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Scandal over Argyll archivist job

TIMES are hard for Argyll and Bute Council and it seems they are getting even harder.

For there has been a mixture of outrage and dismay over the decision to reduce the archivist post from a full-time position to part time when Murdo MacDonald, the present archivist, retires this month.

For 30 years Mr MacDonald, based at Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, has provided a priceless service to school children, historical societies and people with an interest in Argyll's history.

This week yet another person who has benefited from the archive service added his voice to the campaign to save the post. Gerard Sinclair MacTavish Lain of Vancouver, Canada, recently traced his Argyll routes. He said: 'Murdo was incredibly helpful to find and show me several letters of the late 1700s that related to my own MacTavish relatives.'

'I was dismayed, however, to see the working conditions of Murdo in a small, cramped room. On returning to Canada, I wrote to the council administration asking if his conditions could be improved. I got a polite but effectively useless reply along the lines of 'scarce resources, blah, blah, blah'.

'Argyll folks, like Murdo,

Dismay as council cuts hit popular and successful service

are the real true assets of Argyll that cannot be measured in financial balance sheet terms but who enormously enrich the visitor experience.'

The council's decision was made after it is faced severe financial constraints in this year's budget.

A spokesman for the council said: 'It is important that people understand that the council does not wish to cut services. In each of the last 10 years the council has had to make significant budget reductions to work within the financial resources made available by the Government and an affordable council tax.'

'This is the first time in those 10 years that the archive service has been affected as a result of budget reductions.'

'The council will be continuing to provide an archive service although there will be a reduced level of service with the reduction from full time to part time. There will also be a settling

in period for the new staffing structure to gain the knowledge and experience that the present archivist has gained over many years.'

'The archive service will focus on ensuring that the records are conserved in an efficient and appropriate manner so that the valuable resource that is the Argyll and Bute archive is available for future generations.'

But critics have called the decision short sighted. Roderick Buchanan of Kilmartin said: 'The value of the archives themselves must be significant, but their value extends far beyond financial assets.'

Mary Fletcher Harris of Canada said: 'Reducing what services Argyll offers to family tree researchers is a step backwards. Argyll's history is its gold.'

Jill Bowis contacted us by email to say: 'Every other area is trying to maximise public access to their archives - there is a lot of money to be made.'

See letters page 8



A fortnight to go until you must stub it out

THE smokers and non smokers of Mid Argyll are a very tolerant bunch indeed.

With a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places coming in on March 26, *The Argyllshire Advertiser* asked both parties what they thought of the ban.

Heather Walls, a Lochgilphead smoker pictured above enjoying a cigarette and a drink in the Stag Hotel with fellow smoker

Bruce Cowan, said: 'Fair enough. If we've got to go outside for a cigarette then we've just got to do it.'

Tanya McDonald, a non-smoker we caught up with in Lochgilphead's Victoria Hotel, said: 'I don't mind going out and sitting amongst smokers, it really doesn't phase me at all.'

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Ashfield school makes the grade

ASHFIELD Primary School has received pass marks from school inspectors, with a new report praising the progress of staff and pupils.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) last reported on the Achnamara school in August 2003, at which time several points for action were raised.

A recent follow-through inspection at the school found that very good progress is being made towards meeting the main points for action contained in the 2003 report.

Head teacher Debbie Munro welcomed the find-

ings of the recent inspection. She said: 'I'm very pleased with the report, as it does recognise the hard work from all the staff.'

'In a small school, we try to give all of the children a variety of experiences in learning and teaching.'

The inspection found that under Mrs Munro's 'very effective' leadership, and thanks to the commitment and teamwork of all staff, the school had continued to improve in key areas of its work.

Recent achievements at the school have included a national award for Enterprise Education, which recognised the school's inno-

vative and effective approaches to learning and teaching.

The HMIE report also noted that the school has made very good progress in improving programmes in English language, mathematics and music, and that teachers had made good progress in making better use of assessment information to identify pupils' needs, plan their next steps and ensure 'an appropriately brisk pace of learning'.

Argyll and Bute Council's education spokesman, Councillor Dick Walsh, was pleased with the report's findings.



Pupils and staff at Ashfield Primary School in Achnamara were delighted at the results of the HMIE report. a09ash01

Mid Argyll's most promising young musician

THE ROTARY Club of Lochgilphead has begun its latest search for Mid Argyll's brightest young music star.

Last year saw the launch of the Rotary Trophy for the Most Promising Young Musician, Andrew Rolland of Lochgair crowned its inaugural winner.

Multi-instrumentalist Andrew, who is an adept guitarist, singer, drummer

and saxophonist, was selected from more than a dozen entrants by a specialist musical panel, and it is hoped that this year's competition will see as many, if not more, budding musicians looking to claim the prize.

Any musician, singer or composer aged between 11 and 18 on May 1 2006 can enter this year's competition. Entrants should fill in

a simple form, stating in their own words their past and present musical activity, what attracts them to music and what their future plans might be.

Entry forms are available from music teachers or school offices at all of Mid Argyll's schools. The closing date for entries is March 31.

The strong entries submitted last year gave an indi-

cation of how much music flourishes in Mid Argyll and how much talent there is, facts likely to be very much in evidence at the Mid Argyll Music Festival, which runs from March 18 until March 25.

For more information on the Rotary Trophy for the Most Promising Young Musician, call James Kirk on 01546 602524 or John Holt on 01546 886384.

Chance to see Christmas lights in Lochgilphead

WOULD you like to see Lochgilphead with its very own Christmas lights display?

The fact that Lochgilphead has no Christmas lights, especially when neighbours Campbeltown and Oban have such beautiful displays, has been long-lamented. But now the

people of Lochgilphead and surrounding areas have the chance to do something about it.

A meeting is being called in Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 15. A committee will be formed and anyone who would like to help in any way is invited to go along.

The committee will kick off with £2,191.61 in the bank thanks to a generous gift from Lochgilphead Millennium Committee, a

group that was formed to hold events in the millennium year. The millennium committee wound up at a meeting on Monday night where they agreed to put their funds towards plans for Christmas lights. Brian Christie of the former Millennium Committee has agreed to act as chairman for the new Christmas lights committee for now.

All members of Lochgilphead Millennium Committee are thanked for their hard work over the years.

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The Lochgilphead Millennium Committee wound up on Monday night and donated more than £2,000 to buy Christmas lights for the town. Back row, from left are former committee members Violet Mackenzie, Brian Christie and Sheila Cameron. Front row, Mary Campbell and Isa Muir. a10mi01

Helping the disabled find jobs

A NEW group has been formed in Mid Argyll to help the mentally and physically disabled find employment or business opportunities.

The registered charity, working under the name Fascalagh, which is Gaelic for umbrella, hopes to help anyone who is disadvantaged in the labour market.

The group is keen to hear from anyone who would like help with finding employment in Mid Argyll.

Peter Wright, a member of the board of governors, said: 'We hope to be able to provide work and business opportunities for those with disabilities, but first we need to know how much demand there is for such a service.' He added: 'We're hoping to set up a cafe and snack bar near the new Mid Argyll Hospital, which could provide work for disabled people in the area. We're also investigating other possible projects.'

Anyone interested in Fascalagh or its work can contact the group by writing to Peter Wright, 16C Loch-nell Street, Lochgilphead.

Minard's very own village shop opens

MINARD once again has a village shop after a new, community-owned property opened for business on Sunday March 5.

The villagers have acquired their own shop after it was announced in July

last year that the old shop, which had supplied their needs for over a century, was to close.

Minard Community Trust owns the new shop, which is next door to the old one, and it has been leased to Mr

and Mrs Masters of Furnace Stores to operate on behalf of the community.

Speaking at Sunday's opening, Councillor Alison Hay, Minard Community Trust Trustee, said: 'We have got the shop here, it's

back in business. Please support the shop and let's keep it open for the future.'

The shop will also have Post Office services. Councillor Hay said: 'We have been assured from the Post Office that they will be in

situ by the end of the month.'

Since the previous shop closed in early October, a shop distribution point has been operated every day by a team of volunteers from the sun porch of a neighbouring house. This ensured the continuity of service for daily papers, bread, milk etc until the new shop was opened. Pam MacCowan, owner of the neighbouring house, was asked to cut the ribbon of the new shop at Sunday's celebration.

Minard Community Trust now hopes that the new shop will be well supported

by residents and visitors to Minard.

The community trust was able to buy the shop property when the owner, Mrs Bernice Hay, offered it at valuation cost and agreed not to put it on the open market.

A successful funding application was made to the Scottish Land Fund.

Funding for the conversion was secured from Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, The Scottish Community Foundation and the WHELK LEADER + programme. The work was carried out by Cameron Construction, Airdrishaig.



At the opening of Minard's new village shop, from left: Mike and Sybil Masters, managers; Pam MacCowan, neighbour; Councillor Alison Hay, Trustee, Minard Community Trust; Bill Middlemiss, Minard Community Trust Company Secretary. a10min01

Brigade Bulletin

Gigha fire

FIREFIGHTERS from Tarbert were amongst those which fought a large hill fire on Gigha on Thursday March 2. Assisted by crews from Gigha and Campbeltown, the Tarbert crew spent several hours on the island extinguishing the blaze.

Chimney fire

STRATHCLYDE Fire and Rescue's crew from Tarbert was called to a chimney fire in the village on the afternoon of Saturday March 4. The fire was extinguished quickly.

Police Files

Woman assaulted

POLICE are appealing for information after a woman was assaulted during a disturbance outside the Stag Hotel, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, on Saturday March 4.

Kilberry accident

NO-ONE was injured when a lorry left the Kilberry road on Monday March 6.

Mid Argyll women's rural rally



Mid Argyll SWRI Group rally took place in Lochgilphead on Saturday. See next week's Argyllshire Advertiser for more pictures and a full report.

Lochgilphead autumn fair for children

LOCHGILPHEAD will host a fair this autumn that will bring 600 children into closer contact with the environment.

The Argyll and Bute Regional Environmental Education Forum (ABREEF) has been running its environmental fairs throughout Argyll over the past 11 years. This year's event will take place in venues throughout Lochgilphead, showcasing exhibitions on the environment, history, arts and culture, all with an emphasis on links to the natural world.

ABREEF hopes that its fair will excite and engage school children and the general public through short activities, displays and presentations, and is this year calling on local exhibitors from Mid Argyll to join the fair. Previous exhibitors have included historical societies, organic gardeners, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Natural Heritage, bee keepers, the Scottish Environmental Protection

Agency and crafters. The forum is also considering setting up a not-for-profit education trust about Argyll and Bute. The proposed trust would organise future fairs, as well as offering an environmental arts and heritage programme for schools.

Matt Lewis, volunteer chairman of ABREEF said: 'We know that we've made a difference to environmental awareness in the county over the years, but I am excited that a trust might also incorporate arts and heritage into one package, take that into schools and allow these small projects to benefit from the greater exposure, co-ordination and funding that a trust can provide.'

'We've a long way to go with the trust, but it's on the horizon.' Anyone interested in ABREEF's environmental fair, or its plans for an education trust, can call Scot AnSgeulaiche on 01546 602896.

Whitehouse WRI update

WHITEHOUSE WRI ladies recently enjoyed an interesting talk about the work of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals from Karoline McDonald.

Competitions: Walnut and Date Loaf: First Moira McGruer, Second Celia McDonald. Picture with a caption: First Maureen Small, Second Celia McDonald. Hostesses were Moira McGruer and Julia Williams. Raffle was won by Pam Caley.

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Ford finds study funds

THE Ford Community Project has just received funding for a feasibility study.

The grant, from the Community Land Unit and Scottish Land Fund, enables the project to enlist the aid of Perthshire-based consultants MacIntyre-Edwards in a study of economic and social requirements for the village of Ford.

They have already consulted the community via a public meeting and a questionnaire distributed throughout the village and they will return to Ford in a few weeks to discuss their results with the community.

This study is the next step

in the process to purchase land at the centre of Ford using the Forest Land Scheme under Scottish Land Reform legislation. The project plans to build a community centre and develop sustainable amenities central to the village.

In the meantime, fundraising continues using the existing Ford hall. On Friday March 6 there was a Gardeners' Question Time evening with Lesley Watson of the Beechgrove Garden, Dougal Phillips of Hopeton Gardens, and local horticultural experts Elspeth and Iain Glendinning.

Plants and horticultural sundries were also on sale. Following the success of his recent Spanish night at

Ford Hall, Saturday March 11 sees an evening of classical music at the hall, with local guitarist Andrew Robinson and friends.

The third Ford Fun Day will take place on August 5 this year. Following the previous two fantastic and successful fun days, this year will see stalls, silly games, crafts, competitions, live music, an evening ceilidh and of course the traditional grand raffle. Tickets for the evening events can be bought at Cafe 35 in Lochgilphead, or by contacting Sue Creech on 01546 810279. For further information on the Ford Community Project contact Lorraine MacIntyre on 01546 810234.



Ford Village Hall hosted a Gardeners' Question Time on Friday night (March 3). Keen gardeners were able to take their questions to an expert panel which consisted of Lesley Watson of the Beechgrove Garden, plus Dougal Philips and Iain and Elspeth Glendinning. Tickets were sold at £3 and all proceeds went to the Ford Community Project. a10gar01

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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.

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Bargains at boat jumble

NOW in its eighth year, Craignish Boat Jumble and Car Boot sale is an established event in the calendar.

The new village hall in Ardfern proved to be an ideal venue and when the doors opened at 10.30am on Sunday, there was already a long queue of bargain hunters waiting in the bright sun.

With 15 'boaty' and eight 'non boaty' stalls, plus a few cars out in the car park, there were plenty of bargains to be had and customers could be seen leaving the hall clutching all sorts of wonderful bits including sails, fenders, lengths of rope, fishing gear and tools, not to mention various indeterminate items which will, surely, 'come in useful some day!'

Run this year by the village hall committee, the format of the day remained unchanged from previous years, with soup and rolls available to fortify the bargain hunters and a raffle to add a touch of excitement.

The committee would like to thank all those who helped and also those who donated prizes to the raffle. A total of £692 was raised for village hall funds.

Details of all future events in Craignish Village Hall can be found on the website www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk or by telephoning 01852 500689.



Else and Jim Mellor from Seil sold some of the boating items they have collected over the years, including volumes of Yachting and Boating Monthly from 1907 and 1908. Jim said: 'I bought them at an antiquarian book sale about 20 years ago.' a10jum01



Keltic Lady Sea Angling from Ardrishaig had a berth at the boat jumble. Nikki Thompson sold life jackets, fishing equipment and tackle, hand-made by husband and fellow skipper Kenny. a10jum02

War of words over Tarbert tug

A WAR of words has broken out between Tarbert Harbour Authority and the captain of a 50-year-old tug boat.

HMRT *Golden Cross* was moored in Tarbert from October 2005 until the end of January, during which time she held a display of Christmas lights. The ship's captain, Stuart White, and her owner, Hollywood actress Suzie Wong, had also promised that the vessel would host a series of 'safety at sea' public open days throughout January and February.

A spokesman for Tarbert Harbour Authority said that *Golden Cross*'

owners wrote to the harbour authority requesting a berth from October 2005 until March 2006 and said that the boat would provide a Christmas light display and then be open to the general public for the 'safety at sea' exhibition from January 21 until March 3.

The spokesman said: 'The trustees offered a 50 per cent reduction in harbour fees as a contribution towards the event. The harbour authority further agreed to ask various public bodies on Captain White's behalf for funding towards the remaining 50 per cent.'

But the harbour authority was disap-

pointed on January 31 when Captain White announced he would be cutting short *Golden Cross*' stay in the village.

'Captain White was given an invoice for outstanding harbour dues, which he said would be forwarded to his office for attention. To date, no money has been received towards berthing fees.'

The harbour authority also feels that Captain White abused the hospitality and trust of the people of Tarbert.

The spokesman said: 'Contrary to Captain White's earlier promises, the vessel did not, at any time, open to the general public. *Golden Cross* took with

her the Christmas lights purchased from donations given by businesses and local individuals through a collection box on the quayside.

'Many residents believe these lights should have remained in Tarbert for future Christmas displays.'

When contacted by *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, Captain White said: 'We finished our Christmas lights display in January, at which time we offered to open the ship to the public, but Tarbert Harbour Authority didn't seem to be able to arrange it.

'The authority seemed to think that it

had got its Christmas lights display and was happy enough with that.

'We did open the *Golden Cross* to the public for a couple of days, but that was done by us rather than with the help of the harbour authority.'

The harbour authority's spokesman refuted Captain White's claims. He said: 'The harbour authority gave every support possible throughout their stay in Tarbert.'

'If Captain White required any further help in arranging public openings, Tarbert Harbour Authority would have been only too pleased to assist.'

Card demo at Lochgilphead WRI

LOCHGILPHEAD SWRI held a meeting in the community centre on February 21.

Mrs Jenny Campbell, president, welcomed members and then went on to introduce Tona and Fiona from the Print Shop. Mrs Campbell said that the shop in Lochnell Street was like an Aladdin's Cave.

Tona brought along completed cards made up in different ways: coloured cards, add-ons and other accessories which are available in the shop. She

then made a handbag card explaining each step on the way and donated two cards to the raffle.

After Mrs Campbell gave the vote of thanks the ladies enjoyed the supper provided by Mrs E McCallum and then conducted the monthly business.

Competitions
Sun Catcher: Gold: Helena Spence, Elizabeth Scott; Silver: Jean Smith.
Apple Tart: Gold: Jenny Campbell; Silver: Jean Smith; Red: Elizabeth Scott; Blue: Helena Spence; Green: Edna Johnson.

Women's rural reports can be emailed to:
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Cubs and Brownies' bird boxes



Inveraray's Cub Scouts were out in force at Crarae Garden on Saturday February 25, hanging hand-made bird boxes from the garden's trees. The children, helped by Ian Gow, made the boxes themselves from wood donated by one of the dads. In all, 16 bird boxes were hung around the National Trust for Scotland property. a09cub01

Schools solar project

MID ARGYLL may not top most people's list of the sunniest places on the planet, but primary school pupils will soon be attempting to prove how much power is contained in the sun's rays.

Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency (ALIenergy) launched its solar car challenge this month, encouraging pupils to experiment with small kit cars that run on solar power.

The model cars are being sent out to schools this month, with school teams set to compete in area heats in May.

Any schools which have not yet signed up for the solar car challenge can do so by calling Madeline on 01631 565183 or emailing madeline@alienergy.org.uk.

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Vi MacLean received a reflexology session from Sandy Cooksley at the Well Complementary Health Day at Cairndow Village Hall on Saturday February 25. a09thr01

sions. The Well's next complementary therapy session will take place in Lochgoilhead on Sunday April 23 from 11am until 4pm. Membership of The Well, a Cowal-based group of

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'Wow factor' at Tarbert CD launch

IF AUDIENCE reaction is anything to go by, the 'wow factor' was very much in evidence at Tarbert Village Hall on Friday March 3.

At a special event organised to celebrate the launch of *Dooker Soup*, a CD of music and spoken word from Tarbert, more than 250 invited guests and members of the community were treated to an exceptional line up of live music followed by a lively ceilidh dance.

The launch of the CD marked the completion of a workshop and creative design project that has brought together musicians and artists of all ages from Tarbert and surrounding

areas. Wild Biscuit's John Saich introduced the evening as the project's musical director, followed by an address by Douglas Robertson, chairman of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust. The community trust will be ensuring that *Dooker Soup* has lasting legacy in the coming years, and Mr Robertson stressed that the launch evening represented the beginning of new opportunities as much as the end of a hugely successful community project. He also thanked the performers, artists and the project team that had helped create such an inspiring piece of work.

The first part of the evening's programme

showcased performances by some of the musicians and singers featured on the *Dooker Soup* CD.

Katie Fitzgerald opened the show in top voice with two of her own finely crafted, melodic compositions.

Tarbert Academy student Euan Plater followed with a mature and confident performance of some of his new material.

Both Katie and Euan have immense talent and both look likely to have a very promising future in music.

Song writer Amanda Lough, who came to the project through one of the recording workshops last year, mesmerised the audience with her haunting lyrics



Song writer Amanda Lough and Tarbert Academy student Euan Plater gave fantastic performances.

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ics and soulful voice, again a name to watch out for in the future and very much one of the many highlights of the evening.

Tarbert Gaelic Choir followed, clearly going from strength to strength in repertoire and membership in preparation for this year's National Mod.

To close the concert part of the evening, Archie McAllister, one of Scotland's finest musicians, gave an outstanding performance of world class fiddle

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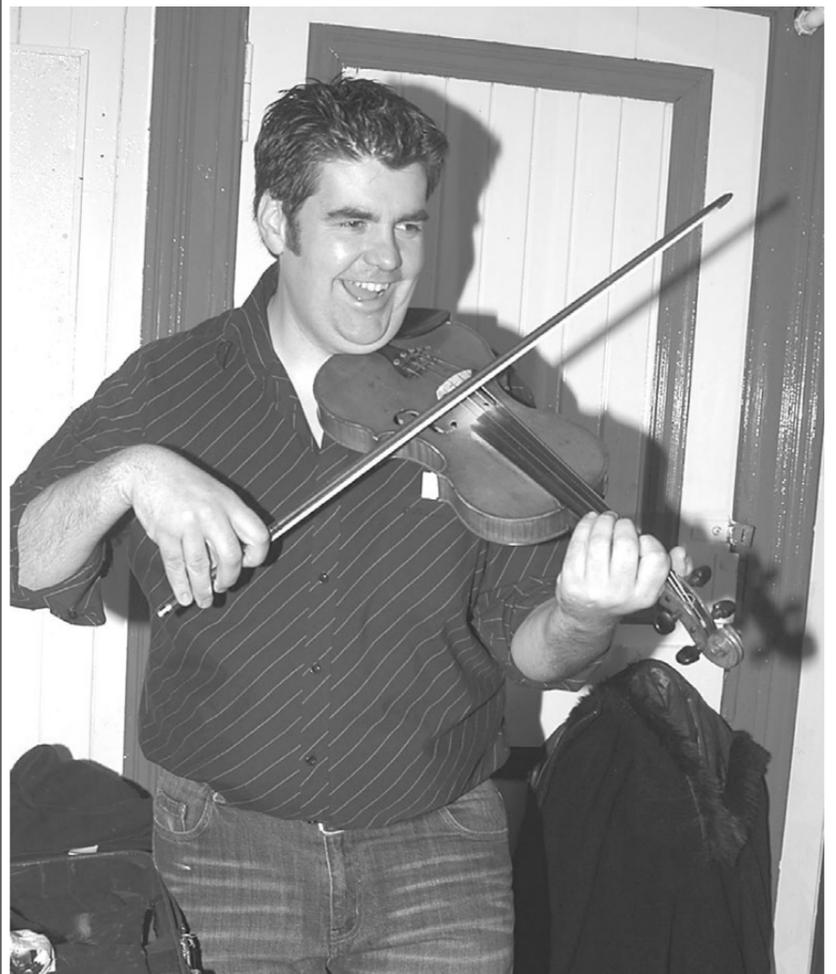
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The second half of the night was given over to dancing in the capable hands of Fraser and Kevin McGlynn. Fraser also has a well earned and long standing reputation all over Scotland, and his infectious style kept the dance floor

jumping right up until midnight. *Dooker Soup* is available from local outlets in Tarbert (Loch Fyne Gallery, I.Y. MacIntyre, Jacksons Newsagents) and Lochgilphead (RS McColl), and online at

www.musicinscotland.com. You can also check out the information space on www.wildbiscuit.com. Profits from the sale of *Dooker Soup* will go directly to furthering future arts and culture projects in North Kintyre.



Archie McAllister gave an outstanding performance of world class fiddle playing. a10doo02

Mid Argyll doing just *Fyne* at drama festival

THE 57th SCDA Kintyre Argyll District Drama Festival was 'a feast of theatre' according to adjudicator Jane Nelson Peebles.

Nine acts from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll took to the stage at Campbeltown Grammar School over three nights last week, impressing the packed houses each night with their effort, enthusiasm

and the standard of their productions.

At the end of the week Fyneside Drama Club from Ardrishaig were the big winners, taking home three trophies.

Delighted director Jenifer Phillimore accepted the hat-trick of awards from Mary Rattray, well known in drama circles for her distinguished service with Duna-

verty Players. Fyneside's performance of Isabella C Rae's *One of the Family* scooped the overall prize and the trophies for best moment of theatre and best production.

In a Mid Argyll double, Lochgilhead Drama Club's Team G won two trophies, the second place prize and the award for stage presentation, with

their performance of *Too Long an Autumn* by Jimmie Chinn.

Both Fyneside and Lochgilhead have qualified for the open divisional final, which will be held in Largs from March 30 to April 1.

Campbeltown got onto the prize list through Accent Players, the third placed team and winners

of the Comedy Cup for the performance of Jackie Westerman in their version of *Cards, Cup and Crystal Ball* by David

Campton. The trophy in the junior section was won by Tarbert Academy Drama Club (Juniors) with the excellent *Fireflies* by

Harry Glass. They now go on to represent the area at the youth divisional final in Castle Douglas on Saturday March 25.



The winning cast of Tarbert Academy Drama Club (Juniors), along with director Susan Connor, are pictured celebrating their success with adjudicator Jane Nelson Peebles. The company will now take part in the youth divisional final in Castle Douglas on Saturday March 25. c09dra01



Fyneside Drama Club's Jenifer Phillimore (right) and Barbara McGilp took home a hefty silverware haul from the festival. Director and actor Jenifer and actor Barbara are pictured with adjudicator Jane Nelson Peebles and their trophies for first place, best moment of theatre and best production. c09dra02



Lochgilhead Drama Club Team G were runners-up and also won the trophy for best stage presentation. Betty and Gordon Hutton are pictured with adjudicator Jane Nelson Peebles. c09dra03

Prize list:

Rex Trophy for Overall Winner: Fyneside Drama Club

Charteris Rosebowl for Second Place: Lochgilhead Drama Club Team G

Dunaverty Trophy for Third Place: Accent Players

Galbraith Cup for best Youth Entry: Tarbert Academy Drama Club

Visitors Quaich for Best Moment of Theatre: Fyneside Drama Club

Inskillen Quaich for Best Production: Fyneside Drama Club

Campbeltown Drama Club Trophy for Best Stage Presentation: Lochgilhead Drama Club Team G

Chatterbox children

RIVERSIDE Rascals Day Nursery in Lochgilhead held a Chatterbox Challenge where all the children joined in and expressed themselves in different ways through rhymes, action songs and stories.

The event raised £150 for the Chatterbox charity, which helps to expand children's ability to communicate.

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Down Memory Lane



This week's photograph, submitted by Phyllis Angus of Lochgilhead, show Mrs Herd's dancing class from 1958. Pictured in the back row from left are: Kit Cramond, Nan Brown, Isobel Crawford, Jean Grant, Ann Campbell, Maureen McKellar, Mrs Herd, Pipe Major Neil Crawford. Front row: June Ward, Elsie Maitland, Phyllis McKerlie, Kay Lupton, Marie Brown.

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Blarbuie's thanks

Sir,
The Partners in the Blarbuie Woodland Project would like to thank the many people who contributed to the great success of our ceilidh and auction at Ardrishaig Hall on February 24: the local businesses and well-wishers who gave so generously, too many to name; everyone who worked hard to set up and clear up; and the fine musicians, auctioneers and stewards.

We would also like to thank *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, whose frequent coverage of our progress is very valuable.

Local income and local profile help us to carry on our work, and we are now getting on with all abilities paths, having cleared and milled some of the trees (firewood and quality timber for sale at very low prices).

We are also monitoring plants and wildlife, and recording an increase in red squirrels.

In 2007 the site will become a public park, but in the meantime we welcome approaches, and we will be holding more guided walks this spring. Thank you again.

**Hugh Fife, on behalf of
the Partnership.**

Thought for the week

THIS is a wonderful time of year. Even if your heart is all churned up inside you, it is hard not to be cheered by the signs of spring. When we think of spring, we think of the snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and all the rest of the flowers. But for me, one of the loveliest signs of spring is when the sap rises in the trees, making the tiny twigs glow with new life just waiting to burst out in bud.

There's a sense in which life on this earth is a time of glowing as we wait to burst into new, wondrous, amazing life in heaven. It is so easy to become bogged down in our troubles and to forget what lies before us if we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us just a little about heaven - our minds could not take in much more - and here is a taster. 'God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' (see Revelation 21:3-4). **Irene Howat**

Argyll needs 'History' of archivist

Sir,
After reading the three letters in the February 24 edition about archivist Murdo's upcoming retirement and the council's decision not to replace him, I'd like to add my support to the mini-campaign to have the council re-think its strategy.

I'm sure that the letter writers, like me, were heavily influenced by the friendliness, interest and excellent level of knowledge that Murdo undoubtedly displayed in helping visitors with roots in Argyll to discover their known (and maybe unknown) past relatives.

In my own visit to Argyll, in 1997, Murdo was incredibly helpful to find and show me several letters of the late 1700s that related to my own MacTavish relatives. I was dismayed to see the working conditions of Murdo in a small, cramped room. On returning to Canada, I wrote to the council administration asking if his conditions could be improved. I got a polite but effectively useless reply along the lines of 'scarce resources, blah, blah, blah'.

Argyll folks, like Murdo, are the real true assets of Argyll that cannot be measured in financial balance sheet terms but who enormously enrich the visitor experience.

**Gerard Sinclair,
Vancouver, British
Columbia, Canada.**

Sir,
As I drive through Ardrishaig, past the works on the south foreshore, I wonder what happened to the big stone that lay on the beach. It must have been 15 or 20 feet in diameter and probably weighed a similar number of tons.

It was 'Old Swallow' who told the tale to Duncan Livingstone and me when we were enjoying the sunshine on the summer seat at the sea lock. He told us he had heard some old men talking about the stone, they believed it was thrown from the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland by Fergus the Giant, who was fighting with his brother, Fingall, who lived in a cave on the island of Staffa, off west Mull.

He pointed out that there were lots of similar stones all over Mid Argyll. There are two on the beach at Brenfield, along the Tarbert road, and another two on the south shore of Loch Coalisport, on the way to Kilberry. 'Swallow' told us his cousin in Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland had also heard about the fighting between the two giant brothers, Fergus and Fingall.

I invite you to publish any information you have about the big stones that are scattered all over Mid Argyll, and maybe a photograph to verify this yarn.
**Smile with Peter at
Tarbert.**

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Two weeks to stub out

Smoking will be banned in all public places as of March 26. What is your opinion?

With a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places coming in on March 26, *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbeltown Courier* spoke to smokers, non-smokers and landlords to find out what they think.

It seems that many people accept the ban, whether they be smokers or non-smokers. While many non-smokers agree they dislike the smell of smoke, they say they don't mind people smoking.

A lot of the smokers we spoke to said they were happy to go outside for a cigarette, while some even said they hoped it would help them to quit.

However, one smoker suggested that smoking be allowed in public bars but not in lounge bars.

Valerie Marshall, a smoker from Tarbert, wanted to make sure that smokers would be catered for.

She said: 'I hope they are

going to put buckets out on the streets for all the fag ends and I hope they extend the pavements for all the tables and chairs they are going to need outside cafes and restaurants.'

Arlene Flynn, landlady at the Victoria Hotel, Lochgilphead, said: 'I'm glad it's coming in, try being in here at 1.30am trying to tidy up - people don't know how to use an ashtray, the place stinks.'

'I'm a smoker myself and it will annoy me not being able to smoke but it will be worth it at the end of the day.'

Duncan Hunter, enjoying a beer and a cigarette in the Victoria Hotel's bar, said: 'I think it's going to be a good thing. I'm hoping I'm going to stop. I only smoke when I come in the bar for a beer, I don't smoke at all during the day. The law's the law, that's it - you can't smoke.'

Tanya McDonald, a non-

smoker from Tayinloan who now lives in Glasgow, said: 'My boyfriend and all his family are smokers, most of my friends are smokers, I wouldn't say I was against it. I don't mind going out and sitting amongst smokers, it really doesn't faze me at all. It doesn't bother me - probably because I live with a smoker.'

Kathryn McGeachy, a smoker from Ormsary said: 'I think it will affect the pubs because people might want to stop going out so much. Some people might not bother going out to the pub if they have to keep going out for a fag. It will affect smaller places like Campbeltown, Tarbert and Lochgilphead.'

Robert McGeachy of Ormsary, a non-smoker, said: 'I think it's a good thing. The next morning, when your clothes are stinking of smoke, there's nothing worse. It should be up



From left, Kathryn and Robert McGeachy, Tanya McDonald and Barrie Kerr shared their views with our reporter. a10smo02

to the place whether they allow smoking or not.'

Barrie Kerr of Lochgilphead said that attitudes to smoking were changing. He said: 'A few years ago you wouldn't think twice about smoking in a restaurant.'

Heather Walls, enjoying a cigarette in the Stag Hotel bar, said: 'Fair enough. Everybody to their own. If we've got to go outside for a cigarette then we've just got to do it.' Her smoker husband, Za Walls, disagreed. He said: 'It's a bar. It's always been a bar. Why don't the non-smokers go to the lounge bar? Why not have a bar for smokers and a lounge bar for non-smokers like they used to do in the old days?'

Caroline Battle, manager at the Stag Hotel, said: 'I'm a smoker and I still think it's a good idea. It will encourage people to cut down, it will encourage me to cut down a lot.'

'If you're a non-smoker it must be horrible to have to work in.'

However, she said she was unhappy with the way the government was bringing the ban in. She said: 'I don't think they've given us enough time to prepare for it.'

Hilda McGonagall, a barmaid in the Stag, said: 'To be honest it (smoking) doesn't bother me too much.'

Mari McCuish of Lochgilphead had just stopped smoking on Saturday night when *The Argyllshire Advertiser* reporter caught up with her in the Stag Hotel. She said: 'I think it's a good idea. I would like to come home with my clothes not

stinking of cigarette smoke.'

She said she had quit 'for my health.'

Husband John McCuish said: 'I think it's great, get them to stop.'

'I stopped smoking in 1980. I was going up a hill one day and there were a couple of guys 20 years older than me and they were charging up the hill ahead of me. I thought 'what am I doing here?' I stopped smoking and after two weeks I was charging up the hill ahead of them.'

Luke Kalache has just moved to Lochgilphead from Australia. He plays in goals for Red Star AFC. He said: 'I stopped smoking six months ago when I first came to Scotland. It really is an unhealthy, unhygienic habit, probably created by advertising.'

'In Australia you're not allowed to smoke in enclosed public places and people understand.'

A woman from Campbeltown, who did not wish to be named, said: 'It will be great not to have my hair smelling of smoke if I go anywhere. I'm pro, I'm for it. I really am. I know it's going to be difficult but it's got to be a good thing. I think they're doing smokers a favour.'

Matthew Hales, who we met in Campbeltown, believes that pubs should be able to make up their own mind about whether or not to enforce the ban in their premises.

Katrina MacFarlane of Campbeltown agreed: 'I think there should be smoking and non-smoking areas in pubs so that it's a bit



Caroline Battle, manager at the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead (left) and barmaid Hilda McGonagall. Caroline, a smoker, welcomes the ban. a10smo01

more controlled.' Another lady in Campbeltown, who also did not want to be named, said: 'I think it should be up to me. I'm big enough to know what I'm doing. I know that if I put my hands in the fire I'll get burnt so I know the consequences of smoking.'



Za Walls thinks that smoking should be allowed in public bars and not in lounge bars. a10smo06

Get help to give up

'STOPPING smoking is easy, I do it every day' said Mark Twain and many of us can echo his words. 70 per cent of adult smokers would like to stop.

A ban on smoking will see less of it in certain places but we only stop completely when we are ready to make that change.

What makes us truly 'ready' is unique to each of us. For some the ban on smoking may provide us with that right moment.

Many of us feel we can't quite achieve it alone - 'cold turkey' is not an at-

tractive choice. When you are ready to stop, help is available in various forms, including hypnotherapy.

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business. Andy said: 'Dougal will look after the rug wash side of the business, which can also handle industrial workwear, stuff that you wouldn't want to put in a standard washing machine.'

Andy also stressed that the launch of the new business will not detract from Premier Dry Cleaning and Laundry's existing services. As well as offering a next day dry cleaning service, customers can also take advantage of a wash and dry service and professional ironing. Curtains, duvets, tablecloths, soft furnishings, evening wear and wedding dresses can also be professionally cleaned by Andy and his staff, who also cater for commercial contracts from hotels, guest houses, B&Bs and restaurants.



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Kintyre stock on Stirling prizelist

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Bullocks sold to 161p for a Charolais cross off of Cretlevane to average at 128.2p per kilo while heifers sold to 155p for another Charolais cross from the same home.

In the show prior to the sale, Kintyre cattle featured strongly in the prizelist.

Single bullocks:

1 Mr Brewster, Wr Boreland (CharX) £675 to Mr Jackson, South Lodge, Ochil
2 Mr McIntyre, Gleneherve (CharX) £560 to Mr Henderson, Little Ythsie
3 Mr Glen, Saddell HF (CharX) £650 to Mr Stevenson, Balmacolly

Single heifers:

1 Mr Lines, Killocrow (BBX) £650 to Mr Buchan, Overton of Knaven
2 Mr McCorkindale, Macharioch (CharX) £580 to Mr Dunlop, Nr South Bar
3 Mr Brewster, Wr Borland (CharX) £600 to Mr Brown, Insh

Pen of 4 Bullocks:

1 Mr Brewster, Wr Boreland (CharX) £670 to Mr Jackson, South Lodge,
2 Mr McVicar, Mid Ballat (CharX) £635 to Mr Dandie, Learielaw
3 Mr Hutchison, Robertson Mains (LimX) £550 to Mr Adam, Lr Greenyards

Pen of 4 Heifers:

1 Mr Lines, Killocrow (LimX) £580 to Mr Dunlop, Nr South Barr
2 Mr McIntyre, Gleneherve (CharX) £550 to Mr Henderson, Kettlehill
3 Mr Glen, Saddell HF (CharX) £570 to Mr Stevenson, Balmacolly

Pen of 4 Bullocks:

1 McLaren, Causewayhead (CharX) £695 to Jackson, South Lodge
2 Mr McArthur, Cretlevane (CharX) £520 to Mr Low, Pittenkerrie

Pen of 8 Heifers:

1 Mr McVicar, Middle Ballat (CharX) £525 to Mr Waddell, Powmyre
2 Mr McArthur, Cretlevane (CharX) £440 to Mr Ross, Milton of Kemay



Recent weather conditions reduced the entry at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday

Market report

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United Auctions

Bullocks

Aberdeen AngusX: £418 and £348(4) Keills Estate.

Belgian BlueX: £442, £438, £398 and £362(3) Garraron and Melfort Farms.

CharolaisX: £442 and £438 Balliemeanoch Farm £432(8), £392(6) and £368(8) Tayvallich Estates.

HerefordX: £408, £372(2) and £348(2) Middleton Farm, Tirie.

LimousinX: £512 Tayvallich Estate £508 and £452 Balliemeanoch Farm £448 Garraron and Melfort Farms £442(3) Balliemeanoch Farm £438(3) and £428 Garraron and Melfort Farms £418 Keills Estate £412(7) Garraron and Melfort Farms £382(2) Balliemeanoch Farm £372(7) Middleton Farm, Tirie £350 Tayvallich Estates.

ShorthornX: £378 Balliemeanoch Farm.

SimmentalX: £448 Tayvallich Estates £422(2) and £392 Cornaigmore, Coll.

Heifers Aberdeen AngusX: £318 (2) Keills Estate

CharolaisX: £408 Garraron and

Melfort Farms £358(7) and £352(4) Tayvallich Estates.

LimousinX: £352(6) Garraron and Melfort Farms £348(3) Tayvallich Estates £322(4) Garraron and Melfort Farms £318 and £312(2) Balliemeanoch Farm.

SimmentalX: £348 Tayvallich Estates £328 Cornaigmore, Coll.

Breeding cattle

Cows with calf at foot: £680 and £500 Keilator Farm

In-calf cows: £500 and £480 Moleigh Farm

In-calf heifers: £600(3), £580 and £550(4) Beachmeanach Farm.

Prices per kilo

Bullocks

Aberdeen AngusX: 145p, 133p, 129p(4) and 127p(3) Keills Estate.

Belgian BlueX: 137p, 134p(3), 122p and 121p Garraron and Melfort Farms.

CharolaisX: 150p(6), 142p(8), 139p(2), 133p(6) Tayvallich Estate 133p and 130p Balliemeanoch Farm 127p Tayvallich Estates.

HerefordX: 143p136p(2), 134p(2), 120p and 118p Middleton Farm, Tirie.

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ShorthornX: 133p Middleton Farm, Tirie.

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Bulls: 124p Lower Tervine.

Heifers

Aberdeen AngusX: 110p(2), 106p and 103p(3) Keills Estate.

Belgian BlueX: 103p(5) Garraron and Melfort Farms.

CharolaisX: 130p(4), 125p(3), 123p(9) and 116p Tayvallich Est

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SimmentalX: 126p(2) Cornaigmore, Coll 116p Tayvallich Est.

Business Ring expands with new office in Campbeltown

ARGYLL and the Islands Rural Business Ring has announced that it is to open an administration office in Campbeltown later this month.

Along with this centre, a new part time administration assistant post is to be created to help with an ever increasing demand from members. The successful candidate will play a vital role in the future growth of this successful organisation.

Established in the spring of 2005, the Rural Business Ring is a non profit making co-operative which aims to help members improve the profitability and efficiency of their own businesses.

One of the ways it does this is by offering members with 'spare' equipment, labour and expertise the opportunity to earn extra income by matching these services to members who have a corresponding need.

As many business sectors in Argyll and the islands face dramatic price increases for raw materials, the Ring helps to keep these cost burdens to a minimum.

Additional funding has been provided by Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) to help finance the office and the new post. AIE has also made available a great deal of business support and advice, for which the manager and directors are grateful. The Ring also receives valued ongoing support from Leader Plus.

The Ring manager, Colin Cameron said: 'I am really

excited by this development.

'The business of the Ring is all about professional service, and the new administration assistant will play a key role in enhancing the service to members. I should also be able to spend more time meeting local people and discussing the issues that matter. By listening to our members, I can shape the services the Ring pro-

vides to match what people actually need at the sharp end of business. Many of our members are already using the Ring as an extension to their own office.

'Our new office will not only provide employment in the Campbeltown area but will allow the Ring to provide an even better service to our members right across Argyll and Bute and Arran.'

Tayvallich Limousins lead Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held their Annual March Sale of all classes cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart.

A catalogue entry of 229 cattle and 200 sheep sold at keen rates and in keeping with current trends.

Bullocks sold to a top price per head of £512 for Limousin crosses from Tayvallich Estate and 151pence per kilo for Simmental crosses from Cornaigmore, Coll.

Heifers per head sold to £408 for Charolais crosses from Garraron and Melfort Farms and 130pence per kilo for Charolais crosses from Tayvallich Estate.

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Moor Trio play Mid Argyll and Kintyre

THE MOOR Trio begin their Argyll tour this evening (Friday March 10) when they play in Rothesay, before arriving in Mid Argyll tomorrow evening to perform for Mid Argyll Arts Association.

The trio, who conclude their tour in Campbeltown on Tuesday March 14, will be the last performers at Kintyre Music Club this season.

Made up of musicians who met as students at London's Royal College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School, the trio bring less frequently-used instruments to their performances. Peter Cigleris plays clarinet, and is joined by Antero Manocchi on cello and Jennie-Helen Moston on piano.

The programme includes two glorious trios for clarinet, cello and piano: Beethoven's Trio in Bb Major *Gassenhauer*, and Brahms' Trio in A Major *Opus 114*, together with a delightful mix of duets and solos by Bax, Bassi Schumann and Beethoven.

A variety of music, sound combinations and styles will be performed during the evening. As an ensemble and as soloists, the musicians have already been awarded several prestigious prizes and performed extensively throughout Britain, Europe and the USA. All three also have busy careers as solo musicians and chamber music players.

The trio takes its name from Peter's home county of Devon, where the moors play an integral part in life. Peter, in addition to studying at the Royal College, also studied with Cohn Parr at the Birmingham Conservatoire and gave several premieres under the baton of composer Guy Wolfenden. Antero, who is Swiss but now lives in London, studied in Bern and London has won several competitions and has performed in Bern and San Francisco. Jennie-Helen studied at Chetham's School in Manchester with Murray McLachlan (one of Argyll's favourite performers) from the age of 11, and then with Ronan O'Hara at the Guildhall. She has performed extensively in the UK and was awarded the prestigious Diploma of Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music.

Although this is the end of the season at Kintyre Music Club, Mid Argyll Music Association's season continues with the Ephyra Trio in April and its gala concert in May.

Kintyre pipers' concert

THE KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association is staging concerts tonight and tomorrow (Friday March 10 and Saturday March 11) in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall.

Both performances begin at 8pm, and Saturday's show will be followed by a dance, with music provided by The Brunting Room.

A full evening of entertainment awaits all those who attend the concerts, with a wide range of local talent on show. All three Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands - beginners, novice and juvenile - will perform. The concert will also feature Ian McKerral's chanter group and a drumming fanfare.

In various sets, the band will be accompanied by Lorne MacDougall, Ross Kennedy and Alistair and Stuart Casey. Guest performers will include vocalists Kathryn Fraser and Claire McFadzean and dancers from the James McCorkindale School. Celebrated side drummer Lee Lawson from Northern Ireland will also perform. There may also be a surprise or two!

The event has proven so popular that the Saturday event is already sold out. Tickets for Friday's concert are still available for £5 from the Yorkshire Building Society. Admission at the door may be possible on Friday only, subject to availability.

As both concerts have a licensed bar, no-one under the age of 18 will be admitted unless accompanied by a parent. Patrons are asked to observe a no smoking policy in the hall. Doors open at 7pm.

Fajita fever at Kilmartin House



Vanessa Lilof prepares for the Mexican cookery demonstration at Kilmartin House Museum. a10mex01

A MEXICAN cookery demonstration and dinner took place in Kilmartin House Museum on Friday night (March 3).

Vanessa Lilof, Kilmartin House catering manager, performed the demonstration. She said: 'It was lovely. Everybody enjoyed themselves, it was lots of

fun.'

The next food event at Kilmartin House will be an organic wine tasting night on Friday March 31.

Tomorrow (Saturday March 11) the museum will host a rock workshop with Julian Hill. Workshops on a variety of topics will continue throughout March,

with Chris Edgar hosting an Encaustic type art workshop on March 18 and 19 and the Great Auks Children's Club meeting on March 24.

March 25 will see Steve Cox give an informative lecture and demonstration on biodiesel, and the museum's summer programme of activities at Barnluasgan Dun will begin with a walk-over survey which runs from March 25 until March 28.

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Children having Fun by Michelle Armour, Campbeltown.



Above: *The Spotted View* by Catriona McCallum, Longrow, Campbeltown.



Below: *Dunaverty* by Roger Rowland, Cnoc Araich, Southend.

Colouring Sheep by Gordon Doughty, Kilmory Knap, Achnamara, Lochgilthead.



Tranquil Waters by Rhona Crawford, Kilbride Road, Stewarton, Ayrshire.



Left: *The Drumlemble Tree* by Mrs B Pryle, Burnbank Cottages, Drumlemble.



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Left: *Drinking Water on the Mull* by Don Dennis, Achamore House, Gigha.



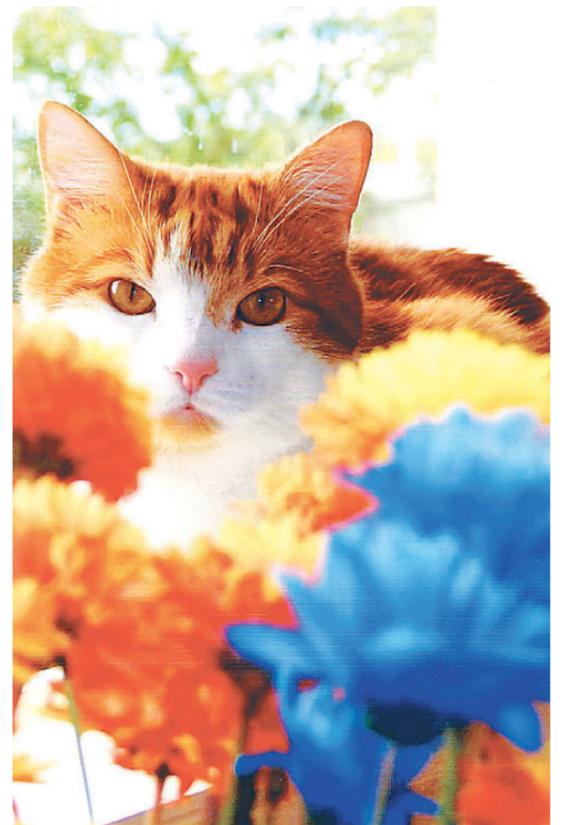
Right: *The MV Isle of Arran at Port Ellen at Night* by Elliott Bowman, Texa Crescent, Port Ellen, Islay.



Sunset by Hazel Maloney, Campbeltown.



Kelsi, Just Helping you to Mix it Granny by CR McCallum, Stacan Na Mara, Muasdale.



The Bonniest Bloom by Marilyn Shedden, The Tassie, Muasdale.



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Muasdale Sunset by Alison Clements, Greanan, Muasdale, Tarbert.

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Unfortunately, however, we could not print all of the photographs submitted as we have been inundated with entries but we would like to thank everyone who took part.

Look out for the winners in next week's paper.

Below: *Sunset over Tarbert* by Anne MacMillan, Duncuain View, Ardrishaig.



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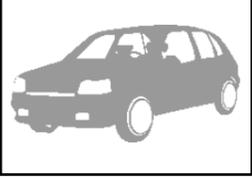
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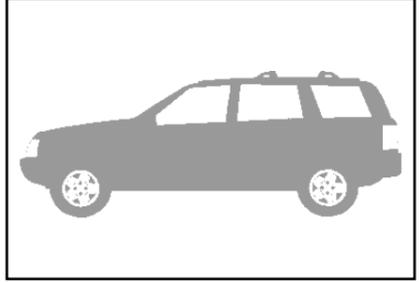
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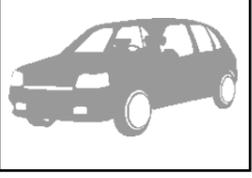


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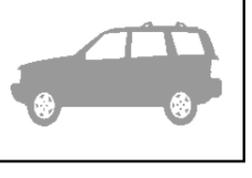


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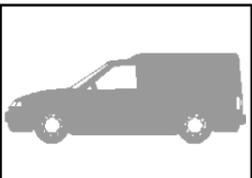


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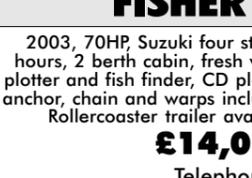


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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 06/00313/DET**
Applicant: John Dyson
Proposal: Erection of extension and re-siting calor gas tank
Site Address: Cala Griach Cove Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TX
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00384/LIB**
Applicant: D Clark
Proposal: Proposed external smoking area
Site Address: George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
- **Ref No: 06/00211/COU**
Applicant: Mr John Middlemass
Proposal: Siting of mobile hot food take-away van
Site Address: Westport Beach Car Park A83 North Of Campbeltown By Kilkenzie
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00266/DET**
Applicant: Tintostide Developments Ltd
Proposal: 6 Alterations to Lagavulin Mill to form private dwelling and two 1 1/2 storey private dwellings
Site Address: The Mill, Lagavulin Whitehouse Tarbert Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Section 34 and Article 9 - 14 Days
- **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: 06/00352/OUT**
Applicant: Mr Joachim Broily
Proposal: Proposed site for 2 houses - Potential departure HO 10 Mid Argyll Local Plan 2nd Attention 1993
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

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

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Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 3 - East Central Kintyre) will be holding a surgery on Saturday 18th March in the Tenants and Residents Flat, Parliament Place, Campbeltown from 10.00am - 11.00am.
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South Kintyre Sports Council

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COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949

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Description: New Slipway, Wave Wall and Wave Barrier

Latitude: 55°38.57'N

Longitude: 05°22.98'W

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Pirnmill Village Store, Pirnmill, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HP.

Objections relating to safety of navigation, in respect of the application should be made to: Ports and Harbours Branch, The Scottish Executive, Transport Division 4, Area 2F North, Mailpoint 2B, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ within 28 days of the date of this notice quoting reference: **2SPC\1\3\84**

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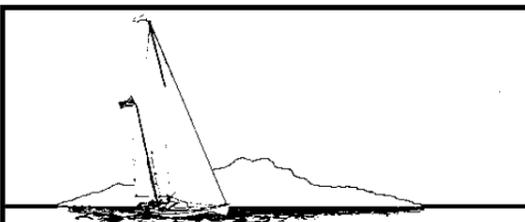
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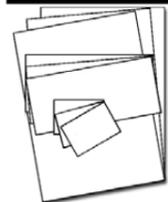
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'I am the Lord: that is My name! I will not give My glory to another' (Isaiah 42:8)

BIRTHS

LEITCH-ADAMSON - Lorna, Barry and big sister Emma are delighted to announce the arrival of Ewan Barry at the Princess Royal, Glasgow on February 27, 2006.

MACINNES - Eoghan and Alex are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Sarah, on February 24, 2006, at the Royal Alexandria Hospital, Paisley.

WEDDINGS

McCALLUM - **COLVILLE** - Both families are pleased to announce the marriage of Dougie, son of Margaret and the late Archie McCallum to Katrina, daughter of Willie and Catherine Colville, on February 25, 2006, by the Rev. Gary McIntyre at St Ninians Old Parish Church, Stirling.

GOLDEN WEDDING

CUNNINGHAM - **PURDIE** - At Fallin Parish Church (Stirling) on March 10, 1956, by Rev William H. M. Cant, John to Isabella (Isa). Present address: 23 Seaside Park, Ardrishaig.

DEATHS

BARBOUR - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 5, 2006, Archibald Cameron Barbour, in his 93rd year, Keil, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late Bet Barbour, much loved father of Cameron, Iain and Alison and a loving papa.

HENDERSON - David Rowan, ex 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, (The Sirmoor Rifles), formerly of Fintry, Stirlingshire, recently of Ardfarn and Ardfenaig, Argyll. Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 1, 2006, in his 87th year, beloved husband of the late Mary, dearest father of Andrew, Sarah and Ruth, dear brother of Hazel and James. Funeral service will be held at Christ Church, Lochgilphead today, Friday March 10, at 10am, followed by Cremation at Clydebank Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Gurkha Welfare Trust. All enquiries and donations to Donald MacDonald, funeral directors, 30D Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX. Telephone 01546 602226.

KERR - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 4, 2006, John Kerr, in his 98th year, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Sarah Armour, much loved father of Mary, John, Barbara and Margaret and a loving grandfather and great grandfather.

KILPATRICK - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 6, 2006, Angus Paterson Kilpatrick, in his 76th year, Annfield House, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Fiona McPherson, much loved father of Sandra and Angus and a loving grampa of Aimee, Laura and Lewis. Service in Highland Parish Church on Friday, March 10, 2006 at 2.00 pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in the Church in aid of Cancer Palliative Care Services, Campbeltown.

MACCONNELL - After an illness bravely borne on March 5, 2006, Anna MacConnell, aged 68 years, formerly teacher at Edinbarnet Primary School and Tayvallich Primary School. Daughter of the late James and Ellen Munro, wife of George, mother of Alasdair, Roddy and Kirsteen. Funeral service on Monday March 13, 2006, at 1.30 p.m. in Clydebank Crematorium. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be given at the service for L.U.P.U.S or forwarded to the funeral directors, John Fraser & Son, Chapel Street, Inverness IV1 1NA.

MACDONALD - On February 25, 2006, peacefully in Banbury, Oxfordshire, Robert MacDonald (Bob) formerly of Eastfield, Tarbert in his 91st year, beloved father of Neil and Malcolm and much loved grandfather and great grandfather.

MACLAREN - On March 7, 2006, peacefully at the Beatson, Glasgow, Isabella McKenzie Wardlaw, in her 65th year, beloved wife of John MacLaren, and much loved mother of Colin and Dorothy, Sandy and Moira, and dearly loved granny of Grant and Ailish. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, today Friday, March 10, 2006, at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection at church for the Beatson.

McTAGGART - Peacefully, at home, 4 Mill Road, Campbeltown on March 7, 2006, Margaret Wright Sharp, in her 76th year, much loved mother of Davie, Vonny, Mairi, Sammy, Alistair, Charles and Lisa and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at 1 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in the Church in aid of Cancer Palliative Care Services, Campbeltown.

ROBERTSON - On March 6, 2006, suddenly, but peacefully at home, Margaret Jean Betty Robertson, nee Taylor, beloved wife of the late James Robertson and much

loved mother of Leslie, James and Noreen and a much-loved granny and great-granny Meggie. A private funeral service took place at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on March 9, 2006, interment thereafter at Kilkerran Cemetery.

ROBINSON - After a period of illness, on February 23, 2006, Agnes MacDougall Robinson (Nan), wife of the late Harry Robinson, loving mother of Alastair and Alan, mother-in-law of Mary and Marlene, nana of Suzanne, Terry, Alison and David, great-granny to Fiona. Funeral has taken place at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh on Thursday, March 2, 2006

SCALLY - Peacefully, in the Lorne Ward, Lochgilphead Hospital, on March 6, 2006, Barbara McIntyre Brodie, in her 92nd year, Fairview, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ian Scally, much loved mother of Jim, Edwin, Norrin and Iain and a loving granny and great granny. Service in Highland Parish Church on Friday, March 10, 2006 at 12.00 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

SMITH - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 2, 2006, Laurence Smith, aged 84 years of 5 Dochas Place, Lochgilphead and formerly of Inverneil and Shetland, beloved husband of the late Jean, dear brother of Bertha and the late Peggy and John, a much-loved uncle to all the family. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Wednesday March 8, at 1pm, followed by interment at Achna-breac Cemetery. R.I.P.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CAMPBELL - Morag and the family of the late Joan Campbell would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind support, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Special thanks to all the staff at Kintyre Care Home for their kind care and attention to Joan, to Doctors Norrie and Leask, to the Rev Burroughs for visits and the Rev Vischer for his kind words and comforting service. Also thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional service and to Carradale Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their respects at the Church and graveside.

FANE-GLADWIN - John Fane Gladwin and family and Peter and Sheila Robinson and family would like to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and the Scots Guards Association for their kind support and cards and letters of condolence and floral tributes. A special thanks to all staff at the Argyll and Bute Hospital and the Erskine Hospital for their wonderful care and attention in recent years. Thank you also to Fr Paul Hackett for his kind words and comforting service, to Stan Lupton, Funeral Director, for his ex-

cellent professional service and support, Corporal Ritchie, Scots Guards piper, for playing laments at the church and graveside, The George Hotel Inveraray for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Thank you also to all who donated so generously to the collection in aid of the Erskine Hospital.

McKECHNIE - The Robertson family would like to thank everybody for the flowers, cards and kind words following their sad loss of Moira. Also special thanks to the paramedics, Dr Norrie and the Rev Martin Forrest for his support and comforting service, the staff of the Argyll Hotel for the catering and Alasdair Blair for his kind and professional services and to all who paid their last respects at the Church and graveside.

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IN MEMORIAM

BURTON - For sons and brothers, David who died April 2, 1972, Paul who died March 3, 1996.

Always in our hearts and minds
Forever young
- From Mum, Dad, Kevin, Eilidh and Chris.

HARVEY - Remembering my dearly loved wife Flora, who died on March 5, 1980. A greatly missed wife, mother and granny. Loved and remembered every day.

- John and Family.
LAFFERTY - In loving memory of Edward (Peddy) who passed away on March 12, 2005.

A dear husband, father and father-in-law.
Forever in our thoughts.
- May, James, Anne and Michael.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of a dear

brother and brother-in-law, died March 12, 2005.

It was a year ago today You were sadly taken away We miss your smiling face And your kind and gentle way.

Always in our thoughts - Euphie and Eric.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of a dear uncle Angus.

Those we love don't go away But walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near

Still loved and missed and very dear.

- Love Mhairi and Peter. Goodnight - from Eilidh and Tom.

MACPHERSON - In loving memory of Florence who died March 8, 2000. Sadly missed.

- Inserted by her loving husband Tom, daughter Fay, son-in-law Colin and grandsons, Roddie, Colin and Stuart.

MARTIN - In memory of James senior, died March 14, 1995.

Rest in peace.

- Inserted by family, Tarbert. **ROBERTS** - Mum Mary who died March, 8, 2005 and dad John on June 6, 1986.

Always in our thoughts. - love Llana, Gibby and all the family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997.

A little tribute true and tender Just to show we still remember

- Norma, Jim, Margaret and Leslie-Anne.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey.

'Somewhere over the rainbow'

We love you so much. - Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx

WARDROP - Lynsey, our beautiful granddaughter and niece.

We miss and think about you every day.

- Granny and Granda and all the family away.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES



Argyll Street, Campbeltown (A Province of the Anglican Communion)

Sunday 12 March 2006

Second Sunday of Lent

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

Details of services are on the Church door

Enquiries to **Rev. A. J. Williamson**

Telephone **01586 551478**

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Sunday 12 March 2006

Walking on the Water (Matthew 14:25)

Cumlodden (Furnace) 10.30 a.m.

Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon

Monthly Gaelic Service Lochgair 3 p.m.

Rev. Roderick MacLeod All welcome

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Saturday 11 March 2006 No Youth Club this evening

Sunday 12 March 2006 Morning Worship ..11.15 a.m. (Creche, Sunday School, Bible Class)

Evening Worship at 6.30 p.m.

Jim Campbell

Monday 13 March 2006 The Guild7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 14 March 2006 Mothers and Toddlers 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 16 March 2006 Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.

Friday 17 March 2006 Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

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Sunday Services

Breaking of Bread 10 a.m.

Coffee 10.45 a.m.

Family Service with Sunday School and Creche 11.15 a.m.

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Sunday 12 March 2006 Kilmartin 10 a.m.

Communion Service **Richard West**

Wednesday 15 March 2006 Stated Annual Meeting 7.30 p.m.

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday 12 March 2006

The Town Hall, Campbeltown 11 a.m.

Praise and Worship

Speaker: **Rev. Stuart McLean**

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 12 March 2006 11 a.m.

Worship Service for All Ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: **Graham McLean**

Thursday 16 March 2006 7.30 p.m.

Praise and Prayer All welcome 'Come and see'

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

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All Welcome

Sunday 12 March 2006

Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**

11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Service Bible Study

Monday 10.30 a.m. Discipleship Course

Wednesday@7 Prayer Meeting

Thursday Coffee Morning 10-12 noon

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 12 March 2006 Ardrishaig at 11.00 a.m.

Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.

Luke 15

'Lost - Episode 3' **PACT**

for children of all ages meets in Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.

TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY

Sunday 12 March 2006

Tarbert Church 11.30 a.m.

Kilberry Church 2.00 p.m.

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Rev. Bill Gray

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Sunday 12 March 2006 Tayvallich 11.30 a.m.

Rev. Richard West followed by Annual Stated Meeting

Wednesday 15 March 2006 Prayer Meeting 10.30 a.m.

Kilmartin Church Hall Enquiries **01546 606926**

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Highland Parish Church



Sunday 12 March 2006 11.15 a.m.

Morning Worship

Creche in Church (0-3 years)

Junior Sunday School

Kirk Street Hall

Senior Sunday School Church

6.30 p.m. Evening Service

Kirk Street Hall

Tuesday 14 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) 8 p.m.

Young Women's Group

Upper Room, Kirk Street Hall

Thursday 16 March 7 p.m.

Bible Study Fellowship

Kirk Street Hall

Advance Notice: **Friday 17 March 2006** 7.30 p.m.

Quiz, Kirk Street Hall

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

9 a.m. Eucharist

11 a.m. Eucharist

Details for funeral directors **Alasdair Blair, Cowal Funeral Directors, Stan Lupton and Donald MacDonald** can be found on **Page 29**

Winter league golfers secure final spots

THE LAST day of play in the qualifying round of Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league saw no-one break into the top 12, but there was plenty of pride at stake amongst those competing.

Twelve players had been victorious in the previous 20 rounds, and the chances of a new name being added to the list were slim given the icy conditions. When Iain MacInnes started with no points at the seventh, he had no idea that he would win his first round of the winter. Nonetheless, his play picked up and he was only two over at the turn. Iain ended his campaign two over nett and fifth overall, a three place jump up the table.

After a quiet start, Ross Sinclair's play built steadily and a birdie at the 17th for three points was a rare sight on the day. Back in level par to put nine points on the board, Ross moved up two to third overall and into the coveted number one tee

Golf

for Sunday's final. Iain McGlynn was dejected with his front nine but six pars coming home helped rack up 21 points and third on the day. Donald Johnson secured second place overall with 10 pars and a birdie at the 10th. A superb back nine from Tom Campbell included a priceless birdie at the 13th for a six point finish.

David Sinclair ground out a result on the day and showed his consistency, and he topped the qualification table, pushing his points tally over the magic hundred. He deserves the congratulations of all at the club for a tremendous achievement.

Andy Law struck the ball from the tee with great control and only a lack of match fitness prevented him finishing higher. Tenth overall on the day was Davy Wilson who showed how to play the first hole in level par for six points, matching the

feat on the sixth. Tommy Angus cruised round the course to finish seventh overall. Nearest the pin at the seventh hole was Ross Sinclair, Alex MacAulay and third on the day. Donald Johnson secured second place overall with 10 pars and a birdie at the 10th. A superb back nine from Tom Campbell included a priceless birdie at the 13th for a six point finish.

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Result - round 21

- 1 I MacInnes (Fifth overall)
- 2 R Sinclair (Third)
- 3 I McGlynn (11th)
- 4 D Johnson (Second)
- 5 T Campbell (Ninth)
- 6 D Sinclair (First)
- 7 A MacAulay (Fourth)
- 8 A Law (20th)
- 9 D Wilson (10th)
- 10 T Angus (Seventh)

Red Star win tough point in Greenock

Football

SAFL Division One Inverkip 1

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star faced old foes Inverkip on Saturday, hoping to avenge their 2-0 loss earlier in the season.

Red Star started poorly and almost lost an early goal, a quick counter attack ending in a shot flying wide of Kalache's left post. The Argyll side forced a good save from the home keeper, Naisby heading at goal from a corner. The visitors scored shortly afterwards when a Moore corner found Craig Houston. His first shot wasn't cleared, and he blasted the rebound home from close range.

Both teams played well despite the conditions, East Broderick and Campbell battling with the home midfielders. Star should have been two ahead when Campbell laid off a free kick for Broderick, but he shot just over. Angus Morrison missed a good opportunity when he was sent clear by Craig Hou-

ston, and Kevin Morrison should have scored but saw his effort blocked.

Star had more of the ball early in the second half, but could not add to their tally. With Inverkip soaking up the pressure, the visitors were vulnerable to quick counter-attacks. Moore and Ian Houston did their best to prevent an equaliser, but the opposition number seven scored.

Craig Houston had a volleyed shot well saved by the keeper, but the game became scrappier and less fluid.

The SAFL has reintroduced the Colin Munro Cup for the latter part of this season due to the number of teams with only a few games left. Red Star have been drawn in section four with Campbeltown Boys, East Kilbride YM, Port Glasgow and Postal United.

Red Star play host to East Kilbride tomorrow (Saturday March 11), kicking off at 2.30pm at Ropework Park.

Red Star: Kalache, McNeill, I Houston, Moore, Thomas, Morrison, Naisby, Broderick, Campbell, K Morrison, Houston. Subs: Rae, Todd.

More young shinty stars



Pictured above is the young team from Inveraray which finished second in the Mid Argyll first shinty competition held last week. Below is the third-placed team from Achahoish. a10shi01 and a10shi02





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Mid Argyll's young athletes reach UK final

A GROUP of 37 young athletes representing Argyll travelled to Dundee last Saturday to take part in the Scottish Final of Sports Hall Athletics.

The contest, held in the International Sports Centre, was promoted by Scottish Athletics and sponsored by Norwich Union. All four Argyll teams previously qualified for the national final by winning at the regional event held in Clydebank in January.

After more than three hours of intense competition two of the Argyll teams were successful in qualifying for the UK Final in early April.

It was almost a clean sweep for Argyll with the two boys' teams winning and the two girls' teams finishing in second place.

The U13 boys were clear winners scoring 690 points ahead of Fife on 606. The Argyll boys also won the 4x1 lap relay and only lost the obstacle relay in a photo finish with Angus.

The U15 girls team did well to finish second overall on 654 points, only five points behind winners North Lanarkshire on 659. Christie Roxburgh from Achnamara was top Argyll girl and third overall on

Athletics

138 points. She won the shot putt throwing 8.63m and was second in the standing long jump with 2.34m.

Lucy McNulty and Erin Elkin from Minard were second in the eight-lap paarlauf relay. Holly Crawford from Lochgilhead won bronze in both the shot putt (7.70m) and standing long jump (2.26m).

In the final event of the day the girls excelled to win the 4x2 lap relay and had North Lanarkshire finished fourth instead of third the girls would have won overall. The relay team was Christie Roxburgh, Holly Crawford, Zoe Fleming and Chermaine MacLachlainne.

The U15 boys had to work hard to secure their place at the UK final. Argyll scored 634 points ahead of North Lanarkshire on 588.

John Kennedy from Lochgilhead was the individual Scottish champion on 144 points ahead of Sam Jespersen from Oban on 141 points.

John won the shot putt, throwing 12.07m and gained a silver in the standing triple jump with 7.58m and finally a bronze in the four-lap race in 42.5s. This

is the sixth year in succession that an Argyll U15 boys team has qualified for the UK final.

The Argyll U13 girls finished a creditable second on 589 points, just behind winners Shetland on 612. Nicola Paterson from Caradale was third in the high jump, clearing 1.25m.

The girls won silver medals in the eight-lap paarlauf relay with Eilidh Campbell from Lochgilhead and Ruth Semple not far behind winners Shetland.

Laura Fyfe from Inveraray, Katrina Durie from Salen, Emma Roxburgh from Oban and Laura Russell from Campbeltown added points in their events but it was all in vain as Shetland emerged worthy winners.

The U13 and U15 boys' teams now look forward to competing in the UK final, which will be held in the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham on Sunday April 9.

Right: Lochgilhead's John Kennedy was crowned individual Scottish champion at the Scottish sports hall athletics final in Dundee earlier this month.



Red Star appoint new manager

Football

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star have announced that Dougie Moore will be the club's next manager.

Former Oban Saints player Moore, currently player/assistant manager at the Mid Argyll club, will continue to play for the team, and will be assisted by goalkeeper Ged Rae.

The pair will take up their new posts from the beginning of the 2006/2007 season, when current manager Michael Todd steps down.

Lochgilhead bowlers overturn Tayvallich lead

Bowls

LOCHGILPHEAD Bowling Club played host to Tayvallich on Thursday February 23 for the second leg of the Marie Douglas Carpet Bowls Trophy.

Tayvallich held a commanding 58-40 lead from the first leg, which was played in Tayvallich in December. The visitors arrived hoping to build on this lead to win the trophy for the first time.

After the evening's first two games, Lochgilhead had managed to turn the 18-shot deficit into an 11-shot lead, but this was cut to a single shot after the third game.

A good win in the fourth game saw Lochgilhead head into the break eight shots up. After a further four games, the shots from both legs were totalled, giving Lochgilhead a 113-86 victory over the two legs.

Lochgilhead president Sandy Boyd thanked Tayvallich for making both matches so enjoyable and extremely hard-fought. He also told those present that socially, the event is one of the most eagerly-awaited in the Lochgilhead Bowling Club calendar, before presenting the Marie Douglas Trophy to vice president Eddie Hogan.

Tarbert shooters hit the target

Shooting

SUNDAY March 5 saw the last competition of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league team shoot, with 45 shooters turning out on a sunny day.

Once again the competition took the form of a sporting set-up to test the teams. The left to right fast-climbing crosser was the target that ruined a lot of scorecards, but generally most shooters added to their points count. Again, it was the young lads who were dusting the clays - shooting exceptionally well were Tarbert's Ian Smith and David Johnson, along with

Clachan's Alisdair MacCallum, all three winning their classes.

Results

Class A

1: Bob McColl
2: John Paton
3: John Weir

Class B

1: Pete Smith
2: Norman MacDonald
3= Jonathan Gargan
3= David Thorburn

Class C

1: Ian Smith
2: Duncan MacAlister
3: Malcolm Holder

Class D

1: Alisdair MacCallum
2: Calum MacDonald
3: John Cupples

Class E

1: David Johnson
2: Stuart Davis
3: Jamie Corkindale

Winning Team

Team F

John Weir
Pete Smith
Malcolm Holder
John Cupples
David Johnson

Turn to page 31 for more pictures from last week's junior shinty tournament - more next week!

Tarbert fail to beat the freeze

Football

TARBERT AFC's cup tie against Cambria 'B', set to take place in Stepps on Saturday March 4, was cancelled on the morning of the match due to the pitch being frozen.

Tomorrow (Saturday March 11) Tarbert travel to Paisley to play Carlton YM 'B' in SAFL Division Two.

Kilmory jackpot joy for Natalie

Lottery

NATALIE Armour was the lucky jackpot winner from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday March 6, when she matched the numbers 4, 7 and 20 to scoop the £600 prize. The jackpot for the draw on Monday March 13 will be £100.

Inveraray jackpot rises again

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday March 6, when the numbers drawn were 9, 10 and 16. As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday March 13 will be £400.

No Tarbert lotto winner

Lottery

THE WINNING numbers from Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday March 6 were three, four and 17. As there was no winning ticket, the jackpot for the draw on Monday March 13 will be £200.



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