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Chief Petty Officer Iain MacKenzie with his wife Sheila (left) and mother-in-law Jessie Stewart on his proud day. a11ian01NO

Strachur submariner receives MBE

A STRACHUR man has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Chief Petty Officer Iain MacKenzie collected his award at a special ceremony in Buckingham Palace at the end of last year.

Proud to have received such recognition, Mr MacKenzie journeyed to the presentation with his wife Sheila and mother-in-law Jessie Stewart.

He said: 'I was keen to share my big day with them.

'Despite the inclement weather the pride I felt of being awarded the MBE could not be dampened.

'It was not until I was walking the corridors of Buckingham Palace that it really hit me what an honor had been bestowed upon me.

'I am still at a loss as to why, but I do appreciate the efforts of an outstanding Commanding Officer Commander Jim Perks and an exceptional Divisional Officer Jason Clay.'

Mr MacKenzie's award was made for an unparalleled service to the submarine service spanning almost 40 years.

'The submarine service is everything to me – how could it not be, its been my life for nearly four decades.

'I look forward to giving something back to it in the form of the Submariners Association and the International Submariners Association; I am an active member of both,' he added.

Mr MacKenzie's boats have included Finwhale, Onslaught, Opossum and Odin, Trenchant, Splendid, Vengeance(Stbd) and Sceptre.

He currently works for Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland based at HMNB Clyde, Faslane.

Leaving the Royal Navy in April, Mr MacKenzie plans to spend plenty of time at his Strachur home with his wife Sheila and their three Yorkshire Terriers which, he jokes, 'take the lead in our lives'.

MAIN ROAD IS FALLING APART

'There's less road than there is potholes'

BY JENNIFER SUTHERLAND

POTHOLES, flooding and subsidence on the A83 are all issues Mid Argyll and Kintyre road users want tackled sooner rather than later.

The unanimous calls come just days after the Demand A82 Upgrade campaign was launched to press the government to invest £90million to improve the main artery road for Argyll.

Residents across the region have contacted *The Argyllshire Advertiser* to voice their disgust at the state of the road from Ardrishaig to Campbeltown.

The section of the A83 between Ardrishaig and Kennacraig, which is managed by Transerv, has come under fire from one Ardrishaig resident, who asked not to be named.

He said: 'I drive twice a week to Campbeltown to visit a relative and the state of that road is just unbelievable.

'Once you get out of Tarbert the road surface is really awful, especially at Kennacraig.

'I was driving down at the weekend and I was actually thrown into a rut but at the end of the day it is the only road in and out of Kintyre so there's no other alternative but to use it.'

The section of road from Kennacraig to Campbeltown is managed by Argyll and Bute Council.

A spokeswoman for the council responded to residents concerns. She said: 'We have a responsibility to maintain council roads throughout Argyll and Bute in accordance with our Roads Asset Management Plan.

'We recognise that the road is relatively narrow for a single carriageway and, due to the various heavy goods vehicles using it, edge damage is an issue.

'The road is inspected regularly and if this inspection identifies any potholes then they will be fixed as soon as possible.

'The council also agreed to allocate £26 million to Argyll and Bute's roads in this year's budget.'

Another section of the A83 between Tarbert and Ardrishaig, which is maintained by Transerv, has been criticised by one Tarbert woman.

Asking not to be named, she contacted *The Argyllshire Advertiser* last week saying there are around 60 cars from Tarbert travelling on the road to Ardrishaig.

She explained: 'It's getting to the stage where there's less road than there is potholes.

'I was very impressed by how quick the Lochgilphead to Ardrishaig road was resurfaced when locals made a stand, and it would be great if the same thing could happen with this stretch of road.

'These potholes are dangerous.

'There are a lot of haulage companies in this area and they must be paying a fortune for road tax for their heavy goods vehicles to be on the road.

'It is a disgrace that it has been left to fall into this state of disrepair.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland said: 'We are aware of the issues with the condition of the surface on sections of the A83 and we are currently working on proposals which seek to deal with some of these issues.

'Designs for a project to address the surface on the approach to Tarbert are currently being worked on and we anticipate our operating company can begin work on-site within the next financial year, subject to funding.

'We are also progressing minor improvement scheme plans to tackle the section of the road at Erines south of Lochgilphead, which is part of our longer term strategy for the A83.'

Police files

Window smashed

A CAR had its window smashed on Lochnell Street on Wednesday March 5 at 7.50am.

A report has been submitted to the Crown.

Car scratched

A CAR was scratched in Lorne Street car park on Wednesday March 5 at 7.20pm.

A road accident report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

£25,000 woodchipper stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a woodchipping machine worth £25,000 was stolen from a property near Port Ann last week.

The blue and orange-coloured machine is seven foot long and five foot wide.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lochgilphead Police Office on 01546 702201.

Van overturned

A VAN overturned on the A819 near Dalmally on Thursday March 6 at around 11.30am.

The driver of the vehicle was uninjured.

Overturned onto beach

ON THURSDAY March 6 at around 4.50pm a car went upside down onto a beach near Tullochgorm.

The driver of the vehicle was uninjured in the incident.

Careless driving

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon for careless driving following a two-vehicle road accident on the A816 near Kilmicheal at around 4.50pm on Friday March 7.

No-one was injured in the incident.

Phone box theft

A COIN tub from a telephone box in Tarbert was stolen at around 3.30pm on Saturday March 8.

A report has been submitted to the Crown.

Drink driving

A MAN has been reported for drink driving after being caught by police in Ardrishaig at 4.50pm on Saturday March 8.

In a separate incident, a man was also caught by police drink driving on the A83 at Lochgair.

Cairndow stop

ON SUNDAY March 9 a man was reported to police for road traffic offences and for being in position of illegal substances.

The incident took place at around 5.05pm near Cairndow.

Wide load problems

A WIDE-load struck a lamppost in Ardrishaig on Monday March 10 at 10am. No-one was injured in the incident.

Chief Officer Brian Sweeney, who presented the letters, with (left to right) Firefighters David Warwick and Gail Cook and Crew Commander Alistair Galbraith, flanked by Assistant Chief Officer John Walker (left) and Argyll & Bute Area Commander John Ironside (right). a11min02NO

Minard fire crew praised

FIVE members of Minard's Volunteer Firefighter unit have been awarded letters of congratulation for the way they tackled a house fire in Furnace and saved the life of the householder.

Three of the firefighters received their letters from Brian Sweeney, Chief Officer of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, when they attended the annual training weekend Strathclyde volunteer firefighters in Oban.

The presentation was kept a secret until Assistant Chief Officer John Walker, the Operations Director, made the following announcement to the gathering of Volunteers:

'Volunteer firefighters provide vital cover across a huge area of Strathclyde.

'Your commitment and selflessness are an inspiration to us all.

'The contribution you make to the safety of your communities is valued highly by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue. This is why I am particularly delighted to make a special announcement about one particular group of volunteers - the crew from Minard.'

Assistant Chief Officer John Walker then explained: 'At 1.37 in the morning of January the 24, our command and control centre received a report of a fire in a house in the village of Furnace. Minard was mobilised at 1.46am and arrived at the house less than four minutes later.

'The crew discovered that the living room was ablaze. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus had to fight their way through an intense heat barrier into the living room. They then discovered the householder, Mr William McCheyne, overcome by smoke fumes.

'Members of the Minard crew took Mr McCheyne from the house to safety and gave him oxygen while colleagues tackled the blaze.

'Police officers at the scene later said that the Minard crew preserved the householder's life. In fact it is no exaggeration to say that Mr McCheyne's life was saved by the Minard volunteers.

'Mr McCheyne is still in hospital but his condition is improving. His family have thanked the firefighters for their strenuous efforts to rescue him.'

Crew Commander Alistair Galbraith, Firefighters Gail Cook and David Warwick received their certificates from Chief Officer Brian Sweeney. Minard Firefighters Ian McCallum and John Goodwin also received certificates, although they were not present at the ceremony.

'Explosion zone' for housing

A PLOT of land which used to be classed as an 'explosion zone' can now be used for housing, councillors have ruled.

Members of the Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Area committee gave their blessing to plans to build a house on land at Ferry Wood, West Loch Tarbert.

The councillors were meeting in Campbeltown last week and approved the plans put forward by Wilson Forest Products Ltd; the site is in a part of Tarbert where there is 'a presumption in favour of single or small scale development'.

In times past vessels and ferries would leave from here for the islands carrying explosive or flammable materials but these are now all shipped via Kennacraig and so Argyll and Bute Council has surrendered the explosion zone classification as it was so out of date.

'30' limits

THE new 30mph speed limit on the A83 between the new roundabout at Kilmory and Lochgilphead has led to a rethink of other speed limits in the area.

The question is that if this piece of road warranted such a speed limit, then why did a 40mph speed limit exist between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig. Councillors discussed the issue when the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area committee met on Wednesday.

To this end there was a5/3 vote, in favour of a 30 mph speed limit from the Lochgilphead Swimming Pool to the Corran roundabout, which is maintained by Argyll and Bute.

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A82 campaign takes off

Argyll communities unite to press for investment on lifeline route into the west Highlands

COMMUNITIES across the Highlands are to unite behind a campaign to upgrade one of the most dangerous roads in the UK.

The Demand A82 Upgrade campaign was launched at the Drover's Inn, Inverarnan this week and will see communities from Skye to Campbeltown unite to press the Government to invest in £90 million of improvements to the A82 in this year's transport spending review.

Campaign head Ally Ferguson of Ferguson Transport urged the public to sign a Scottish Parliament e-petition, which can be accessed on the 'A82 Partnership' website, to ensure the issue is looked at by the parliament's petitions committee. He also urged people to write to their local MSP and to the transport minister, Stewart Stevenson.

Ian Cleaver of Highland Heritage, based at Dalmally, said: 'Our vehicles no longer use the A82 because of the damage it caused them. It was only a matter of time before we had a catastrophic event.'

Argyll and Bute Council transport spokesman Duncan MacIntyre told the launch that the future economic well-being of the west Highlands 'revolves' around investment in the A82.

He said: 'The road is far from fit for purpose. Hi-Trans has the A82 high up on its programme of work. It would be unthinkable to dual the A9 before tackling the A82. There is a concern about the Government's review of transport projects in August and we have to make sure that the £90m investment needed for this road is not going anywhere else.

'The economic and social future of the west Highlands revolves around improvements to the road. With that money there would be an extra £381m put into the Highland economy and 700 jobs created, and that is vital for our area. It is an opportunity we cannot let pass.'

The launch heard that the cost of upgrading the 17 miles from Tarbet to Crianlarich is £54m - £3m per mile, yet the M74 extension works out at £131m per mile.

'The Government is using road equivalent tariff (RET) to attract tourists to the islands. To get there you have to go through Oban and you have to use the A82. It's unthinkable to double the numbers on that road in the state it is in at the moment. We have to have joined up thinking,' added Mr MacIntyre.

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor said: 'There has been a temporary traffic light on the A82 for 30 years and now, ominously, there is one on the A83.

'Both these roads are the main arteries to the west and north Highlands and islands and it is high time this area was given the same sort of upgrade in infrastructure as other parts of Scotland.'

Argyll and Bute Council transport spokesman, Duncan MacIntyre, Ally Ferguson, Northern Constabulary chief inspector John Chisholm and Highland councillor John Laing at the launch of the Demand A82 Upgrade campaign. t11cam04

Feel good factor for Lochgilphead

CHARITIES, councils and businesses took the first steps towards a feel-good factor in the Highlands with a meeting in Lochgilphead this week.

The events attempted to draw up a plan of action for the public, private and voluntary sector to make more of us feel better emotionally and physically.

A practical plan will be created for organisations like NHS Highland, charities and businesses to deliver on legislation aimed at reducing mental ill health and promoting a sense of wellbeing.

NHS Highland director of public health, Dr Eric Baijal, said: 'We need to think about what we can do to encourage people to feel well so we can prevent illness.'

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Mid-Argyll celebrates ring-net fishing

By RUTH McCLEAN

TO celebrate the life of ring-net fishing in the Clyde, which ended in 1970s, the Campbeltown Branch of Clyde Fishermen's Association will be holding an event that will see those who were involved across Kintyre gather in the Masonic Hall.

Ex ring-net fishermen from Tarbert, Campbeltown and Carradale are being invited to join in what will be an unforgettable night of nostalgia.

In the 1950s, ring-net fishing was in its heyday in Campbeltown with about 40 boats working from the harbour, each giving employment to six men, but after mid-water trawling and purse-seining took over, ring-netting died out.

The concept of ring-netting, also known as herring fishing, was for a boat carrying a net on the port quarter, which was operated during darkness in pairs, and when a shoal of herring was detected, the net was shot in a wide semi-circle.

The neighbour boat picked up the end, which was identified by a 'winkie; a buoyant light attached to a rope extension from the end of the netting.

Both vessels then towed the gear slowly through the water for a few minutes before turning towards each other. Once this operation was completed, the crew of the neighbour boat jumped aboard with the end and hauling by hand commenced.

In the last two years the Clyde connection with the ring-net fishery ended totally with the retrial of Lawrence Robertson and brothers, Robert and Willie Gillies. They were the last men fishing, who had served their apprenticeship at the ring-net.

The Spawny Ball was one of the biggest events in the calendar for ring-net fishermen and used to take place in the Victoria Hall in early Spring.

The event which has been organised for March 22, is aimed at the ex-ring-net fishermen and will see a celebration of ring-net fishing with a one-man play, a display of photographs and rendition of poems taking place, and is sure to be a memorable night for all involved. The idea is to have something similar to the Spawny Ball, the last one taking place many years ago.

The Ball got its name from the fishing that took place at the Brown Head, on Arran, and the Ballantrae banks, for herring that spawned there. This fishery took place in the months of February and March and the conclusion marked the end of the years fishing.

Boats then were beached and scraped and varnished in preparation for the following year. The Ball was run by the Campbeltown Branch of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, and was attended by guests from the other Clyde ports, including Carradale, Tarbert, Dunure, Maidens and Girvan.

Ring-netting was practiced by Campbeltown fishermen for generations and though the method basically remained unchanged, nets and boats increased in size and nylon eventually substituted cotton.

Those men are still alive today who took part in this fishery, and one of the sad things about their lives is that they can no longer, in some cases, get around easily and so have little contact with others who were their companions.

One of them stated, some years ago to a fellow fisherman that he never saw another fisherman except when he attended the funeral of another, and that 'They canna get a yarn wi their old pals!'

This night out has been organised with such men in view. It will take place in the Masonic Hall in Campbeltown on Saturday, 22 March, at 6.30 pm. A meal will be provided and buses will run from Tarbert and from Carradale.

The *Stella Maris* of Campbeltown in the sea-lock at Crinan as the fishermen prepare to leave their boats for a weekend at home.

The event has been extremely well supported financially by several organsations, so the price of tickets will be very reasonable indeed.

As well as the entertainment, and perhaps more importantly, the event will allow men to meet others who are of the same background.

As the event cannot be called a Spawny Ball, for most of the men concerned are past their dancing days, it has been suggested it should be called 'Seeker, Reaper', which will be borrowed from George Campbell Hay's epic poem about the ring-net art.

Tickets for this event may be purchased from Robert Gillies, 01586 552547, Lachie Paterson on 01583 431570 and Kenny McNab on 01880 820601.

It is being staged primarily for old exponents of the ring-netting era, and the organisers hope for a full house.

Archie McDougall's *Maeirearad* (previously *Nulli Secundus* of Campbeltown) moored at Dubh-chaol Linne, Tarbert, c 1949.

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Ardrishaig masterplan revealed

Businesses encouraged to make the most of the town's scenic seafront and waterfront area

By JENNIFER SUTHERLAND

PLANS to transform Ardrishaig into a 'sustainable and vibrant' community were revealed by British Waterways last week.

At a public meeting in the village on Thursday, British Waterways took the opportunity to unveil its new partnership to progress its development plans in the area surrounding the Crinan Canal.

The Ardrishaig Masterplan has been developed in partnership with Ardrishaig's community, Argyll and Bute Council, HIE Argyll and the Islands and British Waterways Scotland to encourage hotels, pubs and cafes setting up in the village to make the most of the seafront and canal.

The masterplan provides a development framework to guide the redevelopment of the waterfront area.

James McLellan, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'The aim of this plan is to deliver on the vision of Ardrishaig as a vibrant, sustainable community, which is an attractive place to live, work and visit.

'The masterplan is still at draft stage and will be the subject of ongoing discussion with the community before final approval.

'The council welcomes the commitment from British Waterways, not only in the development of the masterplan, but in its delivery to secure regeneration and the revitalisation of the Ardrishaig community.'

Mark Smith, strategic planning manager for British Waterways Scotland added: 'Working with our partners we want to progress with plans to enhance Ardrishaig's waterfront.

'The masterplan provides a framework upon which detailed proposals can now be worked up.

'Most importantly, we look forward to continuing working with Ardrishaig's community to ensure what we deliver benefits to those who live in, work in and visit Ardrishaig.'

Do you have a story for the Argyllshire Advertiser? Contact Jennifer Sutherland on 01546 602345

New Argyll CAB officially open

CHIEF executive of Citizens Advice Scotland, Kaliani Lyle, joined staff and volunteers to officially open the new Argyll and Bute Citizens Bureau offices at Lochgilphead.

The bureau has moved its services from the old premises at Lochgilphead Hospital to Oban Road.

Work together, says Scots tourism chief

THE key to achieving VisitScotland's target of a 50 per cent rise in tourism numbers in Argyll by 2015 is to work together, said the national tourism body's chairman during a visit to Inveraray this week.

Peter Lederer met with invited guests from the local tourism industry, politicians and community representatives at a meeting in Inveraray on Monday night.

The visit was part of a 'listening tour' undertaken each year by Mr Lederer to exchange ideas on tourism issues.

Mr Lederer said: 'We are in a competitive marketplace and the only way we are going to prosper is by businesses working together and Government and councils working to support those efforts.

'But it must be led by industry and a common view or vision on what the tourist destinations in Argyll, such as Inveraray, should look like in 10 years time.'

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Argyll teams to enter dragonboat challenge

FUNDRAISERS in Argyll are being encouraged to enter a colourful regatta in Balloch Castle Country Park in June.

Teams will take part in a Chinese-style dragon boat challenge to raise vital funds for Bobath Scotland, a charity for children with cerebral palsy.

Organisers hope that around 500 people will take part in the ninth annual colourful sail, which is expected to draw a 4,000-strong crowd when it takes place on June 7.

Bobath Scotland event organiser, Val Crawford, said teams from across Scotland are already registering for the race which last year raised a whopping £46,000.

Donations allow Bobath Scotland to offer hundreds of children a holistic approach to treatment.

Argyllshire teams are being sought for the Dragon Boat Challenge, which takes place in June.

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Chalmers Street in the 1940s brought back memories for Ella Button and her brother Iain MacLachlan.

Down Memory Lane

AN OLD photograph in *The Argyllshire Advertiser* brought back happy memories for a brother and sister who left the area many decades ago.

When Ella Button received her copy of the paper two weeks ago, she was delighted to see a picture of Ardrishaig's Chalmers Street.

Ella, her sister and two brothers had been born in the village, and although she moved to Norfolk after her marriage in the late 1940s, she still considers Ardrishaig home.

She said: 'When I saw the picture, I immediately recognised the small figure driving the car and I phoned my brother Iain MacLachlan in Dublin to tell him how I knew the man.

Ella, aged 82, recalled how she started working in Carmichael's Stores, which was round the corner from the Anchor Hotel, in 1942. The owner of the shop was Jimmy Carmichael, and it was him, Ella believes, who was driving the car in the Down Memory Lane photograph.

'I recognised Jimmy in the car straight away because of the angle he was wearing his hat. He always wore it like that. Also, not many people had a car in those days, and he did.

'Jimmy's brother had a store in Tobermory and he was provost there for a while,' she said.

Carmichael's Stores was bought over by the Co-op soon after Ella started work, and she stayed with the store until 1946 when she left to join the army.

Ella returned to Ardrishaig two years later, and was married eight months after that.

'My wedding reception was held in the Anchor Hotel,' she said. 'But I then moved to Swatham in Norfolk where I still live.

'I have a niece who still lives in Ardrishaig and I go back for a holiday nearly every year. There are so many strangers living there now, and I hardly recognise anybody from my younger years.'

By coincidence, Ella has a friend in Swatham who is originally from Campbeltown.

She added: 'When Jimmy Carmichael sold to the Co-op, he worked for them until 1947 when he moved to Campbeltown with his wife and three children Mhairi, John and Michael. I heard that Michael still lives in Campbeltown and it would be lovely to hear what happened to the family.'

Ella's brother Iain was fascinated to hear how his sister recognised the man in the picture. Iain was born in Ardrishaig in 1919 and spent four months with the Royal Air Force 605 Squadron at Kilchrenan House in Oban during WWII.

He said: 'The picture of Chalmers Street intrigued me. I thought the dresses and hairstyles of the four ladies in the picture were dated around the 1940s.

'It's wonderful that my sister spotted the man in the car immediately. All I know is that it must have been a sunny day when the picture was taken as the shop blinds were extended to cover the windows, and that is what shopkeepers did back then.'

Mr MacLachlan read law at Oxford University before joining a multi national company based in Dublin, and he retired 27 years ago.

He is a former pupil of Kiel Boarding School in Southend. The school burnt down in the summer of 1923 and was relocated to Dumbarton, but closed in 2000.

Mr MacLachlan also lived on the Isle of Coll for a short time and used to write articles for *The Oban Times*. Like his sister, he still considers Ardrishaig as his home, and looks forward to Friday's when he too receives his copy of *The Argyllshire Advertiser.*

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The new Campus Sports Hall cannot replace it. However, in the sports centre there is sufficient accommodation for spectators as well as competitors. If you remove supporters you soon lose participants. The sports centre is more than a mere sports facility. It can and has been the venue for many visiting music groups of all varieties. Nowhere else in Mid Argyll do we have such a place and if it were demolished there would never be the money to replace it. It may not be perfect but it is the best we are ever likely to have.

If the council cannot or will not run the sports centre why do they not give the local community a chance to do so.

Katharine Weir, Chairwoman
Achahoish School Council

Good Tarbert news

Sir,
Thanks for passing on the details of two great bits of news for Tarbert.

It is wonderful to know that the barge is coming to the Harbour. Sense prevailed, well done Mike and Linda for sticking with your plans. It is also good to know that enterprise is alive and well. Business is the life blood of small communities and this exciting project promises to create a lot of interest. A floating restaurant in Tarbert Harbour, surely locals and visitors alike will enjoy the experience.

And talking of the Harbour, the grant from The Crown Estates Office is more than welcome and they should be given a big thank you. The local plan to improve the harbourside is also an exciting one. Now surely this project is one that all local people and businesses will support!

Wilma Watts, Mossbank, Tarbert

Guide dog lottery

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Stacey Lodrick, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Mountains for meningitis

Sir
We are looking to fill the last few places on our Three Peaks Challenge - an event where participants will tackle the UK's three highest mountains in aid of the Meningitis Trust, and we need your help!

Participants will trek up Mount Snowdon in North Wales, Scafell Pike in the Lake District and Ben Nevis in the Highlands, covering approximately 26 miles of rugged mountain terrain, with 430 miles of driving in between - don't worry, participants will be taken round on a coach! It's a perfect activity to get a group of friends together for.

By joining the Meningitis Trust's team and scaling these great peaks of Scotland, England and Wales within just 36 hours, trekkers will be raising vital sponsorship and helping people affected by meningitis, whilst taking in the most magical scenery that the UK has to offer.

Two 36-hour challenges have been organised; we are looking for people for the May 16 - 18 challenge, and the July one is fully booked.

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Registering couldn't be easier, simply call 0845 120 4530 for a free information pack or visit http://www.meningitis-trust.org/three-peaks-challenege.html

May I take this opportunity to wish good luck to all our supporters who have already signed up.

Steve Williams, Meningitis Trust

Thought for the week

ON THE day we call Good Friday, Jesus Christ, against whom no fault could be found, for never in his life did he do anything wrong, was nailed to a rough wooden cross that was then raised upright before being dumped into a hole in the ground that held it straight. He hung there for three hours that must have felt like years, before breathing his last.

But death did not claim Jesus; it was he who claimed death. The Bible says that 'Jesus gave up his spirit.'

Neither did the grave hold its claim over the Son of God. That's what Easter is all about. When his broken-hearted friends went to Jesus' grave three days later, they were met by an angel who told them, 'Don't be alarmed … You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.' Do you believe that? It was the last thing in the world the authorities of the day wanted to believe. To disprove the resurrection they only needed to produce the dead body of Jesus. But they couldn't do that because he wasn't dead. The angel spoke the truth – Jesus Christ is alive! (see Mark 16:6)

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Argyll's bio-fuel pioneer

Bob McIlwraith from Achnamara is one of seven finalists to be nominated for the Champions for Sustainable Communities awards. a11forw01

ACHNAMARA bio-fuel pioneer Bob McIlwraith is in the running for a top industry award, it was announced this week.

Bob, a Biomass Development Officer with the Argyll, Lomond and the Isles Energy Agency (ALIenergy), is one of seven finalists from across Scotland in the Public/Third sector category of Forward Scotland's first ever Champions for Sustainable Communities awards.

He has been recognised for his efforts in establishing a number of renewable and sustainable wood-fuel projects in Argyll and beyond.

Held in Edinburgh's Apex International Hotel the awards ceremony takes place on Tuesday March 18.

The event has been organised to recognise and reward individuals who have led the way in making their neighbourhoods and towns more sustainable by achieving social, economic and environmental improvements. Bob, who lives in Kilmicheal of Inverlussa, Achnamara, said: 'I am delighted to receive a Forward Scotland Champions nomination and see it as a recognition of the contribution biomass fuel can make to sustainable communities.'

Forward Scotland's Frazer Scott added: 'This event is a showcase of outstanding endeavour that proves it's possible to really achieve a better quality of life for future generations.

'It's the power of individuals such as Bob that can make a real difference, and we hope the awards will inspire others to make positive changes in their own communities.'

The winners will be presented with the first-ever Forward Scotland Champions awards made from recycled wood and glass and all finalists will receive a certificate for their efforts.

Look out for hibernating hedgehogs

GARDENERS are being urged to look out for hibernating hedgehogs when tidying up their gardens after the winter.

As the tiny creatures wake up they often suffer terrible injuries from strimmers, garden forks and mowers as they venture out from their nests.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has also produced a leaflet called 'Gardening with Hedgehogs'.

New look to make surfing simpler

ARGYLL and Bute Council has launched a new-look website to make surfing simpler for users.

On the new site visitors are able to apply for a job, check planning applications, pay and check council tax balances, request books from council libraries and use a new online mapping system to find local services.

As well as a makeover for the main site, people can now visit the council's new sports and leisure section for details on sports centres, halls and swimming pools.

Councillor James Robb said: 'The new website looks great and is further evidence of the council's progress in delivering services that people want in a way they want.

'The fact that people can now access vital online services 24 hours a day, seven days a week is tremendous and I look forward to further improvements being made to other areas of the site in future.'

Message in a bottle scheme to save lives

MEMBERS of the Mid Argyll Youth Forum have handed over 500 'message in a Bottle' containers to Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Intergrated Care Centre as part of an initiative geared to saving lives in the community.

The 'Message in a Bottle' initiative is a voluntary scheme for anyone living at home who would feel more relaxed to know that essential information is readily available to the emergency services should they suffer an accident.

The bottles contain a form with personal details, including a record of medicines being taken, emergency contact details and any pets in the household.

Completed information sheets are then put inside the bottle and placed in the household fridge.

The idea for this scheme was first raised at a Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Community Safety Forum.

As a result, the Mid Argyll Youth Forum, supported by Argyll and Bute Council's Community Learning and Regeneration staff, agreed to pursue and deliver the final outcome at a Public Health Network meeting.

The council's spokesman for social services, councillor Donald McIntosh, said: 'The information stored in these bottles can enable the emergency services to see quickly what medical conditions the person has and can save lives in situations where every second is precious.'

The bottles will be distributed via clinics, community nurses and various other support groups in the area.

The message in a bottle containers are also available at the reception desk of the GP clinic in Lochgilphead.

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Spring is one of those seasons when, in spite of usually less than clement weather conditions, a great many brides choose to leap into matrimony. Why they do is probably less a matter of present convenience than a subconscious following of an ancient tradition. Our ancestors would take steps to marry off an eligible daughter at this time of year because, with the food store running thin and the harvest still some time away, one less mouth to feed could seem very attractive. And again on top of that, spring was generally mating time and a propitious time for tying the knot. Spring was the time of fertility, every new member born to a family was another insurance policy towards the survival of the family, and spring brides were generally considered to be fertile brides. All that apart, spring marks a time of renewal and nothing is newer in life than the start of life as a married couple.

Summer is also popular because the weather is more reliable and more people than ever are choosing autumn and winter, generally because bookings are easier to obtain and there can be some very fine days, weather-wise.

However, whatever the season, the bride should bear in mind, the potential weather conditions that may prevail as it should have an important bearing on the gown she elects to wear, the type of reception she intends to have and the transport she chooses.

First decisions first. Should the wedding be in a place of worship, register office or one of the ever-increasing number of licensed wedding venues? Whichever is chosen an early booking is essential - to avoid disappointment or the need to take second best.

As soon as the ceremonial venue has been selected, the reception should be planned and booked. Now if a wedding venue has been chosen, then there will be nothing else to consider, other than the type of meal and the food and wines to be served. If the first two are chosen then a reception suite, dining room, restaurant or marquee for the garden will have to be organized. If the reception is to be in a community or church hall, it will have to be decided, who will do the catering. Outside caterers abound in your area so have a chat with others who have been through this happy time, and ask for their recommendation, or look in the local paper and see who's advertising such a service.

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made whether the reception will be a formal sit down affair with several courses and a hot meal, or a buffet where everyone can help themselves. Again the food could be hot or cold or a mixture of both. And this decision will have to be made wherever the reception is held.

As soon as the reception and ceremonial venues have been settled, the formality or otherwise of dress at the event can be decided upon, after which it will be possible to send out the invitations.

There is still a lot to arrange and a wise bride will appoint someone - a trusted friend or close family member, such as her mother, to compose a wedding diary and keep a close eye on all the arrangements as they become due.

Once the invitations are issued gifts may start to arrive. Open them by all means, but do remember to label each item with the name of the giver. It's all too easy to forget who gave you what and when.

Now is the time to think about clothes. The gown may be bought off-the-peg, in which case a long trip round the shops is called for. The gown may be hired - in which case it must be selected, tried on and booked well in advance of due date. It may be made-to-measure - in which case a dressmaker must be found. Again none of this should be left to the last moment. The wise bride will prepare for the possibility of the weather not being of the warmest. Silk makes the warmest underwear and is elegant as well as worth considering as a base for a beautiful gown on inclement days.

The outfits of the male members of the wedding party are usually decided upon by the bride who will have discussed it with her parents and groom. Morning dress is the most formal of outfits and it adds a great deal of dignity to the proceedings. However lounge suits are just as acceptable. As with the bride's outfits, the men's suits may be bought off-the-peg, made-to-measure or hired, and again they must be organized well in advance of the event.

Photographic records are an important part of every wedding, choosing the right photographer is a vital exercise. As well as still photographs, these days a 'moving' record is often made and this may or may not be taken by the stills photographer. A word of advice however, it is never wise to rely on a friend or relative for the photographic record of the event - unless that person is a professional or very gifted photographer.

The vehicle the bride travels in to her wedding in is a major part of the event. Brides have been known to select all sorts of weird and wonderful conveyances ranging from horses drawing a variety of carts and carriages, to motor vehicles of all ages and styles. It's best to hire a vehicle and a chauffeur from a professional hire firm. Good natured friends and relatives cannot always be relied upon to provide a vehicle in the best of repair, or to turn up on time. This is far too important an event for any risks to be taken with the arrangements.

Flowers for the wedding may be fresh or hand-made of silk. Either way a florist will be able to weave them artfully into bouquets, posies, wreaths and headdresses in any style the bride chooses. The florist will also be on hand to decorate the church (if permitted), register office (if not already so decorated), reception, or anywhere else flowers are required.

Last but not least in importance is the cake. This must be ordered in good time from a baker who should be instructed to take it on due date, to the reception along with a stand which is usually available to hire from the same source.

If the bride puts all these arrangements into the hands of her appointed organizer she will be free to attend her dressmaker for fittings, go to the hairdresser for styling and hair treatments, make regular visits to the beauty salon for all over beauty treatments and nail attention.

The groom in the meantime should be busy arranging the honeymoon - in absolute secrecy of course, unless he really wants the embarrassment that can come from some of the tricks people play on newlyweds on their first night together!

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Concerts filled to capacity

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association held another excellent concert full of impressive Kintyre piping talent with a number of special guests.

Maurice Duncan made a special appearance on Saturday night. c11pip07

Both Friday night and Saturday were filled to capacity at Campbeltown Grammar School with 300 people turning up to see and hear spectacular performances.

Kicking off the night was Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band with a solo from Sarah Muir, with the Novice Juvenile Band, the Beginners Band with a solo from Craig Galbraith during *La Boum.* The Novice and Juvenile Tenor and Drummers Juvenile Band performed Nelson Mandela with Mark McCormick performing a solo.

Andy Gibbs and Fiona Mitchell also performed solo with the Juvenile Band, and to round things off Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands filled the front of the hall.

The Breton Group, four men from Brittany, performed on both nights as well as finishing the celebrations of the weekend off on Sunday night in a concert in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown.

Maurice Duncan, originally from Campbeltown who is now an accountant in Oban made a special performance on Saturday night.

Lee Lawson took to the stage to present the River Dance on the drums.

Kintyre Schools' Juvenile Pipe Band. c11pip04

Dance group Keltika with Piper Andy Gibbs and Three Beats in a Bar also got the chance to show off their skills.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands now have a full schedule of competitions ahead of them starting with the Gourock Highland Games in May.

RIGHT: Breton Players performing at Argyll Hotel. c11pip16

LEFT: Lee Lawson. c11pip11

ABOVE: Novice Juvenile Band with Pipe Major Ian McKerral. c11pip01

ABOVE: Keltika dancers. c11pip05
RIGHT: Craig Gallacher performing his solo. c11pip10
BELOW: Members of Breton Players performing on Sunday night. c11pip17

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MacKellar steps in

MEMBERS of the Inveraray and district local history society who arrived at the Nicoll Hall on March 4 expecting to hear Mr Michael Russell MSP speak on Films of Scotland were disappointed when the minister was called away for ministerial duties in Edinburgh.

But a very acceptable substitute had been found in Alistair MacKellar.

Alistair not only knows and is known by everyone in Furnace, but he knows all about the history of the village; and has, from personal acquaintance or family tradition, a wealth of anecdotes about his inhabitants.

Furnace is unique among the villages on Loch Fyne, as is indicated by its modern (since 1755) name: it is a place of industry.

Over the years there have been various enterprises, but all have been based on its natural resources of plentiful water from the Leacann and wood from the surrounding hills.

The first was the iron furnace which supplied the name, fuelled by charcoal made from thousands of tons of wood per year.

In time the use of coke allowed the iron to be smelted closer to its source and its end-users.

Then the powder mill took over, using the same raw materials, with a more complex water supply whose basis still exits.

Finally the quarry opened in 1841, originally producing hand-cut granite for the streets of Glasgow, now mechanised with only a small team working there.

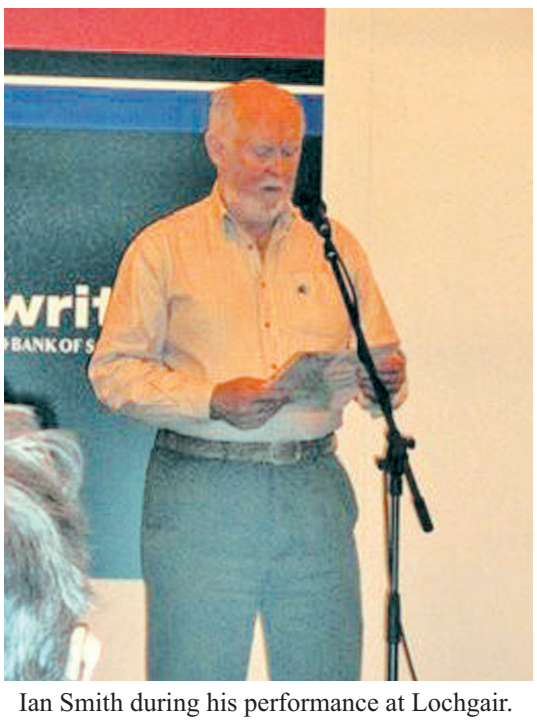
George Johnston moved a hearty vote of thanks for a fascinating and informative evening.

The next meeting will be on April 1, with John Renton talking about Scottish music.

Last chance to take part in the Sport Relief Mile

WITH only two days to go until the Campbeltown Loch Esplanade Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, there are still a few places left for those wanting to take part, but you must register on the day and arrive by 10.00am on Sunday or call Jackie on 07919 410 872.

Wee Toon Milers will be pulling on their Sport Relief socks and warming up at St Kieran's Primary School, John St, Campbeltown at 10.15 and will make their way along the route through the sea front. Sport Relief 2008 is all about challenging yourself, friends, family and colleagues to do something sporty and raise cash. Milers can choose to do one, three or six miles, so can select the distance that is a challenge for them and make sure they get sponsored while they do it. Sport Relief harnesses the power and passion of sport to change lives for the better. By doing sport, having fun and raising money, everyone can do good and feel good. Comic Relief spends the money raised to help vulnerable people living incredibly tough lives both at home in the UK and in the world's poorest countries.



Ian Smith during his performance at Lochgair.

'The Tryst' by Ian

ON MARCH 9 Ian Smith of Lochgair read his short story 'The Tryst' to The Federation of Writers (Scotland) in the Grand Hall of the Mitchell Library.

This was one of the events at the *Aye Write* book festival, currently running in Glasgow until Saturday March 15.

Gliondar return to Argyll

THE wind quintet with the glorious name Gliondar is making their second tour of Argyll for Argyll & Bute Concert Tours coming to Ardrishaig tomorrow Saturday, March 15 and will finish up in Campbeltown on Tuesday, March 18.

Argyll and Bute has even closer links with the group through Simon Browne on Clarinet from Rothesay and Fergus Kerr on French Horn from Campbeltown.

In 1998 Gliondar won their first prize, the Mary D Adams chamber music prize at RSAMD and made their London debut with a recital at the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. In November 2000 they won a John Tunnel Trust award for Young Musicians. Gliondar's programme for the Argyll tour includes Mozart, Nielsen, Bozza, Berio and Farkas.

Gliondar has close links with Argyll and Bute.

They will also be playing their own arrangement of a Folk Suite celebrating their Scottish – Irish connections with the first movement intriguingly entitled "Irish Kintyre". Their record demonstrates their virtuosity and their name clearly states their aim, to give joy, while their reports of 'brilliant playing and the fun and the enthusiasm you exuded' (Forfar Music Club) confirm both.

Marine awareness weekend

A MARINE awareness weekend will take place at the end of March, to celebrate Scotland's seas and raise awareness of the marine environment in Kintyre.

It is being ran by Argyll and Bute Beach Forum together with the Firth of Clyde Forum and events will take place at Campbeltown Heritage Centre, Campbeltown Lifeboat Station as well as a beach clean at Westport over the weekend of march 29 and 30.

Places are limited. To book a place or for more information contact Aisa Nebreda at the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum, on 01546 604227 or email: aisa.nebreda@argyll-bute.gov.uk .

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Strong entry of Kintyre cattle at Stirling sale

UNITED Auctions sold 2211 store cattle and 1170 store sheep at Stirling last Wednesday when there was strong entry of stock from Kintyre.

Bullocks averaged 152.19p (+7.19p) and sold to 190.10p per kg for a 284kg Charolais cross from Glenehervie and £1015 for a 742kg Charolais from 8 Killeonan.

Heifers averaged 148.27p (+10.58p) and sold to 245.60p per kg for a 338kg Charolais from Cretlevane and £955 for a 550kg Simmental cross from Torbex.

Cast cows averaged 97.80p to 122.80p for a Belgian Blue cross from South Hill of Dripps and £1050 for a Charolais cross from West Croft.

There was also a show of cattle: Bullocks: 1 Mr More, Townhead (ChaX) £775
Heifers: 1st Mr Logan, Auchenbrae (ChaX) £780
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Final group meeting

THE THIRD and final Discussion Group meeting is being held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on Tuesday, March 25 at 8pm.

The topic of the meeting will be 'Scottish agriculture: Brian Pack's view'.

Brian Pack is the chief executive of Aberdeen and Northern Marts and the evening, which is sponsored by SAC, Kintyre NFU and Kintyre Agricultural Society, is certain to raise some interesting questions and healthy debate.

For more information please contact David Brewster, Secretary on 01586 552502

Campbeltown and Islay host meat marketing seminars

A JOINT meeting organised by Argyll Agricultural Forum and Kintyre NFU entitled 'Red Meat Marketing: the Shetland Experience' is being held at the White Hart Hotel, Campbwltown on Wednesday, March 19 at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Karl Simpson, who was the marketing manager for Shetland Livestock Marketing Group and involved in marketing Shetland shellfish. He also helped the group establish itself as a supplier of hill and seaweed-fed lamb to high qaulity butchers in SE England.

The meeting will explore opportunities for local producers to add value to their livestock.

On Islay, with the imminent opening of the new Avonvoggie Abattoir, the Islay branch of NFUS and Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum have organised a one day Meat Marketing and Processing Seminar on Thursday March 20 at the Machrie Hotel, Islay.

A busy programme starts at 10.30am with a welcome by the day's chairman, Stuart Wood, an Orkney farmer, NFUS vice chairman and vice chairman of Orkney Meats. Mr Wood will open with a short overview of marketing and selling Orkney Meat. Maintaining the Island theme, the guest speaker is Karl Simpson, Shetland who will discuss the ups and downs of marketing and selling naturally reared Shetland lamb.

Following the Shetland experience, Jim Fairlie will provide a more small scale farmers perspective on selling home produced meat on the internet, to farmers markets and local businesses.

After a lunch break the success story of Bruichladdich Distillery's global marketing and use of Islay branding will be told by distillery manager Duncan Macgillvray.

Islay Spring sale attracts brisk trade

UNITED Auctions held their annual early Spring sale of all classes cattle at Islay Auction Mart.

All classes of livestock met with a brisk trade recording a considerable rise in values on the corresponding sale last year.

The 287 head were sold to regular buyers normally attending this sale and more could have been sold to advantage.

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Heifers
Belgian BlueX: £555 (3) Eorrabus
CharolaisX: £568 Blackrock £562 (3) Sunderland Farm £552 (2) and £498 (4) Aoradh.
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Suffolk hoggs from Gigha sell to £55

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 129 cattle and 703 sheep at Oban Livestock Centre last Tuesday.

Bullocks averaged 156.1p and sold to 180p per kg twice for four 240kg Limousins from High Ballantyre, Inveraray and two 220kg Limousins from Strongorm, Balvicar and to £560 for two 370kg Limousins from Upper Largie, Kilmartin.

Heifers averaged 139.1p and sold to to 159p per kg for two 185kg Limousins from Achnacone, Appin and to £525 for a 450kg Belgian Blue from Homestead, Ardfern.

Breeding cattle sold to £920 for a Limousin cow with calf at foot from Lagganulva, Mull

Bulls sold to 166p for a 150kg Limousin from Achnacone, Appin and to £340 for a 250kg Limousin from the same home.

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Store hoggets sold to £55 for a pen of Suffolk crosses from Ardlamy, Gigha.

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"Scottish Agriculture: Brian Pack's View"
Tuesday 25th March
Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
7.30pm for 8pm
Speaker
Brian Pack, Chief Executive
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Further information contact
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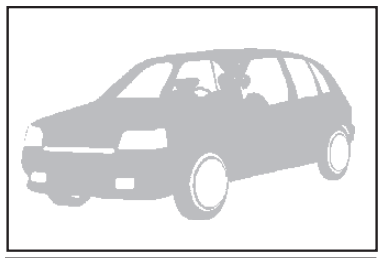

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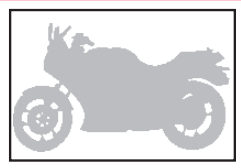

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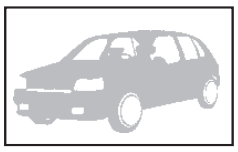

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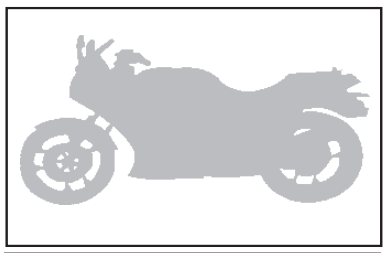

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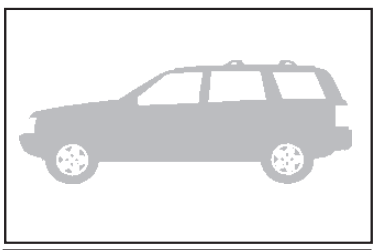

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Claire Cameron

would like to thank all family and friends very much for the gifts and cards received for her belated 21st and going away party. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it a fantastic night and Kenny and Lockhart for the music.

Love Claire x

I would like to thank most sincerely Dr A Villalba and all staff on the Acute Ward for great care received during my stay in hospital, also family and friends for cards, gifts and visits. Thanks to all.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Club will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig

All members are requested to attend and also anyone with an interest in rugby at any level
Members are reminded that subscriptions are due at the AGM

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PLANNING

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

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

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- Ref No: 08/00028/DET

Applicant: Dr E S Lawrence
Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse Site Address: Quay House 7 Paterson Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JP
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days

- Ref No: 08/00446/LIB

Applicant: Michael Staniland
Proposal: Erection of non-illuminated fascia sign and sign to gable end Site Address: 1 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LZ
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day

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

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

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

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (TAYNISH ROAD (U31), TAYVALLICH) (TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2008

On Monday 10th March 2008, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle (with the exception of emergency services vehicles) whose maximum gross weight exceeds 3 Tonnes on that length of the Taynish Road, Tayvallich extending from a point 70 metres or thereby east of the entrance to the Primary School in a generally southerly direction to its junction with the access road to Duntaynish Mill, a distance of 1720 metres or thereby.

This restriction is required for road safety and to protect the road against further damage following the collapse of part of a retaining wall.

This Order will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on Monday 24th March 2008 and will remain in operation until 2400 hours on 20th September 2009 or until such time as the remedial works are complete whichever is the earlier.

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

FOOTNOTES A.G.M.

Tuesday
25th March 2008
in Community Centre
at 7pm

Please come along and support the work we do with your young people. You will be made very welcome.

LODGE ST.JOHN'S CAMPBELTOWN NO.141

A regular meeting will be held on Monday 17th March 2008 at 7.30pm

Business:- Minutes
Raising
A.O.C.B.

SENIOR CITIZENS EVENING

The annual Senior Citizens Evening will take place on Friday 21st March. Tickets will be available at the Recreation Club tomorrow, (Saturday 15th March) between 11.00am and noon.

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 within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport in the north and Peninver in the south.

The closing date for completed applications for this year's final disbursement will be Friday 28th March, 2008.

Secretary; Geoffrey Page, Benbecula, Waterfoot, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QX.

Tel. 01583 431281

West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

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

Grants may be available for capital or revenue funding for projects, groups, halls, charities, churches etc.

Completed applications should be in the hands of the Trust by Monday 28th April 2008 for disbursement at the Trust meeting of Monday 19th May 2008.

Chairperson: Mrs Lorraine MacPhail,
Skernish Farm, Glenbarr, By Tarbert, PA29 6UZ

Telephone: 01583 421 236 / 07891 614823

Goods Vehicle Operator's License

Archibald Miller trading as Tarbert Shellfish Co Ltd of Unit 3, Tarbert Industrial Estate, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6TX is applying to change an existing license as follows:-

To keep an extra 2 vehicles and 2 trailers at the operating centre at Unit 3, Tarbert Industrial Estate, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6TX.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or equipment of that land would be affected, should make written representation to the Traffic Commissioner at J Floor, Argyll House, 3 Lady Lawson Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9SE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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Potential candidates should possess at least two years practical experience in a health monitoring position and have a sound knowledge of fish farming. In addition excellent computer skills with experience of Microsoft packages, a full clean driving licence and the willingness to undertake regular travel are also required for this post.

In return the successful candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package commensurate with experience.

If you are interested in applying for this vacancy, please apply in writing, no later than Friday 28th March 2008 to: **Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.**

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A position has arisen within the above project for a part-time highly skilled administration worker who will also be responsible for the upkeep of our financial records. You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2, 3) including English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. Previous administrative experience is essential as is a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Access.

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Oban, PA34 5PH
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If you are looking for a challenging career within a highly motivated team then please send your up to date C.V. along with a covering letter to: **Aileen Firth, Group H R Advisor**, BSW Timber, Group Headquarters, East End, Earlston, TD4 6JA
or email to: aileen.firth@bsw.co.uk

Closing date for all applications: Friday 21st March 2008

Registered Nurse

Full Time. Must hold NMC Registration in Nursing, experience in elderly care preferable
£11.10 - £12.10 per hour to work day/night shift pattern

Care Assistant

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Salary Grade 7
(£14,529 - £16,144 – pro rata: pay award pending)
17.5 hours per week

The job purpose is to deliver high levels of administrative and clerical support to the IT team within the Association and assist with providing technical support in the operation of its IT systems and equipment. The post-holder will have regular contact with internal customers and staff as well as external suppliers and therefore a degree of organisational, administrative and communication skills are necessary. The successful candidate will need to be a team player but equally capable of self motivation and working unsupervised at times in such a small team. As the Association is widely geographically dispersed and the nature of the work does involve site visits, travel may occur across Argyll and therefore a full driving licence is essential.

It will be essential for the successful candidate for this post to hold a minimum of 3 Standard grades or equivalent along with relevant work experience and aptitude. It would be desirable if the successful candidate holds ECDL passport or a similar recognised IT qualification.

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12 month Fixed Term Contract
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Salary Grade 5
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35 hours per week

The Association is seeking to employ 5 Property Services Officers on a 12 month fixed term contract to assist with delivering a high quality Property, Estate Management and Maintenance Service and Investment Programme Supervision to its tenants across Argyll & Bute.

The successful candidates will require to hold an HNC or equivalent in Building & Construction and have a wide range of technical skills. For one post based in Lochgilphead there is also a requirement to have a heating and electrical background. The post holder must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, beneficiary organisations and partners; provide leadership of project teams involving colleagues and other partners; have good written and oral communication skills including the ability to produce reports without a pre-determined framework. There will be limited control over a small number of budget headings. A current driving licence is essential.

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 28th March 2008
Interviews for these posts will be held in April 2008
For recruitment pack please contact the HR & Corporate Services Department, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, Tel No 01546 604098 or email marina.macarthur@acha.co.uk, or visit the Recruitment section on the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk where recruitment packs can be downloaded.

ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities.
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Closing date 28th March 2008.

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A shift pattern basis will apply this will consist of two weeks on two weeks off.

If you are interested in this position, please respond by sending your CV quoting reference number 158-SG no later than 28 March 2008 to:

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Closing date for all applications is Friday 28th March 2008.

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Further Particulars and Application Form are available online at www.sams.ac.uk. Alternatively, please write to: The Human Resources Officer, The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA, or by e-mail to recruitment@sams.ac.uk

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The closing date for all applications is Friday 28th March 2008

Interviews will be held on 11th April 2008.

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Farms Secretary

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We are currently seeking to identify an enthusiastic and experienced Administrator to work within Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd's Farms Office at the Blar Mhor Industrial Estate.

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Applicants should possess a friendly disposition and be able to work well under pressure with minimum supervision. An excellent working knowledge of Microsoft systems and good organisational skills are essential.

If you are interested in this role, please apply in writing to: **Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.**

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **Friday 28th March 2008.**

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Please contact Ian McAdam on 07733 007598 for further details.

Finance

Finance Assistant

Fort William, £15,201 – £16,932

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Informal enquiries to Mairi McCallum, tel (01397) 707242.

Application packs, quoting ref: L/19/08 are available from our website or by telephoning (01397) 707220.

Closing date: 28 March 2008

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!'
(2 Corinthians 5:17).

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN - JACKSON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on February 29, 2008, of James, only son of Alistair and the late Margaret, of Gigha, to Christine, youngest daughter of Billy and Edna of Ardrishaig.

STEVENS – DUNN - Stacey and Kevin are delighted to announce their engagement. Stacey is the eldest daughter of Mhairi McAllister and only daughter of Shaun Stevens, Campbeltown. Kevin is second eldest son of Dena Dunn, Bristol.

RUTHERFORD – FULTON - Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of David Rutherford to Leighann Fulton, on February 7, 2008.

DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 6, 2008, Isabel Johnson, in her 76th year, 11 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Donald Brown and a much loved sister, sister in law and aunt. Funeral Private.

CRAWFORD - On March 6, 2008, peacefully at home with her family, Betty Dawson, in her 76th year, beloved wife of Alex and much loved mother of Sandy and Libby, dear mother-in-law of Fiona and Duggie and dearly loved granny of Amanda, Stuart and Connor. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church on March 8, 2008, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

GALBRAITH - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, Robert Barbour Galbraith (Bobby), in his 80th year, The Barnes, Carradale, dearly loved husband of Margaret (Pearly Paterson), much loved dad to Shona and Senga and father-in-law to David.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, on March 7, 2008, Dugald (Dougie) Graham, aged 91 years, of Oakcliffe, Kildukland Road, Ardrishaig. Much loved and loving husband of Mary Hamilton Kelly. Treasured father of Douglas and Duncan and dear father-in-law of Elizabeth and Isobel. Proud grandfather of Alison, Ailsa, Susan and Fiona and great-grandfather of Rhianna, Rowan, Rory and Lewis. A caring neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

GRANT - Suddenly, on March 1, 2008, Kathy (neé Paterson), beloved wife of John, Ballinluig, Perthshire, daughter of the late Donald and Elizabeth Paterson, Drumlemble.

SMITH - Suddenly at home, New Mains, Bellochantuy, on March 6, 2008, Jean Cochrane Johnston, in her 76th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan Smith, formerly of Barrmains Farm, Bellochantuy, much loved mother of Jane, Margaret and Anne and a loving granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLACK - The family of the late Archie Black would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all medical staff and carers, and to Rev Angus Howat for his visits and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, the Anchor Hotel for a fine purvey, and to all who attended at church and graveside. The collection for Tarbert Free Church raised £244.52.

McEWING – Jim. Margaret, Bertie and all Jim's sisters and their families would like to thank the many relations, friends and neighbours and also work colleagues who so kindly telephoned and sent beautiful flowers and cards on our very sudden sad loss of Jim. Your kindness was appreciated at such a sad time by us all. 17 Meadows Avenue.

McKAY FORBES - The family of the late Angus McKay Forbes would like to thank all those who very kindly telephoned, sent flowers, cards or letters on the very sad occasion of their loss. Your support was much appreciated at this difficult time. Special thanks to Irene Egan, the district nurses, Carradale Surgery and Rev. John Vischer.

McCORKINDALE - Moira would like to thank all friends and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of her brother Archie. Special thanks to Rev Martin Forrest for his words of comfort and uplifting service. Thanks also to neighbours, to Southend Medical Practice, community nurses, staff of Ward B, Lorn and Islands District General Hospital and Campbeltown Hospital for their dedicated care and concern for Archie. To Mr Alasdair Blair for funeral arrangements, and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside.

PURCELL - The family of the late Kevin Purcell would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy and for cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Strathclyde Police and ambulance staff for all their assistance, to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a warm and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, the George Hotel, Inveraray, for a fine purvey, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

SMITH - Morven, Hilary and Colin would like to thank most sincerely relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, and for cards, flowers and telephone calls received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Tarbert Surgery, and at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for their kind care and attention, to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most efficient arrangements, the Anchor Hotel for a fine purvey, and to everyone who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The retiring collection of £160 was collected for Tarbert Parish Church.

IN MEMORIAMS

DILLON – Remembering today and every day our treasured Karon, who died March 14, 2005, in her thirty-eighth year.
Beautiful memories, cherished forever
Of happy years we spent together
Love you always
- Mum, Dad and Gill.

Forever in my thoughts
Always in my heart
All my love
- Aunt Margaret.

Locked in our hearts to stay
Precious in every way.
- Love Morag and Peter.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our son, Alasdair MacDougall (Tool), who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007.
It's our first year without you and nothing is the same
What was done to you Ally, some should hang their heads in shame
For you were only twenty, your whole life still to live
You cared so much for others and had so much more to give
As a son we couldn't ask for more, we simply had the best
And that's one thing we're thankful for and know that we were blessed
We know that you are with us, and you're never far away
You're in our thoughts and in our hearts and that's where you will always stay.
See you later.
- Love Mum and Dad.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our loving brother, Alasdair MacDougall, who was sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007.
Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we were all together
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
Missing you as always.
- Love Nikki and Keli xxx

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of my loving boyfriend, Alasdair (Tool), tragically taken on March 13, 2007.
Your presence I miss
Your memory I treasure
Loving you always
Forgetting you never.
- All my love Leanne xxx

MACDOUGALL - Precious memories of our dear grandson, Alasdair, tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007.
Deep are the memories
Precious they stay
No passing of time
Will take them away.
Always in our thoughts.
- Love Alasdair and Sina xx

MACDOUGALL - Happy and precious memories of our nephew and cousin, Alasdair, taken from us on March 13, 2007, aged 20.
Quietly today your memory we treasure
Missing you always
Forgetting you never.
Lots of love.
- Kari, Billy and Keri xxx

MACDOUGALL - Alasdair. Treasured memories of a loving nephew and cousin, who died on March 13, 2007.
Forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts.
- Sandra, Claire and Laura.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our much loved nephew and cousin, Alasdair, who was sadly taken on March 13, 2007.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.
- Alison, Duncan, Scott and Craig

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our nephew and cousin, Alasdair, suddenly taken from us on March 13, 2007, aged 20.
We will never cease to miss you
We will never cease to care
In a special corner of our hearts
You will always be there.
- Love Shendl, Colin and Natasha xxx

MACDOUGALL - Alasdair. Tragically taken March 13, 2007.
Sadly missed.
Gone but not forgotten.
- From all the Tarbert boys.

MACPHAIL - John, a much loved son and brother, who died March 15, 1995.
Memories are forever.
- Inserted by Mum, Caroline and Linda.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of Margaret Robertson, died March 6, 2006, and James Robertson, died March 14, 1997.
Always in our hearts.
- Loving daughter Leslie, Tony, Gail, Thomas, Derek and great-grandchildren.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 16th March
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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PACT
meets at 11:00am
In Ardrishaig

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Palm Sunday
9am .....Eucharist
11am .....Eucharist with hymns
Good Friday
Noon - 3pm
Ecumenical 3 hours devotions

ST COLUMBA'S POLTALLOCH
Palm Sunday
3.30pm .....Evening prayer

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Saturday 15th March 2008
Coffee morning and jumble sale
Red Cross Hall, Lochgilphead
10am - 12noon
All donations gratefully received
Contact Anne 01546 606204 / Jen 01546 605309
Sunday 16th March 2008
Kilmartin 10am
Preacher Chris Thornhill
All most welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 16th March 2008
Service at 11am
Rev Hilda C Smith
All welcome.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 16 March 2008
11.00am
Worship service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
Thursday 20 march 2008
7.30pm
Praise, worship & sharing
All Welcome
"Come and see"

Highland Parish Church

Friday 14th March
Badminton – Kirk St Hall
7.00pm S1 plus
9.00pm Adults
Sunday 16th March
11.15am **All-Age Palm Sunday Service**
Children please meet at church at 10.30am
Creche (Church: 0-3yrs)
No FunDay Club
6.30pm Evening Service – Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 18th March
Badminton Club
6.30pm – 7.45pm P1 – P5
7.45pm – 9.00pmP6 upwards
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 16th March 2008
Bellanoch Church 11.30am
Worship led by
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TARBERT LINKED WITH KILBERRY PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 16th March 2008
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Afternoon Service 3pm
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Monday 17th March
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Friday, 14th March
Lunch Club – 12:15 p.m.
Saturday, 15th March
Guild Sale of Work – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 16th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
Rev. Philip Burroughs/
Rev. Dr. Kirsty-Ann Burroughs
Monday, 17th March
Guild Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m..
Tuesday, 18th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 19th March
Lent Bible Study Group - 7:30 p.m.

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Tuesday
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Wednesday @7
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Climax of gun club winter shoots

By BOB McCOLL

LAST Saturday night saw the climax of Tarbert Gun Club's winter shoots with a night out for the presentation of prizes. The shooters left the brownings and berettas at home and out came the wives and partners instead.

During the winter shoots the club held a number of fundraising events which ended in the highlight of the evening when club president Brian Baird presented the Tarbert Medical Centre with a cheque for £1,000.

On accepting the money the practice manager Mrs Doreen Inskip thanked the gun club for their generosity and said some very useful equipment could now become available to the surgery.

The team trophy was, as expected, won by Brian Baird's boys but it was much closer in the class event with Bob McColl just holding off John Paton for overall high gun with John Weir not far away in third place.

The junior cup was won by Skipness's Calum MacDonald and the ladies prize went to Lynn MacDonald.

Winners:

Overall classes A-1; Bob McColl, 2 John Paton, 3 John Weir. B–1 Jonathan Gargan, 2 Ian Allison, 3 Calum MacDonald. C–1 J.C 2 Billy Bergant 3 Stewart MacAlister. D–1 Malcolm Holder 2 Lynn MacDonald 3 Pierre Godts. E–1 Iver Ferguson, 2 John Cupples 3 Micheal Harvey Jnr. Junior medals; Scott McNeil, Morgan Jordan, Angus Gray-Stevens.

Winning team; Brian Baird, Jonathan Gargan, Alan Campbell, Buddie Peterson, Iver Ferguson 2nd; Bob McColl, Calum MacDonald, Stewart MacDonald, Bobby Stewart and Ian Wilson 3rd Hugh O'Neil, Mike Read, Billy Bergant, Lynn MacDonald and John Cupples.

Mid Argyll club look to future

WORK is progressing on a new slipway at Ardrishaig for Mid Argyll Sailing Club which will give dinghy sailors ideal launching facilities at all states of the tide.

The project has been helped by a grant of £5,000 from the Crown Estate and local contractors have offered to provide materials and machinery.

The 300 tonnes of rock and stone needed to construct the slipway have come from a quarry owned by M & K MacLeod and D A MacDonald Contractors of Lochgilphead are undertaking the building work.

'As the slipway will benefit the children of Mid Argyll, we are pleased to be able to support it,' said Donald MacDonald, managing director of D A MacDonald, who is also a keen watersports enthusiast.

Construction will be completed by the end of March in time for the start of this year's sailing season. Dinghy sailing is now back in strength at Ardrishaig with the re-kindling after 20 years of the local sailing club now known as Mid Argyll Sailing Club.

Mid Argyll Sailing Club members Owen Duff, Hamish Nicol and Donald McMillan (Commodore) with youngsters Callum Nicol and Rhianna Duff doing a pre-season check of the dinghies.

Now over 40 members of the Mid Argyll Sailing Club are once more able to enjoy dinghy sailing on Loch Gilp. Grants from Argyll and the Islands Enterprise and the Lottery Fund helped to equip the Club with some Picos and a 6.5 metre RIB.

'We have concentrated on taking youngsters with a wide range of experience and ability to provide the basis for a strong club in the future,' said club commodore Donald McMillan.

Tarbert on league duty

TARBERT'S scheduled home match versus Carlton YM 'B'-side was cancelled due to the poor weather last week.

Tomorrow (Saturday March 15) Tarbert are scheduled to travel to play Eaglesham 'B'-side on league duty.

The following Saturday (March 22) the West Loch Shores/Islay Frigate Hotel sponsored side will travel to Port Glasgow.

Betty scoops £800 shinty jackpot

THE numbers this week for Inveraray Shinty Club lottery are 9-11-16. There were no winners and the jackpot next week will be £400.

The numbers for Kilmory Camanachd Shinty Club lottery are 3–12–18.

Betty MacGregor was this week's winner scooping £800.

The jackpot for next week's draw stands at £100.

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Ross is boss on final day

By DAVID SINCLAIR

THE FINAL days play in Lochgilphead Golf club's winter league was the windiest by far and it was always going to be difficult to score.

In the morning David Sinclair was the only player to break par and in the process went from being eight shots behind the leaders to being in real contention only one shot off the lead.

Ross Sinclair retained his lead but was feeling the heat of the others on his heels.

The rest of the players were blown away by the wind but surprisingly Donald Carmichael did not loose any of his equipment as he is better at sailing than he is at golf and had battened down all his hatches.

In the afternoon Ross Sinclair did what he needed to do to win the competition, he played faultless golf and really didn't give anyone a chance to catch him. He has been playing the most consistent golf all season and is a worthy winner.

Tommy Angus gave him a few worries early on but could not match the firepower of Ross. As I mentioned previously Tommy hits the ball much straighter than Tiger Woods, is a much better dancer and in Donnie MacMillan has a much better caddie.

Kenneth MacAulay has had a very successful winter league and he followed up his good morning round with another in the afternoon to snatch third place away from David Sinclair on a count back.

Alec MacAulay had a frustrating day but showed signs of his previous form when he birdied the difficult fifth hole. Alec's name is on the trophy so many times that I would not be surprised if he were to win it again next winter.

Jim Hunter was one of the favorites for this competition as he has been playing so well during the winter. His chances were ruined early on however when he fell out with his putter, he never recovered but should consider entering the hammer throwing event at the 2012 Olympics in London.

Results:

Winter League Champion; Ross Sinclair, 2nd; Tommy Angus, 3rd; Kenneth MacAulay **Empire trophy winner;** Ross Sinclair, 2nd; Eric Capocci, 3rd; Keith Cowan **Knockout cup winner;** Kenneth MacAulay, 2nd; Keith Cowan **Team Trophy;** Donald Carmichael, Alec MacAulay, Ross Sinclair **Doubles Trophy;** Keith Cowan, Ross Sinclair **Best Attendance/ Worst Soup**; John Downie **Left over Trophy Winner;** David Sinclair

Lochgilphead Golf Club winners at last weekend's prizegiving.

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Lochgilphead Under-11s, in the orange strips, take on Oban side Kilninver at last weekend's UEFA Cup competition. t11fot03

Young soccer stars get a taste of European cup success

Young players play section games during break from league action

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre Under 11s had a break from league action in Oban last weekend with the first round of sectional games in the 'UEFA Cup' competition.

The Anderson Coaches sponsored side opened against Spartans and during a tight first half when the Oban boys threatened to take the lead, Kyle Selfridge and Ewan MacNeill stood firm in defence.

The Lochgilphead boys pressed forward early in the second half and a slick passing move between Keir Whitefield and Cameron Hendry opened the Spartans defence for Stuart Munro to score the first goal of the day.

Lochgilphead almost extended their lead but the Spartans keeper saved well from Coll McCallum and Alistair Lewis and they were happy to settle for an opening 1-0 victory.

In the second game, against Kilninver, Lochgilphead attacked straight from the kick-off and Alistair Lewis was on the end of the first cross to stab the ball home with only 10 seconds on the clock.

A second soon followed when top scorer Stuart Munro pounced after a close range Coll McCallum shot was parried by the Kilninver keeper.

In the second half Ewan Dudding hit the post twice as Lochgilphead continued to press forward and, to the relief of the travelling support, finally scored a third - Coll McCallum coolly netting after a goalmouth scramble.

The final game against Lochnell opened with Lochgilphead in command, however, it was Lochnell who took the lead with a deflected lob over goalkeeper Ewan McCulloch.

The second half began similar to the first with Lochgilphead pressing forward but the Lochnell keeper was in excellent form and when finally beaten by a fierce Coll McCallum drive it thundered back off the crossbar.

In the final minute, with Lochgilphead pushing for an equaliser, they were hit on the break and Lochnell scored their second and decisive goal.

Prior to breaking for Easter, Lochgilphead Under 11's will host a friendly tournament at the new school campus on Saturday 15th March at 1.30pm which will involve teams from Islay, Appin and Oban.

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