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The Galley of Lorne Inn at Ardfert had its roof ripped off at the height of the storm. t03r004

Ardrishaig plans for future

Marina could prove key

ARDRISHAIG could be about to be re-designed, with a new marina at its heart.

With the final report completed on the regeneration of Ardrishaig, members of the community have a final chance to comment on the framework which could shape the village's future.

The proposals were drawn up by Roger Tym and Partners on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, British Waterways Scotland and HIE Argyll and the Islands following consultation with the community.

It is anticipated that the masterplan will become supplementary planning guidance in the village when approved.

The wide-ranging plans include development of the car parks on the waterfront to create an improved car park, new gardens and a continuous promenade along the seafront. A new residential development on the north side of the promenade and a bandstand are also intended.

In Pier Square, new businesses are envisaged such as a hotel, café and restaurant. With the removal of the Gleaner Oil depot, it is

hoped this can be used for more parking and housing with commercial properties on the ground floor.

Tying this all together would be a new marina which the partners view as being created by the private sector rather than a public body.

British Waterways also intend to create a Canal History Interpretation Centre, relocate their offices and improve facilities for canal users. A coach and car park is suggested immediately south of the A83 canal bridge on the shore side which could prove useful for nearby church-goers.

Following public pressure, the consultants have agreed to host a final presentation on a date still to be determined. However, the full report is available from Ardrishaig Community Council's website: www.ardrishaig.org.uk.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposals should write to Edward Laughton at Burnside Steading, Glengilp Road, Ardrishaig, PA30 8HF or email him at edward.laughton@btopen-world.com. These can then be forwarded to the relevant parties.

Storm winds strike

SEVERE winds ripped the roof from the PE department at Lochgilphead's new joint campus on Tuesday night.

School children and staff were sent home on Wednesday for safety reasons after large strips of the roof peeled off in the 70 mph gales.

The south-westerly winds hit their peak at 5am causing destruction across the region. The Galley of Lorne Inn in Ardfert suffered when part of its roof was destroyed. The electricity was also cut off in the village. Craignish Primary School was closed as a result.

Throughout Argyll, 8,000 homes were without electricity as power lines came down, although most were re-connected during Wednesday as weather conditions eased.

Galley of Lorne owner Andrew Stanton said: 'I haven't even thought about how much this is going to cost to fix, but it will probably be thousands.'

'I'm devastated. I went outside to check on the damage at around the time the worst happened, so I was in the garden when the roof blew off.'

Ashfield and Tayvallich primary schools were also affected by the storms and had to be closed on Wednesday.

As the Advertiser went to press, the extent of the damage to schools throughout Argyll was still to be assessed and it is not clear how long they would be affected. It was anticipated that the Lochgilphead campus would re-open today (Friday)



Large sections of Lochgilphead Joint Campus' roof were torn off by the storm. A02sch01

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Minard wind farm plan goes forward

20 turbine proposal lodged with council

AN application for a windfarm near Minard has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Novera Energy plc.

The company held exhibitions in Lochgilphead community centre last year to highlight their plans. They have also held presentations with local community councils which have received comparatively broad approval when compared to other recent applications.

The plans are for 20 turbines up to a maximum of 110 metres high to the blade tip. These will generate

2.3 mW of electricity each and the company claim could generate sufficient electricity to supply 23,500 homes.

The proposed site at A'Chruach, in the hills behind Minard, will be mainly unseen from settlements in Mid Argyll but will feature prominently from a viewpoint on the Leacainn forest drive which goes from Auchindrain to Loch Awe.

The application was submitted at the end of December and will be formally lodged by Argyll and Bute Council in January.



Thomas Coope with the triggerfish he found at Loch Etive. 102fsh03

Another tropical fish is found in Argyll waters

ANOTHER tropical fish has been found in an Argyll loch – thousands of miles from its usual waters.

Fish farm worker Thomas Coope found the triggerfish lying dead on the shore of Loch Etive last month.

Despite its fearsome looking teeth, triggerfish, which are normally found in warmer waters like the Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean or Caribbean, feed on coral and are solitary fish.

Thomas, who works for Scot Trout Farming, said: 'I found it on the shore but it was freshly dead. I heard triggerfish can be quite tasty!

'I was taken aback to find it. I weighed it at four-and-a-quarter pounds and it is 47 centimetres long. The Scottish Association for Marine Science at Dunstaffnage told me it sounded like it was a quite big example.

'It has come some distance to arrive in the loch here because I think it's normally found near the Equator or in warmer waters off the Cornish coast.'

Triggerfish get their name from the sharp spine on the dorsal fin which can lock into position.

Two triggerfish were found on Ormsary shore, Mid Argyll, last year but they had been dead for some time.

New pumps fitted at Ardrishaig

THERE is hope that the problems with Scottish Water in Ardrishaig might be over for now as new pumps are fitted at the pumping station.

The pumps had been getting clogged up with rags and new valves which were fitted failed to rectify the problem. This led to a continual discharge of sewage into the loch which has hopefully now come to an end.

New pumps were then hired and tested in a two-week trial period before being replaced with permanent pumps last week.

A Scottish Water spokesperson said: 'The pumps have been checked today and are working correctly. Scottish Water will continue to carry out routine checks on the remainder of the system.'

The organisation has also indicated that they will carry out a leaflet drop in the new year, highlighting to the public what should and should not be flushed down the toilet.

Argyll woman takes chair of largest national credit union

AN ARGYLL woman has become chairwoman of the UK's biggest credit union.

Deirdre Forsyth, aged 61, who has lived in Ardrishaig for the last 16 years, became the first woman to take up the position within the Scotwest Credit Union.

Deirdre had been Argyll and Bute Council's corporate services manager until her retirement last year.

The union has more than 19,000 members in the west coast of Scotland including Argyll where it is currently targeting and encouraging around 36 per cent of fami-



Ardrishaig women Deirdre Forsyth who is the chairwoman of the UK's biggest credit union.

lies who have no savings.

Credit unions are not-for-profit organisations which

exist to provide safe, competitive and fair financial services.

Deirdre said: 'I strongly believe in the cooperative ethos and the community owned spirit which credit unions generate. It is important that we treat everyone as individuals and it's also a great honour to be the first woman to take up the position.'

'There is now much more awareness and a greater understanding about the benefits which credit unions can bring to people across a broad spectrum.'

Smoking ban at hospitals

SMOKERS are no longer able to light up outside hospitals or health centres in Argyll after NHS Highland extended its smoking ban to include all premises and grounds within its control.

From January 1 all NHS Highland premises and grounds were designated as smoke free zones and the health board is now urging visitors to comply with the policy to ensure its success.

Susan Birse, acting tobacco coordinator for NHS Highland, said: 'We hope this policy will improve the health of and protect staff, patients and visitors from harmful exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.'

In Scotland in 2004 an estimated 13,473 deaths in Scotland were attributed to smoking, which equated to 24 per cent of all deaths.

'It is recognised that this may be a particularly challenging time and therefore staff and patients coming into hospital are encouraged to attend their local smoking cessation service to get support and advice on how to remain smoke free during their stay in hospital.'

'Intensive support will also be given to staff and patients who wish to try to quit.'

'We are urging staff, patients and visitors to comply with the policy in order to ensure its success.'



Mr Ferguson from Caledonian Court, Ardrishaig receives his new light bulbs from sheltered housing warden Bell Hatton. A02bul01

Mid Argyll tenants see the light on energy

ACHA give bulbs to help with bills

MID ARGYLL tenants are becoming more energy efficient thanks to a scheme being rolled out by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

ACHA tenants in sheltered housing and all new ACHA tenants are being given two energy saving light bulbs each in a partnership with Scottish Gas.

Low energy light bulbs use 80 per cent less electricity than typical bulbs. With 25 per cent of household electricity spent on lighting, using only low energy bulbs could knock 20 per cent off the bill. It is estimated each bulb will save an average of £9 a year.

They also last approximately 12 times as long as normal bulbs.

Different sizes and shapes of bulbs are now available, allowing them to also be used for table lamps, etc.

£1,500 for Poppy Appeal

LOCHGILPHEAD along with Cairnbaan Hotel raised £1587.40 for the Scottish Poppy Appeal last November.

All the money raised from the appeal goes towards supporting veterans and their families in Scotland. This is done through direct financial assistance to individuals, funding an advice service, grants to specialist organisations and supporting the employment of veterans with disabilities.

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Staff and volunteers at Kilmartin House Museum were in a celebratory mood at their recent fundraising ceilidh. A02ki01

Kilmartin museum gains up to £50,000 donation from anonymous sponsor

10th anniversary appeal aims to raise £100,000

KILMARTIN House Museum has received a donation of up to £50,000 which could help pay off their debts as their 10th anniversary appeal moves into its final phase.

The 10th anniversary appeal was launched in June with the aim of raising £100,000 to pay off the museum's development mortgage and founder's loan.

Early repayment of these historic debts would place the organisation on a much more secure financial footing for the future and save the

museum around £70,000 in interest payments over 18 years.

Recently the possibility of paying off the whole debt became much more of a reality by the announcement that a generous sponsor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has offered to match pound for pound whatever Kilmartin House Museum raises, to a total donation of £50,000.

Since June, nearly £25,000 has been raised by generous donations from the Museum's Friends organi-

sation, and by staff and volunteers taking part in the Glasgow Women's 10K run.

More recently, on December 29, Kilmartin House Museum hosted a Ceilidh which raised a further £1500 for the Appeal. Volunteers got together to help the museum organise the event, and many businesses kindly provided raffle prizes. Music was provided by the Fraser McGlynn duo, enhanced by local pipers and singers.

The Museum wishes to extend a

warm thanks to all those that helped make the Ceilidh a huge success, especially the Ferguson and Gorrie Families.

There is still a long way to go, but if the Museum can raise another £25,000, when matched, this would pay off the entire debt. This is an amazing opportunity, but the sponsor has stipulated that the money has to be raised before the end of February. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Director and Curator Dr Sharon Webb.

Police files

Tyres slashed at Castleton

A VEHICLE parked at Castleton had six tyres slashed over the festive period.

PC Lewis at Lochgilhead Police Station is investigating and would appreciate any information the public can help with.

Girl arrested in Lochgilhead

A 16-year-old girl was arrested on charges of assault and breach of the peace last Friday evening.

The offence took place in Colchester Square, Lochgilhead.

House entered in Argyll Street

A MAN was verbally abused while sitting peacefully watching television in his home on Argyll Street, Lochgilhead.

Someone forced their way into his home and verbally abused him in the early hours of last Sunday.

Man arrested after reckless conduct

A 20-year-old man was arrested on Saturday on Argyll Street, Lochgilhead, on charges of alleged culpable and reckless conduct, breach of the peace and resisting arrest.

Pregnant woman and partner attacked in Ardrishaig

A PREGNANT woman and her partner were attacked in a stone throwing incident on the main road through Ardrishaig

The couple were driving from Ardrishaig to Lochgil-

head at around midnight on Saturday, December 29 when their car was hit by a volley of stones as it passed the Grey Gull Inn in Ardrishaig.

Two males were seen mak-

ing the attack and, although there was damage to the car, the shocked driver avoided potentially tragic consequences by retaining control.

PC MacDonald of Lochgil-

head Police Station is investigating the attack and has appealed for anyone with any information to come forward or contact him by telephone on 01546 702200.

Lochgilhead teenagers were going to 'sort out' problem Oban youths

TWO LOCHGILPHEAD teenagers who were on their way to Oban to 'sort out' youths they had been arguing with, were caught with pickaxe handles and baseball bat in their car.

Brent Colquhoun, aged 19, of Byre Cottage, Kilmichael Glassary, was remanded in custody after police searched his car on December 16.

Seventeen-year-old Struan Doull of Kilmory Guest House, Paterson Street, was a front seat passenger and three males who appeared to be drunk were in the back. One of them - a 15-year-old - was wearing nothing but a pair of boxer shorts.

Colquhoun said the pickaxe han-

dles were his and he used them for his work with the Forestry Commission.

Doull admitted the baseball bat belonged to him, adding that they had been arguing with youths from Oban and were on their way there to sort the problem out when police spotted their car.

The pair were taken to Oban police office and appeared at Oban Sheriff Court the following day.

Sheriff George Jamieson deferred sentence on the pair until February 5 for background reports to be carried out, and released Colquhoun on bail in the meantime.

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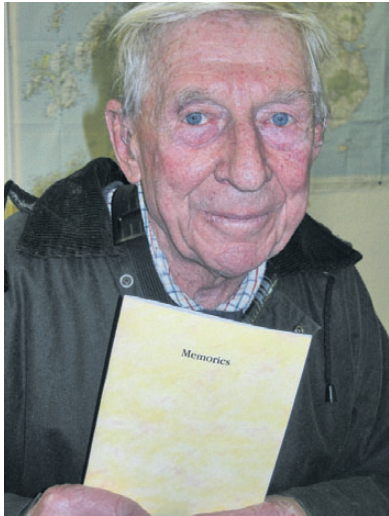
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Army veteran turns to poetry for his beloved brigade



Ian Purvis of Clachan has become a published poet to help raise funds for the Gurkha Welfare Trust; the book is on sale around Campbeltown. c51gur01

YOU ARE never too old to turn your hand to something new as Ian Purvis of Tornaveen, Clachan, has shown.

At the age of 85 he has turned to poetry to help raise funds for his beloved Brigade of Gurkhas.

The former Captain and major with the 6th Gurkhas saw service in India and Burma with the 19th Indian Division amongst other places.

Now he has published *Memories*, and money from the sales of the book will go to the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

The history of the Brigade of Gurkhas service to the Crown goes back as far as 1815.

Since then the Brigade has conducted itself with distinction during numerous conflicts worldwide. Gurkhas are employed as an integral part of the British Army and play a full part in its operational commitments. There are more than 3,000 Gurkhas in the British Army today.

The word Gurkha is derived from the valley of 'Gorkha' in West Nepal. Gurkha is more loosely used as the generic term for the indigenous population of the middle hills of east and west Nepal.

On the conclusion of the Anglo-Nepali War (1812 – 1815), the British East India Company, impressed by the extraordinary bravery and fighting qualities of the Gurkhas, raised the first Gurkha regiments.

When India became independent in 1947, four Gurkha regiments transferred into the British Army.

Mr Purvis' book is on sale in bookshops in Campbeltown and costs £5.95.

Read the book and walk the walk

THE same people who can take you to the summit of Kilimanjaro will also show you the way to walk a little closer to home.

The Kintyre Way now has its own guidebook to the glorious 87 mile route down the length of the peninsula published by one of the country's top guidebook companies. Rucksack Readers of Dunblane is internationally known for its guides.

They publish guides and commentaries for routes around Scotland like the West Highland, Rob Roy great Glen and Speyside ways and also routes around Ireland.

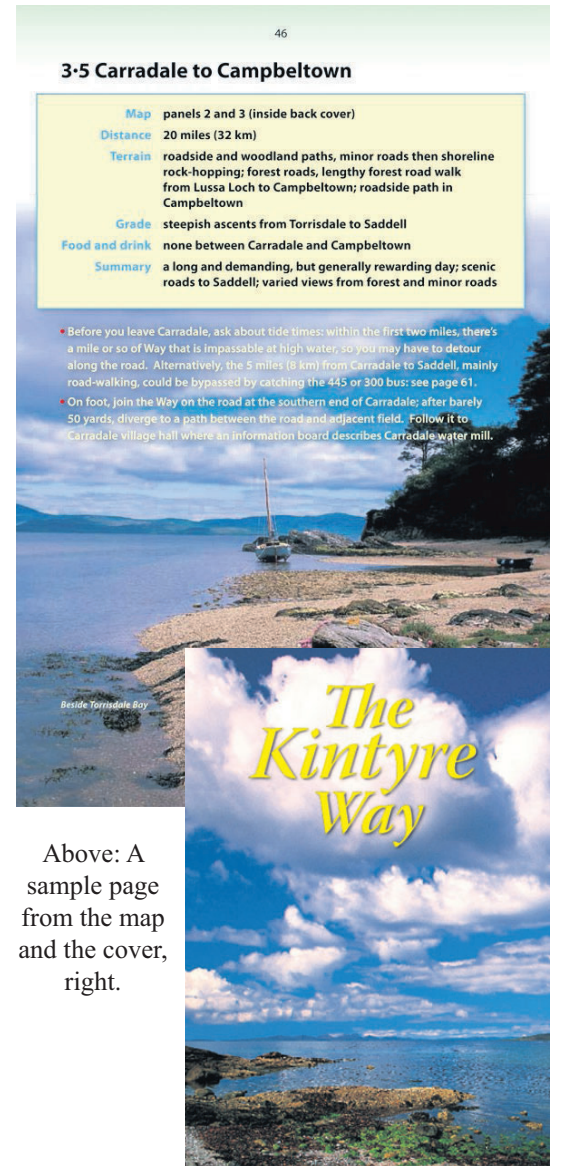
The firm has also published a guide to the Inca trail in Peru, Mont Blanc, the Great Wall of China and summit guides to Kilimanjaro, Denali and Aconcagua.

Authors Sandra Bard-

well and Jacquetta Megarry have created a detailed route description and a detailed route map with information about public transport and travel, and features such as the wildlife of Kintyre and whisky making and an extra 'side-trip' to Gigha and spurs off the route to Saddell Glen and Bellochinty.

The book is spiral bound and perhaps very usefully published on waterproof paper and even if you never lace up your boots it is still an enjoyable read for armchair travellers.

With more interest than ever before being shown in the route and overseas walking tour companies looking at including the route amongst their holidays, the new book helps put the Kintyre Way on the map.



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Windows boarded up on Manse Brae after vandals struck at New Year. A02win01

Minard SWRI

THERE was no November meeting of Minard SWRI, as it was their yearly visit to the theatre.

This was a most enjoyable day out to the Kings Theatre in Glasgow. The show was 'The Producers' and it was unanimously voted a great day out.

The December meeting was held in Minard Village Hall.

On conclusion of business, the ladies decorated the tables for the following days Senior Citizens Christmas Tea.

This event was hosted by Minard Community Trust.

Sarah Calderwood said: 'On behalf of Minard S.W.R.I. and Minard Senior Citizens, we wish to thank all who worked so hard to make our Christmas Tea such an enjoyable evening.'

Mid Argyll hit by spate of vandalism

TWENTY-TWO windows were smashed at council offices in Lochgilphead over the New Year causing damage totalling over £5000.

The roads department at Manse Brae was targeted between December 29 and January 1 in a spate of vandalism in Mid Argyll.

Ardfern Primary School had graffiti sprayed on its walls over the Christmas holidays.

On the promenade opposite the Victoria Hotel in Tarbert, lights were damaged and the life ring stolen overnight on January 4 with obvious

safety implications. The wires on the Christmas tree in Tarbert were damaged and a bird feeder was stolen from the petrol station in the village the same night.

In Ardrishaig someone attempted to set fire to the Christmas tree at approximately 5 am on January 4.

Sergeant Colin Hunter said: 'It will cost a substantial amount of money to repair and replace the windows and other items damaged.'

'Given the times and locations, it is likely that

it was local residents that were responsible. It is disappointing that some local people have so little regard for their own surroundings that they will deliberately destroy council property.

'Ultimately, in these cases they are taking money out of their own pockets or those of their parents and reducing the amount of money spent for their benefit to provide better facilities. I would ask them to think about their actions.'

Anyone with any information should contact Lochgilphead Police Office.

Heavy snow closes A83

The A83 Rest and Be Thankful was closed to traffic for a couple of hours last Thursday due icy roads.

A police car was among those which experienced difficulty after a heavy fall of snow and the road was closed between 7 and 9pm until it was deemed safe for traffic.

Tarbert Castle project about to enter next phase

'Everyone has been extremely generous and helpful'

THE next phase of the Tarbert Castle project will soon be under way, it is hoped, with the majority of funds now secured for the development.

Having cleared the site, cleaned up the mess and sown grass around the castle, the next stage involves fencing off the monument with gates put in place for walkers as the Kintyre Way passes through the site.

It will also involve improvements to the pathway from Bruce Hill to 'all-ability standard', giving better access to visitors.

The total project cost is £16,237 which is being met by grants from a variety of bodies. Historic Scotland has given over £5,000, Forest Enterprise donated £1,450, Scottish Natural Heritage £2,000 and, most recently, Highlands and Islands Enterprise gave £4,059.

A grant is currently being awaited from the National Lottery's Awards for All programme which would allow the plans to progress.

If this happens, it is hoped that work will be completed by Easter.

Robert MacPhail of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, who are in charge of the project, told *The Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'Everyone has been extremely generous and helpful and the volunteers have been great.'

'It's important to remember that this will also involve £1,300 worth of volunteers' time.'

The fence will be used to keep in sheep that are to be introduced to the site to keep the grass under control. It is hoped local school children can be involved in naming and looking after the sheep.

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Keri Sutherland

Keri Sutherland, granddaughter of the late Fen and Helen Sutherland, Gallowhill Road, and Roselle and the late George Nelson, Smith Drive Campbeltown, graduated from Edinburgh University MA Hons (First Class) in English Literature. Keri is now studying in London for a postgraduate qualification in journalism.



Smyth - Houston

Ann-Marie Elizabeth Smyth, only daughter of Caroline and the late Christopher Smyth, Tarbert, and Craig Angus Houston, eldest son of Anne and Angus Houston, Lochgilphead, were married in Tarbert Parish Church.



Elaine Barrie

Former Dalintober Primary pupil Elaine Barrie has graduated from Clydebank College with an HNC in accounting.

Elaine, who went to secondary school at Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh, is the granddaughter of Mr and Mrs W Borthwick, Stewarton. She is working at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank.

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Mayo - Fowler

The wedding of Sarah Mayo and Jamie Fowler took place on October 6 at the Lorne and Lowland Church. Sarah is the granddaughter of the late Sheila (Colvill) and Robin Mayo and daughter of David and Jane Mayo. The Rev Andrew Williamson of St Kieran's Episcopal Church officiated at the service and the reception was held at Bellgrove, High Askomil.

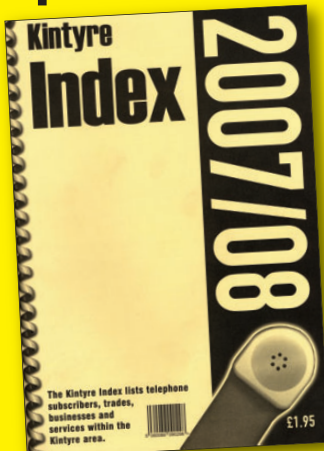
Cormack - Robson

Claire Cormack and Kenny Robson were married at Alloway Parish Church. They held a reception at Brigadoon House. Claire is the youngest daughter of Isabel and George and granddaughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Ferguson, Dunmor, North Connel. Kenny is the only son of Lynn and Bill.



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Thought for the week

ONCE again we had a daffodil blooming in the garden well before Christmas.

Although it doesn't quite match up to our November 12 champion of a few years ago, it's still early enough to be a curiosity.

But if I think that our daffodils are early I have a serious challenger away up in Aboyne in Aberdeenshire. There was a report in The Scotsman in August of her having miniature daffodils in bloom then.

Strange! I wonder if her roses are flowering in December.

Actually, we have one rose still in bloom, a little white one that will have faded by the time this goes to print.

However much pleasure plants and flowers give us, their lives are short.

The Bible tells us that 'All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands for ever.'

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Down Memory Lane

In a twist on the usual Down Memory Lane format, rather than an old picture, this week we have a picture of something old. This old bus was spotted by chance at Myreton Museum in East Lothian by Mr Maule from Lochgair.

If anyone has any old pictures they would like to share, pop in to the Argyllshire Advertiser offices in Lochgilphead and share your memories with our readers.

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Affordable housing

Sir,
I have found the recent correspondence in your newspaper regarding the proposed building of more affordable homes in Lochgilphead most interesting. However, it led me to speculate that some of those members serving on the Council Executive Committee who ultimately intend to take the decision on whether or not to go ahead with this development may not be in a position to actually vote on the matter.

Out of curiosity I consulted the 'Code of

Conduct for Councillors', published by the Standards Commission of Scotland. This sets out standards of behaviour expected from our elected representatives and makes it quite clear that any interests known to them, both financial and non-financial, must be declared.

I was immediately reminded of a recent conversation that I had with one local councillor who informed me of a son who was 'desperate for an affordable home'. I wonder how many other councillors have relatives or close friends with their name on the waiting list for an affordable home in this area?

The Code of Conduct states that there is a need for transparency in regard to any interest which might be regarded by a member of the public as affecting a councillor's decision.

I am that member of the public, and like many others, will be watching 'Declarations of Interest' most closely.

**Elaine Vassie,
Lochgair**

Use for old high school buildings

Sir,
With reference to the letter from James A. McLellan, Chief Executive, Argyll & Bute Council 'clarifying the position' regarding the 'old' High School and Sports Centre, I should like to comment on the potential alternative uses for these buildings.

On the Sports Centre, an expensive structure (Council Estimate approx. £660,000 in 1982) of this importance to the local community, substantial, modern and well maintained, should, in my opinion, be modified to meet the many sporting, cultural and other needs of Mid Argyll.

The new school campus brings together formerly disparate educational groups. Could the same thinking not be applied to Council functions, presently scattered through Lochgilphead: library, community centre, youth

centre, apprentice training, etc?'

The High School already contains provision for some of these facilities and has better parking than the present locations.

What members of the public, including the three Mid Argyll councillors want, is for the Council to arrange for a public meeting to discuss the above and any other constructive ideas, before talks take place with any developer, and we would hope the Council would assist in bringing the matter to a successful outcome.

**John Summers,
Lochgair**

Beavers in Knapdale

Sir
We were told in advance of the consultation that the Minister was in favour of the 're-introduction'.

Now we read that Allan Bantnick 'looks forward to conducting a full scientific trial of the first formal re-introduction of a native mammal' - 'once we get the

Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser, January 5, 1978

Argyll farmers take to national stage

A GINGER Group only recently formed by Argyll farmers shot to national prominence this week.

For the official launch of the Green Pound Fighting Fund in Glasgow on Monday produced a remarkable degree of solidarity among the opposition political parties and set the scene for a confrontation with the Government.

The green pound is the method by which Common Market farm prices are translated into sterling. The farmers say its present operation - it means subsidies are paid on imports from the continent - makes it impossible for them to compete on equal terms with European producers.

The group wants to have the Green Pound devalued and says it be in the long-term interest of the housewife as it puts them on a level pegging.

The audience of more than 300 Scottish farmers heard Shadow Agriculture Minister John Peyton give an assurance that the Tories would force a Commons vote 'at the earliest opportunity' for a devaluation of the green pound.

There was anger over the non-appearance of the Minister of Agriculture John Silkin. He sent a letter which said his position on the green pound was well known and he would devalue it when it was in the overall national interest to do so.

A resolution moved by Robin Malcolm, Poltalloch, called for an immediate devaluation or the minister's resignation.

green light . . .'

One wonders why an expensive consultation was undertaken when all those involved have been confident that a licence would be granted from the outset. It is only a refusal to issue a licence that will convince any of us who are opposed to the introduction of the beaver, that this has been a meaningful process with any prospect of a decision not to introduce the beaver to Knapdale.

As with any use of statistics and percentages, they can be manipulated to give the result you want.

As neighbouring landowners (50 acres within two miles of the release site with three burns from the release site they stray, destroy any inconvenient dams and ultimately shoot them if they are a nuisance? Answers on a postcard please and I am sure I can manipulate the responses to suit my argument.

**Jane Allan,
Seafeld Farm,
North Knapdale,**

the drop in day at Cairnbaan so did not feel we needed to comment further - doubtless that will be counted as a non-response by a landowner.

We do have the assurance that if the trial is a failure (although what constitutes a failure is unclear) that the beavers will be trapped and shot.

So who has the greater concern for the beaver? Is it: A), Those of us who think they should be left where they are, or B), those who want to subject them to lengthy quarantine, set them loose in Knapdale, retrieve them every time they stray, destroy any inconvenient dams and ultimately shoot them if they are a nuisance?

Answers on a postcard please and I am sure I can manipulate the responses to suit my argument.

**Jane Allan,
Seafeld Farm,
North Knapdale,**

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John Renton's Return to the Dalriada

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Pupils' playlet with puppets

Pupils from Cumlodden Sunday School, with the help of teacher Jean MacLeod, presented a playlet, with puppets, to illustrate the visit of the Three Wise Men. Steven MacColl and Scott MacColl are far left and far right. Operating the camels are James MacInnes, Jordan Turner and Joshua Turner. The three ships illustrate the title, *I saw three ships*.

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Carradale primary celebrates



ABOVE: The cast of the plays. BELOW: Big smiles from younger pupils.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
THE GOLDEN COMPASS
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Wednesday 16th January 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 Venue: **The ARMS Centre, Campbell Street, 10 week term.**

CARRADALE Primary School celebrated the festive sP1-3 had a party with Santa in attendance on the 20th and there was a whole school party to celebrate the end of term on the 21st. Our Christmas show was held on the 19th and attended by a capacity crowd. The nursery children sang a song, followed by P1-5 performing *It's a Party*, then P6 and 7 took us back to *The Good Old Days*. The children sang, told jokes and did magic tricks with the assistance of Stuart Irvine. The audience joined the children singing some verses and choruses of all the songs making it a very enjoyable, if nostalgic, evening. There was the usual raffle and draw for grocery boxes, donated by all the school families, for the elderly living in the village.



Boys brew up for funds



CAMPBELTOWN
Boys AFC members held their annual festive coffee morning recently in the town hall. The well-supported event raised £766.90 towards club funds.



TOP: Fraser MacPherson with daughters Georgia, Madison and Olivia. c52boy01
MIDDLE: Kenneth Galbraith and John McCallum. c52boy02
ABOVE: Some of the Boys staff at the coffee morning. c52boy03

Co-op's £2.99 flower club challenge



Members of Mid Argyll Flower Club were each given a £2.99 Co-op bunch of flowers at their January meeting to create their own floral art arrangement. The picture shows the great variety made. It is hoped that pictures of individuals with their arrangements will be displayed at a later date in the Co-op. a02flo1NO

Help! A Hard Day's collecting

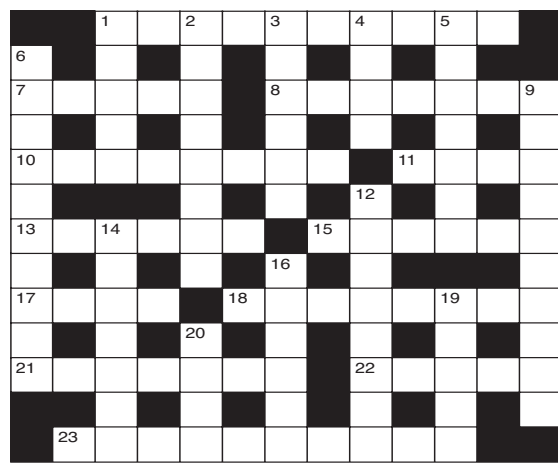
REMEMBER all those souvenirs, postcards and pictures, the old concert tickets and badges that you just couldn't bring yourself to throw away? Well they could be just sitting there at the back of the cupboard or up in the attic earning you money. On Sunday January 27 staff from the Tracks pop memorabilia agency will hold a valuation day at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Man Street, Campbeltown, from 10am to 4pm. A spokesman from the company said that they are interested in posters, handbills, tickets, autographs, lyrics and photographs and other memorabilia but not records though they would be interested in items like acetates. They are especially interested in Wings, Paul McCartney and Beatle items.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No. 522

- ACROSS**
- 1948 Olympic decathlon champion (3,7)
 - Joint connecting the leg and the foot (5)
 - Silvery metallic element whose symbol is Ga (7)
 - and 19 Down. "The —", 1958 play by Harold Pinter (8,5)
 - Tom, central character in The Grapes of Wrath (4)
 - "— Redux", 1971 novel by John Updike (6)
 - Port in S. Vietnam on the South China Sea, formerly called Tourane (2,4)
 - William, archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45 (4)
 - The duck-billed — is an egg-laying Australian mammal (8)
 - Mr. Waugh, author of The Fogglow Saga (7)
 - Federico Garcia, Spanish poet and dramatist who authored the play Blood Wedding (5)
 - 1978 Louis Malle film with Brooke Shields (6,4)

- QUICK CLUES ACROSS**
- Contemptuous (10)
 - Artless (5)
 - Room (7)
 - Impotent (8)
 - Go by (4)
 - Powerful (6)
 - Light shoe (6)
 - Too (4)
 - Taciturn (8)
 - Large tent (7)
 - Perfect (5)
 - Black magic (10)



- DOWN**
- Samuel, English explorer who discovered Lake Albert (5)
 - Village in Germany, site of a 1704 victory by Anglo-Austrian forces over the French and the Bavarians (8)
 - The — Sea is a branch of the Mediterranean between Greece and Turkey (6)
 - Harold, Australian prime minister believed drowned in 1967 (4)
 - American state whose capital is Phoenix (7)
 - 1968 science fiction film with Jane Fonda (10)
 - Island off the S.E. African coast whose capital is Antananarivo (10)
 - Woman's lace or silk scarf covering the head and shoulders which is worn in Spain (8)
 - Thick insulating layer of fatty tissue below the skin of a whale (7)
 - Fish with a tapering scaleless body and long raylike pelvic fins (6)
 - See 10 Across.
 - "True —", film for which John Wayne was awarded Best Actor Oscar (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 6 Albania; 7 Luzon; 9 Uma; 10 Barcelona; 12 Gentileschi; 15 A Tale of a Tub; 17 Porbeagle; 19 Pax; 21 Barry; 22 Baptist.
Down: 1 Klimt; 2 Kay; 3 Niña; 4 Burlesque; 5 John the; 8 Scylla; 11 Hellebore; 13 Thorax; 14 Ottoman; 16 Balsa; 18 Lear; 20 Eta.
QUICK - Across: 6 Janitor; 7 Lurid; 9 Lie; 10 Dependent; 12 Confederate; 15 Disgraceful; 17 Abundance; 19 Vow; 21 Sneak; 22 Divulge.
Down: 1 Valid; 2 Bib; 3 Vote; 4 Murderous; 5 Dignity; 8 Meddle; 11 Congenial; 13 Fracas; 14 Disband; 16 Rough; 18 Crib; 20 Jut.

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- Bore (5)
- Bulge (8)
- Approach (6)
- Lowest tide (4)
- Chide (7)
- Zeal (10)
- Boldly (10)
- Sorcerer (8)
- Keep back (7)
- Ransom (6)
- Foe (5)
- Cat murmur (4)

Community Noticeboard

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Sat 12th January 2008
10am - 12 noon
Town Hall,
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"Miss Potter"
Members night
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Argyll Hotel Lochgilphead
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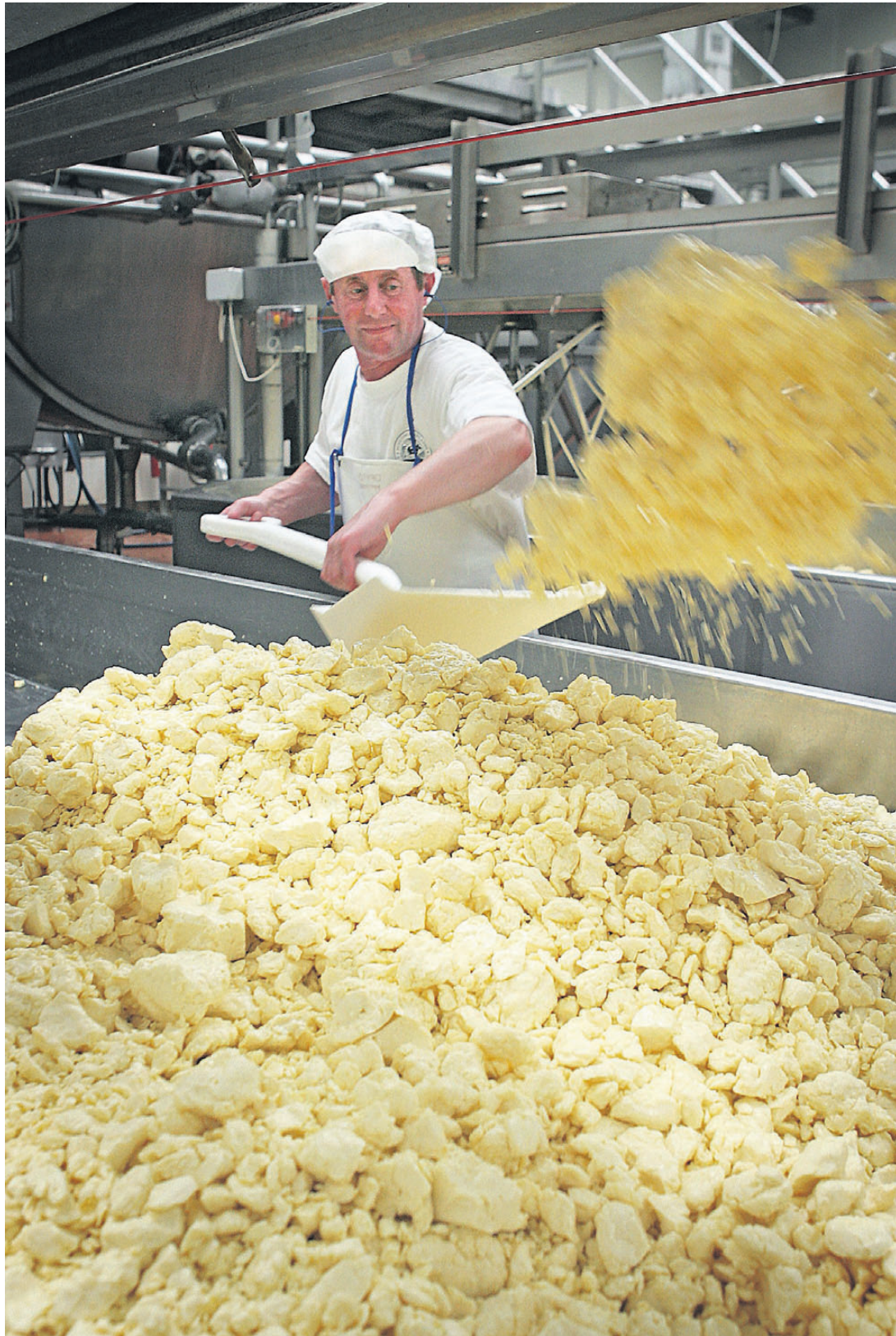
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More good news from First Milk

First came the news of a new creamery for Campbeltown and now Rothesay has massive investment.



Where there's a whey: once there was little demand for the by produce from cheese making but now the demand is there, worldwide, so it makes sense to invest in production at Rothesay.

DAIRY farming has turned a corner which has been a long time in coming.

In November First Milk farmers' cooperative announced it was going to rebuild the creamery in Campbeltown and create a state-of-the-art, world class cheese producer in Kintyre and now comes more good news for Argyll and Bute's farmers.

First Milk is investing in the future of its Rothesay creamery and its farmer members on Bute by installing state-of-the-art equipment, which will enable whey to be processed at the site for the first time.

First Milk's investment has been supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise which has contributed more than £180,000 to the project.

More than 2,000 tonnes of cheese, including the renowned Isle of Bute brand, is produced at Rothesay each year for The Scottish Highlands and Islands Cheese Company, owned by First Milk.

Following the completion of the project works, the whey will be concentrated at the Rothesay creamery before being transported to First Milk's ingredients facility in North Wales, where it will be converted into lactose powder for sale across the globe.

Kintyre's Robert Millar, who is First Milk's representative for Argyll Bute and Arran, said that the change in fortunes for dairy farming had been a long time in coming and was due to increased international demand.

It is in no small way thanks to the booming Chinese economy.

'They've been buying up all the skimmed milk powder internationally,' he said.

Jeff Halliwell, Managing Director of First Milk's cheese business, said: 'In the past, whey,

a by-product of cheese manufacturing, had little value.

'However this situation has changed significantly and there is now a global demand for the product which can be used as an ingredient in a wide range of products including confectionery and the ready meals market.

'It therefore makes good business sense to make this investment at Rothesay now and capitalise on the market opportunities which we can ultimately return to our farmer members.

'This project could not have progressed without the financial support from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and we have worked in partnership to ensure the right outcome for our business and for the future of dairy farming on Bute.'

Ken Abernethy, Area Director for Highlands and Islands Enterprise, added: 'Rothesay Creamery is at the heart of dairy farming on Bute and on the Cowal Peninsula and its success is crucial for the economy of Argyll and the Islands. Our support for this key project demonstrates our long-term commitment to agriculture and, in particular, dairy farming in this area.'

Rothesay General Manager, John Miller, said the investment is good news for the 18 staff at the creamery: 'We have been producing award-winning cheese in Rothesay for almost 50 years and now, we will also be able to produce an added-value product. This investment further underlines First Milk's commitment to the creamery and the local area.'

Bute farmer Duncan Lyon is one of 18 First Milk producers supplying the creamery: 'Coupled with the milk price increases, this development at the creamery

gives Bute farmers confidence for the future. We are happy with the direction that First Milk is taking with the Rothesay facility and we are optimistic for the future.'

First Milk facts

FIRST Milk is the now the largest dairy farmer co-operative in the UK.

□ Its members' farms stretch from Central Scotland to the South of England, and from West Wales to East Anglia.

□ The business has three divisions: Milk Operations, Cheese, and Ingredients.

□ Milk Operations handles approximately 1.8 billion litres of milk a year from around 2600 producers.

□ This milk is supplied to First Milk's cheese business and to many of the leading names in the industry.

□ The First Milk Cheese Company is the largest UK-based cheese supplier.

□ The Scottish Highlands and Islands Cheese Company is wholly owned by First Milk and markets award-winning cheeses from the Isle of Bute, Mull of Kintyre and Isle of Arran.

□ First Milk's Ingredients business supplies a range of customers with milk powder and whey products for functional foods, protein drinks, pro-biotics and pre-biotics.



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The competition has now been running for over 10 years and always attracts a good attendance.

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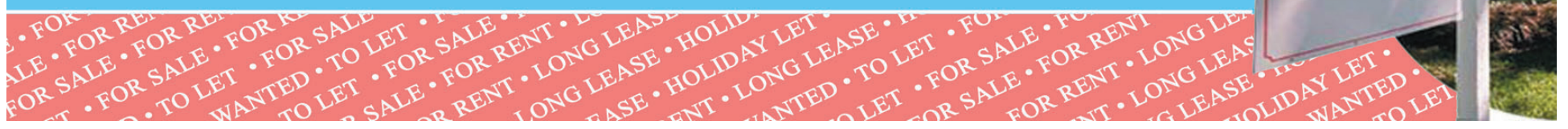
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PLANNING

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, RELATED LEGISLATION PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the applications identified below should do so in writing within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Area Team Leader Development Control at the address below.

Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

● Reference No: 07/02241/DET

Applicant: Archie Barbour

Proposal: Demolition of redundant farm buildings, erection of 5 dwellinghouses, installation of 3 septic tanks and upgrading of existing access track - Policies Contravened - STRAT 4 of the Kintyre Local Plan 1984(1st Review) and 1988

Site Address: Crosshill Farm Tomraig Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PE

Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (Z1)

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll, PA30 8DX

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

SCHEDULE - THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13

Planning Application Reference Number: 07/02387/DET

Proposed development at A'Chruach, Kilmichael Forest, west of Minard, Argyll.

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Novera Energy Plc relating to the planning application in respect to planning application 07/02387/DET in respect of the erection of a windfarm comprising 20 turbines (110 metres to blade tip), meteorological mast, sub-station, control building and formation of access tracks and storage compounds, notified to you under Article 9(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedures) (Scotland) Order 1992 on 11 January 2008.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected at all reasonable hours in the register of planning applications kept by the planning authority for the area at Development and Building Standards, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Terence O'Rourke, 9-10 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2AF (tel: 0131 718 6086) at a cost of £10.00 for a copy on CD and £250.00 for a paper copy.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within that period to the Council at Development and Building Standards, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX.

Richard Kerr, Area Team Leader - Development Management, Argyll and Bute Council

11 January 2008

COMMUNITY SERVICES : EDUCATION

REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SESSION 2008/2009

Children who attain the age of five years between 1 March 2008 and 28 February 2009 should be registered for education during the week commencing 21 January 2008.

Parents concerned should take their children to the appropriate local primary school on one of the school days during the above week between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Trec Primary School, Tiree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, by Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon.

The child's birth certificate should be produced. A leaflet providing information for parents on enrolment of children in school and giving details of placing request procedures (including under age placing requests) may be obtained from any school or the Director of Community Services, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508).

DOUGLAS HENDRY, Director of Community Services

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre) will not be holding a surgery during the month of January 2008.

Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by e mail - rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery in the Library, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown from 4.30pm - 6.00pm on Thursday 17th January 2008.

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre) will not be holding a surgery during the month of January 2008.

Councillors Alison Hay, Donnie MacMillan and Dougie Philand (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll) will not be holding a surgery during the month of January 2008. Constituents can contact them through the Members Services Unit on Tel: 01546 604234.

CORPORATE SERVICES

A MEETING OF THE AREA COMMITTEE FOR MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS

Will be held in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern on Wednesday 16th January 2008 at 3.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be invited to have informal discussions with members and officers at the end of the meeting.

Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate Services

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Argyll (South) Branch of The Pony Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on
Wednesday 23rd January 2008
At 7.30 pm
In the Grey Gull Inn, Ardrishaig.

All Welcome.

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Previous winners have not handed the undernoted trophies back to the Branch. Could anyone currently holding these trophies please arrange to have them returned to Marina MacArthur, District Commissioner - Tel 01546 602080.

The MacCulloch Shield
The Arduaine Cup
Argyll Riding Club Tankard

Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Annual General Meeting
5th February 2008
AGM: 11.00am - 12.30pm

- The Annual General Meeting will elect the Board of Directors for the coming year and provide an opportunity for attendees to offer comments and suggestions

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Expressions of interest to be sent to: **Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Harbour Master's Office, Garvel Road, Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6TR**

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Closing date for applications is Friday 25 January 2008.

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CLEANER

£11,000 - £11,250 pro rata per annum

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Salary:

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Both posts will be based at our Aquatic Resource Laboratory (ARL) at Barcaldine, near Oban. Contact Peter Hardy on 01631 720765 or peter.hardy@integrin.co.uk for further details or to send your CV. Closing date 18Jan08.



Argyll College offers SVQ Level 2 & 3 Hairdressing at Dunstaffnage Learning Centre and is now looking to recruit a:

Hairdressing tutor

This position is temporary until the end of February with the possibility of the position becoming permanent. The successful candidate will be a fully trained, occupationally competent hairdresser. An Assessor qualification would be an advantage, although training will be given to the successful candidate. In addition, the candidate will have a full, clean driving licence as travel throughout Argyll is required. This is a part-time position which includes 6 hours tutoring on Mondays and 6 hours of assessing preferably on Tuesdays. The hourly rate is £23.76 comprising an hourly teaching rate of £21.02 and an hourly rate of £2.74 in lieu of annual leave. Initial applications in the form of a CV (maximum 2 pages A4) and one page covering letter should be sent by **Friday January 18th 2008** to:

Rena MacDonald, Argyll College, Dunstaffnage Learning Centre, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1PZ. Fax: 01631 559501
E mail: rena.macdonald@argyllcollege.ac.uk

Interviews will be held during week commencing January 21st.



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17.5 hours per week - Monday to Friday - 1330 - 1700 hrs

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Good communication skills are essential and the successful applicant must be able to keep accurate records and work on their own initiative under minimal supervision.

ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities. This post will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland check.

Closing Date for Applications: 12 noon on Friday 25th January 2008
Interviews will be held in early February 2008.

For recruitment pack please contact the HR & Corporate Services Department, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, Tel No 01546 604098 or email marina.macarthur@acha.co.uk, or visit the Recruitment section on the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk where recruitment packs can be downloaded.

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Apprentice Joiner REF: 08/04

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Sunday 13th January 2008
 In the beginning (Genesis 1:1)
CUMLODDEN (Furnace) 10.30 am
LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard) 12 noon
 Seirbheis Ghàidhlig
 Monthly Gaelic Service
LOCHGAIR
 3 pm
 (Tea to follow)
 Rev. Roderick MacLeod
 Ceud mìle fàilte
 ALL WELCOME

St. Kiaran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 (A Province of the Anglican Communion)
 Scottish Charity No SC 023277
Sunday 13th January 2008
 First Sunday after Epiphany
 8.30am Holy Communion
 10.45am Family Communion
 Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries to
 Revd A J Williamson
 Telephone 01586 551478

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 10.00a.m ... Breaking of Bread
 10.45a.m Coffee
 11.15a.m Family Service with Sunday School & crèche
 7.30 p.m Youth Night S1 - S6
 7.30 p.m Prayer Meeting
 All Welcome
Wednesday
 Jellytots Parent & Toddler Group 10.00a.m
 For details of the Alpha Course & other enquiries
 Please contact the church office
01586 551200
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 Pastor: **Chris Holden**
 For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547

Highland Parish Church

Friday 11th January 2008
 Badminton
 7pm-9pm S1s upwards
 9pm onwards Adults
Sunday 13th January
 11.15am
 Morning Worship
 Creche (Church for 0-3yrs)
 FunDay Club resumes (Age 3 - P5)
 6.30pm
 Evening service: Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 15th January
 Badminton Club
 6.30pm - 7.45pm:P1 - P5
 7.45pm - 9.00pm:P6 upwards
 7.30pm (upstairs) - Bible Society Action Group
Thursday 17th January
 7.00pm
 Bible Study Fellowship
 "The Land & People of the Bible" - DVD
 Kirk St Hall
 Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

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 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 13th January 2008
 11am Morning Service with communion
 Evening Service 6.30pm
Monday 10.30am
 Discipleship Course
Monday evening @7.20pm
 Discipleship Course
Wednesday @7pm
 Discipleship Course
Jumpstart Group
Friday
10.00 - 11.30am
 Come along and join us
Friday 11th January
 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 "The Edge" Kids Club
 5yrs to 11 yrs
 All Welcome


LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 13th January
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Creche and Sunday School)
 Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
 Jim Campbell
Monday, 14th January
 The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 15th January
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 17th January
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 18th January
 Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.

TARBERT LINKED WITH KILBERRY PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 13th January 2008
 Tarbert Church 11.30am
 Kilberry Church 2pm
 Margaret Sinclair
 Interim Moderator
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Telephone 01499 500633
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Burnside Street Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 10.30am and 6.30pm
Tuesday
 Over 60's Luncheon Club -12.30pm
 Ladies Home League - 1.45pm
Thursday
 11.30am Meat n' Eat Café
 New to you Stall
 Bible Study 7pm
 Major Dolores Thomson

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 13 January 2008
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Stewart McGregor
Thursday 17 January 2008
 7.30pm
 Praise, worship & sharing
 All Welcome
 "Come and see"

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 13th January
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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 In Ardrishaig

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service
 Aqualbrium Conference Room
 11 a.m.
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Sunday 13th January 2008
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Sunday 13th January 2008
 Kilmartin 10am
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CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Sunday 13th January 2008
 9am Eucharist
 11am.....Eucharist

PERSONALS

Jess Dewar
 Would like to thank everyone who sent their good wishes and get well cards during my recent stay in hospital.

IBBY ROBERTSON
 Would like to thank family and friends for the lovely flowers, cards and gifts which she received on her 60th birthday.
Many thanks

Thank you Over 30's Under 30's Football match
 I would like to thank all players involved for their kind and generous gesture. It is very much appreciated.
 All the best for 2008 to you all.
 Kenny Crawford

Happy 15th Wedding Anniversary to Janice
 With all my love
 Your loving husband
 Colin

Thanks
 Neil and Mary MacLachlan would like to offer their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness since Neil took ill in April. A huge thanks to all medical staff involved in helping Neil through his many tough days especially the wonderful staff of Glenaray Ward and the constant support of the Physiotherapy Team at Mid Argyll. Neil is now happy to be home and making good progress.

Thanks Flora Wilson wishes to thank everyone for the lovely cards received at Christmas.
All the best for 2008.

THANK YOU
 Margaret Rowland of Southend would like to thank friends for their kindness in sending cards, flowers, messages and gifts during her recent stay in the Southern General Hospital and since coming home. Many thanks also to the Doctors, Nursing staff and Physios for their extended help in my recovery.

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 "It's a big event and we need
 to make sure we're getting
 the value for money."
 "We were a bit disappointed
 with
 Tarbert this year and
 with
 the new one of the May

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HAPPY 100th HARRY

ROCK JACKIE

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Because he (Jesus) himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted' (Hebrews 2:18).

BIRTHS



BLAIR -

MACNAUGHTON
Keith and Katy are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Keiran, on December 20, 2007. Thank you to all midwives at Mid Argyll and Southern General Hospitals. A special thank you to Karen and Jennifer.



FLETCHER - Colin and Sharon are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Claudia on Hogmanay, a little sister for Colin and Coral and another lovely granddaughter for Blair and Susan, Ardrishaig.

McKELLAR - **HOLLAND** - John and Louise are delighted to announce the birth of Freyja Sophia, first granddaughter for Mary and the late Allan McKellar, Kilmartin and first grandchild of Mary and Eddie Holland, Oban.
OSBORNE - Eilidh Clark arrived safely on December 18, 2007. Mummy (Ailsa), Daddy (Matthew) and big brother Ben are all delighted. A big thank you to Campbeltown midwife team.

ENGAGEMENTS

BLAIR - MORSES
- Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, in Oslo, Norway on Hogmanay, of Graeme, youngest son of Capt Alistair and the late Violet Blair, Crinan, Argyll, to Davina, eldest daughter of Raymond and the late Suzanne Morses, Glasgow.
HUGHES - BEVIS
- Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Helena, daughter of Nancy and the late Paddy, Shrule, County Mayo, Ireland and Andrew, son of Anna and the late Graham, Braefoot, Seil Island.
HUNTER - REID - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Rachel, younger daughter of Stephen and Anthea Hunter, Lochgilphead to Tom, only son of Andrew and Lynette Reid, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

OWEN - RAMSAY
- Bob and Maureen Owen, Carradale, are delighted to announce the engagement of their elder twin daughter Lindsay, to Craig, elder son of John and Moira Ramsay, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on December 31, 2007, Robert Armstrong, in his 85th year, formerly of 14 Barochan Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Rhona McShannon, much loved father of John and Bruce, father-in-law of Jackie and Kim, loving grandfather of Craig, Matthew, Christian and Catherine and a dear brother of Cathy.

BLAIR - In hospital at Markham, Ontario, Canada, on January 5, 2008, Dugald, beloved husband of Dot, a loving father and grandfather, only son of John and Jessie Blair of Ardlussa, Campbeltown.

BORTHWICK - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre Campbeltown, on January 8, 2008, William Colville Borthwick in his 83rd year, 53 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved husband of Sarah Duncan, much loved father of Findlay, Catherine, Sarah, Allison and William and loving granda of Elaine and Kirsty. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 1.00pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

BROWN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 4, 2008, Neil Brown, in his 78th year, 7 Burnbank, Drumlembie, dearly beloved husband of the late Ivy Smith and a dearly loved father, granda and great-granda. Funeral private.

CAMPBELL - On December 31, 2007, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Henry (Harry) Aimer Campbell in his 84th year, beloved husband of Margaret Brown and much loved father of Mary and Susan, dearly loved Papa of Andrew and a dear father-in-law of Billy. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium (today) Friday, January 11, 2008, at 10.45am, memorial service thereafter at Inveraray Parish Church at 1.30pm, both events, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations or collection at church if desired for Cancer Research.

DEVOY - Peacefully, at home, Suttle, Shapinsay, Orkney, on December 31, 2007, Mary McIntosh McLaren Paterson, in her 88th year, formerly of Airds Cottages, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late John Devoy, much loved mother of George,

Lachlan and Catriona, loved mother in law of Cathie, Caroline and Peter, loving grandmother of Carol, Linda, Oonagh, John, Camille, Freddie and Nicole, loving great-grandmother of Finnleigh, Aden and Logan and a dear sister of Angus Paterson.

MACFARLANE - On January 1, 2008, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Mary Logan MacFarlane in her 88th year, beloved daughter of the late John and Annie MacFarlane, much loved sister of Jessie and dear aunt of Ann and the late Donald. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church on January 4, 2008, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery.

MACMILLAN - On January 1, 2008, peacefully at home, Jessie MacMillan M.A. (née MacDougall) in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Johnnie MacMillan and much loved mother of Marjorie and Joanne, dear granny of Kenneth and John MacDonald and John and David Forest. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Free Church on January 4, 2008, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery.

McCOLL - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on December 27, 2007, Helen McColl, aged 102 years, formerly of 2 Stag Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Samuel (Sammy). Much loved mother of Helen, Dugald and Andrew and dear grandmother and aunt to all the family. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday, January 7, 2008, followed by interment at Achhabreac Cemetery.

McLEAN - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 6, 2008, Agnes McLean, in her 92nd year, 27b Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, wife of the late Charles McLean, dearly loved mother of Stuart, Rene and Flora and a much loved mother-in-law, nana, great-nana and great-great-nana.

McSPORRAN - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 1, 2008, Flora Muir Boyd, in her 74th year, 34b Meadowburn, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Morris McSporran and a much loved aunt of Mamie, Isobel and Donnie.

MURRAY - On January 5, 2008, peacefully at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Helen Murray, née Galbraith, former head teacher at Achahoish Primary School in her 99th year, beloved wife of the late Neil Murray, much loved sister of Cathie and a dear aunt. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church Furnace, on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 1.30pm, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery, to which all family and friends are

respectfully invited.

SINCLAIR - Catherine (Rena) died peacefully at Ardenlee Hotel Residential Care Home for the Elderly, Dunoon, on Monday January 7, 2008, in the week of her 102nd birthday. Beloved wife of the late Archie Sinclair, a much loved and respected mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of all the family. Funeral service will be held on Saturday January 12, 2008, in Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11am. Thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery.

WATSON - Peacefully at Galloway Community Hospital, Stranraer, on January 6, 2008, Marion Robb Watson (née Ramsay) in her 87th year, of 54 Dalrymple Street, Stranraer, formerly of Brackley Villa, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late John Alexander Watson, dear mother of James, Hazel, Norman and the late Hugh, a much loved mother and grandmother of the family. Funeral on Saturday January 12, 2008. Service at Masonhill Crematorium by Ayr at 12 noon. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

FITZPATRICK - Viv and family would like to thank everyone for giving Terry such a good send off. He would have been amazed. Our grateful thanks are extended to the paramedics and Dr Ward, who did all they could for Terry and to A & E nurse Margaret Jenkins who was exceptional. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith, who was perfect; to Roddy MacDonald and team for professionalism and sensitivity; to the Stag Hotel for a wonderful spread. Thanks also for the many cards, flowers and phone calls received and to all who attended at church and graveside. Donations raised £300 for British Heart Foundation. Last but not least, special thanks to all of Viv and Terry's friends, too many to mention, but you all know who you are. Thank you for your love and concern.

FITZPATRICK - Terry Fitzpatrick would like to thank neighbours and friends for their nice cards and kind thoughts. Thank you.

HARPER - Jan, Pat, Jim and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support during this difficult time and for all the cards, letters, flowers and expressions of sympathy received, they have been a great comfort to us. Thanks also to Dr Hall for his help over the years as Dad's GP, Kintyre Care Home and latterly Lorne Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their care of Dad. Rev Philip Burroughs for comforting service, Pipe Major John Brown for graveside farewell and Argyll Arms

for catering. Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kindness and efficiency. A final thank you to all who attended the church and cemetery. Donations raised £312.45 for Kintyre Care Home and Lorne Ward.

MACFARLANE - Jessie, Ann, Colin and family of the late Mary wish to thank friends and neighbours for their support, expressions of sympathy, cards and letters received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and home helps for their devoted care.

McARTHUR - The family of the late Mary McArthur would like to thank all relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy received after their sad loss. Thanks to Rev Burroughs for his comforting services, the doctors and staff of acute and Bengullion wards, the care assistants and nurses who looked after her at home and special thanks to Liz and Valerie for their kindness and help. Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements and all who attended the services in church and at the graveside. The retiral collection raised £658.71 for Cancer and Palliative Care Services.

McKIERNAN - Catherine and Diane would like to thank all family and friends for their support both during their Dad Jim's illness and following his sad death. Thanks to Rev Liz Gibson, to all who attended the funeral service, and to Neil and Alan for their tributes and lain for his piping. Thanks also to D and A Munn, funeral directors for their sensitive arrangements and the staff at The Royal Hotel. Heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Lorn and Islands Hospital for their excellent care, A sum of £314.19 was donated at the church for Ward C at the hospital.

McLEAN - Marlene and family wish to express sincere thanks to everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, letters and cards received following their sad loss. Heartfelt gratitude to Maggie, Kitty, Caroline, Ann, Jan and Dr Leask for their care and kindness. Thanks to Rev Michael Lind for church and graveside services, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional funeral arrangements and to Bellochantuy Hotel for catering. The retiring collection and donations received in aid of the Mairi Semple Fund and the Cancer Palliative Care Services, Campbeltown raised a total of £2794.26.

RIOCH - The family of the late James Rioch would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and letters following their sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, the staff of Campbeltown Health Centre and the staff of both Campbeltown and Oban

hospitals for the care and attention Jimmie received. Grateful thanks to Rev Michael Lind for a most fitting and comforting service, Alasdair Blair for professional funeral arrangements, the Argyll Hotel for catering and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Kenneth Campbell, who died January 14, 2006.

Time changes many things, but our love for Kenneth will never stop Missing his warm heart and lovely smile Life can be so cruel but we will try to be strong for you Loving you every day. - Love Mum, Dad, David and Donna.

DURNIN - In loving memory of my dear sister Joan, who passed away January 9, 1988. Miss you loads. - Lorraine.

MACLEOD - In loving memory of our dearly loved son Douglas, who was accidentally drowned at the Marina, Largs on January 13, 2007. The call was sudden The shock severe To lose a son We loved so dear As thoughts drift back As they often do

We cherish the memories We have of you. - Dad, Mum and brother Gordon.

MACLEOD - In loving memory of dear Douglas, who died January 13, 2007.

We will never cease to miss you We will never cease to care In a special corner of our hearts

You will always be there. - From Uncle 'G', Margaret Anne and family.

McCALLUM - In loving memory of our dad, Archie (Caddy), died January 6, 1993. Always in our thoughts.

- Maureen, Robert, John and family.

McGLYNN - In loving memory of John Charles, who passed away, January 12, 2004. A dear husband, dad, uncle, brother and grandpa. Sadly missed. Forever in our thoughts.

- From Margaret, Edward, Charles, James, Tat, May, Greta and family.

McSHANNON - Loving memories of John, died January 8, 2007.

Missing you every day. - Jake, Peter and Alan.

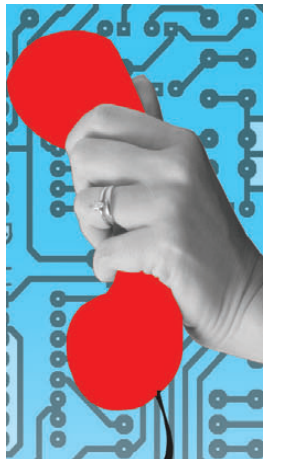
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Rosehill come to Lochgilphead to face Red Star

'Dookers' away to Eaglesham

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star's game at home to Paisley Reid Kerr was called off on Saturday due to the pitch being waterlogged.

This week the D Macdonald Builders and Hire a Joiner-sponsored Red Star are again at home in a tough match with Rosehill Star.

Rosehill have also started the season well, enjoying good runs in the West and Scottish Cups,

Referee for this match will be David Mitchell from Oban.

The match kicks off at 2pm, weather permitting.

Red Star are eager to get back into action after the Christmas break and Manager Moore should hopefully have a full squad to choose from.

Training will continue at the Astro turf on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30pm.

Anyone interested in coming along will be made very welcome.

The annual over-30s versus Under-30s challenge match took place on December 27 but unfortunately for the old boys they were to lose the game by four goals to two.

Young Robert Docherty stole the limelight for the youngsters with the Red Star new boy bagging a hat-trick and Naisby grabbing the other.

A very enthusiastic Duncan Sinclair showed he hasn't lost any off his flair bagging a double - one in each half.

Man of the Match was Donnie Johnson.

It was decided the money made from this match would go towards Kenny and Castriona Crawford with our best wishes.

Both sets of teams would like to thank the Argyll Ho-



Tarbert's pitch at Cil Andreis was waterlogged at the weekend. Due to poor weather last week, Tarbert's league match at home to Cambria 'B' was postponed. Tomorrow (Saturday), the West Loch Shores-sponsored side are due to travel to play Eaglesham 'B' on league duty.

tel for their much needed refreshments.

Lochgilphead Red Star have recently had a new web site,

The club are looking for somebody that would be interested in updating the site

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

centre of the ball.
Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 (note not coin) per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach 'Spot the Ball' Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.
The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.
In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.
The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.
Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
Mrs Sarah Mills, 37 Cara View, Tayinloan and
Hans Pedersen, 19 Bayview, Machrihanish



I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.
No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.
How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap

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Trophy winners in the 2007 season for Lochgilphead and District Angling Club.

Fishermen land trophies at Ardrishaig

THE LOCHGILPHEAD and District Angling Club dinner and presentation of prizes for 2007 was held in the Argyll Arms in Ardrishaig.

The club captain and winner of the Roy Clark Cup was Dugald MacGilp. Neil Ward was runner-up and winner of the Ronnie Reid Cup with Murdo McDonald in third place.

The Senior Cup was also won by Dugald MacGilp with Neil Ward in second place.

Brian Thomsen caught the heaviest fish of the club loch competitions and won the John Scott Cup.

The day trip to the Lake of Monteith was very successful. 18 anglers caught 45 Rainbows

weighing 75 lbs.

Two other catches of note during the season were Neil Ward's 14 brown trout weighing 13 lb 1 oz and Archie MacGilp's brown trout weighing 7 lb 13 oz.

The individual competition results were as follows:- The Pat Ward Memorial Cup: 1 D MacGilp, 2 N Ward, 3 E McDonald. The Peter White Memorial Cup: 1 D MacGilp, 2 N Ward, 3 M McDonald. The Clydesdale Bank Shield: 1 N Ward, 2 M McDonald, 3 B Thomsen. The Stances Tankards: 1 A MacGilp and B McAffer, 2 A MacGilp Jr and S McDonald, 3 J Livingston and W Robertson. McArthur Sports Shield: 1

D MacGilp, 2 A MacGilp, 3 M McDonald. The William Johnstone Cup: 1 M McDonald, 2 D MacGilp, 3 S McDonald. The Ronny McCallum Memorial Shield: 1 D MacGilp, 2 A MacGilp, 3 J McNally. Mid Argyll Insurance Cup: 1 N Ward, 2 D MacGilp, 3 M McDonald. The Eddie Teasdale Memorial Trophy: 1 C Crawford, 2 D MacGilp, 3 E Paterson. The June Tankard: 1 D MacGilp, 2 N Ward, 3 W Robertson. The MacLeod Homes Cup: 1 M McDonald, 2 N Ward. The Link Club Competition: The David Meikle Memorial Shield: D MacGilp (senior). The Catriona Meikle Memorial Shield: Peter McCallum (Junior).

Kintyre half marathon aims for a record 600 entries

ORGANISERS have announced that the third Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon and 10k event will take place on Sunday, May 25 2008 starting from the Aqualibrium, Campbeltown.

Following the success of last year's event, when close to 500 runners and walkers took to the roads of the Campbeltown area, the organisers are increasing the entry numbers again this year and hope to attract a field of 600 competitors.

This year, as in 2007, there will also be Fun Run events for young people between the ages of 6 and 14.

As with the adult events, Fun Run entries should be submitted in advance using the main entry form as there will be no entries on the day.

As in previous years, a number of other activities are being planned over the long weekend for competitors, their families and spectators to enjoy.

For further details of the 2008 event and how to enter, visit the website at www.mokrun.com

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery last week were 1, 3 and 12. There were no winners and the jackpot will £400 next week.

In Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery, the numbers were 5, 19 and 20. There were no winners, leaving a jackpot of £900 for this week's draw.

Tarbert AFC's numbers are 15, 16 and 19. With no winners, next week's draw will be for £800.



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Mid Argyll joggers get back on track

WEDNESDAY and Thursday nights from now until summer will see the local jogscotland groups continue their local jogging/running activities at Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

Interested walkers, runners or those who have done

no exercise for ages will be able either to start a 10 week introductory course, run by Scottish Athletics-trained jog leaders, or for the more regularly active be able to enhance their jogging/running fitness. Beginners and others can go to

the Thursday night session, while those who have been running for a while will find the Wednesday night group's focus on improving their overall fitness to be most suited.

Quite a few of those who have started out this way

now regularly run in local competitive races and the British Waterways-sponsored nine mile run in May will be a target for many folk to complete.

More information jogscotland@argyll-bute.gov.uk or at 01546 605336.

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