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Children of the Cairndow Community Childcare centre enjoying Saturday's fun day.

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Bouncy fun at Cairndow

ABOUNCY castle, face painting and games were just some of the delights to greet children in Cairndow last weekend.

The Cairndow Community Childcare centre held a fun day for the youngsters on Saturday March 2 with the purpose of providing parents with an insight into development plans for a new centre.

Opening in April 2005 the centre has provided care to more than 70 children over the years.

The group are now hoping to move from the village hall into their own building.

Virginia Sumsion of the Cairndow Community Childcare said: 'The time has now come to start developing our plans and to do this we need feedback and help from all the communities we provide for, mainly Cairndow, Inveraray, Strachur, Arrochar and Lochgoilhead, as well as employees of local businesses who may live further afield.'

For more information on the centre and its plans, visit: www.cairndowchildcare.co.uk or pop into the Here We Are centre next to Loch Fyne Oysters.

Dutch barge for Tarbert

'Nothing would be more natural than to see a vessel moored at the harbour-side,' says appeals reporter

SOME Tarbert residents had a sinking feeling this week after plans to berth a 100ft Dutch barge in the village harbour were given the green light.

Objectors to the Café barge vessel were left reeling after the results of a public inquiry were unveiled.

Barge owners, Linda Garwood and Michael Casey were given the good news at the weekend by the reporter for the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals, Mr Scott Ferrie.

Mr Ferrie based his decision on a public inquiry held in Tarbert on February 5.

He said: 'I am of the opinion that the mooring of the barge would represent a positive step towards re-introducing vessels to the inner harbour.'

'Nothing would be more natural than to see a vessel moored at the harbour-side.'

Speaking about the decision co-owner Ms Garwood said she was delighted that common sense had prevailed, adding it had been a frustrating 12 months of fighting to the top for permission.

The scheme to moor the boat was recommended by planners and supported by Tarbert Harbour Trustees.

However opposition to the plans was led by Councillor John McAlpine who initiated the public inquiry but as *The Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press Councillor McAlpine was unavailable for comment.

Another fierce objector to the floating eatery is Tarbert resident Arthur McFarlane.

He said: 'We are obviously very disap-

pointed that this has been decided this way.

'It was really a decision for the residents of Tarbert to take as they're the ones who are going to be directly affected by it.'

'A Dutch barge is going to look completely out of place in Tarbert.'

He added: 'I feel it's going to cheapen the look of the harbour.'

'A Dutch barge should be berthed in a Dutch harbour.'

Co-owner Mr Michael Casey said he was a 'little disappointed' they would miss most of the 2008 season because of the long delays.

'At least we now know the business is built on a firm foundation.'

'We hope that objectors will now 'bury the hatchet' and we look forward to working alongside other enterprises in Tarbert to the common benefit of the village,' added Mr Casey.

The business will be the subject of a Section 75 agreement with Argyll and Bute Council which is renewable after five years.

The agreement will cover areas such as services and the external appearance of the vessel.

'The Dolfjin will be an asset to Tarbert and we look forward to bringing her to the village harbour.'

'We would like to thank the dozens of people who supported our application.'

'It's been a long journey but I think it will be well worth the wait in the end,' added Ms Garwood.

Harbour project gains £12,500 - See Page 4

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Portsonachan car crash

TWO people were injured after a car crash on the Portsonachan road, near Loch Awe.

The accident which involved two vehicles happened on the B840 last Friday morning with two people taken to hospital in Oban with minor injuries.

They were released later that day.

Exercise and information

THE MULTIPLE Sclerosis Therapy centre will be holding an 'Exercise and Information' afternoon next Tuesday at 1pm.

The afternoon follows on from the success of the Multiple Sclerosis clinics held monthly by Mid Argyll MS Link Nurse, Ashley Pollok.

This afternoon will be open to centre members who already attend Ashley's clinic and to anyone in the community affected by Multiple Sclerosis who would like to join in with the exercises.

THA trustees' election

TARBERT Harbour Authority will be holding an election of trustees at Templars Art and Leisure Centre on March 11 from 2.30pm till 9pm.

Five candidates; Steven Bleasby, Alan Campbell, David McBride, Alan Macdonald and Scott Woods, have been nominated for the offices of trustee.

Only residents whose names appear on the full register of voters for Ward Two Kintyre and the Islands polling district AA10 Tarbert are entitled to vote in the election.



Rev. David Carruthers with members of the Ardrishaig Gala Group. a10gal01

Gala group help purchase new Ardrishaig church organ

ARDRISHAIG Gala Group has performed their last act of goodwill before handing over the reins, with a new organ provided for Ardrishaig and South Knapdale Parish Church.

After a lengthy stint organising the annual event, the group have passed on the baton with this the final donation from last year's gala day.

Rev. David Carruthers chose to use the £2,000 to put towards a state-of-the-art Yamaha Clavinova for the church. As well as being a normal piano, with the flick of a switch, a variety of voices and rhythms can be used as well. It also contains a USB port which allows it to play anything recorded from a computer.

Rev. Carruthers said: 'It's far better than anything we could ever have imagined and it would certainly have taken a few more years to get it without the help of the Gala Group.'

In addition to use in church services, the new piano will be used in a concert in April to raise money for Christian Aid.

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Mid Argyll group SWRI host show

THE SWRI Mid Argyll Group held a very successful show last Saturday in Ardrishaig Public Hall. Although there were not many bulbs to be judged, there was a good selection of craftwork and baking to please everyone.

The cups and trophies were presented by Argyll Federation chairwoman, Elizabeth Semple.

The winners were as follows:

Dewar Cup for the larger Institutes with most points - Lochgilphead, Runner-up - Ford.

Jessie M. Gordon Cup for the smaller Institutes - Kilmichael Glassary, Runner-up - Minard.

Mrs John Sinclair Cup for the Institute with most points per member-Kilmichael Glassary. Runner-up - Lochgilphead.

Golden Jubilee Cup for member with most points in

Housewives Section- Mrs J Campbell. Runner-up - Mrs E Scott.

Dunmore Cup for member with most points in Handcraft Section - Mrs J Blackwood. Runner-up - Mrs S Campbell.

Mrs Ramsay Cup for member with most points overall - Mrs J Campbell. Runner-up - Mrs C Smith.

Badden Quaich for best entry in Floral Art Section - (First equal) Mrs C Smith and Mrs J Campbell.

Flower Cup for member with most points in 'Flower, Bulb and Plant' Sections - Mrs J Campbell. Runner-up - Mrs C Smith.

Foursomes Salver - Ford. Runner-up - Lochgilphead.

Mrs MacPhail Trophy for winner of Special Competition (Jewellery in Beadwork) - Mrs S Campbell.

Barbara MacInnes Cup for the Best Embroidery entry - Mrs S Campbell.



Members of the Mid Argyll SWRI at the group rally last weekend. a10wri03

Police files

Ardrishaig house break in

A HOUSE under renovation in Ardrishaig was broken into last Sunday and a quantity of tools was stolen.

Anyone with information on the theft is asked to contact Lochgilphead police station.

Tarbert assault

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal in connection with an assault that took place in Harbour Street, Tarbert, at 3.40pm on February 28.

Theft from shop

A THEFT took place at a shop in Ardrishaig around 6.30pm on February 28. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Breach of the peace

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal for breach of the peace in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead at 3.40pm on February 29.

Kennacraig accident

A ONE-vehicle road accident was reported around 5.30am on March 4 at the A83 near Kennacraig, Tarbert. The driver received slight injuries.

Minor road accidents

A SERIES of minor road accidents have taken place over the last week.

A car went off the road at 12pm on last Wednesday near to Lochgair Hotel, by Lochgilphead.

The driver received slight injuries and nobody was charged in connection with the accident.

Another road accident involving one car took place at 4.30pm last Thursday on the A819 at Inverary.

Around 1.20pm on Sunday, four cars were involved in a road traffic accident on the A83 at Castleton.

Five people were taken to Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead with various minor injuries.

Due to adverse weather conditions, a car went into a ditch at 5.55pm on Monday at Ormsary Road, Ardrishaig.

At 10.50am the same day, a car skidded into the ditch on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

Driving without seatbelt

A DRIVER received a fixed penalty for driving with no seatbelt on in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead at 5.30pm on February 28.

You can contact Lochgilphead police on: 01546 702201

Ardrishaig teenager avoids jail sentence

AN ARDRISHAIG teenager caught in possession of a knife has been ordered to carry out 240 hours community service.

At Lochgilphead Sheriff Court, Michael Newlands, aged 18, of 18 Duncan View, admitted having the locking knife in Union Street, Lochgilphead, around 12.30am on June 23 last year.

Defence agent Graeme Wright told Lochgilphead Sheriff Court that Newlands had been influenced by gang culture in Glasgow at the time of the offence. Sheriff Carol Kelly said carrying a knife 'merited a custodial sentence' and she wanted to make it clear it would not be tolerated. However, because Newlands was a first

offender, Sheriff Kelly imposed the maximum number of hours community service as a direct alternative. Newlands was also placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay £406 in damages for vandalising a window at 59 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, on January 19 while he was on bail.

'Brazen' driver fined and banned

A NEW driver has been banned from the roads for six months after being caught behind the wheel without insurance twice in a month.

Ann Townsley, aged 30, of 6 Bridge Terrace, Furnace, admitted driving without insurance on April 5, 2006 at Duncholgan access road adjacent to

the A83 near Lochgilphead and at the same place again on May 9.

When Townsley appeared at Lochgilphead annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court, Sheriff Carol Kelly also fined her £262 for what she called 'brazenly taking the view that the law does not apply to her.'



Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig Potholing Club is now closed for the season. - A10pot01

Local 'pothole club' says thanks

THE MYSTERY members of Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig Potholing Club contacted *The Argyllshire Advertiser* this week to say the club has now closed for the season.

The group managed to shame Scotland Transerv into taking action to repair the potholes on the A83 between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig last December.

When a professional looking road sign appeared by the side of the road saying:

To join Lochgilphead/Ar-

drishaig Pot Holing Club call 0800 373635 - Scotland Transerv took swift action in improving the surface.

The 'free-phone number' quoted on the large sign was a direct phone link to the road company itself, and Scotland Transerv was inundated with calls from angry Mid Argyll residents who claimed the Lochgilphead/Ardrishaig road was the worst in Argyll.

Before the repairs, one member of the potholing club said he was considering

Spoof road sign gave direct telephone number for Scotland Transerve

holding a community fundraiser to raise the money needed to tar the road himself.

Style director Ciara Logan was left furious when her car was damaged to the tune of £100 after driving over a pothole on her way home to Kilmichael from her work in Ardrishaig.

Ciara took a picture of the damage to her car and sent it to Scotland Transerv, who failed to get in touch with her.

This week, however, the potholing club says its job is done for now and thanked Transerv and Enstone Thistle for repairing the road in record time.

Driver remanded after 'intentionally and repeatedly' crashing into car in Oban

A TEENAGER who 'intentionally and repeatedly' collided his vehicle with another and 'culpably and recklessly' broke the windows of a car causing numerous cuts to the vehicle's occupants, was remanded in custody at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

Malachi Leiper, 17, of 12 Forestry Cottages in Eredine near Lochgilphead, plead guilty to the offences some of which took place in Oban on Saturday, February 9. Leiper was remanded in custody and the case was adjourned until March 17.

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Senior pupils of Tarbert Academy are pictured after the self-employment workshop with Stewart Miller, Donald Melville and Mahailia Scott. - A10ent01

Tarbert's young entrepreneurs work it out for themselves

BUDDING young entrepreneurs discovered how they could start up their own businesses this week.

Senior pupils of Tarbert Academy attended a workshop at Templar Hall to find out the pros and cons of working for themselves when they leave school.

Donald Melville, senior client adviser with HIE Argyll and the Islands and Stewart Miller, an Argyll based marketing consultant, presented the seminars. Mr Melville said: 'The seminars are all about taking the students out of their school environment and teaching them the pros and cons of self employment using theory, practical and interactive exercises, and case studies.'

Mr Miller added: 'Small businesses are the lifeblood of the Scottish economy but in Argyll our business start up rate is lower than it is in other parts of the UK. Also, in many rural areas like Argyll, pupils leave the area to attend university or to seek careers and never return. The objective of these events is to provide the basic information for pupils, so that they can make informed decisions about considering self employment as a possible career option in their local vicinity.'

Mahailia Scott of Mahailia Jewellery Design, based in Tarbert, also gave a talk to the pupils.

The self-employment workshops will also be held in Oban, Lochgilphead and Islay.

Craignish go back on the beach

Craignish Primary School is about to embark on its 27th beach clean between March 2 and 15.

The first beach clean in which the school was involved back in 1981 raised £23.50 for the schools funds. Last year, well over £1000 was raised!

Head teacher Anne Wilson said: 'This is a whole community event which is one of the many high points in the school calendar. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to work together to tidy up the shore line around Ardfern and Lunga.'

'The school would like to thank everyone in advance for helping to make this year's beach clean even more successful than last year's.'

A family barbecue will be held at lunch time on Sunday March 9 at Kintraw to thank everyone who has helped.

International bible students come to Ardrishaig

A TEAM of international bible college students have taken time out of their busy studies to help out in the Mid Argyll community.

The team from Capernwray Bible College joined Ardrishaig Parish Church this week as part of a ten-day programme to hone their practical experience in the community.

The youngsters, who come from as far afield as New Zealand, Canada and America ran an after school club for local children during the week, as well as helping the parish church with a coffee morning last

weekend. A spokesman for the group said they were all delighted to be in Scotland.

He said: 'For a few of us it's our first time to the country so we're very excited to be here.'

'We hope that through this trip we will learn a bit more about the Scottish culture.'

Rev David Carruthers of Ardrishaig Parish Church added: 'It's always nice for the young people in the community to have different folk from different countries amongst them.'



Students from Capernwray Bible College. a10bib02

Harbour project gains £12,500

A PROJECT to improve the appearance of Tarbert harbour was given a boost this week in the shape of a £12,500 grant.

The Crown Estate's programme of marine stewardship has awarded the money to the Tarbert Improvement group who are working alongside Tarbert Harbour Authority on an environmental improvement scheme for the harbour area. The project aims to make Tarbert more attractive to visitors with the new funding providing interpretation panels to highlight the history of the community as well as the local fishing industry, shipping and yachting.

Seating, picnic tables and flower beds are also planned as part of the project, which aims to act as a longer term stimulus to further development over the next five to ten years.

Alan Macdonald, chairman of Tarbert Harbour Board, said: 'We're de-

lighted to be facilitating the work of the improvement group to upgrade the area around the harbour and the announcement of this new funding is great news.'

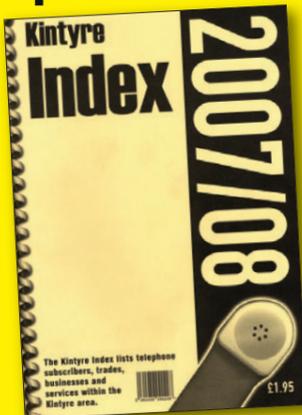
'The funding from The Crown Estate will help us make Tarbert more inviting to visitors and enhance the village for both locals and tourists.'

Dr Carolyn Heeps, head of marine policy, science and sustainable development for the Marine Estate at The Crown Estate, said: 'The Tarbert environmental improvement scheme is an exciting project that will bring long lasting benefits to the community.'

'We are delighted that our marine stewardship programme is able to provide funding to increase awareness of this beautiful part of Scotland as well as providing new amenities to make a visit to Tarbert a memorable experience.'

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James Dick is frustrated at the time contractors are taking to install a new kitchen and bathroom in his house and is fed-up with the mess that has been made. - A10fir02

Furnace man is fed-up with renovation 'pigsty'

Householder claims he was told the work was not up to standard and would have to be re-done

A FURNACE man says his home has been turned into a 'pigsty' by the shoddy workmanship of contractors fitting a new kitchen and bathroom.

James Dick was told it would take 10 days for the work to be completed – but 35 days later he is still waiting for the builders to leave his home.

The furious chef has made a string of complaints to Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and building company Connaught who is carrying out the work, but says both are 'passing the buck and blaming each other.'

'It has been horrendous.

'There have been four tilers in to try and improve the work but it still isn't up to standard.

'I love this area but I've been on the verge of jacking my job and going back to Edinburgh to stay because of the stress.'

James, of Bridge Terrace, has also been left to clean up piles of rubbish left by the contractors and has to eat at work because of the mess in the house.

'I don't mind cleaning as I just want the

house back in order but I can't start until I know they've finished.

'I can't put carpets down, the window's are jammed, there are holes in the bathroom floor and they have still to put new heaters in.

'I've stayed in staff accommodation better than this.'

A building inspector had a look at the house in Bridge Terrace on Tuesday, but brought more bad news when he told James the work was not up to standard and would have to be re-done.

A spokeswoman for ACHA said: 'Mr Dick's home is due for completion and handover this week.

'Additional works had to be carried out which added to the normal time for installing a new bathroom.

'The contractor will remove any materials associated with the works this week.

'The Association is sorry for the delay and any inconvenience that has been caused to Mr Dick but we hope his new kitchen and bathroom will provide a much needed improvement to his home.'

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Moving on up. Tarbert Youth Group's on the ascent. A09kid1NO

Tarbert Youth Group go outdoors

MEMBERS of Tarbert Youth Group had an unforgettable weekend recently – as four staff and eight youths learned some new skills at Ardroy Outdoor Centre, Lochgoilhead.

Group Leader Heather Bellshaw said: 'It was the most wonderful team building experience. All members took part in abseiling, archery, tunnelling, Jacob's Ladder, night lining etc., and we also had an evening conference planning for our new youth group venue which will join the Tarbert Village Hall.

'This is a really important year for Tarbert Youth Group, as we are go-

ing to be working hard to achieve our goals but, as ever, with the growing motivation and positivity of the group, this is definitely within sight.

The group is currently open two nights a week, Tuesday and Friday from 7pm until 9.30pm. The youth group is also working with Tarbert Skiff Project on Tuesday evenings from 4.30pm until 6pm at Tarbert Yacht Club. David Bellshaw will take charge of the project on Saturday mornings at 10am. The group is looking for more youth input. Anyone interested should contact Heather Bellshaw on 01880 820 503.

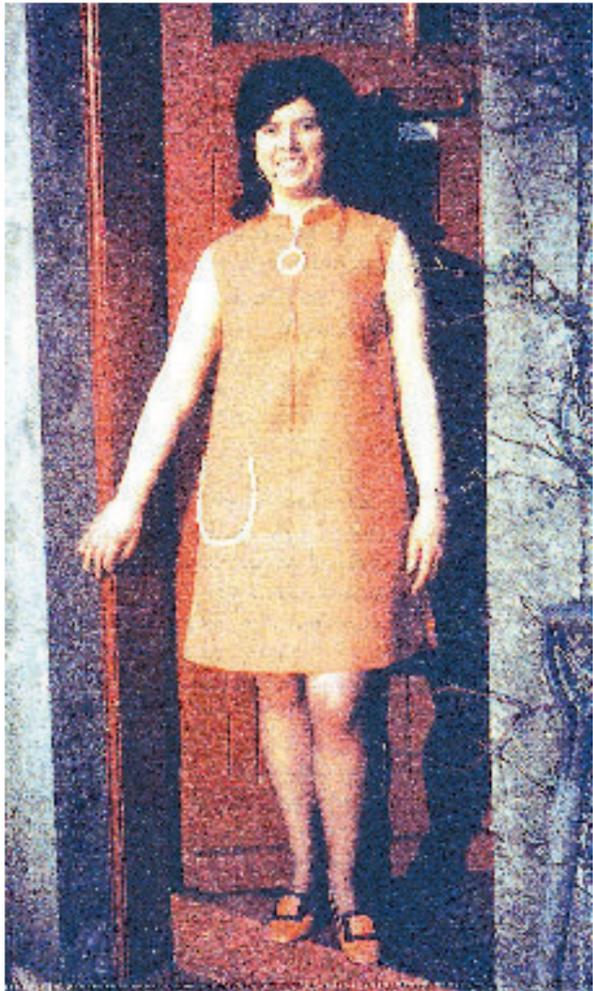
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Left: Anne outside her home at 6 Stag Park, Lochgilphead.

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My home town

Lochgilphead born and bred, Anne Bell (nee Ross) shares some happy memories of her childhood with *The Argyllshire Advertiser* readers and tells us why her home town holds a special place in her heart.

Were you born in the town?

'Yes, I was born at 6 Stag Park in June 1951 and the fifth generation of my family to be born in Lochgilphead.

'I was the youngest of three children and have two older brothers, Hamish and Goldie.

'Hamish left home when he was only 15 to train with Hamilton Brothers in Paisley and never came back here to stay. He now lives in Denny and has a very good job.

'Goldie is known the length and breadth of the country and lives in Lochgilphead with his wife.

'My father Jimmy Ross was born in Campbeltown but was brought up between Skipness and Kilmartin and was a great accordion player. He is now 89, blind, deaf and has only one leg, but he still plays.

'Every time I look in the mirror I see my father, except for the fact I've still got two legs.

'My mother, Sarah Christina Orr, was born in the town and had four siblings. She was a plane spotter during the war and died in 1994.

'Her father, Alexander Orr, was the loveliest man.

'He was from Gigha and ran away to join the Navy when he was 16. He enjoyed a dram, and whenever he'd had a few, he used to come home from the pub and put a big sign in the window saying 'House for Sale', even though it belonged to the council. He was also a fisherman and had a boat named 'Anne'.

'My mother's brother was Archie Orr, known in the town as 'The Orrlet'. He was awarded the Burma Star for running onto the battle fields of Burma as a stretcher carrier.

How long have you lived in Lochgilphead?

'I've lived in the town all my life and have never had the desire to move anywhere else.

'Lochgilphead is my home and I'm proud of that.

'My husband Martin and I have our daughter and two grandchildren nearby and my roots are firmly here.

How would you describe the town to someone who has never been there?

'Lochgilphead has always been a nice wee place.

We have some of the loveliest scenery in the world here and although people sometime complain about the rain, without it, the area wouldn't be as green.

'There is still a vast amount of heritage and scenery that is undiscovered.

What makes Lochgilphead special for you?

'People from this area have a great amount of humour and I love that.

'I have many happy memories of my childhood.

'The Cappocci's owned the bottom café and the Cirella's owned the top café and that's where we would go as youngsters. We would play the jukebox and eat the most wonderful ice cream at Cappocci's.

'The town has never been the same since those days and places like that are sadly missed by my generation.

How much has Lochgilphead changed since you were a child?

'So many things have changed over the years. The community centre was our primary school and the library was the school canteen.

'The town used to be run by a provost and everyone knew everyone else. Nowadays, people hardly know their own neighbours.

'There were no houses in Kilmory and although the town is still relatively unspoilt, it is growing rapidly.

'It will never again be the place it was when I was a child, although I still think it's a lovely place to bring up children.

I remember the days when whole families would work at the hospital. My father was a nurse there and I did part of my nurse's training there. My husband Martin was also a chef at the hospital for many years.



Left: Anne's dad Jimmy Ross still loves to play the accordion at the grand old age of 89. - T10ann3no

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‘The church at the top of the town was used as the German headquarters in the film ‘633 Squadron’ which was filmed in 1964.

‘The church is the centre point of Lochgilphead and a building we all associate with the town. However, there are a lot of places around here that have been here since the beginning of time.

‘The Crinan Canal is also a special place.’

What are the challenges facing the town or how could it be improved?

‘There isn’t a lot in Lochgilphead for youths or older people, yet there is so much potential. With the right people involved, we could create great facilities for people of all ages.

‘I also feel there is a slight threat to our heritage as more of our young people move away and people from different areas move in.’

What do you think visitors like about Lochgilphead?

‘The road out of it!

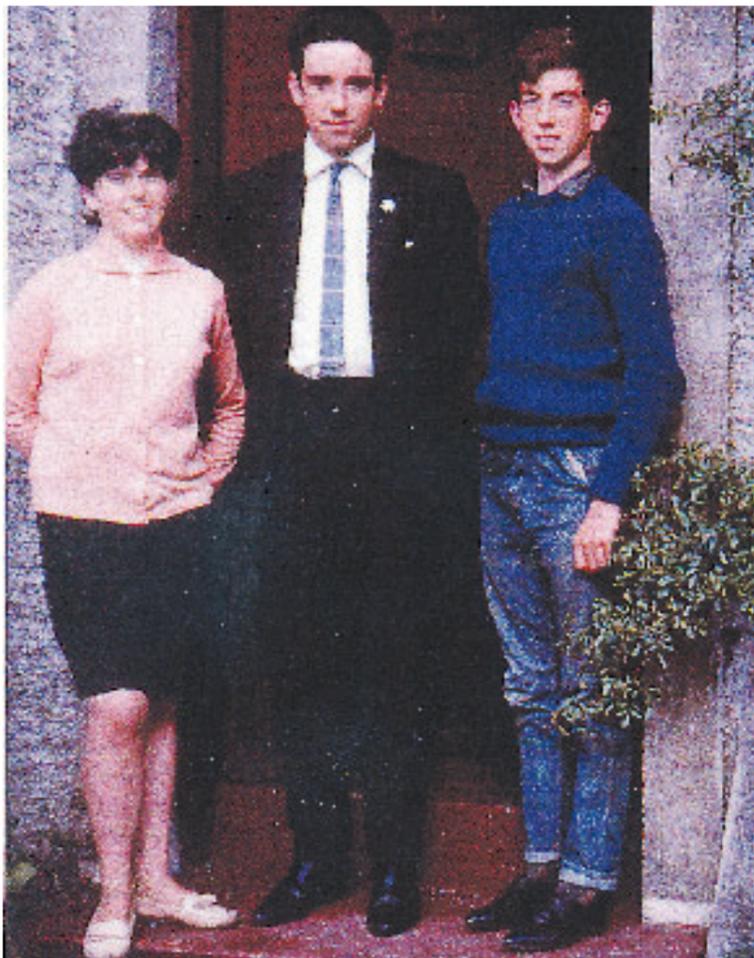
‘Seriously, I have had many conversations with visitors over the years and they always comment on the setting. It really is a lovely wee town.

‘Although locals complain about the lack of shops in Lochgilphead, I think the ones we do have cater for tourists well and they enjoy shopping here.

‘Lochgilphead is my home and my heritage is here, and that’s what makes it special for me and I like to think that tourists love the place as much as I do.

Is there anybody famous from the town?

‘Apart from Goldie, there have been a few talented football players reared here, but I can’t name any.’



Young Anne with her brother’s Hamish and Goldie. - T10ann2no

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Thought for the week

Let me tell you about Kesene.

She was a little Maa-sai girl whose parents loved her very much. She was born with arthrogyriposis, a condition that meant she could not straighten her arms or legs. She learned to walk in a kind of waddling way. Kesene was also blind. Her parents took her to a Christian Child Care Centre where disabled children were cared for. Nothing could be done for her arthrogyriposis and, to her dismay, she couldn't even be fitted with shoes, which she would have loved, for Kesene had learned to use her bare feet as her eyes. She knew where she was by what she felt on the soles of her feet.

One day Kesene was telling a group of people what the Child Care Centre had done for her. This is what she said: 'Until I came to the Child Care Centre I didn't know that God had a son called Jesus or that he loves children. Now I know him, and I know he loves me. I don't have eyes in my body, but in my heart I see Jesus!' The Bible says, 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus ...' Kesene did that; have you? (see Hebrews 12:2)

Irene Howat

Lochgilthead school

Sir,
Now that the new Lochgilthead High School is open, has anyone asked why the old one became so quickly unfit for purpose? Was it badly planned, poorly built, or improperly maintained? Or did circumstances change?

One might also ask the same questions about the new school. Part of the roof blew off not long after opening, and there are rumours that the acoustics of the main hall are poor, making it unsuitable for drama or public meetings.

And circumstances not only can change but inevitably will change, with many developing trends, like the rising price of oil, already well signposted.

So the question is not just whether the new school is fit for purpose now, but also whether it will be fit for purpose twenty years on, or can be easily made so. Because with a PFI we'll still be paying for it then... through the nose.

**Arthur Blue,
Ardershaig**

Sports centre

Sir,
As an incomer who moved to Lochgilthead three years ago from a town with lots of facilities it hit me hard coming here despite the lovely scenery.

I had a selection of all types of shops, cinema, swimming pool, libraries, gym, sports facilities, numerous choices of evening classes, road and rail transport etc. I am not saying that is what we should have here but Lochgilthead appears to have a one-off opportunity to improve its facilities.

Having attended the recent public meeting on the future of the old school and its facilities I was left with the im-

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pression that retaining the Sports Centre would provide an excellent focal point for numerous new facilities. A Town Hall is lacking in Lochgilthead – the Sports Centre could be used for multi functional events, concerts, weddings, parties, sports etc.

The new Sports Centre within the school does not meet the needs of the residents of Lochgilthead: no spectating area, limitations for no outdoor shoes, limited availability as shared with school. The loss of the old school Sports Centre has a knock-on effect. Parents can no longer spectate when their children are participating in events, resulting in trips to Oban to encourage them at events resulting in additional expense not to mention time. Why do we have to subject children to this added burden especially if there are other children in the family to consider?

Youngsters should be encouraged to take part in local activities. Surely it is better to spend money on keeping our children occupied rather than offer no facilities or very poor ones.

We all pay our Council Tax so we should have a say in matters that really affect the whole community. Why are the Council being so short-sighted in not developing this potentially excellent local facility?

**Margaret Kerr,
Lochgilthead**

School site

Sir
I attended the public meeting when the Lochgilthead 'School Site Saga' was aired.

I was surprised, given the large turnout – more I thought than the 150 you reported – at the meeting that it did not give rise to any comment or response in your letters column in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

Those who attended represented a very broad spectrum of residents/electors not only from Lochgilthead but from throughout a much wider area as were apparent from the questions, comments and sugges-

tions from the floor. It was, I thought, a very civilised meeting and well conducted by the chairman, Councillor MacMillan. All present were given the opportunity to speak – several times if they so wished.

However, the three council officials, led by the head of Community Services, did nothing to win hearts and minds. Their mind (i.e. the Council) was already made up whatever the meeting said.

The chairman I know to be a very honourable man but I am alone in believing to hear him say in his closing remarks that he had not heard what we, the meeting, wanted for the old sports centre?

After two hours? Hopefully the other local councillors present to absorb information but to offer no comment will convey to the Council Executive the views expressed.

**Iain McCallum
Kilmichael Glassary
Site saga**

Sir
While appreciating the comprehensive coverage of 'The School Site Saga' it seems to me to generate more heat than light by its airing of the issues.

Your final 'straw poll' asks the wrong question of the public: that they should choose affordable houses or retaining the former sports centre building. These issues do not conflict, there is more than enough land zoned for housing around this site (about 20 acres) in Council ownership, to meet Fyne Homes aspirations, and we don't need to lose a fine modern building (i.e. the sports centre, which occupies a third of an acre) to do so.

No planning officials were ever consulted on the scheme presented to the public for the site by Fyne Homes on February 20. The scheme displayed assumes the destruction of all existing building and the building over of the area zoned on the Local Plan for recreational use (currently a well-used playing field). Hope-

fully, after the adverse public reaction, the Fyne Homes scheme on display won't now be the subject of a planning application at all in its present form.

What is needed now is proper consideration of the options available for the site, with consultations involving the Council development department (i.e. the planners) as well as community services and the health board. I trust this will be what the next report to Council proposes.

Finally, the Mid Argyll community should the 300 plus people who took the trouble to attend the public meeting on February 20 and for making it clear to the Council that at least the former sports centre building should be retained for general public use. On this occasion, at least, bad proposals were not endorsed by good men and women doing nothing.

**RE Millar
Manse Brae
Lochgilthead**

RET

Sir
I welcome the news that the Scottish Government will trial road equivalent tariff (RET) for the Outer Hebrides but naturally I am disappointed that it has not been extended to the 'Kintyre islands'.

We have every reason to believe that with the success of the trial of RET in the Western Isles that it will then be implemented in other routes dependent on ferries.

The resources for the trial of RET are limited but the ambition of the SNP Government for their island communities is endless.

**Anne Horn
Councillor Ward 2
Kintyre and the Islands**

Road repairs

Sir
Mr Wakeham's description of the road condition between Lochgilthead and Castleton is no understatement.

However, this is not an isolated case of sub-standard road surface.

The 11 miles of A83 Ardrishaig to Tarbert, with exception of a few short stretches, is a succession of potholes, mini craters and crumbling verges.

The section between Mealmhor and Erines is virtually single track with passing places.

Classed as a 'trunk road', the A83 carries all traffic for Kintyre, Islay, Jura and Gigha.

The recent, and still current, road works at Ardrishaig highlight the volume of traffic as it builds up at the stop lights, queuing several hundred yards in a matter of minutes.

This is a quiet time of year. In a few short weeks we expect a steady flow of summer visitor traffic.

Whether tourist of commercial, all road users deserve a decent quality of road.

The state of this road has been brought to the attention of successive transport ministers and other officials, without noticeable effect. It is past time that this life-line road was given a major upgrade.

**Ian Macintyre
Harbour Street
Tarbert**

Tarbert lights

Sir
Tarbert Christmas light fund are looking for a home for 2x7metre steel Christmas trees that were designed and created by Kenny Brown for the building in Tarbert Harbour.

Due to a change of circumstances we can only use one of the three trees that Kenny designed.

For health and safety reasons the trees cannot be placed where the public have access.

If a home cannot be found it will mean that the trees will need to be dismantled.

If you can give these trees a home please contact me at the number below.

**Iris Kerr, Tarbert
Christmas Light Fund
01880 821104**

Mental health

Sir
Like many others I was surprised and dismayed to see the glee with which the national media headlined the opinion that anti-depressants are all but useless.

That particular opinion was transmitted, in an uncritical way, from a review conducted by a largely American group which had re-analysed clinical trial data presented to the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), the United States medicines licensing authority. The original review requires careful reading, care that was manifestly not taken by the press and television journalists.

The review in question has several methodological flaws and if the journalists had taken the time and trouble to seek a balanced and critical opinion then distress might have been avoided to those who derive often life-saving benefit from this group of medicines. In this country the licensing authority responsible for judging whether medicines are effective and safe is the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) the UK equivalent of the FDA. Was it asked to express a view? No.

Major depressive illness is a serious and disabling condition, every bit as biological as heart disease, and treatment usually requires a combination of clinical interventions, of which anti-depressant medication is one important element.

One hopes that this recent example of irresponsible journalism has not caused distress and doubt in people suffering from psychiatric illness and, equally, that it has not excited the prejudices of those who believe that mental illness doesn't exist, or just affects other folk.

**Prof. Angus Mackay
Ardershaig**

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Good turn out for AGM

THERE was a good attendance when Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its 36th annual general meeting on Monday evening.

The retiring chairman, Hamish Smith, welcomed 24 members and friends to the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

Mr Smith began by paying tribute to the memory of Margaret Ralston and Ralph Davidson, two loyal and indeed founder members of the club whose

passing during 2007 had saddened the entire farming community.

After reviewing the various club events of the past year, he warmly thanked the members in general and the committee in particular for their generous support during his two years as chairman and wished the club continuing success in the future.

Following his report a proposals that he should be invited to remain on the committee was accepted unanimously.

The treasurer, Archie



Reid, presented a statement of income and expenditure for the past 12 months, which revealed a surplus of £276.61 on the year's workings.

The accounts were accepted without question and Mr Reid was

thanked for all his careful work.

The incoming chairman, Robin Barr, then proposed Archie Reid be appointed as vice chairman. This met with the approval of all present.

Ayrshire president at Kintyre AGM

THE GUEST speaker at the meeting was the Ayrshire Cattle Society president, John Hunter from Ardmore, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Mr Hunter had spent the day visiting local breeders and seeing round some of their stock and expressed pleasure at all he had seen.

One of Ulster's foremost breeders he had

lifted the supreme championship at Balmoral Show four times in the past eight years. He is the tenth generation of his family to farm at Ardmore and today milks 170 cows in partnership with his son Michael.

For many years the herd has been two-thirds Ayrshire, one-third black and white and this gives him a good comparison between breeds and he still is of the

opinion that a herd of modern Ayrshires can more than match any breed in terms of profitability, longevity and general ease of management.

Since becoming society president he has visited most parts of Britain and Ireland and taken a back seat at home where the steading has been modernised recently with under floor slurry storage which should allow maximum use to be made of farm manure in times of expensive bagged fertiliser.

Robin Barr proposed a vote of thanks and wished Mr Hunter a successful when the Ayrshire Society Conference visits Northern Ireland in May.

Argyll trials triumph

ARGYLL handlers took pride of place at the Scottish Inter-district Nursery Sheepdog Championship, held at Mid Powside Farm, Perth last Saturday.

Alex MacCuish, Clonaig Farm, Skipness and his two-year old dog Garry, worked well in difficult conditions to lead a tightly packed cluster at the top of the prize list.

More than 500 spectators from throughout Scotland, UK and Scandinavia turned out on a bright but bitterly cold and blustery day to see teams of the five top young sheepdogs from each of nine Scottish districts compete in the trial. The fierce wind unsettled the sheep and hindered the ability of the dogs to hear commands.

Overall winners Alex and Garry also won the John Paterson memorial prize for the best driving work of the day.

Judge, Stuart Davidson

of Sandbank, Dunoon said: 'In my opinion, Alex handled the sheep just right. Garry got behind the sheep and kept on the point of balance; some young dogs overflanked the sheep and upset the hogs.'

Runner-up, Alastair Mundell, formerly of Stronyaraig, Dunoon, now farming in Moffat, earned 88 points with his dog Taff, level with Lorne Clark, shepherd at Stonefield Farms, Tarbert, running Mirk. Taff and Mirk were separated on the strength of their work outbye, furthest away from the handler's presence.

Taff and Alastair won the Jimmy McNeil Memorial Trophy.

Third place in the trial represented a major achievement for Lorne Clark and his Mirk. As the Kintyre league

leader, Mirk's prospects were bright until he ripped a pad a fortnight before the trial. He was invalidated out of the last trial of the league season and relegated to reserve position.

Called into action, days before the final, Lorne gave Mirk his first run on the Thursday before the trial.

Lorne said: 'Mirk worked for 20 minutes and I thought that was enough. On Friday he seemed lame again. I was very disappointed, and although the pad was healed and he was taking weight on his paw, I didn't know how

he would cope, away from home, working with hogs for his first real run in two weeks.

'I was delighted with the way he worked - it was more than I could have hoped for.'

Judge: SL Davidson, Sandbank; nine teams of five dogs.

1 A MacCuish's Garry, Skipness, 89; 2 AR Mundell's Taff, Moffat, 88 Outbye; 3 L Clark's Mirk, Tarbert, 88; 4, J Seton's Zac, Darvel, 84; 5 H MacLean's Roy, Culloden, 81; 6 AB Mundell's Vic, Moffat, 77; 7 W Jardine's Dylan, Darvel, 75; 8 A Carnegie's Gyp, Comrie, 74 Outbye;



TOP: Archie Reid, John Hunter and Hamish Smith visit Machriebeg. c10ayr01
ABOVE: Peter McKerral, John Hunter, Andrew Ralston and Thomas Ralston at the AGM; Mr Hunter formally presented the society trophies. c10ayr02

9 N Gillon's Cap, Dailly, 74; 10, M Davidson's Spot, Gorebridge, 73. Robert Wallace Team shield: Dumfries and Kirkcudbright, 349 pts.

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Scene Around: piping in the dark at the Masonic Hall

YOU'VE heard of Piping Live and Piping Hot, but on Saturday night Campbeltown could boast Piping in the Dark.

Kintyre Piping society was playing host to Oban High school Pipe Band, under PM Angus MacColl at the town's Masonic Hall.

It was their first visit to Campbeltown and after the band had played to open the proceedings with some very good selections and the first soloist Donald Morrison had started

to play the place was plunged into darkness. To Donald's credit, he never missed a note.

When fuses were checked it was discovered that Main Street was also in darkness, so candles and lamps were soon produced and the pipers carried on as usual.

It certainly was something to talk about and the pipers produced some great selections.

The soloists for the evening were, Angus MacColl, one of the

world's leading pipers, then Ewan Dewar, who is a member of the Strathclyde Police Pipe band.

Ewan played a long 20-minute selection and his playing should surely catch the eye of the judges this year.

Others were Donnie MacDougall, Niall Jordan, Angus MacColl junior, and Scott Fellgate.

What a great night's entertainment; some of the band came on to finish the night in their an-

cient MacColl tartan played some more stirring selections and then on came the lights again to a big cheer.

Fear-an-tighe for the night was Finlay Wylie who kept things moving along.

Willie McCallum gave the vote of thanks and wished the band and all the soloists well in the future.

The next recital will be this Sunday in the Argyll Arms Hotel when four Breton Pipers will give a re-

cital of their own tunes on a variety of different pipes.

The next Masonic Hall recital will be on April 12, when local pipers John Brown, PM Ian McKerral, Julie Blue, Fraser Wylie and also Gavin Ferguson will perform.

You are invited to go along and support the Kintyre Piping Society in their endeavour to bring piping talent to Campbeltown.

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Kintyre Angling Club

opens the 2008 trout fishing season with a competition at the Lussa Reservoir on Saturday 15th March 2008 commencing at 2pm.



TOP LEFT: Angus John MacColl, following the family tradition in piping. c10pip14
ABOVE: Tommy Blue and Campbell Anderson. c10pip11



Alan McSporran, Finlay Wylie and Bill Johnston provide candles during the power cut. c10pip10



It takes more than a power cut to stop Shona Field pulling the pints. c10pip07

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Matty McMaster and Niall Jordan. c10pip12



Alistair Dewar, Rosemary MacColl, Glynis Dewar and Ian Jordan came down from Oban to support the pipers. c10ksp01



Oban High School Pipe Band. c10ksp03

Successful day for KSPB at Dumbarton

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band sent six quartets of pipers, led by Pipe Majors Ian McKerral

and Julie Blue to the inaugural juvenile quartet piping contest at Dumbarton last Saturday March 1.

Three of the Kintyre Quartets competed in the Novice contest, which had 21 entrants altogether. None of the Kintyre Quartets made the top three in the March Selection. However, Kintyre Schools A Quartet led by PM Blue (with pipers Ashleigh Jordan and Calum and Bruce Cowie playing for the first time in their new Blue Ramsay uniforms) did exceptionally well to clinch second place in the March Strathspey and Reel, just missing out to a much older quartet from Johnstone Pipe Band.

A close third in the MSR contest was Kintyre Schools B Quartet led by Craig Barbour, with pipers David McFadyen, Jamie Morrison, and Campbell McFadyen.

The other three quartets, all led by PM McKerral, played in the Juvenile Grade competitions, which involved a total of 11 quartets.

In the Medley, Dunoon A and Inveraray B grabbed first and second places respectively, and Kintyre B picked up third prize. In the March Strathspey and Reel, however, the Kintyre quartets recorded a clean sweep by being placed first, second and third. Kintyre B quartet (consist-

ing of P/M McKerral, with pipers Keith Cowie, Fiona Mitchell and Sarah Muir) was placed first overall and was presented with the brand new Dumbarton and District Quartets Trophy by comedian and celebrity, Norman MacLean, who had the packed hall in stitches with a string of piping anecdotes during the prize-giving ceremony.

'A very successful and enjoyable day', said Ian McKerral. 'I'm really pleased for the young ones who did so well today. Everyone performed really well, and that includes the quartets that didn't make the prize list. We look forward with confidence to the season ahead.'

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There are four nomination categories: Young Volunteer(s) of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Voluntary Organisation of the Year or Employee of the Year. The Volunteer(s) could be well

known to the community for doing lots of volunteering or they may be someone or people who volunteer in difficult circumstances. If you think that someone is doing a good job volunteering then let

them know by nominating them for an award. To find out more and get nomination forms contact your nearest Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre at 32 Longrow in Campbeltown (01586 544744).

Have a laugh with Vlad the improviser

THE Argyll Arms in Ardrishaig will be having a laugh next Friday as a new comedy night tries to put a smile on people's faces.

The event will feature some of the best talent on the Scottish comedy circuit with Keir McAlister, Vladimir McTavish, Bill Dewar and a short stint from organiser Kerrie Ross.

Keir was runner-up in the UK final of Jongleurs New Talent Competition in 2004 after winning the Scottish event and has gone on to have success at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Vladimir has seen success at the Edinburgh Festival with a string of shows having a satirical look at Scottish history. One national newspaper described him as 'heir to the long tradition of comedians as truth-tellers... stark honesty dressed as scathing comedy.' He was also a regular on the BBC's Live Floor Show.

'Bathgate's only existentialist forklift driver' Bill Dewar will compeer the evening with Ardrishaig's Kerrie Ross completing the bill.



The implausibly named Vladimir McTavish will be playing it for laughs in Ardrishaig.

Kerrie has done stand-up four or five times with open mic slots at the Stand in Glasgow, the Edinburgh Festival and Oban Comedy Club.

Although The Stand's audience can be quite brutal at times, Kerrie says she has had no

trouble from hecklers. 'I think it's because of my age', she says. 'I look like someone's mother!'

If the night is a success, it is hoped more such events will be organised in the future.

Campbeltown hosts youth drama finals

DRAMA teams from across the west of Scotland will gather in Campbeltown Grammar School next weekend to compete for a place in the Scottish Finals.

Six teams will take part in the youth finals, including local hopeful Tarbert Academy who won at the recent drama festival.

During the course of Saturday, March 15, three plays will be performed from 1.45pm and three from 7pm, and will include performances from Abbey Youth Theatre, Kirkintilloch Players Youth, Kirkcubright Academy Drama Club, Greenock Players Youth and Stanraer Drama Club, along with Tarbert Academy.

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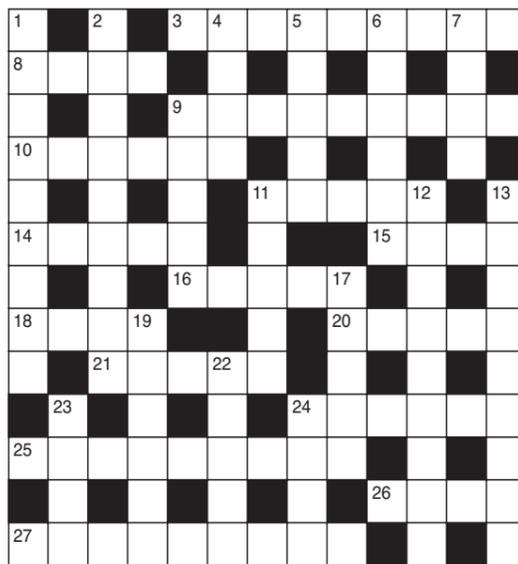
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 - Actor whose roles include Gabriel Oak in *Far from the Madding Crowd* (4,5)
 - Member of a race of people who occupied the region near the Cape of Good Hope (9)
 - The --- Islands are a group off Scotland in the North Sea (6)
 - Edward, composer of the overture *Cockaigne* (5)
 - Variety of black grape grown especially for wine-making (5,4)
 - See 14.
 - '--- the Greek', novel by Nikos Kazantzakis (5)
 - and 11 Down. 'The ---', 1931 novel by Pearl Buck (4,5)
 - See 8.
 - Andy, 1985 U.S. Open golf champion (5)
 - the Great, king of England 871-899 (6)
 - and 19 Down. 'The ---', 1963 play by John Arden (9,6)
 - Miss French, comedienne married to comedian Lenny Henry (4)
 - 1981 film by John Waters starring Divine and Tab Hunter (9)



- DOWN**
- Scene of an unsuccessful invasion of Cuba in 1961 (3,2,4)
 - Cecil, British Conservative Party chairman (9)
 - System of weights used for precious metals and gemstones (4)
 - 'The --- Spark', 1906 book by Neil Munro (5)
 - Saint and missionary, the earliest known Christian leader in Scotland (6)
 - Woodwind instrument whose mouthpiece has a double reed (4)
 - The derived SI unit of frequency (5)
 - See 18 Across.
 - City in the Netherlands, Europe's largest seaport (9)
 - 'Shall We Tell the ---?', novel by Jeffrey Archer (9)
 - Another name for the white poplar (5)
 - See 25 Across
 - Rivieres, town in Canada on the St. Lawrence River (5)
 - Japanese silk-stringed musical instrument (4)
 - Arthur, 1975 Wimbledon singles tennis champion (4)

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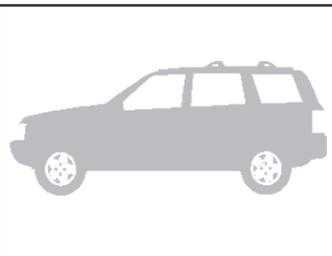


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Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, at 47 Chambers Street, Argyllshire and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on either Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE – DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

1 Ref No: 06/00000001
 Applicant: Mr S. Campbell
 Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank
 Site Address: Land 1481 Michels South OF Achmishach East Kilbride Road Argyll And Bute
 Location of Plans: Landings/Arch Area Office
 Article 5 (General List) – 14 Days

2 Ref No: 06/00000002
 Applicant: Mr B. Dalrymple
 Proposal: Demolition of barn
 Site Address: The Barn, Boyish House, Tayside, Landings/Arch Argyll And Bute
 Location of Plans: Landings/Arch Area Office
 Regulations 5 Listed Building – 21 Day
 Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 47 Chambers Street, Argyllshire, PA30 0BE.

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Argyll and Bute Council propose to make an order under section 68(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 stopping up the length of road described in the Schedule below.

The title of the Order is "The Argyll and Bute Council (68) Particellation Frey Road, North Dalry (Stopping Up) Order 2008."

A copy of the proposed Order and of the accompanying plan showing the length of road to be stopped up, together with a statement of reasons for making the Order have been deposited at the Offices of:

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- 2 Election Post Office, Filling Station, Clachan, Argyll;
- 3 Argyll and Bute Council, Clachan, Landings/Arch, Argyll.

The documents are available for inspection free of charge during normal working hours.

ANY PERSON may, within 28 days from the date of this advertisement, object to the making of the Order by writing to the Clerk of Council and General Services, Main Floor, Landings/Arch, Argyll, PA30 0BE. Objections should state the name and address of the objector, the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made.

Made 4th March 2008
 Andrew S. Lee, Director of Operational Services

SCHEDULE – LENGTH OF ROAD IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

That length of the Particellation Frey Road, Clachan (68), shown on the attached map and numbered A-2 on Planning Number 05 176, extending from a point 2 metres or thereby northwest of the southeast facing wall of Particellation House in a westerly direction to the Frey slip a distance of 47 metres or thereby.

TARBERT COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELD

The inaugural meeting of the Tarbert Community Playing Field Partnership will be held in the Tarbert Hall, Tarbert on Tuesday March 11th 2008 at 7pm.

The meeting is open to anybody wishing to participate in the organisation or make use of the facilities. The business of the meeting will be to approve the constitution, elect community representatives to the Partnership Committee and elect from the committee the principal office holder.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Mary Dalrymple (EWC 1 South Dalry) will be holding a surgery on Friday 14th March in the Town Hall, Campbeltown from 1.30pm – 3.00pm.
 Councillor Dalrymple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 554719 or by e-mail – mary.dalry@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donald Kelly (EWC 1 South Dalry) will be holding a surgery on Friday 14th March in the Town Hall, Campbeltown from 1.30pm – 3.00pm.
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Councillor John Scoble (EWC 1 South Dalry) will be holding a surgery in the Library, Argyllshire, Clachan Road, Campbeltown from 4.30pm – 6.00pm on Tuesday 5th March 2008.

Councillor Alison Gray and Douglas Paterson (EWC 2 Mid Argyll) will be holding a surgery on Monday 10th March in the Hotel Hall, Invermay from 4.30pm – 7.00pm.

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The successful candidate for this post will require to hold a minimum of 3 Standard grades or equivalent and/or a secretarial or administrative qualification, along with relevant work experience and aptitude. A knowledge of building works would be desirable but not essential.

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 14th March 2008. Interviews for these posts will be held in early April 2008 in Ardrishaig.

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

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

Argyll & Bute Community Health Partnership

Information Analyst
Helensburgh or Lochgilhead
A&C 5 £17,714 - £21,549 (under review)
37.5 Hours

You will develop, analyse, promote, maintain and interpret a wide range of information source and systems in order to produce clear, accurate and timely information to support the clinical and managerial decision-making process across Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership, NHS Highland and beyond (e.g. partner organisations).

Ideally you should be a graduate in a numerate discipline with significant competence in Information Technology, mathematics and statistical analysis. Health Service experience is desirable and a knowledge of SQL, Unidata, MS Office and Business Objects would be a distinct advantage.

Informal enquiries to Bill Staley, Information and Projects Manager on 01546 605629.

Application packs are available from HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Aros, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8LB - Tel 01546 606788 (24 hour answering service) or e-mail - recruitment.ab@nhs.net

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Ref: 08ab/030



Lighthouse Caledonia Ltd is one of the leading aquaculture companies in Scotland. We now have vacancies for Fish Farm Workers within our freshwater operations in Wester Ross and Loch Ness.

FRESHWATER OPERATIVE(S) (Ref: FWFO002)

Candidates will be enthusiastic, self-motivated and be experienced in working within small teams in an often changing and challenging environment. Previous aquaculture hatchery or freshwater experience would be desirable but not essential for this position. In return the company will offer extensive training as well as a comprehensive pay and benefits package. A full, clean driving licence is also essential.

To apply, please write enclosing an up-to-date CV to: Mrs Veronica Anderson, HR Officer, Lighthouse Caledonia Ltd., Ardinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll PA26 8BH

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The National Facility for Scientific Diving (NFSD), hosted by SAMS and we are looking for someone to join a small team in support of marine research and teaching.

The suitable candidate will possess the minimum diving qualification approved by the Health and Safety Executive for occupational scientific and archaeological diving, including HSE SCUBA or Part IV, and CMAS 3 Star or equivalent (e.g. BSAC Advanced Diver, PADI Divemaster).

The successful candidate will also be expected to join our emergency recompression team.

The post carries allowances for both diving and chamber related duties.

The interview date for this position will be 4 April, 2008

Further Particulars and Application Forms for both positions are available online at www.sams.ac.uk. Alternatively, please write to The Human Resources Officer, The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA, or by e-mail to recruitment@sams.ac.uk. Please quote job reference number when applying.

The closing date for applications for both positions is 25th March 2008.

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Recruitment packs from 01546 604286.

Practice Teacher – Training Officer^{^+}

£28,341 - £31,936 Mid-Argyll
You will co-ordinate and undertake the nomination and selection process for the Degree in Social Work and foundation courses, organise student placements and provide support and assistance to relevant Social Work staff in variety of workplace settings to enable them to successfully complete their Degree in Social Work placements. You will also provide advice and develop strategies to meet the requirements of the SSSC ensuring the Service meets the requirements of Registration including facilitating the Post Registration Training and Learning requirements for qualified Social Workers. You will also be an active member of various internal and external working groups to progress the departmental training strategy and plan. As Senior Practice Teacher, in addition to practice teaching, you will also recruit and support Practice Teachers and Link Workers within the Service to facilitate the provision of student placements. It is essential that you have a Diploma in Social Work or equivalent. A practice Assessor Award is desirable. It is essential for you to have 3 years' post qualifying experience. Professional supervisory skills, experience of training and staff development and IT skills are also desirable. Knowledge of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Post Registration Training and Learning (PRTL) is essential. A holistic understanding of Social Work role, knowledge of routes to learning including distance learning is also desirable. It is essential for you to have good communication, organisational and networking skills, and the ability to support and supervise as appropriate. It is desirable for you to have flexibility with travel and work hours. CSA21222
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Social Worker^{^+*} – 2 Posts**

£28,341 - £31,936 Oban, Lorn & the Isles
CSC62110 – Mid-Argyll, Kintyre & Islay
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Recruitment packs from 01546 604034/604044.

Senior Clerical Assistant

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You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1-3) including English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. You will also have a minimum of 2 years' Local Tax Experience, and ideally also have a basic knowledge of Non Domestic Rates and Council Tax Legislation. Familiarity with Microsoft Office products would be an advantage. Good telephone and keyboard skills are essential for this post. CPF2203/2E
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Social Care Worker ^{*^+*} – Bank (Part time, Bank/Casual/Relief)**

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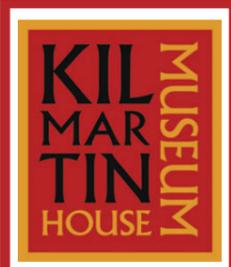
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PERSONALS

Happy 40th Birthday on the 4th March Paul



Love Mum and Dad xx

Happy 18th Birthday Jamie



All our love Mum, Dad, Scott And Nicola

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Apologise to their regular customers and friends for the loss of communication during the last two weeks. Hopefully the problem will be rectified this week.

Thank You.

Margaret, Bertie and all Jim's sisters and their families would like to thank the many relations, friends and neighbours and also work colleagues who so kindly telephoned and sent beautiful flowers and cards on our very sudden sad loss of Jim. Your kindness was appreciated at such a sad time by us all.

17 Meadows Avenue

Happy Birthday Elizabeth



To a wonderful daughter Love Mum

Happy 1st Birthday: Finlay



Lots of love Daddy

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(La Singe et dans L'arbre)

Happy 60th Birthday Mum



Lots of love from Neil, Lindsay and Elaine xxxxx

Martin would like to congratulate Steven, Ryan, Michelle and Antony who all passed their Driving Tests Pass with Flying Colours Driving School. Tel: 0787 949 5010

I would like to thank all family and friends very much for the lovely cards and gifts which I received at the surprise party. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make it a "memorable" night. Joan MacArthur, Tarbert

Happy 50th Birthday

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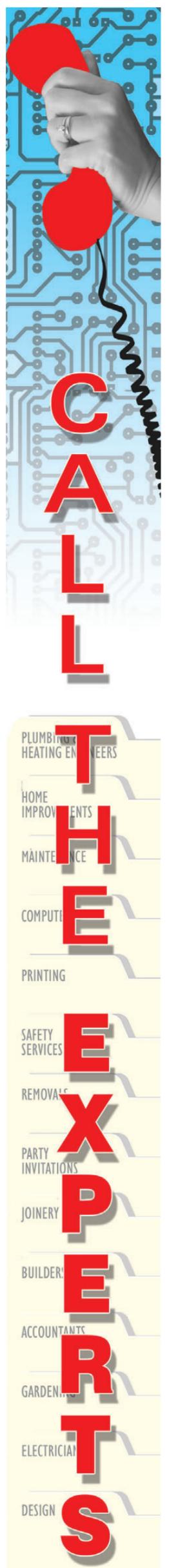
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Love 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres' (1 Corinthians 13:7)

ENGAGEMENTS

BLACK - CONLEY - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Alec, eldest son of Malcolm and Sheena, to Stacey, eldest daughter of William and Elizabeth.

DUNCAN - MACLEOD - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Cara and Kenny on Valentine's day, in Thailand. Congratulations!

HETHERINGTON - ROSS - Rosie and Ellie are happy to announce their Dad and Mum, Andy and Carol, finally got engaged on February 29, 2008. Parents and families chuffed to bits - at long last!

MARRIAGES

COLVILLE - WEBSTER - On Saturday March 1, 2008, in Rothes Parish Church, Donald, youngest son of Rory and Mary, Langa, Kilkenzie, to Susan, youngest daughter of Philip and Fiona, Rothes. A truly wonderful day.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

McKERRAL - McCALLUM - At Lorne Street Church, by the Rev Stuart Cameron, John to Amy, on March 7, 1958. Present address: 2 Mill Road.

DEATHS

BLATCHER - Roberta passed away peacefully at Harefield Hospital after a short illness. Family flowers only - donations if desired to the Hospice of St Francis, c/o Co-operative Funeral Care, Croxley Green, 01923 776625.

PURCELL - On March 2, 2008, suddenly, at his home, Stucscarden Cottage, Glen Shira, Inveraray, Kevin Antony Purcell, in his 77th year, loving and much loved husband of Jean Macaulay and dear father of Christopher. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Inveraray, on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 1.30pm, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

SMITH - On March 2, 2008, peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Douglas Smith in his 96th year, beloved husband of Morven, much loved father of Hilary and Colin and dear papa of Christopher, Samantha, Daniel, Lewis and Daisy. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, (today) Friday March 7, 2008, at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Tarbert Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CRICHTON - Stella Crichton and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and beautiful flowers at this sad time. Special thanks to Drs Hall and Villalba, Mr Ahkter, Macmillan Nurses and Campbeltown Hospital staff for their care and attention. Thanks also to Reverend Lind for the lovely service and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their sympathetic and professional services. Finally, thanks to Argyll Hotel and to all who contributed to the retiring collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MACINNES - Ron, Isabel and the family of the late Margaret MacInnes, Tigh-an-allt, Ardrishaig, would like to thank all friends and neighbours who attended the service in Ardrishaig Parish Church and who braved the elements to get to Greenock Crematorium, also for all the letters, cards and messages received over the last couple of weeks. Special thanks must be made to Jessie Smith, her long standing home help, and to the staff of Argyll Homecare who were all so helpful and caring over the last few months, and to the medical and nursing staff of the Mid Argyll Hospital and the Royal Alexandria Hospital, Paisley. Thanks also to the Rev David Carruthers for his support and thoughtful service and to Roddy and staff of Donald MacDonald for all their help. Donations raised £200 for Cancer Research UK and Ardrishaig Church Fund.

MCEWING - Susan, Iona and Ross would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all the family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the love and support in their sad loss of Jim. The many cards, expressions of sympathy, telephone calls and floral tributes have been very much appreciated. Sincere thanks to the paramedics, and Dr Leask and his team at Campbeltown Hospital for their professionalism and compassion. Grateful thanks to the Rev Burroughs for delivering the family's final tribute to Jim in such a caring and humorous way. To Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their wise counsel and sensitive and efficient handling of all funeral arrangements. Last but not least a big thank you to everyone who braved the elements, and in many cases travelled hundreds of miles to pay their last respects to Jim.

MEMORIAMS

GRANT - In loving memory of Mary, a good friend, died March 12, 2007. Time passes but memories are forever. - from Dunena, Jacky and family.

KERR - In loving memory of our beloved father, John Kerr, died March 4, 2006, also our beloved mother, Sarah Armour, died August 25, 1986. Forever in our thoughts, - Remembered by all the family.

MACFARLANE - Angus, passed away March 5, 2002. A much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Sadly missed and always in our thoughts. - Inserted by family, home and away.

MCMILLAN - This time last year we didn't know This time last year we thought we had worries This time last year we argued and moaned This time last year we didn't know We didn't know we had so little time To talk and laugh, to share our thoughts We didn't know we were going to lose him We didn't know If we'd known we'd have wrapped him up In all our love and kept him safe We'd have locked the doors and windows But we didn't know Now we know what it's like without him Now we know what he meant to us Now we know that life can never be the same This time last year We didn't know Gordon, passed away March 7, 2007. Loved and missed every day, see you later Flash. - All the family x

MCTAGGART - In loving memory of Margaret (Nanny). We hold you close within our hearts, and there you shall remain. - Shelley, Iain, Lucas, Reece and Aaron. **ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006, and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. Just as you both were, You will always be, Very special in our memories. - Love always, Norma, Jim, Margaret and Jim, Leslie and Ron. **WARDROP** - Our beautiful Lynsey. Somewhere over the rainbow. We love you so much. - Mum, Dad and Fallon. xxx **WARDROP** - Lynsey, our dearest granddaughter and niece, thinking about you every day Love you. xx. - Granny and Granda and family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 9th March
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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PACT meets at 11:00am In Ardrishaig

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 9 March 2008
 11.00am
 Worship service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Stewart McGregor
Thursday 13 March 2008
 7.30pm
 Praise, worship & sharing
 All Welcome

THE FAITH MISSION ARGYLL RALLIES

Wednesday 12th March
 Lochgilphead Baptist Church
 7.30pm
Thursday 13th March
 Campbeltown Salvation Army
 7.30pm
 Speaker: Rev Eric Lewis
 Book stall and teas
 Everyone Welcome

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday Worship Service
 Aqualbrium Conference Room
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 Mid Week Bible Study & Prayer
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Highland Parish Church



Friday 7th March
 Badminton - Kirk St Hall
 7.00pm S1 plus
 9.00pm Adults
 7.30pm World Day of Prayer Service - Church
Sunday 9th March
 11.15am All-Age Family Service
 led by Capernwray Students
 Creche (Church: 0-3yrs)
 No FunDay Club - Children in church
Monday 10th March
 7.30pm Guild
 Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 11th March
 Badminton Club
 6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
 7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 upwards
Wednesday 12th March
 7.30pm The Kirk Session is called to meet in the Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 13th March
 7.00pm Bible Study - DVD: King David
Rev Michael J Lind
 Everyone very welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY

Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 10.30a.m. and 6.30p.m.
Tuesday
 Over 60's Luncheon Club - 12.30pm
 Ladies Home League - 1.45pm
Thursday - 11.30 a.m.
 Meet 'n' Eat Café
 New-to-you Stall
 Bible Study 7.00p.m.
Major Dolores Thomson

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9th March 2008
 Service at 11am
 Rev. Catriona Hood.
 All welcome.

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Morning Worship
Sunday 9th March 2008
 Tayvallich Church 11.30am
 Worship led by
 Rev Richard West
 All welcome
Annual Stated Meeting
 After worship at 12.30pm
World Day of Prayer Service
Friday 7th March 2008
 Bellanoch Church 7.30pm
 All welcome
Joint Parish Prayer Meeting
Thursday 13th March
7.30pm
 Kilmartin Church
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 Enquiries **01546 606926**
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TARBERT LINKED WITH KILBERRY PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9th March 2008
 Tarbert Church 11.30am
 Sunday School 11.20am
 Kilberry Church 2pm
 Margaret Sinclair
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 10.45 a.mCoffee
 11.15.a.m Family Service with Sunday School & crèche
 Youth Group
 S3 - S6 7.30 p.m
 Prayer Meeting 7.30pm
 The Old Manse Castlehill
 All Welcome
Wednesday
 Jellytots Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 a.m.
 Fellowship Group 7.30 p.m.
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All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
TONIGHT 7th March
 6.30pm Christ Church
 World Day of Prayer
Sunday 9th March 2008
 11.00am Morning Service with communion
 Evening Service 6.30pm
Monday 10.30am
 Discipleship Course
Monday - Ladies Meeting 2.30pm
 Mrs Mairead Brailsford
 Ardfern
Monday evening @7.20pm
 Discipleship Course
Wednesday @7
 Discipleship Course
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
 Every Friday "The Edge"
 Kids Club
 6.30pm - 7.45pm
 5yrs to 11 yrs

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Friday, 7th March
 Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.
 World day of Prayer service at Highland Parish Church - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9th March
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 Rev. Philip Burroughs/
 Rev. Dr. Kirsty-Ann Burroughs
 Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
 Rev. Philip Burroughs
Tuesday, 11th March
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 12th March
 Lent Bible Study Group - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 14th March
 Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.
Saturday, 15th March
 Guild Sale of Work - 2:00 p.m.



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 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8.30am Holy Communion
 10.45am Family Communion
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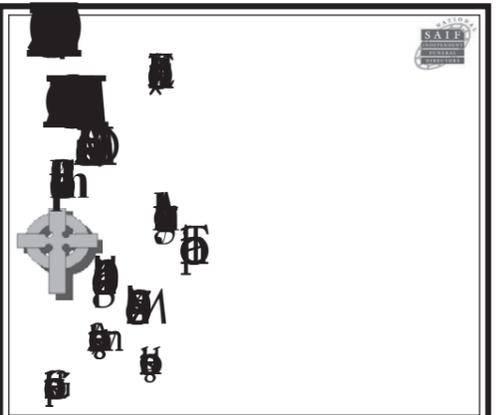
Sunday 9th March 2008
Shipwrecking the faith (1 Timothy 1:19)
CUMLODDEN (Furnace) 10.30 am
LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard) 12 noon
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LOCHGAIR 3 pm
 Rev. Roderick MacLeod
 Ceud mìle fáilte
 ALL WELCOME
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Friday 7th March
 Cumloddan Church
 7 pm

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9th March 2008
 Glassary 10am
Rev Richard West
 All most welcome
Thursday 13th March 2008
 Congregational Board Meeting
 7.30pm
 followed by kirk session
Saturday 15th March
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Young Hunter is top shot at Tarbert

High Gun hits 49 out of 50

TARBERT gun club held their final shoot of the winter league last Sunday.

All the competitors made a big effort to boost their own points amount and to help their team.

This time it was back to a DTL competition, which suits some better than the sporting event itself.

Heavy showers upset some teams if they had to shoot in one but generally most people coped and scored well.

Last month it was Alisdair MacCallum who showed up the top shots - this time it was young Geordie Hunter's turn.

Kilmory lottery

WINNING numbers for Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw on Monday, March 3 were 8, 14 and 15. As there was no winner, the jackpot for March 10 is now £800.

Shooting

Only dropping one target out of 50, he was rewarded with High Gun overall.

The team event was again won by Brian Baird's lads with Norman MacDonald's boys taking the second spot.

Results were as follows:
Class A - 1- Brian Baird, 2- John Paton, 3- John Weir.

Class B - 1- Ronald Jenkins, 2- Jonathan Gargan, 3- Alisdair MacCallum.

Class C - 1 - Geordie Hunter, 2 - JC, 3 - Alan Campbell.

Class D - 1- Malcolm Holder, 2- Lynn MacDonald 3- Pierre Godts.

Class E - 1- Iver Ferguson, 2- Ian Wilson, 3- John Cupples.

Teams - First - Brian Baird, Jonathan Gargan, Alan Campbell, Buddy Peterson, Iver Ferguson. Second - Norman MacDonald, Alisdair MacCallum, Geordie Hunter, Malcolm Holder, Ewen Wilson.

Sinclair breezes into early lead

Golf

IT WAS wet and windy in round one of this year's Lochgilphead golf club winter league final.

Ross Sinclair headed straight to where he has been all winter - leading the competition.

His one over par round was good enough to give him a one-stroke lead.

He is being chased very closely by Alec MacAulay who was playing brilliantly but putted on his front nine holes like a Chinese moped low on fuel.

This improved on the second nine and is still in the hunt.

Eric Capocci got off to a fast start and hit the ball without thinking.

He was nearest the pin and when he did start thinking he got even better and would have led but for a couple of loose tee shots.

Tommy Angus scored at every hole and is only three shots behind and is still in the hunt.

Jim Hunter had a frustrating round but is only six shots behind with 36 holes to play could still win.

David Sinclair had a de-



From left to right - Sunday winners- Kenny MacAulay, Ross Sinclair and Iain MacInnes. a10gol01.

cent front nine holes but struggled on the back nine and will now need two good rounds next week if he hopes to win.

Keith Cowan was playing the final of the singles knockout against Kenny MacAulay as well as the main competition and the strain of playing in both simultaneously was too much for both as they trail by ten shots.

Kenny MacAulay was the happier of the two as he is this year's winner of the knockout cup.

Donald Carmichael had

his poorest round off the year and has a mountain to climb.

In the Duffers Derby most off the players who were not good enough to qualify for the winter league final were scoring better than most of the players in that final.

Iain MacInnes leads the field with five birdies and five bogies in a two over par round.

John Downie is only two shots behind Ross Sinclair but is playing in the wrong competition - what a duffer he is.

Bill Dick is one behind

By David Sinclair

John and will chase him all the way.

Hugh Strachan is one behind Bill and is my favourite to win however I think they are all in with a chance of lifting the silverware.

Tom Campbell found the conditions difficult and is looking forward to the wet season when he usually plays better.

Results were as follows:

- R.Sinclair 35
- A.MacAulay 34
- E.Capocci 34
- T.Angus 32
- J.Hunter 29
- D.Sinclair 27
- K.Cowan 25
- K.MacAulay 25
- D.Carmichael 20
- Duffers Derby
- I.MacInnes 34
- J.Downie 33
- B.Dick 32
- H.Strachan 32
- T.Campbell
- Nearest the pin - E.Capocci

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Rugby ties hit by weather

THE FIXTURE card has thrown up another free day this Saturday for Mid Argyll RFC.

The unrelenting poor weather has seen the club able to play only one fixture since the turn of the year due to pitches being unplayable both at home and elsewhere in the Glasgow League area.

However in partnership with the Scottish Rugby Union, SSC (formerly the Scottish Schoolboys Club) and Argyll and Bute Council, with funding from the Argyll clubs themselves, a package has been assembled that has allowed the post of a development officer for Argyll and Bute to be created.

This exciting development will benefit rugby development in the area as well as other youth development activities and the club is looking forward to working with the new development officer in the near future.

Looking forward, the club's AGM takes place in the Argyll Arms Hotel on Wednesday March 19 at 7.30pm and Duncan Aitken, the club convener extends a warm welcome to all members and also to anyone in the community with an interest in the game at whatever level.

Tarbert's game off again

TARBERT'S division one league match away to Eaglesham B on Saturday was cancelled again due to rain.

Tomorrow, Saturday March 8, the West Loch Shores and Islay Frigate Hotel sponsored-side are due to play at home to Carlton YM B-side. Kick-off is scheduled for 2.30pm.

Victory for Dougie Guy's side would push Tarbert further up the table.

Inveraray numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 2 - 9 - 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.



KILMORY youth shinty squad trained in style on Monday night using equipment donated to them from the first team.

Coach John Kennedy put the youngsters through their paces as they practised at the new pitch at Lochgilphead schools joint campus.

The group consists of players from P5 up to

S4, and two of them - Neil Kennedy and Connor Crawford - are delighted to have been selected to play for the U14 South of Scotland League.

John, who currently plays for Kilmory first team, has also been selected in the past for the U17 and U21 South of Scotland League as well as the international Scottish team.

Anyone from the Mid Argyll area interested in joining the squad would be welcome to attend training sessions every Monday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. John said: 'We have players from Campbeltown and Tarbert as well as Lochgilphead, and it would be great if we could add to the squad with more players.' A10shi01

Argyll athletes qualify for UK finals at Birmingham

A GROUP of 36 young athletes representing Argyll travelled to Dundee on Sunday to take part in the Scottish Final of Sports Hall Athletics at Dundee International Sports Centre.

All four Argyll teams had qualified for the national final by winning at the regional event in Edinburgh in January and after over three hours of intense competition in Dundee two of the teams qualified for the UK Finals.

The Under 13 boys dominated their contest scoring 759 points well ahead of East Lothian on 600 points.

Cameron MacLean, Connel and Stuart Tomison, Mull scored maximum points in their events.

Every team member won medals in individual events and Argyll won all four relays.

Craig Lamont, Campbeltown was second in the long jump with a 2.12metres effort and Duncan Maclean, Connel won silver in the four-lap race clocking 47.9seconds. Toby Corner, Inveraray was third in the

Sportshall Athletics

vertical jump and won gold in both the 4 x 1lap relay and obstacle relay. The winning team in the obstacle relay was Toby Corner, Duncan MacLean, Craig Lamont and Rory Tait and the successful quartet in the 4 X 1lap was similar with Toby, Craig and Rory plus Kyle MacLean running the last leg.

The under 15 boys also qualified for the UK Final but their victory was not as convincing as the younger boys. Only three points separated the top two teams with Argyll scoring 645 ahead of Perth and Kinross.

The Argyll boys were boosted by the performance of team captain Iain McDowall, Mull who was overall Scottish champion with maximum points from his three individual events.

Other individual medal winners in this contest were Nicol Ferguson from Lochgilphead and Gary Turner from Campbeltown. Nicol was second in the shot putt throwing 10.44metres and

Gary third in the same event with 9.51metres. Nicol and Gary won bronze medals in the 4 X 2lap relay supported by Colin Campbell from Lochgilphead and David Black, Mull.

The Argyll under 13 girls team finished second on 636 points to winners Perth and Kinross on 704points.

Argyll had two individual winners in Kerri Robertson from Campbeltown and Anmol Arshad, Oban. Kerri won the shot putt throwing 7.84metres. Claire Brown from Tobermory was second in the six-lap race in 77.1 seconds and Kerri MacAllister from Campbeltown won bronze medal in the same event in 80.2seconds. The Argyll girls started the day well by winning the obstacle relay.

Argyll also won the 4 x 1lap relay thanks to Anmol and Sian and two Campbeltown girls Kathryn Howell and Rachael O'May.

Argyll placed second in the eight-lap paarlauf relay

with Campbeltown girls Kerri Robertson and Kerri MacAllister not far behind Perth and Kinross. The 4 X 2lap relay team came from behind to finish third thanks to a big effort from Kathryn Howell, Claire Brown, Amanda O'Donnell from Salen and Kelly Lamont from Connel. The under 15 girls were also second scoring 607 points behind winners Shetland.

Eilidh Campbell from Lochgilphead was Argyll's top girl scoring 138 points which ensured third place in the overall individual rankings.

Eilidh won bronze medals in each of her events recording 46.1seconds in the four-lap race, then 82 jumps in the speed bounce and finally a new personal best in the standing long jump with 2.31metres.

Eilidh and Lisa MacKenzie

from Oban were second in the eight-lap paarlauf relay and Lisa won a silver in the speed bounce finishing one jump more than Eilidh.

Nicola Paterson from Campbeltown was second in the two-lap race in 22.1 seconds and fourth in the vertical jump.

Katrina Durie from Salen was third in two events throwing 7.35metres in the shot putt and leaping 50cm in the vertical jump.

The Argyll girls were second to Shetland in the 4 X 2lap relay thanks to the efforts of Nicola Paterson, Ruth Semple from Southend and twins Katrina and Georgina Durie from Salen.

The under 13 boys and under 15 boys teams now look forward to competing at the UK Final which will be held at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on Saturday, April 12.

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