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OBE for a 'delighted' Jolomo in honours list

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. It's all quite surreal at the moment.'

Deemed one of Scotland's best-loved landscape artists, Jolomo set up the Jolomo Lloyds TSB Scotland prize for new or emerging landscape painters, which he hopes will encourage a revival of interest in the genre.

Jolomo and his wife, Maureen, are both involved with several charities, including the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, of which he is a Patron. The family also contribute to local charities including the MS Centre and the Dochas Centre in Lochgilphead, as well as the Ravens Trust in Strachur and Dalmally-



John Lowrie Morrison is to be awarded an OBE after being named in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

based charity, Mary's Meals.

After deciding to devote himself to painting full-time, Jolomo was able to embark on a course of theological study, which culminated in his appointment as a reader in the Church of Scotland

in 2002. Jolomo now preaches across the Argyll presbytery.

Jolomo should receive his OBE from the Queen in the next six months.

He added: 'To be recognised in this way for doing things you love leaves me speechless.'

School closure proposals axed

Under-fire council to draw up new plans for future of primary education

CONTROVERSIAL proposals to close up to 25 rural primary schools in Argyll and Bute have been axed.

At a special meeting of the full council on Wednesday, members agreed to go back to the drawing board after claims their original decision to consult on schools closures was based on inaccurate information.

Members have now decided to hold a new review encompassing all primary schools in the area - not just the rural primaries.

A report before councillors, compiled by the Scottish Rural Schools Network (SRSN), claims to provide new facts, figures and alternative findings to November's original closure consultation documents.

Sandy Longmuir, author of the report, said he was 'shocked' by

By **JENNY SUTHERLAND**

original document.

He cited 'fundamental errors' when calculating figures for each affected school and after the meeting said he viewed the decision as 'a step in the right direction but not a victory'.

Council officers will now examine claims made in the SRSN's report before a new set of proposals are brought to the table on March 3.

Councillor Ellen Morton, spokeswoman for education and lifelong learning, will oversee the review.

She said: 'I want everyone to be clear that our decision to suspend the current process allows us to reconsider our review of the entire primary school estate and will not impact on our plans to implement decisions in October

2011. I am in no doubt that we still have very difficult decisions ahead of us.'

Councillor Morton, who took up her new role in November, added: 'What's important is the future of our children's education, not who said what, or who did what. We now need to move forward collectively on this.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, of Argyll First, who was one of nine councillors to request Wednesday's special full

council meeting, said: 'We must ensure that when we continue with the new consultation, it is open and transparent.'

The council's education budget accounts for 29 per cent of its overall budget; it intends to reduce this by 15 per cent over the next three years, attempting to claw back around £12million.

Argyll and Bute Council will consider its entire budget for 2011-12 at a meeting on February 10.

Cash machine warning

RESIDENTS in Mid Argyll are being asked to report anything suspicious at bank ATMs after a suspicious device was found at an ATM in Campbeltown.

Police in Lochgilphead advise people to report anything that looks out of place or different to the bank or telephone them on 01546 702200.

Reported to fiscal

A 35-YEAR-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal he was allegedly found with a knife in Ardfern on New Year's Day. He was arrested and charged with obstructing police officers, being in possession of a knife as well as drug offences.

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Fuel prices set to soar

MOTORISTS in Argyll are having to fork out up to 133 pence a litre for fuel as petrol and diesel prices continue to rocket.

Motoring group, the AA has warned drivers across the country that things are only going to get worse with the VAT increase which came into effect on Tuesday (January 4).

Calls are now being made to the UK Government to introduce a fuel regulator process as VAT went up from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent.

Britain is now the tenth most expensive country in Europe for unleaded and second highest for

'Highway robbery', says Jim Mather MSP

diesel, according to the AA's report.

The AA also say that a two-car family's fuel costs will rise by £104 to more than £1,700.

High

In Mid Argyll prices remain high. As the *Advertiser* went to press this week, Lochgilphead's two filling stations, Tesco Esso and the Riverside were both selling petrol for 124.9 and 127.9 respectively and diesel 128.9 and 131.9. Kintyre Filling Station in Tarbert had unleaded at 127.9p a

litre and diesel at 133.9 a litre.

Jim Mather, Argyll and Bute MSP, said: 'I make no apology for returning once again to the quite scandalous situation where in an oil rich country like Scotland we are paying the highest fuel prices in Europe.'

'The Treasury must take steps to stop this form of escalating highway robbery because there can be little dispute that these soaring fuel prices are seriously hindering economic recovery.'

'Every form of goods and services that is delivered to and carried from the Highlands and Islands carries an additional cost burden because of the increased level of fuel price that is involved.'

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Lodge donates to CHAS

Libby Gold, director of Care at Robin House hospice, accepts a £300 cheque from Jimmy Purdie, Master of Lodge Loch Fyne. The money was raised at a recent raffle in the Lodge. The Lodge has made several donations to the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) and this year the Grand Lodge of Scotland hopes its support will pass the £500,000 mark. Ms Gold said they were very busy at this time of year and she is most appreciative of all donations.

Scottish Water praised

THE 'HERCULEAN' efforts of Scottish Water staff and contractors in Argyll have been praised by Michael Russell MSP.

The Argyll and Bute SNP candidate said: 'Some people with frozen or broken pipes on their own premises have had to endure longer outages unfortunately, but I know that where Scottish Water has been responsible it has, in the words of its chairman, 'moved heaven and earth' in order to ensure reconnections to the system.'

Scottish Water saw an 800 per cent increase in calls in the two days after Christmas as residents experienced burst and cracked pipes.

Big year for 'wee paper'

THIS year sees the Argyllshire Advertiser celebrate a milestone birthday - we're 125 years old! And to celebrate our success, some changes are afoot.

We're constantly striving to give our readers the best coverage from our towns and villages and so, starting next week, we will feature more pages of Mid Argyll news as well as dedicated district pages. The new-look pages will include snippets of news from across the area and as ever - we want you - the readers - to get involved!

From Facebook to our ever-expanding website, we're constantly striving to provide fast, up-to-date information whilst holding onto our roots.

We hope readers from all over Mid Argyll will contribute to our new-look paper - whatever it is - we want to know about it! We'd also love to hear from readers who remember the older editions of the 'Squeak'. Do you have a favourite story or memory? Get in touch.

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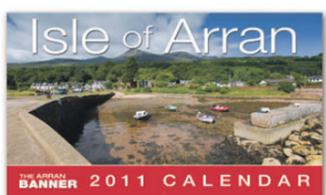


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Hydro scheme gets green light

A HYDRO scheme that can power around 1,000 homes in Argyll and Bute has been approved by the Scottish Government.

The 1.7 megawatt (MW) scheme at Ederline, south of Loch Awe, will create around seven jobs during construction.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth John Swinney said: 'This hydro development follows Scotland's long tradition of harnessing green energy from our vast water resources.'

'This scheme will feed enough green power into the grid for around 1,000 homes - while a relatively

modest scheme, this will provide sustainable economic benefits and is an excellent example of using our natural assets in harmony with the environment to create new, low carbon jobs.'

Mr Swinney determined the application as it falls in the constituency of Energy Minister Jim Mather.

No public representations were received during the planning stage of the project, which was carried out by Gilkes Energy Ltd.

The Scottish Government's target is to meet 80 per cent of electricity demand from renewables by 2020.

Suspected drink driver

A MAN suspected of driving his car whilst over the legal limit was stopped by police in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, last Friday (December 30).

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon, in connection with the incident.

Furnace crash

A MAN needed hospital treatment after he crashed his car on the A83 near Auchindrain on Hogmanay.

Police and ambulance crews were called to the scene and the man was taken to the Mid Argyll Hospital where he was treated for an injury to his head.

Education Secretary refutes claims he breached conduct code

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute calls on Mr Russell to resign

EDUCATION Secretary Mike Russell has refuted claims he breached the Minister's Code of Conduct by appearing to advise local SNP members on proposed school closures in Argyll and Bute.

Mr Russell, who is the party's prospective Scottish parliamentary candidate for the constituency, claims he has done nothing wrong and said his comments, contained in an email, were a 'normal response' to an issue raised by a councillor.

In the leaked email – marked urgent and in confidence – sent a week before the council was due to vote on the proposal to close 25 schools, Mr Russell expressed concern that the SNP group seemed to be supporting the consultation. He also stated that backing the proposed closures would cause 'severe problems which could be very destructive to our reputation and prospects'.

He also branded

council officials 'obdurate'; states the SNP group should leave the coalition, if the council leader would not withdraw the proposals; and said there were eight or nine schools that could be closed 'with minimal difficulty'.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, called on Mr Russell to resign as a result.

He said: 'Mr Russell was acting officially on behalf of the Scottish Government when he wrote that eight to nine

schools in Argyll and Bute should close and that council officials were 'obdurate'. This is unwarranted interference by the Scottish Government in council business.'

Mr Russell said: 'I have made it clear from the beginning that I wouldn't make the final decision if this issue was called in [to the Scottish Government].'

'I was not advising councillors on how to vote, I was having a normal conversation. I think



Mary is pictured Craig Johnstone and the Head and Depute Head teachers Catriona Hood, John Welsh and May Taylor.

Mary says goodbye to Tarbert

A TARBERT dinner lady has waved goodbye to the village Academy after 16 years service.

Mary McNicol retired from her role as Canteen Supervisor on December 31.

Pupils said goodbye to Mary before the school holidays.

During a primary one to secondary six assembly, Mary was presented with flowers by Tarbert Academy Head Boy, Craig Johnstone.

Head teacher, Catriona Hood, praised Mary's kindness to the children in her care and her willingness to be flexible, accommodating and to share in the whole life of the school. Mary has also been great fun as a colleague with and her sayings will be fondly remembered – as will she.

Given her length of service, Mary was presented an Argyll and Bute Council clock by Primary 3 pupil Rachael Christie.

Dont be a Dumb Dumper!

DID you have a nice Christmas? Did you get lots of lovely presents and was your tree nice?

Good! Now make sure you get rid of all that empty packaging and the tree properly and don't be a Dumb Dumper!

Flytipped waste is still a problem in Scotland; at Christmas waste becomes a blot on the Scottish landscape over the festive season.

Last year, hundreds of calls were received over the Christmas holiday season, reporting flytipping incidences to the Dumb Dumpers hotline.

Encouraging

This year, the Scottish Flytipping Forum is encouraging Scottish homes to dispose of their festive waste properly, in household bins and freely at licensed waste sites.

Dumb Dumpers is the Scottish Flytipping Forum's campaign for reporting and dealing with flytipping.

To call the Dumb Dumpers hotline on 0845 2 30 40 90 to report it. Incidences of flytipping can also be reported on www.dumbdumpers.org.

Twitter for the tweeters

AN urgent plea has been made to protect some of Britain's favourite songbirds in the freezing winter weather.

The charity Song Bird Survival warned that some species may be in danger of near extinction as a result of the cold spell. They drew parallels with the winter of 1963 when over 80 percent of Britain's wren population died.

Encourage

The charity urged people up and down the country to put out food for songbirds. And they have even set up a special Twitter account – Saving Song Birds - to encourage people to care for birds like robins, wrens, bullfinches, tree sparrows and song thrushes.

Recent figures show that over 60 percent of Britain's songbirds have been wiped out in a generation.

'We wanted to reach a younger generation to make them aware of the massive problems facing songbirds this winter,' said Song Bird Survival chairman Clive Sherwood.

Song Bird Survival said that in addition to the cold weather there is the increasing concern over the number of birds killed by record numbers of predators like, cats, sparrowhawks, crows, grey squirrels and foxes.

Killed

They said that well over 200 million songbirds are killed by predators every year or put another

way, 20,000 songbirds are killed by predators every hour of every day in Britain. And they insisted immediate action was needed to properly manage the balance of Britain's wildlife.

Commissioning

'Even the once common house sparrow is down 75 per cent,' said Mr Sherwood. 'We have been commissioning high quality peer reviewed research in this area. We are starting to find that some species could be threatened with extinction, such as the tree sparrow, at one stage down 97 per cent due to the resurgence of the sparrowhawk.'

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Recycle your Christmas cards

JAMIE McGrigor MSP, Shadow Minister for the Environment, is urging people to recycle Christmas cards.

He said: 'Many supermarkets and other shops will be providing bins for members of the public to dispose of their cards and they are to be commended for doing this. Some retailers are also working with charities such as the Woodland Trust Scotland who are pledging to plant new

woodlands in return for recycled cards.

'Recycling has the potential to reduce significantly

the demand for landfill and natural resources as well as preserving existing woodland.'

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Is your business in good shape for the New Year?

WITH the festive period over many small businesses are using the start of the New Year to review their activities and plan the year ahead. Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is on hand to help entrepreneurs develop their plans with a team of experienced Business Advisers.

Argyll and Bute's Council Leader and spokesman for the economy Councillor Dick Walsh, said: 'Evaluating how your business has fared to date and developing a realistic plan of action is important to help your business survive and grow.'

'Discussing your ideas in confidence with an impartial business adviser from Business Gateway could help your growth ambitions to be achieved.'

Whether business owners are looking for help in reaching new markets, developing new products or want specific advice around sources of funding or taking on employees, Business Gateway can help through its adviser support, comprehensive website www.bgateway.com and a range of workshops. To find out more or to book an appointment with a business adviser contact business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01546 605 459.

Managing the VAT rate change

The standard rate of VAT increased from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent on January 4. The way that businesses should account for this change depends upon the type of business, but for any sales of standard-rated goods or services made on or after January 4

2011 businesses must charge VAT at the 20 per cent rate. Retailers must clearly show prices inclusive of VAT but have up to 28 days following the change to adjust their prices. So, from January 4 to February 1, retailers can put up a notice to let customers know that an adjustment will be made at the till to account for the VAT rate change, but they must use the 20 per cent rate for all takings received on or after January 4.

Similarly, businesses issuing VAT invoices on or after January 4 must use the 20 per cent rate.

However, there are special rules for sales which span the change of rate. More information on the change in the VAT rate and how it applies to businesses can be found at www.bgateway.com.

Self-assessment deadline approaching for the self-employed

Business Gateway is also reminding anyone in self-employment that the deadline for self-assessment online submissions is midnight January 31. Normally anyone registered as self employed with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will need to complete an online or paper tax return, to tell HMRC about their income and capital gains or to claim tax allowances or reliefs.

The local Business Gateway team is on hand to offer advice on completing self-assessment and can be contacted at business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or 01546 605 459.

JIM Mather, MSP for Argyll and Bute has joined with party colleagues in calling upon the UK government to treat Mountain Rescue teams fairly and refund or remove VAT from mountain rescue services

There was a pledge made by Lib Dem candidates before the May 2010 election.

Jim Mather said: 'My colleague Michael Matheson, MSP for Falkirk West, who is a member of Ochils Mountain Rescue, has already written to the UK Treasury Minister, Danny Alexander calling for the abolition of VAT charges on the services of mountain rescue teams. I too have written to the Treasury Minister in support.'

'Mr Alexander is the MP for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, a constituency that has several mountain rescue teams and he would be expected to have some appreciation of the sterling work that such volunteers contribute to the common good.' In the run up to the May elections Mr Alexander said on the record: 'It

has never been right that a vital service which relies on donations from the public and extraordinary commitment from volunteers gets hit by the government for a sizeable tax payment.'

It is estimated that the present VAT charges on mountain rescue fall between £150,000 and £200,000 a year.

Loch Fyne seafood expert set for development programme

A SEAFOOD expert from Cairndow-based Loch Fyne Oysters is heading to Boston next year after being selected for a top entrepreneurship programme.

David Attwood, production director at the prestigious Loch Fyne seafood company, will join five other Scottish candidates to take part in the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP).

Run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Sloan School of Management, the course takes place on-site at MIT in Boston, America.

David Attwood said: 'I'm delighted to have been selected for a place on the MIT EDP. 'Loch Fyne Oysters is always looking for new ways to develop and grow its business and I am looking forward to exploring new ideas through the course.'

David was selected as a successful candidate through the Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) competition to find ambitious entrepreneurs.



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Stephanie Anderson, Development Manager, HIE, said: 'The EDP participants learn to hone their customer focus and entrepreneurial skills, and to create a more favourable climate for innovation and entrepreneurship in their organisations, which in turn will help develop the entrepre-

neurial ecosystem here in the Highlands and Islands.

'The course is aimed at the most ambitious global businesses with growth potential and aspirations.'

Each year, HIE sponsors six Highlands and Islands businesses to take part on the programme.

Late payers cost time and money

SCOTTISH businesses could be losing as much as £105 million a year chasing customer late payment, according to new research.

The nationwide survey of business owners and managers by Bibby Financial Services has revealed that firms in Scotland spend a total of 918,000 days a year chasing customers for payments, which equates to an annual cost of £987 per firm.

The report also shows that nearly a quarter (21 per cent) of businesses in Scotland have been chasing much harder for payment over the last year, a worrying statistic considering the UK economy has returned to growth.

The situation could be about to get a lot worse for firms in Scotland if the Coalition Government repeals Darling's 2010 Budget pledge and increases the Govern-

ment's payment terms on invoices from five days, as announced in March 2010 to assist the cash flow of small businesses, to 30 days to save the Government millions of pounds.

'Our research demonstrates that late payment continues to be one of the biggest challenges faced by the region's small and medium-sized businesses,' said David Matthewson of Bibby Financial Services.

Retirement and an honour for Ella

FOR an Islay woman, 2010 ended and 2011 began both on high notes

Ella Edgar, who has been with Bruichladdich since the reopening of the Islay distillery in 2001 retired before Christmas.

And in the New Year's Honours List she was awarded an MBE for her voluntary work in the fields of Highland and Scottish country dancing and her dedica-



Ella Edgar

tion to teaching youngsters on the island.

Ella's career started with Ardbeg at the age of 19 until the distillery closed. Her working life has been spent in clerical administra-

tion; half in distilleries, either Ardbeg or Bruichladdich and the other half at Port Ellen school.

Away from work is a well-known Highland dance teacher. A Gaelic speaker, she is a very highly respected member of the Islay community, a very warm, engaging and friendly lady.

Managing director Mark Reynier said Ella's home baking would

be missed as well.

He paid tribute to her hard work: 'It was tough back then getting the company off the ground. There were a lot of activity, both emotional and physical; expectations were high and money was short. Through these very difficult, early times Ella was the stalwart who kept the show on the road, liaising with staff, contractors, visitors and suppliers.'

Grant writes to the NHS

HIGHLANDS and islands Labour MSP Rhoda Grant is writing to NHS Highland after learning that the Board has been deprived of £20million for future projects by the Scottish Government.

Rhoda Grant said: 'I am extremely concerned about this because I believe that the Scottish Government should not be able to take this money which has already been granted to the Board. However, my greater concern is that capital projects within the NHS Highland Board area will be affected.'

Flu jab

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Jim Mather is urging at-risk groups to get their free flu vaccination.

Mr Mather is concerned that many people are unaware that they are eligible for a free jab including pregnant women.

He said: 'It only takes a minute to get a jab, but it will keep you protected for 12 months, and could potentially save your life. I would urge people to make an appointment with their GP for their free vaccination.'

Correction

FURTHER to our article on Friday, December 24, 2010, (Christmas Tree Festival) we would like to clarify that the story was about Lochgilphead Parish Church's Christmas Tree Festival.

The festival was not held in St Margaret's Church, as was wrongly stated in the article.

We would like to apologise for any confusion or upset this error may have caused.

High School musicians short-listed for national music competition

TWO TALENTED Lochgilphead High School pupils are one step closer to performing at Scotland's largest winter music festival after being shortlisted in a nationwide music competition.

Musical duo Mairi Voinot and Robbie McDougal beat off stiff competition from schools across the country to become one of three finalist acts in the ScottishPower Powerful Performance contest.

If successful, the pair will perform in the main auditorium of the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall later this month, and also on the Danny Kyle Open Stage.

Renowned harp player and co-founder of the Scottish folk group The Unusual Suspects, Corinna Hewat, sat on the judging panel to determine the short list.

She said: 'Well done to the pupils at Lochgilphead High School for being shortlisted for the Scottish-

'We received a lot of fantastic entries'

Power Powerful Performance competition. We received a lot of really fantastic entries, and it was a big challenge for the panel to narrow these down to three finalists.

Merged Beautifully

'Mairi and Robbie put forward a strong arrangement, which included performances of Rattlin' Roarin' Willie, St Kilda's Wedding and Atholl Highlanders. The violin (played by Mairi) and the guitar (played by Robbie) merged beautifully and the overall entry was both rhythmic and distinctive.'

Fiona Simpson, music teacher at the high school, said: 'We are all over the moon that two of our Lochgilphead pupils have been selected as finalists for the ScottishPower Powerful Performance - it's a great achievement for the school. Mairi and Robbie spent a lot of time working on their entry and had a lot of fun doing so. We would also like to say a big thanks to Dave Baggaley for doing the recording.'

ScottishPower is once again sponsoring Celtic Connections in 2011. The event will be launched next Thursday, January 13, with a torchlight parade in Glasgow's George Square.



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The mysterious Marriage Tree

THE MYTH of Inveraray's Marriage Tree has been passed down through the generations.

Following an article in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* recently, the mystery surrounding the tree has been reignited.

Information

Inveraray historian,

Rae MacGregor, contacted the *Advertiser* with some information on the marriage tree, along with this poem.

Rae said that it is believed the tree was planted in or around 1650 and was part of a beech avenue behind Inveraray.

It grew in two trunks from the major one about 20ft upwards.

Crashed

But during the night of April 23-24 1939 the tree crashed to the ground, when legend has it there was not a breath of wind in the night air.

The tree got its name

because according to local legend, anyone about to be married must hop, blindfolded, three times round the tree trunk. If this was done successfully, marriage within the year was assured.

The following poem sums up the mystery of the tree.



The Marriage Tree.

A'e nìcht I gaed tae hae turn along the banks of Cromalt Burn

Auld nature's bonny works tae see as shown in mony a flo'er and tree

An' as I mused on days gaen bye wi' mony a weary thought and sigh

Recalling some, noo in the clay, who of-ten times this road did stray

An' like mysel' noo had their share o' a' this weary toil and care

Which is the lot I rather fear of a' the folk who sojourn here

Thus dandering on in gloomy mood, beneath a famous tree I stood

The Marriage Tree, kened far and near by all the folks who live roon here

A tree possessing wondrous fame for las-sies who would change their name

An' laddies tae sae I suppose, and this is how the story goes!

A'them wha would their fortunes dree maun blind fold gae thrice roon the tree

An' if they stumble not, they can, before a year hae wife or man

There's something in't noo mark my word, although you'll think it quite absurd

For some I ken wha tried the spell hae found it true---I did mysel'!

Noo lang I loved my Flora dear but loves appeal she wad na hear

Her cruel scorn my hert aft wrung, she mocking said I'm faur ower young

This nìcht I just made up my mind some other maiden fair to find

And settle doon in wedlocks yoke among my native place folk

Aft times the morning dull and grey doth usher in a sunny day

Sae may o'er hearts when pained and sad, by unseen po'ers may soon made glad

An', sae it was wi' me that nìcht for as I mourned my weary plight

My hopeless and my weary lot, a reestle on the back I got

And turning roon, my Flora dear in a' her beauty did appear

"Ye gowk" said she, wi' launching een, "Ye're quite the biggest fool I've seen!"

Tae think a man your time o'life, a man who wants tae tak' a wife

Would wander tae the Marriage Tree is unco sad, folk will agree!

An likely ye've been walking roon---So are ye tae be marrit soon!

"Na na" said I "My flora tell, what is it brings ye here yersel'?"

If your sweet thoughts I can divine, your errand's just the same as mine!"

I want a wife---you want a man---I think that we no better can

Than just upon the matter' gree this nìcht beneath the Marriage Tree

An' as I lo'e ye all my life just say that you will be my wife

Wi' dooncast e'e she blushed fu' sweet, while my puir hert did quickly beat

Says she at last wi' roguish eye "We'll let the Marriage Tree reply

This hankie that's sae nice and clean I'll just tie roon about ye're e'en

And if ye walk the journey right, my answer will be "yes" this night

Around the tree I then did jink, I was fu' carefu' you may think!

The task performed as you'll surmise I wa-sna slow tae claim the prize!

Linked arm in arm we wandered then through Easachossain's bonny glen

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Alcohol - the 'glue' that keeps us together?



As the party season comes to an end and we pledge to embark on a healthy booze free New Year alcohol councillor Peter Garrett of Encompass, an alcohol and drug counselling service, reminds us why it is so important we keep that promise.

'THE INTRIGUING myth is that alcohol is regarded as a social glue and something that keeps society together,' says Peter. 'But in reality it is the most divisive substance freely and legally available.'

'It's no secret that Scotland has a higher proportion of alcohol related problems and alcohol related deaths than any other part of the UK.'

'In many regions including the west coast of Scotland, the Highlands and islands, more than 50 per cent of all male deaths are alcohol related. This is either through alcohol related diseases, such as kidney failure and sclerosis, or accident.'

Majority

In fact in 2009 a total of seven drug related deaths occurred in Argyll and Bute alone, the majority of which were caused by alcohol.

And consumption of alcohol lands people in court as well as hospital. Peter said: 'It should be noted that alcohol is cited as a mitigating factor in nearly 80 per cent of all crime committed by offenders in many parts of Scotland.'

'The most notable offences include disorder, violent disorder, breaches of the peace, com-



Peter Garrett from Encompass Alcohol and Drugs is urging people to be sensible with alcohol this New Year. 06_a01alc01

mon assault, domestic violence and most cases of bodily harm right up to murder.'

Whilst Strathclyde Police has launched its drink driving festive campaign it has been revealed that rural Scotland has a higher proportion of drink driving offences than any other region of the UK as a proportion of overall population.

Peter said: 'In the hands of someone over the drink drive limit, unable to make safe judgements, a motor vehicle could be described as being akin to a murder weapon.'

Significant

Peter warns of the harm alcohol can have not just on the individual but those around them. 'Abuse of alcohol plays a significant part in reasons given for divorce and most marital and relationship problems.'

'In fact, alcohol, or specifically the over-indulgence in or abuse of alcohol, is responsible for more partnership breakdowns and social ills than any other mis-used substance. Excessive drinking by one or

both partners can lead to the break-up many marriages or partnerships and is a major cause of children being taken into care.'

Alcohol is a double-

Discontent

'Used sensibly alcohol is socially acceptable and an aid to social integration,' he says. 'However, the reality is that in Scotland, including large parts of Mid Argyll, alcohol is creating far more dysfunctional families and is the cause of more social discontent than any other single factor.'

'Everybody of appropriate age has the right to consume alcohol, but sadly alcohol doesn't respect the ability of many people who imbibe to do so responsibly and within the limits of their own alcohol tolerances. That's where the problems begin from both a personal and a social perspective.'



In Mid Argyll alcohol is the cause of more social discontent than any other single factor.

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Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 4 January, 1985

Yacht series stays

THE TOMATIN Series of yacht races, a mainstay of the Tarbert economy, will continue, say organisers of The Clyde Cruising Club.

The news comes one week after it emerged the event's main sponsor, whisky firm Tomatin Distillers, is to fold.

However, the event, reckoned to be the largest muster of yachts in Europe apart from Cowes, will go under a different name – The Scottish Series.

The 1985 series is scheduled for May 23-28 but fears were raised for its future when it was reported last Saturday that Tomatin Distillers, whose sponsorship is worth £18,000, were calling an extraordinary meeting to wind up the company.

However, Nick Wright, Rear-Commodore of the Clyde Cruising Club, has told *The Advertiser* that the event will continue, 'what was Tomatin will be run next year,' he said.

Tarbert councillor Douglas Robertson said: 'It is a vital cog in the economy of this area. It is not the first time people have said it is the difference between profit and loss in many a business.'

Lochgilhead hosts badminton international

ARGYLL is to host an international sporting event this week as Lochgilhead plays home to the Scottish Badminton team.

The Scottish side will play a team from Ireland on January 10 at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

John Cowx, manager at the sports centre, said he was delighted that Lochgilhead was chosen.

He explained the Scottish Badminton Union have a policy of trying to include town's outwith the central belt in their choice of venues for international games.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I WONDER how many ploughshares will be in our churches this Sunday – for this Sunday is *Plough Sunday*.

This is more an English than a Scottish custom, and I think it's a lovely one!

On this first Sunday after Epiphany it is an opportunity to acknowledge all the work that is done in the fields and celebrate the beginning of the agricultural year.

Ploughshares are brought into church and prayers are said for the blessing of the land. In some rural areas farmers attend the service on their tractors – (that would certainly liven things up!)

Anyway when I see how hard our farmers work in these parts, I really think we should ask a blessing for the land and especially for those who work it.

As one who grew up in the city I never truly appreciated the long hours the farmers work in all weather to tend the beasts and harvest the crops.

The familiar sight of the well-kent tractors are evident, literally from dawn to dusk – and sometimes beyond if rain is forecast and the silage needs to be gathered.

Of course we have our Harvest services in Autumn, but what a lovely idea to ask for blessings on the land and on our farmers at the start of the year.

Soon behalf of all of us who benefit from all of you who labour in the fields, may you be blessed with fair weather, good health and crops in abundance. And, by the way, if anyone has a spare seat on their tractor, I would appreciate a lift on Sunday!



Down Memory Lane

This Week's Down Memory Lane was taken from the *Advertiser's* archives and shows the BBC's Pudsey Bear herding sheep in a field at Ardfern. The picture was taken by our Scottish Field photographer, Roy Summers, in November 1993. To submit a photograph to this section of the paper, email our news desk – editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or drop it into our office at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilhead or telephone 01546 602345.

Sustaining our fisheries

Sir,

In reply to Mr Murray's letter of December 24.

Mr Murray quotes a comment made by John Adair some 310 years ago about the state of the seas around Scotland.

Unfortunately in the 21st century the misconception of fishermen fishing unsustainably is perceived to be the norm by people with similar views as Mr Murray.

I would point out to Mr Murray that fishermen in the Argyll (Oban, Tarbert, Carradale, Campbeltown et al) fleet are constrained by European Law in what they can fish for, can or cannot land. Cod, Haddock and Whiting are classed by the E.U. Commission as a by-catch of the Nethrop Trawl Fishery on the West of Scotland, this means that any of these species over a tolerance of 2.5% must be returned to the sea dead or alive, to retain 2.5% there must be aboard the vessel, in layman's terms, no less

than 100kg of Nethrops to retain 2.5kg Cod, Haddock and Whiting combined.

I have had Independent Observer's auditing the by-catch of fish on my vessel on 3 occasions during 2010 getting a figure of -1% total fish by-catch of all species. My vessel has also been independently audited by Moodie Marine, on behalf of Seafish, to ensure that it fishes responsibly and takes all environmental considerations into account in its operations.

Clyde fishermen have redesigned their fishing gear to deliberately avoid a by-catch of fish whilst Nethrop Trawling, the Nethrop Stock in the Clyde, is according to Scientific Advice, being fished sustainably.

Clyde fishermen fully supported C.O.A.S.T. in the implementation

of the No Take Zone in Lamlash Bay, Arran.

Wake up yourself Mr Murray, there are other important factors in the decline of Salmon, Sea Trout, Cod etc to be taken into consideration before advocating the ruin of the fishing industry and fishing villages of Argyll.

**John MacDougall,
Ardglass,
Tarbert.**

Schools errors

Sir,
Cleland Sneddon's letter (December 24, 2010 – 'Argyll rural schools network is wrong') attempts to continue the deception of the people of Argyll and Bute. His claims that the consultation process is open would be laughable if they were not about such a serious topic. Council officers paid

for and received advice on how to manipulate the consultation process, including the shocking statement 'There is the prospect of embarrassment (e.g. over the excellent HMIe report on Minard)..... I would miss this section out.' The proposals affecting Minard Primary School contained significant factual errors when approved by the Council. We, and our friends from other schools in the Argyll Rural Schools Network (ARSN), are forced to use Freedom of Information legislation to help us find the facts to help us make the case to save our schools. The process is anything but open. We understand the difficulties facing the Council, but that does not provide an excuse for withholding information nor does

it allow Mr Sneddon to be critical of us for requesting information that the Council should have published from the outset. We are members of ARSN because together we can make sure that when it comes to school closures, the Council follows a legal, open and fair process.

**Brian Barker,
Chairman,
Minard Primary
School Parent Council.**

Red Cross thanks

Sir,

2010 has seen some of the worst natural disasters in living memory with millions of lives devastated in Haiti, Chile and Pakistan. Yet thanks to your readers' generosity the Red Cross is making a difference for thousands of people every day.

In the immediate aftermath of the Haiti earthquake last year, the British Red Cross response, supported by millions of pounds from the UK public, was huge. Hundreds of thousands of people have received emergency Red Cross healthcare, vaccinations, clean water and basic sanitation. Hundreds of thousands more have received emergency shelters and essential relief supplies. And we are continuing to respond to the cholera outbreak by supporting medical facilities, carrying out hygiene education activities and establishing cholera treatment centres.

Across the world, and in the UK, Red Cross volunteers are also responding to thousands of smaller, unreported disasters. Recent severe weather in the UK has seen our volunteers ferry medical staff to and from hospitals and deliver medicines to people trapped in their homes. All over the globe volunteers are working in their local communities, providing relief and helping build people's resilience so they are prepared should disaster strike again. The process of rebuilding lives after a crisis can take years. Your readers' generosity has ensured the Red Cross can be there for the long term. Thank you.

**Sir Nicholas Young,
Chief Executive,
The British Red Cross.**

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Tarbert's young talent at the Templar Hall

TARBERT villagers enjoyed a festive evening, raising money for the RNLI and CHAS.

Those braving the chilly evening temperatures were



The Fejes String Quartet.

New Year chamber music concerts

THE PRESTIGIOUS Fejes String Quartet - led by Hungarian violinist Tamas Fejes are the first guest artists of the New Year for Mid Argyll on Saturday January 8 and Kintyre, Monday 10, and their attractive programme comprises quartets by Mozart, Bartok and Debussy.

The quartet was formed in 2005 by senior members of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) and Tamas is joined by Elita Bungard (violin), Mike Lloyd (viola) and Rachel Lee (cello).

A wealth of chamber music experience is thus brought together, and the Fejes Quartet is a popular visitor to Scottish music clubs delighting in their playing and their audience interaction.

Both concerts start at 7.30pm and please note the Campbeltown date change to Monday evening, with tickets at the door, and both clubs hope that music lovers in Mid Argyll and Kintyre can make the first concert of 2011 and welcome this talented quartet on their ABCT tour.

treated to a delightful evening of Christmas songs and music from top performers aged between six and 18 years.

With Templar Hall full to capacity, there was almost no more room at the inn for the latecomers.

An outstanding vocal group with Rachael MacFarlane, Fiona-Jean Arnot and Anna Preston, all aged 17, wowed the audiences with their beautiful harmony singing of some traditional Christmas carols and upbeat jazzy Christmas songs. The award-winning Tarbert Academy Folk Group (Emma MacFarlane, Niamh MacKaveney, Lucy Kemp-Smith and Emma Kok aged 14, 13 and 11) also gave heart-rending and stunning performances of some traditional Gaelic and Scottish songs.

Other acts included star guitar and song duo, 16-year old Caragh Sinclair and Lauren Prentice, with their rousing version of *Caledonia* and a very Christmassy *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. Members of

the folk group also performed brilliantly in duets and Niamh MacKaveney gave a lovely solo performance of the *Ashokan Farewell* on the violin.

The youngest performer, six-year-old Jean McPhee, ensured that there wasn't a dry eye in the house, with her absolutely beautiful duet-singing, together with Emma Kok.

The audience was thrilled by all the young performers' musicality, instrumental skills and incredible voices and were then also treated to traditional Christmas fare of mince pies, cake and non-alcoholic mulled wine. A Christmas sing-along to warm everyone for the cold journey home, rounded the evening off perfectly.

'It was such an enjoyable evening and it was so nice to watch such wonderful performances from young people in Tarbert. And seeing the little girls singing, it was like something from a Disney film, perfect,' enthused one concert-goer.

The organising group



Emma Kok and Niamh MacKaveney.

was really pleased with both the talented young performers and the turnout on that very chilly night. The evening raised some £120 which will be split between the RNLI and CHAS.

Hopefully the evening will be the first of many such concerts in which audiences will be treated to performances from talented young musicians from across Mid Argyll.

GRADUATION



Fintan Rochford, son of Simon and Mary Rochford, Barochan Place, Campbeltown recently passed out from Army Foundation College, Harrogate. He is with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Armoured Corps, continuing his Phase 2 training at Bovington, Dorset, before joining his regiment in Germany.

Community Noticeboard

Home-Start Majik is starting a new Volunteer Preparation course on 13th January in Kintyre, if you are a parent and would like give a few hours a week supporting families in Kintyre this course is just for you. It is a comprehensive course and will go over a ten week period (a few hours every Thursday).
Please get in touch with Eleanor asap 01586 551140.

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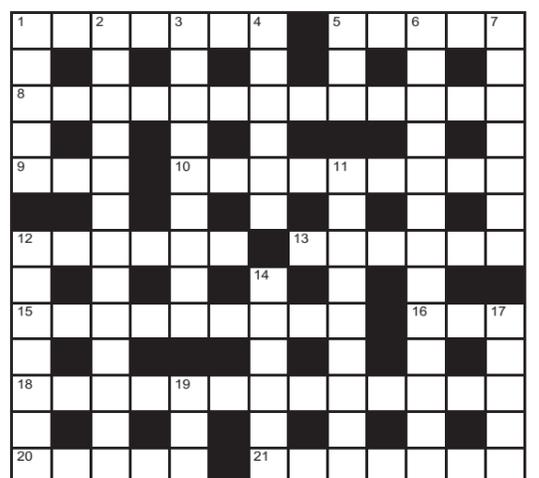
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Synopsis: Megamind. When super villain Megamind defeats his archrival Metro Man, the world should be his oyster. But instead, Megamind falls into total despair. It turns out that life without a rival is life without a point for him. So he creates a new superhero rival. Unfortunately, the new hero wants to be a super villain too. Who can we turn to? Who has what it takes to stand up to this menace? Who will defend the innocent? Megamind! One not to be missed
Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 Heavy Spars (7)
 - 5 Visible (5)
 - 8 rustworthy (13)
 - 9 Blast (3)
 - 10 Brown rodent (6,3)
 - 12 Hostile attitude (6)
 - 13 Manage to leave (6)
 - 15 Ruin with intent (9)
 - 16 Warm bath (3)
 - 18 Being dazzled (4-9)
 - 20 Send, as payment (5)
 - 21 Overact (3,2,2)

- Down**
- 1 All out attack (5)
 - 2 Welcoming area (9,4)
 - 3 Wolf spider (9)
 - 4 Rush (6)
 - 5 Edible grass seed, traditionally eaten by the Scottish? (3)
 - 6 Overabundance (13)
 - 7 Support (7)
 - 11 Port of the Netherlands (9)
 - 12 Consultant (7)
 - 14 End line (6)
 - 17 Author of fables (5)
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According to the AA's Home Emergency Response experts, a burst pipe is the most common cause for a call-out during winter. Last year, homeowners faced an average bill of £343 for home emergencies, as a result of winter weather - but the total cost of a burst pipe incident often far exceeds this.

The damage and distress it would cause also makes a burst pipe the most feared winter. Tom Stringer, head of Home Rescue for the AA, says: 'A burst pipe needn't be such a worry, though. Help yourself by spending an hour giving your home a basic 'MOT'. 'As with your car, it does make a difference and could save you from the cost and distress of a household emergency.'

The AA's Home Emergency Response team has drawn up the following tips: *(If in any doubt, seek professional advice and assistance.)*

INTERIOR OF THE HOME

- Get your boiler serviced regularly by a qualified Gas Safe-registered engineer.
- If you regularly use an open fire or log-burning stove, get the chimney swept.
- Familiarise yourself with the location of your mains water stop valve (it's usually under the sink or stairs), in case you need to shut it off in the event of a burst pipe.
- If you know how to, bleed your radiators, as air pockets reduce their efficiency.
- Check pipes and water tank for missing insulation and arrange replacement if necessary.
- Check windows and doors for draughts – fit draught excluders or repair seals as necessary.
- When required, wipe condensation off windows to help prevent build-up of mould and damp – consider buying a de-humidifier if the problem is persistently bad.
- If your home is going to be empty for a while (for more than a few days) or if you have a second property, keep the thermostat set to low, to stop the temperature dropping too low.
- Keep a torch and spare batteries in a convenient place and have emergency contact numbers to hand, including a local plumber, electrician and gas engineer.

EXTERIOR OF THE HOME

- Walk round and do a visual check of the roof for any missing tiles or damage.
- Check guttering from ground level by looking for signs of water overflowing during heavy rain. Get someone in to rectify if you're not confident on a ladder
- Check exterior walls for any damage that could let water in and inspect windows for cracked panes – arrange repair work as necessary.
- Make sure that brick air vents are clear from obstruction.
- Clear as necessary any drain gratings and pathways.
- Consider purchasing sand/salt and shovel to clear driveways and paths.
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**Feeling the cold this winter?
Struggling to pay winter fuel bills?**

Depending on your personal situation and the construction of your home there may be financial assistance available from the government Energy Assistance Package or from your energy provider to help you. Speak to the Alienergy Affordable Warmth in Argyll team to find out more.

The Affordable Warmth in Argyll project is run by Rebecca Lewis and Tara Livornese and covers the whole of Argyll, Bute, Alexandria and Balloch in West Dunbartonshire, and all the islands. Monthly surgeries are provided in ten locations which are free of charge, confidential and, crucially, impartial. These surgeries re-start in February 2011 - look out for details. Contact the team by email at rebecca@alienergy.org.uk, or tara@alienergy.org.uk or by phoning 07867 681990 or 07876 037650.

Nationwide building society have recently awarded Alienergy a grant to deliver training to carers and support groups on affordable warmth issues and the support that is available to vulnerable groups. Workshops will be available in the New Year, please contact 01631 565183 for further information.

The Alienergy Argyll Energy Information and Awareness project offers energy advice and assistance with energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for communities and individuals. This project has seven energy information and advice points around Argyll:

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- **Mull and Iona Community Trust**, Unit 2, Bunesan, Isle of Mull PA67 6DP
- **Bute Advice Centre**, 22 Bishop Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute PA20 9DG
- **Campbell's Paint & Hardware Shop**, 124-126 Argyll Street, Dunoon PA23 7NA
- **Citizens Advice Bureau**, Oban Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8NG
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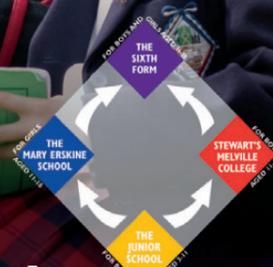


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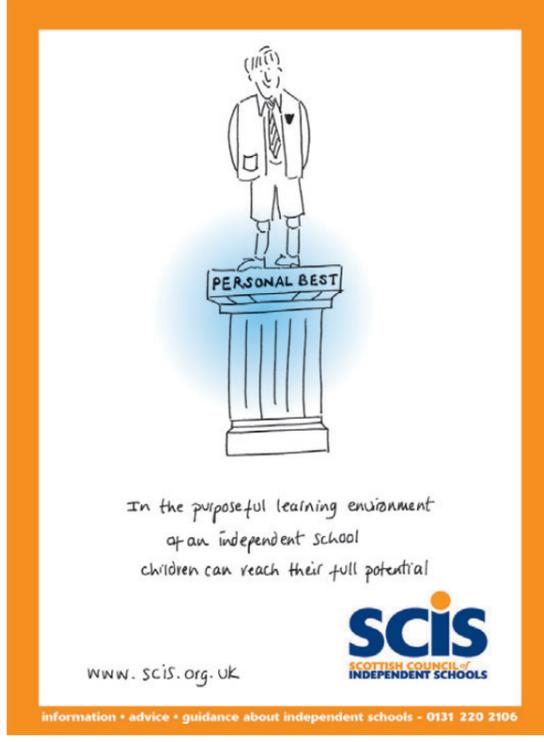
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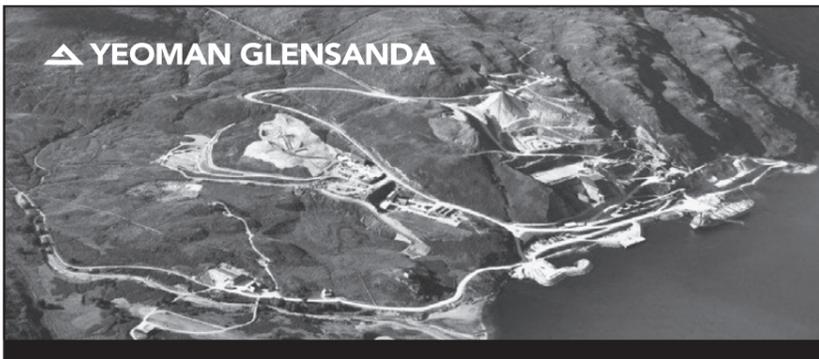
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FINALISED DRAFT PLAN LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

Argyll & Bute Council has prepared the Finalised Draft of the Core Paths Plan. The Plan has been drawn up to provide the public with a system of paths to give reasonable access throughout Argyll & Bute. The plan also details Launching Points where non-motorised users can launch canoes and other small boats. The plan covers the whole of Argyll & Bute outwith Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park.

The Plan is available on the Council's website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/oldp. The document, detailed maps and comments forms are available online. Comments can be made directly from the website.

Copies of the Plan including the maps, may be inspected free of charge during business hours at the Council Offices at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT.

Help with making Comments or Objecting - The Outdoor Access Team can help you in a number of ways including sending you a copy of the documents by post. Feel free to call us to discuss the process and clarify any issues that may concern you. We can send copies of the Core Paths Plan maps for small areas around a house, farm or community by email or by post. Call 01546 604 140.

All representations in support of, or objecting to, the Finalised Draft must be made online or using the Comments Form available with the draft plan. Representations must clearly state the name and address of the commentator, the matters to which the comments relate and the grounds on which they are made. They must be returned to; The Outdoor Access Team

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All representations must be received before 12.00 hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011. Representations received after this date will not be taken into consideration by the council.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Colville will be holding a surgery on Tuesday 11th January in the conference room, Aqualbrium, Kinloch Street, Campbeltown from 6.30pm - 7.00pm.
Councillor Colville can also be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by email rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/07977327751 or by email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre)

Councillor Semple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 553 765 or by email john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor MacMillan can be contacted on Tel: 07979 086093 or an appointment can be made by phoning Members Services on Tel: 01546 604209. Councillor MacMillan can also be contacted by email donald.macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Hay can be contacted on Tel: 01546 604261 or by email alison.hay@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Douglas Philand (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

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PLANNING

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● Ref No: 10/00816/PP

Applicant: Hamish Thomson

Proposal: Erection of a conservatory and formation of a rear dormer window.

Site Address: Ellerig Mhor Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XH

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray

● Ref No: 10/02058/PPP

Applicant: Ms Catherine Pendreigh

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank

Site Address: Plot 1 Land South West Of North Beachmore Farm Muasdale Argyll And Bute

Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Council's website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

CLACHAN, RHUNAHORINE, SKIPNESS AND GLENBARR PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHANGE TO VENUE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

Argyll and Bute Council is consulting on proposals to amalgamate schools, under the terms of the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010. Please note that the venue for the public meeting for Clachan, Rhunahorine, Skipness and Glenbarr Primary Schools is now Tayinloan Village Hall, Tayinloan. The time of 7.00pm. on 18 January 2011 remains the same.

The Scottish Government

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CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

10 January 2011: Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, 6.30 - 9.00pm (refreshments available from 6.00pm)

All members of the public are invited to attend this workshop on the outcomes of the consultation on Scotland's draft plan for offshore wind at this Scottish Government event.

Scottish Government officials will present information on the outcomes of the consultation exercise and an update on further work on offshore wind. Officials will then be on hand to answer questions and hear your views.

The analysis of consultation responses has been published on the Scottish Government website: www.scotland.gov.uk/publications

Please contact the offshore wind consultation team at: offshorewindconsultation@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or on 0131 244 1617 for more information.



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Abstraction or 2894.4 m3 per day of water	Unnamed Burn to Lochan Ceann a Choin	NM 8659 0116
Return of abstracted water approximately 0.45 Km away from abstraction point	Unnamed Burn to Lochan Ceann a Choin	NM 8639 0169

SEPA considers that the above controlled activity has or is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the water environment or the interests of other users of the water environment.

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1089663

Registry Department, SEPA Dingwall Office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9X

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement: 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8TA, 01546 602876.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!' (Romans 11:33).

BIRTHS

BARR - Donald and Katrina are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Alison, in Campbeltown on December 29, 2010. A little sister for Mae and James. Special thanks to Joyce and Catriona, and all at the Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

CANNON - Hugo and Catherine (née Turner) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isla, on December 18, 2010 at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. A sister for Rosie and Cara.

MCLELLAN - Kenny and Eilidh (née Sinclair) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of, Hannah Sinclair, on December 29, 2010. Second grandchild for Peter and Margaret and third grandchild for Jan. Special thanks to the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow.

DEATHS

BRECHIN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 4, 2011, Janet McKinven (Jan), in her 79th year, 79 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James Brechin, much loved mother of Audrey and James, and a loving granny of Paul and Beth. Funeral private.

KELLY - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 30, 2010, William Brown Kelly (Willie), in his 71st year, Dunella, 48 Ralston Road, formerly of Lochruan Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Taylor and a dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

KING - On January 4, 2011, peacefully at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, William (Billy) King, in his 76th year, beloved husband of the late Maimie Docherty, much loved father of Alison and a dearly loved papa of Kimberly and Morgan. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 11, at 11.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium, arriving 2.15pm, to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for helicopter retrieval team.

MALONEY - Suddenly at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on December 28, 2010, Campbell Maloney, in his 72nd year, 5 Ramsay Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Janette Robertson, much

loved father of Hazel and Lorraine and a loving and much loved papa of Rachael and Campbell. He will be sorely missed. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, January 7, 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 Highland Parish Church.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 3, 2011, Alexander Gilchrist McKerral (Alec), in his 73rd year, 136 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Joan and a much loved brother and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 10, at 2.00pm, 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 Campbeltown Hospital.

MILLER - Suddenly, after a short illness, at his home, on January 1, 2011, 1 Ardloch Cottages, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Robert (Robbie) Miller, aged 79 years, formerly of Whitehouse, Tarbert. Loving husband of Flora and much loved father of Robert, Fiona and Amanda, respected grandfather of William, Sarah and Calum, and great grandfather of Milly, David and Amber. A dear brother and uncle to all the family, and a good friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Tarbert Parish Church on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

RALSTON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 3, 2011, William Ralston, in his 92nd year, Conieglen, Drumore, formerly of Rhoin Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Gemmill Barbour, much loved dad of William, Matthew, Tommy, Elizabeth and Margaret, a dear father-in-law and a loving papa to all the grandchildren and great grandchild. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, January 8, 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 Campbeltown Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WATSON - Jack and the family of the late Margaret Watson express thanks for

the messages of sympathy and support they have received at this sad time. Sincere thanks to those who attended the funeral service. The services conducted by Rev Richard West at Rosneath and Rev Philip Burroughs at Campbeltown were greatly appreciated, as were the funeral arrangements by James Auld Funeral Directors.

IN MEMORIAM

GILLIES - Remembering with love and gratitude for the years we had together, my husband Ian, passed away January 5, 1996, also my father, Archie Bruce on December 19, 1976 and my mother Margaret Bruce on January 1, 1999, sadly missed father and grandparents of Lorne, Ailsa, Shian and Shuna. - Iona, Kilmartin.

MCLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008.

Our dearest nana, we miss you so much and think of you always.

- Love from Senga, Sean and Millie, and Maureen, Eddie and family xxx.

Precious memories of our dear mum - forever in our hearts.

- From Stuart and Caroline, Rene, Flora and families xxx.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000.

God saw you getting tired

When a cure was not to be

He closed his arms around you

And whispered come to me

So keep your arms around him, Lord

And give him special care

Make up for all he suffered

And all that seemed unfair.

- From his wife Mary, sons Robert and Laurence and all the family, at home and away.

TURNER - In loving memory of our beloved grandson Jonathan, died January 10, 2008.

Today, tomorrow our whole lives through We will always love and remember you.

- Gran and Papa, 4 Eastfield, Tarbert.

TURNER - Jonathan (JoJo), January 10, 2008. You may not be here with us, but you are always in our hearts and thoughts and never forgotten.

- Uncle Colin, Aunt Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

WALLACE - Treasured memories of a loving husband, David, who died on January 5, 2010.

Forever in my thoughts. - Dawn.

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Tuesday 11th January
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Monday, 10th January
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Tuesday, 11th January
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

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Busy year ahead for Soccer Centre Under 16s

THE PAST year has been an exciting time for Lochgilhead SC Under 16's with the team moving from the SYFA affiliated Greenock and District Youth League, which they finished as runners up at under 14's and 15's level, to the more competitive Glasgow and District Youth Football Under 16's B League.

Expectations have been exceeded, as the Mid Argyll-based team featuring 21 players from Ardrishaig, Campbeltown, Tarbert and Loch-

gilhead have steadily risen up the League with four straight victories, to end the year in second place.

Development
George Bruce, who has been heavily involved in the development of children's and youth football in this area since the formation of Lochgilhead Soccer Centre in 1995, formed the team with Craig Kerr and Billy Meechan in 2007, as it became apparent that local boys needed the challenge of SYFA affiliated football.

Billy explained: 'With players from Lochgilhead Soccer Centre initially, the team was established with an ethos of friendship and player improvement for all through teamwork, rather than promotion of individualism, and to form long lasting friendships in football and beyond, regardless of ability.'

Season 2010/11 has seen the coaching team added to with the introduction of youngsters Craig Bruce and Tony Guy and the more experienced Duncan MacLean. Additional circuit training is also available to all players; thanks to Matt Donald and Kirsty Young at Ormsary.

Fundraising and sponsorship are intrinsic to the ongoing promotion of youth football in the area and the club were fortunate to receive sponsorship from Campbeltown's Peter McKerral and Co Ltd, to purchase

new home strips. Fish feed company EWOS provided sponsorship alongside longstanding sponsors fish-farm company Lakeland Marine, to assist in the purchase of team tracksuits and travel costs.

The team had an unexpected recent bonus when patrons of The Comm Bar, Lochgilhead, raised money to purchase team sweat-shirts which Argyll Embroidery further subsidised and customised free of charge. Players and parents have also been actively involved in fundraising.

Successful
The relative success of the team is due to many people who give up their time, provide financial assistance and give both sporting and enthusiastic support from the sidelines. All players and coaches wish to say thanks to all, and best wishes for 2011.



Lochgilhead SC Under 16s after their recent 3-1 away victory against Greenock Thistle.



Jessica Little (left) and Lorraine MacDonald are now qualified Jog Scotland leaders with the Tarbert group.

Tarbert jogs into the New Year

TARBERT Jog Scotland is delighted to welcome two new jog leaders to their group. Lorraine MacDonald and Jessica Little successfully completed their training course in Glasgow and will be joining the team of jog leaders at the Tarbert Jog Scotland registration/information night.

This will be held in the Tarbert Hotel on Thursday January 13.

Tarbert Jog Scotland meets at the Bowling Club every Thursday at 6.30pm and this year will be introducing a walking programme as well as the normal jogging courses.

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For more information contact Tarbert Jog Scotland on - 01880 820774.

Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club's lottery numbers for this week are 10, 12 and 17. There was one winner, Mrs Pat Stewart, a visitor to Inveraray, who scooped the £200 prize.

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Fitness and fellowship

Busy year for Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle club

FROM ice and snow at the start of the year to the same weather at the end of 2010, members of the Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle club were not deterred and were out training using the elements to spur them on to pursue their goals and aims within their sports.

The motto of the club is Fun, Fitness and Fellowship with a healthy dose of competition and in 2010 this meant that members had their busiest year yet.

As well as the traditional triathlon, which consists of a swim, cycle and run, the club also embraces individual performances in the swim, (pool and open water), bike road and mountain bike, and run, be it a 5km to marathon distance.

Highlights

Open water swimming;

at least 25 swimmers have been involved over the summer with a peak turnout of 16 on one occasion.

The regular swims on Tuesday evenings have been a mix of distance swims and more leisurely plooters, some in the sea and others in a variety of fresh water lochs. Most people wear wetsuits but spurred on by two members who swim all year round a few have ventured out of the neoprene.

Completed

The epic Corrivreckan Crossing was completed by a group of eight swimmers on the official outing, with a couple of other crossings following up including one with no wetsuit and one who managed the return crossing too, raising funds for the swimming pool.

Swimmers from the group have taken part in many open water swimming events this season, including the British Gas Great Swim Series, Epic Events lakes series, The Dirty Tri, Lochgoilhead Tri, Coniston Old Man Triathlon, Bala Triathlon and the Barcelona Triathlon.

Standout

Within running undoubtedly the standout achievement was the six club members who stepped up to the ultimate endurance challenge.

John Rea kicked the year off with a PB in the Barcelona Marathon and the ultimate endurance challenge was picked up by Tim Jackson, Garret Corner, Naomi Dixon, Jamie Young and Richard Barrie who all completed the Inverness Marathon, this was Tim's second Marathon in the year with Edinburgh under his belt. All in all 30 club members have run 775 miles in races in 2010.

The clubs cyclists also racked up the miles this year into the 1000s with runs to Kilberry to Tarbert, Tayvallich and Loch Sween as training to prepare for a number of personal and race challenges both in Scotland and abroad.

Competing the most races were Andy Wylie, Paul Selfridge and Eamonn Staunton competing in Category races.

Biggest

Kevin Haldane, Joe McGhee and Eamonn Staunton conquered -the Etape Caledonia the biggest event in Scotland;



Members of the club who took part in the Inverness Marathon last year.

an 81 mile cycle challenge around Loch Tay.

Going longer Dave Taylor, Julian Gascoigne and Kirsty Young participated in a number of cycle sportive's covering 80-120 miles in a day in Ulapool, Skye and Dumfries.

Glamour

The glamour of the Tour de France saw 'summer holiday' sneaking in the odd cycle on some of the classic stages with Julian Gascoigne and Stan Phillips taking on the Alp de Huez and Mount Ventoux monster mountain stages.

In performance terms top of the cycling pile were Graeme Neagle, Kilmartin and Kristoff Askness, Tayvallich. Graeme competed in the top race categories in Scotland but was also racing for a few weeks in Belgium. Graeme had a great season with a fantastic third place in the Scottish Hill climb championships

The clubs multi sport specialists also had a busy year, kicking off the season with races in Stirling at the National duathlon championship which warmed members up for plethora of local triathlons across Argyll and Bute with the club members getting podium spots and wins at the



The club's swimmers also had a successful year.

Bute, Islay, Port Ban and Lochgoilhead triathlons for Kerry McKay Hubbard, Eamonn Staunton, Matt Donald and Stephen Whiston.

Incorporate

The lure of long distance saw Tim Jackson of Port Ban incorporate his Marathon training to take on the 1/2 Iron Man Triathlon in Coniston, whilst Matt Donald and Stephen Whiston stepped up to do some Olympic distance events in Selkirk and Lochgoilhead.

This was all in preparation for the MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Triathlon the club's flagship event, which was the biggest and best ever. All the running cycling, swimming events and

preparation had everyone in racing snake shape with PBs galore and Simone MacAdam winning the local ladies race and Stephen Whiston coming third overall.

Not resting on their laurels, five members of the club ventured to Spain in October to compete in the Barcelona Triathlon, the second biggest event in the world.

Training

2011 is the tenth year of the Mid Argyll Triathlon, and with more cy-

cle, run and swimming events then ever, club members are training hard already.

The club continues to expand with 64 members, so why not join and help keep that new years resolution to get fit, whilst having fun and making good friends - you could be on the start line of the Mid Argyll Triathlon on September 25.

For more information on the club visit - www.midargyllcycleclub.co.uk



Kristoff Askness from Tayvallich is a top club member.

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