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Walk this way in Kintyre

RUNNING from Tarbert to Southend, Scotland's fifth national long distance route, The Kintyre Way, will officially open on June 10.

Instigated by the Kintyre Tourism Management Planning Group back in 2000, the way marked route will crisscross from Tarbert at the North end of the peninsula to Southend in the South.

Eighty-nine miles long in total, and with four to seven days worth of walking, the Kintyre Way combines serious hiking with gentle rambles ensuring that walkers of all levels can enjoy the peninsula's stunning scenery, coastline, heritage and wildlife.

Momentous

Colin Hossack of the Forestry Commission Scotland said: 'The opening of The Kintyre Way will be a truly momentous day. The Kintyre Peninsula is one of Scotland's most unexplored areas, offering spectacular scenery, beautiful coastline and outstanding heritage. We are enormously grateful in particular to the private landowners for their participation, without whom the launch of The Kintyre Way in June would simply not be possible.'

Funded and supported by The Forestry Commission, Highland and Islands Enter-

After six years The Kintyre Way is a reality

prise, Scottish National Heritage, Argyll and Islands Enterprise, West Kintyre and East Kintyre Wind Farm Trusts and Argyll and Bute Council, the project has also received support from community groups and individuals the length of the Kintyre Peninsula and organisers believe this 'on the ground' support to be crucial for the long term success of The Kintyre Way.

Bob Chicken, chairman of The Kintyre Marketing Group, said: 'A number of people have put many years into this project and it's been a real rollercoaster ride.'

Supportive

'But every one of the public agencies involved has been hugely supportive and it has been great to see private industry and the public sector working so well together for the public good.'

An estimated 4,000 walkers will complete the whole route each year, with significant usage also from

short distance, local or day trip walkers. The economic impact of these walkers will be reflected in additional income to the local economies from Tarbert to Southend and it is anticipated that jobs will also be created in the area as a direct result of increased tourism to Kintyre.

Detail

To outline in greater detail the benefits of the Kintyre Way to local communities, the Kintyre Marketing Group is hosting two open meetings in March. Speakers will include Colin Hossack, who will outline the route on the ground, and also organisers of The West Highland Way who will share their experiences of the economic impact of a national long distance walk to local communities.

The open days will be held on March 14 in Tarbert in Mac and Mags and March 15 in Campbeltown in the Argyll Hotel. Both between 7-9pm. (details can be found on www.thekintyreway.com)

MacLeods tackle lorry driver shortage in Argyll



From left, newly qualified lorry drivers John Connelly, Andrew Wylie, Jamie Menzies and Murdo MacLennan with M&K MacLeod Plant and Transport Manager Harry Ross, Mathew Stewart and Alison Minton of Business Training Services UK Ltd and M&K MacLeod Company Director

Kenny MacLeod. a091or01

A LOCHGILPHEAD building company has tackled the nation-wide problem of a shortage of lorry drivers by training their employees to drive LGVs (Large Goods Vehicles).

Harry Ross, plant and transport manager at M&K MacLeod, said: 'You can't get drivers. You have got to bring your own on.'

And that's exactly what M&K MacLeod has done. Mechanics Jamie Menzies

and Andrew Wylie; crane driver John Connelly; and general maintenance worker at the company's Kilmartin quarry Murdo MacLennan have all passed NVQs at Level 2 for Driving Goods Vehicles.

The men will keep their own jobs, whilst also driving company lorries. Harry Ross said: 'This has allowed us to put more lorries on the road.'

Alison Minton, director of

training at Business Training Services UK Ltd where the course took place, said: 'M&K MacLeod have been very forward thinking about the scheme. They have been very enthusiastic about it. Not only has Harry put his own boys through, he's also recommended various other companies around this estate to us.' The programme was part-funded by Skills for Logistics.

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A TARBERT man was jailed for four months at Oban Sheriff Court this week after pleading guilty to a number of offences, including assaulting a police officer.

Gerard Boyle, aged 47, of 3 Stable Cottages, Erines, admitted carrying out four offences, all of which took place after a trip to Oban on August 31 last year.

Procurator fiscal Clifford Most told the court that Boyle had been driving dangerously, at speed, with his car's lights off, driving while unfit through drink or drugs and been in possession

of 111.9g of cannabis resin, all on the A816 at Kilmore.

Then, when he was taken to Oban Police Office in connection with those offences, he assaulted a police officer and attempted to headbutt and kick him.

Boyle came to the attention of the police when they saw him staggering towards his car when it was parked in Oban and then driving off.

The officers followed him for around three or four miles to Kilmore, where they saw his car's lights go off. At that point they illu-

minated their own blue lights and the lights on Boyle's car came back on and they saw his car weaving across the road onto the opposing carriageway.

Boyle eventually stopped his car and when it was searched by the officers they found the cannabis under the gearbox cover.

He was taken to Oban Police Office and was examined by a doctor, who declared him unfit to drive through drink and/or drugs.

Defence agent David MacNeill said that Boyle, who cares constantly for his severely disabled 21-year-

old son, had taken a rare day off and gone to Oban for Christmas shopping.

Mr MacNeill said: 'While he was there he met up with other people, drink was taken and one thing led to another.'

'He went to a party and intended to stay overnight but after an incident there he foolishly decided to make his way home.'

Mr MacNeill said that the cannabis resin was for Boyle's own use.

He added that Boyle was aware that he could be facing jail but urged Sheriff Ronnie Watson to allow

him to retain his liberty. 'I would invite you to see this as an aberration on the part of a man under great pressure who had one day off and stupidly decided to take to drink,' he said. 'If he was imprisoned the effect on his son would be extreme because he is extremely disabled and Boyle does everything for him.'

Jailing Boyle for a total of four months and banning him from driving for three years, Sheriff Watson said that he was unable to impose any alternative sentence in view of Boyle's behaviour and his criminal record.

Tourist figures looking healthy

THERE has been a dramatic increase in accommodation bookings in Mid Argyll's tourist board area.

Visitscotland.com reported on Monday (February 27) that bookings taken in the Argyll, Loch Lomond and Stirling region increased by over 55 per cent in 2005 compared with 2004.

The annual figures also reveal that over 6,800 additional bookings were made in the region last year.

Ceilidh boosts woodland project



A fundraising and awareness-raising ceilidh and auction in aid of Blarbuie Woodland Project was held on Friday February 24 in Ardrishaig Public Hall. Raising more than £880, the evening proved very popular, helping to promote the work of the project, which aims to open Lochgilphead's woodlands to the public. Pictured are some of those who helped out at the event. Back row from left: Phil Risby of Lochgilphead Community Council and Blarbuie Woodland Project; Patrick Harvey of Argyll and Bute Hospital and the project; Hugh Fife of Argyll and Bute Hospital and the project; Angus MacLean of the project; musicians Archie McAllister and Ron Pirie; and Gordon Gray-Stephens of Argyll Green Woodworkers and the project. Front row from left: Brenda Bratt, Judy Payne and Professor Angus MacKay of Blarbuie Woodland Project. a09b1a01

Tidying Tarbert Castle for opening

CLEARING the surroundings of Tarbert Castle will be one of the first jobs for a new environmental group set up in the village.

The group was formed at a recent public meeting where some 25 volunteers joined up.

Initially, the group will be assisting the village's Healing Garden committee. As soon as Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust can obtain Scheduled Monument Consent for the work

a program will start to clear the castle surroundings to improve visitor interest.

Volunteer group chairman Robert McPhail said: 'This is particularly important due to the imminent opening of the Kintyre Way which should increase visitor numbers to the village. The castle is the way starting point and as ever an important landmark for the village. The volunteers will be recording all their efforts to build up community

hours which can be valued as a contribution in kind and proof of our commitment to sustainability when grant assistance is being sought for village projects.'

He added: 'If permission can be obtained we hope to move on to investigating repairs to the tennis courts which are lying redundant due to the collapse of a water course.'

'With the approach of spring we will participate in the Yacht Club beach clean

and are looking at a more regular approach to keeping beach areas free of litter.'

Anyone interested in giving a few hours during the year to help directly with work or even make the tea for volunteers is asked to contact Robert McPhail for an application form on 01880 820 643 or robert@sonamarg.fsnet.co.uk

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Proposals backed by Skipness community

TARBERT and Skipness Community Trust's proposal to engage professional help to assess the needs of Skipness have met with a resounding thumbs up from the local community.

The trust received 47 responses to its proposal, which it presented to residents of the village at an exhibition on February 18.

Of the 47 responses, 46 were positive, with only one negative comment received. Nineteen responses were received from within Skipness, 24 from outwith the village.

Affordable housing in Skipness was the most commonly-raised issue by those who responded, with 39 of the 47 respondents regarding it as the key to Skipness' development over the next 25 years. Other issues raised included improving the quality and quantity of water within the village; creating a community heating and power plant to cater for affordable homes; creating new marked woodland walks; and reinstating a pond at Skipness Primary School.

Respondents also called on the trust to look at providing benches at the front of the village; improving the road to the graveyard and repairing its gate; and introducing facilities for children. It was also felt that the trust should provide regular updates of its activities and progress on community notice boards.

Police Files

Four arrested

FOLLOWING an alleged breach of the peace on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, in the early hours of Sunday February 26, a 24-year-old man, a 33-year-old man, a 22-year-old woman and a 23-year-old woman have all been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Car stolen

A CAR stolen from Achnamara between 7.30pm on Friday February 24 and 9.30am on Saturday February 25 was later recovered from a ditch on the Achnamara-Lochgilphead road. Police are keen to speak to anyone who has information about this incident.

A new home for Inveraray Shinty Club

INVERARAY Shinty Club opened their new clubhouse and changing rooms this week, before competing with Bute Camanachd for a cup previously thought lost forever.

The new £125,000 build-

ing was officially opened by Ernie MacPherson, Inveraray Shinty Club's immediate past chairman. Current chairman Brian Wilkinson also welcomed Andy Kelly of sportscotland, which contributed £61,500 to-

wards the project; Councillor Alison Hay and Donald MacKenzie of the Camanachd Association to the opening ceremony.

After Mr MacPherson had cut the tape to declare the building open, the teams

moved to the club's Winter-ton park to contest the Campbell Cup.

The trophy had been missing for many years, before being discovered in a skip in Inverness last year.

The cup was given to the

Cammanachd Association, which returned the trophy to Inveraray Shinty Club.

A gripping match played in warm and sunny conditions saw the home side win 4-1.

Besides the grant from sportscotland, funding for the clubhouse was also provided by Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, which contributed £20,000, and Argyll and Bute Council, which provided £5,000. The club contributed £25,000 of its own funds to the project, with a further £14,000 coming through work in kind.

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Bute Camanachd captain Hector Whitelaw (centre left) presents Inveraray Shinty Club captain Euan McMurdo with a commemorative plate to mark the opening of the new clubhouse and changing rooms. Also pictured are, from left, Andy Kelly of sportscotland, Councillor Alison Hay, Inveraray Shinty Club chairman Brian Wilkinson, Donald MacKenzie of the Camanachd Association and Ernie MacPherson, immediate past club chairman of Inveraray Shinty Club, who officially opened the new building. After the ceremony, the two sides met to contest the Campbell Cup, which was recently found in a skip in Inverness, having been missing for a number of years. The home side had the best possible start in their new facilities, beating the Rothesay team 4-1. a09inv01

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Brigade Bulletin

Tarbert tackle Torinturk task

TARBERT fire fighters were called to Torinturk on Sunday evening to deal with a chimney fire.

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Ardrishaig salon offers Heavenly opportunity to train in Malta

AN ARDRISHAIG businesswoman is offering the golden opportunity of a life in the sun while carving out a hairdressing career in five-star luxury.

Lilia Sinclair, owner of Heaven Salon and Spa in Ardrishaig, is launching a second salon on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

Based at the five-star, ocean front Fortina Hotel in Sliema, Heaven is nestled among restaurants, swimming pools, a gym and Fitness Lounge. Lilia said: 'The hotel is luxury like I

have never seen, the Maltese people are very friendly and the island enjoys 300 days of sunshine per year - it really is heaven on earth!

'The trainee stylist post for Malta would suit someone with the confidence to be away from home who is interested in promoting a first-class lifestyle to clients.'

A further three positions - two trainees and a reception manager - are available at Heaven, Ardrishaig, which became an SQA Ap-

proved Centre in February. Trainees will learn all aspects of hairdressing, assist stylists on the floor, learn reception duties, spa treatment awareness, make-up and Vibrogym training. The starting wage is £80 per week.

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Bringing back wild fish to Loch Fyne's rivers

PLANS to restock Loch Fyne's upper rivers with wild Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout were revealed at a public meeting in Inveraray last week.

The Loch Fyne District River Improvement Association (LFDRIA) is seeking scientific advice from Argyll Fisheries Trust (AFT) and some restocking has already begun, with the priority rivers indicated as the Fyne, Aray, Shira, Kinglas, Douglas and Leacann.

Alan Kettle-White, AFT biologist, said: 'It is the role of AFT to try to get the right people and resources to restore salmon and sea trout to the upper rivers of Loch Fyne. We are trying to act as a catalyst for change.'

Historically, both com-

mercial and recreational fisheries for wild salmon and sea trout operated in Loch Fyne. Since 1952, salmon catches averaged at over 8,000 fish per year, peaking in the 1960s at over 15,000 fish per year. Catches fell during the 1990s to less than 100 fish per year. Commercial fishing ceased altogether and now only a limited catch and release recreational fishery for sea trout exists.

Alan Kettle-White said: 'Long term it will be tough but we are cautiously optimistic because of the level of awareness now in upper Loch Fyne that all the loch users have a part to play in restoring fish populations, not only the people who manage the fisheries and the rivers but also the fish farmers and Scottish and

Southern Energy. The main aim now is to protect the returning adult fish. Then we will be trying to maximise their productivity by using hatchery equipment. We have to protect the water quality and the habitat that they use. We will make sure that interactions between farmed and wild fish are minimised.'

Due to concerns over the potential impact on wild salmon and sea trout by escapee farmed salmon and sea lice in Loch Fyne, an Area Management Agreement exists between AFT, LFDRIA, Pan Fish of Scotland and SEERAD.

Right: Netting sea trout in Loch Fyne.



AQUACULTURE TODAY 2006 EDINBURGH

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Aquaculture Today 2006 is being held at Edinburgh's five star Sheraton Hotel & Spa from March 28-30 and is set to be one of the most influential events of its kind held in the UK.

The 2006 conference builds on the achievement of last year's pioneering event with speakers from the UK, Europe and beyond already lined up to participate.

The conference addresses key issues facing the fish farming sector in a useful and varied programme comprising formal presentations, discussion sessions, networking, exhibits and a special awards dinner. Delegates will hear from leading industry figures on:

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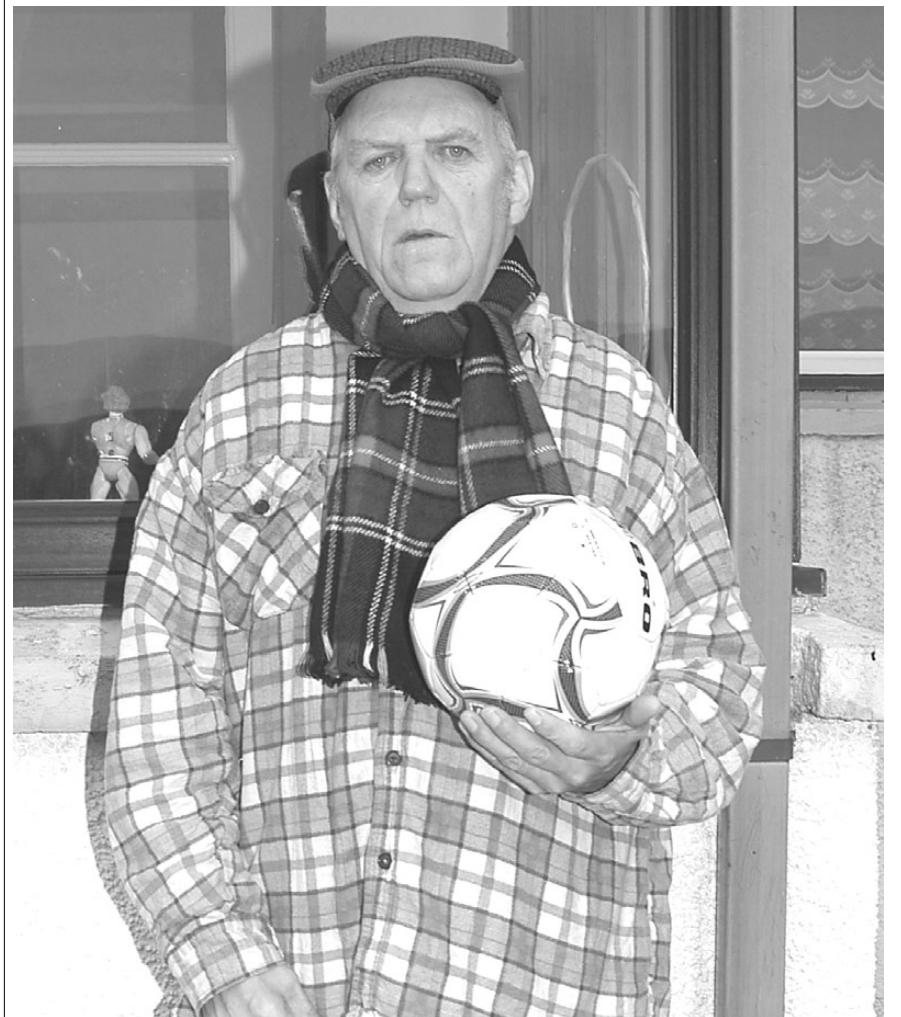
The conference will be officially opened with a keynote speech from Lord Lindsay of Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO) on March 29.

Fish Farmer

At the Aquaculture Today Gala Dinner, the first Fish Farmer "Fit for the Future" award will be presented for outstanding achievement in the fish-farming sector. In addition, finalists in a new industry-backed awards scheme from the Crown Estate, which recognises innovation and best practice in salmon farming, will be announced.

Fit for the Future

Spot the Ball winner will share cash with brother



George Townsley of Furnace is the latest winner of *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbeltown Courier's* spot the ball competition. a09spt02

THE LATEST winner of *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and *The Campbeltown Courier's* spot the ball competition was celebrating his £400 windfall last week.

George Townsley of Furnace was the only person to put his cross in the centre of the ball in the February 17 competition, winning the £400 jackpot.

But it's not the first time Mr Townsley, of Sea View Cottage, has hit the target in the weekly contest. He has twice picked up the £25 'nearest the ball prize' He said:

'I've been playing the spot the ball competition a long time, and enter it every week.

'My brother enters as well, and we always share our prizes, so I'll share the money with him.'

Although he has lived in Furnace for 11 years, Mr Townsley, a keen football fan, is originally from Campbeltown.

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Manse Brae speeders asked to consider squirrels

THIS handsome red squirrel (below) was photographed by Lochgilphead man Neil Vassie in his Manse Brae garden this week.

Mr Vassie said: 'Nationally, Scottish Natural Heritage have been fully supportive in efforts to conserve this endangered species. At a local level it is unfortunate that the red squirrels crossing Manse Brae (a twenty's plenty zone) are having to run the gauntlet of extremely fast moving traffic. Perhaps

visiting drivers could help preserve this beautiful creature by moderating their speed to at least the lawful limit.'

Scotland's red squirrel population is likely to be extinct by the end of the century unless urgent action is taken to conserve the threatened native species.

Deputy Environment Minister Rhona Brankin issued the stark warning at the first ever international conference on red squirrel conservation in Edinburgh on Monday February 27. More than 130

delegates who attended the Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) event will start to draw up an action plan to prevent the spread of the deadly squirrel pox virus which is carried by the non native greys but fatal to red squirrels. It comes after five greys were found with antibodies to the virus north of the border last year.

The event was organised by SNH in association with the Scottish Executive and Forestry Commission Scotland.

Rhona Brankin said: 'I am proud that

Scotland is home to 75 per cent of the UK's red squirrel population and in my view our efforts here today represent the last hope for this iconic species.

'Failure to take immediate action to save red squirrels from the disease resistant greys and loss of habitat could result in them starting to die out in the next 50 years. We must work together now to prevent this happening.'

Colin Galbraith, director of scientific and advisory services at SNH said:

'This is a critical time for red squirrels in Scotland and it is really important that we coordinate our efforts to protect them.'

Gordon Patterson at Forestry Commission Scotland said: 'Red squirrels benefit from a range of ages and species of trees and shrubs, especially conifers, though they will also live in broadleaved woodlands in regions with no grey squirrels like the Highlands.'



A red squirrel was caught on camera in a Manse Brae garden this week.

New verse for Ardrishaig body, mind and soul challenge

SOME good matches have been played already in the Ardrishaig Parish Church Body, Mind and Soul Challenge.

There have been hot contests on the squash court and the Scrabble board, and some pleasant times of shared company and not too much rivalry as well.

Parishioners are taking up the challenge of memorising a verse from the bible each month as well as taking each other on at sports and games.

The memory verse has changed at the start of March, but those taking part in the scheme are encouraged not to forget the first one! (Psalm 51 verse 10).

The new verse to remember is 2 Chronicles Chapter 16 verse 9: 'For the eyes of the Lord range throughout

the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.'

As games in all disciplines continue, there is a special event for those on the Squash ladder to enjoy. This takes place tonight (Friday March 3) at the Mid-Argyll Sports Centre from 7pm.

Called the 'Squash Squash', the idea is to provide an opportunity for everyone on the ladder to get

to know one another, play a few games, and give some coaching and encouragement to new players and rusty veterans!

All those who have already signed up are welcome to attend.

Anyone wanting further information about any aspect of the Body, Mind and Soul Challenge should call Ruth Carruthers on 01546 603269.

New name for local NHS?

NHS HIGHLAND is asking the public in Argyll and Bute and the Highlands whether it should change its name after April 1, when its boundaries change to absorb the Argyll and Bute area.

Garry Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'I know that some people feel that a name change is important and others don't. The NHS board wants to know how people think about this issue and I hope that people who have strong feelings either way will get in touch with us.'

Licensees hear how smoke ban will work

LESS than four weeks before the nationwide ban on smoking in public places comes into place on March 26, Argyll and Bute Council's management and enforcement of the legislation has been called into question by members of the licensed trade.

The council hosted a meeting with licensees at Inveraray's Loch Fyne Hotel on Monday (February 27), at which several concerns were raised.

Chief amongst these was the enforcement of curfews at pubs and clubs with late licensees. Licensees asked Susan Mair, head of legal and protective services at Argyll and Bute Council, whether customers who left licensed premises to smoke outside after the curfew would be allowed to re-enter, but were told that no definitive conclusion had been reached by the council.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute's two licensing boards

met last month to discuss the smoking ban, and curfews was one of the issues discussed. Unfortunately, there was no conclusion from the meeting.'

Amongst the council's suggested solutions for the problem was the end of curfews within Argyll and Bute, allowing customers to enter pubs and clubs until closing time. It was also suggested that pubs employ more stewards to monitor those customers leaving and entering premises, possibly through use of a hand-stamping system.

But licensees were furious that, with the smoking ban due to come into force in a month's time, the council had yet to decide how curfews would be managed. One licensee said: 'Either you have a curfew or you don't. I am 100 per cent behind the smoking ban, but we need to have firm guidance and decisions from the council.'

The wording of the ban

also caused confusion for some licensees, who asked whether smoking would be permitted in beer gardens or outdoor shelters.

Sandy Taylor, the council's chief protective services officer said: 'Smoking will be allowed in beer gardens, as an enclosed space, as defined in the legislation, is determined by the roof of the structure.'

'Outdoor shelters will also be OK, provided that they have less than 50 per cent of their perimeter closed off by a roof or walls.'

But licensees were warned that erecting a shelter for smokers would require planning permission.

Other issues which it was feared could cause problems once the ban comes into effect included an increase in noise and litter from smokers congregating outside pub doors, which Sergeant Mark Brier of Strathclyde Police conceded 'will make policing more difficult'.



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Up and down the West Highlands boat owners are coming out of their winter hibernation and starting to prepare for the mammoth task of fitting out for launching.

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First things first, if you boat is in a yard find out your lift-in date - you've got that deadline to work to. Remember also that sail lofts are often under pressure at this time of year so get in there first! Sails must be taken out of their stowage and checked over for wear. It is always advis-

able to get a professional sail-maker to see to this. Even the slightest tear must be repaired and if new sails are needed get that order in quickly. Right now, it might all look overwhelming, but planning, preparation and priorities will make the whole job far less daunting. Start by cleaning the hull and repairing any scratches and gauges



Once all that is in order and all is well, anti-fouling can be applied by brush or roller. It goes without saying that you should remember to read the product instructions or application and use protective clothing. . . you'd be surprised how many people don't. If all else fails, read the instructions.

Next turn your attention to the engine and get it well looked over. Is an oil and filter change in order? Remember, those orange-coloured boats have RNL written on them, not RAC. Don't let your engine down now and it won't let you down later.

Check the stern gear and all hose and electrical connections for wear, and grease appropriately. Grease seacocks and see that bilge-pumps are working effectively.

Where gas is used the system should be inspected annual to comply with regulations.

Be sure to engage a professional if unable to undertake any task yourself.

Batteries should be charged. All deck gear should be overhauled. Decks and cockpits scrubbed down and wood varnished as required.

It is essential to check all the rigging and where there are signs of wear and tear, replace as necessary.

The masthead light, aerial, wind instruments and all blocks and fittings are easier to check

and repair before the mast is stepped. That also applies to all sheets, halyards and fenders.

Look over anchors, chain and replace if there is any corrosion visible and make sure all deck fittings are working properly.

Now you can move inside and set to work giving everything a good clean up. Get into all the lockers and bilges as well as the galley area.

Winter-tired paintwork can be refreshed and GRP polished.

Woodwork should be varnished lightly each year; hatches and lockers should be checked to see they are all operating smoothly.

Berth cushions and such like should be cleaned.

This is the time in proceedings to re-install any navigation and communication equipment that was removed for winter; make sure the connections are checked.

Fire extinguishers and flares should be renewed and required, lifejackets inflated to check for leaks and life rafts serviced.

Rubber dinghies should be cleaned, outboard motors serviced with the boat's name marked on them. Every year, without fail The Oban Times police file section carries reports of dinghies and outboard engines falling prey to light-fingered individuals. Do a spot of crime prevention now and it could save you an insurance claim.

Each boat should have an inventory of where everything is stowed so that in an emergency items can be found more quickly. All boat equipment should now be installed.

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In for a stunner of a summer at Crarae

CROWDS have been flocking to Crarae Garden throughout the past year, with the number of visitors up 16 per cent.

The National Trust for Scotland revealed last week that 14,251 people visited the garden during March 2005 and February 2006, 1,945 more than in the same period the previous year.

Nigel Price, property manager at Crarae Garden, said: 'The team here are delighted with this increase in numbers. Our visitors tell us that they love the

tranquillity of the garden, as well as the fantastic colour display and waterfalls, as well as the prize-winning collections.

'The garden changes throughout the year and we're finding that many visitors come back for a second and third visit. The trust is a charity, so we depend on visitors for our income. Anyone who visits Crarae is helping us to look after it for future generations to enjoy.'

Nigel also hoped that the recent increase in visitors would continue into the

summer months. He said: 'After a rather poor flowering year in 2005, this year looks as though its going to be one of the best ever!'

'This often happens - some plants have a rest for a season, and then flower their heads off in the following year! But 2006 promises to be a stunner. I cannot remember ever seeing so many buds on spring-flowering plants such as rhododendrons and magnolias.'

'If the weather remains kind to us, we will have a fantastic display this year.'

Rascals are little bookworms



Children, staff and parents from Riverside Rascals nursery in Lochgilphead have become bookworms in recent weeks, thanks to a £1,500 grant from the Scottish Executive. The grant enabled the nursery to purchase books through the 'Bringing Books and People Together' programme, which encourages parents and children to read at home. Children and parents can now borrow books from the nursery for home use. Nursery owner Jean McPhee said: 'We've bought story sacks, multi-cultural books and baby books, and we're going to be ready for World Book Day on March 2.'

Minard ladies taken on a Himalayan journey

DUNCAN BERNDT was the guest speaker at Minard SWRI's meeting on Thursday February 16, which was chaired by vice president Anne Berndt and secretary Edna Locke.

Mr Berndt spoke to members about his three-week trek to the Himalayas,

which took place in October. The trek took him slightly beyond the Base Camp at Mount Everest.

Mr Berndt's wonderful photographs helped transport all present to the Himalayas, if only for an evening.

Members send their

thanks once again for an enjoyable evening.

Competition winners for their flower arrangement in an egg cup were S Campbell, who took first prize, and second-placed E Locke.

Next month's competition will be an A5 design for a brooch.

A million thanks to Co-op from housing charity

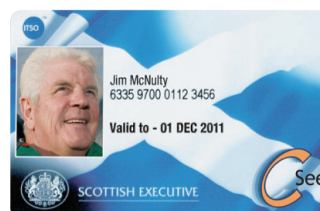
A MILLION thanks is the message from Shelter to generous Scottish Co-op shoppers and staff who contributed to a massive £1 million donation.

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Thought for the week

RECENTLY I reread *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe, a book I enjoyed many years ago. It is set in the Southern States of America in the days when slavery existed. Although the background of the story is depressing, the story itself is very uplifting. It's strange, but true, that light is much lighter when seen against the darkness. The light of a candle adds nothing to the brightness of a summer day, but it fairly lights a table in a romantic restaurant - if the television is anything to go by.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the light of the world, the one who takes away the darkness in the human heart and replaces it with the light of his presence. Eight hundred years before Jesus was born, God told this truth through the prophet Isaiah. 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.' If death has cast its dark shadow over you, look to Jesus. He is able to lighten your sad heart, for he really is the Light of the World. (see Isaiah 9:2)

Irene Howat

Down Memory Lane



Taken in 1940, this picture, submitted by Thelma Green of Lochgair, the daughter of headmaster Mr Stewart, shows the staff of Lochgilphead Junior Secondary School. The school taught pupils until they reached third year, at which point those continuing to fourth year attended Dunoon or Oban. The old school building on Manse Brae is now Lochgilphead Community Centre, whilst the nearby primary school building is now council offices. Pictured are, back row from left: Mr McCorquodale, Miss McDonald, Miss McKenzie, Miss Wimburn, Miss Swanson, Miss McDairmid, Miss Beaton (later Mrs MacAlpine), Miss Greenshields (later Mrs MacVicar) and Mr Thomson. Front row: Mr Mitchell, Miss Speed(?), Miss MacGilp, Mr Stewart (Headmaster), Miss MacTavish, Mr Rhind and Mr Hunter (Deputy Head).

Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser, February 24, 1976

Postal shock for Ardrishaig BBC to put Inveraray in the picture

A Post Office plan to force Ardrishaig to adopt the name Lochgilphead as its main postal address is likely to arouse fury in the village.

According to a post office ruling the proper address should be Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll, But the general purposes committee of Argyll and Bute District Council asked for their views on Thursday unanimously opposed the move as unnecessary.

In a letter to the council Oban's head postmaster Mr JD Gillies said a number of postal addresses in use in Scotland were incorrect and Ardrishaig, Argyll was one.

Letter and parcels bound for Ardrishaig were sorted in Lochgilphead. Delays in delivery correspondence were likely where the sorting office of destination was omitted from the address.

GOOD news and bad this week for Inveraray's TV fans. The good news the former burgh which gets some of the worst television reception in Argyll is to get its own relay station.

It has been confirmed by the BBC and the bad news is that it is likely to be at least three years before the station is built.

While viewers in nearby Furnace enjoy excellent reception on all channels Inveraray's abysmal TV service has brought complaints from many local people.

Neither BBC2 nor ITV reach the town while the black-and-white BBC1 reception has been variously classed as indifferent and hopeless.

ABBC spokesman said in Glasgow last week that the corporation acknowledged the need for a relay station.

Details for Kilmartin family

Sir,
One of the most interesting gravestones to be found in Argyll appears in the Parish of Torosay on Mull. It is dated 1738 and commemorates, amongst others, Margaret, daughter of Mr William MacLachlan, Episcopalian Rector of Kilmartin and wife of Alexander MacDougall, Tutor of Gallanach, who died in 1737 aged 57.

Along with the weathered inscription there is a coat of arms charged: quarterly, first, a lion rampant; second, a hand holding a cross; third, a galley; fourth, a Latin cross rising from a star. The crest is a castle of three towers sitting on top of what appears to be a copotain, an old fashioned type of hat often worn by female clerics. The motto is Vincere Vel

Mori ('Conquer or die'). The arms and crest are a mismatch of MacLachlan, Maclean and MacDougall heraldry and were not registered in the Court of the Lord Lyon.

From the few records that are available, it is known that the Rev William MacLachlan became minister of Kilmartin in 1669. He married Grisel M'Gilchrist (whose family produced some of the earliest lawyers in Argyll) and died in Ireland about 1690 having deserted his charge for not conforming to Presbyterianism. He is buried in the churchyard at Kilmartin beneath an elaborate mural monument with a Latin inscription and is best remembered for losing one of the Minute Books of the Synod of Argyll.

Alexander MacDougall, who died in 1741 and was buried in Torosay along with his wife and son Duncan, was the son of Allan MacDougall of Gallanach and Janet, daughter of John

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Campbell, ninth Captain of Dunstaffnage. Through marriage the MacDougalls were related to the Maclaines of Lochbuie and lived for a time near Duart, which probably explains why this memorial stone is to be found on Mull.

It is apparent from the symbols on the stone that Margaret MacLachlan herself may have been a cleric but the inscription is now too weathered to confirm it with any certainty. I would be grateful to any of your readers knowledgeable about the history of the MacLachlans and the MacDougalls of Argyll for any information which might throw additional light on Margaret MacLachlan and this important stone.

Iain Thornber, Knock House, Morvern, Oban.

Lochgilphead has traffic problems

Sir,
The claim by Lochgilphead Community Council that there is 'no traffic management problem in Lochgilphead' is frankly astonishing.

Practically every day, Ar-

gyll Street is brought to a standstill due to the volume of traffic attempting to travel through a confined space. Parking spaces on the street, and on Lochnell Street and Lorne Street, are like gold dust.

Parking charges within Lochgilphead would help alleviate these problems by at least ensuring a certain amount of movement from traffic in the town centre, instead of drivers parking their cars on Argyll Street from the beginning of the working day until its conclusion, and stop drivers circuiting Argyll Street in the hope of finding a parking spot.

If Lochgilphead Community Council is to serve its purpose, it must represent the views of those who live and work in the town.

Name and address supplied.

Police assurances needed

Sir,
Two recent cases have seen the serious consequences of impersonation of police officers. The abduction of the unfortunate Scottish

accountant Andrew Ramsay involved bogus plainclothes officers, whilst the Securitas raid in England had criminals posing as uniformed officers with police cars.

As it is clearly no longer safe to assume that even uniformed police are what they purport to be, how on Earth can we safeguard ourselves by asking to see (as now recommended by Strathclyde Police) a police warrant card, considering most people couldn't distinguish the genuine artifact from something produced with a John Bull printing outfit?

The police must now reassure an increasingly nervous and apprehensive public by advising us all how to tell the difference.

John Hein, Convener, Liberal Party in Scotland.

Holiday pitfalls for pensioners

Sir,
Having read the letter from R Johnston of Edinburgh regarding holidays for pensioners, I wholeheartedly agree that single

supplements are unfair. However, I have found a few places willing to let out a double room if it is not being used. I presume they are looking on it as some income is better than none.

Regarding prices, some hotels do charge less for out of season visits which gives pensioners, most of whom are not bound to the normal holiday periods, a chance to get away.

I am sure the free bus travel will increase this opportunity as pensioners don't have to travel in pairs to qualify.

A pensioner, name and address supplied.

Improved training for drivers

Sir,
I agree with Mr and Mrs Tanner's view that inadequately-maintained vehicles and roads,

coupled with poor driving at an inappropriate speed, is a recipe for single vehicle accidents, but as regards lower speed limits as their solution, what speed do they think would be appropriate?

Reducing speeds to the needs of the least competent drivers and most poorly maintained vehicles might reduce the number of single vehicle accidents, but there would be longer journey times and more road congestion for everyone.

Wouldn't it be better to eliminate the root causes by better driver training and more roadworthy vehicles?

Alec Logan, Tarbert.

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A lifetime experience for John

John Frame, Lochgilphead High School head boy and advanced higher French student, tells of his debating experience in the European Parliament

On Tuesday February 7, I was lucky enough to take part in what turned out to be one of the greatest experiences of my life.

The Euroscola programme, organised by the European Union, is designed to give young people from all across the EU the chance to come together, discuss and debate the issues which affect us all and really experience the life of European politics.

There are several of these events held each year, in either the Council of Europe's impressive chamber in Brussels, Belgium, or in the magnificent Parlement European in Strasbourg, Eastern France.

Having heard about the project through the local Rotary Board, which sponsored the trip, I was required to submit an essay on a European issue of my choice as an application, in addition to having passed Higher French last year.

Rotary

I decided to detail an essay on how the international perception of Europe has to adapt in order to achieve future prosper-

ity, and I am currently the only Advanced Higher French Student in LHS this year, and I was over the moon when the Rotary offered me the place to visit Strasbourg this year.

In the (very) early hours of Saturday 4th, the group of 30 students from all across Scotland, put forward by each of their respective Rotary organisations, met up at Prestwick Airport with the five accompanying teachers. The plane journey across to Belgium was then followed by a five hour bus trip down through Luxembourg and then into France - plenty of time to start getting to know everybody!

Incredible

We stayed in the very popular Ciarus International Hostel in the centre of Strasbourg, and spent Sunday morning discovering the city and exploring the incredible cathedral and Alsacien architecture (and of course, the shops).

That afternoon, we took the opportunity to practise our French, and any other European languages we had, to carry out a survey on the Strasbourgiens and

European tourists. We asked general questions about the European Union and Scotland and as soon as people realised where we were from, they were more than happy to help. I lost count of the number of photographs I appeared in as a result of the kilt!

Monday's activities consisted of a visit to a local school where we spent the morning in classes and spoke to everyone we could, and the afternoon was used to prepare thoroughly for the following day's Euroscola experience.

It was this Euroscola day that proved to be my highlight and I know that it will remain with me for a long time.

Once again the day started early and we immediately headed to the amazing Parliament building. Nearly 500 people from 15 different EU countries were present whilst we enjoyed a small breakfast before receiving some information about the day ahead.

The Scots were of course the first to go and introduce ourselves and meet everyone, which was once again

made easier when you happen to be wearing a kilt, and it set the tone for the rest of the day. We proceeded into the Hemicycle, the main debating chamber, and nothing could have prepared me for what it had to offer. The room was stunning and I could not help but be in awe at how impressive it was. However, that wasn't the main issue at hand.

I had been chosen, along with Claire, a student from Stirling, to initially address the Parliament and present our group to the chamber because of our pronunciation. The incredible feeling of delivering a presentation to such an audience, in French, was unbelievable and I loved every second of it! The thought of my voice being translated into several other European languages by professional translators still amazes me.

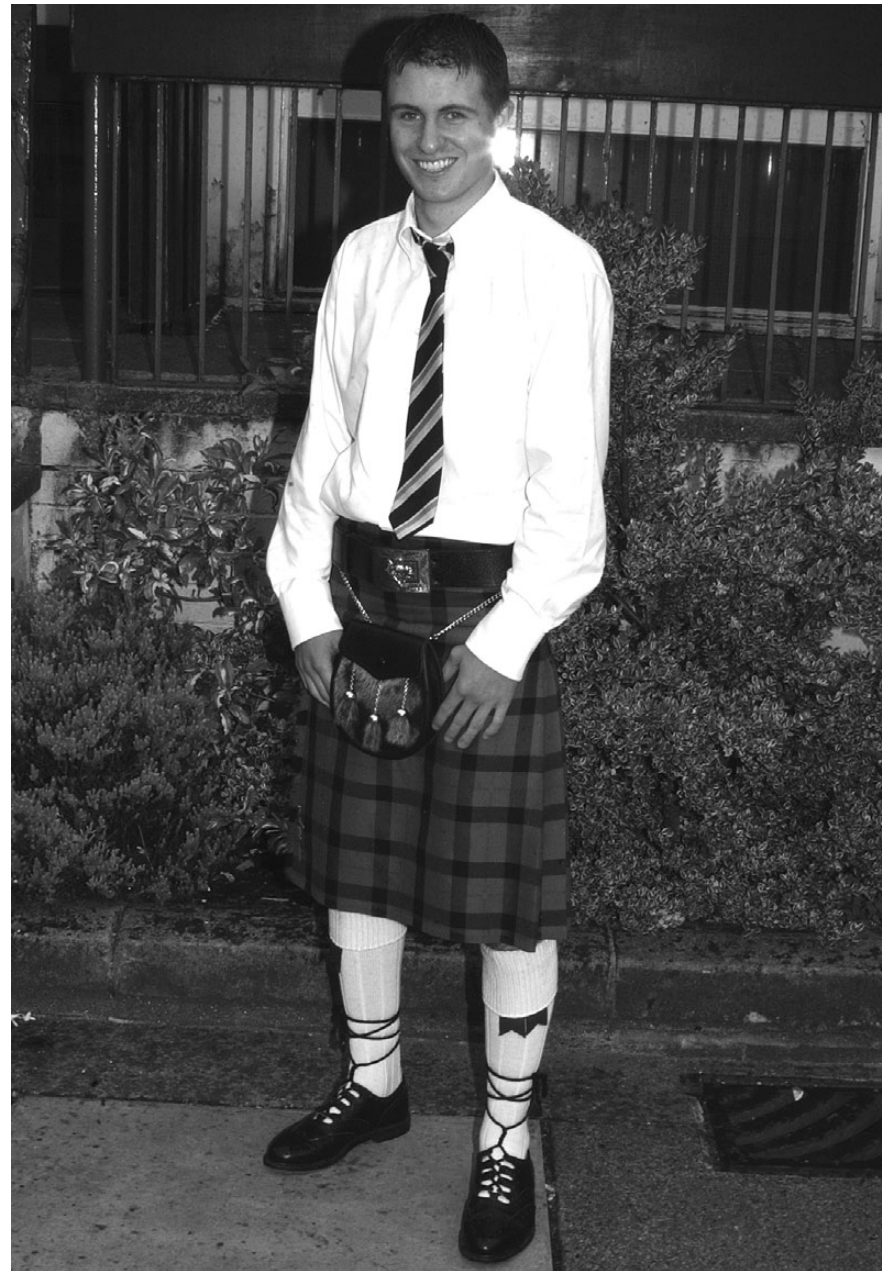
Policies

We then had the opportunity to pose some questions to several EU dignitaries who held a question and answer session. The Scots were very vocal and asked some very strong and penetrating questions about the European education policies, environmental policies and, in my case, the EU stance and efforts regarding aid to developing countries in the world.

Lunch then followed where we had another chance to meet everybody and take part in a multi-lingual quiz. It was after this that all the students split into five discussion groups to debate certain issues and propose solutions and policies in the committee chambers.

I was elected as chairman of my group in which we discussed what measures the EU should adopt in terms of its international obligations and foreign policy. I put forward an idea which the group discussed in depth and consequently agreed to take forward into the Hemicycle once again.

The European Union has the most advanced and affluent trading network in the world, with an annual GDP of \$13.7 trillion, in comparison to the USA's \$11.4 trillion. The current population of Africa is



John Frame, head boy at Lochgilphead High School.

nearly 900 million, but by the year 2050, in my generation's lifetime, that figure is estimated to grow to over 2 billion, and the unacceptable problems of the continent can only get much worse. Unless we do something, our generation is going to be just as directly responsible for the suffering there, as the colonial generations before us.

I proposed that it is essential for Europe to become the first world political and economic power to take a moral responsibility for the developing and under developed countries of the world and allow them access to our incredible free markets.

Developing

By offering developing countries the opportunity to gain a fair foothold in the modern markets, millions of people will benefit. By establishing levels of democracy, human rights, health care, education etc that countries would have to meet before gaining entry to the markets, developing countries would then have substantial reasons to do their utmost to attain them as a result of the economic benefits. They would also be more likely to accept political help from more developed countries in order to achieve these goals.

Africa has fantastic mineral wealth, fertile agricul-

tural ground and many other diverse and rich resources but as a result of the many preventable internal conflicts, wars, the global political scene, a lack of sufficient education, access to safe water and the extent of illnesses and poor health, they have been both wasted and under-used.

Demilitarisation

In addition to the EU receiving the benefits of these better regulated resources and expansions of the market, as a result of good will towards Europe from the rest of the world, the opportunity for partial demilitarisation would arise amongst the member states. This would result in the EU saving billions of euros each year which can then be reinvested into the advancement of the developing countries, as well as decreasing international tensions and the threat of global conflict. The economic benefit of partnership with the EU would outweigh any benefit from global warfare or terrorism.

I presented this to the chamber and we were ecstatic when it was voted with the largest majority using the electronic voting system of the parliament out of all the ideas put forward.

The day ended with the European national anthem and a parade of the flags of

the EU nations and it really was a proud moment.

The European Union represents a concept which can realize the ideals of every global citizen and with the proper respect and attention, it can easily achieve them.

My interest in French and European law and politics is as a result of my strength of feeling against the current inequalities in the developing world.

I plan to spend next year in France in a bid to improve my language skills before studying Law and Politics at University.

After that I intend to spend 2/3 years in Africa working as a volunteer before hopefully entering the EU or UN civil service in order to try and make a difference.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the organisers of the trip, my French teachers who have always helped me, and the Rotary Board who sponsored me and gave me this amazing experience.

It really made me appreciate Scotland's potential in Europe and our global status is something of which we can be extremely proud.

We can all have an influence in this world, and we all have to use that to fight against the extreme poverty and suffering which unfortunately exists.



John Frame in the European Parliament.

Further than the furthest thing

A LARGE audience was held spellbound in Craignish Village Hall last Friday night, by Prime Production's performance of Zinnie Harris' award winning play *Further than the Furthest Thing*.

Loosely based on the remote mid-Atlantic island of Tristan da Cunha, this intense and poignant drama which mixes fact and fiction, traces the lives of the Lavarello family both before the volcanic eruption which devastated the island and afterwards, when they were evacuated to England and the island's terrible secret was uncovered.

The central characters, Mill (Carol Ann Crawford) and Bill (Jonathan Battersby), both gave powerful performances which drew the audience into the unfolding drama, while the

three other characters Francis (Sam Laydon), the nephew torn between his roots and the chance of a new life, Hansen (Matthew Zajac), the South African businessman who has no real understanding of the islanders and Rebecca (Isabella Jane Fade), the girl once loved by Francis, all rose admirably to the challenge of their parts.

Directed by Benjamin Twist, *Further than the Furthest Thing* is currently on tour round Scotland until March 25.

The next event in Craignish Village Hall will be the annual boat jumble and car boot sale on Sunday March 5 from 10.30am - 2.30pm. This will be an opportunity to pick up a real bargain while enjoying a day out with the family. Refreshments will be available.

Dunoon Mod preparations

WITH the Royal National Mod 2006 taking place in Dunoon in October, planning for the staging of Scotland's premier Gaelic cultural festival is well under way with the local organising committee in Dunoon working in conjunction with the Royal National Mod Company and An Comunn Gaidhealach.

The local committee under the chairmanship of Dick Walsh has a well established Mod Shop in Argyll Street, Dunoon which provides a major source of income.

Scottish Guitar Quartet plays Campbeltown Picture House

MALCOLM Macfarlane, Nigel Clark, Ged Brockie and Kevin Mackenzie are four of the UK's finest contemporary guitarists around today.

Individually they display an outstanding level of musical dexterity.

However taken collectively as the Scottish Guitar Quartet or (SGQ), their pure musical talent is exhibited to the full - described by the *Edinburgh Evening News* as 'truly world class in every respect'.

Each have their roots in jazz. As SGQ they weave Celtic, classical and world music strands into their sound to create moods and pictures.

All four are talented composers and draw upon the diversity of their previous experience - Nigel from his work with Hue & Cry and Madonna, Kevin with the traditional folk band Keep It Up, Malcolm with his



The Scottish Guitar Quartet.

world tours with Shakatak and Matt Bianco, whilst Ged has worked in many diverse musical situations with shows in the West End

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Peatbog Faeries perform in Victoria Hall



Glastonbury veterans the Peatbog Faeries played in front of a packed audience at Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on Saturday night. c09bog02

CAMPBELTOWN'S Victoria Hall rocked to the sound of Celtic rave on Saturday night as folk music maestros the Peatbog Faeries took to the stage at a money-raising gig in aid of Dunaverty Village Hall in Southend.

The event was organised by Iain Johnstone of Jig Events and also featured local band Violent Echo, who played a blis-

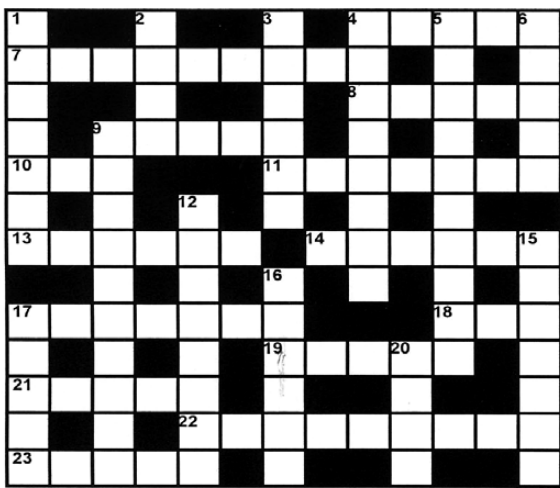
tering set in support of the Glastonbury veterans.

It was the first in a series of events being held to raise cash for a new hall in Southend, which has been in the planning for some years.

Nights like Saturday will go a long way towards Dunaverty Village Hall Committee's target.

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THE THINKER

ACROSS

- 4 Eddy's in southwest Ireland (5)
- 7 I try basic approach to luxury (9)
- 8 Dashes in to cheer a cessation of hostilities (5)
- 9 We're told to satisfy whims of rare creature (5)
- 10 The times they are a-changing (3)
- 11 Drinks cupboard for Tony's team (7)
- 13 She tends to, in a relative sort of way (6)
- 14 Not looking well, state it's unfinished (6)
- 17 Cross-section in favour of list (7)
- 18 In past, a perfect means of control (3)
- 19 Instrument finally found in the chimney (5)
- 21 Straightforward scheme I interrupted (5)
- 22 Old weapon, a club Rex and I argued over (9)
- 23 Cattle will find a way (5)

DOWN

- 1 Consume reduced quantity - it's no good anyway (7)
- 2 Lawman given thanks for information (4)
- 3 Go for food after a tavern opens (6)
- 4 Black robes not OK when playing this game (8)
- 5 Tear in nice outfit - burn it (10)
- 6 Composer has an agenda, we hear (5)
- 9 Accept one on a note that's deeply felt (10)
- 12 Novice uses green bin (8)
- 15 Prod eel, wriggling - be disgusted (7)
- 16 Fed up with card, so scribble on it (6)
- 17 Instrument finds pastries soft in the middle (5)
- 20 Cut back time on the side (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Magic 4.Welcome 7.Stonehenge 9.Rake
10.Romantic 12.Vessel 14.In-tray 17.Crouched 20.Char
21.Pawnbroker 23.Swindle 24.Large
DOWN: 1.Miser 2.Gloom 3.Cleanse 4.Weevil 5.Log
6.Milkshake 8.Erupt 11.Overthrow 13.Sharp 15.Neutral
16.Grange 18.Hiker 19.Dirge 22.Add

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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 18 Maestro: 30+

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
GARIBALDI, Abigail, Ager, Alga, Algid, Argal, Argall, Argil, Biga, Bragi, Brig, Darg, Drag, Gadi, Gaid, Gair, Galla, Gani, Gardia, Gardai, Garai, Gila, Gild, Gird, Giri, Glad, Glair, Gila, Glib, Grab, Grad, Grail, Grid, Iggad, Raga, Regal, Ridgill, Rigid, &???

Fyne Folk play at Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club

INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club met in its usual venue of the Swallow Argyll Hotel on Wednesday February 8.

Fyne Folk, with Janette Gibson on accordion, Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod and Duncan Crawford on fiddle and Agnes Liddell on keyboard, got the evening under way with a lively selection of sets. Jake MacKay, accompanied by Janette, Duncan and Agnes, displayed great dexterity with two mouth organs and was a treat to listen to.

Paying a visit to the club for the first time were Matt Ferguson and his sister Margaret from Strathaven and Bob Berry from Larkhall, all on accordion. Accompanied by Agnes on keyboard and Sandy MacDonald on drums, they each played in their own particular style. They were thanked by chairman Niall Iain MacLean for having made such a long journey to perform at the club.

Guest artistes were local band leader Allan McIntosh and his Heather Dance

Band. Accompanying Allan were Bill Purves on second box, Kenny Wilson on fiddle, Alan Kitchen on keyboard and Davy Cameron on drums.

The five-piece band delighted the audience with a well-rehearsed programme in each half, ranging from lovely Gaelic waltzes to rousing reels, with a couple of fiddle solos from Kenny, the second a Norwegian Hardanger fiddle, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

During the evening, a very pleasant ceremony also took place.

Jim Tennent, a regular attendee at the club, had made a lovely banner especially for the club, which was unfurled and hung in place of honour behind the band for all to see. The chairman thanked Jim on behalf of the club for this very kind gesture.

All too soon it was stramash time, which brought another great night to a close. Oban band leader Hector MacFadyen will fill the club's next guest artiste spot with his trio.



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Botoxed not bad at all in Ardrishaig hall

THE phrase 'a hilarious evening of comedy' usually makes me chary of the event, but Saturday night's performance of The Good, the Bad and the Botoxed, was indeed just that.

Fiona Knowles, playing characters aged from 16 to 60, delighted a large audience at the Ardrishaig Public Hall, some people

laughing so much they were in tears. If the play by Rona Munro wasn't written for Fiona Knowles, it might as well have been. She inhabited every character so completely, that as she moved from victim to victim one had to mentally scurry to keep up. It was a superb evening of theatre, a tour de force by a consummate actress.

AH

Meri Wrightson Quartet at Tarbert

AS THE last Sunday of the month came and went in glorious sunshine, The Meri Wrightson Quartet enjoyed a really good audience at Mack and Mags

in Tarbert. Despite nursing a heavy cold, Meri was still able to put in a feisty performance. It would be fair to say that this is not a band that stands still so that new material is being introduced at each concert. *I'm beginning to see the light* featured the rhythm section initially which soon fell in behind Meri's strong melody.

Other numbers included more established pieces in the quartet's repertoire like *You'd be so nice to come home to*, *Meditation* and *Moon Glow*.

Instrumentally, Richard Gelding's original compositions went down particularly well with an appreciative audience, *Blue Waltz and Blue Jazz* which the trio repeated as a final number. Thelonious Monk's *Straight No Chaser* provided the trio with the opportunity of soloing on all instruments. A new theme emerging from the trio is the confidence to try more experimental pieces and their improvisation in A minor opened up new possibilities for them.

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Fifth accredited adviser in Argyll named

IN A recent farming article about 'New grant farm appraisals' we advised that there are now five accredited advisers in Argyll - but named only four.

We are pleased to point out that Duncan Baird of Leven House, Connel, Near Oban (01631 710684) - is the fifth.

Duncan covers the whole of Argyll

Three 'grow local' training days for west coast food producers

THREE training days being set up for local food growers and producers in Argyll, Bute and Lochaber are proving popular.

The Highlands and Islands Local Food Network (HILFN) has organised three 'Grow Local' days in Lochgilphead, Oban and Fort William.

Each session provides local growers with expert advice and practical tips on how to produce local food and sell it locally.

Calina MacDonald, HILFN Production Advisor said: 'We have been delighted with the interest so far in these sessions.'

'Interest has come from

throughout the area, from Kintyre and the Isle of Bute in the south to the offshore islands of Coll and Colonsay.

'We will be working with these prospective growers and producers to help them meet the strong demand for fresh food in the area.'

Speakers at the sessions will include Jo Hunt and Calina MacDonald from HILFN, looking at the market for local food and using practical examples of successful enterprise from Calina's native Skye and other areas of the Highlands and Islands.

There will also be representa-

tives from Argyll Agricultural Forum, Argyll and Bute Council and local enterprise companies who will highlight business opportunities and support for local producers.

The morning session on each day will be rounded off with workshops to discuss participants' own business ideas.

The afternoon of each day will be a visit to a local producer or farm shop, so that the new growers and producers can share the experience of someone running a successful local food business.

Calina MacDonald said, 'As well as providing an interest-

ing and informative day about the potential for local food, we are looking for each day to bring out new growers in the area, who we can work with

to increase the supply of fresh local food.'

There are still some places left on the sessions and anyone who would like to book

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North Argyll Young Farmers' Club's bowling team were Ross Anderson, Seil; Kim Houston, Helensburgh; Neil Ronald, Saulmore; Lucy and Poppy Nicholson, Oban; and Siobhan Hill, Oban. The team was invited to take part in the bowling competition, the national finals, as guests. t09frm03

Young farmers gather in Argyll

MORE than 350 members of young farmers' clubs around Scotland descended on Oban over the weekend for their winter competitions weekend

The Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs (SAYFC) organised the weekend in the town and booked the Harbour Bowl for the day in order to hold their national 10-pin bowling competitions, which saw 28 teams of six battle it out for the national title.

Among the teams was one from the newly-formed North Argyll Young Farmers' Club but the competition was won by Carluke.

While this was going on, the Caledonian Hotel was the venue for a more serious event,

the finals of the Member of the Year contest in which nine finalists went up against a panel of farmers and former members of young farmers' clubs.

The panel was John Raeside, Linnhead Farm, Uplawmoor, Glasgow; Andrew Lorrain-Smith, Hagbrae, Gorebridge, Midlothian; and former Member of the Year Helen Hunter, Braehead Farm, Bainshole, Huntly.

Among the finalists were a bank official, dairy and sheep farmers, a rural business consultant and interior designers but the unanimous agreement at the end of the day saw William Boyd from Lanarkshire take the trophy home.

Country

Vice-chairman of the national association Martin Silvera of Kinross said the clubs were for people who had an interest in rural matters and lived in the country but necessarily have ties with farming.

Saturday evening rounded off with a dance in the Corran Halls for which more than 350 tickets were sold before the night with more on the door.

Sunday saw the finals of the five-a-side football at Atlantis Leisure, to which a team from North Argyll had been invited

as guests. The team from Halkirk, Caithness, won the day, with Thornhill runners-up.

Meanwhile the national speech-making finals was taking place at the Corran Halls.

Teams of four, with a chairman, faced a panel of judges made up of Andrew Lorrain-Smith, Marion Raeside and Alan Cumming, Newwells Farm, Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire.

While the judges were making up their minds the quiz competition with a team from each region taking part was held and won by West Renfrew.

The winner of the speech-making competition was the team from Mauchline, who took home the handsome trophy sponsored by Wiseman Diaries.

National association chairman Jim Smith said: 'Everyone has had a ball. Thanks for all the hospitality that we have received and thanks to all the venues,' he said.

He also thanked all those from the national association who organised the events, helped to run and steward them as well as all the young farmers for turning out.

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novative 16-inch structure wheel, so you don't need to worry about bumping into the kerb as you admire your reflection in the shop window. Next up is the Sport model, priced from £17,795, with 16-inch alloy wheels, front fog lights, trip computer, steering wheel mounted audio controls and remote control roof operation. As well as the highly efficient 1.6 16v Twinport, Sport models can be specified with the all-new 1.8 16v VVT 140PS engine and the 1.9CDTi 150PS diesel. Topping off the range is the Design, available from £18,995. Offering the choice of 1.8 16v VVT, 1.9CDTi 150PS turbodiesel and scorching 2.0 Turbo 200PS engines, this model is sure to cut a dash with



17-inch 10-spoke alloys, sport switch and a sports steering wheel. Rain-sensitive windscreen wipers, anti-dazzle rear view mirror, automatic lighting control and a windbreak are also all standard. Design models feature automatic pop-up roll-over protection bars in place of the static bars on Twin Top and Sport models, making the lines even sleeker without compromising

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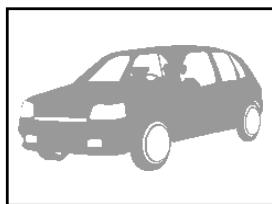


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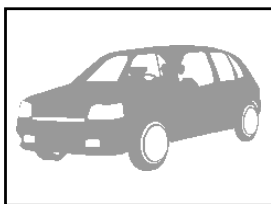
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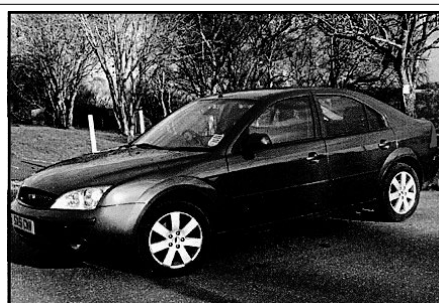


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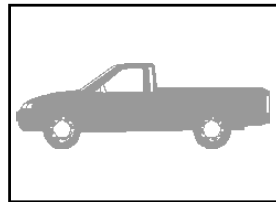


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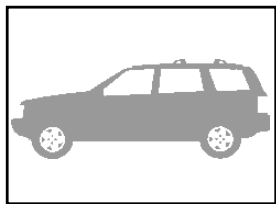


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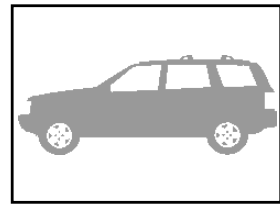


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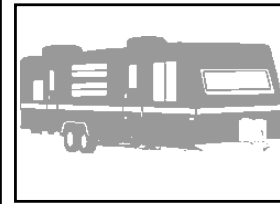


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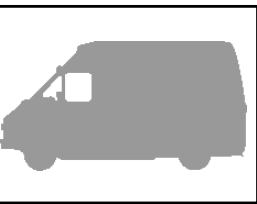


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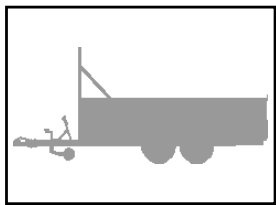
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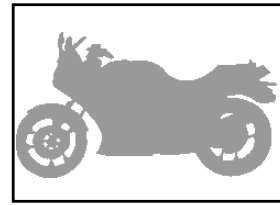


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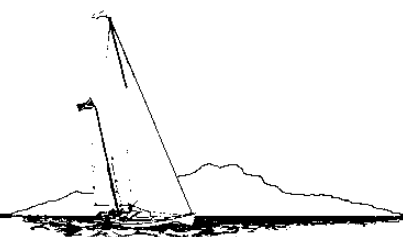
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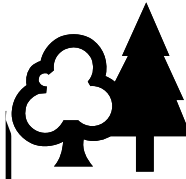
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Dalriada Project Administrator

West Argyll Forest District

Fixed term appointment to 31/03/2007, with the potential to extend for a further 3 years. (Extension of the contract, conversion to permanency or transfer to another part of the Civil Service is possible although there is no guarantee)

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Holly Davidson

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 Proposal: Alterations and extension
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 Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
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- Ref No: 06/00352/OUT
 Applicant: Mr Joachim Broily
 Proposal: Proposed site for 2 houses
 Site Address: Land South East Of Torbreck Ford Argyll And Bute PA31 8RH
 Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
 Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- Ref No: 06/00146/DET
 Applicant: Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club
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 Site Address: Tarbert Lochfyne Yacht Club Pier Road Tarbert Argyll
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The years have been good to you



and of course the love of a younger wife...

Craig McDonagh

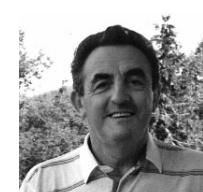
Good Luck in your new job daddy, love Evan, Rhys and Drew.

He came from Peninver a long time ago and met wee Matty the rest we all know

On Friday he reaches the big 7-0 and if he has his way it's off to Stronvaar he will go

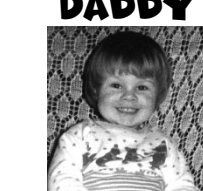
So Dad from Agnes, Dave, Jim, Marie and grandchildren too we wrote this wee verse to say We all love you. **Happy Birthday Dad**

Happy 70th Birthday **JAMES**




Lots of Love Matty

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY DADDY



hugs and kisses Love from Alecia XXX



Twenty-one, he is today In "The Feathers" he earns his pay All these years ago he had no coo, no care As long as he had his "Jeremy Bear" The "Gentle Giant" he was know as at school Now making 'Cocktails' that are oh so cool Simon we hope you have a lovely twenty-first Have a few large Glens to quench your thirst!! **Happy 21st Simon Love from Mum, Dad, Julie & Lesley.**

Grandfather Hugh McCallum, died, 1951, 8 Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead.

His mother was (née) Isabella MacBrayne and her parents were Duncan and Mary MacBrayne.

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Bruce and Sheila Johnston would like to thank everybody who made their big day so special. We would particularly like to thank Rev David Carruthers for a very relaxed and personal service, Darren Dobson and staff at the Cairnbaan for a most enjoyable reception, Isobel and Margaret Soudan for the beautiful flower arrangements, Peter Preston, Jim Campbell and Roddy MacDonald for the wedding cars and Dilys Leckie for a delicious cake. *Thank you all.*

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you' (James 4:7)

BIRTHS

LINES—John and Anne (née McLachlan) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Megan Janet, on February 19, 2006, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Thanks to all midwives involved, with special thanks to Elspeth Colville.

MACDONALD — Donald and Suzanne (Orr) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Cailean Donald on January 16, 2006, at Forth Park Maternity Unit, Kirkcaldy. A second grandson for Donald and the late Margaret, Lochgilphead and first grandson for Kevin and Agnes, Giffnock.

MAXWELL — James and Sandra are pleased to announce the birth of Thomas Alexander on February 22, 2006. A little brother for Emily and a grandson for Tom, Bunty and Flora.

NICOL — Hugh and Christine (MacDonald) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Andrew MacDonald on December 18, 2005 at Forth Park Maternity Unit, Kirkcaldy. A little brother for Cara. First grandson for Hugh and Agnes, Campbeltown and Donnie and the late Margaret, Lochgilphead.

ENGAGEMENTS

BAWN - HOGGAN — Linda and Bill Brannigan are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Alison Bawn to Nick Hoggan, Dunfermline.

QUINN - McINTYRE—Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Paul, eldest son of Michael and Bridie Quinn, Cushendun, Northern Ireland to Fiona, daughter of Katharine and the late Alistair McIntyre, Campbeltown.

RUBY WEDDING

MACMILLAN - McCALLUM — At Lorne Street Church, Campbeltown on March 3, 1966, by the Rev. James W. Hood, William to Margaret, 10 Wallace Cottages, Southend.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL — Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on February 24, 2006, Joan Campbell, in her 85th year, formerly of Saddell and Glasgow, beloved twin daughter of the late Sandy and Effie Campbell and a much loved aunt and great aunt.

FANE - GLADWIN — Colonel Peter Francis Fane - Gladwin, O.B.E., Scots Guards, died peacefully, at Erskine Hospital, on February 26, 2006. Funeral Mass was held at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on March 2, 2006,

interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery.

MARSHALL — On February 16, 2006 at Fordingbridge, after a long illness, George William, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Louie (nee MacInnes) and loving father to Anne, Colin (deceased) and Charles.

MACCALLUM — Peacefully after a short illness in Penarth, South Glamorgan, Wales on February 23, 2006, Trixie MacCallum, aged 89 years, formerly of Lorne Park, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Lachlan MacCallum and much loved mother of Nicol, Duncan and Helen. Loving grandmother and dear mother-in-law. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Free Church on Friday March 3, 2006, at 1 p.m., thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery.

McCALL — Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Royal Alexandria Hospital, Paisley on Thursday, February 23, 2006, Margaret C McCall, in her 76th year, of Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of George and loving mother of Janis and Fiona and grandmother of Jamie. May she find peace at last. Funeral service was held at Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Donations, if desired, to A.R.M.S Centre, Lochgilphead. Enquiries to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, 30D Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX.

McKECHNIE — Suddenly at home, 22 Glenside, Campbeltown, on February 28, 2006, Moira Ralston Robertson, in her 74th year, a dearly loved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt and beloved daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Robert Robertson, Glenside. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on March 3, 2006 at 2.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GALBRAITH—Archie and family of the late Marion Galbraith would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Also doctors and all staff at Muasdale Surgery, Campbeltown, Lorn and Islands and Royal Infirmary Hospitals, the Rev John Paton for his support and comforting service, the staff at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy for excellent purvey, to Alasdair Blair for kind and professional services and a final thank you to all who paid their last respects at the Church and graveside.

McCALLUM — The family of the late James McCallum

(Jamie) would like to thank relatives and friends who attended the Church and graveside. Special thanks to the paramedics, Dr Leask and District Nurses for care and kindness, thanks also to the Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and support, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for sensitive handling of funeral arrangements, Ardshiel Hotel for the catering. Also a special thanks to Alison and Mari for all the support they gave, and to Helema and Moira for their kindness. Thanks also to all who gave donations to the Heart Foundation.

McGAUGHAY - Jim, Jackie and Ann, would like to thank, relatives, friends and neighbours for kind support and for cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to all staff, at Ardfenaig Home and Mid Argyll Hospital, for kind care and attention received, to Dr Roddy MacLeod, for his kind words and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Brambles of Inveraray for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects, at church and graveside.

—Dunadd View, Kilmichael Glassary.

McKIE — Janet Johnstone, (Auchencorvie) would like to thank everybody for the flowers, cards and kind words following the sudden death of her mother, Rita McKie, on February 15, 2006.

IN MEMORIAM

BELL — In ever-loving memory of Richard, who died March 3, 2004.

- Inserted by his wife and all the family. Much missed.

CARMICHAEL — In loving memory of Ann Carmichael who died on March 4, 2003.

Forever in our thoughts. - Catherine, Janette, Walter, Margaret and families.

COFFIELD — Treasured memories of a dear husband, father and papa, John Dempsey, died March 2, 2005.

Remembered always. - Jean and family.

McTAVISH — Jock, died March 7, 2003.

Always in our thoughts. - Love Nan and all the family.

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CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday 5 March 2006
The Town Hall, Campbeltown
11 a.m.
Praise and Worship
Speaker: **Rev. Stuart McLean**

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Tonight:
Friday 3 March 2006
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
7.30 p.m.

Sunday 5 March 2006
Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**
11 a.m. Morning Service
Family Service followed by shared lunch
6.30 p.m. Evening Service with Communion

Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course
Monday 20 March
Ladies' Meeting
Rev. Paul Brake, Oban

Wednesday@7
Prayer Meeting

Thursday
Luncheon Club
Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 5 March 2006
Ardrihaig at 11.00 a.m.
Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.

Luke 15
'Lost - Episode 2'
PACT
for children of all ages meets in Ardrihaig at 11 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR

Sunday 5 March 2006
Amen (Psalms 106:48)
Cumlodden (Furnace) 10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon
Lochgaig 3 p.m.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 3 March
Cumlodden Church, 7 p.m.
Signs of the Times
Ecumenical Service prepared by Christian women in South Africa
Tea to follow
All welcome

KIRK SESSION
Monday 6 March
Cumlodden Church Hall
6 p.m.
Meeting regarding
Presbytery Plan
7.30 p.m.
Ordinary Session Meeting

Highland Parish Church



Sunday 5 March 2006
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship
Creche in Church (0-3 years)
Junior Sunday School
Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School
Church

Tuesday 7 March
Badminton Club
Kirk Street Hall
6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
Cost £1 (includes tuck)

Thursday 9 March
7 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship
Kirk Street Hall
Rev Michael J. Lind
Everyone very welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Friday 3 March 2006
World Day of Prayer Service
Kilmartin Church
7.30 p.m.

Sunday 5 March 2006
Bellanoch 11.30 a.m.
Preacher: **John Morrison**

Thursday 9 March 2006
Prayer Meeting7.30 p.m.
Bellanoch Church
Kilmartin Church Hall

Sunday 12 March 2006
Church A.G.M.
Enquiries **01546 606926**
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)

Sunday 5 March 2006
First Sunday of Lent
8.30 a.m. ... Holy Communion
10.45 a.m.
Morning Prayer

Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries to
Rev. A. J. Williamson
Telephone **01586 551478**

SALVATION ARMY

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies Meeting)

Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 5 March 2006
Glassary 10 a.m.
John Morrison

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 5 March 2006
Family Service at 11 a.m.
Children of all ages welcome
Rev. Walter Ritchie
Friday 3 March
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
at 7.30 p.m.
in the Baptist Church

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Saturday 4 March 2006
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast 8 a.m.
Praise and Prayer .. 9 a.m.

Sunday 5 March 2006
11 a.m.
Worship Service for All Ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: **Graham McLean**

Thursday 9 March 2006
7.30 p.m.
Praise and Prayer
All welcome
'Come and see'

TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY

Sunday 5 March 2006
Tarbert Church 11.30 a.m.
'You're not too good to come in... you're not too good to stay out'
Rev. Bill Gray

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

www.lorneandlowland.com

Today (Friday 3 March)
World Day of Prayer Service
at 7.30 p.m.

Speaker:
Mrs Kirsty-Ann Burroughs

Saturday 4 March 2006
Walking Group, meet car park at 11 a.m.
Youth Club, 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday 5 March 2006
Morning Worship ..11.15 a.m.
(Creche, Sunday School, Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs
Presbytery Care Workers' Training Seminar
from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday 6 March 2006
The Guild7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 7 March 2006
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.

Kirk Session 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 9 March 2006
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Freezing conditions test Lochgilphead winter golfers

Golf

WITH ground frost greeting the hardy golfers for the penultimate round of Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league, everyone involved knew scoring would be difficult.

As the day wore on, play became a race to grind out results, with nothing on any of the greens proving easy. Alex MacAulay held his nerve and eagled the 13th for four points, also hitting a birdie at the 16th as part of a 20-point inward nine. As a result, he moves into third place with a week to go.

A fine birdie two at the third and a lovely par at the fifth kept a good result in view for Robbie Wilson. Four threes included a birdie at Drum, pushing him into seventh overall from a handful of starts.

David Sinclair birdied the third and 17th for six points. He had an up-and-down day, but looks to

have secured first place overall.

Though he had scored no points at all up to week 12, Iain McGlynn has chased his dream of a top 12 qualification place relentlessly. Finishing fourth on the day gave him his reward.

Nicky Ciarella made a rare appearance and six points saw him climb from 23rd to 14th overall. A great back nine included a birdie at the 13th and three threes. Nicky also won 'nearest the pin' at the seventh.

Ross Sinclair has one of the deadliest short games in Argyll and the fact that he struggled on the greens showed how difficult conditions were. He hit his tee shots well and five points mean he is only three off third place.

Martin Barbour will be contending the 'duffers derby' after coming up one point short of his target on the day. Out in only two over, Martin struck the ball well all day, but

like so many, struggled with the short putts. Tom Campbell parred the difficult sixth and ninth, both for three points. He now sits ninth overall and playing well enough to worry the top boys, and his day was improved with a 'nearest the pin' at the ninth.

Davy Wilson has been like a squirrel all winter, storing points away at a steady rate. Now that spring is here, he can relax safe in the finals alongside Donald Carmichael, who also qualified on Saturday.

All players are asked to put their preferences for the buffet on the noticeboard.

Result week 20

- 1 A MacAulay (Qualified)
- 2 R Wilson (Q)
- 3 D Sinclair (Q)
- 4 I McGlynn (Q)
- 5 N Ciarella (14th)
- 6 R Sinclair (Q)
- 7 M Barbour (13th)
- 8 T Campbell (Q)
- 9 D Wilson (Q)
- 10 D Carmichael (Q)

Tarbert record sixth consecutive victory

Football

SAFL Division Two Centre 'B' 0 Tarbert AFC 4

TARBERT recorded their sixth consecutive league victory with a convincing second half display at East Kilbride, maintaining their promotion hopes in the process.

The Dookers took time to settle into the match, as the pitch was bouncy, giving the players less time to control the ball than they would have liked. Several times they lost possession in midfield, enabling Centre to put pressure on their defence. One such break almost saw the home side take the lead, the ball flying narrowly wide of Allan Blair's goal.

Despite these threats, most of the action took place in Centre's box. MacDougall almost headed the opener from Alex Johnstone's good cross and Mike Connor missed a good chance when through on goal. Centre's keeper pulled off a tremendous save from a net-bound Prentice shot, but Tarbert's domination finally told in the

40th minute. Connor's cross was deflected into the net by a Centre defender under pressure from Craig Martin.

Ten minutes after the restart, Tarbert's striking partnership combined superbly to double the advantage, Prentice setting Connor up to clip the ball into the net. Tarbert's third arrived from the penalty spot, Prentice making no mistake after a rash challenge in the box.

The scoring was completed in the 75th minute when David Ronald passed inside for Prentice to fire home. The scoreline could have been more emphatic, the visitors passing up some good chances before referee McDermott's final whistle.

With seven games still to play, five of them away from home, maximum points would guarantee Tarbert promotion to Division One.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Tarbert will play their Coronation Cup quarter-final away to Division One side Cambria 'B'. Kick-off in Stepps will be at 2pm, with the tie to be played to a finish.

Tarbert team makes debut



Tarbert Academy's U15 football team played their first competitive match recently in Rothesay.

Football

U15 School Football Rothesay Academy 5 Tarbert Academy 1

TARBERT Academy's U15 boys team played their first competitive fixture recently when they lined up against their counterparts from Rothesay Academy.

The teams were evenly matched, with Tarbert having the majority of the goalscoring chances. Nonetheless, it was the Bute side who took the early lead.

Tarbert were restored to a level footing when a superb

strike from Adam Ronald evened the scores before half time.

Rothesay were the livelier side after the break and scored early in the second half. The goal gave them the encouragement to push forwards and they piled the pressure on Tarbert, scoring a further three goals.

It is anticipated that the return fixture will be played in Tarbert during March, with the Mid Argyll side hoping to use their home advantage to good effect.



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Ardrishaig reach national final

Shinty

SIX PRIMARY-aged shinty teams converged on the Mid Argyll Sports Centre in Lochgilthead on Sunday (February 26) to fight it out for the honour of representing Mid Argyll at the national first shinty finals in Fort William on March 11.

Ardrishaig and Inveraray both fielded two teams and were joined in the competition by teams from Lochgilthead and Achahoish.

From the first blow of the referee's whistle, the action was fast and furious. The play was end-to-end and the noise from the teams' supporters gave great encouragement.

The teams played each other twice during the afternoon. Glenaray, Inveraray's young second team, generated great excitement whenever they scored, whilst Glengilp, Ardrishaig's second team, showed great promise and gave their all in each game. Lochgilthead's players also played well, as did the Achahoish team. Inveraray were the only team to score against the very strong Ardrishaig squad,



The Ardrishaig team enjoyed a perfect day at the Mid Argyll First Shinty competition on Saturday, remaining unbeaten throughout their 10 games. The boys will now travel to Fort William on March 11 as Mid Argyll's representatives at the national first shinty finals. a09shi02

who completed their fixtures without conceding a game.

The final position on the day saw Ardrishaig crowned winners, followed by Inveraray, Achahoish, Lochgilthead, Glengilp and Glenaray.

At the end of play, Kirsteen Weir, chairwoman of Ardrishaig Junior Shinty Club, presented a medal to every player who had competed in the tournament. Referees John Kennedy and Bruce

Johnston also received medals as a memento of a very enjoyable day. The Ardrishaig players and their supporters can now look forward to the national finals in Fort William.

See next week's edition of *The Argyllshire Advertiser* for more pictures from the Mid Argyll First Shinty competition

Red Star name new first team manager

Football

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star fans will soon find out who will be the club's new manager.

The appointment will be made at a meeting of the club's committee on Monday (March 6) when the club decides who will take up the post from the start of next season.

Red Star travel to face Inverkip tomorrow (Saturday March 4), their first match in three weeks. Inverkip were 2-0 victors when the sides met in Lochgilthead earlier this season.

No Inveraray lottery win

Lottery

AS THERE were no winners from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday February 27, when the numbers drawn were eight, 13 and 20, the jackpot for the draw on Monday March 6 will be £300.

Kilmory lottery draw

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday February 27, when the numbers drawn were five, 16 and 19. The jackpot for the draw on Monday March 6 will be £600.

Moira wins Tarbert lotto

Lottery

MOIRA Henderson was the lucky jackpot winner from Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday February 27, when she matched the numbers three, five and 20 to scoop the £200 prize. The jackpot for the draw on Monday March 6 will be £100.

The winners of our Rangers SPL tickets competition will be revealed in next week's paper!



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