret died December 4, 2005. A little tribute small and tender just to say we will always remember. Babs and family.

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MACKINNON - In loving memory of a dear mum and gaga, Margaret MacKinnon, who died on January 6, 2011. God saw you getting weary And he did what he thought best

He put his arms around you And took you home to rest Lynda, George, Marie and Jim.

Remembered always Lyndsay, Claire, Amy and Andrew.

MALONEY - Remembering that sad day December 28, 2010 when Campbell was taken from us so suddenly. A dear husband and good pal. Lovely memories, Janette.

MALONEY - Remembering you is easy Dad

I do it every day, And missing you is something That will never go away. Alisdair, Lorraine, Rachael and Campbell.

MILLER - In loving memory of Robert Miller (Robbie), died January 1, 2011. Loved and remembered always. A dear husband and father to Robert, Fiona and Amanda, a grandfather and great grandfather. Time will pass, but memories will live on.

- From Flora and family

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Sunday 1st January 2012 11am Morning Service Short Service

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

Sunday 1st January 2012 First Sunday after Christmas

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# Tribute to Oban High School PE teacher Jim Lay who died recently

A MINUTE'S applause in tribute to Oban High School principal teacher of PE, Jim Lay, was the

pre-cursor to a school basketball tournament held in the town.

Secondary school pu-

pils from across Argyll and Bute enjoyed a fantastic day of basketball at the annual Argyll and

Bute tournament at Atlantis Leisure, Oban.

And it was fitting that Mr Lay's former pupils were to win the boys' senior and junior events. The senior boys, in particular, were quick to dedicate their win to their former teacher, who died suddenly earlier this month.

The event was organised by Active Schools to give pupils who have worked hard at their after school clubs throughout the year the opportunity to enjoy a full day of competition.

In both the boys' junior and senior finals, Oban High beat Hermitage Academy and Tobermory High School won the junior and senior girls events, coming out on top in the round robin formats.

Organisers thanked Robbie Kupris and Chris Campbell from Atlantis Leisure for refereeing throughout the day.



Oban High School senior boys won their competition by beating Hermitage Academy in the final.

# Dunadd's Iona takes up secretary's role at Women's Camanachd Association

IONA CAMPBELL from Dunadd Camanachd has been appointed as the new secretary of the Women's Camanachd Association (WCA), following its recent AGM.

Iona hails from Inveraray and is keen to represent her club on the WCA committee.

Fiona Mathie from Tir Conaill Harps is the new president. She takes over from out-going president

Karen Cameron, who steps down following seven successful years.

Fiona comes to the post as a seasoned Scotland player on the pitch with a wealth of shinty, sports development and sports administration knowledge.

She currently works as administrator at Scottish Student Sport in Edinburgh and has been coordinating the University Shinty League

for several years. Taking on the vice president position is seasoned Scottish International player, Katy Smith.

After an impressive nine-year stint on the WCA committee, Jane Nicol, of Badenoch and Strathspey, is to step down and the new fixtures secretary was announced as Yvonne Connaughton of Tir Conaill Harps.

Kirsty Gray will be remaining with the WCA Committee but in a new capacity as treasurer.

Finally, Jenny Durkin and Sian MacCallum, both of Aberdour, were appointed joint Publicity Officers with Sian focusing mainly on the university league, a key area of development in the women's game.

The first meeting of the new committee will take place in January 2012.

## MOKRUN places all filled up

THE Mull of Kintyre Run has filled up in record time.

In only six weeks all the 750 spaces for the 10k and half marathon have been taken, and the MOKRUN committee is amazed at how quickly the event has sold out.

There will be no reserve list or swaps as the committee takes into account cancellations when setting the maximum capacity. Unfortunately therefore no spaces will become available if any entrant pulls out.



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# Sport in Argyll and Bute looks forward to 2012

'We want people to be more pro-active by shouting about what they do in sport locally'

DESPITE joining other council departments in having its budget cut in 2011, sport in Argyll and Bute should look forward to 2012 – the year of the London Olympics – with renewed hope and vision, according to community sport lead manager Willie Young.

Much of this optimism comes from the projected attendance figures for this year's Coaching Champions event in February, when more than 500 coaches – both budding and experienced – can sign up to any of the 56 different courses on offer, from football and rugby to triathlon and gym instruction. There are even courses on child protection, diet in sport and first aid. Around 25 per cent of those attending Coaching Champions are from outside Argyll and Bute.

Funding has come from SportScotland and Argyll College and Stramash is assisting with the outdoor sports aspect.

#### Biggest Area

'Sports development is the biggest area of our work in community sport,' said Willie. 'For our Coaching Champions event we are expecting more than 500 people to attend. Nowhere in Scotland does an event like that on that scale.'

'There always has to be succession in every club and sport. You get people who help out because their children are involved, but they eventually move on.'

'We need to make sure clubs have people coming in, because that is sadly lacking across the country.'

Such is the success of Coaching Champions, now in its fifth year, that it has been awarded the 'Inspire Mark' by organisers of the London 2012 Olympic Games, the only sports coaching course in Scotland to receive the honour, which indicates the highest quality in sport.

Willie said there were 800 places available if all courses attained maximum attendance but added that was unlikely to happen.

'There are a few that will not be that well attended but we wanted the choice to be there.'

#### Already Full

'On the other hand, there are bankers, such as the gym instructor and swimming courses, both of which are already full for next year. That's very exciting.'

As part of the big coaching weekend the council will host its annual sports coaching awards.

So what are the sports to watch out for in 2012 in Argyll? According to Willie, a focus of the

council will be on gymnastics, while triathlon has 'grown arms and legs'.

'There are no gymnastics in Argyll and Bute, so we have been working with Gymnastics Scotland to identify staff who can go through the two-year coaching course.'

'Our first set of coaches have come through stage one and will be qualified at level two in September 2012.'

'It is a big investment for us but if children get gymnastics from an early age, the balance and co-ordination it provides gives them an advantage in other sports – it's a transferable fitness in that respect.'

'Our JogScotland groups, which are run by volunteers, are growing all the time and one of our volunteers, Fee Corner, won the JogScotland Inspire Award.'

'Meanwhile, triathlon seems to be growing arms and legs; there is an established club in Lochgilphead and the makings of one in Oban.'

'The Craggy Island Triathlon on Kerrera was a phenomenally successful event and there is a new event in Tighnabruaich and one planned for next year in Campbeltown.'

'This is why our coaching event is so diverse, not restricted to the

standard sports. We did table tennis two years ago and it is really taking off. Sometimes you get a wee inkling for a particular sport and you try to give it the potential to grow.'

#### Project

On the leisure services front, the big project for the council is the all-weather football pitch for Campbeltown, which should be ready by June, if work goes ahead in February, as planned. The £1m project, to be built in partnership with SportScotland, will be constructed beside Aqualibrium and means all Argyll's main towns have all-weather pitches.

However, charges for these pitches will be reviewed in 2012, in a bid to 'maximise income' from the facilities. This is likely to mean a rise in charges for most facilities.

But asked how he would spend a hypothetically increased budget, Willie replied: 'Better communication. There is lots going on in Argyll and Bute but not everybody knows about it.'

'We want people to be more pro-active by shouting about what they do in sport locally.'

'It can be difficult for anyone moving into the area, or people who want to get back into sport, to know what is out there for them.'



Willie Young pictured with Scotland manager Craig Levein.

## Ballycastle to Kintyre swim

NEXT summer a man is hoping to become the first person to successfully swim between the Ballycastle coastline in Ireland and Kintyre.

South African Wayne Soutter believes he can be the first to complete the challenge, which has seen many endurance swimmers being unsuccessful in the past.

The 42-year-old hopes not only to achieve this personal goal but to

raise funds to help the vital work of the Community Rescue Service (CRS) in Ireland.

The dad of two, who heads up a computer software company, now lives in London and has already started training.

'No one has ever completed this 10.5 mile swim and many would say it simply can't be done. I would love to be the one to break this mind-set and at the same

time help the good work of the CRS,' Wayne said.

In June next year Wayne will fly to Cork to experience the major tidal currents there and after a short break the next stop is Ballycastle.

Last year Wayne conquered the English Channel at his first attempt.

The big challenge is planned for some time in July, August or September when the jellyfish population should be sparse and the seas calmer.

'For me it's the challenge of swimming a stretch of water that no one else has managed to swim as far as we are aware. To me that is a record-breaker.'

The fact that the Straits of Moyle are among the most dangerous waters on the planet is an added plus,' he said.

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East Kilbride YM	6	3	1	2	14	13	10
Paisley	4	3	0	1	12	10	9
Aikenhead Thistle 'B'	6	2	3	1	15	14	9
Cambria 'B'	8	2	2	4	18	21	8
Lochgilphead Red Star	8	2	1	5	15	25	7
Duncanrig FP 'B'	6	1	1	4	7	17	4
Port Glasgow Hibs	3	1	0	2	8	7	3
Whitehill FP	4	1	0	3	13	15	3

## Division One league placings

BOTH Tarbert and Red Star will be looking forward to the resumption of the SAFL for differing reasons - Tarbert to consolidate their league position and Red Star to climb up the table

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