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'This budget is what local people want and what local people deserve.'

Council tax rate frozen

COUNCIL tax payers will benefit from a freeze in rates for the next 12 months as Argyll and Bute Council sets its three-year budget. Additional investment of £26 million will be allocated for roads and £17 million to the school estate in a unique budget which gained support from the entire Argyll and Bute Council last week.

A further £1 million has been put towards care for the elderly and £1 million for street lighting. Councillors also agreed to £10 million going to support town centre and waterfront projects in the five main towns in Argyll.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'Our budget continues the investment in the people of Argyll and Bute, for the young in terms of education, for the elderly and disadvantaged in terms of services such as social work, for providing a range of leisure and recreational activities and for providing appropriate infrastructure and support to enable our economy to grow.'

Councillor Gary Mulvaney, leader of the Argyll and Bute Conservative group, said: 'This budget has a real focus on service delivery and on the bread and butter issues that matter to people. The additional monies into care of the elderly, roads and transportation and school estates, will help to deliver better service for the people of Argyll and Bute.

'It's about delivering for our communities and this budget shows what we can do if we all work together.'

It was not all good news, however, as work on the Tobermory-Salen road on Mull has been put on hold. Councillors are hoping for additional funding from central government to proceed with this project.

Mull councillor Mary-Jean Devon said: 'I'm extremely disappointed that a few large projects have disappeared such as the Mull road. Councillor Mulvaney said we are getting back to bread and butter projects but this may literally be taking bread and butter away from people.'

Councillor Ellen Morton, leader of the Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrat group, supported the budget but also acknowledged the work ahead: 'This budget is what local people want and what local people deserve. We still face testing times ahead of us. The budget relies on the delivery of efficiency savings and that's not always an easy task. We need to take on large projects like the Mull road and it's not clear how we can do that.'

Opportunity Kintyre and Here We Are in Cairndow are also to see their funding removed. Council leader Dick Walsh said he would be looking for alternative funding sources to support these initiatives. Although there will be additional funding for modernising schools, it is clear that there may be some risk of closures in the years ahead. Meetings will be held to discuss possible options in the next few months with an outcome expected in the summer.

With the council fixing a budget for the next three years, most of the funding will come through a mix of capital funds from central government and a raft of efficiency savings. The council plan to dip into their reserves in the first year and pay the money back over the following two years.

Convener Billy Petrie said: 'It's unique that a budget has gone through united. Argyll united.'

Mid Argyll Round Table and the ARMS Centre staff celebrate their sponsorship deal.

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Mid Argyll round tablers boost local hyperbaric unit

£2,000 cheque will fund ARMS Centre therapy chamber for a year

MID ARGYLL Round Table have donated £2000 to the ARMS Centre in Lochgilphead for their Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy unit – an amount that should pay for the unit for a year.

On top of this, the Round Table wish to take a more active role in sponsoring the centre, offering assistance in a variety of ways.

Chairman of the local branch of the Round Table, Robert McGlynn, explained: 'It's good for us to have something to focus on.

'It's not just the therapy unit, there's various ways we can help out. We all do different jobs so whether it's help with electric work or plumbing, if we don't do it ourselves, we probably know someone who can help.'

The oxygen therapy chamber works by providing the patient with oxygen at a higher than atmospheric pressure.

It's therapeutic value is posited to lie in a drastically increased partial pressure of oxygen in the tissues of the body. It also helps oxygen travel through the blood.

The treatment is seen as useful for Multiple Sclerosis, burns and a host of other complaints including sports injuries.

Centre Manager Karen McCurry said : 'We don't get any funding from the NHS or central government so it's great that the Round Table have agreed to sponsor the unit for us.'

The centre requires £70,000 a year to operate and relies heavily on donations from the local community.

Members of the public are welcome to use the Campbell Street centre, including the Hyperbaric Chamber,

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Ford SWRI meet local 'Pied Piper'

SHEENA McNair welcomed 12 members to the February meeting of Ford SWRI.

The evening began with a welcome for Ann Beckitt and her film 'The Pied Piper of Lochgilphead', a film with a twist in its tail.

This film was about dance, and the young local folk who took part in it.

An enjoyable evening commenced.

A vote of thanks was given by Ella Wilson.

Competition winners for the quirkiest shoe: 1 Pat Holt, 2 Julianne Bailey, 3 Sheena Carmichael.

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Assistant Amenity Services Manager John Downie with Environment Warden Mary Stewart. A08env01

Children could prove key in carrying enviromental message

'Any phone call will be treated confidentially' says warden in fight against dog dirt, litter and fly-tipping

IT'S been a difficult year since Mary Stewart took on the role of Environment Warden for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area.

With such a large area to cover, progress is necessarily slow but some results are beginning to shine through after a lot of hard work.

One of the first things Mary did after taking on the role was too visit every single school in the area and educate children about the effects of littering, responsible dog ownership and the costs of cleaning up the mess.

'We get amazing feedback from the kids', said Mary. 'I take my two black Labradors, Corrie and Gypsy, and the children love them.'

To keep up the pressure on school children, regular litter patrols are taking place at lunchtime in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown and Bowmore.

People caught dropping litter can be fined up to £50 with £40 for not picking up after your dog. The dog fouling fine will go up to £60 if not paid in 28 days as recently happened to the man caught on the front green in Lochgilphead.

Seven penalty notices have been issued for dog fouling in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Islay.

'Dog fouling is one of the main problems,' Mary admitted. 'In the summer we had an improvement but in winter dog owners get lazy – it's dark and no-one sees them. Littering has been getting better.'

The dark nights have also restricted early and late patrols by the warden but these are re-starting this week, with particular emphasis on identified 'hot spots'.

Hot spots are also a feature of her work on fly-tipping. This and abandoned cars also come under Mary's remit and add to the workload. She currently has four abandoned cars in her files and there have been various incidents of fly-tipping, West Loch Tarbert being a particular problem area. There are plans to put CCTV cameras in such areas to help catch the perpetrators.

Mary is also keen to hear from anyone with any complaints about dog fouling, littering etc: 'Any phone call will be treated confidentially. The names and/or addresses of those committing the offences are always helpful, though.'

We'll be having stalls with free dog bags at events through the summer and I'm very friendly, so don't hesitate to visit us.'

Classes in responsible dog ownership have also started in Carradale and Campbeltown with great success. Anyone in Mid Argyll interested in such a class should contact Mary on 01546 604666 and she will pass the details to the relevant party. This number should also be used to notify her of a relevant environmental concern.

Services for the elderly come under scrutiny

Consultation starts this week

SERVICES for the elderly are under the spotlight this week as a series of consultations kick-off, talking to those affected by the plans.

Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership are running the consultations as part of their proposed redesign of services for older people.

Both organisations would like to hear from people who use their services, including carers, community agencies, partner organisations and the wider public, to help them plan services which will be fit for the future needs of older people in Argyll and Bute.

A series of structured and 'drop in' meetings have been arranged across Argyll and Bute between 18th February and 11th March to enable those interested to have their say.

Lochgilphead will play host to the Mid Argyll discussions on Monday, February 25, with meetings with health staff at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, residents and carers in Ardfenaig in Ardrishaig and community care groups and service users in Lochgilphead Community Centre.

There will also be a drop-in at Mid Argyll Community Hospital on March 6 at 2.30pm.

The consultation plan and meeting dates are available on the Council's website at: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/olderpeopleservices.

For those unable to attend a meeting, 'phone in' sessions have been arranged for between 5pm and 7pm on March 12 and between 1pm and 5pm on March 13. Additionally, comments can be made on the website between February 25 and March 10.

For more information contact Lorna McCallum on 01546 604348 or e-mail Lorna.McCallum@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Local man more than twice drink/ drive limit

A LOCHGILPHEAD man admitted a charge of drink driving at Oban Sheriff Court this week.

David MacDonald Forrest, aged 27, of 8 Meadows Place, Lochgilphead admitted driving on Soroba road, Oban on February 17 this year with 83mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, over twice the legal alcohol limit.

Sentence was deferred for reports on Forrest who also admitted driving without insurance and driving while disqualified.

He will be sentenced at Oban Sheriff Court on March 17 this year.

Water work delayed again

COMPLETION of work by Scottish Water in Lochgilphead has been delayed again, with the company unable to provide a final date.

The plans to upgrade the sewage works in the town, which has seen the front green torn up and traffic lights on Lochnell Street, were due to finish on March 20 but unforeseen hitches have put the timetable back.

A spokesperson for Scottish Water said: 'We are continuing with our Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) project to carry out essential works in Lochgilphead.

'We have extended the timescales of this project due to unavoidable delays.

'Works will be scaled down during the Easter holiday period to ensure minimal disruption to the local community.'

Ardrishaig will be a stop-off point on a new regatta next year. A08reg01

New yacht regatta books Mid Argyll date

Ardrishaig, Crinan and Ardfern on summer schedule

MID ARGYLL is to add another yachting event to the calendar next year – with up to 20 yachts taking part in a regatta in July.

The inaugural Mylne Regatta 2009 next summer is open to any yacht designed or built by A Mylne & Co and will begin in Glasgow on July 10.

The event will consist of a week-long series of cruises and races between Glasgow, Ardrishaig, Crinan, Ardfern and Campbeltown with the yachts finishing up in Oban in time for the Classic Malts Cruise.

Large yachts will cruise from Rothesay to Campbeltown during the second race of the event, via the Kyles of Bute, with an evening reception in Campbeltown.

The next day the yachts will be leaving Campbeltown for Ardfern in the third race of the series.

Smaller yachts will go directly from Rothesay to Ardrishaig, entering the Crinan Canal on arrival, before moving through the canal on July 15 and on to Ardfern.

One yacht which has been confirmed for entry is the Eileen II which was built in Glasgow in 1934, and is a 92 ft large yacht.

The Mylne office designed over 400 yachts, a significant proportion of which are still sailing actively today in the UK, the Carribean and the Mediterranean.

The company is in contact with some owners already and is encouraging them to take part in the regatta.

The event comes at a good time for Ardrishaig, where there are hopes to develop the waterfront in the coming years.

The village's proposed developments include a marina and better facilities for seafarers.

Work on a new slipway is due to start next week.

Police files

Tarbert arrests

TARBERT police have had some success recently with crimes committed earlier in the year.

A 16-year-old male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with Christmas lights which were smashed on Harbour Street over the New Year period.

A 21-year-old man was also arrested recently for various road traffic offences including theft of a motor vehicle relating to an incident in January.

The car was subsequently crashed into two other vehicles on Church Street, Tarbert.

Disturbance

THERE was a disturbance outside the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead in the early hours of Sunday morning, February 17.

No arrests were made but several people were warned about their behaviour.

Breach of the peace

A MAN was arrested for breach of the peace in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The alleged offence took place in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead.

Assault

A WOMAN was arrested on assault charges in Ardrishaig in the early hours of Saturday morning, February 16.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Youths drinking

SEVERAL youths had alcohol confiscated in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead at the weekend. They also received warnings about their behaviour.

Kilmichael Glassary's SWRI surprise test in Thai language

VISITING guests from Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Ford SWRIs were in for a surprise when they attended Kilmichael Glassary SWRI's February meeting.

Expecting to listen to a talk or see a slideshow on Thailand, the visitors found that guest speaker Dr Carol O'Neill had other ideas.

She proceeded to teach the assembled company, of 40-plus members, the Thai language.

Dr O'Neill, who has been a missionary in Thailand with the Baptist Church, followed her lessons with a test to see how much her pupils had learned.

However, a good social evening was had by all, during which supper was served by Glassary's committee.

Betty Rhodick won the competition for a winter hat with flaps and Catherine Smith came first with her apple and cranberry jelly.

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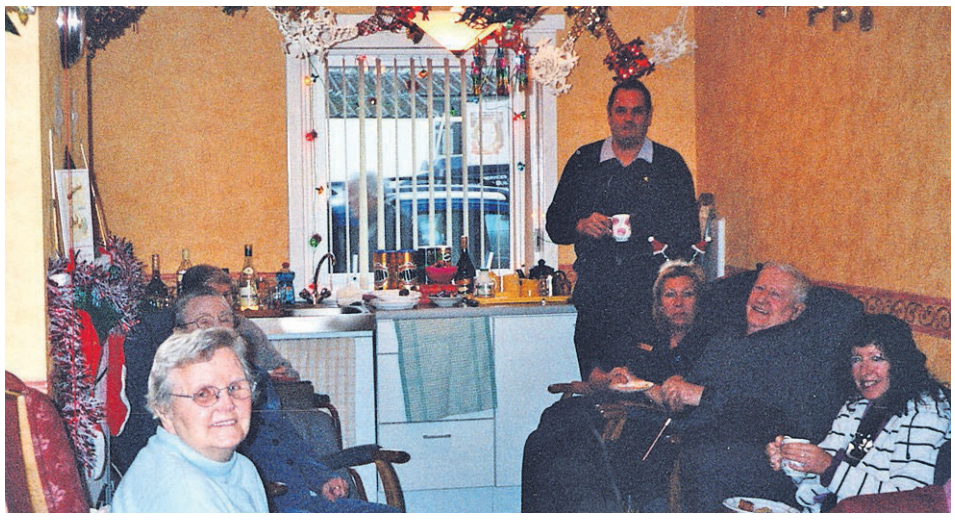

RESIDENTS of McCracken Court in Lochgiphead have been updating *The Argyllshire Advertiser* on their goings-on over the last few months.

A successful Christmas party was held with residents, families and friends with Norman entertaining everyone with a selection on tunes on the accordion.

After a buffet meal, Santa delivered the gifts.

In January, the 'Music in Hospitals' programme gave the residents a much-needed boost with their 'All Aboara' – a day of music, song and dance.

Left: Christmas time in McCracken Court.

Right: Bill Stoddard takes the lead at the dance.

Local Rotary Club round-up

New members

When elected in June, this year's Rotary President for Lochgilphead, Ian Davidson, stated that one of his aims would be to strengthen club membership, and Ian has been as good as his word. Since the beginning of the year, no fewer than six new members have been 'sworn in', with one more definite member to come. This will definitely reinforce the club's hand in carrying out the many tasks and projects which present themselves in the course of the year.

So what is the Rotary movement and what does it achieve? Rotary International is an organisation of professional persons who meet regularly for fellowship in their local clubs. At all times, they seek to serve their local community through their work at club level, and also the international community through the Rotary Foundation, which carries out many education and health projects in the third world.

The Rotary Club of Lochgilphead is one of over 200 active Rotary clubs in Scotland, whilst in the whole of Great Britain, there are currently 1846 Clubs. So following a well attended 'Open night', the Club has recently bid a very warm welcome to Duncan Aitken, Sandy Cameron, Stephen Hunter, Martin Stewart, Rev. Richard West and Derek White and looks forward to welcoming Willie Young in the near future.

Burns supper

The annual Burns Supper in Cairnbaan Hotel, was a very well attended and most enjoyable event.

President Ian Davidson welcomed those present, and before the meal, a time of silence was observed in honour of two people connected with the Club who had recently died - Honorary Rotarian Angus McIntyre and Winifred Maclean, widow of late Rotarian, John Maclean. The Selkirk Grace - in Gaelic and Scots - was said by Roddy MacLeod. Piper Thomas McCulloch had piped in the haggis, which was addressed by the ever popular John Orr, who in the course of the evening also sang a number of Burns' songs. A welcome addition to the programme was Kenny MacLeod singing some of the bard's best-known songs. Kenny Stark of Inveraray gave a very imaginative Immortal Memory in the form of a 'This is your life' presentation, and also recited some of Burns' lesser known poems. Robin Finlay proposed a most amusing Toast to the Lassies, to which Jane MacLeod ably and wittingly replied. The vote of thanks was given by President-elect, Alistair Gow.

Rotary Trophy for the Most Promising Young Musician of 2008:

The hunt is now on for the most promising young musician of the year, to receive on May 10 a trophy and cash prize donated by the Rotary Club of Lochgilphead.

Last year was the third occasion on which the Rotary Club made this award and the competition is now well established, like that of Campbeltown Rotary Club.

The current holder of the Rotary Trophy is Laura MacMillan, Inveraray – an outstanding piper and pianist – and Laura was selected from over a dozen entries by a specialist musical panel.

You can be an instrumentalist, vocalist, composer etc to enter. All that is required is to fill in a simple form, on which you state in your own words your past and present musical activity, what it is that attracts you to music and your plans for the future.

To be eligible, you must live in Mid Argyll and be from 11 to 18 years of age on May 1 this year. Your music teacher or school office will have the relevant Rotary application form and the closing date for applications is strictly the 15 April, 2008.

The strong entries submitted last year gave an indication of how music flourishes in the area and how much talent there is, and this will of course be very much in evidence at the Mid Argyll Music Festival which is now just over one month away (March 15, 17 and 22 to 25).

For any queries about the Rotary Trophy, please contact John Holt on 01546 886 384.

Race night brings in £1,200 for sailing club

TAYVALLICH Sailing Club raised over £1,200 at their Race Night on Saturday, February 9 at the village hall.

The funds will go towards Tayvallich Sailing Club and Cygnets activities over the coming season.

Thanks are due to Mid Argyll Round Table, who ran the evening as part of their support of local fundraising.

Mike Leng presided over the evening's race card, assisted by Ewen Cameron, who took charge of the 'big screen' projection.

The 'Ascot hat' competition was won by Susan Osborn, resplendent in giant polka dots.

Commodore David Attwood rounded off the evening by thanking in particular the ordinary 'punters' who came along, keen to place their bets and to back Tayvallich Sailing Club for a further season.

The races were all sponsored by local firms: Loch Fyne Oysters, Midton Acrylics, The Square Peg, Sorted by Mandy, Tayvallich Shop, Dr Eco, and The Tayvallich Inn.

Waverley may be banned from Tarbert

TARBERT'S Harbour Board's consulting engineer has undertaken the annual inspection of the East Pier and is advising that its use by vessels like the *PS Waverley* should be prohibited.

He states 'The East Pier has continued to deteriorate; it is in worse condition than was observed during last year's inspection and is in significantly worse condition than was observed in March 2006.'

The Harbour Board's Trustees are obviously extremely disappointed that this prohibition is now required.

Chairman of the Board, Alan Macdonald said, 'It is unfortunate that the rate of deterioration of the pier forces this situation on us.

'Unless immediate funding can be sourced I am afraid that we may well have seen the last visit of the PS Waverley to Tarbert.

The Waverley has had a long association with Tarbert and its visits have given a lot of enjoyment to many people over the years. It is very sad that this era is now coming to an end.'

The Trustees have been aware of the condition of the pier for some time.

Due to the lack of funding they were forced to take a decision last year to manage the demise of the East Pier with a view to extending its useful life for as long as possible.

They will continue to seek support for maintenance/refurbishment funds to restore the pier to have the capacity to cope with as large a vessel as possible.

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Colin Hossack, district forester for West Argyll, shows the large concentric circles discovered recently. a08for01

Storms reveal Achnabreac rock art

FOLLOWING our story last week about the new rock art discovered at Achnabreac, the *Advertiser* has now had a chance to visit the site, which is still being covered over to protect it from further damage.

The major discovery, which also includes a dice-like pattern, was revealed following storms which uprooted several trees. The area where the discovery was made is host to one of the mountain bike trails.

The marks are believed to be bronze age, dating back some 5000 years.

The area has been closed by the Forestry Commission to ensure it is safe for visitors and also to protect the work until studies are complete.

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Hero to Zero road safety campaign launched

A MAJOR new road safety campaign, which aims to reduce the number of young drivers and passengers who are killed or seriously injured in road crashes across the west of Scotland, has been launched this month.

The initiative - 'Hero to Zero' - is being funded by the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum, and aims to raise awareness of how young drivers are putting their own lives and the lives of their young adult passengers at risk by behaving recklessly behind the wheel.

Every day in the west of Scotland around five young adults between the ages of 17 and 25 are killed or injured in car crashes.

Common factors in fatal collisions among 17 to 25 year olds were exceeding speed limits, travelling too fast for the road conditions and loss of control. Another fatal combination is when young adult passengers are travelling with a young driver.

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Chairman of the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum and transportation spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council, says: 'Some young drivers are keen to test themselves and take unnecessary risks with their own lives, the lives of their passengers and other road users - sometimes with fatal consequences.

'They take their driving to the edge without having the ability or experience to carry it off, often thinking that a crash 'won't happen' to them. 'We need young drivers who take risks on the road to question their own driving and that of their friends and consider the consequences of their own and other's behaviour. We want them to think - is it really worth it?'

In 2006, Strathclyde Police dealt with 1,593 young driver or passenger casualties among the 17 to 25 age group. Pre campaign research among young adults, the main target for this initiative, showed a major lack of understanding of the consequences of their actions if they took risks when driving.

Chief Inspector Andy Orr, Strathclyde Police, says: 'Some young drivers often believe themselves to be better drivers than they are. Unfortunately, on occasions, they lack judgement, drive too fast for the road conditions and over estimate their skill. They also forget that passengers make a difference to how a car handles, as well as to their own behaviour behind the wheel.'

'Impressive' Mid Argyll says Jim

NFU Scotland's President, Jim McLaren was full of praise for the area's 'impressive' farmers when he visited Mid Argyll to meet members and tour local agricultural businesses.

He spent the evening with the Union's Mid Argyll Branch, where they discussed a number of topics ranging from Foot and Mouth Disease compensation, Bluetongue, Less Favoured Areas (LFA) money and the reintroduction of beavers.

Jim McLaren, said: 'Visiting Argyll and the Islands is always a wake-up call; the determination of the farmers there to make their businesses work, often with extreme climatic and geographical disadvantages, is truly impressive. The visit reinforced the need for continued LFA money and the importance that this money is targeted at active farmers.'

Louis Flood, left, with John Fraser. t07cmra01

John bows out where he began

A PHOTOGRAPHER, who has worked closely with west Highland livestock farmers for the last 34 years, announced his imminent retirement at the Highland Cattle Society dinner in Oban last week.

And John Fraser, from Dunblane, who has been with Scottish Farmer magazine since 1974, brought along the man who got him started all those years ago.

Louis Flood, from Perth, operates his own photography business but helped John on his first job for Scottish Farmer in 1974 – the Highland Cattle Society Show in Oban. Louis recalls the day he first met John. He said: 'In 1974 Scottish Farmer asked me to cover the Highland Cattle Society sale in Oban with a new photographer they had. I was to show him the ropes, because it was his first job.'

John said: 'I was sent to Oban for my first job and was told to look out for Louis Flood, who would keep me right. We've been pals ever since.'

Commission comes to the rescue on supermarket supply

THE STRANGLEHOLD that the major supermarkets have on suppliers of produce has been loosened with the latest news from the Competition Commission.

The commission is now proposing a package of measures, which it thinks practical.

These include lifting existing exclusivity arrangements and requiring supermarkets to make further improvements to their dealings with suppliers and the establishment of an ombudsman to arbitrate on disputes under a new Groceries Supply Code of Practice (GSCOP).

James Withers the deputy chief executive of the NFUS said that the union has spent three years working on this issue and was delighted and so has Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute.

'Bone of contention'

Mr Reid told *The Courier*: 'The huge difference in the price of milk between the farm gate and the supermarket shelf has been a bone of contention for a long time and the low price that dairy farmers receive for their milk needs to be investigated.

'I have been calling for an ombudsman like this for a long time and I welcome the proposals.'

Mr Withers said: 'Our campaign is not about protecting farmers or anyone else from tough competition. The totally unacceptable demands by some supermarkets for lump sum payments and the promotional costs being forced on to suppliers are all part of a destructive squeeze on suppliers jeopardising the future supply of local, quality food at a time when consumers have never been more in demand of it.'

Market news

UNITED Auctions sold 425 store cattle and 1017 store sheep at Stirling last Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 141.7p (+1.4p) and sold to 172.3p per kg for a 290kg. Charolais rolais cross from Polnoon and £835 for a 636kg Simmental cross from Whitsome Laws.

Heifers averaged 135.5p (+0.4p) and sold to 153.6p per kg for a 414kg Charolais rolais cross from Harviestoun and £670 for a 526kg Limousin cross from West Yett.

Cast cows averaged 98.4p per kilo and sold to to 133.9p or £945 for a Belgian Blue cross from Easter Mye, while cast bulls averaged 116.7p to 137.3p

Cross bred lambs from Kilwhinleck sold to £45 with Texelels from New to £40.50 and Cheviots from Dullatur to £38.

United Auctions sold 3794 prime sheep including 3057 hoggs and 737 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday when the sale average for hoggs was 116.9p/kg.

Hoggs sold to £71.50 and 158.8p per kilo for Texelels from Guardswell. Blackface hoggs from Brackley sold to £55 and to 131p per kilo Knock O'Ronald. Ewes sold to £78 for Texelels from Halbeath, Quixwood sold Mules to £50 and Aikengall sold Blackfaces to £35.20.

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Ayrshire Breeders stock judging at Machribeg

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its annual stock judging at Machribeg Farm, Southend on Monday evening.

In the absence of chairman Hamish Smith, owing to illness, vice-chairman Robin Barr welcomed all present and introduced the master judge for the competition Robert Millar of High Cattadale.

Although Mr Millar prefers to milk a herd composed of a rival back and white breed, he had quite recently gained first-hand experience of milking some Ayrshires on a temporary basis and it is rumoured that he has been heard quietly admitting to being favourably impressed by their performance.

Some 96 competitors took a keen interest in placing six different classes of traditional-style Ayrshires after which prizes were presented as follows.

Gents: 1 equal and winners of Ayrshire Cattle Society Cup: Thomas Ralston, Dhurrie and Andrew Ralston, Dalivaddy, each receiving semen vouchers to the value of £100; 3 John Armour, High Tirfergus, £50 voucher.

Ladies: 1 Tracy Millar, Ballygreggan, £50; 2 Catherine Ralston East Drumlemble, £30; 3 Alison Ronald, High Cottage, Keil, £20.

Young Farmers: 1 Peter McKerral, Dundoaran, Southend, £100 voucher;2 Kevin Graham West Backs, £50 voucher; 3 Iain Smith, Wallace Cottages, Southend, £25.

Juniors: 1 equal, Aaron McCallum, Hill Cottage, Keil, £15 voucher each;3 Graeme McMillan, Balloch Cottage, £5.

Pairs

In a further competition sponsored by Davidson Brothers (Shotts) Ltd, pairs of four mothers and four daughters were also inspected and placed.

Thirteen competitors' cards agreed exactly with the verdict of the master judge and after a draw the five lucky winners of £10 each were: William G Ralston, Darlochan; Archie Millar, Ballygreggan; Robert Millar Jnr, Brunerican; John Armour, High Knockrioch and Thomas Irwin, West Drumlemble.

John Ralston, chairman of the Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club then ably announced the final placings over the three local club stockjudgings held during the past 12 months.

Gents: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 2 William G Ralston, Darlochan; 3 Sandy Pirie, Machrihanish.

Ladies: 1 Iona Barr, Calderglen, Clochkeil; 2 Joan Pirie, Machrihanish; 3 Catherine Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Young farmers: 1 Thomas J Cameron, Gartvaigh; 2 Robin Barr, Calderglen; 3 Rachael Pirie, Machrihanish.

Juniors: 1 Graeme McMillan, Balloch Cottage; 2 Jennifer Littleson, Killegruer; 3 Greg Gillespie, Campbeltown.

Overall most points and winner of the Gartvaigh Cup: Iona Barr; winner of the James Wilson Memorial Cup for highest score in young farmers' section: Thomas J Cameron.

Following a well-supported raffle, Willie Ralston then proposed a vote of thanks, Willie Ralston then proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in making the evening such an enjoyable occasion and made special mention of the role of club treasurer Archie Reid in helping before hand to prepare the 20 animals on display during the various classes.

The club was also indebted to Hamish Smith for so diligently seeking sponsorship for the event from Cattle Services (Ayr) Ltd, Semex UK, Alta Genetics, World Wide Sire, Cogent and Cattle Information Service Milk Records Division.

AGM

The next meeting of the club will be the annual general meeting on Monday March 3 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, at 8pm when the guest speaker will be John Hunter, Ardmore, County Antrim, the current president of the Argyllshire Cattle Society. All are very welcome to come along for what should be a most enlightening talk on his year in office and also on the farms at home in Northern Ireland.

CLOCKWISE from main picture: Robert Millar casts his eye over a class of four-year-olds, which he eventually placed XAYB. Charles Turner and Andrew Millar; Peter McKerral who won the Alta Genetics Cup; joint winners of the Ayrshire Cattle Society Cup, Thomas Ralston and Andrew Ralston; John Armour and Greg Gillespie; Robin Barr in discussion with judge Robert Millar; Shona Barbour presented trophies for the three combined stock judgings to Thomas Cameron with the James Wilson Memorial Cup for young farmers and Iona Barr with the Gartvaigh Cup for most points overall and LEFT: competitors at the stockjudging.c08ayr 02,06,08,07,03,04,09,10 and 05

Thought for the week

I must be reaching my anecdotage as I increasingly find my mind returning to things that happened many years ago, and often that bring a smile to my face.

My minister's son was in my very first Sunday School class. His father sometimes asked the children questions during the service and his son's hand was always first to go up. One Sunday, when his father asked a question, no hands went up at all. The minister waited, encouraged, hinted at the answer… and then gave up and told the children what it was. When his son arrived at Sunday School the tears were streaming down his face. 'What's wrong?' I asked, thinking he was upset at not having known the answer to his father's question. How wrong I was! 'Everybody will think I didn't know,' he said, furiously rubbing the tears from his eyes, 'but Dad said I'd not to put my hand up first. I'd to wait till somebody else did, and nobody did!'

God's Word says, 'Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.' Humility is a Christian virtue, but it has to be genuine, and we can't impose it on someone else! (see James 4:10)

Irene Howat

Down Memory Lane

This picture of the winning Stag Hotel darts team in 1985 was handed in by Sine MacNeill in memory of Mairi McCuish of Lochgilphead who died recently. The picture shows, from left: Back row: Maggie Smith, Sine MacNeill, Catriona McGregor, Isobel MacVicar, Donna Kavanagh, Edith Smith. Front row: Dorothy Thompson, Mairi MacCuish. A08dml1NO

Those were the days

February 19 1983

Plan to keep Crinan Bridge open

PROPOSALS to keep Crinan Bridge permanently open for canal traffic have been discussed.

The bridge was originally built to allow access to the Crinan Ferry which has not been in operation for around 50 years.

The British Waterways Board claims it can no longer afford to keep the bridge operating and want to simply leave it open to allow boats to pass through at any time. The bridge is currently closed to boats at nights and weekends.

All of the houses on the far side of the bridge are occupied by tenants of the board, most of them employees.

These people are in the habit of leaving their cars on the other side from their houses but the board says the bridge could be opened for them if they needed to take a vehicle across.

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Beyond Arrochar

Sir,

I was surprised and disappointed to read in The Advertiser such a one-sided review of my book 'Beyond Arrochar' ('Flying off the shelves – for the wrong reason'). I trust you will show me the courtesy of allowing me through your columns to redress the balance.

To my mind the book honestly portrays the three years my wife and I spent in Mid Argyll and, of course, there were incidents which people wish had never happened, but they did and as such were an integral part of my life in Scotland. I also referred to anti-English bigotry, which you pointed out in your review, although what you failed to say was that I made it clear that the vast majority of people I met were welcoming, helpful and friendly. Many remain good friends although from what I understand, at least two no longer see themselves in that light, which saddens me but I do respect their point of view.

So much of what I wrote was in praise of Scotland and its people and a great number of them are shown to be kind, caring and highly intelligent with the community benefiting from these qualities, a community, incidentally, that I felt privileged to be a part of. The memories of our time in Scotland I treasure and will continue to do so whatever reaction there is to the book.

You stressed what you consider to be the 'pointlessness' of the book, the truth of which I would question.

The review was correct in assuming that the writing of the book was therapy for me, but it also proved to be therapy for others. Several people who have suffered mental illness have contacted me to say that they were helped by my account of the breakdown and others said their understanding of mental illness is now much greater than it had been.

Another positive came from a person from Inverness who had lived and worked in Lochgilphead. They commented that reading the book made them want to come back to Mid Argyll.

Those reading the book would not agree with the reviewer that the book is pointless.

Harry Patterson,
Devon

Tarbert Harbour

Sir,

The report by the Crown Estate Review Group has supported the proposal made by Tarbert Harbour Authority over eight years ago, that the Crown Estates should relinquish claims to seabed title within all statutory harbours.

It is clearly unsatisfactory that two separate bodies should attempt to exercise jurisdiction over the same area.

Described by a leading Scottish politician as 'parasitic', the Crown Estates have imposed charges on most harbours for any use made of the seabed, whether for building piers or laying moorings. In at least one instance a rental charge is levied for seabed which is passed over by a bridge.

During my 24 years as a Tarbert Harbour Trustee, the Crown Estate Commissioners demanded rental payment for seabed use in respect of the harbour pontoons, and threatened court action when the Trustees resisted.

The current proposals by the Crown Estate Commissioners to invest in pontoon extension and shoreside facilities are in stark contrast to their previous attitude. It is unlikely that their motives are entirely altruistic. A dividend will be expected for their investment. The present Trustees must negotiate terms which do not disadvantage Tarbert Harbour Authority.

Irrespective of the merit (or otherwise) of the Crown Estate's new policy of investment in some harbours, the Scottish Government should give serious consideration to the Review Group's recommendations.

Ian Macintyre,
Past Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Authority,

Magic wand found

Sir,

Scotland's transport minister, Stewart Stevenson, said, 'If you know where the magic wand shop is, you tell me'.

Stewart, you'll find it just in front of the next ballot box.

John Moore,
Furnace

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The correct name for Mothers Day in the UK is Mothering Sunday.

Sweater, n; a garment worn by a child when its mother is feeling chilly.

Mothering Sunday is always the forth Sunday in Lent and has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century, however as the dates vary as to when Easter and Lent fall the actual Sunday chosen to celebrate it may vary. This year Mothering Sunday is March 2.

When you are a mother you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

In Victorian times, it was a day when children, mainly daughters who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow the maids to bake a cake to take home for their mother. Sometimes a gift of eggs was allowed but flowers were traditional as the young boys and girls would have to walk home to their village and would gather wild flowers on their way through the meadows.

Mothers love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.

Today it is when children give presents, flowers and cards to their mothers. Many mothers will be taken to their favourite restaurant and treated to a fantastic meal with a nice glass of wine to accompany it. This is the one day in the year when children can say a big "thank you" to their mothers for all they have done for them throughout the year.

You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around – and why his parents will always wave back.

Mothers should be thoroughly pampered on March 2 so don't forget to buy the card, order the flowers and book the restaurant in plenty of time – she deserves it.

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Djordje has won many International Competitions, amongst them Tropheo Mondiale in 1988 and the Grand Prix 1987. He has also received many awards of outstanding merit leading to television and radio broadcasts. He has performed with Russian State Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Yvgeny Svetlanov, as well as many solo recitals throughout Russia, Yugoslavia, France, Germany, Poland, Latvia, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia and Britain.

One of his most recent performances was with RSNO at Usher Hall, Edinburgh and Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow. He is currently teaching at Douglas Academy of Music, Glasgow, St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh and visiting teacher at Trinity College of Music, London.

The programme will be a balance of classical compositions for piano and organ through Spanish works by Granados and De Falla to finish with traditional styles and tunes from various countries including Scotland. The Accordion is unique as an instrument which plays melody, harmony and rhythm simultaneously, the accordion's extra advantage of portability served to propelled it to unparalleled popularity as various types were produced throughout the world. France, Ireland, Russia, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Austria, the Slavic countries and others infused the instrument with features which catered to their own particular folk music, making it the voice of the people. Come along and hear it in the hands of an expert.

We've done Let's do, so now let's listen

LAST year a team from BBC Radio Scotland rolled into Campbeltown and said: 'Let's do the Show right Here.'

Lindsay Gillies the producer and his team recorded a show featuring the host of talent available in Campbeltown.

The series arrives at a different town each week, records a show, chats to the people taking part and the proceeds from the event go to a local good cause. In the case of Campbeltown it was Home-Start.

The show was compered by the Pop Idol winner Michelle McManus and everyone who took part and filled the hall at Campbeltown Grammar School had a great time.

You can relive it all today (Friday) when BBC Radio Scotland broadcasts the programme at 11.30am and then repeats it at midnight, and you can also listen by visiting the BBC website.

Lindsay Gillies told *The Courier* this week: 'We had an absolutely great time in Campbeltown and everyone who took part seemed to as well.

'The whole town was so welcoming and the show really came together thanks to the organisational skills of Jackie Fulton from Home-Start.'

Jackie said: 'I'd once again like to thank everyone in the town for supporting us on September 13. The event made £3,700 for Home-Start.

'I'm really looking forward to listening to the show and I hope everyone enjoys it all over again'

ABOVE:
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Curtain up tonight for Kintyre

TONIGHT (Friday) and tomorrow there is a feast of drama on offer in Campbeltown with the Kintyre Drama Festival.

From side-splitting comedy to war-time drama, there is an amazing mix performed by some talented amateur players.

It opens with last year's winners, Carradale Drama Club, performing a war-time drama, *The Trial*, by Anthony Booth. This is followed by the first of three entries from Lochgilphead: *After I'm Gone,* a comedy by the famous Welsh playwright Frank Vickery. The third play will be performed by Accent Players: *Failed Investments,* a comedy by Lynn Brittney. Finally, Lochgilphead will entertain you once again with the comedy, *Nudes in Waning Light* by George Brockhill.

On Saturday evening Tarbert Academy will present a poignant play about the First World War, *Is There Honey Still?* by Claire Jones.

Peninver Players will follow with Alan Richardson's comedy, *Platform Party,* and the festival will finish with Lochgilphead's hilarious *Not Bobby*, by NJ Warburton.

These seven teams are competing for places in the Divisional Finals and Youth Finals.

There are still a few tickets left for each night, and for younger thespians, this year the Youth Divisional Final will take place here in Campbeltown on March 15.

The winning adult team will travel to Stranraer at the end of March.

First class music

VICTORIA Hall, Campbeltown was bursting with exceptional music on Monday night when 73 young musicians from all over Argyll and Bute took to the stage.

The audience was even brought in on some performances to add to the enthusiastic atmosphere in the large hall.

Pupils from Hermitage Academy, Tarbert Academy, Oban High, Lochgilphead High, Dunoon Grammar, Islay High, Campbeltown Grammar and Rothesay Academy took part.

A good proportion of these pupils were from Kintyre and Mid Argyll.

The band then went on to play in Helensburgh on the Tuesday, February 19.

They performed several wind band repertoires including, *Cloudburst* by Eric Whitacre, and *Evocations* by Martin Ellerby.

Pupils are selected for the band through competitive auditions during an intensive residential course.

The band was conducted by Argyll and Bute Councils Music Services Coordinator John Grant who is highly acclaimed musician.

Memorable concert

ON Saturday in a packed Ardrishaig Hall, the vocal duo, Alma with pianist, Robert Melling, presented a highly enjoyable recital for the Mid Argyll Arts Association and the programme, in five sections, was positively ingenious in its variety.

Wilma MacDougall (soprano) is a great favourite in Argyll, hailing as she does from Tarbert, whose music lovers turned out in force to welcome her and partner, Colette Ruddy (mezzo-soprano).

Alma opened with five neatly contrasting songs by Purcell, the central one being the stately duet, *Sound the Trumpet*, which was sung with great sense of occasion.

Mendelssohn's version of a Burns' poem *O wert thou in a cauld blast* was the first of the five Lieder, with superb tone and control particularly demonstrated by Wilma in Richard Strauss' *Morgen*.

But from the outset, it was clear that both voices blended exquisitely with each other, as duets alternated with solos.

Before the section of Scottish songs, Robert performed *Farewell to Stromness* by Peter Maxwell Davies, a haunting short piece given a sensitive rendering.

Seven widely ranging songs charting life's journey and all performed with humour and feeling brought us to the interval – Colette's *The Fidgety Bairn* being particularly entertaining.

It was then the turn of opera with Romberg, Bizet, Offenbach, Bellini and Delibes, all with interesting spoken preludes. Amina's sleepwalking aria from *La Sonnambula* was dramatic in the extreme and the flower duet from *Lakmé* by Delibes merited the ecstatic applause that followed.

Debussy's *Clair de Lune* was Robert's second choice of piano solo – again a fine sensitive performance – before Colette and Wilma really 'let their hair down' with songs from shows, stage and screen. In a one-off song by Tesori, Colette was brilliant in her depiction of the poor flat dweller in 14G, hoping for a quiet life but sandwiched between a regular practising opera singer above in 15G and an enthusiastic rapper below in 13G, both played by Wilma.

As an encore, they performed an exquisite duet version of *Ye Banks and Braes* before the audience with sustained applause, showed their appreciation to Alma for this memorable concert.

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The exhibition continues all week from February 24 until February 29.

Artlink encourages artists, especially those who have suffered mental ill health, to realise their artistic potential through a variety of media including art photography and three-dimensional work.

This is an exciting partnership within the newly built Mid Argyll Hospital, where the light and airy open public space is an ideal venue to display paintings and photographs. Members of the public, who would not normally get the opportunity to view art, can browse the exhibition while waiting for their appointment.

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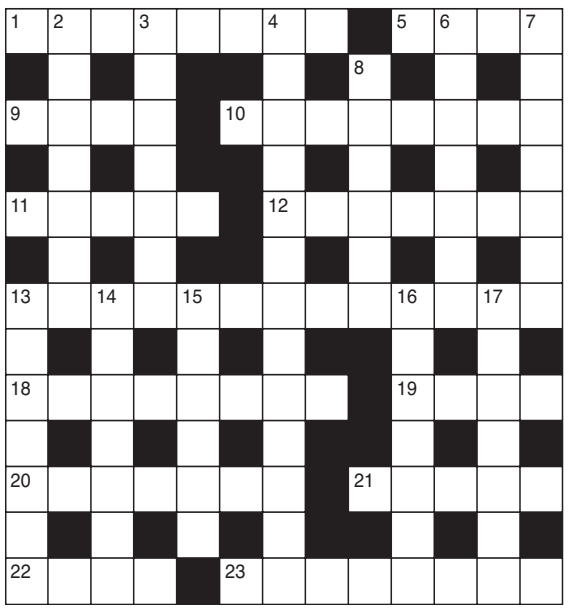
9. The meat of a young sheep (4)
10. — Water is a lake in England, scene of Donald Cambell's death in 1967 (8)
11. City in Lombardy, Italy, with a motor-racing circuit (5)
12. Country whose capital is Tblisi (7)
13. 1978 Warren Beatty film (6,3,4)
18. Fleshy spore-producing body of a basidiomycetous fungus (8)
19. 'The — of Youth', 1917 novel by Alec Waugh (4)
20. 1950 film starring Richard Basehart and Cyd Charisse (7)
21. In ancient Greece and Rome, a prophetesses such as the one who guided Aeneas through the underworld (5)
22. Tim, lyricist who worked with Andrew Lloyd Webber (4)
23. Explosive patented by Alfred Nobel in 1867 (8)



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2. Mr. France, author of Penguin Island (7)
3. Alexei, Russian dramatist who authored 1939's Tanya (7)
4. Actor who played Batman in the 1997 film Batman and Robin (6,7)
6. Island of the West Indies linked with Barbuda (7)
7. See 16.
8. The Bronze Age culture of Crete from about 3000 B.C. to about 1100 B.C. (6)
13. Eurasian burrowing rodent such as Mesocricetus auratus (7)
14. Toxic element, symbol: As (7)
15. Insect such as Forficula auricularia with small leathery forewings (6)
16 and 7. Scottish poet whose works include Anster Fair (7,7)
17. Line on a map connecting places having equal rainfall (7)

Community Noticeboard

Kilmartin House Museum
Felt Making with Liz Brown
Saturday 1 March 10 - 4pm
To book a place or find out more contact 01546 510278 www.kilmartin.org

Kilmartin House Museum
'The Landscapes of Kilmartin'
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Kilmartin Community
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All Events: LivingStones Centre
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Featuring
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Church Hall
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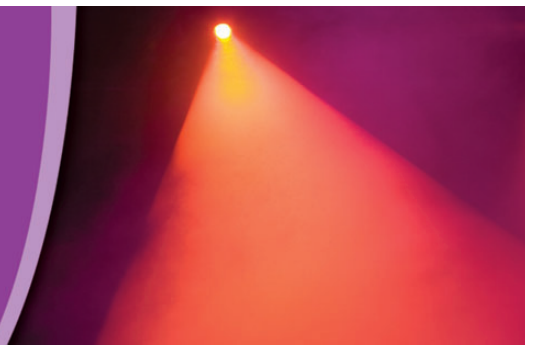

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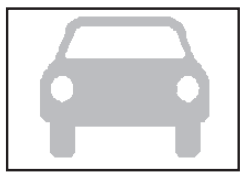

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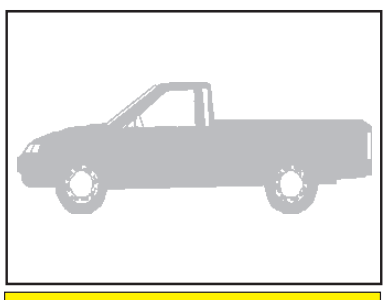

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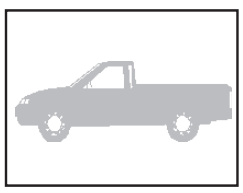

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British Waterways Scotland

British Waterways Scotland Public Meeting

The next public meeting of the British Waterways Scotland Group will be held on **Thursday 6 March 2008.**

The meeting, at **Ardrishaig Public Hall, Ardrishaig**, will begin at **12.30 pm** with a buffet lunch.

The meeting is open to any member of the public with an interest in, or who wishes to express a view on, Scotland's canals. British Waterways Scotland will provide an update on its activities, including progress on the Ardrishaig Masterplan and the Dalriada project.

British Waterways Scotland, 1 Applecross Street, Glasgow, G4 9SP
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Argyll & Bute Council

PLANNING

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

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

Ref No: 08/00243/DET
Applicant: ACHA
Proposal: Erection of 50 new dwellings and one women's refuge
Site Address: Parliament Place Campbeltown Argyll
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Ref No: 08/00271/DET
Applicant: Mr John Roberts
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land South West Of Waterside Tayvallich Argyll PA31 8PJ
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

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

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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.

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

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Ardrishaig Public Hall

AGM

Thursday 6th March 2008
7.30pm

Campbeltown Bowling Club

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In the Clubhouse, Stronvaar
Friday 29th February
7.30pm

Inveraray Golf Club

Thursday 28th February 2008
George Hotel
8pm

RNLI

Mid Argyll (Ardrishaig)

AGM

Monday 3rd March 2008
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Recruitment packs from 01546 604034/604044.

Employability Support Assistant (Temporary)

£16,096 - £17,610 **Campbeltown**

This post is temporary to 31st March 2009 but may be extended depending on funding.

The Employability Team is seeking an Employability Support Assistant to work with individuals and groups in the Campbeltown Area who have significant barriers to gaining sustainable long-term employment. It is essential that you possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) including English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. You will have previous experience of working with people in identifying needs and assisting with action planning for individuals. You will also ideally have experience of working with people on New Deal or similar Employment Training Programmes. It is also desirable that you have experience in landscape and/or construction related work. You must have good communication skills and have the ability to motivate others. Computer experience and experience of working with people with significant barriers to long term employment is desirable.

You must be able to work under your own initiative, as well as part of a team. It is essential that you have a valid UK driving licence. Successful applicants will be subject to Disclosure Scotland vetting. **DSE02041T3**

Recruitment packs from 01546 60428.

Gardner/Gravedigger

£15,549 - £17,015 **Islay**

You will undertake all duties involved in the burial of the dead and the maintenance of cemeteries and grass areas throughout the Islay/Jura area. A current driving licence is essential with C.I.T.B. for mini excavator, PA1 & PA6A pesticide certificates and driving licence category C1+E being desirable. You must have general work experience in grounds maintenance. The ability to use safely all grounds maintenance tools and machinery is essential. You must be capable of working as part of a team and be able to deal with the public in a friendly and understanding manner. This post is NOT suitable for Jobshare. **OSR00372**

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£14,709 - £16,096 per annum, pro rata

17:50 hours per week **Oban**

The hours for this post are Wed, 1.30 - 5.00 and Thurs/Fri, 9.00 - 5.00

You will be required to provide financial and administrative support for professional and administrative staff within the department. You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) including English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. Previous administrative experience is essential as is a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, with Microsoft Excel and Access being an advantage. **OSC00014/R**

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- Good communication skills and an ability to work with and involve a wide variety of people in your day-to-day work.
- Self-motivation, enthusiasm and the ability to work on their own initiative but also as part of a team.
- A knowledge of community care issues and the needs of volunteers.
- Basic computer skills.
- A current driving licence and use of a vehicle.

Lochaber Community Care Forum operates an Equal Opportunities Policy and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community irrespective of age, sex, marital status, religion, race, colour, ethnic origin, or disability.

Informal enquiries/ Application Pack:
Mervyn James, Lochaber Community Care Forum, An Drochaid, Claggan, Fort William. PH33 6PH.
Tel: 01397 700311.
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Closing date for applications is 12 NOON, Friday 7th March 2008.

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For an application form, job description and copy of our equal opportunities policy, please telephone 0141 342 1892 (24 hour answering service) or visit our website at **www.keyhousing.org** or write quoting job title and location to the Personnel Manager at Key Housing Association, Savoy Tower, 77 Renfrew Street, Glasgow G2 3BZ.

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Thanks to family and friends for gifts, cards and phone calls received on my 80th birthday. Special thanks to Cathie Duncan and Lorraine Brown for the surprise night at the Ardshiel Hotel, also the owners and staff of the hotel for the lovely cake, meal and kindness shown to us. Also Rodger and Peter for entertainment.

Jean Milloy.

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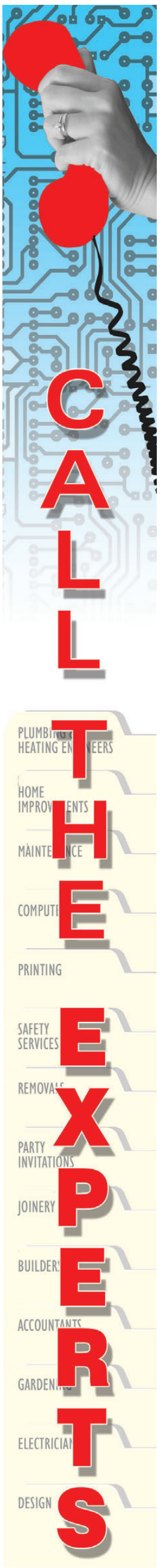

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord' (Ephesians 6:1)

ENGAGEMENTS

LIVINGSTONE – MCBRIDE - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Laura, only daughter of William and Margaret, Emerivale, Campbeltown, to Simon, son of Hugh and Barbara, Larne, Northern Ireland.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

CLARK - Colin and Tottie, at Tarbert Parish Church, by the Rev Dugald McKinnon, February 21, 1958.

DEATHS

MACINNES - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital on February 15, 2008, Margaret R W MacInnes, in her 100th year, of Tigh-an-allt, 12a Glengilp, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Dr Thomas MacInnes (Dunoon) and loving mother of Ron, much loved grandmother of Helen, Iain and Sarah and great-grandmother of Neil, mother-in-law of Isabel. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Thursday, February 21, 2008, followed by service at Greenock Crematorium.

SHAW - Mary. Peacefully, at home in Bothwell on Sunday, February 17, 2008, Mary (neé Scott), beloved wife of the late Ernest John Shaw. Funeral service at 12 noon on Friday, February 22, 2008, at Daldowie Crematorium, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACCUISH - The family of the late Mairi MacCuish would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks are extended to Dr Simpson and staff of Mid Argyll Hospital, to staff at Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, The Beatson, Glasgow and also to local Macmillan nursing staff for their care, compassion and attention throughout Mairi's illness. Grateful thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a most comforting and appropriate service, to Roddy MacDonald and staff for caring and efficient funeral arrangements, to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Sincere thanks also to the owner, staff and customers of "The Comm" for their most generous donation towards the retiral collection. Donations received to date are in excess of £1,300 and both Macmillan Nurses Mid Argyll and Friends of the Beatson will benefit from this most generous amount. A final heartfelt thank you to all those who attended at church and graveside, including all those who travelled a distance. Thank You.

MACPHAIL - Moira and family would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for cards, flowers and support received following the sad loss of Adam and for donations made to cancer charities. Thanks also to Rev Bill Cullen for the lovely service, Adam Braidwood for playing the accordion in church, Fiona and staff at Joseph Potts Funeral Service and all staff at The Castle Rooms.

SIMPSON - The family of the late Wee Willie Simpson would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and words of comfort in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Tarbert Surgery, Glenary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, the Resource Centre and wardens at Lochgair Place Tarbert, for all the care and kindness shown to Willie, to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, West Park Hotel for catering, and to all who came from near and far to pay their last resects at Church and Crematorium. The sum of £300 was raised for Tarbert Parish Church.

STRANG - The family of the late John Strang would like to thank all friends, neighbours and family for all kind expressions and sympathy following their sad loss. Thanks to the Macmillan Nurses and all doctors, nurses and staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital, also the nurses from Carradale that cared for him. The Rev Martin Forrest for his kind and comforting service, Alasdair Blair for his professional service and Barry for the moving piping at the graveside, the Carradale Hotel for their fine purvey, to all who attended church and graveside and to all who sent flowers, letters, cards and telephone messages.

IN MEMORIAMS

CLARK - Treasured memories of a much loved dad and grandpa, John, who died February 24, 1977. Also our dearly loved mum and gran, Peggy, who died March 29, 1993.
Forever in our thoughts.
- Family at home and away.

MACKAY - Treasured memories of my darling husband, Alex, who passed away on February 23, 2003.
Always in our thoughts.
Forever in our hearts.
- Your loving wife Sheila and all the family.

MCINTYRE - In loving memory of my dear husband Alistair (Atty), who died on February 22, 2000.
Miss you so much Atty.
Love you always
- Katharine.

MCINTYRE - In loving memory of our dear dad Alistair, who sadly died on February 22, 2000.
Forever in our thoughts.
Love you Dad
- Karen and Alex, Sheena and John, Fiona and Paul, Alison and Tom.
Miss you Papa
- Love Paul, Craig, Sara, Kerry and Andrew xx

McMILLAN - In loving memory of Duncan, dearly loved son of the late Annie and Archie and a dear brother and uncle, who died February 21, 1996.
A new year comes, another goes,
But the gates of memory never close,
Just as you were, you will always be,
Someone special in our memory.
- Mamie and family at home and away.

MORRANS - In loving memory of Sadie (Soudan), died February 24, 1999.
With silent memories
No words are needed
We won't forget you.
- The family.

MORRANS - In loving memory of my dear friend Sadie Soudan.
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- Jimmy, Arlene and all the family.

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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 24th February 2008
11.30am Morning Service with communion
Evening Service 6.30pm
Monday 10.30am
Discipleship Course
Monday evening @7.20pm
Discipleship Course
Wednesday @7
Discipleship Course
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Every Friday "The Edge"
Kids Club
6.30pm – 7.45pm
5yrs to 11 yrs

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 24th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
{Creche, Sunday School & Bible Class}
Rev. Philip Burroughs/
Rev. Dr. Kirsty-Ann Burroughs
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 25th February
The Guild Variety Concert - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 26th February
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Mothers and Toddlers A.G.M - 8:00 p.m.
(in the Session Room)
Wednesday, 27th February
Lent Study Group - 7:30 p.m..
Thursday, 28th February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 29th February
Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m

Highland Parish Church

Sunday 24th February
11.15am Morning Worship
Creche(Church: 0-3yrs)
FunDay Club (Age 3- P5)
Kirk St Hall
Monday 25th February
7.30pm FunDay Club leaders meeting – manse
Wednesday 27th February
7.30pm Congregational Board – Kirk St Hall
Thursday 28th February
7.00pm Bible Study Fellowship - Hall
DVD – Judea: 2
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10.45 a.m .....Coffee
11.15.a.m ..... All Age Service
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Wednesday
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Tuesday
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Thursday – 11.30 a.m.
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Saturday 1st March
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CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

9am .....Holy Communion
11am .....Mattins and Holy Communion

TARBERT LINKED WITH KILBERRY PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 24th February 2008
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Kilberry Church 2pm
Margaret Sinclair
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Board and session meeting
Thursday 28th February 2008
7.30pm
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Thursday 28 February 2008
7.30pm
Praise, worship & sharing
Saturday 1 March 2008
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
All Welcome
"Come and see"

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Morning Worship
Sunday 24th February 2008
Tayvallich Church 1.30am
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Joint Parish Prayer Meeting
Thursday 28th February
7.30pm
Tayvallich Church
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Lochgilphead win Mid Argyll First Shinty in Oban

LOCHGILPHEAD won the Mid Argyll First Shinty tournament played in Oban's Atlantis Leisure at the weekend.

Runners-up were Kilmory who also boasted the player of the tournament in Coll McCallum.

The regional tournament winners will now go on to represent the area at the national finals, which this year have moved from Fort William and will be played at the Bell's Sports Centre in Perth.

The Mid Argyll competition was held in Oban last weekend because of the roof damage to the sports hall at the Lochgilphead school campus.

Lachie Wood sponsored the tournament which was run by the Ardrishaig Junior Shinty Club.

Lochgilphead and Kilmory players in their tracksuit tops supplied by the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead. t08loc01

Lottery winners

The numbers in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery this week were 9, 13 and 19.

Jennifer Frater won £200.

The jackpot will be £100 next week.

There were no winners in Kilmory's lottery leaving a jackpot of £600 next week. The numbers were 3, 18 and 20.

Margaret Heads won £200 in Tarbert AFC's draw with 1, 17 and 19.

It will be a £100 jackpot next week.

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Tarbert are victorious in first home match of the year

TWO goals apiece from Tarbert's James Prentice and Nikki McDougall helped the team on their way to victory in their first home match of the year.

Decisive finishing in the first half on Saturday saw the West Loch Shores/Islay Frigate-sponsored side lead 4-1 at half-time.

Tarbert almost scored straight from kick-off when Duncan MacDougall thumped a great effort against the crossbar. Soon after, a fine flick by Agosti found Prentice who clinically beat the Kings' keeper. 1-0

Kings were useful going forward and levelled the scoring on 15 minutes. 1-1

The visitors had a good spell after their goal, putting pressure on from set-pieces but Tarbert restored their lead on 30 minutes when Duncan MacDougall's header over Kings' defence enabled Nikki McDougal to lob the keeper, making it 2-1.

Soon it was 3-1 when a ball over the top caused confusion and Prentice scored.

Martin kept his side two goals in front with a brave save and a Dougie Guy pass saw Nikki McDougall net Tarbert's fourth.

At the start of the secnd-half, Guy's fine run was rewarded with a goal, 5-1.

Kings kept going to the end but they only scored once despite having the majority of possession. Prentice almost completed his hat-trick as did McDougall, and young Ian Smith had a fine game at full-back.

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Neil Russell fires in a shot from the edge of the box. a08red02

Five Star strike

'The whole team the effort was first class'

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star welcomed league one rivals Eaglesham to the Ropework Park on Saturday, where the home side then recorded a resounding 5-0 victory.

Assistant manager Weir made one change to his Red Star line-up due to Asen missing through work commitments, with young Colin Weir starting wide left.

It took the home side only 12 minutes to score their first, a fine solo effort from Angus Morrison after he picked up the ball just outside the box, beat three players, then slotted the ball under the Eaglesham keeper.

Neil Russell and Philips both came close with efforts before the second goal came courtesy of young Weir. The Eaglesham right-back tried to clear his lines only to rebound the ball off Weir and into the open goal.

The third goal was to come in the 35th minute: the ball dropped to Philips on the edge of the box and he hit a low drive into the left-hand corner.

The second half started with Star thinking the game was already over, as Eaglesham dominated the first 10 minutes but with no end result. Star's back four were snuffing out anything the visitors had to offer.

The fourth Star goal came in the 60th minute from Chris Broderick. Davy Campbell swung in a lovely ball from the left and Chris came in at the back post to thunder his header past the helpless keeper.

Goal number five was not long in coming and it was Craig Houston who rounded off a fine day's work for the Red Star boys with a cracking diving header after a great ball from Campbell.

Red Star's assistant manager Weir told *The Advertiser* after the game: 'I was very impressed with our work effort over 90 minutes from Neily Russell up front, who did everything but score, to Ian Houston at the back. Right through the whole team the effort was first class. I would also like to mention the substitues today who all came on and played their part.'

Division 1 League Table

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	St Patricks AFC (B)	14	13	0	1	56	13	43	39
2	Lochgilphead Red Star	11	10	0	1	36	13	23	30
3	Kings Park Rangers AFC (B)	14	6	3	5	47	45	2	21
4	Cambria (B)	13	6	2	5	20	21	-1	20
5	Rosehill Star	8	4	2	2	24	16	8	14
6	Shawlands FP (B)	13	4	1	8	21	43	-22	13
7	Paisley Reid Kerr	8	4	0	4	26	21	5	12
8	Tarbert	9	3	1	5	18	24	-6	10
9	Eaglesham (B)	10	2	1	7	18	26	-8	7
10	Carlton YM (B)	11	1	1	9	12	30	-18	4
11	Port Glasgow Amatuers	9	1	1	7	9	35	-26	4

Angus qualifies at Lochgilphead

Yet another good week's play saw Tommy Angus qualify for the winter league final at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

His one under par score in difficult putting conditions was superb. He has been a revelation this winter, scoring at every hole and again excelled near the end where he was three under par for the last five holes.

With seven birdies, Ian MacInnes could easily have won this week. He hasn't been able to play much this winter but played this week like he did last year when he dominated.

Hugh Strachan stands on the other side of the ball from all the right-handed players and his play recently would certainly indicate that and he is in with a good chance of qualifying for the main event.

David Sinclair was beaten into fourth place on a count back by Hugh which was a reversal of last week. David has been putting left-handed for a few years now and it is only a matter of time before he goes totally leftie.

Donald Carmichael needed a good score if he was going to have any chance of qualifying for the final and his card has kept him in the running with only one week to go.

Andy Law played his first nine holes in two under par which included two birdies and an eagle. He couldn't keep it going, however, but is striking the ball sweetly.

Ross Sinclair was trying to shake off the effects of a viral infection and compete with Keith Cowan in the semi final of the match play singles. They tied their match and will need to play again next week.

John Downie was and still is in the last qualifying place for the final. His three points on the day put him three ahead of Donald and Hugh with only one more week to go. John is the holder of the duffers' derby trophy but does not want the opportunity to retain his title.

Eric Cappocci did not have a good day but he was able to stay in front of Alex MacAulay and has all but secured second place in the league. Alec played well on the back nine holes but could not make up for an uncharacteristic lack of concentration on the front nine.

Tom Cullen retained his veteran's winter league title which has a limited field and is played over a shorter format.

Results:

10 T.Angus, 9 I.MacInnes, 8 H.Strachan, 7 D.Sinclair, 6 D.Carmichael, 5 A.Law, 4 R.Sinclair, 3 J.Downie, 2 E.Capocci, 1 A.MacAulay. Winter League Veteran: T.Cullen. Nearest the pin: 7th B.Dick, 9th I.MacInnes

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