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Lorry-free Lorne Street?

LORRIES could be banned from parking in Lorne Street car park, Lochgilhead, during the hours of 8am and 6pm under a proposal from Argyll and Bute Council.

At Monday night's Lochgilhead Community Council meeting, Chairman Eric Box questioned the wisdom of 'having a lorry park in the middle of town in what is a completely residential area' in the first place.

The community council was being consulted on plans which would see the car park being split into two separate areas, one of which would permit cars to park, the other would permit the parking of touring coaches.

Stewart Turner, Head of Roads and Amenity Services, Argyll and Bute Council, wrote to the community council with a proposal to amend the existing Traffic Regulation Order for Lorne Street car park. The

Council plan to ban lorries from parking in Lorne Street car park during the day time

amendment states: 'The current facility for lorries to park will be removed during the hours of 8am and 6pm, thus creating a safer environment on the route to and from the car park.'

James Simpson wanted to know where the lorries would park at Kilmory Industrial Estate.

Mr Box had several concerns. He said: 'The lorries have got to shift out of there by 8am. What if the tachograph is not going to allow them to shift?'

He felt that there would be several signs in the car park telling cars where they

could park, coaches where they could park and lorries where and when they could and couldn't park. Mr Box said: 'People habitually disregard signs. We're going to end up with three or four cars parked in the lorry park at night and the lorries won't be able to get in.'

There were also concerns about the safety of having coaches dropping off tourists and reversing in and out of parking areas.

The community councillors decided to have a site visit with a representative from the roads department so that they could see how the regulations would work.

Pupils invited to school building site

PUPILS from Lochgilhead's three schools are being given the chance to make regular visits to the construction site of their new joint campus school.

As part of an initiative to get the children involved with the works, construction company Mansell is inviting a group of school pupils on regular progress site visits.

David Forbes, Mansell

Project Manager, said: 'This is an ideal opportunity for the pupils to get a real sense of involvement in the construction of their new school.

They will experience life on a building site and be able to see close-up exactly how their new school is constructed.'

The visits for groups of pupils from Whitegates Learning Centre, Lochgilhead Primary and

High, accompanied by teachers and Mansell site staff will give the children the opportunity to ask about construction work, health and safety and also features of their new school.

Each pupil will receive their own safety equipment including hard-hat, safety boots and high-visibility jacket and be inducted as part of the team.

The first visit takes place on Wednesday March 29.



'The Court of Dunadd'. a11dun01

'Court of Dunadd' leaves the country for pageant

A GROUP of medieval characters from Lochgilhead left for Belgium this week as part of an exchange.

People from the Lochgilhead Resource Centre, where lanterns are made each year for the Lochgilhead lantern parade, are taking part in a similar event near Dinant

in Belgium. The theme for the pageant in Belgium is medieval so the Lochgilhead group is dressing as 'The Court of Dunadd'.

They will take part in a parade which the Belgian community holds each year to say goodbye to the winter.



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What are the real reasons for parking charges?

PARKING charges in Lochgilphead town centre streets will encourage more drivers to use the Lorne Street car park and free up space on-street for short term users.

That is what Donnie McLeod, Area Roads Manager for Argyll and Bute Council, told Lochgilp-

head Community Council this week.

Eric Box, chairman of the community council, said: 'That seems to conflict with the survey the council itself did in December 2004 which showed that the vast majority of people park in Argyll Street or Colchester Square for less than 30 min-

utes.' Mr Box did not think that people who normally park in Argyll Street or Colchester Square and who do not want to pay would head for the Lorne Street free car park.

He said: 'My feeling is that the first place they would head for would be Union Street, which has al-

ready got parking problems.'

Mr McLeod was responding to the community council, which wrote to him questioning the traffic management considerations of parking charges. The community council felt it was more of a revenue raising exercise. Mr McLeod

wrote: 'A further advantage is that those who park inconsiderately, particularly at marked-off entrances, may be fined for parking outwith the recognised bays.'

He said the potential income from parking charges would be around £25,000 per year and the initial costs

of the parking machines would be approximately £12,000, including installation. The policing of the scheme would use existing resources and should not have additional costs.

He also said that any extra income from parking charges 'will be distributed within the local area

through the local area committee' and that residential parking permits would be available. The council hopes the charges will be in place by this summer but can not confirm.

The community council will write back to Mr McLeod raising their concerns.

Curfews lifted for late licenses

THE QUESTION that had most vexed Mid Argyll's pub and club owners in the run-up to the smoking ban has been answered.

Licenses whose premises have a 2am licence will not be subject to a curfew from March 26, when the nationwide ban on smoking in enclosed public places comes into force.

Argyll's licensing board announced this week that all curfews would be lifted from that date, allowing pa-

trons to enter pubs and clubs at any time during the establishment's opening hours.

Pubs and clubs in Argyll and Bute with a 2am licence had previously been subject to a 12.30am curfew, after which no-one was permitted to enter the premises, even if they had previously been inside and had left only for a short time.

But licensees had queried how the curfew could be enforced once the smoking ban came into effect, with smok-

ers likely to move outdoors and leave the licensed premises to smoke before seeking to move back indoors.

Duncan MacIntyre, chairman of the Oban, Lorn, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Licensing Board, said: 'Because of the smoking ban, the board considers that circumstances relating to the curfew have changed significantly.'

'The board has therefore decided, unanimously, that the curfew should be lifted.'

Blue heaven for Christopher



Young Christopher MacAulay from Lochgilphead celebrates winning a pair of Rangers tickets in *The Argyllshire Advertiser's* recent competition. a11ran01

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Lochgilphead High School pupil Christopher MacAulay, who lives on Bishopton Road, was the lucky winner of a pair of tickets to the Ibrox club's match with Kilmarnock last weekend.

Twelve-year-old Christopher, whose favourite player is Chris Burke, told *The Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'I've always been a Rangers fan. It was my first time at Ibrox, and it was great to see Rangers winning.'

Christopher, himself a keen footballer, was just one of the thousands of Rangers fans who cheered the league champions on to a comprehensive 4-0 win over the Ayrshire side as they look to qualify for next year's Champions League.

☐ Turn to page 32 for your chance to win tickets for Rangers v Dunfermline.

Executive cash for Argyll Women's Aid

A PROJECT to tackle violence against women in Argyll and Bute has been awarded funding from the Scottish Executive.

Argyll and Bute Women's Aid is to receive £128,114 to provide support workers for women in Helensburgh and Lomond, Bute and those using refuge services.

The project will receive funding as part of the executive's £6 million Violence Against Women Fund. The fund, which will run from April this year until March 2008, is designed to support local projects delivering services and helping groups to work together to provide better responses to violence against women.

Announcing the allocation of funding, communities minister Malcolm Chisholm said: 'I am very pleased to be able to announce that support for women and children experiencing violence in Argyll and Bute is to be enhanced by this funding over the next two years through our new fund.'

Police Files

Ardrishaig accident

TWO OCCUPANTS of a car involved in an accident on the A83 500m south of Ardrishaig on the afternoon of Monday March 13 were taken to Mid Argyll Hospital. The vehicle struck an electricity pole, which was not damaged in the incident.

Snowballers

POLICE are continuing their inquiries after a window in Furnace was broken by a snowball on Sunday March 12. Anyone with information is asked to contact Constable MacDonald at Lochgilhead Police Station.

Brigade Bulletin

Furnace fire

FIREFIGHTERS from Inveraray Fire Station attended a chimney fire in Furnace on the morning of Sunday March 12. The volunteer crew from Minard also assisted at the scene, where the blaze was extinguished quickly.

Chimney fire

A CHIMNEY fire in Poltalloch Street, Lochgilhead, on Monday March 13 was quickly extinguished by firefighters from Lochgilhead Fire Station.

Prayer day

THE RECENT World Day of Prayer service held in Kilmartin Church by the linked parishes of Glassary, Kilmartin-Ford and North Knapdale raised £132.20 for a worthy cause.

Mollie Hood led the service, whilst those taking part were Angela West, Susan Turner, Stanley Hood, Andrina Flatt, Marjorie Drysdale and Mo Taylor. Soloist Jen Shuttlewood sang *Kum Ba Yah*, and the hymns were accompanied on the organ by Joyce Munro. The service, organised by the Christian Women of South Africa, was followed by refreshments in the church hall, provided by Val Willis.

Heavy snow and fallen trees cause chaos

BRITISH Summer Time may officially begin in just over a week's time, but winter reared its head with a vengeance at the weekend, creating a blanket of snow across Scotland that forced the closure of many roads.

Mid Argyll awoke on Sunday March 12 to several inches of snow, but road workers from Argyll and Bute Council and BEAR Scotland worked hard to ensure that roads remained passable.

Stewart Turner, head of

roads and amenity services at Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'In general terms, compared with the rest of the country, the Argyll and Bute area got off relatively lightly.'

Mr Turner explained that Argyll and Bute's roads were cleared in a pre-determined order based on priority. He said: 'There are 28 winter maintenance routes and the ploughs and gritters were out on all these routes. 'There were some routes closed overnight, but due to

the sterling work put in by all the winter maintenance staff, it was possible to report that by Sunday morning all access was available, although some routes were still passable with care.'

'Another major issue was that, due to the heavy snow, there were numerous trees where branches dropped, causing temporary road closures. There were also some problems with power lines, but these were attended to by the power companies.'

Travellers looking to visit

Glasgow were faced with a long detour when BEAR Scotland and Strathclyde Police closed the A82 at Balloch due to heavy snow.

Sergeant Martin Balkeen of Lochgilhead Police Station said: 'Special patrols were out during the storms over the weekend. Because of the weather, we received a number of calls about roads being blocked due to fallen trees. A number of alarms were also set off because of high winds.'

Heavy snows and high

winds caused severe damage to some of the plants at Ardkinglas Woodland Garden near Cairndow. Manager Glyn Toplif said: 'A huge number of plants have been damaged by the weather. Some very old rhododendrons, dating from the 1890s, were uprooted by the wind and the snow.'

'One of our championship-winning fitzroya trees, the tallest of its kind in the UK, lost a huge part of its bulk in the winds.'

The wintry conditions

also caused havoc for Mid Argyll's sporting communities. Lochgilhead Golf Club was forced to postpone the first round of its winter league final, whilst the number of entrants to the Argyll and Bute qualifiers for the Scottish Schools Badminton Championships, held in Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Sunday, was dramatically reduced, with competitors from Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh deciding not to travel.

Primary fours write their own books



Lochgilhead Primary School's primary four pupils marked World Book Day on March 2 by reading their own books to primary one. The pupils spent eight weeks writing their own novels, which were then given an enthusiastic thumbs up from the younger pupils. a10lps01

Mid Argyll supports Irish ferry for Campbeltown

THE Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce has given its full support to efforts promoting the reintroduction of the Campbeltown to Ballycastle ferry route.

On Monday (March 13) Transport Minister Tavish Scott announced that the Scottish Executive is prepared to consider applications from any ferry company to operate the route, provided they do so with the recent tender guidelines.

Ian Macintyre, Chairman of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'The members of the chamber have long advocated this service as offering the best prospect of revitalising business throughout Kintyre and the wider surrounding area. The chamber fully supports the efforts

of the Dalriada Business Action Group (DBAG) in promoting the reintroduction of this service.'

Mr Macintyre said he would join with the officials of DBAG in giving all assistance possible in providing information to any interested operator.

He continued: 'A strong case has been built up for a Kintyre/Antrim link on the likely commercial usage. A high level of tourist traffic was achieved by the previous limited service.'

'The Kintyre Way, due to open in June this year, will bring additional numbers of tourists to the area and create potential for even greater use of such a ferry service.'

Late night parties under fire

LOUD parties and 'antisocial behaviour' at Ross Crescent in Lochgilhead have led to Fyne Homes proposing to set up a tenants association.

James Simpson of the Mid Argyll Crime Prevention Panel reported the plans at Monday night's Lochgilhead Community Council meeting.

Mr Simpson said the antisocial behaviour consisted of 'Late night parties and drinking,' which was 'disturbing the neighbours'.

He added that Fyne Homes was experiencing problems getting the association off the ground.

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Teenagers assaulted in street by youth

A SEVENTEEN-year-old Lochgilphead youth has been found guilty of assaulting two teenagers.

The Lochgilphead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last week heard how Lucas Alderson assaulted the girls, also 17, as they sat on a wall waiting for friends in Union Street, Lochgilphead, on June 10 last year.

Christine Stewart, Lochgilphead, was sitting beside Cara Munro, also Lochgilphead, when Alderson approached them.

She said: 'He laid himself on top of Cara Munro. He was preventing her from sitting up or getting off the wall. Cara was hurting her back, getting her back scraped on the stones. I

asked him to get off as he was hurting her. 'He spat on the right side of my hair. He got hold of my tee-shirt and head-butted me above my left eye. He threw me to the ground.'

Miss Stewart suffered swelling above her left eye as a result of the attack. She went to Mid Argyll Hospital where she was given an ice pack.

Miss Munro told the court that she did not feel threatened by Alderson's behaviour towards her but said she asked Miss Stewart to get him off her.

Alderson denied the assaults and said he was speaking to Miss Munro. 'I was leaning on her. Christine said, 'Get off her'. I said I wasn't doing

anything wrong, I wasn't hurting her.

'She [Christine] grabbed me in a headlock. I put my right arm over her to try and get up, that's when my head hit her face. I tried to spit at her because I knew I couldn't hit her. She was still right in my face so I pushed her away.'

Sheriff Carol Kelly found Alderson, of 48 Ross Crescent, guilty of both assaults, including assaulting Miss Stewart to her injury.

Sheriff Carol Kelly said: 'I was happy to accept the evidence of the complainer. I found her evidence to be credible and reliable throughout.'

Sentence was deferred on Alderson until April 5 for background reports.

Kilmartin nursery children are well cared for says report

YOUNG children in Kilmartin are well cared for, a new report by school inspectors has revealed.

The Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education inspected Kilmartin Primary School Pre Five Unit in October as part of its integrated inspection programme.

Reporting back, the inspectors praised the wide range of good quality play equipment, which staff had organised effectively, and the children for responding enthusiastically to the choice and range of activities available.

Also highlighted was the effective interaction between staff and children, which supports and extends the children's learning.

Particular praise was given to the programme for children's emotional and personal development, and

the children's co-operation in simple tasks such as brushing their teeth was also noted.

Children at the pre five unit were also developing very good skills in listening and talking, and their views were valued by staff.

The report noted that parents were encouraged

by staff to become involved in the life of the unit, and those who responded to the pre-inspection questionnaire expressed a high level of satisfaction with the nursery.

The good management of the unit by its head teacher was also praised, as was the high level of commitment from staff,

who, it was noted, worked very well as a team. Argyll and Bute Council's education spokesman Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'This report by HMIE highlights the commitment of the staff of Kilmartin Pre Five Unit to developing our young children and preparing them for the transition to primary school.'



Children and staff from Kilmartin Primary Pre Five Unit celebrate their glowing report from the school inspectors.

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Breach of peace man left underwear on woman's car

UNDERWEAR and indecent photographs were left on a woman's car when it was parked at Bellanoch Bridge, Cairnbaan, a court has heard.

Robert John Davies of Lochgilphead pled guilty to breaching the peace by placing the items on the car between May 1 2003 and May 19 2005.

Procurator Fiscal Hugh Brady said: 'Some time in May 2003 the woman returned to her vehicle to find a set of underwear in a box placed on the windscreen of her car, with no note left or anything like that. This concerned her at the time but she did not report the mat-

ter. Six weeks later she discovered a black bra in a bag on her windscreen.

'In February 2004 a pornographic leaflet displaying a pornographic image was left on her windscreen. This was when she reported the matter to the police.'

Police officers set up CCTV at the parking area and in May 2005 Davies was seen placing an item on the woman's car. When arrested, he said: 'I'm very sorry, I've been daft.'

Davies, aged 40, of 27 Dewar Avenue, appeared for sentencing last week at the Lochgilphead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court.

Defence solicitor Ruben

Murdanaigum said: 'He deeply regrets the upset and problems caused to the party involved.'

No explanation could be offered for Davies' behaviour but the court heard he was suffering from depression at the time of the incidents.

Sheriff Carol Kelly said: 'I fully accept that you have been greatly distressed yourself by all that has followed from this. My remaining concern is in relation to the victim.'

She placed Davies on probation for six months, with the added condition that he complete victim awareness work.

15 month ban and £300 fine for drink driver

DRIVING on the A83 whilst more than twice over the drink driving limit has lost a Furnace woman her licence.

Margaret Elizabeth Le Marquand was banned from driving for 15 months and fined £300 at the Lochgilphead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last week.

The 37-year-old, of 1 Bridge Terrace, pled guilty to driving at Newton, near Inveraray, on December 10 last year with 72 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath when the legal limit is 35 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

Le Marquand was told that if she successfully completed a drink driver rehabilitation course, her disqualification would be reduced by three months.

Breach of peace

SHOUTING, swearing, struggling with police officers and breaching the peace in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead landed a young man in court.

Jonathan Woodrow, aged 20, appeared at the Lochgilphead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last week. He previously pled guilty to the offence which took place on April 17 last year. Woodrow, of 33 Highbank Park, who had been of good behaviour since the incident, was admonished.

Argyll at Gallipoli for Inveraray group

AT THE meeting of Inveraray and District Local History Society on March 7, David Dorran gave an illustrated talk on Argyll at Gallipoli.

He began by reminding members of the historical background in 1914/15. When Turkey entered the war on the German side, Britain, France and Russia wished to secure an opening for the Russian fleet to the Mediterranean.

The first step in this was to be to seize the Gallipoli peninsula and get control of the Dardanelles, leading to an attack on Constantinople and the Bosphorus.

However, the planning was, to put it mildly, inadequate. The terrain of the peninsula and the strength and number of Turkish de-

fences were not fully appreciated.

The troops were killed in large numbers as they tried to get ashore. Those who survived were never able to advance more than a few miles inland.

The casualties were only too typical of the First World War: approximately 120,000 British, 27,000 French, 10,000 Australian and New Zealand and 250,000 Turkish troops were killed, all in less than a year. Only the final evacuation went successfully.

Argyll had a double part to play. Firstly, the ship used to transport the British troops, which was run aground close to the beach, was named *Argyll*. Surprisingly, it survived the cam-

paigned and was not scrapped until 1965.

Secondly, amongst the second wave of reinforcements which was sent in was the 5th Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, largely recruited in Greenock. It arrived to take part in the final and futile attempt to reach the hill of Achi Baba, and suffered great losses.

Mr Dorran's slides comprised contemporary photographs of the beaches and battlefields, maps and his own photographs, particularly of the military cemeteries and monuments.

The vote of thanks was moved by Alastair Campbell. The society's next meeting will be on April 4, when Angus Martin will talk on 'The Mythology of Family Life'.

Young drivers get in gear



Taking part in the first meeting of the Mid Argyll Young Drivers project were, from left, Kris Gordon, Michael Harvey, Jenna Shaw, Laura Shaw and Sarah Marquis. a10dr101

MID ARGYLL Young Drivers Project held its first meeting on Tuesday February 28 with Charles Reppke, head of democratic services and governance with Argyll and Bute Council opening the meeting.

Twelve participants aged between 17 and 25 attended the meeting in the Mid Argyll Youth Project building on Union Street. The drivers had their vehicles examined by Strathclyde Police's road policing department, before sitting a Highway Code test and having their driving documents inspected.

Running for 10 weeks, the course will cover driver safety, observation skills, car maintenance, basic first aid and knowledge of road traffic and anti-social behaviour

legislation. Participants will also tackle practical elements of the course, including being taken out on observation drives in their own vehicles and improving their skills in Strathclyde Police's skidmaster car.

At the conclusion of the course, the young drivers will be presented with a certificate and there will be various prizes for their achievements.

The course was devised by Strathclyde Police in conjunction with Argyll and Bute Council's community learning and regeneration department. The project also received the backing of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, the Scottish Ambulance Service, West Coast Motors, Young Scot and Lochgilhead Community Council.

Six points and a fine for careless driver

DRIVING too close to his friend's car at excessive speeds in a 60 mph speed limit area has earned a Lochgilhead man six penalty points and a £250 fine.

Robert Sinclair MacTavish of 32 Brodie Crescent appeared at the Lochgilhead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last week.

The 22-year-old pled guilty to driving without due care and attention on August 7 last year opposite the Scottish Water

treatment works on the A83 at Kilmory, Lochgilhead.

Procurator Fiscal Hugh Brady said: 'Mr MacTavish was out driving and his friend was in a separate vehicle.'

'As his friend over took him, rather than let him pass, Mr MacTavish basically kept up with his friend.'

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She is pictured right, being sold her morning papers by Mike Masters, who is running the shop on behalf of the community. Minard Community Trust ac-

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HMS Argyll back in Argyll

HMS ARGYLL returns to Argyll this week after a busy 20 months away from the area. Working in the far reaches of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the ship has also spent six months on operational patrol in the Northern Arabian Gulf as the Operation TELIC Guardship.

There Argyll worked with coalition forces from the United States, Australia and Iraq, mainly protecting Iraqi oil installations. Away from the media limelight, these installations are critical to building Iraq's economy, as they contribute 80 per cent of the country's total oil exports.

Under constant threat from terrorist and insurgent attack, Argyll worked hard to ensure the safety and security of the oil tankers and their crews, the merchantmen ferrying goods around the region and the hundreds of fishermen who ply the rich waters for their daily catch. This has involved regular 'blue light patrols' of the area including boarding 65 merchant vessels to verify their cargo. This effort and the diplomatic manner in which Argyll conducted

all of her duties earned a rare accolade from senior officials in the region. Since returning to the UK, Argyll has maintained a high tempo and is currently training for her next deployment to the Mediterranean later this year.

Whilst in the area, Argyll will be at Inveraray from Thursday March 16 until Tuesday March 21. A busy programme of events includes the ship's helicopter, a presentation team and the ship's own physical trainer visiting the primary schools in Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Inveraray. The ship will also compete against various local teams over the weekend.

Prior to her return commanding officer of HMS Argyll, Cdr Will Warrender, said: 'I am very much looking forward to this visit to Argyll and being able to renew our affiliations having been away for some 20 months.'

'We are trying to get out and about whilst at Inveraray, sending members of the ship's company to support different activities throughout the area.'



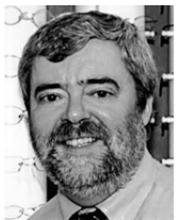
Above: HMS Argyll's helicopter returning at sunset.

Left: HMS Argyll on station off Iraqi oil platforms.



Eye to Eye

with John Wallace



What Does It Mean?

This month I want to explain the difference between an optometrist and an optician.

When I graduated 30 years ago the profession was split into three sections. Ophthalmic opticians were allowed to examine eyes, prescribe and dispense spectacles. We could treat vision anomalies but we were forbidden to diagnose or treat any medical problems affecting eyes. Dispensing opticians were only able to advise on and dispense spectacles with a prescription issued from an ophthalmic optician or a doctor. Manufacturing opticians then made the spectacles. In the late 80s change was afoot and unregistered sellers (people with no optical qualifications) were allowed to sell spectacles to the public. At the same time the term 'optician' ceased to have any legal protection and anyone (including people with no training or professional qualifications) could call themselves opticians.

To differentiate ourselves from the unqualified, many of us chose to opt for the title 'optometrist' as it was recognised throughout the world as describing a pro-

fessionally qualified person who examines eyes, prescribes and dispenses spectacles, and who diagnoses (and sometimes treats) eye diseases.

Recently the law changed and optometrists are legally allowed to manage a limited range of medical eye conditions. Shortly, some of us (myself included), who have undertaken extensive further training, will be able to prescribe medication to treat a much wider range of eye conditions. This means instead of visiting your GP if you have an eye problem, you would seek the advice of a 'therapeutically qualified' optometrist. (This is similar to dentistry; you would not normally see your doctor about problems with your teeth.) This massive change in the provision of eye-care should occur early next year. Until then you can seek advice from your optometrist and they will tell you if a visit to your GP or an ophthalmologist is required.

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Rural show back in Lochgilphead

AFTER a long absence it was good to have a Rural Show again in Lochgilphead.

Members of Women's Rural Institutes from Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Minard, Tayvallich, Ormsary and Kilberry, Ford and Kilmichael Glassary took part in the event in the community centre on Saturday March 4.

Thanks to the members it was very well supported with an excellent number of entries in both quantity and quality.

Members of the Mid Argyll Group would like to say a big thank you to staff at the community centre for all their help; the judges who carried out their jobs extremely well; the stew-

ards; all the helpers at the show; and all the visitors who went along to see the entries.

Congratulations go to all the prizewinners.

Guests included: Federation Chairwoman Brenda MacLeod; Federation Vice Chairwoman Elizabeth Semple; Federation Secretary Louise Wilson; Group Honorary Members Alison Dawson and Jessie Gordon.

Prizewinners:

Dewar Cup for large institutes: Lochgilphead; Jessie Gordon Cup for small institutes: Kilmichael Glassary; Mrs John Sinclair Cup (institute with most points per member): Kilmichael Glassary; Golden Jubilee Cup (most points in housewives section: Jenny Campbell;

Dunmore Cup (most points in handicraft section): Jean Blackwood; Mrs Ramsay Cup (member with most points overall): Jenny Campbell; Badden Quaich (best entry in floral art): Cathy Smith; Flower Cup (most points in bulbs, flowers, plants section): Jenny Campbell; Four-somes Salver (theme was Easter): Ormsary and Kilberry; Mrs Doris MacPhail Cup (special competition - a butterfly in any craft): Netta Dunagan; Celtic Waiter (best embroidery entry): Sheila Campbell.

This year the Argyll Federation of SWRI holds its annual show in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday April 29.



Prizewinners from the Mid Argyll Group Rural Show which took place in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Saturday March 4. Women's Rural Institutes from Lochgilphead, Tarbert, Minard, Tayvallich, Ormsary and Kilberry, Ford and Kilmichael Glassary took part. Congratulations to all the prizewinners. a10wri02

Kilmichael kids colourful on book day



Pupils and staff at Glassary Primary School in Kilmichael celebrated World Book Day in colourful style on March 2, dressing as characters from their favourite books. Amongst the weird and wonderful beings on show were the Incredible Hulk, Lord of the Rings' Gandalf and Star Wars villain-in-chief Darth Vader. a10gps01

Team building day for high school pupils

HIGH School pupils from throughout Argyll and Bute were given the opportunity to come together for a day of team-building recently, through the Prince's Trust xlerate with xclubs.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders battalion recruiting team brought along command tasks such as the minefield game, the tyre tower challenge and a giant magic square which proved to be pretty difficult to solve for all except the Sudoku fans in the group!

After ending the day in Lochgilphead with sports and a paintball session, Sgt John Lawson said: 'It was a great chance for the young people to realise the importance

of working in a team, whether on a day like today or in the future when they will be in work.'

Xlerate with xl offers pupils who are not reaching their full potential in the classroom alternative ways of learning. The Prince's Trust supports the clubs, which are running in secondary schools all over Scotland. Linda Tighe, area manager for Argyll and Bute, thanked Lochgilphead High School for use of the sports centre for the day, and the army for organising the event. She said: 'It is excellent for the clubs to realise that they are not working in isolation and for the opportunity to come together and work as a collective team.'

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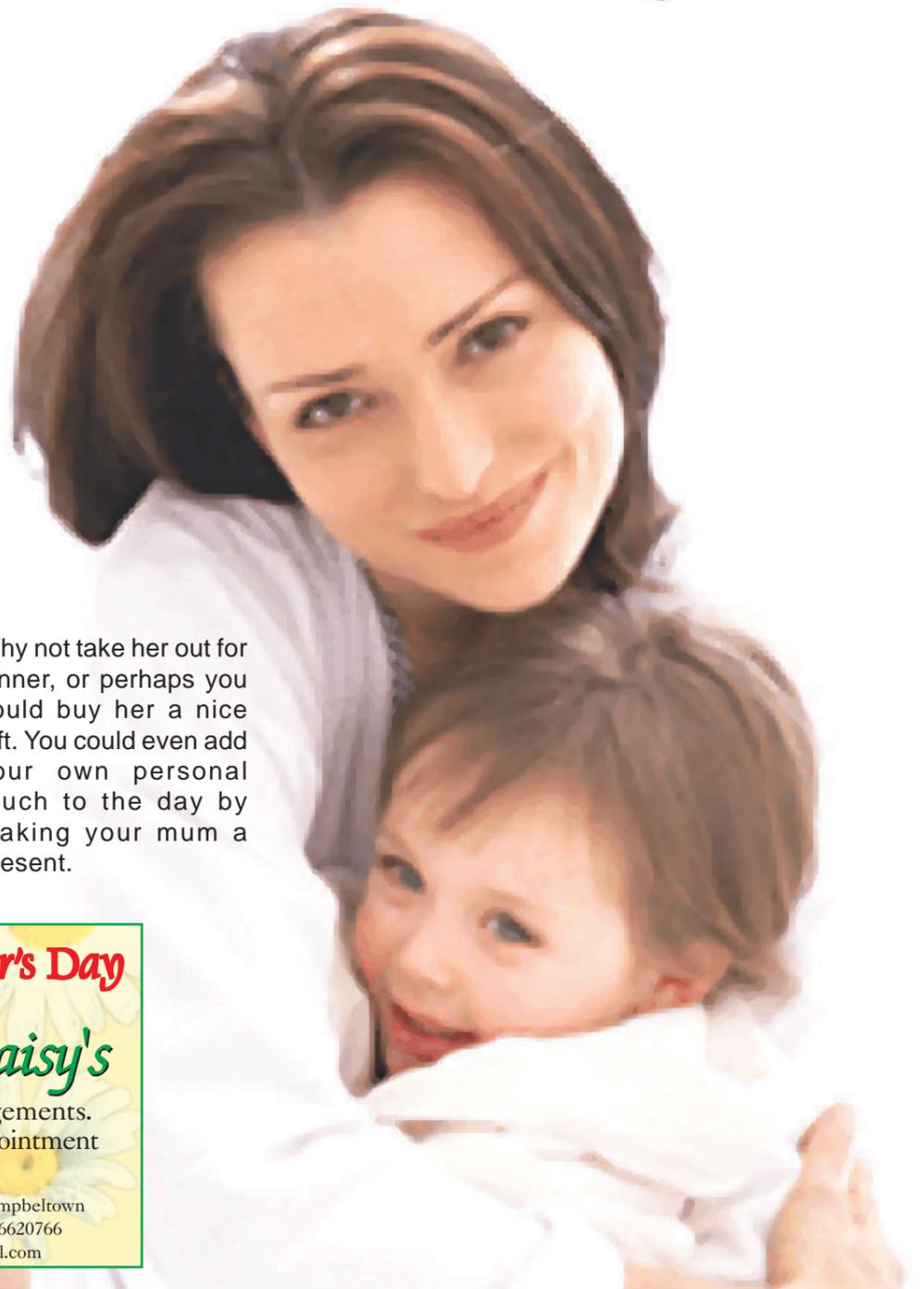
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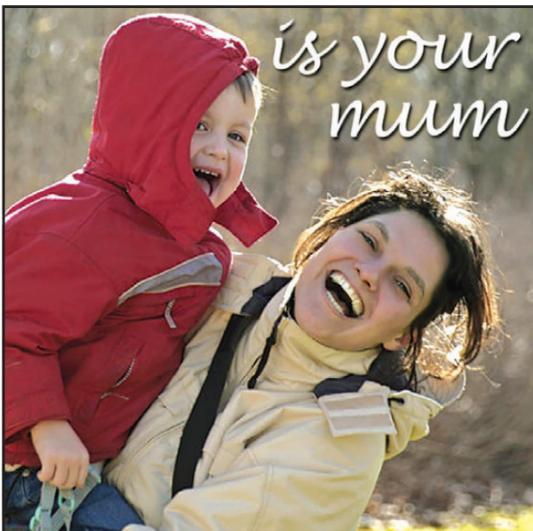
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the laughter,
And the tears,
I love you with a
special love
That deepens
every year.

Mother's Day



It's the little things that will touch your mum's heart so why not do something traditional like make her breakfast in bed? From the moment you were born your mum

has been there for you. She was there to put the plaster on when you fell and cut your knee, she was the one who comforted you when you cried about the school bully and she's the one

who you know you can always rely on. Where there's a mum there's food and most mums would rather walk around their local supermarket in a bikini than see her children go hungry. Before you could buy your own clothes, who helped you to furnish

your wardrobe? Yep, mum that's who! Every time fashion changed your mum was there to keep you looking up-to-date with the rest of your friends. But, the most important maternal function of them all is love. Your mum is the one person who gives you uncon-

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 You pushed and prodded:
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 Until our steps took us
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My Mum
 To the world you might
 just be one person,
 but to one person you
 might just be the world.

Photo competition winners

Places runner-up



Left: The runner-up in our places section is Lisa Schroder from Scourie, Sutherland with *Snowdrops at Woodbank*.

Right: The winner of the places section is Bob Goodman from Dell Road, Campbeltown, with *Paps of Jura*.

Places winner



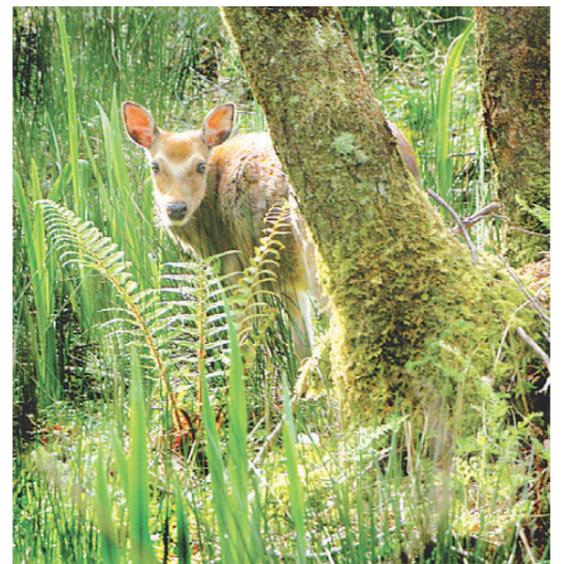
People and animals runner-up



Left: Runner-up in the people and animals section is Nichola Willcocks from Achnamara Cottage, Achnamara, with *My Dog Maney*.

Right: Alistair Sinclair from Shieldhall, Glasgow, is the winner of the people and animals section with *Deer near Achnamara*.

People and animals winner



The winners in both sections each receive a day out with a professional photographer, *The Scottish Field's* Roy Summers, as well as a cheque for £50 and a £20 photo processing from Kintyre Photography in Campbeltown. The runners-up each receive a cheque for £25 and a £10 photo processing voucher from Kintyre Photography.

The best of the rest of our photo competition entries

DUE to the large number of entries received by *The Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire Advertiser* in our first ever photo competition, unfortunately we were not able to print all the photos submitted.

We received enough entries to print a page in the paper every single week until this time next year!

There were some wonderful photographs submitted to us and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to send them in. Those who provided us with a stamped addressed envelope will have their photos returned shortly. Here are just a few of the entries we did not manage to publish.



Christmas Nuts by Norman Watson, Mathieson Place, Lochgilphead.



Oystercatcher Sitting Tight by the Rocky Burn by William McKinlay, Castleacres, Campbeltown.



Space Invaders Over Loch Gilp by Mollie Pullan, Fernoch Crescent, Lochgilphead.



Unusual Visitor by Fiona McCuaig, Rowan Park, Lochgilphead.



Like Mother, Like Daughter by Joanne Phillimore, Chalmers Street, Lochgilphead.

Colville steps down as Ring means business at Tarbert

ARGYLL and the Islands Rural Business Ring held its second annual general meeting in Tarbert on Friday and its first AGM after a full year in operation.

After a successful year, the Ring is fast establishing itself as the first stop for businesses in Argyll, Bute and Arran for a whole range of products and services.

Ring chairperson, Rory Colville opened the meeting and began with a reflection on the huge amount of progress made since the notion of such a Ring was first floated seven years ago.

He congratulated the manager, Colin Cameron, on his commitment to realising the vision of establishing a Rural Business Ring in Argyll and the islands to

sustain the rural economy. Mr Colville added: 'Personally, I am more convinced now than I was seven years ago that the Ring is capable of making



Rory Colville stood down as chairman

a real difference to the future wellbeing of our rural communities.'

He then closed by thanking the members of the original steering group, the current board of directors, staff at SAOS, Highland Business Services, and Iain Campbell of Hecla Consultants.

Mr Colville also accorded appreciation to the various funders of the project; AIE, Argyll & Bute Council; Leader Plus; Argyll & Bute Council and Argyll & Bute Employability Team

Colin Cameron, in his role as Ring manager gave an account of the years activities from his own viewpoint. He reiterated the point that the Ring had made real strides in the first

year. Products and commodities sourced for members had formed the bulk of turnover, whilst equipment and labour hire had played a slightly lesser role in the first year.

Mr Cameron noted that this was noticeably changing as the Ring becomes a familiar partner when members are in need of equipment, machinery and labour.

Mr Cameron added that all kinds of businesses are now seeing the benefits of membership by increasing their business and work opportunities and their buying power through the Ring network.

He then recorded his thanks to all members who had benefited from the

Ring's services for their support, and also to the directors for their enthusiasm and help in the start-up phase.

Rory Colville intimated his intention to stand down as chairperson at this meeting, with Alastair Barge of Otter Ferry being voted in as the new chair.

The meeting closed with Alastair Barge thanking Mr Colville for his energy in championing the creation of the Ring in the first place, and also for his invaluable contribution in the chair during the preceding operating year.

There was unanimous agreement from the board of directors and all in attendance that these words were well deserved.

Poltalloch Limousin to 144.6p per kilo at Oban Livestock Centre

CALEDONIAN Marts had 188 store cattle and 297 store sheep at Oban last Tuesday when all classes of cattle met an excellent trade. A Limousin cross bullock from Poltalloch, Lochgilphead sold to 144.6p per kilo with the bullocks selling to a sale average of 121p per kilo. Heifers averaged at

117.1p per kilo at a top of 130p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Upper Largie, Kilmartin. Bullocks sold to £530 per head twice, for Limousins from Lagganulva, Mull and from Upper Largie. Top price for heifers was £520 for a Simmental from Achnacreemore, North Connel.

Ardbeg Belgian Blues to 163p per kilo at Islay sale

UNITED Auctions held a special sale of store cattle at Islay Auction Mart when they had a catalogued entry of 375 head.

An excellent show of stock was on offer and sold to many of the regular islay sale Spring buyers of store cattle.

The top priced bullocks per head came from Dunlossit Farms, Keills for Charolais crosses selling at £655 to M/s Watson, Fordyce.

The top priced heifers came from Mr MacDonald, 6 Bayview, a Limousin cross selling at £650 to Dunlossit Farms.

The top priced bullocks per kilo came from the

Ardbeg consignment when their Belgian Blue cross bullocks sold to 163pence and Belgian Blue cross heifers from the same home sold to 146pence, both lots were purchased by M/s Watson.

The overall price per kilo for bullocks was 137.3 pence whilst heifers levelled out at 119.6 pence per kilo.

Kintyre Holstein breeders host AGM

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club held its Annual General Meeting when the guest speaker was Jim Boyd Jnr of Lettrickhills Holsteins, Cambuslang.

Mr Boyd entertained members to a very interesting talk on his experiences of the dairying industry, both at home and in Canada where he worked for some time. He also expressed his views on the future for the industry.

Mr Boyd presented the club trophy for the most points gained during the year to T Ralston, Dhurrie and the following office bears were elected:

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Thought for the week

THINK of a misty morning, think of the grey gloom of it. Then, in your mind's eye, let the mist lift as the sun burns through, and imagine the glow of day driving the mist into mere memory. The sun was always there; you just couldn't see it because the mist came between you and its glory. There are times when life drives from our minds what is real and substitutes only what we can see in front of our noses.

Christians can feel as though they've let God down, as though they've sinned so often despite the Lord being their Saviour that he must have given them up for lost. They can feel such failures that they lose the sense of God's forgiveness and their assurance of his love. If that's where you're at today, there is a wonderful word in the Bible for you. God says, 'I have swept away your offences like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.' If all you can see is your sins, look away from yourself and all your failures, look up to Jesus, and remember what he has done for you. (see Isaiah 44:22) **Irene Howat**

Down Memory Lane



This picture, submitted by Phemie Law of Garvel Terrace, Tarbert, shows the committee of the Friendship Club in December 1982. Pictured from left are Phemie Law, Cathie McNab, Sandra McKenzie, Margaret Muir, Alister McKay, Mamie Dawson, Bettie McGill and Jeanne Black. Do you have a picture you would like to share with *The Argyllshire Advertiser's* readers? Photographs can be handed into our office at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, or emailed to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk. All photographs are returned to their owners.

Those Were The Days

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MP meets Tarbert fishermen

THE DIFFICULTIES facing Tarbert fishermen have been highlighted to the Earl of Mansfield by MP John MacKay.

The Argyll MP met with the fishermen who expressed their concern about imports coming into the UK.

In a letter to the Earl, Mr MacKay wrote: 'While most of the fishermen accept that there can't be a ban on imports they are concerned about dumping and about fish caught illegally getting into Britain.'

'A suggestion has been made that all fish imports should be sold in the same markets as British fish.'

Mr MacKay said fishermen were also aggrieved about the length of the herring fishing season.

Mr MacKay has asked Secretary of State George Younger whether it would be possible to extend the herring fishing time and said the processing industry was in

great difficulty because of the short season.

Mr Younger said stock conservation was extremely important but the matter was under 'constant review'.

Mr Younger said: 'It would not be right to put future stocks at risk to enable us to put right a short term problem.'

Mr Gossip addresses elderly folks

THERE was a good attendance to hear Argyll and Bute District's chief executive address Inveraray Senior Citizens Club.

Michael Gossip, drawing upon his vast experience of local government outlined the functions and responsibilities of the district council, in a very interesting address which also proved to be highly entertaining.

At the close of Mr Gossip's address there was a lively discussion session with many of the members availing themselves of the opportunity to submit questions to Mr Gossip.

Inverliever's thanks to Mid Argyll

Sir,
I would like, through your letters page, to thank the people of Mid Argyll for their help, support and friendship extended to the Inverliever Lodge Trust over the past 40 years.

During this time, more than 35,000 young people, mainly from the London area, have stayed at Inverliever Lodge, Ford. The first parties came in 1965 and the last ones left in 2004.

With their teachers, they learnt about a rural way of life, enjoying new activities and community life whilst looking after themselves.

Some of the early visitors, who came in the 1960s, are approaching their own retirement and we often hear of former

students returning to Mid Argyll, bringing their own families to see the place that they loved and remembered so well.

This is much to do with the place and the people they met, who welcomed the young people and taught them so much about country life.

We were fortunate that the late Ralph Clough, formerly of Crown House, Ford, was a person who inspired generations of teachers and students with his love of the countryside and outdoor pursuits.

Our special thanks go to all the people of Ford, the suppliers and service providers, the doctors and nurses at Mid Argyll Hospital and the support of the council and the Forestry Commission.

Times change and it is partly through the trust's successful pioneering work in those early years that there are now many more opportunities for school journeys. Inver-

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liever Lodge became uneconomic to run and we had to accept it was time to pass the lodge on to others to use and enjoy. We are pleased that the new owners plan to have residential guests and we extend our best wishes to them in their new venue. More visitors will benefit from the beauty of Mid Argyll and the hospitality of its people. **Colin Yardley and Peter Woodward for and on behalf of the trustees of the Inverliever Lodge Trust.**

Council must look at priorities

Sir,
The furore over the downgrading (for that's what it is) of Argyll and Bute Council's archive service raises the question of whether the council really has examined the financial options.

A council that seems to have displayed financial dexterity in order to enable its staff to buy personal computers at well below the going rate can surely find the difference

between the full and part time costs of an archivist, given that the cost of accommodating the archive can't be cut.

I wonder how much money is involved in this staff saving scheme - by its very nature the figures must be easy to identify, and so perhaps one of our councillors could let us know?

If the staff who've benefited were to return their savings to the council's coffers, would there be enough in the kitty to enable the council to think again about downgrading the archive service?

Only a curmudgeon would accuse Argyll and Bute Council of putting more effort into providing staff benefits than services to the public, and I know that many council staff show exemplary commitment to their work; however, recent comments from the Accounts Commission suggest that there's no room for complacency.

Particularly when the council is hacking away at important services.

Robert Wakeham, Tigh Mor na-h-aird, Ballimore, Castleton

Trust's poll supports false claim

Sir,
We refer to the results of the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust (TSCT) exhibition in Skipness, quoted on March 3 in this newspaper.

At the exhibition, comments could be submitted regarding the trust's proposals. Comment slips could be placed in a box or taken away and posted to the secretary. Not advertised, it was not run as a ballot. No restriction was imposed on who could submit comments. It was a random, undefined sample yet treated as if it were a ballot of Skipness.

The TSCT figures are said to show decisive support for TSCT social housing facilitation. But most support came from outside the village. This only confirms that Skipness is a nice place to live. About Skipness itself we are misled. There was a failure to count negative comments from within the village before figures were published - extraordinary but true. Even disre-

garding this error, dodgy figures have been used to support a false claim.

This is bad practice and no mandate for TSCT intrusion in Skipness. Opposing views are finely balanced and strongly held. The trust would do better to stop fanning controversy and do something solid in Tarbert. **George Young, Chairman of the Skipness Conservation Society, Lantern Cottage, Skipness.**

Run to raise funds for leukaemia

Sir,
The Edinburgh Marathon is fast approaching and some people may not yet have secured a place! Others who have a place may not have decided on the charity they will support through their efforts.

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tients and their families to discuss their feelings, concerns and emotions at such a difficult time.

In addition, we have teams of volunteers who provide local support to patients.

Leukaemia CARE has a number of places available in the Edinburgh Marathon, which takes place on Sunday June 11.

I would like to make an appeal to anyone who would like to take part in the Edinburgh Marathon for us to get in touch.

We provide all our runners with lots of support, including nutritional advice, training schedules, a training tee-shirt and a running vest for the day!

Get full details on how to get a place with us by phoning our fundraising team on 0870 774 4266 or by visiting the Edinburgh Marathon page at:

www.run4leukaemia.org.uk
Elsbeth Brewis, regional co-ordinator in Scotland, Leukaemia CARE

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Perilous whisky distilled at Bruichladdich



Master Distiller Jim McEwan noses Bruichladdich's 'perilous whisky'

THE ANCIENT art of quadruple distilling malt whisky has been revived by an Islay distillery.

Usquebaugh-baul or perilous whisky has been distilled at Bruichladdich on Islay, replicating a similar whisky recorded more than 300 years ago by legendary traveller Martin Martin.

He wrote in a whisky tasting note: '...the first taste affects all members of the body: two spoonfuls of this last liquor is a sufficient dose and if any man should exceed this, it would presently stop his breath and endanger his life.'

In 1695 the spirit would have been drunk straight from the still and there are two theories as to why it would have been quad-

ruple distilled. The first is that the more it is distilled, the purer the alcohol becomes and the alcohol was used to extract active ingredients from plants for medicinal use. The purer the alcohol the better the extraction.

Blindness

The second is that distilling three or four times reduced the risk of an impure spirit, the drinking of which could lead to blindness - hence the saying blind drunk.

Last week's quadruple distilled spirit at Bruichladdich was overseen by Master Distiller Jim McEwan, whose tasting note on the new spirit read: 'It must be very similar to the whisky tasted by Martin all those years ago. On entry the

flavour is cool, fizzy, citrus - lemon and honey, then the taste of soft gooseberry and pear syrup evolve as it glides across the palette, with cereal and toasted muffins in the slipstream.

'There is no evidence of the power at this stage because the viscosity is almost like glycerine, however, as it engages the taste receptors at the back of the tongue, it really hits the booster button and an amazing heat floods deep into the chest.'

92 per cent

The spirit first 'ran' from the stills at 92 per cent and will make an average of about 89-90 per cent ABV (alcohol by volume).

Fifty-four American oak

casks have been filled with the spirit for maturation and it will lose strength as it ages but when it is judged ready to drink by Mr McEwan it will be bottled on Islay at the strength deemed appropriate at the time.

With such a high alcohol content, this whisky could be matured into its 70th year.

Bruichladdich Distillery was bought in December 2000 by wine merchant and Bruichladdich fan Mark Reynier, together with a group of private investors.

After renovations it started producing whisky again in May 2001, which is bottled on Islay at the island's only bottling hall, and the distillery has won a number of awards since.

New brand for new energy

A NEW brand to represent the renewable energy sector in the Highlands and Islands has been launched.

HI-energy has been designed for all those involved in the renewable energy sector, from local authorities to community energy forums to industry.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise is behind the branding which was designed by Tayburn in conjunction with branding consultant Jean Ramsay Smith.

She said: 'The development of the renewable sector offers significant opportunities to build on the region's extensive natural

resources. By co-ordinating our marketing and communication messages and speaking with a single voice, we have the potential to create a much bigger impact within a competitive market place and we can make sure that the area is recognised and understood as a dynamic region determined to be at

the forefront of the UK renewable energy sector.'

Individual companies and organisations or community groups in the Highlands and Islands will be able to use the brand free, a copy of which can be obtained by contacting Anna Allan on renewables@hient.co.uk or 01463 244350.

Jobs to go at HIE

THE HIGHLANDS and Islands Enterprise (HIE) network is merging three local enterprise companies (LEC) into two to improve its service to customers and the agency's efficiency and effectiveness.

The changes have been expected since HIE launched its new strategy for the area, A Smart, Successful Highlands and Islands, in June last year.

It is the most significant review of the network's structures since the organisation was established 15 years ago.

Reduction

The most visible change will be a reduction in the number of HIE's local enterprise companies (LECs) from 10 to nine.

One new LEC will serve the area currently covered by Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey Enterprise (INBSE), plus Easter Ross and the Black Isle.

The second will serve the area currently covered by Skye and Lochalsh Enterprise (SALE) and include Wester Ross.

The present Ross and Cromarty Enterprise (RACE) office in Invergordon will remain, under a new name, as part of the merged LEC arrangements.

Careers Scotland localities in these areas will also merge, in line with LEC

boundaries. The boundaries of the seven other LECs and localities will remain unchanged. However, all LECs will be renamed under unified branding, similar to that introduced by HIE Moray last year.

Around 25 new posts will be created but, overall, the network's staffing level is set to decrease.

Voluntary severance

Over the next two years, HIE plans to reduce staffing to around 515 full-time equivalent posts from 555 through staff turnover but voluntary severance may be considered in some cases.

As many as possible of the 25 new posts will be based outwith Inverness, with an overall increase in the number of staff based in the islands.

Careers Scotland (CS) services in the Highlands and Islands will become more closely integrated with the HIE network.

Detailed financial plans for the organisational changes are being developed. The current estimate is of a one-off investment of between £2-3million.

It is estimated that changes will result in annual savings of £1.3million in running costs.

HIE chairman William Roe said: 'In our strategy we set out an ambitious agenda. It focuses not only

on consolidating the upturn large parts of our area have experienced in recent years, but also on striving to ensure that over the next 20 years businesses, people and places throughout the Highlands and Islands gain sustainable benefit from the economic, political, and environmental changes sweeping the world in the early years of 21st Century.'

Chief Executive Sandy Cumming said: 'We carried out extensive consultation before embarking on this process of significant change and we do so confident in the knowledge that we have widespread support from our stakeholders both within and outwith the HIE network.'

'At the heart of what we are doing is a desire to truly unify the operations of the network, to ensure that we are equally effective in every area in which we operate and that we offer the same excellent level of service to every customer, wherever they may be.'

'Our commitment to dispersing jobs and increasing the number of network posts based in the islands is the clearest possible statement of intent we can make that while we work towards unification, we are not about centralisation.'

Re-organisation lacks purpose and bite, says Highland MSP

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP Jim Mather has criticised the proposed re-organisation of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), saying it lacks an objective people can understand.

The Shadow Enterprise Minister said: 'While I share HIE's desire for increased effectiveness and I welcome any refocusing of resources and any decentralisation of jobs, I am also aware that such reorganisations rarely de-

liver any significant improvement.'

He said he wanted to see increased economic development and a resultant increase in the number of people living and working in the Highlands and Islands but did not believe the Smart Successful Scotland initiative would deliver that objective.

'Indeed, this reorganisation lacks a quantified objective that people can understand and jointly work towards. That is simply

not good enough,' he said.

'We must expect our economic development agency to adopt the strategies and tactics that have worked elsewhere: especially when Scotland lacks genuine economic powers.'

'That means we should not be satisfied until HIE sets meaningful targets, gets the buy in of all local stakeholders and ensures that steps are taken to level the economic playing field in favour of the Highlands and islands,' he said.

Loch Fyne now largest seafood group

LOCH FYNE Restaurants is now the largest seafood restaurant group in the UK, with 24 units inspired by the original Loch Fyne Oyster restaurant near Cairndow.

The group has now been presented with the Enterprise Investment Scheme Association's award for Best EIS Exit of 2005

after a cash offer for the company of £22 million was completed in December 2005, giving EIS investors a significant return on their investment.

The original Loch Fyne Oyster restaurant is a founder member of the Argyll Seafood Trail.

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This week we take a trip ...

Tarbert youths to get a place of their very own in new village hall



FUNDRAISING for the refurbishment of Tarbert Village Hall is well underway, with the community eagerly anticipating the result of a lottery application at the end of this month.

The committee has applied to the lottery for £300,000 towards the cost of the refurbishment, which includes tearing down the old cottage at the hall and building an extension for

the youth group. Janey Milne, fundraiser for the hall committee, said: 'That's going to be their very own. For the first time in Tarbert the kids are going to have somewhere to call their own.'

The total cost for the village hall project is £650,000 and if the lottery grant is successful this should attract more grants. The committee has to raise

£35,000 towards the cost through fundraising and already £15,000 has been raised.

The next big fundraiser takes place in July, when a three-day art exhibition will take place in the village.

Janey said: 'We wrote to the more famous artists in Kintyre and Mid Argyll and asked if they would donate paintings. All of the children in the school are go-

ing to do paintings for us.'

On Friday July 7 the children's paintings will be auctioned off and the following Saturday afternoon the artists' paintings will also be auctioned. So far the committee has had donations from about 15 artists, including Jolomo and Kathleen Russell. They are still hoping to receive more promises of pictures before the event.

Sad news as club comes to an end

THERE was sad news for the village this week when it was announced that Tarbert Friendship Club will disband.

The club for the older folk in the village was formed in 1978 and met weekly in the Templar Hall (now arts and leisure centre) with monthly evening ceilidhs.

Initially there was a membership of 155, but over the years numbers have dwindled as members passed away or became housebound. Sadly the club has not attracted the younger senior citizens.

Millie Malia, club president, said: 'It is with regret that the club has decided to disband. The remaining funds are to be donated to the Tarbert Senior Citizens Dinner committee fund.'

'The committee would like to thank all the speakers and entertainers who have supported the club over the years and those who have donated money and helped in any other way.'

The friendship club has only had two presidents since its inception, the late Mrs Margaret Muir and the current president Mrs Millie Malia. Both did sterling work over the years.

Tarbert Toppers offer children and young people an introduction to sailing. Robert McPhail of TLFYC said: 'We must have introduced 150-200 children to sailing over the 20 years, which is pretty fantastic for a wee place.'

A SPECIAL regatta is being planned for Saturday June 10 to mark 20 years of Tarbert Toppers.

Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club (TLFYC) will be inviting other local clubs to the regatta which will be open to all dinghies.



Laurie Taylor, Richard Blair and Jean Johnson sell hundreds of steak pies at R Hyslop and Sons every week. a11hys01

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Yacht club extension

PLANS are in motion to establish Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club as a regional training centre.

Many of the club's young sailors are already in Scottish squads and it is hoped that TLFYC will become a RYA training base.

A planning application has been lodged to improve the clubhouse by extending the changing rooms, improving the toilets and creating a better storage facility.

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Who makes the best pies?

IRN BRU, Coca-Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken are all world-famous for having secret ingredients, but a business closer to home won't divulge what goes into its trademark steak pies.

Richard Blair, manager of R Hyslop and Son butchers in Tarbert, revealed that the

recipe has been around for decades, but only a handful of people know its exact ingredients. He said: 'The only people who know the recipe are environmental health - and I've sworn them to secrecy!'

'The recipe is at least 20 years old - that's when I got it from another butcher who

retired in his eighties after 60 years in the trade.'

Hyslop's pies are so well-renowned that they are eaten far and wide. Richard said: 'Seventy pies a week go to Campbeltown, and we also send them to Islay and Arran.'

'One pie was bought in Tarbert in the morning and was being eaten in Germany that night.'

Richard, who is assisted by Laurie Taylor and Jean Johnson, has been working at R Hyslop and Sons for 35 years.

Although the shop was bought over by Lena Ferguson around 15 years ago, she retained the name due to the reputation it carried in Argyll and beyond.

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Down Your Way in Tarbert

New trustee elected to Tarbert Harbour Board

Shock result as current chairman is not re-elected

TARBERT Harbour Board's annual election for trustees took place on Tuesday, with only one new trustee appointed to the board.

In a shock result Ian Macintyre, the current Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Board, was not re-elected.

Mr Macintyre has served on the harbour board for 24 years and was hoping to make it 25 before handing over to the new administration when the Harbour Revision Order is put in place.

Mr Macintyre said: 'I am disappointed but happy to have served for the number

of years that I have and wish the trustees well for the future development of the harbour.'

Mr Macintyre lost his position after three nominees stood for the two 'Traders Representatives' positions. The nominees were Mr Macintyre; Alan MacDonald, current vice chairman of the harbour board; and Ann Thomas.

Mr MacDonald was re-elected with 102 votes, Mrs Thomas won 87 votes and Mr Macintyre received 81 votes.

Newly elected trustee Ann Thomas said: 'I'm really looking forward to doing

the best I can. I am a yachting person, I have been sailing for many years and I am very much aware of the needs from the leisure craft. I want to do my very best for that because I think that is the way forward for Tarbert in these days.'

The new positions will be taken up on the first meeting of the harbour board that takes place after March 31.

The fishermen's trustees are Colin Clark and Kenny MacNab and shipping trustees are Captain Hector Thomson and Peter J Korbel, Marine Shipping Consultant.



Current chairman Ian Macintyre, new trustee Ann Thomas and current vice chairman Alan MacDonald. a11har01

Kintyre Way will bring extra visitors to Tarbert

IT IS appropriate that the Kintyre Way, which begins at Tarbert Castle, should be launched this year, as it coincides with the 700th anniversary of the coronation of Robert the Bruce.

The great Scottish King was responsible for building part of the castle and the new long distance walk is sure to attract extra visitors to Tarbert and Kintyre as a whole.

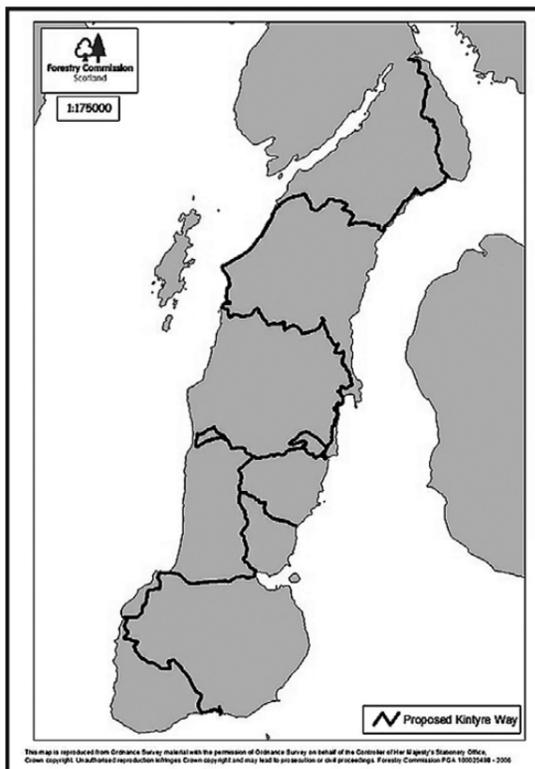
Uniquely for any national long distance walk, the route followed by The Kintyre Way links the majority of communities on the peninsula.

This provides a rare opportunity for visitors to explore some of the area's hidden gems - the sands at Skipness, Sadell Abbey and the fishing villages of Caradale and of course Tarbert.

Each village and community has its own personality and its own speciality and it is this unique sense of place that the organisers believe make this long distance walk special.

The launch of the Kintyre Way on June 10 is an ideal opportunity to celebrate all that Kintyre has to offer both to the people who work and live on it, and to visitors, many of whom will be visiting the peninsula for the first time.

An annual Walking Festival is planned, the first of which will take place the weekend of June 10 and it is to be hoped that as many people as possible will participate in this culinary extravaganza - an opportunity to eat, enjoy, then walk it all off!



The Kintyre Way, which starts at Tarbert and stretches all the way down to Southend.

'Disgrace to community'



THERE is one area that local man Robert McPhail feels is letting down the beautiful village of Tarbert.

Mr McPhail wrote to us to say: 'Tarbert is a conservation area the control of which is in the hands of Argyll and Bute Council.

'One building constructed, looked after and partly occupied by Argyll and Bute in the main ap-

proach to the harbour area is a disgrace to the community.

'Running with green staining, poor decoration and sections of roughcast ready to fall and injure a passer by, it looks like something from an abandoned inner city area. I

have over several years written to councillors, council officers and the community council. Nothing more than hand wringing has emerged and I feel that with another summer of visitors approaching I must put my concerns in the public domain.'

Keeping Tarbert trim

SINCE Slimming World arrived in Tarbert on March 2 2005, the group's 47 local members have lost a total of 125 stone in weight.

The group meets on a Monday night in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre. Foods on the Slimming World eating plan will soon be available in the fishermen's Co-op.

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Mid Argyll Music Festival

THE 27th Mid Argyll Music Festival begins tomorrow (Saturday March 18), with a record number of entrants competing throughout the week.

Tomorrow will see two sessions dedicated entirely to piping and chanter classes, a section of the festival that has grown in recent years. Performers are travelling from as far afield as Cowal and Kintyre, as well as from Mid

Argyll itself, to the contest in Lochgilphead Primary School. Amongst the teams competing for the first time is the strong contingent from Hermitage Academy. Adjudicator for the piping and chanter classes is James MacLean, whose distin-

guished career in piping has led him to his current position on the staff at the College of Piping in Glasgow.

The festival moves to Ardrishaig on Monday, with competitions running until Friday in the Public Hall and North Church Hall. The

Scottish Country Dancing will take place in Inveraray Primary School on Tuesday at 5pm.

There are several new faces amongst this year's adjudicators, including Silvie Taylor in the speech competitions, Sue Porter in

dance and Ann Lampard in the vocal and choral sections. Nigel Boddice and Donald Finlayson will adjudicate the instrumental and band competitions on the final day of the competition, Saturday March 25. Margaret Venables returns

to Mid Argyll after an absence of five years and she will adjudicate piano, vocal, choral and string classes.

Organisers are looking forward to a fun but hotly-contested competition, one of the highlights of which is likely to be the 'Songs

From The Shows' on Wednesday.

The ever-popular bands competition will close the festival on Saturday evening in Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Admission to each session is £1 for adults, 50p for children, with the exception of the bands competitions, tickets for which cost £5 and £2. Tickets are available from festival venues throughout the week.

The 27th Mid Argyll Music Festival begins in Lochgilphead tomorrow

Down on the farm in Campbeltown with The Singing Kettle



The Singing Kettle bring their *Old MacDonald's Farm* show to Campbeltown next month.

JOIN the Singing Kettle's Cilla, Artie, Gary and Kevin for their brand new show *Old MacDonald's Farm*. This fantastic show for all the family will have you singing 'til the cows come home!

See milkmaid Cilla, cowherd Artie, scarecrow Gary and dotty farmer Kevin as the 'hard working' farm hands. It's going to be fun, fun, fun all the way!

Old MacDonald's Farm is a hilarious, all action, sing-along show guaranteed to have you rocking in your seats with its magical mix of songs like *Two Farmers Went a Walking*, *Three Crows*, *Music Man* and, of course, *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*.

There's audience participation all the way and even a chance for some of the audience to join in on stage.

Come dressed as your favourite animals then moo, quack, woof and baa along with The Singing Kettle - or you could even dress as a farmer!

Bonzo the Dog will be trying to round up some sheep and there will be the strangest farmyard animals you've ever seen! If Cilla, Artie, Gary and Kevin work

hard enough for old farmer MacDonald, they will dance the night away at the barn dance hoe down - and there may be a special surprise for them!

Don't miss *Old MacDonald's Farm* when it arrives at Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on Thursday April 20. For more information, visit www.singingkettle.com.

We have two family tickets to give away for The Singing Kettle's show at Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on April 20. Two lucky winners will each receive a family ticket for the show, a DVD and a Singing Kettle funpack, and one runner-up will receive a DVD and funpack. To enter the competition, simply answer the following question: **What is the name of The Singing Kettle's 2006 show?** Send your answers to Singing Kettle Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE. The closing date for entries is Friday March 31.

A delightful evening of chamber music

SIXTY-FIVE chamber music lovers braved the wild weather last Saturday evening to support the Moor Trio's concert in the Ardrishaig Hall, and they were well rewarded with a generous programme and a richly satisfying performance by three outstanding young musicians.

The Moor Trio - made up of Peter Cigleris (clarinet), Jennie-Helen Moston (piano) and Swiss-born Antero Manocchi (cello) are now resident in London and have been playing together for some time, and this was evident from their intuitive ensemble playing, as they communicated closely with one another through the music all the time.

The six-item programme was cleverly devised, with a major Trio opening and closing the concert, and two solo pieces for clarinet and cello respectively sandwiched between, with the piano playing throughout.

From the confident first few bars of Beethoven's *Trio in B flat major*, it was evident that here were three superlative chamber musicians, and the three contrasting movements were a delight.

Peter was first soloist with a beautiful rendering of Arnold Bax's *Sonata in D major* - the clarinet spoke eloquently and passionately in this fascinating work. To take us to the interval, we then had 12 minutes of clarinet pyrotechnics in Luigi Bassi's pot pourri of themes from Verdi's *Rigoletto* - great fun and very taxing for both clarinet and piano.

After the break, it was the turn of the cello to enchant and Beethoven's well-known variations from *The Magic Flute* did just that. Antero's rich singing cello tone and the equally responsive piano playing did this enchanting work full justice. During the concert, the items to be played were

well introduced and Jennie's short talk on Schumann's love for his wife, Clara, and its influence on the piece to come - the three *Fantasiestücke* - was timely and fascinating. There followed a very moving performance of these three richly romantic pieces, which left one temporarily emotionally drained.

The fitting finale was the Brahms *Clarinet Trio in A minor*, bringing out the very best in the group, in an eloquent performance which gave great pleasure not only to the audience but clearly to the three musicians themselves.

So ended a really memorable concert. What mattered if at times the wind howled audibly outside and the roof beams groaned in the hall - we had been in the presence of a fine chamber group in the Moor Trio and two hours had been spent most pleasurably. **JH**

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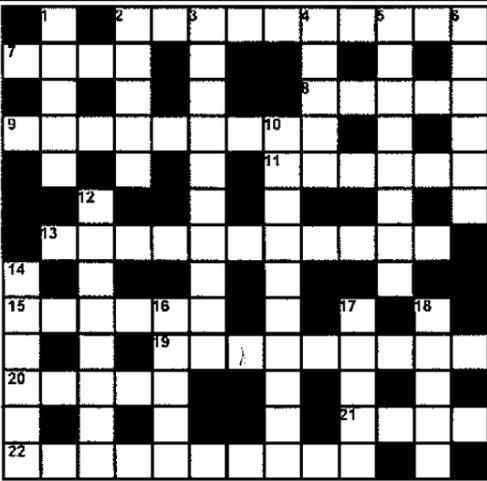
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- 2 First silent strangers struggle to cross the line (10)
- 7 Straight route, not round, to get there (4)
- 8 One performs song, say, for final touches (5)
- 9 Nine once caught out - lack of knowledge (9)
- 11 Type of printing not available to group (6)
- 13 Took in a chap - turned out to be Peter's foe (7,4)
- 15 Charge for not moving (6)
- 19 Hear poems written in sign language (9)
- 20 Great stories of the spice trade (5)
- 21 Prevent use of weapon (4)
- 22 Sceptres I'd broken, showing discourtesy (10)

DOWN

- 1 Hurry in fast car - barely speak (5)
- 2 Singer's note heard (5)
- 3 Loyalty, for example, in union (10)
- 4 Initially, great fire caused distress (5)
- 5 What came out of English expedition (8)
- 6 Views expressed, regrets, tense inside (6)
- 10 Vic and Ann once organised collusion (10)
- 12 Over-keen supporters - I act firmly to intervene (8)
- 14 Go upstairs for formal dances (6)
- 16 Magazine for children (5)
- 17 The handle is mine (5)
- 18 Key transport for the weak elderly (5)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Corgi 4.Coven 8.All 9.Crave 11.Audit
12.Ram 13.Meant 14.Problem 16.Campanologist
21.Menaces 24.Young 25.Ham 26.Miami 27.Pleat 29.Rub
30.Sheep 31.Chute
DOWN: 2.Oar 3.Inertia 4.Championships 5.Video 6.Natal
7.Bloom 9.Comic 10.Alarm 15.Big 17.Pea 18.Olympic
19.Inure 20.Tight 21.Marry 22.Numbs 23.Crate 28.Ant

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Simple: Pure, Basic, Crude, Simple, Plain, Naive, Homely, Clear, Obvious, Easy, Spartan, Artless, Rustic, Ordinary, Folksy, Naked, Green, Elegant, Explicit, Candid

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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 20 Maestro: 24+

Top guitarist plays close to home

A NATIONALLY-renowned Mid Argyll guitarist played a show close to home last week, when he performed at Ford Village Hall.

Andrew Robinson, who recently completed a post graduate diploma in performance after graduating with a first class honours degree from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), performed at the hall to help raise funds for Ford Community Project.

He has reached the final of many international guitar competitions and has won both the Orphee and Chenterelle guitar prizes. He also received the Dundee Guitar Festival Scholarship, the Musician's Benevolent Fund, the Charles and Barbara Tyre Trust and the Robertson Scholarship Trust.

Andrew's recent successes have included winning the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union trophy in the final of the Edinburgh Festival and being named runner-up in the Ivor Mairants Guitar Award in London.

The highlights of Andrew's performing career include touring with Scottish Ballet's production of *Carmen*, and playing with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra's performance of Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. He has also played with The Rein Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany and the Friends of the Edinburgh Festival Orchestra, and has recently returned from a tour of Belgium, Switzerland and Italy playing the concerto with the European Vacations Chamber Orchestra.

In the past year, Andrew has performed at the Dundee Guitar Festival, the Irish Guitar Festival and the Jacinto and Guerrero Foundation in Madrid. He also performed with the Hebrides Ensemble in May for the premiere of Kay Mackenzie's *The Bayous of Louisiana* as part of the Academy Now series at the RSAMD. He also recently performed as a soloist at the RSAMD's Friday lunch-time concert series in celebration of Mozart's 250th birthday.

Andrew's concert at Ford Village Hall showcased his classical guitar skills, raising funds for Ford Community project in the process. For more information on the project, call 01546 810279.



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Dalriada club welcomes Deirdre Adamson

THE DALRIADA Accordion and Fiddle Club welcomes piano accordion star Deirdre Adamson back to the Argyll Hotel on Tuesday, a performer who has graced the club scene for many years despite her young age. Few players

have done more for the Scottish accordion scene than Deirdre, with her numerous CDs and her regular appearances at clubs throughout the country. Added to this, her family's publishing business, Deeday Music, is a major source of new Scottish traditional music and composer musicians owe a debt of gratitude for this splendid service over the years.

Many prestigious names have joined with Deirdre on her CDs, notable amongst them being Ian Muir, head of Scottish accordion music at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Deirdre is undoubtedly at the very top of accordion virtuosi and always enchants her audience with a wide variety of lively set of Scottish and continental music. Her relaxed and entertaining manner never fails to engage the audience.

This is an eagerly-awaited visit and the club hopes for good weather and a full house on the night to welcome this star of Scottish accordion playing.

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PEUGEOT STRENGTHENS 407 SALOON AND SW LINE-UP WITH V6 HDi AND NEW FOUR-MODEL RANGE



- Enhanced equipment levels ensure 407 remains best value in medium sector
- New four-model line-up includes the introduction of the V6 HDi Diesel engine
- Introduction of new 407 Sport model

Peugeot has revised its 407 Saloon and SW range with a four-model line-up, available for May delivery. A new 'Sport' model introduces a compelling specification, while the impressive 2.7-litre twin-turbo HDi Diesel, first seen in the 407 Coupé, is available in the distinctive range-topping 'Executive' model.

The four optimised trim levels now combine a progressively increasing level of desirable features, and are identified by their comprehensive model specification designations; S, SE, Sport and Executive. The S model introduces all the range-

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The 407 redefines the standard for range-wide safety equipment in the medium sector, featuring a comprehensive safety specification with the standard fitment on all models of ESP (an Electronic Stability Programme) and seven airbags, recognised by the awarding of a maximum 5-star Euro NCAP rating.

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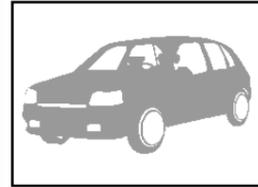


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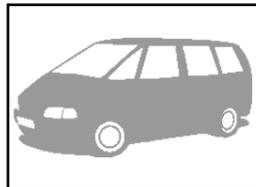


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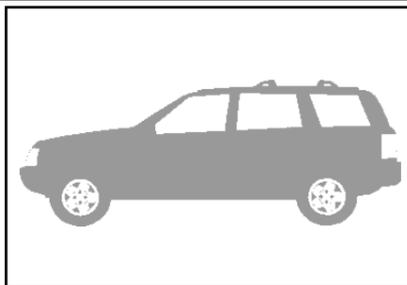
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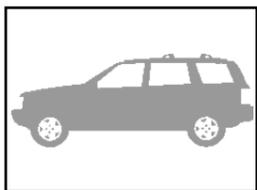


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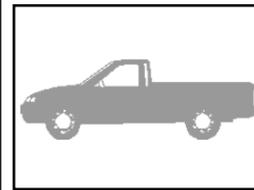
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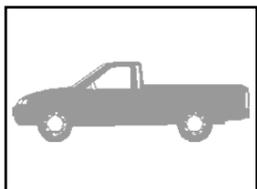


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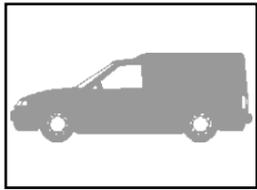


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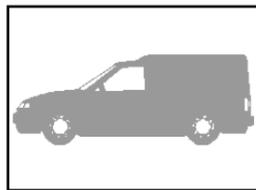


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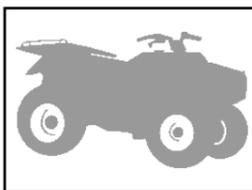
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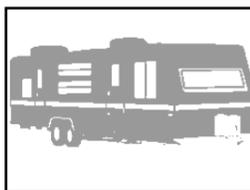
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**COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949
APPLICATION FOR SINGLE
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Notice is hereby given that Mr Smart has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under Section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by the Section 36 of The Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out Single Mooring at the above location in the positions:

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Mooring	56 05.52 N	05 33.41 W

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Crinan Boatyard Chandlery, Crinan, Argyll, PA31 8SW.

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/2/4/45.

Mr Smart
Crinan Boatyard Limited
Crinan
Argyll, PA31 8SW

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of Schools**

Any Organisation wishing to apply for a Sessional Let for a school within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area for April 2006 - March 2007 should submit their application to the appropriate address by 18th April 2006.

Let Applications, Criteria, Charges and further information are available from offices Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Mid Argyll

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Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, Manse Brae,
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Tel : 01546 604750, verona.reid@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Kintyre

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Kintyre Community Education Centre, Stewart Road,
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Tel: 01586 552732, michelle.savory@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Tarbert

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**NOTICE OF CLOSURE
A83 ARDRISHAIG BRIDGE**

Further to our earlier notices we wish to advise all users that the bridge will be closed to all traffic from 2200 to 0600 hours on the following dates:
**Friday/Saturday night 10/11 March
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday night 22/23/24 March**

Light vehicles (under 5 tonnes GVW) will be diverted via a signed alternative route.

All other vehicles will be held on either side of the bridge until the bridge re-opens at 0600 hours.

During the first listed closure we shall endeavour to allow standing vehicles to cross over the bridge if an opportunity occurs, but only if there are no health and safety risks to our work force.

During the second listed closure of three nights the bridge will be **completely closed** to all traffic. This is to allow the bridge deck surface to be replaced.

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**TOWN AND
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PLAN) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996**

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned.

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

Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

● Ref No: 06/00224/OUT
Applicant: Fyne Homes Limited
Proposal: Erection of 40 dwelling houses and new access roads - Policies Contravened POL H06A and H08A of the Kintyre Local Plan 1988
Site Address: Land Adjacent To Football Ground, Oakhill And Easfield Tarbert Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)

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

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

**(ROUTE B8025 CRINAN MOSS-KEILLS ROAD,
ISLAND ADD BRIDGE) (3 TONNES MGW)
(WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2006**

On Monday 13th March 2006, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which comes into operation on 1st May 2006, restricts a section of the B8025 as carried by Island Add Bridge to vehicles having a maximum gross weight of 3 tonnes.

A copy of the Order and plan relative thereto are available for inspection during normal working hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices;

- (i) Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 17th March 2006, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD

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Annual
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Sunday 19 March
at 8 p.m.
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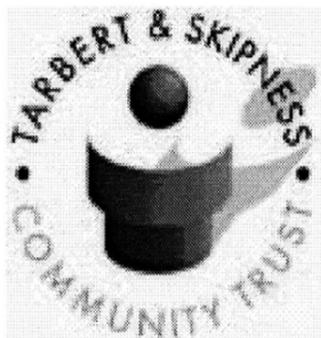
EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUST

Groups wishing to apply for funds from the above Trust, should contact the Secretary for advice, details and application forms.

Grants may be available for Capital or Revenue Funding for projects, groups, halls, charities, churches, etc., within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport in the north to Peninver in the south.

The closing date for completed applications for this year's final disbursement will be 31st March 2006.

Secretary; Geoffrey Page, Benbecula, Waterfoot, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QX.
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TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST (TSCT)

Householders in Tarbert, Skipness and the surrounding area can expect soon to receive a colourful leaflet telling them about the aims of TSCT together with an application form and reply-paid envelope to make joining TSCT easy. Why join the Community Trust? Here are some of the items on the current programme -

- **Help to Save Tarbert Castle.** On behalf of the community, TSCT owns the Castle. Already it has in hand the clearing of the rubbish and undergrowth which covers most of the oldest remains. And already it has taken advice on the best and safest way to maintain and restore the fragile Tower and is preparing for action.
- **Join with others to get results.** TSCT is proud to be associated with the excellent showcase CD of local talent *Dooker Soup*; and with the Tarbert Conservation Initiative which will send out "hit teams" of volunteers to target blighted areas in need of a clean-up, such as Tarbert Castle grounds.
- **Put up ideas and set up consultation with local people, about future direction.** At Skipness, following an exhibition setting out what TSCT can do, a feasibility study is planned, with community meetings to inform the thinking and help residents to choose its future direction.
- **Promote the area through its leaflets (thanks to Awards for All) and its proposed website.** The colour photography of Tarbert and Skipness on TSCT's leaflets shows the area's rich assets, and this will be echoed in the locally-designed website. It will also open up communication all year round between you and TSCT's managing Board.

The more people join the more effective TSCT can be. Put up ideas of your own or join in with the current programme. So send in your no-cost envelopes when you get them (the one-off joining fee is only £1) and get involved with your Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust - TSCT.

For further info, contact moyralogan@care4free.net or tel 01880 760 266.

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WEDNESDAY
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Thursday 23 March
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**COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949
APPLICATION FOR TWO MOORINGS
AT ISLE OF GIGHA**

Notice is hereby given that Mr D. Dennis has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under Section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by the Section 36 of The Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out Two Moorings at the above location in the positions:

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Mooring 1	55 39.38 N	05 44.69 W
Mooring 2	55 40.44 N	05 44.04 W

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at the Library in Campbeltown.

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Mr Dennis
Achamore House
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Two years of working with young people in challenging situations is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate some understanding of restorative practices. A relevant qualification is desirable.

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Please Note: A valid drivers licence is essential. Applicants must have a full driving licence and access to a car satisfying the appropriate insurance requirements.

An Enhanced Disclosure Scotland check is required for this post.
Closing date: Friday 31st March 2006
Interviews will be held on Monday 10th April 2006

SACRO values diversity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community

For an application pack please contact: Sacro Highland Youth Justice Service, Ballantyne House, 84 Academy Street, Inverness IV1 1LU.
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Informal enquiries to Cheryl Allan, tel (01855) 831708.
Ref: L/35/06

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Informal enquiries to Mike Leary, tel (01397) 709015.
Ref: L/34/06

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Informal enquiries to Dorothy Maxwell, tel (01463) 702280.
Ref: L/25/06

Application packs are available from our website or by telephoning, quoting relevant reference:

Ref: L/35/06 - tel (01349) 868640 (24 hours)

Ref: L/34/06 - tel (01397) 709000 or email lochaber.tecsadmin@highland.gov.uk

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Closing date: 31 March 2006

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Based on a 40 hour week, hours will be flexible with some weekend working required.
Starting salary from £13,500 plus benefits.

Closing date 31st March 2006.

If you are interested in any of the above posts, please apply in writing enclosing your CV to Anne Stewart,
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If you would like to be considered for this position, please apply in writing with cv and covering letter to: Lynne Dunlop, Scot Trout Farming Ltd., C/O Kames Fish Farming L.t.d., Killmelford, By Oban, Argyll, PA34 4XA
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Initial applications in the form of a CV (maximum 2 pages A4) and one page covering letter should be sent by Friday March 31st 2006 to:

Rosemary Fife-Jackson, Argyll College, Lochgilphead Learning Centre, Oban Road, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA37 1PZ.
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If you are interested in applying for this vacancy please submit an application in writing with details of relevant experience, by the closing date of Friday 31st March 2006 to: Vicky Ferguson, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.

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'John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: "Look, the Lamb of God"' (John 1:29)

BIRTHS

STEWART - Willie and Melissa (née Jones) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Rhianna Lauryn, on March 7, 2006. Special thanks to the midwifery teams both at the Royal Alexandra and the Mid Argyll Hospitals.

ENGAGEMENTS

RUTHERFORD MACPHERSON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Julie, eldest daughter of Macky and Johanna to Grant, youngest son of Robert and Fiona.

MARRIAGES

HAMBLY - ANDERSON - At Olowalu Plantation, Maui on February 23, 2006, Shannon Diane, younger daughter of Nancy and Milton Hambly, Vancouver, B.C. to Robert (Bobby) Anderson, son of Catherine and Robert Anderson, White Rock, B.C. and grandson of the late Jemima MacIntyre, Meadowpark and Margaret and Bobby Anderson, Albany Avenue, Campbeltown.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

CRAWFORD - DAWSON - At Tarbert Parish Church on March 14, 1956 by the late Rev A.R. Manson, Alex to Betty, 3 Eastfield, Tarbert.

DEATHS

MACDONALD - On March 11, 2006, peacefully at Duncuan Unit, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, Jean Johnson MacDonald, in her 68th year, beloved daughter of Mary and the late James MacDonald, much loved sister of Margaret, dear sister in law of John and loved aunt of Alison and Elaine. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church, on March 15, 2006, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

McMILLAN - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on March 10, 2006, Frances Margaret, in her 62nd year, of 12 Peddie Bank, Lochgilphead, beloved mother of Doreen, Diane, Lynne, Andrew and the late Argyll, loving Gran of Marco and Marissa. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Wednesday March 15, 2006, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

McMILLAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 14, 2006, John McMillan, in his 84th year,

Cardell, Stronvaar Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jeannie McPherson, loving father of Marjorie and a much loved father-in-law, grandfather and brother. Service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday March 17, 2006 at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiring collection will be held in the Church in aid of Cancer Research.

OMAN - Peacefully, after a long illness, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on March 7, 2006, Colin Donald Oman, in his 79th year, Wellwood, Airds, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Margaret MacKenzie, much loved father of Leslie, Finlay and Garry, loving grampa of Christina, Rosslyn, Lucy, Karena, Colin, Robbie and Ruairidh and father-in-law of Kate, Karen and Janice.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully after a long illness borne with great dignity, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 14, 2006, Susan Robertson nee Hillcoat, aged 51 years, of Teagarach, Silvercraigs, by Lochgilphead. Much loved wife of Brian and loving mother of Emma. Cherished daughter of Jean and the late Willie. A dear friend, colleague and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Wednesday March 22, at 1pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. No Flowers please. Donations to ARMS Centre, Lochgilphead.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BARBOUR - The family of the late Archie Barbour would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind support and expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Special thanks to the staff at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown Hospital, Alison, Jen, Julia, B.N.A. ladies and Southend Surgery. Thanks also to Rev Martin Forrest for his kindness and support, Muneroy Tearoom and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services.

KERR - The family of the late John Kerr would like to express sincere thanks to the staff of Kintyre Care Home for their caring and attentive service shown to our father while in their care, also Dr J Leask for his attention and care. Thanks also to Rev P Burroughs and his organist for a thoughtful and comforting service. We also thank Mr K Blair and his staff for excellent professional service and support, thanks also to Jennifer and staff of the Argyll Hotel for catering services and finally to everyone who came to give support to us at the Church and

graveside and for donations to the retiral collection, which raised £331. Thank you all.

MACLAREN - John and the family of the late Isabel MacLaren would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for kind support and expressions of sympathy and for cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all doctors and nursing staff, at home and hospital, for kind care and attention received, to Rev Brian Wilkinson for his wonderful support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for dignified and professional services, Scotch Heather Shop for outstanding floral tributes, Brambles of Inveraray for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the Beatson raised £800.

McINTYRE - Duncan and Maria would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and ex-colleagues of Campbeltown Hospital for their kind support, cards, letters and flowers, also thanking all the kind people of Campbeltown for expressions of sympathy on our sad loss of Scott. A very special thank you to Fiona and Robert for all their loving support and help, our granddaughters Siobhan and Tanya for all their loving hugs and bringing sunshine into our lives, also a special thank you to Tracy who brought lots of love and laughter into Scott's life, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kindness and professional services, Humanist John Kelsall of Dunoon for the lovely interment service at the graveside. Thanking Police, Paramedics and Coroner Officer Dave Norman of Northampton for his unfailing support to us and Nicola Dare for the beautiful Humanist Service at Milton Crematorium, Northampton.

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ROBERTSON - Leslie, Jimmy and Noreen would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for

their kind support and flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of their mother Margaret, on March 6, 2006. Special thanks to paramedics, police, Dr Lazarus and Agnes Stewart for her support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for his professional services, staff of Seaford Hotel for the catering and a final thank you to all who paid their last respects at Church and graveside.

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Monday 10.30 a.m.
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Wednesday@7
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Thursday
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Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
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 Ford 10 a.m.
David Logue
Thursday 23 March 2006
 Congregational Board
 7.30 p.m.
 Kirk Session 8.30 p.m.

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Sunday 19 March 2006
The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37)
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Annual General Meeting
 Cumlodden
Wednesday 22 March
 7.30 p.m.

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 19 March 2006
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Rev. Walter Smith
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Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday 20 March 2006
 The Guild Business Meeting
 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 21 March 2006
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 9.45 a.m.
 Kirk Session at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 23 March 2006
 Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.
Friday 24 March 2006
 Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

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Saturday 25 March
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 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 26 March
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 Speaker:
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 11.15 a.m.
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 Creche in Church (0-3 years)
 Junior Sunday School
 Kirk Street Hall
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 Church
Monday 20 March
 Crucial Kirk Session Meeting
 7 p.m.
 (re Presbytery Plan)
 Kirk Street Hall
Tuesday 21 March
 Badminton Club
 Kirk Street Hall
 6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
 7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
 Cost £1 (includes tuck)
Thursday 23 March
 7.10 p.m.
 Congregational Board, Hall
 7.30 p.m. Stated Annual Meeting, Hall
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Planning begins for Mid Argyll triathlon

Triathlon

WITH the Commonwealth Games now underway in Melbourne, Scotland has a realistic chance of a medal in the women's triathlon, with Kerry Lang and Catriona Morrison both in contention. Just missing out on selection for the Scottish team was Louisa Edmondson, winner of the women's race at last year's Mid Argyll Triathlon.

This year's event will take place on Sunday September 24. The committee is pleased to announce that McQueen's Brothers of Oban has once again agreed to be the main sponsor, for what will be the race's fifth year. The triathlon is firmly established on the Scottish Triathlon Association race calendar and local interest continue to build.

To meet local interest the committee, together with Mid Argyll Swimming Pool, Mid Argyll Cycle Club and the Mid Argyll Jogging Club, is pleased to announce that entry forms are now available from the swimming pool by calling 01546 606676 and online at www.swimmingpool.org.uk.

A new prize category of vintage male and female 60+ has been put in place for this year's event. A masters swim training session, open to everyone, is now on every Saturday morning at 9am. The Mid Argyll Jogscotland group meets in Lochgilphead every Thursday evening at 7.30pm at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, providing introductory and intermediate running training for all. The Mid Argyll Cycle Club will once again be running a monthly cycling time trial around the course, with the first trial planned for April.

The committee very much appreciates the continued key support and sponsorship from AOM Scaffolding, the Cop in Lochgilphead, Midton Acrylics, Crinan Cycles, Raynet, the Red Cross, British Waterways and the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. For more information on the Mid Argyll Triathlon, call Stephen Whiston on 01546 606424.

Weather takes its toll on badminton

Badminton

TO QUALIFY for the Scottish Primary Schools Championships in days gone by, it was necessary for Argyll's young badminton players to travel to Dumbarton to take part in the area qualifying competition.

This year, for the first time, the Argyll and Bute section of the Scottish School Badminton Association, which has for three years successfully organised the Argyll and Bute qualifiers for secondary aged pupils, decided to run a qualifying day for primary pupils. Such was the response from the schools that 12 pools for boys' singles and four pools for girls had to be organised in the singles competitions. Unfortunately Mother Nature intervened and the heavy snowfall prevented pupils from Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh travelling to Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Sunday March 12.

Players did manage to come from Dalintober,

Castlehill, Drumlemble, Glenbarr, Tarbert, Ardrishaig, Furnace and Lochgilphead's primary schools. Pools were quickly reformed and instead of the hoped-for 12 pools for the boys, there were only six. As only four girls turned up, there was only one pool. Each pool was managed by a Lochgilphead High School pupil who had willingly given up his or her day to help the young players.

Alan Lazarus of Dalintober Primary was the winner of the boys' singles, beating fellow pupils Lewis McFadyen in the final. The girls' final pitted Drumlemble pupils Lindsay Armour and Louise Mitchell against each other, Lindsay triumphing. She was also victorious in the girls' doubles, when she partnered Eilidh Campbell of Glenbarr to a win over Annie Neilson of Ardrishaig and Louise

Mitchell of Drumlemble.

The boys' doubles was won by Gregor McFadyen and Alan Lazarus, who beat Lewis McFadyen and Campbell McFadyen.

Although the day started disappointingly for so many players who were unable to compete, a great day's badminton was enjoyed by all who did arrive. Argyll and Bute Council vice convenor Donnie MacMillan braved the elements to present trophies and medals to winners and runners-up.

The finalists in the four competitions have qualified to take part in the National Primary Championships for Scottish schools, which takes place in Perth on Saturday April 2.

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More of Mid Argyll's young shinty stars

Shinty



The young shinty players from Lochgilphead (above) and Glenkilp are pictured after the qualifying matches for the national first shinty finals. The matches were held in Mid Argyll Sports Centre on February 26. a11shi01 / a11shi02





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Tarbert AFC 6

TARBERT travelled to Paisley on Saturday, returning home with another three points and an improved goal difference in their promotion push.

Before they scored the opening goal, the Islay Frigate Hotel-sponsored side created several clear-cut chances, but poor finishing let them down. Carlton almost took ad-

vantage of the slackness, a header narrowly clearing the Dookers' crossbar.

Tarbert, who have dropped only eight points from 48 available this season, finally took the lead in the 30th minute after Mike Connor won a free-kick. David Ronald's cross from wide on the right sailed over the opposing goalkeeper, much to his team-mates' delight!

The home side could have equalised when Tar-

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bert failed to clear their lines properly, but the resulting shot failed to test Allan Blair in the visitors' goal.

Tarbert were soon one goal and one player ahead, a Carlton midfielder sent off for a late tackle on Laing. The Tarbert sweeper had fortunately seen the tackle coming and avoided serious injury, the referee showing the of-

fender and straight red card.

Just before half-time, James Prentice finished clinically from 18 yards to give Tarbert a two goal cushion.

Tarbert were hungry for more and Prentice scored his second, playing a neat one-two with Ronald before thumping the ball into the net.

A fourth arrived when

Ian Johnson went on a run and fired an unstoppable shot into the corner in the 70th minute.

Substitute Nicky McDougall got in on the act when he headed Tarbert's fifth from close range after Guy had won a free-kick.

Carlton's goalkeeper pulled off a good save before Tarbert completed the scoring, and an impressive six-goal rout, with five minutes to play. Prentice

swung over another free-kick, Dougie Guy heading his second goal of the season.

Tomorrow (Saturday March 18) Tarbert travel to Glasgow on league duty to play Shawlands 'B' in SAFL Division Two.

Tarbert: Blair, Martin, Maxwell, Guy, Laing, Johnson, D MacDougall, A Johnstone, Ronald, Prentice, Connor. **Substitutes:** McDougall, MacKay, MacIver.

No Kilmory lottery draw winners

Lottery

THE NUMBERS drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday March 13 were 9, 11 and 14.

As there were no winning tickets, the jackpot for the draw on Monday March 20 will be £200.

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Russell retires as Ardrishaig shinty coach



Ardrishaig Junior Shinty Club players have thanked Russell Anderson for being their coach for the last six years by presenting him with a caman. Russell recently retired as coach and Robert Baxter has filled the role. a11rus01

Snow show at Lochgilphead Golf Club

Golf

NOT EVEN Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league competitors could play in the snowfall that greeted the first awake on Sunday March 12.

The organisers had one eye on the barometer when drawing up the fixture list and instead of the two final rounds being played over two weekends, the finals will be starting at 9am sharp on Saturday March 18, lunch splitting the two rounds. This should separate the men from the boys, as the second 18 will

require a lot of energy and concentration. Winners will stay on a high and losers can drown their sorrow, as the buffet and prizegiving follow the play in the clubhouse at 7pm.

Last Saturday, David and Ross Sinclair set out for the matchplay final and although David is an accomplished player and leads the winter league, not even he could stop the express train that is Ross Sinclair. As soon as he gets one hand on the trophy that has sat on his mantelpiece for the past three years,

all bets are off. David can be proud of his run but it's Ross who will be polishing the silverware for another year.

During the winter, the doubles and team trophies were contested and Iain MacInnes playing with Davy Wilson came closest to catching winners Tom Campbell and Eric Capocci. In the team event Andy Law, Eric Capocci and Tom Campbell finished on

99 points, one point shy of the winning trio of Davy Wilson, Keith Cowan and Alex MacAulay. Keith was the only player from outside the top 12 to see sight of silverware in any of the competitions.



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