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Post buses make last delivery

POST BUS services linking Inveraray with Lochgilphead and Dalmally are to end within the next few weeks.

The Royal Mail post buses will make their final deliveries of passengers on Thursday June 8, with the operator claiming that the services are no longer financially viable.

But passengers who regularly use the Lochgilphead service to reach work in Minard, Furnace and Inveraray are disappointed that they will no longer be able to rely upon catching the post bus from the Lochgilphead sorting office.

Useful

One passenger, who did not wish to be named, said: 'I quite often catch the bus from Lochgilphead to Inveraray, as it connects with the Oban to Glasgow bus, which gets into Glasgow an hour earlier than the bus from Campbeltown.'

'It's especially useful for people who have hospital appointments in Glasgow, as

Royal Mail confirms Mid Argyll post bus services end on June 8

they can get to Glasgow earlier and get home earlier afterwards.'

A Royal Mail spokesman said: 'Royal Mail can confirm that it intends to cease operating the post buses from Lochgilphead to Inveraray and from Inveraray to Dalmally, in agreement with Argyll and Bute Council. Royal Mail has written to the Traffic Commissioner to give formal notification of this and the service will end on June 8.'

'The Lochgilphead to Inveraray route has an extremely low customer usage, attracting an average of just 10 passenger journeys per week. The route is not subsidised by the local authority, which is responsible for providing public transport, and

is therefore not financially viable for Royal Mail to continue to operate.'

The spokesman also said that cutting back post bus services would allow Royal Mail to focus on delivering mail.

'Royal Mail's primary function is as a postal operator and the company's priority has to be delivering the highest possible quality of service to its customers,' he said.

Focus

'With full competition in the postal market and regulatory pressure to meet postal service targets, Royal Mail has no choice but to focus on its core business of collecting, sorting and delivering the mail.'

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If you go down to the woods today...



Two-and-a-half year old Argyll Laing from Lochgilphead was one of the children who enjoyed the sunshine at the recent Ford Community Project Teddy Bears Picnic. a19for03

Not so convenient as Lochgilphead toilets close

LOCHGILPHEAD'S only public toilets are to be closed for refurbishment for five weeks this summer.

Argyll and Bute Council, which operates the toilets on the Front Green, will erect temporary public toilets on the green for the duration of the work.

Apologising for the closure, a council spokesman explained that the work had originally been planned for last winter.

He said: 'The original architect was very slow in deal-

ing with the refurbishment and a replacement had to be found.'

'The costs were also far too high and had to be streamlined. This means that the original floor and wall tiles will be kept but will be cleaned up.'

Eric Box, chairman of Lochgilphead Community Council, said that the onus was on the council to complete the work on time and with minimum disruption. He said: 'The serious contract over-runs at Dalriada House and at

the new Lochnell Street bus bays are still fresh in the memory.'

'The council now has an opportunity to demonstrate that it is capable of carrying out work in this sensitive part of the town tidily and timeously.'

'The community council will watch progress with close interest.'

The toilets will be closed from the beginning of the refurbishment work on Monday May 22.

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Going, going, gone, at Team JoLoMo's auction

A MID Argyll team hoping to take part in two charity endurance events this summer is continuing its fundraising schedule.

Team JoLoMo, named after their generous sponsor, artist John Lowrie Morrison, is holding a charity auction of Argyll items that money can't buy.

Fundraising to date has seen a donation from

JoLoMo of a painting valued at £3,000, which is to be auctioned; a donation of £300 from Canmore, builders of the new Mid Argyll Hospital; and the proceeds of the group's Rob Roy ceilidh at the Stonefield Hotel.

Amongst the items to be auctioned next month are a half day sea kayaking or white water canoeing for one person, with instructor

Wayne Boss; a half-day clay pigeon shooting with qualified instructor Bob McColl for two to four people; and a day's trout fly fishing for two with Archie McGilp.

Also up for grabs will be a guided tour of JoLoMo's art studio, with a chance to see his latest works in progress; a guided tour of the Pan Fish farm at

Stronachullin for four people, seeing the working process of the fish farm, with the added bonus of a salmon at the end of the tour; a conservation walk for two people, with Dr Simon Lawrence of Lawrence Environmental, showing the planning of a wind farm or a trip to see a golden eagle; and a fantastic weekend break for two at Stonefield

Castle Hotel on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

To enter the auction, submit a sealed bid by email to challengemidargyll@btinternet.com

(note the spelling of Argyll) or by post to Challenge Mid Argyll, Care of Stephen and Hazel Whiston, Braeholm, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig, PA30 8EH. Bids

should include your name, contact details and bid amount. The auction will run until 12pm on Friday May 26.

Team JoLoMo is Rebecca Helliwell, Jeremy Phillips, Hazel Whiston, Richard Barrie, Lucy Masterton and Stephen Whiston. They will compete in the State Street Caledonian Challenge, when they will travel 54

miles of the West Highland Way in 24 hours, and the Rob Roy Challenge, which sees them walking 16 miles and cycling 40 miles in 12 hours from Drymen to Kenmore.

For more information on the fundraising auction or to sponsor Team JoLoMo email the address above or call 01546 606424 or 01546 606510.

Deborah's dream day



Deborah Cooper of Ardrishaig in the luxury limousine with Kwik-Fit Financial Services managing director Martin Oliver

AN ARDRISHAIG woman was celebrating recently when she was wined and dined to commemorate five years' employment with a Scottish insurance company.

Deborah Cooper was treated to a first-class day out courtesy of Kwik-Fit Financial Services as a reward for her hard work on the firm's behalf.

Her day began with a journey in a limousine to the award ceremony at Brian Maule's prestigious Chardon D'Or in Glasgow city centre. There she joined 54 of her fellow Kwik-Fit Financial Services employees for a

three-course lunch, before receiving a five year pin, a certificate and £60 of vouchers from managing director Martin Oliver.

Deborah said: 'I am delighted to be amongst the group receiving a five-year service award. The call centre has a great atmosphere and there is a real feeling of team spirit.'

'It's great to be rewarded for our hard work and dedication. In the five years I have worked at Kwik-Fit Financial Services, I have watched the company grow and it is great to be part of a winning team.'

Argyll and Bute MSP criticises Royal Mail decision

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'Royal Mail values highly its role in operat-

ing post buses in rural areas, however, it is not a public transport operator.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan

Reid criticised Royal Mail for its decision. He said:

'It's a disgrace that Royal Mail is stopping these post

bus services.

'The numbers travelling might not be high, but people who use them are reliant on them. This is another example of Royal Mail withdrawing services from rural areas under this government.'

'Last month, Royal Mail announced the ending of the Dunoon to Tighnabruich post bus service because it had too many passengers.'

'It seems that it doesn't matter how many passengers a post bus has, Royal Mail will stop it anyway.'

Do you have a story? Call The Argyllshire Advertiser reporters on 01546 602345

New car and bike club formed in Mid Argyll

MID ARGYLL'S newest car and bike club held its first meeting this week, with plans afoot to hold regular meetings and events.

Members met for the first time on Monday May 15, with around 20 auto enthusiasts convening in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig.

The aim of the meeting was to form a car and bike club, which it was felt

should be as informal as possible. The club will have no committee, just a shared database of members' names and phone numbers.

When a member has an idea for an activity, they will then be able to co-ordinate the event themselves.

Amongst the early suggestions for activities were a local run or show, and a talk. The club has yet to be

named, and suggestions will be welcomed.

Anyone interested in joining the club, or who would like more information, can call Dai West on 01546 606364 or email wdauid672@aol.com. The emphasis at the club will be on informal fun.

See next week's edition of *The Argyllshire Advertiser* for pictures from the first meeting of the new car and bike club.



Owners of old and interesting vehicles met in Ardrishaig recently to discuss forming a club for vintage vehicles and motorbikes. Those who attended at the first meeting are pictured with a 1930 Rolls Royce Saloon. a17car01

Woodland Trust urges tourists to visit Mid Argyll's bluebells

TOURISTS are being encouraged to visit Mid Argyll to visit the area's bluebell woods.

As part of its spring marketing campaign, the Woodland Trust Scotland is encouraging as many people as possible to visit Scotland's bluebell woods.

One of the woods mentioned in the campaign is Crinan Wood.

A spokesman for the Woodland Trust Scotland said: 'Scotland's bluebell woods are of international importance - indeed, they are believed to account for 50 per cent of the entire world population of the

flower. This is one of the reasons why the trust works hard to protect more ancient woodland being lost to roads and developments and opens its woods for everyone to enjoy.'

Irreplaceable

'Bluebells are one of many species that serve as an indicator of ancient woods - sites which have been continuously wooded for hundreds of years.'

'Ancient woods are irreplaceable and this time of year, when bluebells and other woodland flowers are at their best, should remind how precious these sites are. Although, back in those

days when forests were foreboding places, bluebells were avoided like the plague. People believed that bells rang out to summon fairies to their gatherings; any human hearing a bluebell ring would soon die.'

Crinan Wood is also being observed by the Woodland Trust as part of a nationwide project to study the timing of seasonal events, which will help scientists study the effects of climate change.

For more information on Crinan Wood or the Woodland Trust's projects, visit www.woodland-trust.org.uk/bluebells.

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TranServ urges Argyll drivers to report faults

MID ARGYLL motorists should be quick to report faults on the area's trunk roads, says the company now responsible for maintaining the road network.

Scotland TranServ took over the contract for the management and maintenance of Argyll's trunk roads on April 1, replacing previous contractors BEAR Scotland.

The Perth-based company, a joint venture between Balfour Beatty and Mouchel Parkman, is now responsible for maintaining the A83, which runs through Mid Argyll from Tarbet at Loch Lomond to Kennacraig ferry terminal.

John McFadyen, customer services manager with Scotland TranServ, said: 'We will be bringing the wealth of experience that Balfour Beatty and Mouchel Parkman have in maintaining roads and using that experience in Argyll. Our head office is in Perth, but our district office in Killin will manage the Mid Argyll area. Road maintenance on the A83 will be carried out by workers from our Inveraray satellite depot.'

Maintenance of the area's roads will be helped by Scotland TranServ's new £6.25 million fleet of vehicles, with the company especially keen to ensure that roads are safe during winter.

Mr McFadyen said: 'One of the big changes drivers will notice this winter will be that we are using 'wet salt' instead of 'dry salt' to grit the roads. We've been conducting trials with wet salt, which is dry salt mixed with liquid brine, and we've found that it adheres to the road better, and makes for safer driving conditions. We'll be using wet salt this winter.'

Drivers who wish to report a fault on any of north-west Scotland's trunk roads can call the freephone Scotland TransServ number on 0800 0281414.

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Police Files

Flare found

AN UNEXPLODED flare was discovered at Linger-ton Lodge on the afternoon of Wednesday May 10. A bomb disposal team attended the scene and removed the flare.

Break-in

TWO MEN were arrested on the evening of Wednesday May 10 following an alleged break-in at Dalriada DIY, Colchester Square, Lochgilhead. The men subsequently appeared in court.

Petrol theft

IT WAS discovered on Friday May 12 that petrol had been stolen from Craobh Haven marina. Anyone with information is asked to contact Lochgilhead Police Station.

Tarbert arrest

A MAN was arrested on Castle Street, Tarbert, on Saturday May 13 following alleged assault. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drink driving

A WOMAN was arrested on the afternoon of Sunday May 14 for an alleged drink driving offence on Oban Road, Lochgilhead. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Uninjured

THE WOMAN driver of a vehicle which left the road at Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, early in the morning on Monday May 15 was uninjured.

Vandalism

POLICE received a report on Saturday May 13 that a gate and stones at Harbour View, Harbour Street, Tarbert, had been damaged. Anyone with information should contact Lochgilhead Police Station.

Bus arrest

A MAN was arrested on Sunday May 12 for allegedly causing a disturbance on a Scottish Citylink bus. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Lochgilhead Police Station 01546 702200

Fyne day for a walk to Loch Awe



Setting out on Saturday May 13 to walk from Auchindrain to Kilineur in aid of Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church were Daphne Murray, Rachel Walker, Bill Cairns and Fiona Cairns. The walkers were blessed with glorious sunshine for the 12-mile walk from the banks of Loch Fyne to the banks of Loch Awe. The church would like to thank all who sponsored the walk. Further donations would be most welcome. a20w1k01

Council considers ways to tackle housing shortage

ARGYLL and Bute Council was yesterday (Thursday May 18) expected to approve plans to use council tax income to tackle the area's housing shortage.

Members of the council's strategic policy committee met yesterday at Kilmory, Lochgilhead, to discuss creating a landbanking fund, an empty homes strategy and investment in infrastructure capacity in areas where developing affordable housing is limited.

£1.45 million

The council's director of community services recommended that councillors approve the proposals, which would use £1.45 million collected through council tax each year.

Funding for the proposed scheme had become available through the council's decision to reduce the council tax discount for second home owners in Argyll and Bute from 50 per cent to 10 per cent.

The proposed scheme would see the council bidding against private developers to purchase land, which would then be sold on to housing associations and private developers or developed for resale. The council's proposed empty homes initiative would be used to help owners of vacant properties in need of refurbishment upgrade the houses to a standard where they could be let out.

By establishing a match fund to supplement existing grant schemes such as Communities Scotland's Rural Empty Property Grant or the Lead Tenancy Scheme, it is hoped that a council leasing scheme coupled with an improvement or repair grant would help alleviate the pressure on Argyll's community housing by bringing more properties into use.

Proposals to increase infrastructure investment would see the tax revenue used to increase investment in Scottish Water to tackle specific water and waste water costs on particular housing projects. Scottish Water's refusal to provide water and sewerage for new developments has been cited as one of the area's main constraints on new development.

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Ardrishaig man ordered to pay £500 compensation

AN 18-year-old Ardrishaig man has been ordered to pay another teenager £500 compensation after a night out at Tarbert Fair that went wrong.

Sean Burns of 2 Knapdale Terrace appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week and pled not guilty to assaulting another young man.

But Burns was found guilty of punching the man on the head, causing him to fall to the ground and split his head open.

The 16-year-old, who was 15 when the assault took place in Tarbert's Harbour Street on July 29 last year during Tarbert Fair, said he couldn't remember much about it as he had been drinking alcohol. He said that Burns approached him and said, 'What did you say to me?'. He said Burns must have hit him because the next thing he knew he was getting up and waiting for an ambulance.

Two other witnesses said they saw Burns punch the teenager. A young woman said: 'Sean came up to him. Sean hit him. He hit his head on a metal stand, right on the corner of it. It split the back of his head.'

She said there had been an earlier incident between the two where Burns had tried to make a joke and the other man took it the wrong way.

Burns denied punching the man, saying that he only tried to push him away because he felt threatened by the victim and his friends.

After finding Burns guilty Sheriff Penman said: 'I accept that the complainer was not entirely blameless and that the consequences of the punch were far greater than you perhaps expected, nonetheless he was injured to the extent that he had to have stitches in his head in hospital.'

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MSP McGrigor calls for housing action

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor has called on Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Executive to tackle the area's housing shortage.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* recently highlighted the case of Louise Bradley, a 19-year-old living in a single Lochgilphead hotel room with her five-month-old son due to a lack of affordable housing in Mid Argyll.

Mr McGrigor said: 'The case of Louise Bradley highlights real accommodation problems in Argyll and Bute.'

'We cannot accept as satisfactory a situation in which a child is forced to

grow up in a hotel room simply because no other suitable premises can be found.

'This is part of a far larger problem of accommodation in Argyll and Bute where we are seeing not only a shortage of council accommodation, but also a real shortage of affordable homes to buy.'

Solution

Mr McGrigor believes that Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Executive need to work together to find a solution.

He said: 'This problem requires planners, the local council and the Scottish Executive to work together to ensure new developments

are built where they are needed. It also needs companies like Scottish Water, which can make or break a development, to play their part in ensuring developments are viable and can go ahead.

'If we do not provide for more affordable housing, we risk losing a whole generation of young people who will be forced to leave the communities they were born or brought up in simply because they cannot afford to buy, or even rent, locally.'

'That would tear the heart out of communities across Argyll and Bute, as well as having a catastrophic impact on the local economy.'

Have your say on Mid Argyll's housing shortage - email our newsdesk on editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Argyll's newest transport link takes to the waves



All aboard the Kintyre Express, from left, Brian Donohoe, MP for Central Ayrshire; Gordon McKenzie, Troon West councillor; Rory Colville, East Central Kintyre councillor; and Alan Reid, Argyll and Bute MP. c18kin02

A FERRY linking Campbeltown and Ireland may still be nothing more than a pipe dream, but Argyll's newest transport link officially began operating this week.

The *Kintyre Express* high-speed passenger service arrived in Campbeltown for the first time on Friday April 28, having carried Central Ayrshire MP Brian Donohoe and Troon West Councillor Gordon McKenzie to meet their Argyll counterparts, Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid and councillors Rory Colville and Alastair McKinlay.

Arriving in Campbeltown at the same time as paddle steamer *Waverley* could have stolen the *Kintyre Ex-*

press' thunder, but everyone involved enjoyed the trip and the chance to look around the new vessel. Afterwards, the party headed to a reception at Springbank Distillery.

Anne Smith, managing director of Kintyre Express, said: 'The trip over to Campbeltown was super, the visit to Springbank was excellent and the hospitality and the welcome we were given were wonderful. 'Everyone enjoyed the trip even though the wind got up and we were against the tide - it made it a good test for the boat! She handled the conditions beautifully and everyone was comfortable and secure.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan

Reid said: 'I am delighted to welcome the new *Kintyre Express* to Campbeltown.'

'I'm sure the new service will be successful in linking with the whisky tours and Machrihanish Golf Course to bring plenty of visitors into Kintyre who can see all that it has to offer.'

East Central Kintyre Councillor Rory Colville said: 'The launch of the *Kintyre Express* is fantastic for Campbeltown and I'm really pleased that private enterprise has been able to show the way forwards.'

'It's appropriate that the new vessel arrived at the same time as *Waverley*, as the paddle steamers played a massive part in Kintyre's

past. New technology continues to move forward and I'm impressed by it and by the idea to link the golf courses at Troon and Machrihanish to encourage more visitors to Kintyre.'

The *Kintyre Express* is the brainchild of Irvine hotelier Wilson Smith, who will run a twice daily service between Campbeltown and Troon three days a week.

Kintyre Express, a twin-engined 11-metre Stormforce inflatable boat which boasts 540bhp with a speed of 40 knots, can complete the 31 mile crossing in just over one hour - dramatically reducing travelling times when compared with the 165 mile car journey.

Discounted flights for Islay residents

THE SCOTTISH Executive met with business leaders from Islay and Jura last week in Bowmore to discuss ADS, the new Air Discount Scheme.

This will provide a 40 per cent reduction on core airfares for people whose main homes are on Islay and Jura, along with other island and remote locations around Scotland.

People living on the two islands have been sent application forms, which they have to fill in to apply for

a card that will entitle them to savings. Students living away from home are also included.

Ken Abernethy, chief executive of Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, welcomed the move.

'The long-term viability of Scotland's island communities is dependant on the frequency and affordability of the transport links,' he said.

The scheme is expected to begin this month, subject to European Commission approval.

New manager sought for NHS in Argyll and Bute

WITH the integration of Argyll and Bute into NHS Highland, a new manager is being sought for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP).

At the first board meeting to include Argyll and Bute, NHS Highland board heard last week that the interim chairman for the Argyll and Bute committee would be David Alston but in future it will be chaired by one of the non-executive board members.

Responsibility

Elaine Mead has overall responsibility for Argyll and Bute CHP as chief operating officer with Derek Leslie, director of planning and performance, providing executive support until a CHP manager is appointed.

The board was told the Argyll and Bute CHP would be

a 'fully integrated organisation responsible for all health service within Argyll and Bute'. The CHP will lead on community planning and partnership working with Argyll and Bute Council and other agencies.

£150 million

'It will have delegated authority, accountability and resources - circa £150 million - to undertake these roles as part of NHS Highland,' said a report to the board.

CHP clinical director is Dr Erik Jespersen, lead nurse is Pat Tyrrell and locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay is John Dreghorn.

Argyll and Bute was integrated into NHS Highland on April 1, following the dissolution of debt-ridden NHS Argyll and Clyde.

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Gardener's question time at Minard SWRI

MINARD SWRI's meeting on Thursday April 20 was a great success.

As it was an open meeting, president Netta Dunagan was pleased to welcome visitors from institutes in Lochgilphead and Kilmichael Glassary. It was also good to see residents from the village.

Expertise

Speaker for the evening was Glyn Toplis from Ardinglas Woodland Garden, who chaired a gardener's question time.

The audience made good use of his expertise, and will no doubt put his advice to good use. Members thank Mr Toplis for his time and hope that he will visit again.

The monthly competition to design a Christmas card was won by Netta Dunagan, Sheila Campbell taking second prize and Edna Locke third.

The evening finished with refreshments and a raffle. The next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday May 18.

Ford SWRI elects committee at AGM

FORD SWRI held its AGM in Ford Hall on Tuesday May 2.

President Sheena McNair welcomed members and thanks everyone who had taken part in competitions at the federation show in Ardrishaig. Representatives had picked up gold and silver star.

After voting papers were counted, the new committee was announced, Sheena McNair continuing as president. Sue Phillis was elected secretary and Helen Blair as treasurer.

A busy bring and buy helped funds, the summer outing was discussed and a pleasant evening ended with tea and home baking.

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Mid Argyll Elfs are top of the cops

MID ARGYLL Elfs nursery in Lochgilphead is celebrating the news that it has been given a grant to expand its services.

The grant funding from Lloyds TSB and the Childcare Partnership will create 12 new places at an afternoon creche for children aged between one and five years.

Mid Argyll Elfs, a community group run by parents, is a registered charity with the aim of supporting families in Mid Argyll.

The new creche places at the nursery, which is based in Lochgilphead Community Centre, can be booked in advance or on the day.

Elfs already runs a morning pre-school offering quality education for two to five-year-olds, as well as a twice-weekly baby and toddler group.

The funding boost will also enable the group to buy new toys for the toy library. Toys can be borrowed for up to three weeks at a time.

For more information on Mid Argyll Elfs, call Heather Young on 01546 606885.



It wasn't all fun and games at the Lochgilphead Police Station on May 10, with some of the Mid Argyll Elfs finding out what life is like behind bars.

a19elf02

Mid Argyll woman walks for Africa

A MID ARGYLL woman is set to walk two sections of the Kintyre Way to raise funds for charity projects in Kenya and Tanzania.

Marian Pallister, the Scottish International Aid Fund's (SCIAF) diocesan ambassador for Argyll and the Isles, will walk 24 miles on Sunday June 4 and Monday June 5 in aid of HIV/AIDS and food projects in the African countries.

Although the Kintyre Way doesn't officially open until August 12, Marian will complete the Tarbert to Skipness and Saddell to Campbeltown sections for her 'Kintyre to Kenya' walk.

Funds

Marian, who took up the voluntary position with SCIAF at Easter, hopes that sponsorship for her walk will help raise the funds she needs for the trip.

She said: 'I talked to congregations at St Columba's Cathedral in Oban and had a very generous response. We're having a coffee morning and the walk, as SCIAF don't want to divert funds from the people who matter in developing countries, so they've asked all the ambassadors in the eight Scottish diocese to raise £1,000 for this awareness-raising visit.

'When we come back,

we'll share our information throughout Argyll.'

Among those who will walk with her will be Annie McDermott from Lochgilphead and Paul Sinclair from Kilmichael Glen, two of the young people who received funding last year from SCIAF to spend time last year with street children in Zambia.

Paul, a pupil at Lochgilphead High School, said: 'We saw first hand last year what it's like being a young person in Africa.

'After this visit, Marian will be able to tell us about the effects of the drought and HIV and AIDS, which we know are big problems in lots of African countries.

'It will be great to walk the new Kintyre Way - I want to go back and do the whole lot when it opens in August.'

Annie, now a student at Strathclyde University, said: 'It's great to give something back and I think the visit to Kenya and Tanzania that Marian is making will be useful to us all to help us understand the problems faced by people in these drought-torn countries.'

Anyone who would like to sponsor Marian on her walk along the Kintyre Trail can email her at marian.pallister@zen.co.uk.

Lochgair framer saves exhibition

A LOCHGAIR picture framer has come to the rescue of an exhibition and auction of paintings in Tarbert.

Organisers of the exhibition of work by school pupils from Tarbert Academy had asked IKEA to donate frames for the pictures, but the furniture store refused,

leaving the group with no remaining money to mount the works.

But Terri Burt, a Lochgair-based picture framer, heard of the group's plight and generously donated 131 mounts for the pictures free of charge, cutting them all in her own studio.



Sinead Pow, Thomas McBain and Calum MacDonald became road policing officers for the day when they got behind the wheel of Strathclyde Police's Land Rover at Lochgilphead Police Station on Wednesday May 10. The children visited the police station with Mid Argyll Elfs Nursery. a19elf01

Postwatch seeks rural opinions

POSTWATCH Scotland is urging people from rural communities to complete a questionnaire on post offices.

Tricia Dow, director of Postwatch Scotland, said: 'Through this survey we want to gather information ahead of the promised government consultation on what the long-term future of post offices could be.'

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Success for Kintyre Schools at Gourock

KINTYRE Schools Novice Pipe Band achieved an outstanding success at Gourock Highland Games on Sunday, May 7.

With almost half of the band members playing in their first-ever pipe band contest, the young band, under Pipe Major John Brown, played superbly well to, first of all, be placed first their own Novice Juvenile Grade.

For this, the band were presented with the Peggy MacDonald Memorial Trophy.

Then they really put the cat among the pigeons by playing up against eight other bands in the higher Juvenile Grade and winning that contest as well.

In the process they knocked Kintyre Schools Senior Band into second place and brought the Gourock Traders Association Shield back to Campbeltown for the second year running.

The amazing result was the talk of Gourock.

'This sets us up really nicely for the Major Scottish Championships at Dumbarton next Saturday,' said Pipe Major Brown.

'That'll be much tougher, especially with qualifying heats to contend with at nine in the morning.

'But the band members deserve great credit.

'There may be 17 absolute novices in the band but they've put in a huge amount of work over the winter.

'Now Kintyre Schools will be the band that the others want to topple.'

The Kintyre Schools Juvenile Band, led by Pipe Major Ian McKerral, also played well to win the Greenock Telegraph Shield for second place in Juvenile Grade and then be placed fourth in Adult Grade 2,

The amazing result was the talk of Gourock

thereby winning the James McGinn Shield.

For the Juvenile Band though the high-light of the day was their drum corps first place, for which they received the Inverclyde Council Shield.

After hearing more praise on the Novice Band, Pipe Major McKerral went on to applaud the Juvenile Band's performance.



Pipe Major Ian McKerral

Schools' drumming instructor

FOR KINTYRE Schools, the best news of 2006 so far is the appointment, by the Education Authority, of Lee Lawson as Drumming Instructor in Kintyre Schools.

This appointment is for two full days per week, funded equally by Argyll & Bute Council, using designated Youth Music Initiative funds, and by Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association. All concerned are committed initially for 12 months but in anticipation that a year-on-year funding

package for this partnership will be put together.

Lee is an exceptionally skilled side drummer as she showed at the Pipe Band concerts in the Victoria Hall in March.

Having been in her new position since the end of April, Lee says that she is very impressed by the musical standards and the set-up within the schools and she commented most favourably on the great job that Campbell Anderson as snare drumming tutor has

'This was a very useful run-out, absolutely essential ahead of the Scottish Championships.

'I would particularly like to mention Ewan Millar who was thrown in as leading stroke today and took the drum corps to first place in Juvenile Grade.

'The Band was slightly depleted today as a number of them had to stay at home to study for their Standard Grades. But these little distractions will soon be out of the way and we'll all be able to concentrate on the main aim of achieving some success at Dumbarton on Saturday, May 20.

'I'm delighted that D. McNair & Son will be sponsoring and supporting us at the Scottish Championships.'

One final success to be mentioned for Kintyre Schools at Gourock was Liam Renton's third place in the Juvenile Drum Major's contest.



Kintyre Schools Novice Juvenile Band, with Pipe Major John Brown march on to play at Gourock

Campbeltown fuel merchant backs Scottish championship bid

CAMPBELTOWN's leading fuel merchants, Messrs D McNair & Sons of Kinloch Road, have stepped in to sponsor Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands' assault on the Scottish Pipe Band Championships at Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton this Saturday.

McNairs supply and deliver coal, oil and gas throughout Kintyre and offer a friendly, prompt and efficient service. Alan Shaw and the staff of McNairs take orders and offer helpful advice to customers. They can be contacted on Campbeltown (01586) 552020. Proprietor Alan Shaw said: 'I am delighted to be supporting juvenile piping and drumming in Kintyre by sponsoring the Schools Pipe Bands on their

first major excursion of the season to the Scottish Championships.

'Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands have only been going for five years, but they've been world champions twice during that time. More importantly, win or lose, they bring immense credit to the local community, to the schools, to their parents and to themselves. I see the children in the bands as smart, disciplined, committed and respectful, and I welcome D. McNair & Son's association with them.'

Iain Ferguson, band secretary, thanked Mr Shaw for his kind words. He explained that Argyll and Bute Council and the local schools support juvenile

piping and drumming in Kintyre by employing Ian McKerral as full time tutor in the schools and by providing accommodation and other practice facilities.

Mr Ferguson added: 'The Local Authority does not have a budget to actually support and fund the activities of the school pipe bands. Managing and running two juvenile pipe bands, each with 35 playing members, is an expensive business and the Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association which funds the bands on behalf of the schools depends hugely on very willing community support. I never cease to be amazed at the level of support the bands get from within our own community.'



Alan Shaw of D McNair and Son, sponsors of Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands at the Scottish Championships on Saturday, is pictured with the Novice Juvenile Drum Corps. Mr Shaw, and his daughter Susan handed the sponsorship cheque to bass drummer Stewart Blue.

The Scottish Pipe Band Championships

SPONSORED by D. McNair & Son, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band coaches will be leaving Campbeltown at 5am on Saturday morning.

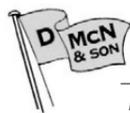
The Novice Band is due to play in the heats at 9am, with the final scheduled for later in the morning if they are lucky enough to qualify.

Kintyre Schools Juvenile Grade Band is scheduled to play just before 11.30am.

Some 140 pipe bands will be competing.

As a spectacle the whole event in the lovely Levensgrove setting is highly recommended.

Readers who have not previously attended a pipe band competition are encouraged to go along and support Kintyre Schools and have a great day out.



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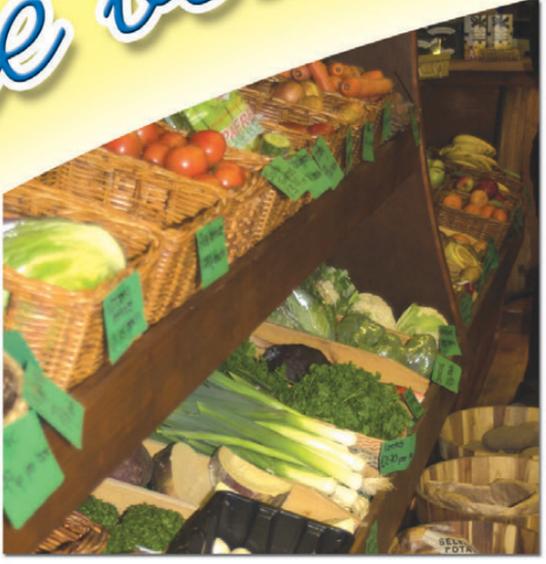


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A LIFELONG ambition to become her own boss has finally become a reality for a local woman. Lorraine McMurchy is delighted to be the new owner of Fresh Connection in Longrow. Lorraine took charge of the keys to the shop at the beginning of April but before moving in she had the premises completely refurbished. Beautiful oak flooring and warm lighting welcomes customers through the door, where they are greeted with a beautiful array of flowers and mouthwatering fresh fruit and veg. On top of all this, Fresh Connection also has a wide selection of cards, cuddly toys, ornaments and candles to suit all tastes, not to mention a variety of delicious boxed chocolates and biscuits. Together with your choice of flowers, all these items can be added to a goody basket, made exactly to your requirements and uniquely for you.

Having sought a venture in the town for some time, and having always had a love for crafts and flowers, Lorraine and flower arranging.'

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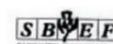
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Thought for the week

I LOVE the month of May. Although I've lived for many years May still springs surprises on me. Each year I'm taken aback by the beauty of the wild flowers. Starting with early primroses we progress through violets to red campion and then bluebells. It's like watching a magnificent painting being unrolled bit by bit to prolong our enjoyment. I so enjoy the changeovers - when the last of the delicate lemon primroses remain to show up against the pink campion, and when the pinks of campion and ragged robin intermingle with the glorious blue of a drift of bluebells. I should take up writing poetry again!

David, who wrote most of the psalms in the Bible, wrote them poetically. It takes poetry to praise the Lord for the wonder of his creation. 'Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.' The next sunny day you're free take a walk among wild flowers and you too may burst into praise of God, who made every single one of them.

(see Psalm 96:1-2)
Irene Howat

Down Memory Lane



This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted by Norma Ross of Lochgilphead. It shows members of Lochgilphead Golf Club's ladies section in 1973. The ladies used to have a garden shed as a clubhouse and the first hole was halfway up a hill (where the third fairway is now). Pictured enjoying a round are, back row from left, Ann McGilp (nee Angus), Norma Ross, Isobel McMillan, Ishy MacDonald. Front row: Phyllis Angus, Heather Anderson (nee MacDonald) and Elsie Sinclair. Elsie Sinclair, Ishy MacDonald and Norma Ross are all still playing members at Lochgilphead Golf Club. Bring your old photos in to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* office and share them with our readers.

Those Were The Days

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Lochgilphead lock-keeper's award

A LOCHGILPHEAD lock-keeper who risked his life to stop a suicide attempt has been awarded a certificate of commendation from Strathclyde's police chief.

Non-swimmer Charlie Connolly of Oakfield Bridge House has received the prestigious award.

An employee of British Waterways, Mr Connolly was on duty at Oakfield Bridge on the Crinan Canal, Lochgilphead, when he saw a man behaving strangely at the edge of the canal bank.

'The next thing I knew he had disappeared,' he said.

'I ran over and saw him lying face down in the canal, trying to push his head under water.'

Although I couldn't swim I waded in up to my chest and tried to pull him out but he kept struggling - it was obvious he didn't want to be saved.'

At that point a passer-by came to his assistance and between them they managed to drag the man ashore before Mr Connolly phoned for the emergency services. Superintendent Ian Gillies

who presented the award on behalf of the Chief Constable, Sir Andrew Sloan, praised Mr Connolly's heroic deed.

'The canal is about 45 feet wide at that point and Charlie's prompt and courageous action prevented what could have been a very serious situation,' he said.

On your marks for a record series

TARBERT is gearing up for what could be a record-breaking Rover Series next weekend.

With just seven days to go, the number of entries is already well over the 200 mark - and organisers are expecting another record feat.

The honorary secretary of the series' organisers, Clyde Cruising Club, Sandy Taggart said: 'We are delighted at the level of entries so far. They all tend to flood in just before the closing date but even at this stage we look to have the makings of an exciting regatta.'

The event looks set to be an exciting affair with tough competition between some of the county's best.

Housing list favours homeless

Sir,
I would like to reply to last week's letter 'Shameful housing situation' and offer my support 100 per cent to the lady who wrote it.

I agree wholeheartedly with all the points in her letter. Both myself and my husband were born and bred in Argyll and worked in Argyll all our lives. We have been on both housing lists for well over 10 years, to no avail.

We naively assumed that we would eventually come to the front of the queue, but we were wrong. We therefore continue to pay extortionate rent, whilst others are put

up at the taxpayers' expense. In short, patience, honesty and civility get you nowhere!

Name and address supplied

Homeless not to blame for housing

Sir,
In reply to the letter last week from the woman highlighting the shameful housing situation can I put forward some points?

The current housing situation is not a result of homeless people but could be seen as due to decades of under-investment in local authority housing, right to buy schemes depleting the availability and the overpriced private sector.

The man mentioned, I believe, is in employment and

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initially had accommodation provided by his employer when his family joined him and then the tied accommodation was no longer available. This man is in employment and both he and his employer will be paying taxes, in turn contributing to our society, but it is a case of damned if you do or damned if you don't. Don't work and you are a sponger, work you are condemned for 'stealing jobs'.

The young woman referred to who 'fancied living in Lochgilphead' is, like the writer, born and bred in Argyll and has a supportive extended family who she rightly returned to for support not on some whim, but due to varied reasons, because she is homeless.

Any person who presents as homeless to the local authority is not automatically 'prioritised' but circumstances are assessed in a professional manner by dedicated staff from the homeless team who adhere to the existing guidelines under far-seeing legislation by the Scottish Executive.

There appeared an under-

current through the letter that made me think I was in Barking in London during the recent local elections. People should be at liberty to move wherever they wish in society and the wider world and those in need should be offered support. Once you start drawing lines as to who should be supported it is just a matter of time until the line gets wider and we target others who we have some grudge against. I am sure someone will point out that I was not born in Argyll!

Hugh Kirk, 13 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig

Scrap right to buy scheme

Sir,
I am writing concerning the housing situation in Argyll and Bute and council tenants' right to buy option.

The right to buy option is a great thing but I feel that the rules should be changed that if you buy your council house and then wish to sell, you should only be al-

lowed to sell it back to the council, or at the very least a person should only be eligible to use the right to buy option once.

People are simply buying their council houses, selling them on for vast profit only to get into another council house and do the same thing again. Fife Council has suspended the right to buy option as it has realised that too many people are taking advantage of the situation and that council housing stocks are being depleted.

As there do not seem to be too many, if any new, council houses being built, surely Argyll and Bute Council should be following suit.

Name and address supplied

Red Star will review conduct

Sir,
In reply to the letter from your concerned reader in last week's paper, the management and players of Lochgilphead Red Star

would like to apologise for any upset and embarrassment that was caused to both your reader and his children.

Whilst we do not condone any untoward behaviour from players or officials, it has unfortunately become part of the culture of today's game and is something that has to be addressed by all member clubs, referees and governing bodies throughout the game. This is not an excuse but if your reader was to visit any public park where amateur football is played throughout Scotland, they would find the exact same language and behaviour every Saturday at 2.30pm and I'm sure millions of fans witness the same if not worse on televised games throughout the world.

The club has a discipline code which will be re-

viewed and amended as required to ensure that committee members, players and management are fully aware of their responsibilities. Rest assured that as a local club, we wish to encourage younger team members to train and play with us, we fully appreciate the backing from supporters and sponsors alike and certainly do not want anyone to be discouraged from being involved in a small local club. We need to have the support of everyone locally to continue our membership of the Scottish Amateur Football League. Chairman Michael Todd, Manager Douglas Moore, Lochgilphead Red Star AFC

The deadline for letters is Tuesday at 2pm

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Medical fund open evening

A LARGE number of people attended an open evening at Muasdale Surgery last week to find out all about the West Kintyre Medical Fund (WKMF) and what it does.

The evening began in the surgery with a look at the medical equipment purchased by the fund for the Muasdale practice.

Dr Kalia and Marion McDonald demonstrated how the equipment was used, with particular reference to the recently purchased defibrillator.

This life-saving piece of equipment was purchased by the WKMF with generous funding from the wind farm trust and the British Heart Foundation.

The group then moved into the Tassie, which was formerly the surgery itself. Over a glass of wine, tea or coffee, the committee members chatted with people about the function of the fund.

Many people were unaware that the fund exists to help provide valuable equipment for the practice, which strengthens the case for maintaining both a doctor and a surgery at Muasdale as the NHS does not provide such equipment.

Marilyn Shedden, WKMF chairwoman, then gave an overview presentation on the aims and objectives for the future of the fund and the committee invited people to become a friend for a

contribution of just £5 per year.

The fund is hoping to apply for charitable status, which will give it several financial advantages. It is also hoping to set up a website to keep people updated about what the fund is doing.

The committee was disappointed that Dr Syred could not make the evening as he was unavoidably detained in Glasgow, but it is very grateful to him and all his staff for the warmth of their support and co-operation.

For more information about the fund and the work its members do, contact Marilyn Shedden on 01583 421104, or Janette Fiander on 01583 421304.



Just some of those who attended an open evening at Muasdale Surgery last week to find out about the West Kintyre Medical Fund. c20mua01

James Baxter's driving success

JAMES Baxter from Tarbert undertook training to become an approved driving instructor with a large driving school in Brighton.

After passing his driving instructor qualifications in 1999, he remained with the driving school until 2002.

James continued to give driving lessons as an independent instructor and maintained a base of around 45 pupils.

Now based in Tarbert, his driving school continues. He said: 'I am a patient person and am able to get

on with people easily. My lesson fees will be £30.00 for the first three hours, which I find gives beginners the chance to get 'up and running', and thereafter £15.00 per hour.

'I am also registered to teach the Pass Plus training course. This provides pupils who have recently passed their driving test with invaluable experience in six main areas of driving. A number of insurance companies offer substantial discounts to those who pass the course and this invariably

covers the cost of the course. The Pass Plus training will cost £240.00 and this can be split over the duration of the course.

'This will include a drive to Glasgow in order to provide practical training for the dual carriageway, motorway and town driving modules. For more information, give James a call today on 01880 820969 or 07790 892063.

West coast bar staff to undergo training

A NEW training book and a chance for landlords of pubs across the west coast to win training for their staff has been launched by Alcohol Focus Scotland's training arm Servewise.

The training and booklet is aimed at casual staff, who often do not receive training at spotting and dealing with drink-related problems because it is too expensive.

Jack Law, chief executive of Alcohol Focus Scotland,

said: 'Although training of casual staff is not currently included in new legislation, it is vital to show due diligence to maintain high standards and cover legal and social responsibilities.

'The new workbook provides a coast and time effective way of doing this.' At the same time, Tennent's came up with the idea of giving away bar staffing training courses with Scottish Licensed Trade News. 'It helps us get the message out there about

the importance of training, whilst SLTN and Tennent's are giving something worthwhile back to the trade, in keeping with the responsible agenda we promote,' said Mr Law.

Tennent's Lager head of public relations Rob Bruce said that bar staff in Kintyre and Mid Argyll are at the front line when it comes to promoting responsible use of alcohol and as a responsible company we wanted to offer publicans a helping hand.'

Argyll hotels recognised for quality and innovation in annual Scottish awards

TWO Argyll hotels have received accolades in this year's Scottish Hotels of the Year Awards.

The awards were pre-

sented for business, design, innovation and quality.

Balinakill House at Clachan won the Scottish Hotel Green Award 2006,

while the Cairnbaan Hotel too a Very Highly Commended in The Scottish Hotel Bar Food Award 2006 section.

Honour for Vestas man

A MAN who has helped the Danish parent company of Vestas-Celtic at Machrinhanish to maintain a leading market position in the UK has been rewarded for his efforts.

Mr Silberman, of Windpower Developments Limited, received the Diploma of the Danish Export Association and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik's Medal of Honour from the Danish Ambassador in London.

They were presented for his work with Vestas and other related companies.

Mr Silberman was appointed Vestas's representative in the United Kingdom in 1988.

He received the awards for his hard work and vision which has contributed to Vestas's market position in the UK within the selling and production of wind power systems.

Pat receives top award for artistic talent



Pat Semple who has received a coveted artists' award for her work.

A HIGHLANDS artist with Kintyre roots has recently been celebrating after receiving an award for her work.

Pat Semple was presented with the Highland Society of London award for the best work in any discipline by an artist living and working in the Highlands.

It was given to her at the 180th Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) annual exhibition at The Mound, Edinburgh, recently.

Now living in Tain, Ross-shire, Pat is the daughter of Neil Semple and the granddaughter of Henry Semple, late of Ifferdale Farm, Saddell.

Pat has lived and worked

for many years in the Highlands.

As a child she attended Saddell and Carradale schools and has a house at Campbeltown.

She regards Kintyre as her spiritual home.

A professional member of the Society of Scottish Artists and the Royal Scottish Society of painters in watercolour.

She has had numerous exhibitions in Scotland and London and her works are in private collections in Europe and the UK as well as America and Norway.

Pat works mainly in oils and mixed media and produces many drawings as well.

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Dooker Soup performers hit the Argyll airwaves



Singer-songwriter Katie Fitzgerald on air at Argyll FM's Acoustic Alternative show, with presenter Les Oman

PERFORMERS from the Tarbert community music and media project Dooker Soup have been hitting the airwaves recently.

Whilst Radio Scotland presenters have been playing several tracks from the Dooker Soup CD, Argyll FM has also taken a special interest in the project and hosted two live sessions from its Campbeltown stu-

dio. Singer-songwriters Katie Fitzgerald and Amanda Lough joined Les Oman on the *Acoustic Alternative* show to talk about their involvement in the Dooker Soup workshops, and to perform some of their own material live on air.

The live broadcasts were a first for both Katie and Amanda, and both gave inspired performances of original material we are sure to hear more of in the future. The support Argyll FM has shown for Dooker Soup has been invaluable, and the project team would like to thank Les and everyone at Argyll FM for the opportunity to showcase two very accomplished performers.

For more information on Dooker Soup log on to www.wildbiscuit.com.

Time running out for National Mod entries



Katie Evamy and Meagan Marshal from Tarbert, gold medal winners at last year's Royal National Mod in Stornoway. (42mod13)

WITH the 2006 Royal National Mod less than six months away, the May 31 will see the closing date for entries to the event.

Mod 2006, which is being held in Dunoon from Friday October 13 to Saturday October 21 will be the 103rd Mod and is expected to attract visitors and competitors from throughout the UK, Ireland, the USA, Canada and Australia.

The Royal National Mod has the support of Caledonian MacBrayne as the main commercial supporters of Mod 2006 and many of the choirs and competitors travelling to Dunoon will be utilising services across the company's network from Mull to the Western Isles. Further sup-

port has come from Argyll and Bute Council and the Royal Mail Group. The Mod returns to Dunoon having last been held in the town six years ago.

John A MacIver, convener of the Royal National Mod, anticipates a high level of entries across the range of competitions which include piping, fiddle, Gaelic music and song, literature, Highland dancing, drama and sport.

Successful

Mr MacIver said: 'Both the Dunoon Mod in 2000 and the Oban Mod in 2003 were extremely successful events and I am confident that, as we return to Argyll, the numbers for Mod 2006 will be on a par with previous Mods held in Argyll.'

Entries to the Dunoon Mod 2006 require to be submitted to the offices of the Royal National Mod in Inverness no later than May 31.

Entries

Louise MacLean, who has recently taken up the post of Mod administrator with the Mod Company, is based at the Mod offices in Inverness, where her responsibilities will include dealing with the entries and working closely with colleagues and officials in Inverness, Stornoway and Oban as planning for Mod 2006 gathers pace.

The Royal National Mod can be contacted at 109 Church Street, Inverness, IV1 1EY, by telephone on 01463 709705 or via email on info@the-mod.co.uk.

Younger audience catered for in Ardfern

MONDAY (May 22) will see Craignish Village Hall host a special play for young children and their families.

The Gardener, presented by the AJTC Theatre Company, is a funny, warm-hearted play with music, written especially for young children and their parents and grandparents. Writer Mike Kenny winner of the

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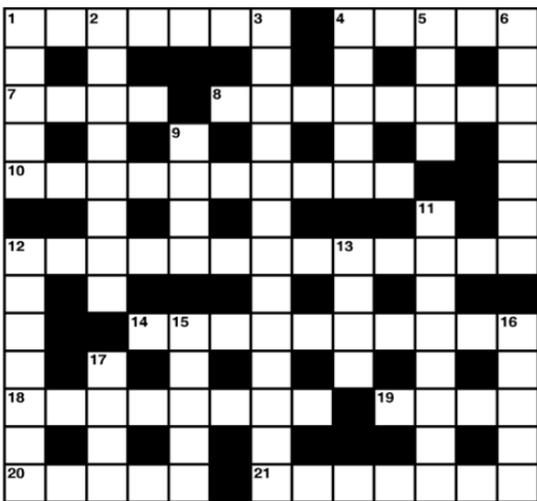
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THE THINKER

- ACROSS**
 1 He loses grip due to insubstantial footwear (7)
 4 Not so many sheep held by heartless farmer (5)
 7 Animal in crib - extremely young (4)
 8 Sat right - bending, but not bending (8)
 10 Knock down the directors with a piece of wood (10)
 12 Thinking about what's meant to clip on easily (13)
 14 Ending up on council's easy (10)
 18 I sing in a group, waving arms (8)
 19 Point to comedian and what he stole (4)
 20 Artist in the drink - that's corny (5)
 21 Former partner crept about in passage (7)
- DOWN**
 1 Some risk if forced to go by boat (5)
 2 Heading for the frozen water, then stuck there (8)
 3 Prettier covers discovered looking back (13)
 4 Note - den has some style (5)
 5 Initially wait for a long time to get your pay (4)
 6 Vermin youngster used as material (7)
 9 Utter rubbish - time spent is just the opposite (4)
 11 Polite conflict? Nothing of the sort (5,3)
 12 Said to be blocking up what's above you (7)
 13 A strange sort of lily (4)
 15 Groan when served with liver (5)
 16 It's a different thing after dark (5)
 17 Roadside assistance is held up in distant lands (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Ripples 5.Tramp 8.Cross 9.Trooper 10.Need
 11.Artifact 14.Sleek 15.Pasta 19.Airtight 20.Wren
 22.Senator 24.Grasp 25.Enter 26.Bugbear
DOWN: 1.Recent 2.Propeller 3.List 4.Satire 5.Tropical
 6.Amp 7.Pirate 12.Alternate 13.Register 16.Parsee
 17.Cherub 18.Sniper 21.Agog 23.Not

FIND THE WORDS

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Mark: Speck, Stain, Smut, Splodge, Impress, Weal, Tattoo, Symbol, Logo, Stigmata, Blot, Bruise, Fleck, Spot, Smear, Note, Groove, Stamp, Brand, Scar

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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: 23 Maestro: 34+

Gala concludes MAAA season

EIGHTEEN musicians plus one church choir took part in this year's MAAA gala, which traditionally marks the end of the association's season of music, and the programme was varied and highly entertaining.

The fine piping of Struan Thorpe set the evening off in superb style. Struan was followed by Gillian Smylie and Kirsten Lawrence at the piano with a popular movement from *Walton's Suite, Facade*, the piece with which they carried off the piano duet honours at the Mid Argyll Music Festival.

Another outstanding festival performer, Sarah Dickie, sang two nicely contrasted songs, *Jock o' Hazeldean* and *If I Loved You* and accompanied by David Finlay at the piano, these were highly polished performances.

It was brave of clarinetist, Sarah Blair, to play *Dance Prelude No 4* by Lutoslawski, and her thoughtful performance was well rewarded by prolonged applause, as was Morag Cupples' spirited Scottish fiddle playing of a slow air, strathspey and reel.

Busiest men of the evening were David Finlay and John Orr, and together with Ann MacMillan and Iain MacInnes, they performed the Trio from *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* - quality ensemble singing to bring the first half to a close.

Again a great start to the second half with fine singing from the Cumlodden

and Lochfyneside Church choir, before Sarah Dickie, winner of the piano solo cup at the festival, played two attractive solos by Borodin and Grovlez. As a contrast, this was followed by *Fear a Bhata*, sung in perfect harmony by Megan Marshall and Katie Evamy, which moved master of ceremonies, Alex Hamilton, to exclaim: 'definitely the most beautiful sound you will hear this evening'.

A key feature to the programme was the breaking up of musical items in both sessions by a poetry item, an original and welcome feature. So in the first half, we were treated to a dramatic and expert rendering (off by heart) of W.S. Gilbert's gruesome epic poem *The Yarn of the Nancy Bell* by Kay Hunter, a real tour de force.

MAAA treasurer, Rebecca Pine, made her now traditional appearance in the second half with a highly entertaining and at times hugely comical poem, modelled on Longfellow's *Hiawatha*, but recounting the long, drawn out saga of the cleaning and desludging of the Crinan Canal in recent months - a hugely original and cleverly written poem which struck many a chord with the local audience.

John Summers was again on top form on the piano and, with great style and fine rhythm, he played three jazz standards - finishing with *The Girl From Ipanema* which really set all those feet a tapping.

The ever-popular John Orr sang *If I Was A Rich Man* in a manner which would certainly have been approved of by Topol, before inviting the audience to participate in *The Hippopotamus Song*, which was a great success. The gala was then brought to a conclusion with two traditional sets - marches and reels - on the accordion, fiddle and piano, with John Holt, Morag Cupples and Joyce Munro.

Finally, Alex Hamilton thanked all the artists for providing what had been an excellent and original evening of entertainment, clearly enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience.



Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Church Choir performed at MAAA's gala.

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Holstein Breeders' herd comp

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club held its annual herd's competition last week with 13 herds entered. Judge Mr Harry Hodgeson, Wormanby Farm, Carlisle, made the following placings:

Large herds: 1 Tommy Ralston, Dhurrie; 2 John Smith, Drumalea, Dugald Graham, West Backs.

Small herds: 1 William Armour, West Trodigan; 2 William Ralston, West Darlochan; 3 Donald Armour, High Knockrioch.

Best herd overall: Tommy Ralston, Dhurrie.

Individual: 1 Hugh McCorkingdale, Eden; 2 William Armour, West Trodigan; 3 Tommy Ralston, Dhurrie.

9,000kg class: 1. William Ralston, West Darlochan; 2 Tommy Ralston, Dhurrie; 3 Hugh McCorkingdale, Eden.

Special prize: James McLean, Kilmaho.

Special presentation: Hugh McCorkingdale, Eden.

It is the Kintyre club's 25th year and following the herds competition at the '25th Year' Anniversary Dinner

and Dance at the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, Mr John Jamieson, chairman, Holstein Scotland south, ably replied to by chairman John Smith.

Vice-chairman John Ralston expressed the club's sincere thanks to all who supported the competition and social at night in such large numbers for both with special tribute to Mrs Mary Cameron, Donald Lawson of Davidson Brothers, and Alta Semen Company.

(Submitted by Tommy Ralston, secretary.)



Above: Prizewinners from the left: John Smith, James McLean, Harry Hodgeson (judge), John Jamieson (guest speaker), Willie Armour, Hugh McCorkingdale, with right front Willie Ralston and Tommy Ralston.

Right: The past chairmen of the Holstein Breeders Club are pictured as follows: Back row, left to right: John Smith, Thomas Ralston, William McLean, William Ralston, George Reid, James McLean and Matthew Ralston. Front row, left to right: John Smith, Hugh Mitchell, Robert Millar and Dugald Graham.

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The past secretaries of the Holstein Breeders Club pictured above are, left to right, James Martin, Matthew Ralston, Isobel McLean and Thomas Ralston.



Market report

OBAN Livestock Centre on Tuesday May 9.

Caledonian Marts had forward 241 store and breeding cattle, 46 cast cows, Oeds cows and 319 store sheep and ewes with lambs.

A large ringside of buyers forward from Rochdale, Penrith, Aberdeenshire, Ayr, Angus and the central belt, all classes of cattle met a very brisk trade and many more could have been sold.

Bullocks to 154p per kilo for Lim X from Bruce Campbell, Achnacreebeg, North Connel.

Sale average 127.1p per kg.

Heifers to 145p per kilo for Lim X from Malcolm Campbell, Airds, Ardfern.

Sale average 110.2p.

Bullocks per head: Achnacreebeg (Blim) £590; Upper Largie (Rlim) £530; Inion (BB) £515; Ferlochan (Cross) £510; Feal (CharX) £495; Ballygrundle (BP) £485; Stroneskar (Sim) £465.

Heifers per head: Achaleven (BP) £475; Achnacreebeg (Blim); Ballygrundle (Char) £465; Barcaldine (BB) £450; Feal (Dun) £440; Carloonan (AA) £430; Upper Largie (Red) £400. Breed-

ing Cattle: Bulls: Antium (LixX Sim 4yo) £1250; Ardachy (Lim 5yo) £1000; Feal (Char 8yo) £600.

In-Calf Cows: Antium (AAX) £460; Ardachy (LimX) £380.

Bulling Heifers: Bruernish (Lim) £400.

Cast cows sold to 80.6p per kilo for an AA x cows from Poltalloch, Lochgilphead, and averaged 73p per kilo.

Cows per head: Poltalloch (AAX) £490 and £480; Bonawe (Luing) £400; Poltalloch (BG) £390.

In the sheep section all classes met the best trade of the season.

Hoggets per head: Seaview (McKellar) (Tex) £55; Achnacloch (GF) £40; Antium (Chev) £40; Ferlochan (BF) £33.

Ewes per head: Poltalloch (Cross) £33.50; Ferlochan (Tex) £30; Achuran (Leic) £28; Stalker Cottage (Chev) £26.

Tups per head: Achinreir (Chev) £28; Bonawe (BF) £28.

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TARBERT will welcome up to 200 yachts to compete in the 2006 Bell Lawrie Scottish Series from May 26-29 on Loch Fyne.

Organised by Clyde Cruising Club yachts from the UK, Ireland and France compete in the 15-class Series that has two races per day on three separate courses.

It is the seventh year of sponsorship from investment managers Bell Lawrie, and a further two years sponsorship is promised underpinning the future of Scotland's biggest yacht racing event said to be worth £600,000 to Tarbert village alone.

Tunnocks, course sponsors for the past 20 years, have donated the Tunnock's Trophy for the feeder race from Bangor. Other course sponsors include Talisker and Graham Technology and Volvo are on board to support the media office and vehicle event support. New sponsors Tiso Outdoor sponsor the results.

Amidst the strong competition west coast sailors will be keen to take home silverware

Joey Gough of Oban Sailing Club defends his CYCA Class 6 title of 2005. John MacKenzie from the Isle of Skye Yacht Club will not make it plain sailing for Joey racing his Westerly Stoirm Mhor in the same class. Ken Grant of Lochaber Yacht Club brings his J109 Tigh Soluis II in IRC Class 2 and, with the boat wound up from a winter's tough racing, also looks to be a strong class contender. And

John Grafton of Tayvallich races his Sweden Yachts Pacesetter in IRC Class 3.

In IRC Class 4 Oban's Steven Forteith fronts a strong campaign on his father's Beneteau 31.7 Shadowfax and is confident of a good performance and even a look at the overall Scottish Series title.

With 20 entries the sportsboat class is one of the strongest and Ian Cleaver is a strong contender with his Melges 24. Brian Robertson, runner up in CYCA Class 8 last year must be in contention for a Class win this year in his GK24 Pointer.

Tarbert's Graeme Scott, previous class winner and the overall Series champion again campaigns his Cork 1720 King Quick in Class 1. The 1720 Scottish National Championships for both 2006/7 will be held as part of the Bell Lawrie Scottish Series giving an added edge for these competitors.

Commenting on their seventh year of sponsorship, Fraser Gardiner, Director of investment managers, Bell Lawrie said: 'We're

connected with; we work hard with the Clyde Cruising Club and other sponsors to make it an event to remember.'

For more information contact Hazel Watson, Clyde Cruising Club, Tel: 0141 221 2774; email: hazel@clyde.org

Something for all the family at Tarbert

As well as the hectic on the water competition, there will be a full social programme during the day in Tarbert with live bands playing in the event marquee in the evening. Shore-side entertainment and activities are organised by Tarbert Enterprise Company, fully sponsored with financial support from Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll & Islands Enterprise and McEwans and Shanks Waste Solutions.

Circus Workshops take place in the harbour marquee on Saturday and Sunday as well as a variety of other children's entertainment and music sessions all starting

from 1pm.

The Campbeltown Brass Band is guaranteed to stir up the party atmosphere mid-afternoon on Saturday to be followed by Campbeltown Pipe Band playing from around 5pm with the Mid Argyll Pipe Band on Sunday. Throughout the weekend there will be tea, coffee and refreshments available as well as a number of stalls on the shoreside. And this year for the first time RYA Scotland is to bring the 'Sailing in the City' initiative to Tarbert. This aims to offer local and accessible sailing to youngsters aged 8-14. To book a taster session, contact Suzie Blair, RYA, Tel: 0131 317 4617, email: suzie.blair@rya-online.net.

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We're delighted also to welcome Seatrek who will be offering cruises on Loch Fyne - so even if you're not a sailor, you can still get out there on the water and enjoy the spectacle.

Whether you're a long-standing visitor, or here for the first time, we hope you enjoy the friendly carnival atmosphere and the genuinely warm welcome from a fishing village that loves to entertain!

Expand your knowledge at

20-26 MAY 2006

The fifteenth annual UK wide festival of learning, Adult Learners' Week, launches this year in Scotland on Saturday 20 May, with venues throughout the country celebrating learning under this year's theme of "Gender Equality in Learning".

Adult Learners' Week is the UK's only festival of learning and is now celebrating its fifteenth anniversary. In Scotland hundreds of organisations will open their doors between Saturday 20 and Friday 26 May to provide taster sessions and learning opportunities for new and existing learners.

Adult Learners Week has developed and grown from a one-week promotion of learning into an annual festival of learning. As well as encouraging new and existing learners to get involved in learning, the achievements of both learners and providers alike are acknowledged and celebrated.

Adult Learners Week is a unique annual UK-wide festival of learning; it brings together educators, training providers and broadcasters in an effort to raise awareness and encourage participation in all types and forms of adult learning amongst those who are traditionally under-represented in post school education and training.

Through the support of the media and the use of promotional activity Adult learners Week seeks to stimulate demand through the creation of positive images of learning. Adult Learners'

Week also seeks to promote government policies that reflect the importance and value of learning within society.

The Scottish Adult Learning Partnership (SALP) is responsible for co-ordinating Adult Learners Week in Scotland. The National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education (NIACE) has responsibility in England and Wales.

This year is the fifteenth anniversary of Adult learners Week in the UK.

The overall aims of Adult Learners Week are to:

- Celebrate the positive role that learning can play in changing people's lives; the achievements and success stories of adult learners in every part of Scotland are promoted, celebrated and congratulated.
- Stimulate participation amongst those who may not believe learn-

The aim of Adult Learners' Week is to celebrate learning and to promote learning as a positive experience. This is achieved by learning providers all over Scotland opening their doors and encouraging all adults living in Scotland to sample some type or form of learning experience.

Everyone is welcome to participate in Adult Learners' Week, although the week long festival of learning is specifically aimed at attracting adults who are traditionally under represented in post school education and training. Whether it is trying some-

ing is for them, encourage more people to take the first step back to learning and promote learning to disadvantaged groups.

- Improve access to local information, advice and guidance that supports learning; all over Scotland the opportunity exists for people to find out first hand what is involved and what help is available to make the first step.

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK THEME FOR 2006

Each year Adult Learners' Week focuses on a key theme to help give the events a shape and concept. Using a theme is a useful way of encouraging people to think about trying something new. This year's theme is "Gender Equality in Learning". Encompassing the role of learning in promoting gender equality in employment, education and community in-

volvement and participation is the central activity planned for this year. Many of the local and national partners are organising events with a gender equality theme.

NATIONAL FREEPHONE HELPLINE: 0800 100 900

A free and confidential telephone helpline for adults interested in returning to learning is available all year round, including during Adult Learners' Week, at the following times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 9pm
Saturday 9am - Noon

The national freephone helpline offers impartial advice and guidance to adults on education, training and employment opportunities. Callers to the helpline are able to talk directly to an experienced educational advisor, who can offer information, advice and help to work out what the next

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thing new, or revisiting something previously learnt, Adult Learners Week aims to encourage adults to return to learning in some capacity or another.

Between Saturday 20 and Friday 26 May 2006 in villages, towns and cities all over Scotland there will be information stalls and displays, drop in and taster sessions, with adult learning facilitators or hand for advice, information and encouragement in schools, colleges, halls, shopping centres, or the street, and in many other locations.

designed for flexible delivery, to suit participants. It has recently been updated and now has an optional accreditation (level 2 through the Open College Network) Volunteers should have parenting experience and must be willing to provide 2 referees and undergo an enhanced check with Disclosure Scotland.

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Community Learning and Regeneration Adult Learners Week

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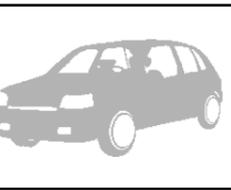
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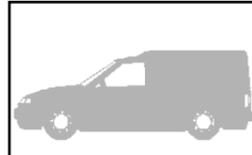


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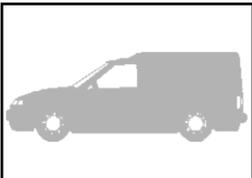


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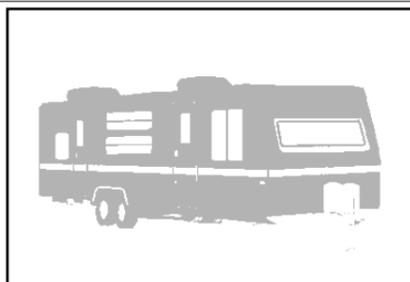


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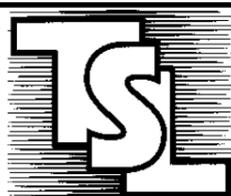
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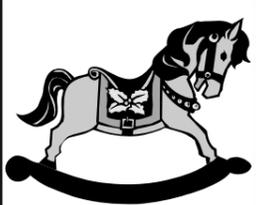
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'Praise be to the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ'
(2 Corinthians 1:3)

BIRTHS

CLARK OSBORNE - Ben would like to say hello to the world. He was born on May 4, 2006 at the R.A.H Paisley. Mummy (Ailsa) and daddy (Matthew) are delighted. Thanks to the midwives in Dunoon, Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Paisley.

LAFFERTY - Graeme and Gillian (née Cook) are delighted to announce the birth of a beautiful baby daughter, Hannah Gillian, on May 2, 2006, a wee sister for Alex; fourth grandchild for Jim and Rena Cook, of Stirling, ninth grandchild for Billy and Jenny Lafferty, Campbeltown. Eternal thanks to all SRI staff involved.



MACINNES - Alan and Maggie are delighted to announce the birth of their new son, Coll David, on May 11, 2006, in Duncan B.C. A wee brother for Joe and Calum.

SWAN - John, Catherine (nee Clark) and big brother James, are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Heather Ann on April 28, 2006 in Amsterdam.

ENGAGEMENTS

McGUIRE-AYKUT - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Sandra to Ziya on April 27, 2006 in Mersin, Turkey.

MARRIAGES

CRAWFORD KOURKOULOS - Both families are happy to announce the marriage of Catherine Ann, only daughter of Cammy and Amy Crawford, 8 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead, to Giorgos, son of Fredriki and the late Thomas Kourkoulos, Makrades, on April 30, 2006 at Makrades, Corfu.

McGEACHY CARMICHAEL - At the Lorne and Lowland Church on May 6, 2006 by Rev Philip Burroughs, John McGuire, eldest son of Sweeney and Marianne, Braeside, The Walk, Campbeltown, to Kerry Lamont, younger daughter of Roddy and Margaret, Glenmurrell, Machrihanish. A lovely day.

WEIR - McWHIRTER - On Saturday April 29, 2006

in Achamore Gardens, Isle of Gigha, by Rev J Paton, Archie to Agnes. A wonderful day.

DEATHS

HART - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on May 13, 2006, Agnes Black, in her 87th year, formerly of Benmore Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Eric Hart, dearly loved mother of Julie and a much loved granny and great granny.

McKINLAY - Peacefully, at Burnbank House, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow, on May 11, 2006, Jean McKinlay in her 95th year, formerly of Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James McKinlay, dearly loved mother of Peter, mother-in-law of Phyllis and a much loved granny and great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MACKINNON - The family of the late Dolina MacKinnon would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and telephone calls received during their sad loss. A special thank you to Dr Kalia, Ambulance crew and Alison and Peter for their assistance and compassion. Thanks also to all her friends and neighbours and especially to Donnie Mitchell for his valued friendship and help throughout the years, Marlin Fiander, Margaret Sinclair and Elinor Bird for their much-appreciated support. Grateful thanks to Rev John Paton for his moving and comforting service at A'Chleit Church and Cardross Crematorium, Alasdair Blair Funeral Director, for sympathetic professional services, Nettie Semple, Organist, Jean Wallace for beautiful flower arrangements, John Hunt, Johnnie and Gus, and to all who paid their last respects at the church and crematorium.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACTAGGART - Special memories of a dear brother, John MacTaggart (Ian), died May 25, 2003. Time changes many things But not the sadness this day brings
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- Inserted by his sister, also Iain, Oakhill Tarbert.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of Johanna It's been a year since you passed away
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You made such a difference inspired so many too
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we always think of you
Love always.
- Uncle Duncan, Auntie Margaret, Rachel and Lee.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of Johanna, who passed away on May 17, 2005.

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The hill too hard to climb
So He put his arms around you
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- Love, Nana and Papa.
MACVICAR - In memory of a very special girl, Jo - An inspiration to us all. Forever in our thoughts.
- Robert, Linda and boys xxxxx

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome
Sunday 21 May 2006
Pastor Andrew Miles

11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Service Bible Study

Monday 10.30 a.m. Discipleship Course

Wednesday 7 p.m. Discipleship Course

Thursday Coffee Morning, 10-12 p.m.
Friday 10-11.30 a.m. Jumpstart Group

Monday 22 May 2006
American Gospel Music Choir from Maryland, U.S.A.
Lochgilphead High School 7.30 p.m. Admission free



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Sunday 21 May 2006
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
Breaking of Bread 10 a.m.
Coffee 10.45 a.m.
Family Service with Sunday School and Creche 11.15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship .. 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7.30 p.m.
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Wednesday Jellytots
Parent and Toddlers 10 a.m.
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Rev. Douglas Bell
Wednesday 24 May 2006
Prayer Meeting 10.30 a.m.
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Highland Parish Church

Friday 19 May 2006
7-9 p.m.

Christian Aid's 'Big Count'
Kirk Street Hall

Sunday 21 May 2006
11.15 a.m. Morning Worship

Rev. C. M. Henderson
Creche in Church (0-3 years)

Junior Sunday School
Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School
Church

No Evening Service
Thursday 25 May 2006

7 p.m. Bible Study
Kirk Street Hall

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Sunday 21 May 2006

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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 21 May 2006

Service 11 a.m.

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Sponsored Walk and BBQ

Sunday 28 May 2006

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Sunday 21 May 2006

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Saturday 20 May 2006

Youth Club 7 p.m.

Sunday 21 May 2006

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

Jim Campbell
Tuesday 23 May 2006

Mothers and Toddlers at 9.45 a.m.

Friday 26 May 2006

Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Eucharist 9 a.m.

Eucharist with hymns 11 a.m.

ST COLUMBA'S POTALLOCH

Evening Prayer 3.30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR

Sunday 21 May 2006

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Cumlodden (Furnace)
10.30 a.m.

Lochfyneside (Minard)
12 noon

Lochgair 3 p.m.

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Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
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Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall

7 p.m. Bible Study

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11 a.m.

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Thursday 25 May 2006

7.30 p.m.

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Golfers draw first leg of trophy match

Golf

ON SUNDAY May 14, in spite of the inclement weather and more than a few early midges, the ladies of Lochgilphead Golf Club were pleased to welcome a team of eight ladies from Carradale to play the first leg of their annual Ish-Mar trophy.

The trophy was donated jointly by Ishy Macdonald and Margaret Campbell, the original lady captains of both clubs, and it has changed hands several times over the years.

Strong team

The current holders, Carradale, fielded a strong young team including six young ladies with handicaps under 18. In the traditional Greensomes format, the Lochgilphead players were often outdriven but not outplayed and the final result was a tied match - one win

each and two drawn games. The return match at Carradale in August will be a real test to decide which team will keep the trophy until 2007 - keenly fought but in a great spirit of friendship and camaraderie.

Booker Trophy

Recent strokeplay competitions at the club have seen an average of eight lady members balloting. Retirement must be suiting Isobel McMillan well because on April 30, she outclassed the entire ladies section by carding a nett 64 to win the Booker trophy, with the others trailing a long way back.

Norma Ross had won the Marie Curie Cancer Charity competition at the end of April. The RNLI medal on May 6 was won by our country member, Irene Paton, and Catherine Findlay had her first win of the season in the Tuesday medal on May 9.

The ladies section have

been delighted to see so many new ladies coming to the coaching sessions taken by Ken Campbell - to date, 19 overall. The swings of the learners were very impressive and it has been heartening to see several of the ladies out on the course practising to prepare for the third and final coaching session on Monday June 5. Ladies, remember to contact any current members if you would like someone to accompany you or if you need to borrow clubs.

Juniors

Congratulations are due also to the seven girls in the new junior girls section who have been out in all weathers practising. Best scores to date have been Georgia Hepburn's four at the third and Lorna Young's five at the seventh. We look forward to having these new girls and ladies playing in our teams against Carradale in the next few years.

Argyll side face Lothian

Golf

ARGYLL and Bute's six-man area team start their 2006 campaign on Sunday with a tough away fixture against the might of the Lothians at Duddingston.

Without stalwart George Reynolds through injury it is hoped that the return of Chris Carson from the USA will boost the team. The team selected is Graham Bolton (Bute), Chris Carson (Innellan), Ross Currie (Machrihanish), George MacMillan (Machrihanish), Les Pirie (Millport) and Chris Timms (Rothesay).

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Youths Championship to be held at Inveraray on June 3 will close next weekend.

The deadline for sports news and reports is Tuesday 2pm

Tough test at Tarbert shoot



Some of the competitors from Tarbert Gun Club's annual charity shoot on Saturday May 13. a20gun01

Shooting

TARBERT Gun Club held its annual charity sporting shoot on Saturday May 13 at Barfad Farmlands, raising money for Tarbert Village Hall refurbishment.

A large contingent travelled from Jura with the aim of scoring a double over the Mid Argyll guns, having cleaned up last year.

The club made good use of the trees and terrain for the

competition, the general comment being that the targets were too testing. Maximum scores at each stand were rarely achieved, with the high overhead target ruining many scorecards, some competitors commenting that the moon was lower than the clays!

Tough conditions did not stop John Weir from taking the high gun prize and he maintained his form to win the pool trap prize as well,

helping Mid Argyll to beat the island shooters. Jura Gun Club is opening a new shooting ground this summer and has laid down a challenge to the Mid Argyll shooters. Muttering were heard that one of the traps will be situated on top of on the paps....

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Dookers deliver Division One dream

Football

SAFL Division Two Busby 'B' 2 Tarbert AFC 2

WITH nearest rivals Strathkelvin losing at home to Port Glasgow on Saturday, Tarbert's draw at Busby was enough to see them finish second in Division Two and guarantee promotion.

The Dookers, sponsored by the Islay Frigate Hotel, produced a battling display against a decent

Busby side. Tarbert's goals, scored by Alex Johnstone and Ian Johnstone, will be added to the long list of 'goal of the season' contenders, as both were worthy of winning any match.

Tarbert carved out several clear-cut chances in the first half, James Prentice hitting the post and seeing another effort well-saved. His striking partner Dougie Guy also missed two chances. The latter had a header saved shortly

before Tarbert took the lead from Alex Johnstone's free kick found the top corner to put the Dookers on the road to promotion.

Busby were dangerous going forward and Craig Martin did well to block a cross. The hosts' striker headed just over from a corner, but Tarbert were defending in determined fashion.

Only minutes after the re-start, Busby came close to equalising when a

through ball bounced up for the striker, who blasted over the bar. Prentice had a good effort tipped over the bar before Tarbert conceded a poor goal.

A cross to the back post wasn't challenged, goalkeeper Blair fumbled his catch and the waiting Busby player tapped home.

Tarbert restored their lead in the 70th minute, Johnson embarking on a fine run and firing into the net. Harris and Guy also

had efforts saved, denying Tarbert a killer goal. Busby hit the side netting from a good cross, before equalising with five minutes remaining. Again, Tarbert failed to deal with a cross. A header across goal was caught by Blair, who appeared to be fouled. The referee waved play on and the loose ball was tucked away.

In the dying minutes Tarbert cleared well and looked sharp, but couldn't find a winner.

Tomorrow (Saturday May 20) Tarbert play their final league match of the season when they face newly-crowned champions Rosehill Star, who clinched the title on Saturday with a demolition of Eaglesham. Kick-off is at 2.30pm.

Tarbert: Blair, Martin, Maxwell, Laing, D MacDougall, Johnstone, Johnson, Ronald, Harris, Prentice, Guy. Subs: Connor, McIver, McMillan, N McDougall, Smythe.

No more half marathon entries

Athletics

ORGANISERS of the Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k have announced that, as they have received more than 300 entries for the race, no further entries will be accepted. No entries will be permitted on the day.

Kilmory jackpot rises again

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday May 15, when the numbers drawn were 5, 12 and 18. As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday May 22 will be £200.

No Tarbert lotto draw winners

Lottery

THE NUMBERS drawn in Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday May 15 were 2, 11 and 16. As there was no winning ticket, the jackpot for the draw on Monday May 22 will be £700.

Inveraray jackpot reaches £300

Lottery

THE NUMBERS drawn in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday May 15 were 2, 11 and 16. As there were no winners, the jackpot for the draw on Monday May 22 will be £300.

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Ross reigns at autocross



Second placed Brian Duncan from Ardrishaig, winner Adam Ross of Ardrishaig and third placed Grant Laird from Dunbeg after Mid Argyll Autocross Club's race day on Saturday May 6. a19aut01

MID ARGYLL Autocross Club's second autocross of 2006 saw the sunshine again, which was welcomed by 24 drivers and between 200 and 300 spectators.

The meeting was a hard-fought one, the drivers picking up precious

Autocross

league points. After each event, the track is brushed and concreted where necessary, with the result that the races get faster with each meeting.

Five cars emerged tied in joint first place after 72

races, each car having completed six races of four laps each.

To determine the winner, a race-off was held against the clock, each car completing four laps. Adam Ross of Ardrishaig

emerged as the winner, ahead of Brian Duncan, also of Ardrishaig, and Dunbeg's Grant Laird.

A donation has been made to Cancer Care (Dawn Patrol). Thanks go to the Forestry Commission at White Gates for its help.

Sinclair sets the standard

Golf

THE WEATHER held fair last weekend for the gents at Lochgilhead Golf Club.

On Saturday the competition was the first round of the Ann Williams Shield. One of the first players out, Ross Sinclair, set the pace with 40 points. This total stayed at top all day and allows Ross to take a slender lead into tomorrow's second round.

He will chased all the way by Keith Cowan on 39 points, Martin Barber on 38 points and a group of other players not far behind.

Sunday's competition was a new competition to the club, The John Paterson Trophy. As with Saturday, the scoring was good and the winner on the day was Donald Johnson with 41 points beating Martin Barber on the inward half.

A mention should to the greens staff. All the members would like to thank them for the hard work being put in, as the course is certainly in great condition.

Kilmory exit cup in first round

Shinty

Camanachd Cup First Round Kilmory 1

GLASGOW MID ARGYLL 2
KILMORY made four changes to the team for last weekend's match against Glasgow Mid Argyll, with a more settled side playing good shinty in the first half.

Both teams worked hard, but it was the visitors who took the lead after a quick free hit, Sorley McDonald applying the final touch.

Kilmory lifted their game immediately and were level within a minute, Steven Gilmore scoring for the home side.

With both sides desperate to reach the second round, the second half was end to end excitement, both goalkeepers pulling off great saves.

Five minutes were left on the clock when Sorley McDonald pounced on a save by the Kilmory keeper to put the ball high into the net and Glasgow Mid Argyll into the next round.

Kilmory are away to Kyles this weekend in the league.