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Wind farm objectors 'a minority'

THE DEVELOPERS behind plans for a wind farm at Allt Dearg have defended the proposal, claiming that those objecting to the scheme are a vocal minority.

npower renewables' plans for a 14-turbine development near Inverneil have been criticised by lobby group Argyll Wind Farms. com (AWF), which says the development will have an adverse effect on Mid Argyll' scenery, wildlife and tourism industry.

But Frank Park, development manager for npower renewables, said that the group was not representing the views of the wider public.

Mr Park said: 'We have found that those opposed are much more vocal compared to supporters.'

'Following our last public exhibition, some 250 people attended and of those who completed comment forms we found nearly 70 per cent in favour, compared to only 17 per cent against, a trait we've witnessed at many other wind farm proposals.'

'However, the 70 per cent are less active in making their voices heard and we therefore want to encourage their opinions whilst also avoiding the situation whereby the 17 per cent of objectors end up speaking in their place and dictating the order of the day.'

Peter Hogbin, Mid Argyll spokesman for AWF, said:

'No organization is a reliable judge of its own cause, and the results of npower's 'research' into opinions about the Allt Dearg are not likely to be taken seriously for that reason alone. No independent study of Allt Dearg is ever likely to show that this is a good site for a wind farm. On the other hand, the application has given rise to a greater number of written objections from the public than any other in the history of the local authority.'

In an attempt to find out the feelings of the Mid Argyll community at large, npower has sent copies of its non-technical summary to 4,700 households around the site. A freepost post card has also been sent out to encourage residents to register their opinions on the Allt Dearg project with Argyll and Bute Council, which will decide whether the scheme gets the go-ahead.

Mr Park said: 'The Allt Dearg wind farm, like many other wind farms before and after it, can make a positive change for the future and one that is also sustainable.'

He added: 'What is perhaps most worrying is how AWF goes under the banner of 'facilitating an informed debate' and 'are in favour of renewable energy' when in fact this couldn't be much further from the truth.'

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LHS pupils are pretty in pink

Lochgilphead High School's sixth year charity committee held a pink-themed day on Tuesday to raise money for Breast Cancer Care. Their coffee morning alone raised £947.50, with money still pouring in from pupils who were sponsored to dye their hair pink and wear pink clothes. a40pin01

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Housing stock transfer delayed

THE TRANSFER of housing stock from Argyll and Bute Council to Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has been postponed.

The transfer was due to take place on Tuesday but following an emergency item put before Argyll and Bute Council last week councillors decided that without certain information being available, the transfer of nearly 6,000

homes could not take place. However, both sides have given reassurances that the transfer will still go ahead - provisionally now on October 17.

The hitch has been described by Malcolm MacFadyen, the council's lead officer for stock transfer, as relating to one or two 'technical matters'.

'There are one or two issues to be resolved between the council and ACHA that

have prevented the transfer closing in the timescale expected; but we are hopeful that it will go forward during the course of October,' he said.

Housing spokesperson Councillor George Freeman was more candid: 'What the council is doing is transferring its stock and the whole basis of stock transfer is to achieve the 'Scottish Housing Quality Standard' which all local authorities are re-

quired to have by 2015; some local authorities can only achieve that through stock transfer as in Argyll and Bute.

'Because of outstanding information our advisors were asked quite clearly, 'Does the information on the day give you assurance that it will achieve the standard by 2015?' and they said, 'no'.

'Our responsibility is to the tenants and tax payers

of Argyll and Bute so we agreed that we would postpone it,' he added.

The report before councillors stated: 'The issue is not concerned with the fundability or viability of ACHA's business plan but rather the deliverability of the promises made to tenants.'

It added that the council's advisers DTZ Consulting and Research had advised that although ACHA's fi-

nancial assumptions were of the association's to manage there was a 'lack of transparency', which would give the council a level of assurance that the investment plan could be delivered.

The councillors agreed to defer the transfer until further information on ACHA's investment plan was received and an assessment of their impact made.

Chief Executive of ACHA Alastair MacGregor said it

was inevitable in a project of such a size that there would be outstanding issues to resolve. 'We took a view with the council that it was better to wait a couple of weeks to get it right. ACHA is of the view that [the quality standard] can be met by 2015 and we have given them our assurance that it can be met.' He said that the infrastructure, offices, vans and set up staff were well in advance for the transfer day.

Wind farm objectors 'a minority'

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'The group has made no steps, as far as I am aware, to support renewable energy, and as for facilitating an informed debate, their website is simply designed to oppose renewable energy rather than promote it and put forward the balance of cons. The pros, such as the economic benefit, the proven record of not impacting on tourism in Argyll and the fact that the fuel is free and everlasting, don't appear on www.argyllwindfarms.com.'

Mr Hogbin said: 'It is quite untrue to say that wind-power provides a net economic benefit. The fact is that the economic cost of wind generation can never be recovered in the lifetime of the project. The 'fuel', when the wind blows, may be free and everlasting but is not the only issue which needs to be considered. The massive subsidies paid to the industry must be discounted. Transmission losses and the cost of upgrading transmission lines from remote areas are further costs which are never considered in planning applications, but which have to be borne by the community and counted in the economic analysis of each scheme.'

'AWF agrees that wind power, on well-located sites, has a role to play in the future generation of electricity, despite the economic cost. This is made perfectly clear on our website. However, numerous independent experts point to the fact that Scotland will not be able to handle more than 2GW of wind-generated electricity (and the whole UK not more than 11GW) before the inherent irregularity of wind power causes unmanageable instability in the National Grid. With applications for wind farms in Scotland alone now exceeding 11GW, there is no need to approve 'bad' schemes, and every reason to be highly discriminating.'

Inveraray pipe band performs on Front Green

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band brought the curtain down on its successful debut competitive season last weekend, performing on the town's front green with its impressive haul of trophies on display.

Just a week after being named as one of the UK's favourite lottery-funded projects, the band delighted tourists and locals alike by performing a varied selection of tunes which showcased the young players' skills. The band has experienced a successful competitive season, making the top six of all the competitions it entered. Several of the band's players also picked up solo awards from various competitions both in Argyll and further afield.

Recognition of the band's success arrived recently when Pipe Major Stuart Liddell collected the National Lottery Local Legend award live on BBC television,



Inveraray and District Pipe Band is pictured with its haul of trophies from its first season of competitions. a40pip01

Inveraray tenants not pleased at new way to pay

COUNCIL tenants in Inveraray have criticised their new landlord for ending the practice of paying rent over the counter in the village.

Residents of the village's council-owned properties received a letter from Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) last week advising that when it assumes control of council houses, payments will no longer be accepted at the town's Visit Scotland shop.

Michelle Brown, one of the tenants affected by the change, said: 'All the council tenants in Inveraray received the letter to say that they won't be able to pay their rent at the Visit Scotland shop when ACHA takes over.'

'Many tenants I've spoken to this morning find none of the alternative payment methods suitable.'

In the letter to tenants,

ACHA's Mid Argyll and Kintyre area housing manager Yvonne Litster states that: 'You may be aware that tenants of Argyll and Bute Council had the option to pay their rent at the Visit Scotland shop in Inveraray on a Monday or Friday morning.'

'Regrettably, ACHA is unable to continue with this arrangement that was set up by the council and this arrangement will cease when ACHA becomes your landlord.'

ACHA has given its tenants six alternative ways to pay rent, including through their bank by direct debit or standing order, by post to the housing office in Lochgilhead or in person at the housing office. Council and ACHA employees can have their rent automatically deducted from their wages, whilst housing benefit pay-

ments can be paid directly to ACHA.

Speaking to *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, Yvonne Litster said: 'Any tenant who requires further information before making a decision regarding the choice of payment should contact myself or a member of the area housing team on 01546 604800, or by visiting us at Dalriada House, Lochgilhead. Alternatively, a home visit can be arranged if this would be more convenient.'

ACHA assumes control of Argyll and Bute Council's housing stock in the next few weeks. The council's £48 million housing debt has been written off by the Scottish Executive as part of the transfer process, and ACHA has promised tenants that it will invest in refurbishing the existing stock and build new houses.

beating off competition from projects around the UK. Inveraray had been

without a pipe band for more than 70 years when Stuart formed the new group

last year. There has been a great demand for places, with youngsters from all

around the town keen to learn the pipes or drums. The band is now hoping to attract spon-

sors to enable it to continue improving and competing at national competitions.

Supporting cancer charity in Kilmartin



A Kilmartin woman organised a coffee morning in the village on Friday as part of the MacMillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Catriona McAuslan (centre) raised £384 for the cancer charity with the help of many friends in the area. The event was held in the Living Stones

Christian Centre. a40mac01

Police Files

Tyre slashed in Union Street

OVERNIGHT between Wednesday September 27 and Thursday September 28, a car parked outside the Red Cross Centre on Union Street, Lochgilphead had one of its tyres slashed. Police are keen to speak to anyone who may have seen suspicious activity in this area.

Car damaged

SOMETIME between Monday September 25 and Friday September 29, a car parked on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, was damaged. Police wish to speak to anyone with information relating to this incident.

Windows broken

BROKEN windows were discovered at Lochgilphead Primary School on both Friday September 29 and Monday October 2. In what may be a related incident, a broken window was also discovered at the community education centre, Manse Brae, on Monday October 2. Anyone with information on any of these incidents should contact Lochgilphead Police Station.

Men arrested

TWO MEN were arrested in Lochgilphead on Friday September 29 in terms of warrants issued by local courts.

Windscreen smashed

A CAR parked at Tigh-na-Craig, Ardrishaig, was found to have had its windscreen smashed and windscreen wipers bent on Saturday September 30.

Cars damaged

OVERNIGHT between Friday September 29 and Saturday September 30, and again overnight between Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1, damage was caused to two cars in McDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead. Police are appealing for information.

Passenger hospitalised

A MOTORCYCLE was involved in an accident on the A816 near Ardfern on Monday October 2. As a result, the cycle's pillion passenger was taken to Mid Argyll Hospital for treatment, and was later moved to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.

Construction Week launched at Lochgilphead's new college site

AS NATIONAL Construction Week got underway on Monday October 2, the agencies behind the creation of a construction college in Lochgilphead visited the site to launch activities in Argyll.

Work is now underway on the site at Kilmory Industrial Estate, with local firm MacLeod Construction appointed the main contractor.

The new learning centre will be operated by Argyll College and will provide training for 32 construction industry apprentices each year. The first apprentices in brickwork, carpentry and joinery will start in August 2007, with more trades added in later years.

Director of Argyll College Michael Breslin said: 'This project is of real benefit to Argyll and we are delighted that the work is now underway on-site.'

'We look forward to welcoming our first apprentices to the centre in less than a year's time.'

Kenny MacLeod, joint managing director of MacLeod Construction Limited, said: 'As a major employer of construction labour in Argyll, MacLeod Construction Limited is pleased to be main contractors for the construction of the new training facility in Lochgilphead.'

Iain MacRae of architects Burnet Bell, which designed the learning centre, said: 'The new construction skills training centre will provide first class teaching accommodation combined with workshop facilities which will enable delivery of much-needed training courses.'

'The building itself is an exemplar of low energy design, highly insulated and largely powered by renewable energy sources including a geothermal heat pump, solar panels and a wind turbine.'

The idea for the creation of the learning centre originated during Construction Excellence roadshows in 2003. The total cost of the project, including all tooling, equipment, professional fees and building costs is in the region of £1.3 million. Building work is expected to take around eight months to complete with a further three months required to fit out the centre in time for the first courses starting in August 2007.

Other events happening as part of National Construction Week include site visits to the new school in Lochgilphead and pupil reports on the visits. Careers Scotland, in partnership with Girl Guiding Scotland, is running construction workshops in Campbeltown and Dunoon on October 12 for Brownie groups.



Visiting the site of the new construction skills training centre at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, on Monday October 2 were, from left, site manager Robert Baxter of MacLeod Construction; Lucinda Gray of Argyll and the Islands Enterprise; Dianne Smith of CITB; Frances Webster of Careers Scotland; Argyll College's John McLuckie; Peter MacDonald of Fyne Homes and West Highland Housing Association's Gregor Cameron. a40col02

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Ordination for Rev Hood

THE PRESBYTERY of Argyll is meeting tomorrow (Saturday October 7) to ordain the Reverend Catriona Hood to the Auxiliary Ministry in the Church of Scotland.

The Ordination takes place in Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown at 2pm and all are welcome.

This service is for anyone wishing to attend and particular welcome is extended to the congregations which shared in Catriona's training: Skipness, Kilcalmonell, Southend and Ardrishaig and South Knapdale.

Auxiliary Ministry means that Catriona keeps the work she loves in Lochgilphead High School but assists Ministers and parishes on a part time, voluntary basis. Catriona is

substantively the Principal Teacher of English in Lochgilphead High School, but is currently Deputy Head Teacher.

The service will be conducted by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll, The Reverend Brian Wilkinson and the preacher will be The Reverend Rosemary Legge from the Isle of Gigha. The Scripture lesson will be read by Catriona's Head Teacher in Lochgilphead High School, Miss Ann Devine.

Ministry runs in the blood, as Catriona's father, The Reverend James W Hood was Minister of Campbeltown's Lorne Street Church until his sudden death in 1987. It is a particular sadness that Catriona's mother has died just weeks prior to this Ordination.

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Councillor Alastair MacDougall, Christine Jackson of The Ironing Babe, PSYBT regional chairman Murdo Macleod and Royal Bank of Scotland Argyll Business Banking Manager Danny MacRae. (39psy02)

Iron Babe makes finals

ARDRISHAIG businesswoman Christine Jackson, otherwise known as The Iron Babe, made it to the final of the Argyll and Bute Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust Business Awards.

Christine received a special award sponsored by MacLeod Construction at the ceremony in Oban.

Introducing this year's finalists, regional chairman of PSYBT Murdo MacLeod said it was the first time Argyll and Bute had had so many finalists, which was, he said, a testament to the calibre of those who entered the awards.

Those at the awards ceremony quizzed each of the finalists on aspects of their business before the final winners were announced.

Christine said that initially her business, collecting and doing people's ironing, was based on trust but she said she took them out to her van, showed them the finished items of clothing and now her phone never stopped ringing.

'I did operate from home,' she said, 'but because of the heat I decided to get dedicated premises built for work alone.'

She said it was a big step but one worth taking - the only down side, she said, was that her own pile of ironing was now four-foot tall!

The final was won by Helen Miller and Stewart MacKechnie of Oban Chocolate Factory, with Angus MacPhail of Skipinnish Sea Tours based on the island of Tiree the runner up.

Fyne Homes records successful year

AT FYNE Homes' AGM last week, members heard that the social housing landlord had experienced a successful year.

More than 30 members attended the meeting at the Discovery Theatre in Rothesay's Winter Gardens, where they learned that the 2005/2006 financial year had proven very successful, with grant and private finance spend totalling £5.78 million. This has been spent in all areas of operation and by engaging with local contractors has benefited the local economy.

Over the year, Fyne Homes' housing management team collected 94 per

cent of rental income, held 1,257 live applications and lost only 0.96 per cent of rental income to voids.

Fyne spent £874,000 maintaining and upgrading its housing stock, using exclusively local companies. All of the residents who returned satisfaction forms were happy with the service provided.

The financial year 2005/06 saw the first full year of operation for both Fyne Futures and Fyne Initiatives, subsidiary organisations of Fyne Homes, and members heard that both had a good year. Chairman John Pembble, from Campbeltown, said: 'I'm delighted that

in my first term as chair, it has yet again been a year of unprecedented growth.

'Fyne Homes Ltd is grateful for the support from Communities Scotland and its confidence in us to deliver this large proportion of the Scottish rural housing programme. We have continued to invest in upgrading and improving our existing housing stock of 1,275 homes. I would like to thank the voluntary committee who freely gave up their time to run this operation with a capital investment of almost £10 million and a turnover of £3 million to benefit tenants and those in housing need.'

Enterprising pupils in Mid Argyll

COUNCILLOR Alison Hay recently welcomed children from Mid Argyll primary schools to a meeting in the members' lounge of the council chamber and told them a little about the structure and working of the council.

Two representatives from each of the pupil councils in Mid Argyll's primary schools had been selected

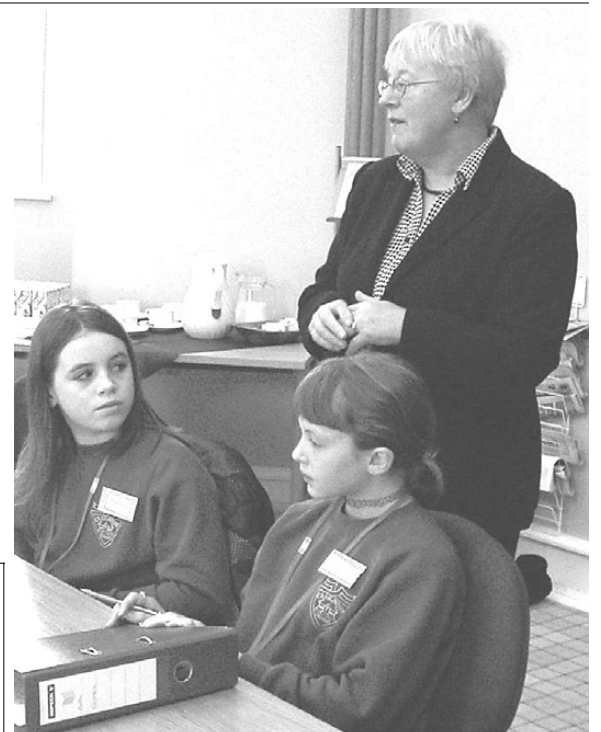
to discuss the way ahead for their forthcoming enterprise exhibition, which will be held in Ardrishaig Public Hall in February 2007.

The exhibition will enable members of the public to see and hear about the many and varied projects which illustrate the entrepreneurial skills of children in Mid Argyll.

Fyne Homes director on UK panel

FYNE Homes Social Economy Director Peter McDonald has been invited to join the UK Sustainable Development Commission Panel.

Peter will join a large panel of people stemming from a variety of backgrounds. They will join together in this national debate to discuss issues across a wide spectrum, from green schools to climate change and nuclear power.



Councillor Alison Hay addresses children from Mid Argyll's primary schools at Kilmory Castle.

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Ardrishaig woman brings mobility to Argyll

FORMER Ardrishaig woman Barbara McCallum (nee MacFarlane) has returned to Scotland with her family to open a mobility business Albion Mobility in Alloa.

Being from Argyll, Barbara appreciates the distance people are forced to travel to access equipment, a journey which for some who could be frail elderly or mobility impaired must seem like a nightmare. With this in mind Barbara decided to bring the goods to Mid Argyll's doorstep.

Barbara has worked in the mobility market in Kent for the last seven years gaining a wealth of knowledge in the provision of manual and

electric power chairs. Her range will also include electric scooters, rise recliner armchairs, beds, toileting and general aids to improve daily living for the less able.

Barbara intends to make regular visits to Mid Argyll and will hold a series of daily clinics the Arms centre in Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. The first clinic will be held on October 12 2006 where there will be various models of chairs and other equipment for clients to view and of course trial.

Anyone interested is more than welcome to drop in and have a chat with Barbara regarding any provisions they may require.

Tasty treats at WRI

AT THE meeting of Lochgilphead SWRI on the September 18, members were warmly welcomed to the new session by president Jenny Campbell.

The speaker, Vanessa Lilof from the restaurant at Kilmartin Museum, spoke very enthusiastically and interestingly about healthy eating and Italian cooking. She explained that many of the pasta dishes, which are served up in hotels and restaurants, are quite unlike the peasant type home cooking found in Italy. They use simple, fresh ingredients with their fresh homemade pasta. She demonstrated this by quickly making two dishes which all agreed were delicious. A short report was given on the National Conference held in Edinburgh. It was attended by several members and Jenny Campbell did well in one of the floral competitions.

Competitions: Three Muffins – Gold: Jean Smith Silver, Lizzie Scott; Red: Helena Spence; Blue: Jenny Campbell; Green: Agnes Glencross; A pot-pourri bag – Gold: Eilidh MacCallum; Silver: Jean Smith; Red: Helena Spence and Ann Norwell; Blue: Jenny Campbell and Lizzie Scott.

Inveraray's peaceful new classroom



Inveraray Primary School's pupils are pictured with Graham Brown from the Findhorn community in front of the school's new outdoor classroom and peace building. a40inv01

INVERARAY Primary School's pupils will soon be able to learn in an unusual classroom, with the school opening Argyll's first 'peace building'.

The building, which is the first of its kind at a school anywhere in the world, has seven roof beams, each one signifying a class in the school. Every pupil has put a symbol that is important to him or her on the relevant

beam. Inside the building, the walls are decorated with the pupils' handprints.

Plans for the building came to fruition after pupils decided that they wanted an outdoor classroom for art lessons, story telling, environmental work and quiet times. It will also be used by pupils who are feeling sad, to stop fights and for shelter from the rain when pupils need to work outdoors.

School council members decided that it should be circular, and contacted Eco-biz for help in designing and building the structure.

The group first visited Inveraray in 2002 when its members made the school's buddy bench, story-telling chair and marimba. They gave pupils the chance to help with the design and construction of the building, made using recycled

wood. Graham Brown from the Findhorn community designed the roof structure, and it was his idea to make the classroom a dedicated peace building.

A special set of words from Graham was read at the cutting of the first turf

for the building, and he dedicated the building when the final roof beam was put in place on Tuesday September 26.

The building will be completed later this year, when a full opening ceremony will be held at the school.

Home baking brings in the dough at ENABLE coffee morning



Helen Simpson (left) and Connie Doherty buy some home baking from Christine Stewart and Chris Stevenson at a coffee morning organised by the Mid Argyll branch of charity ENABLE. a39co01

Enforcement action on fly-tippers

BUSINESSES and individuals who illegally dump waste have been the focus of a targeted enforcement campaign this week.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) joined forces with other

agencies such as the police, local authorities and Network Rail in a bid to stamp out fly tipping across Scotland.

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Graduation stars and wedding belles



Louise Wilkinson graduated with a BSc (Hons) 2:1 in Sports Science and Physiology from Glasgow University. Louise is a former pupil of Inveraray Primary School and Lochgilphead High School. She is daughter of David and Maureen Wilkinson, Inveraray.



Bain-Bremner

Phillip and Lee June were married on May 20, 2006, at Kilmorich Church, Cairndow by the Reverend MacFarlane.



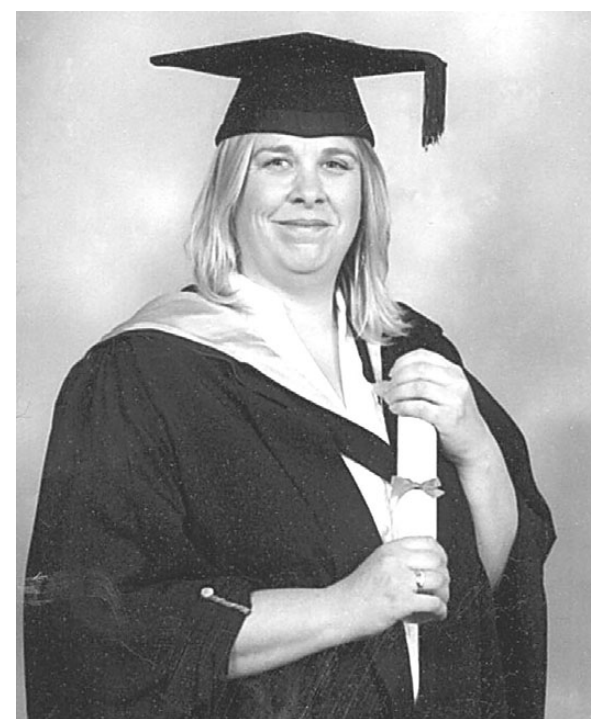
Stella Ward of Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, graduated from the University of Glasgow this summer with M B Ch B (Hons). Stella is a former pupil of Ardrishaig Primary and Lochgilphead High Schools and has taken up her first post at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.



Helen Wilkinson graduated with a BA (Hons) 2:1 in Business Law with Marketing from Strathclyde University. Helen is a former pupil of Inveraray Primary School and Lochgilphead High School. She is daughter of David and Maureen Wilkinson, Inveraray.



Jamie Platts of Lochgilphead married Efhymia Mantzourani of Kavala in Paros, Greece, in September 2006.



Lynn Moore recently graduated with second class honours in Applied Social Sciences (Psychological Studies). Lynn formerly worked in the Co-op in Lochgilphead, and her parents owned Kilmory Guest House before moving to Achahoish. Lynn is now living in Bournemouth.

Right: Sylvia Marion Bosboom, the daughter of Betty and Paul Bosboom from Donderen in the Netherlands, married Steve Michael McEwen, who lives in Lochgilphead. The ceremony was held in the very beautiful St. Columba church on Poltalloch Estate and blessed by Reverend Roy Flatt. Guests from the Netherlands, Germany, Ireland and England attended the ceremony, which was followed by a reception held at the Kilmartin Hotel.



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Young people get advice at Lochgilphead careers event

AN INTERACTIVE careers event was held by Careers Scotland at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead recently. The event targeted

young people in the fourth year to sixth year of high school age group and aimed to give them an insight into employment, training and further and

higher education available in the area. Many organisations attended including Argyll and Bute Council and the British Army.



Mid Argyll young people pick up some career information from the British Army stand at a careers event held in Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead on Tuesday September 12. The event was organised by Careers Scotland and was aimed at young people in the fourth to sixth year of high school age-group. a38car01

Secrets of The Smiddy

TWENTY members and several young guests attended the first meeting of the new session of Ormsary and Kilberry SWRI on Thursday September 28 in Ormsary Hall.

Chairwoman Christine Winnard addressed business items before introducing the guest speakers.

Imaginative

Bruce from The Smiddy restaurant in Lochgilphead gave an interesting demonstration of three smoked trout dishes, accompanied

by Janice's imaginative and colourful salads.

Members were invited to try their own hands at assembling a creative salad bowl, before sampling the trout dishes themselves.

Delicious

Sheila then shared another delicious Smiddy secret, showing how to make a quick but truly delicious orange and ginger roll.

Everyone commented on how appetising all the dishes were.

Bruce kindly judged the

evening's competitions and donated a plated smoked trout ramekin and salad to the lucky winner of the raffle. A sumptuous tea followed, hosted by J Butowski and C Winnard, and a warm vote of thanks was extended to The Smiddy for such a vibrant and useful demonstration.

Competitions: Cartoon character: Gold: A Telfer Meringue nests: Gold: J Butowski; Silver: A Telfer, C Winnard; Red: A MacArthur

Work placement pupils gain lifting and handling certificates

SOME of the fourth year pupils at Lochgilphead High School have been preparing themselves for the world of work.

Jamie Armstrong, Kirsty McDougall, Ross Cowan, Graham Bruce, Richard Goodwin, Ryan Francis, Geordie Hunter and Amber Williamson have all completed a manual handling course.

The pupils were presented with their certificates on Friday. They have completed the course as part of their Skills for Work class, where they spend time in the classroom and also spend two hours a week at a work placement.

Their teacher Mrs Peace explained that the manual handling course means that the pupils are trained to lift things properly when at their placements.

The pupils are at placements at: Heaven salon; Mark Weldon's salon; John Peace Associates; Jewsons; Mid Argyll Swimming Pool; Midton Acrylics; Argyll and Bute Council's county yard; and Catering Direct in the high school kitchen.



Preparping for the world of work: Lochgilphead High School fourth year pupils. a40lif01

Local politician is backing St Andrew's Day Bill

ARGYLL and Bute MSP George Lyon is backing the St Andrew's Day Bill, stage one of which has been passed by the Scottish Parliament.

Speaking in the debate on the bill, Mr Lyon said: 'Today we should agree to back the St Andrews Day legislation on the basis that it is a symbol of the lead that Parliament wants to give to the country. We in Scotland have every

reason to celebrate our culture and history and St Andrews Day is an opportunity to do just that.

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FOR 40 YEARS the Davidson successfully Dellwood Hotel has bought a house at auction; housing being auctioned in Campbeltown home for guests visiting Campbeltown. was a bit of a rarity in those days. They've been made to feel part of the family because the Dellwood Hotel is all about family; it's been a family-run business right from the start and today the third generation are involved. It all began back in October 1966 when Bill

The house in question, Dellwood had been the Longrow Church manse for more than a 100 years. By today's standards a house a big as Dellwood might be considered too large for a Minister, es-

pecially as on occasion the Minister would be a single man, but in those days visiting elders and others would have had to stay overnight when visiting Campbeltown and would be guests of the minister. Bill bought Dellwood on behalf of himself and his wife Renee; his in-laws, Neil and Janet McLean and Neil Mclean, his brother-in-law. They began by doing a moon suite, a stylish dining room, a bar and lounge and a plush but slowly but surely over the years carried out improvements to the fabric of the building. In 1991 the private en-suite bathrooms were added. Every time they redecorated they made sure that the unique original features of Dellwood were preserved. Today the hotel has 12-bedrooms and a hon-

ish dining room, a bar lounge and a plush but welcoming residents television lounge. Today Dellwood offers bed and breakfast and evening meals for residents. It has never lost its original feel of a family welcome for families and visitors whether on holiday, business or moving to Campbeltown.

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The best compliment you can pay a hotel is by returning to stay there again and over the years the Dellwood has built up a loyal and devoted following.

A bowling club from Greenock has stayed there for 20 years when it pays its regular visits to play against Campbeltown bowlers.

For many American and RAF service families transferred to serve at the then Machrihanish base, their first taste of Scottish hospitality was staying at Dellwood until they moved into their own accommodation.

The teams behind the Vestas Celtic wind farm stayed for over a year.

One customer is such a regular that he was invited to dress up and be Santa for the Dellwood Christmas parties.

Today the third generation of the extended family now runs the Dellwood in the form of Renee's daughters Joan Bisset and Tracey Strang.

As well as the same family many of the staff at the Dellwood have been with the hotel for years, another sign of a well run and happy establishment.

Then there is the question of the 'Dellwood dollies' as the young girls who have worked at the Dellwood over the years have come to be affectionately known.

In the past 40 years seasonal jobs and weekend jobs have provided work experience and cash for teenagers and college students home for the summer. There is hardly a family in Campbeltown, which does not have someone who has helped out at the Dellwood over the years.

Today Joan Mackenzie and Shona Reid are the

main staff members who have been with the hotel for a long time and oversee its day-to-day running.

They are 'helped' by Bodkin, the official cat-in-residence who welcomes guests adds to the family, home-from-home atmosphere.

Bodkin, like all those guests who come back again and again, knows he's on to a good thing.

Congratulations Dellwood on 40 years at the heart of Campbeltown life and here's to decades more to come.



The bar lounge area has a nautical theme.



Sunlight filters through the blinds of the Dellwood's pretty honeymoon suite.

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Thought for the week

WE'VE had some fierce winds recently here in Argyll. I felt sorry for the folk on holiday in the various caravan sites along the west coast when the tale-end of Hurricane Gordon hit land. They must have had a few uncomfortable hours in the middle of that night.

Then I remembered the poor souls around the Gulf of Mexico, who are still suffering from the after-effects of Hurricane Katrina. They could tell us a thing or two about the strength of the wind.

Jesus had something to say about the wind. 'I tell you, no-one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit... The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

We can see the effects of the wind: waves tossing, branches swaying and clouds blowing overhead. But we can't actually see the wind. Nor can we see God's Holy Spirit, but we can see what he is doing in lives transformed when people are born again, when they come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(see John 3:5, 8)
Irene Howat

Down Memory Lane



A FORMER Mid Argyll man who is returning to the area from Australia is hoping to meet up with some old friends during his visit. David Campbell, who was known to his friends as Tinman, is visiting Mid Argyll around October 15. He is looking to be reunited with Henry McGuinness from Kilmartin, pictured above in a kilt. He is also keen to see two former classmates from Kilmichael Glassary school in the late 1960s. David Crawford is pictured above on the right hand side of the photograph, whilst the boy with the long hair's name is Calum. David cannot remember his second name. Do you know any of the people David is trying to trace? If so, he can be emailed at david_rossc@yahoo.com.au.

Those Were The Days

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Boards in battle to save schools

AN ARGYLL-wide petition campaign is being launched in an attempt to stave off possible school closures.

And Lochgilphead high school board has already given its backing to the campaign which aims to harness the efforts of all 94 school boards throughout Argyll and Bute.

Review

The move follows a decision by Argyll and Bute District Council to carry out a review of schools throughout its area, looking particularly at schools in certain categories such as those with low school rolls.

A Lochgilphead High School spokesman said that the board viewed the campaign as a way of supporting the council in its drive for more funds from government for education.

Under-funding

The council is being pushed into this rationalisation because of under-funding as far as we can gather,' he said.

The petition, under the title 'Support Our Schools', is being organised by George Craig of Dunoon Grammar School board, who said this week that he had received a 'very positive' response from all the boards who had contacted him to date.

Do you have any old or interesting photographs you would like to share with our readers? Bring them into *The Argyllshire Advertiser* office at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, or scan and email them to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk. All photographs are returned to their owners

Support charity in your home

Sir,
Have you ever seen a child's face light up as they hear they're going on holiday? A time to get away from it all, to relax and experience new things. As a child I grew up anticipating and enjoying the experience of holidays. I would take my bucket and spade down to the beach and build sandcastles, explore new surroundings and enjoy every moment.

There are many children who miss out on these ordinary experiences, the short breaks that make you look forward to school holidays, outings and meeting different people. A small, self-funding charity established in the 1950s to give children in inner city Glasgow a taste

of life in the countryside, improve health and well being, the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme has arranged holidays for ordinary children who would otherwise miss out. We can only do this with the support of volunteer hosts throughout the country and as individual circumstances change, we always need more helpers.

We liaise with the head teachers of three local primary schools, who refer suitable children each year. Families host a child in July or August to share in their week. A volunteer escort takes the children by train, car or bus to the host's home or prearranged meeting point.

The overall experience can be very rewarding for the host family too. Many report the great enjoyment they get from seeing the children's reactions to their first sight of the seaside, mountains

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or wildlife, an outing or even ordinary experiences such as playing in a park, walking the dog. The children gain much socially, educationally and emotionally from these new experiences.

If you feel you might be interested in participating in the scheme, or just want more information, the address to write to is: Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme, Fifth Floor, 30 George Square, Glasgow G2 1EG or call us on 0141 248 7255. Or you can email us at: gchs@care4free.net.

Ann Pert, co-ordinator, Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme

Hotels not catering for deaf guests

Sir,
I have a hearing loss and as such wear a hearing aid. When I retire to bed for the night I remove my hearing aid thus becoming 'deaf' to all sounds. I recently visited Argyll for a few days break, it was in fact my first visit to the region and I certainly will visit again. Stun-

ning scenery, magnificent views and the warmth and friendly hospitality received from the people of Argyll - terrific.

Just one problem. I phoned round a number of hotels seeking accommodation for my four nights stay. I explained my hearing problem and asked what provision the hotel had in place to provide for my safety during the night. For example, how I might be alerted to the 'sound' - activation of the fire alarm. One hotel proposed to advise the night porter of my particular need and that if the fire alarm went off the night porter would knock on my bedroom door. I declined to comment further.

I am not alone in using a hearing aid. According to the RNID there are some 6m people in the UK who have a hearing problem, that relates to one in every seven. During my visit I noted that, now out of the main holiday season, a number of hotels welcome and cater for coach parties. These parties predominately made up of our more senior citizens or those now retired. Therefore a greater number of 'hear-

ing aid' wearers.

As service providers, hotels are required under the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) not to discriminate on grounds of a disability. A number of hotels have gone some way to addressing these (DDA) needs by providing access ramps, however not one hotel I approached has made any provision for the deaf or hard of hearing. Argyll hotels be ashamed.

I will visit Argyll again and hopefully next time the hotels of Argyll will have 'heard' my plea.

J J Hogan, by email

Act now to stop knotweed

Sir,
While on a tour of the west coast in September, we noticed large stands of Japanese Knotweed, in particular along the shores of the various sea lochs near Oban. We were on our way to visit the beautiful gardens at Ardchattan, and were happy to see that it had not been allowed to invade that property.

I have had experience of

ridding areas of North Wales of this menace, but the infestation was never as bad as it is in western Scotland. It is a shame to see it taking hold in such a beautiful and otherwise unspoilt area as yours; can you not do something about it before it chokes the landscape, as it surely will?

Richard Senior, by email

Fyne Homes in Furnace

Sir,
I sympathise with the views expressed about this MacLeod's development in the letter published in last week's paper.

I also fail to understand how planning permission was obtained for houses of this height when other houses being built nearby, but further from the village, had to adhere to the more traditional one-and-a-half story style. A further aspect of this development which is difficult to understand is why the involvement of

Fyne Homes was not apparent until a few weeks ago when building was at quite an advanced stage.

Full details about the design, dimensions and purpose of buildings should be made clear at the time when planning permission is being sought. Lack of openness inevitably leads to cynicism and anger.

Name and address supplied

Well done pipers!

Sir,
I would like to offer hearty congratulations to Inveraray and District Pipe Band for its wonderful achievement in being named one of the UK's favourite lottery-funded projects. The band and its young pipers and drummers are a credit to Inveraray and to those who have devoted their own time to making it such as success.

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Could you eat a ton of Tunnocks tea cakes?

A BANNER displayed in Tarbert Village Hall on Saturday September 30 may have proclaimed the slogan 'Sugar! Glucose! Chocolate Too! Tunnock's Teacakes are good for you!', but those who had just taken part in a competition to eat as many of the marshmallow treats as possible might have disagreed.

Organised by Tarbert Youth Group and Tarbert Village Hall, the contest saw 16 competitors wolf down almost 120 teacakes in just 10 minutes, raising funds to refurbish the hall in the process.

Perhaps surprisingly, none of the competitors was sick during or after the contest!



Eight-year-old Tom Button from Cairnbaan was the fastest competitor in the eight to 11 year old category, scoffing three teacakes in as many minutes. a40tun01



The nine competitors in the adult contest ate more than 100 Tunnock's Teacakes between them in five minutes. a40tun09



Xander MacNab was one of the four competitors in the 12-15 age group, all of whom ate seven teacakes in the three minutes. a40tun04



Fourteen-year-old Lewis Bellshaw of Tarbert managed to eat seven Tunnock's Teacakes in three minutes during the 12-15 years age group. a40tun03



Michelle McNeil struggles against the clock to get through her 10 Tunnock's Teacakes. a40tun08



Fifteen-year-old Christy Golding from Tarbert bites into his seventh teacake in the 12-15 years age group. a40tun05



Heather Bellshaw forces down another teacake in the adult competition. a40tun06



Nigel Button from Cairnbaan, right, won the adult competition, eating 12 teacakes in just five minutes. He received his trophy and £30 prize from Matt Barrett, vice president of Tarbert Youth Group, left, and Colin McLean, Argyll area chairman of Round Table. a40tun10

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Market news

Ewe trade up at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts Stirling had 3382 sheep forward at Oban for their annual sale of cast ewes, gimmers and ewe lambs.

Blackface ewes sold to a top of £32 from SH Troughton, Ardachy, to average at £25.70, up £8.71 on the year.

Cheviot cross ewes were up £7.07 on the year at £29.65 and sold to £40 from J Mellor, Knipoch Beag.

Cross ewes sold to £61 from I Campbell and Sons, Strongorm to average at £42.10 for the 401 sold, an increase of 39.91 on the year.

Gimmers sold to £71 for Mules from Fiart, Lismore while Mule ewe lambs from Seaview sold to £55.

Laggan Blackface gimmers sell to £115 at Stirling

UNITED Auctions had an entry of 7705 for their Blackface ewe and gimmer and stock sheep sale at Stirling on Monday.

The main feature of the breeding stock sale was a pen of 20 Blackface ewes from E MacMillan, Lurg, Fintry which sold to Messrs McInnes, Grassyards at £190 per head.

A strong entry of Blackface gimmers were topped by Laggan Farms, Kilmartin, Argyll which sold a pen of five gimmers at £115 per head to M/s McVicar, Lephinchapel.

Lamb trade rises at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held a sale of 3678 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday.

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Rare Breed champion at Oban Livestock Centre came from Douglas Laurie, Barslair, Bridgecastle, Bathgate, with a Hebridean gimmer by Winkwell Canna out of Laggandorain Crabapple

Largest ever Hebridean breed sale is held at Oban centre

THE SIXTH Highlands and Islands sale of Hebridean sheep and rare breeds was held at Oban Livestock Centre last Saturday when Caledonian Marts auc-

tioned 148 breeding Hebrideans - the largest sale of Hebridean sheep ever held. Top price was 520gns for a shearling ram from Donald Ferguson, North

Uist. Ewes sold to 30gns from Graeme Blair Lochgilhead; gimmers sold to 180gns for the show champion from Douglas Laurie, Bathgate; and ewe

lambs sold to 60gns from Dr H A Hartley, Skye. Aged rams sold to 180gns from Jeff and Enid Moore, Yorkshire; and ram lambs to 110gns from Barslair.

A wider market spread for First Milk's £61m deal with Dairy Crest

FIRST Milk has become the largest UK-based cheese supplier after a £61.9 million deal with Dairy Crest, taking over the majority of its cheese operations.

The deal includes creameries in the Lake District and Wales plus a cheese packing and a whey processing plant.

The figures announced for Dairy Crest in March of this year values these net assets at £60.5 million; they made an estimated operating profit of £3.4 million on sales of £192.4 million.

The purchase will be financed by cash, bank debt and a capital contribution from First Milk members of 0.5p a litre; the whole deal being conditional on the approval of the milk cooperative's members.

Jim McLaren the NFU Scotland milk committee chairman and vice president described it as a 'positive step forward'.

He said: 'The deal provides a substantial foothold in a very competitive sector, as well as providing a great platform to drive additional value into the company through future product and marketing development and branding.'

But Robert Macintyre, of Bute, a former director of First Milk, says he has 'a wee bit of foreboding' about the venture.

'It's an awful lot of money to borrow. First Milk members are being asked to fork out 0.5pence a litre between now and when they go to their grave.'

He was also concerned

that the branded names such as Cathedral Cheddar were still be kept by Dairy Crest.

'The cheese from Arran Bute and Campbeltown commands a substantial premium, for example, while this cheese does not.'

But then Mr Macintyre admitted: 'I'm very cynical now; I've been round the milk business for a long while now.'

The present local director Robert Millar disagrees with his view. He said that First Milk had no option but to buy because to remain as it was to become un-viable. 'The problem is the price of milk is going down, down and down,' he said. 'It is being controlled by so few, the supermarkets and processors. This move

'This is the only option. This is the way forward.' - Robert Millar, First Milk director

gives us a better control of our market.

'Members of First Milk will hold an extraordinary general meeting in Worcestershire on October 11; all members have had ballot papers.'

Mr Millar said he did not know how the Kintyre members would vote.

'Up until now First Milk has been solely a milk broker.'

'This is not just about getting bigger its is to get a wider spread of the milk field so that we have brokerage, processing and

OBAN - Caledonian Marts

Ewes

Swale Teanga £31

Blackface: Turnault £29

Cheviot: Slaterich £37

Mule: Strongorm £53

Charollais; Ardonia £54

Texel: 5 Tomaig £56

Gimmers

Mule - Fiart £71

Cross: Lochnell Home farm £70

Charollais: Ardonia £70

Cheviot: Slaterich £37

Texel: Balliemeanoch £63

Blackface: Kintraw £60

Bleu du Maine: Pine Lodge £58

Ewe lambs

Mule: Seaview £55

Cross: Fiart £50

Cheviot: Fiart £48

Charollais: Ardonia 346

Blackface: Slaterich £38.

DALMALLY - United Auctions

Lambs

SuffolkX: £41 Ardchatten Home

Farm: £38 Oatfield Lodge.

TexelX: £38.50 Goatfield Farm :

£36 Craigmere

Cross: £33.50 Goatfield Farm

Mule: £34 Garvachy

Blackface: £34 Dunans £27 Bar-

breck Farm Partnership

Ewes

TexelX: £34 and £31 Silvercraigs

Cross: £24 Brenchoille

Mule: £31 Silvercraigs £27 Bar-

breck Farm Partnership

Blackface: £26 Gallanach Estate

Rams

Suffolk: £140 Barguillean Partner-

ship

Cheviot: £130 (2), £120 & £100

Barguillean Partnership

Beltex X: £110 Barguillean Part.

Price per kilo

Lambs

SuffolkX: 118p Balindore

TexelX: 126p Silvercraigs 125p

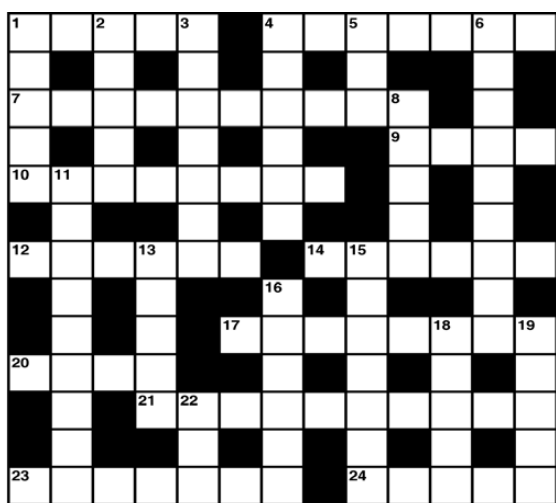
Ellary Farms 120p Brenchoille

Cheviot: 108p Ellary Farms

Blackface: 106p Castles Estate

97p Ederline Estate.

CROSSWORD



THE THINKER

ACROSS

- 1 Sketches grassland from the east (5)
- 4 Happy with most of what's inside (7)
- 7 SAS in a last struggle with attackers (10)
- 9 Does arithmetic for children (4)
- 10 Girl, university friend, comes every year (8)
- 12 Hitman seen in bandage (6)
- 14 Account with very little money causes stress (6)
- 17 Arrived carrying soil sample in underwear (8)
- 20 Captain shuddered, then lost head (4)
- 21 Paints don't work in this position (10)
- 23 Strange people take first off-cut (7)
- 24 Not so many are seen in luxury car (5)

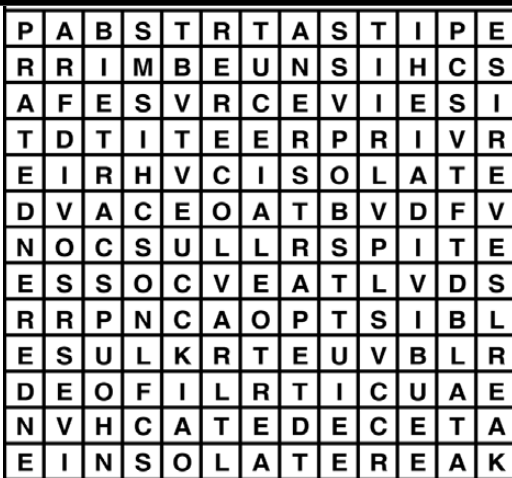
DOWN

- 1 Lightweight article for play (5)
- 2 Illegal lighting in car - so necessary (5)
- 3 Leaves chaps in disarray (7)
- 4 Credit deal arranged for first bed (6)
- 5 Total tangle, we hear - or the opposite (3)
- 6 Aunt left corn out at night (9)
- 8 To get in thus, without complaining (5)
- 11 Fresh audio involving hospital reporter (9)
- 13 Teamleader questions workload (5)
- 15 Hairdressing equipment found on boat (7)
- 16 Walter half wanted teachers' snack (6)
- 18 Underwear retailer mostly - and basket maker (5)
- 19 Join competition in unseen territory (5)
- 22 Nothing in note suggests the end (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

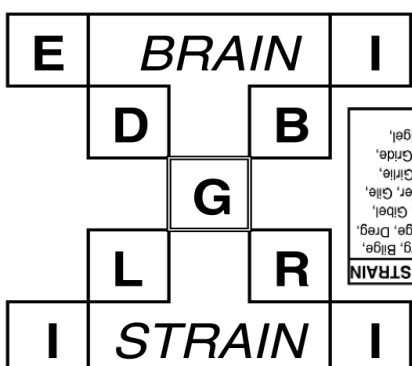
- ACROSS: 1.Eject 4.Arrange 8.Consequence 10.Absorbs
 12.Expel 16.Bird-table 17.Tiers 20.Spindly
 24.Cobblestone 25.Irksome 26.Beast
 DOWN: 2.Jacob 3.Congo 5.Rout 6.Annex 7.Grebe
 9.Embody 10.Admit 11.Sable 13.Plead 14.Lolly
 15.Campus 18.Incur 19.Robes 21.Noose 22.Leeks
 23.Slim

FIND THE WORDS



Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Separate: Cut, Divide, Split, Part, Sever, Isolate, Abstract, Scatter, Rive, Rend, Sieve, Divorce, Cull, Unclasp, Detach, Filter, Schism, Break, Clove, Sift

BRAIN STRAIN



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: 17 Maestro: 28+

Fantastic flute fun day

THE TEMPLARS Art and Leisure Centre, Tarbert, hosted a Flutewise fun day on Sunday.

The event was organised by Paula McLean, instrumental instructor at Tarbert Academy who invited along Liz Goodwin from Flutewise. The organisation has one of the world's most famous flautists as its patron, Sir James Galway.

Flutewise is open to flute players of any standard from beginner to expert to join. Its aim is 'to motivate all members to become better, more informed and happier flute players'. The emphasis is on enjoyment, participation and friendship. It provides flute players with magazines, events, courses and opportunities that 'educate, entertain and motivate'. Its work complements each musician's own flute studies.

More than 20 youngsters from Mid Argyll and Kintyre, from Inveraray to Southend attended and took part in the events organised by Liz Goodwin of Flutewise.

Inveraray fiddlers return

THE INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club gets underway for another season at the Argyll Hotel on Wednesday October 11 at 8pm.

As ever, supporting players are very welcome to come along for a tune. Local players are the backbone of any club, so all you accordionists and fiddlers should come along and join in.

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The young musicians who took part in Sunday's Flutewise fun day in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre in Tarbert. c40ft01

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Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club
Argyll Hotel
Wednesday 11th October
 at 8.00pm
 Guest Artistes From Gartocharn
The Iain Anderson Trio
Supporting musicians most welcome
Admission £3.50
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Peninver Players Drama Club Present
Afternoon Tea
 in **Peninver Village Hall**
 Sunday 8th October
 2pm - 4pm
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 Sandwiches, Home Baking & Raffle

Campbeltown Pipe Band
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 7th October
 Town Hall
 10am - 12 noon
 Usual Stalls.

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society
 Dr Stephen Carter
 Council for Scottish Archaeology on 'The Need to Communicate the Past'
 Wednesday 11th October at 7.30 pm
 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
New Members Welcome

Tarbert Gun Club
ANNUAL TROPHY SHOOT
 at barmore
 Sunday 15th October
 12noon

The Balmore Trust in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern
 Friday Oct. 13th - 11am - 7.30pm
 Saturday Oct. 14th - 10.30am - 4pm
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A unique opportunity to see the world famous Kathakali Dance Drama Company from South India
Thurs. Oct. 12th - Ardrishaig Hall
Fri. Oct. 13th, Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern
BOTH VENUES
 From 4pm - Drumming workshops, make-up demo, Celtic storytelling
 7.30pm - Classical Dance Drama Performance by the full company
Tickets - Ardrishaig £6 & £3 (children) - at the door
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 Saturday 7th October at 2.00 pm
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Storytelling in Mid Argyll

TWO GREAT storytelling nations unite for a rare and unique event on October 12 in Ardrishaig Hall and on October 13 in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, when Kathakali, the powerful classical dance drama from Kerala, Southwest India joins forces with a traditional Celtic storyteller from Scotland.

The extraordinary stories of India were often told through dance and drama. They were passed from one generation to

the next to be performed in village temples. These stories performed by Kathakali, which means 'story play' are told through drama, gestures, facial expressions and a 2,000-year-old sign language, the result being a performance of classical dance drama rarely seen outside India.

As in India, so Celtic stories were passed through families and are part of a travelling storytelling culture. The Kala Chethena Kathakali Com-

pany has invited a traditional Celtic storyteller to tour with them and to tell traditional stories prior to their dancers going on stage.

At each venue, events start at 4pm with drumming workshops led by world-class Indian drummers. This is followed by an opportunity to see the extraordinary three-dimensional make up being applied to the actors, transforming them into some of the most powerful images ever seen in the world of theatre. Informal Celtic storytelling follows at approximately 5.45pm, with the performance by the full Kathakali Company starting at 7.30pm.

Different stories will be acted out and told at each venue, so the performances in Ardrishaig and Craignish will not be the same. The whole event is suitable for everyone from primary school age children to adults.

Tickets are £6 - on the door at Ardrishaig and either on the door or by ringing 01852 500689 for Craignish.

Classic Rhythm visit Mid Argyll and Kintyre

CLASSIC Rhythm, visitors for the MAAA concert in the Ardrishaig Hall tomorrow (Saturday October 7) and for the Kintyre Music Club in the Lorne and Lowland Church next Tuesday, is a chamber group with a difference.

Formed in 1992, this trio for flute, keyboards and a wide array of percussion meets with astounding success everywhere it plays, including Classic FM and BBC radio. Skilful arrangements of well-known classical favourites, added to a wide variety of original pieces, have established the popular appeal of the group - and their playing is complemented by their warm, friendly informality in front of their audience.

Handel, Rossini, Debussy and Haydn make up the first half, finishing with the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky.

After the interval, a Jazz Suite, a Rhapsody, the *Flight of the Bumble Bee* and a selection from *West Side Story* finishes the programme, with hopefully one or two encores!



Audiences are always fascinated by the vast array of instruments, some familiar, some not!

The performance moves from marimba to tam-tam and from piccolo to cabasa,

all brilliantly woven into a sparkling evening's entertainment.

So come along to Ardrishaig tomorrow evening or to Campbeltown next Tuesday and hear this attractive concert for yourself.

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Fair trade sale in Ardfern

TO CELEBRATE the presence of the world famous Kathakali Dance Drama company in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, on October 13, The Balmore Trust, a Glasgow-based charity, will be having a two-day sale of fairly traded crafts, clothes, jewellery, sauces and jams from around the world, on Friday October 13 and Saturday October 14.

Founded in 1980, The Balmore Trust is still run almost entirely by volunteers; in addition to selling fairly traded goods, the production of which provides both dignity and self respect, as well as an income, to the producer, all the profits generated from the sale of the goods are distributed to projects in the west of Scotland and overseas, particularly to Africa, Burma and India.

The sale will be on between 11am and 7.30pm on Friday October 13 and from 10.30am - 4pm on Saturday October 14.

U18s disco returns to Victoria Hall

NEXT Friday, October 13, sees the return of the joint health improvement group's successful under18s dances in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

The group last held a dance for young people in January, the attraction that night was top DJ Jon Mancini playing alongside local DJs the Ministry of DJs. More than 250 young people attended what was a very successful night.

The attraction this time will be local favourites Violent Echo who have already played alongside Idlewild this year at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival and supported the Peat Bog Faeries earlier in the year. 'The ecka' as they are known commonly will be performing highly charged covers of bands such as the Kaiser Chiefs and the Arctic Monkeys among others.

As usual the night will be supported by the Ministry of DJs with crowd favourite Disco Stu sure to work the crowd. Rock Steady Security will once again ensure the safety of all young people attending and a non-alcoholic bar will be run by the Fusions team.

Doors open at 7.30pm till 9pm and the dance will end at approximately 11.45pm. Tickets will be on sale from the Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service priced at £6.

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The UNDER 18's DANCE

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Friday 13th October

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The Ministry of DJs

Non-alcoholic bar will be provided

Doors open 7.30pm til 9pm
Dance ends approximately 11.45pm

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ROYAL NATIONAL MOD 2006

Dunoon

ORGANISERS of this year's Royal National Mod at Dunoon are busy finely tuning the arrangements for Scotland's annual Gaelic cultural festival, taking place this month, to ensure it is a huge success.

Three years of fund-raising and planning are now behind the local Mod committee and members say they are looking forward with confidence to the nine-day festival of Gaelic song, language, drama and music which begins with a formal opening ceremony on Friday 13.

But as well as the all-important formal competitions in clarsach, singing, drama, poetry, storytelling, fiddle, piping, accordion and piping which culminate in gold medals or top trophies for the winners, the committee has arranged a series of informal activities which should suit people of all ages.

Hundreds of competitors from all over the world are expected in Dunoon for the Mod hoping to take home a coveted medal of cup for their particular category but this year, as well as a nine-day feast of Gaelic culture, the local committee is staging informal fringe events in hotels and pubs so anyone can participate. These establishments will be staying open from late to 3am to ensure plenty of time for relaxation and enjoying the fringe music and song. Add to this a Fiddlers' Rally, a Mod shinty match, an ecumenical church service and performances by some of the Gaelic world's top musicians and you have a recipe for a highly successful Mod. Spectators should look out for ceilidhs and concerts featuring the likes of Acharacle's own Fergie MacDonald, Skerryvore and Skippinish.

It is apt that this year's Royal National Mod should take place in Dunoon as the town has already staged the 2006 Camanachd Cup and the annual Cowal Gathering - the largest Highland Games in the world. It seems that the Gaelic world has centred on the town this year.

Local Mod Convenor Dick



Eoghan MacDonald from Uist was runner-up in the 9-10 years solo singing at last year's Mod in Stornoway

Walsh says the festival is important to Dunoon and the Cowal peninsula for several reasons: the area will benefit economically; the attractions of the area will be broadcast far and wide; showcasing Dunoon's suitability as an ideal venue for hosting national events; further developing the Gaelic language and Gaelic culture.

He said: 'During the last three years we have been arranging ceilidhs in the town and surrounding villages and the running of our local Mod shop in Argyll Street. 'All the preparation is integral to spreading the Gaelic language and culture. 'We in the local organizing committee have the experience, the ability and, more importantly, the enthusiasm to ensure that Mod 2006 will be as successful as the previous ones and we are looking forward to meeting all our friends and extending them the warmest of welcomes.' Meeting old friends or

making new ones is what makes the Mod special, as Royal National Mod promotions manager Murdo Morrison, based in Inverness, told *The Oban Times*. He wants to wish all-comers 'ceud mile failte' (one hundred thousand welcomes).

He added: 'While the emphasis at the Royal National Mod is on friendly but competitive rivalry, the Mod Fringe is very important providing as it does a comprehensive programme of informal, non-competitive events at venues through the host Mod location.

'Dunoon Mod 2006 is no different in this respect and the local committee, working closely with the local business community, has organised a Feis a' Mhoid 2006 which will see some of Scotland's top traditional musicians and Gaelic singers among those providing entertainment around the various Fringe venues.'

Two of the highlights of

the above are likely to be an 'extravaganza dance' on Friday 20 in the Queen's Hall with music from Skippinish and Skerryvore and, on Saturday, a massed choirs parade through Dunoon to the Castle Gardens where they will sing. Accompanying them will be three pipe bands including Edinburgh Postal Pipe Band, representing the Royal Mail, one of this year's Royal National Mod sponsors.

The coveted prizes as usual will be the Gold Medals in the male and female adult individual singing, won last year in Stornoway by Fiona MacKenzie of Dingwall and Kenneth Nicolson of Lewis, and the Margaret Duncan and Lovat and Tullibardine trophies for the large choirs, with last year's winners being Aberdeen Gaelic Choir and Inverness Gaelic Choir respectively.

Competitions will be held in several venues throughout Dunoon including Dunoon Primary School, Hanover Street Hall, Kim Church Centre, Queen's Hall (also the location of the Mod Information Centre), Kim Primary School, St John's Church and St Mun's School.

Gaelic enthusiasts who want more than just the Mod competitions should head

for The Gaelic Showcase, in Dunoon Primary School for the nine days. On sale will be Gaelic language education materials and publications as well as Gaelic greetings cards, calendars, CDs and so on.

While all Mod events are open to the public there will be many who will be sorry to miss the festival because of distance or infirmity, but they too are catered for. As well as BBC TV broadcasting during the Mod, Radio Mod (87.7FM) will also be on air for 12 hours each day from Saturday October 14. Results, stories and photographs of winners from the Mod will be in *The Oban Times*, out each Thursday.

The Mod, staged by An Commun Gaidhealach (ACG) is not just for adult entrants. There are many children's competitions and away from all the formality young ones can have fun at several ceilidhs planned just for them at Hunter's Quay Holiday Village featuring music from Iain Angus MacLeod of Harris and ACG's Gaelic Development Officer in Argyll and Bute, Joy Dunlop.

The local committee has raised £20,000 towards the cost of staging the Mod in Dunoon which last held it in the year 2000. It was also held there in 1994, 1968,



Inverness gaelic Choir and conductor Jamie MacGregor won the most prestigious choir award at the 2005 Mod when they lifted the magnificent Lovat and Tullibardine Shield.

1950 and 1930, so the town 'Arrangements are well in place and Mod week promises to be a great week of Gaelic,' said Dick.

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Exciting times in-store for J&A Mitchell and Co

The last few weeks have been a busy time for Campbeltown company J&A Mitchell and Co Ltd, owners of the world-famous Springbank Distillery. Not only has whisky production been

continuing apace, the long-established company are entering a very exciting period with some new ventures being launched and a very special birthday on the horizon. Read on to find out more...

Eagle-eyed shoppers in Campbeltown will no doubt have noticed a change to the streetscape in Bolgam Street over the last few weeks.

William Cadenhead Ltd, Scotland's oldest independent bottlers, part of the J&A Mitchell and Co business, have opened a new Whisky Shop at 7 Bolgam Street; the company's 7th shop worldwide.

New staff members Donald Brown and Leslie Martin will be

well-known locally from their previous employment and they will be delighted to welcome customers into the Whisky Shop and help you choose a whisky that really gets your tastebuds tingling.

Cadenhead's is one of the world's leading independent whisky bottlers and has a huge collection of its own bottlings from all over Scotland and across the world. Many of these bottlings are from distilleries that are now closed.

The Whisky Shop will, of course, have the full range of whiskies from Springbank

Distillery available so whatever your preferred style of malt, why not drop in and have a look around to see what gems you can find?

Cadenhead's also bottle a wide range of cask-strength rums from many distilleries in the Caribbean and produce their own gin, Old Raj, so if whisky isn't really your thing then the Whisky Shop still has something to offer you.

The Whisky Shop has also got five very special casks maturing in the shop - the Cadenhead's 1842 range. This comprises casks of Campbeltown,

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requirements of hungry customers. Hot and cold fillings for paninis and baked potatoes, which have been very popular in the past, will also be returning now that the weather is getting colder and everyone needs more fuel to see them through the autumn and winter days.

Maureen's delicious home baking - scones, cakes, biscuits etc which are sure to be snapped up almost as soon as they come out the oven - will also take pride of place amongst the food available. And if you want to avoid the queues,

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If you don't have time for a tour but would like to sample some of our whiskies, then you can visit the Whisky Shop, where, for a charge, one of our staff will accompany you to the Tasting Room and give you a tutored tasting of your chosen drams.

In conjunction with our fresh food kitchen at Eaglesome, the Tasting Room can also offer buffet lunches for visitors and guests who want to spend a little bit longer enjoying the Springbank experience.

If you would like to arrange a tour and visit to the Tasting Room then you can do so by visiting the Whisky Shop or by contacting Ranald Watson on 01586 554761 or emailing tours@jandamitchell.com.

Almost everyone in Kintyre will have heard of Springbank Distillery, but how many of them have actually visited the place and witnessed the whisky-making process?

Guided tours take place at 2pm daily and offer visitors the chance to have a close-up look at Scotland's oldest continuously family-owned distillery.

Private group tours can also be catered for and arranged for suitable times. These tours, which must be booked in advance, can also be extended to include a visit to Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery, the second Campbeltown distillery owned by J&A Mitchell, and can be rounded off in the perfect way with a visit to the company's new Tasting Room in Bolgam Street.

The Tasting Room has been open for around a year and, to coincide with the opening of the Cadenhead's Whisky Shop, has recently become "fully operational".

Depending on the type of tour chosen by the visitor, they can visit the

J&A Mitchell and Co Ltd are preparing for an extra-special birthday celebration early in 2007.

The first batch of Kilkerran, Scotland's newest single malt - produced at Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery in Campbeltown - will turn three years old and officially become whisky in April.

Springbank Distillers are planning a birthday party for Kilkerran, which will be held in Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery.

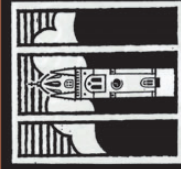
The distillery originally closed in 1925 and no

Picture captions (clockwise):
Ranald Watson, Manager of the Cadenhead's Whisky Shop and Tasting Room
Donald Brown fills a bottle from the 'wee' casks
The new Cadenhead's Whisky Shop
The Tasting Room



distillery, designed by Director of Production Frank McHardy, was re-opened on March 25, 2004 by Madame Ecosse Dr Winnie Ewing and Mr Wright.

The first spirit was distilled early in April that year and it will be that spirit which legally becomes Kilkerran single malt whisky in April 2007.



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Whether this is true

or not, one thing is certain, whatever the weather we have to face, we shall all face it far better if our cars are ready for the challenge.

Getting your car ready for winter is a

highly important consideration. It needs to be in tip-top

condition all the time,

but in winter it's essential, because margins for error are fewer and further between.

There are some

things you can tackle yourself at home, there are others best done by an expert. If you have developed a good relationship with your servicing garage you should be able to place your vehicle in their hands with total confidence.

First things first however, and a clean machine is an efficient machine. You should get your car washed and polished thoroughly. Put it through a car wash by all means unless you have a power hose and somewhere to wash the vehicle at home. It is important you get off all the muck and dirt that will have accumulated through the summer, from the underside of your car.

When it has been washed, dry off the body work but leave the application of polish for a while. Take the car down to the local tyre and exhaust outlet and get them to put it on the ramp and have a look at the underside. The exhaust should appear to be in good condition. If you are not sure, ask the opinion of the exhaust fitter. He won't try to sell you anything that isn't necessary, but if the exhaust appears to be just about to go, have it replaced before it lets you down at an inappropriate time.

Whilst you are there get your tyres looked at. Areas of uneven

wear, cracked sidewalls, bald patches and stones or nails stuck in the tread, must all be rectified. Ensure there is enough tread to meet more than the legal minimum, if not, get the tyre replaced immediately. It is essential you have four good tyres to cope with winter road conditions - and don't forget the spare!

Uneven tyre wear may be the symptom of something a touch more serious such as a steering problem. On the other hand it may just be the wheels need balancing or aligning. Whatever the cause, get it sorted out as fast as you can.

Having got the tyres and exhaust seen to, book your car into the service department for a full service and pre-winter check. This should include having the radiator flushed out and a good quality anti-freeze of the right strength put in.

When you get the car back, put it through a car wash once again and then polish it thoroughly with a good quality wax. This will help preserve the paintwork.

Once that has been done there are several things you'll have to keep an eye on from now on.

Battery - Cold starting in winter takes a fair amount of charge. Only a good battery can cope. Keep the

terminals well greased to stop corrosion and keep the charge flowing as it ought.

Radiator - Check the fluid level on a regular basis. Top it up as required with an anti-freeze and water mix.

Lights - Keep the lenses clean, don't forget the reflectors at the rear. Keep a spare set of bulbs to replace as and when. You want to be seen and be seen when the nights get really dark.

Windscreens and wipers - Keep the wash fluid level topped-up with a good quality fluid. Plain water is not enough - it will freeze in cold conditions. Examine the wiper blades regularly too, they must work efficiently to be really effective.

Windows and mirrors - Keep them clean at all times. Dirt reflecting other car's headlights can distort your own vision.

Tyres - Check the pressures every week. They are all that rest between you and the road. Unless they are right, your brakes won't function correctly, your steering will be less than fully efficient and your car's road holding will be impaired.

The secret of safe, efficient and economic motoring lies in good, regular maintenance. If that's right, you can be pretty sure, all other things being equal, your car will cope with the winter ahead as well as you've every right to expect it to!

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Figures just revealed by the Tyre Industry Council, the organis-

ers of Scottish Tyre Safety Week, from checks undertaken last year show that almost 30% of cars on Scottish roads need at least one tyre replaced because they are either defective or

badly worn. Ken Malcolm road safety advisor to the Tyre Industry Council has warned of the dangers of driving with worn tyres. "Four patches of rubber no larger than the palm of your hand is all that connects you with the road", said Ken, "and the purpose of our campaign is to draw motorists attention to the importance of checking tyres and maintaining them in good condition with adequate tread depth and inflated to the correct pressure".

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For further information please contact Chris Wakley, Tyre Industry Council, 21-25 St. Anne's Court, London W1F 0BJ Tel: 020 7734 6363 Fax: 020 7437 7966 Email: tic@tyresafety.co.uk or Ken Malcolm on Tel: 07787 572654

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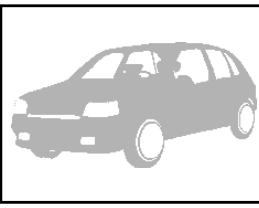


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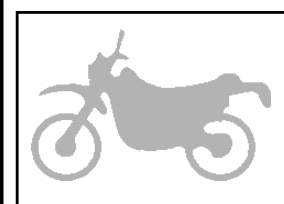


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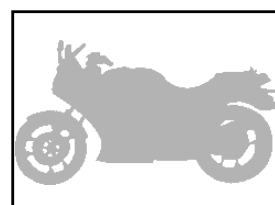


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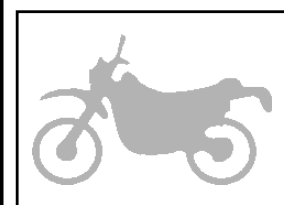


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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

Ref No: 06/02072/LIB

Applicant: Argyll And Bute Council
Proposal: Alterations and partial change of use of library / museum (class 10) to museum and marriage room (class 10) and office accommodation (class 2)
Site Address: Campbeltown Public Library Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BJ
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day

Ref No: 06/02065/OUT

Applicant: Mrs Fiona Christina Rae
Proposal: Site for erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land North East Of Barrananaoil Barbreck Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Ref No: 06/02036/DET

Applicant: Alan Barbour
Proposal: Erection of a detached 2 storey dwelling
Site Address: Plot 3 The Avenue Inveraray Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Ref No: 06/01970/DET

Applicant: Mrs Tracy Brown
Proposal: Erection of replacement boat house
Site Address: Knapdale Cottage Crinan Argyll PA31 8SW
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Ref No: 06/02029/NID

Applicant: Argyll And Bute Council
Proposal: Part change of use of library/museum (class 10) to museum and marriage room (class 10) and office accommodation (class 2) and installation of CCTV Cameras and aerial
Site Address: Campbeltown Public Library Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BJ
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days

Ref No: 06/02029/NID

Applicant: Argyll And Bute Council
Proposal: Part change of use of library/museum (class 10) to museum and marriage room (class 10) and office accommodation (class 2) and installation of CCTV Cameras and aerial
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CLOSING DATE FOR ALL POSTS – October 27th 2006



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Closing Date for applications: 13th October 2006

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No Red Star match tomorrow

Football

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star have a free week this weekend.

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There were no winners on the Red Star Score cards this week, the jackpot stands at £200.

No winners from Inveraray lotto

Lottery

THE NUMBERS drawn in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday October 2 were 4, 9 and 19. As there were no winners, the jackpot for the draw on Monday October 9 will be £300.

Islay hosts first tope fishing festival

IT MIGHT have been a stormy, cold and blustery weekend on Islay for the inaugural Islay Tope Fishing Festival but Loch Indaal was a hot bed of rivalry and excitement.

Both Saturday and Sunday saw more than 14 boats, each with determined anglers on board, taking to the water in quest of the elusive tope. A member of the shark family, this rather spectacular fish lurks menacingly around the seabed undisturbed – but not this weekend!

Michael MacDowell set the ball rolling at lunchtime on Saturday by landing a 48lb tope, closely followed by Graham Bauld with one weighing 44lb.

The gauntlet had been thrown down, and six more tope were caught that day but could not be landed. It looked like Michael had it in the bag until 2pm on Sunday when a call was received to say that John McIntyre had landed a 67lb tope!

A total of five tope were landed, weighed and returned to the water across the weekend with a further nine that famously 'got away'. Minty Cracknell caught the biggest fish not a tope, although he did land a 40lb tope as well, together with



The competitors who recently took part in the first ever Islay Tope Fishing Festival. Picture: Islay Studios

Fishing

the biggest bag of fish, which included dogfish and mackerel. Andrew Bauld junior won the U16 prize, impressively landing a 30lb tope.

Boat builders StormCats, Bruichladdich Distillery with the aptly named 'Waves' Single Malt and Boat Fishing Magazine with a year's subscription, generously donated the prizes.

Thanks go to Mark Unsworth of Islay Studios, who kindly came down to capture the prize giving on camera.

Lagavulin Distillery provided the 'warmers' on the pier after the competition and thanks go to Bowmore Harbour Associa-

tion for its much-appreciated co-operation. Huge thanks go to all the competitors for their enthusiasm and support, which not only raised £460 for the Islay RNLI, but also made this a successful and fun event.

Aspecial thank you also goes to Gus Newman, managing director of StormCats, whose inspiration and energy made this competition possible.

Next year's Islay Tope Fishing Festival will be held over the weekend of August 25 and 26.

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Lochgilphead Red Star	6	3	0	3	12	13	-1	9
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Cambria B	3	1	1	1	10	10	0	4
Inverkip Thistle	3	0	1	2	6	13	-7	1
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Tarbert top the table with convincing victory

SAFL Division One Tarbert AFC 4 Duncanrig FP B 1

TARBERT welcomed Duncanrig FP B to Cil Andreis on Saturday September 30, looking to bounce back following the previous week's disappointing display in the local derby.

The home side was back to full strength, with captain James Prentice available and Scott Robertson starting his first game of the season.

The first real effort on goal arrived shortly after

the first whistle when David Ronald cut in off the wing and had a great left foot effort tipped over the bar by the visiting keeper. Duncanrig's keeper was in for a busy afternoon and he had to make a good save from Nikki McDougall after 10 minutes, swiftly followed by another good block from an Iain Johnson effort.

He was finally beaten after 20 minutes when James Prentice hit a trademark free kick from 25 yards only for the cross-

bar to come to the keeper's rescue. Coco was not to be denied however when on the half-hour mark he was fouled in the box and won a penalty. He picked himself up of the deck and opened the scoring, firing into the bottom left corner.

Manager Alex Johnstone was looking for more from his team in the second half and they duly obliged straight from the restart when Iain 'Fish' Johnson slipped past three Duncanrig players before squaring to Coco,

Football

who hammered home his second from eight yards.

The Tarbert fans were now looking for Tarbert to keep the goals flowing but on 55 minutes Duncanrig sneaked a goal after a defensive lapse allowed their number 10 to smash a shot in at the far post. This served as encouragement for the visitors, who swiftly followed the goal up with a fine strike from 15 yards which was heading for the top right hand corner until keeper

Billy Hawthorn pulled off a stunning save that allowed Tarbert's lead to remain intact.

On 65 minutes Tarbert were awarded a free kick 30 yards out when the Duncanrig defenders decided that there was no chance Iain Johnson was going to dribble past them so he was on the receiving end of a brutal challenge. James Prentice again stepped up and hit a sweet shot that the keeper could do nothing but palm into the path of Duncan-

McDougall. He took one touch before calmly firing high into the roof of the net.

The scoring was wrapped up on 80 minutes when James Prentice skipped past two challenges on the edge of the box before firing into the bottom corner of the Duncanrig goal. This finished Coco's hat-trick and rounded off a good display on the captain's return to the team.

In the last 10 minutes Johnstone replaced himself with Andrew McMillan, Duncan McDougall

with Malcolm McIver and Scott Robertson with Colin Maxwell after Scott received a nasty head injury after a heavy collision. In what was a good team performance the man of the match was the hat-trick hero James Prentice whose goals allowed the Dookers to move back to the top of the league table.

Tarbert: Hawthorn, Guy, Martin, Johnstone, Ronald, N McDougall, Smyth, Johnson, Robertson, D McDougall, Prentice. Subs: Maxwell, McMillan, McIver.

Young footballers unbeaten on Arran



Lochgilphead Junior Football Club travelled to Arran last weekend to play an annual fixture against Arran Junior Football Club. Three half-hour matches were played on the Ormidale Park astro pitch in Brodick, Lochgilphead winning two of them 4-0 and drawing the third 2-2. a40fo01

Lochgilphead cyclists to compete overseas



Lochgilphead cyclist Steve McEwen receives the Ogilvie Challenge Cup and the William Bremner Memorial Cycling Challenge Cup from the Chief Clansman at the Glenurquhart Highland Games.

LOCHGILPHEAD cyclists Graeme Neagle and Steve McEwen travel to Northern Cyprus this weekend following an invite from the TRNC Cycling Federation.

Both Graeme and Steve travel to Gime full of confidence after winning national titles. Graeme, in his first competitive season as a junior rider, has just been crowned National MTB Series Champion after competing in a series of seven races across Scotland, which culminated in taking first place last weekend at Aviemore in the final round of the series. He added that title to his road cycling success in Kinlochleven the week earlier, where he won the Billy Kirkham

Cycling

Memorial Junior Trophy. It will be the first time Graeme has raced abroad in an international field.

Steve travels out to northern Cyprus having just won two national titles. Firstly, he has shown his road skills by winning the CSSC National Road Championship in Preston, retaining the title he won the previous year. Steve has also just won the Scottish National 5km Grass Track Championship at the Glenurquhart Highland Games.

Kilmory Camanachd lottery draw

THE NUMBERS drawn in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday October 2 were 3, 4 and 20. As there were no winning

Lottery

tickets, the jackpot for the draw on Monday October 9 will be £300.

No Tarbert lotto draw winners

THERE were no winners from Tarbert AFC's lottery draw on Monday October 2, when the numbers drawn were 10, 12 and 13. As a

Lottery

result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday October 9 will be £900.

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