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Swimming pool in hot water

Hundreds in clamour to save Mid Argyll pool from closure

HUNDREDS of people have rallied round to save the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool from closure.

The pool's directors, the Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd, fear they may have to close before Christmas if they cannot secure long-term funding for the facility.

Argyll and Bute Council's chief executive, Sally Loudon said the council was 'making every effort' to assist after a plea for help from the pool.

She said: 'Council staff have been working closely with the company, providing technical advice and support in helping to identify potential increased income and savings op-

**By Jenny
Sutherland**

portunities. Several such opportunities have now been highlighted which we believe will, if implemented, have a significant impact on the pool's current financial situation.'

Lessons

The council provides an annual grant of £48,394 and has paid in advance for primary school swimming lessons to help the pool's balance sheet. But she said the board must provide more information about its long-term financial prospects before an increase in funding can be considered.

Mrs Loudon added:

'The council is itself facing the prospect of an extremely challenging budget situation in 2010/2011, and is now in the process of scrutinising all areas of expenditure.'

'We would be failing in our duty to our taxpayers if we did not treat a request for additional funding from Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd in the same rigorous way as we would any other such request.'

Mid Argyll councillors, Donnie McMillan, Douglas Philand and Alison Hay are also backing calls to keep the pool afloat.

Councillor Philand said: 'We are doing our utmost and have been in regular discussions with



Drummers on parade

Pictured are Mid Argyll Pipe Band drummers, from left to right, Cameron Brownlee, Scott McNeil and Drum Sergeant, George Hall.

The band led the lantern procession through the streets on Saturday night. To see some great pictures and a full report of this year's procession see page 13 of this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*. 06_a46lan06

the pool's board of directors. At the moment we are awaiting the formal proposals to come from the council and we will certainly be advocating for the pool to

be saved.' On Monday a total of 538 people had signed the petition.

Geoff Ellis, president of triathlonscotland, who has added his name to the campaign, said:

'We would strongly urge Argyll and Bute Council to reconsider the closure of Mid Argyll Swimming pool. It is a vital resource to the Lochgilphead community.'

Strachur secures council

EIGHT Strachur residents have come forward to make sure the area will have a community council after all.

After only one volunteer, Heather Grier, was nominated in the elections in October, enough people answered a renewed call last week.

Quad bike fire at farm

LOCHGILPHEAD Fire and Rescue services were called to a fire at a farm on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road on Saturday, November 7.

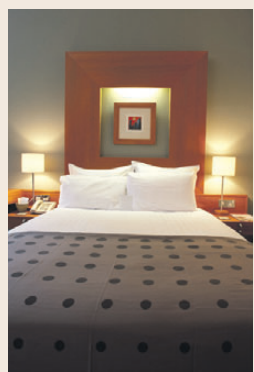
It is understood that a quad bike, parked near to a wood-burning stove, was the cause of the fire.

There was no major damage and no one was injured.

Xmas lights

SATURDAY December 5 will see this year's Lochgilphead Christmas lights switch on.

The big switch on for Tarbert's lights will be Friday November 27.



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Breach of bail

A MAN was arrested last Wednesday, November 4, for breaking bail conditions.

He appeared at Du-noon Sheriff Court the following day.

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Bowled over by generosity

Anonymous heroes come to the rescue

A KILMARTIN foster-mother has been bowled over by the generosity of two big-hearted Mid Argyll residents.

Last week the *Argyllshire Advertiser* reported how Mary-Ann Curtis's foster children had their bikes stolen by thoughtless thieves.

But last Friday

evening Mrs Curtis received a phone call from a teenage boy in Lochgilphead, who offered to give one of the children his bike as he was getting a new one for Christmas.

Flowers

A delighted Mary-Ann also received a bunch of flowers from

the thoughtful young man. And then on Saturday Mary-Ann was contacted by another local resident who asked to meet her and the youngsters in Crinan Cycles in Lochgilphead. There he bought a brand new bike for the children.

Speaking on Monday, Mary-Ann, said: 'It's just overwhelming. This has really renewed the children's faith in humanity.'

Grateful

'I'd like to thank the two men, who would like to remain anonymous. It was such a generous thing to do and both myself and the children are eternally grateful.'

Mary-Ann's foster children have written a thank you letter to their bike heroes. In it they said: 'Thank you to the people who gave us the two new bikes. They are cool and we will have a lot of fun on them.'

Missing teenager

A 16-YEAR-old girl was reported missing last Thursday, November 5, at 1am. She was later found safe and well.



Denice Purdy has been nominated for the Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Award in the Business category.

Denice has the spirit of Scotland

A STRACHUR-based businesswoman is in the running for a prestigious business award.

Denice Purdie, founder of Purdies, The Scottish Soap Company, has been nominated for the Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Award in the Business category.

Mother-of-four Denice set up her business to enable her to have an income and care for her family following a car accident that left her

husband disabled. She made her first batch of soap products in 2005 to sell at a Christmas fair and over the last four years has grown the company dramatically.

Regular

'These awards are great for the company but also good for regular people too. I don't come from a business background so if I can do it then anyone can,' explained Denice.

The winners of the awards are determined by public vote and will be announced at a glittering ceremony in Edinburgh in December.

Community council constituted

ARDRISHAIG Community Council was officially constituted last Tuesday night with last year's chair and secretary re-elected to their posts.

Husband and wife duo, Edward and Jeanette Laughton, have taken up chair and secretary, respectively.

The next meeting of Ardrishaig Community Council will take place on Tuesday December 1 at 7.30pm in the Public Hall.

Man found guilty after ecstasy trial

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager has been found guilty of possessing an ecstasy tablet.

Calum Gilmour, of the town's 17 McIntyre Terrace, denied possessing the Class A drug in Ross Crescent and Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead on November 22 last year.

But during a trial at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday, Sheriff Carol Kelly found the 19-year-old student guilty.

Sheriff Kelly deferred sentence for one year for Gilmour to be of good behaviour.



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Year round parking fees for Inveraray

Free winter parking in town to end

PLANS to end free winter parking in three Inveraray car parks are going ahead, despite claims that residents are 'up in arms' about it.

In March, *The Argyll-shire Advertiser* reported proposals to bring in year-round charging at the Front Green, The Avenue and a third car park on the A83. This week, Argyll and Bute Council, which owns and runs the car parks, confirmed winter charges would go ahead despite objections, but would be closely monitored during their first year.

Community councillor Jock Munro told a meeting of Inveraray Community Council last week: 'Our charges are embarrassing. You go outside Argyll and Bute and they don't try

and assassinate you for parking. They actually want to encourage tourists.'

Garret Corner, chair of the community council, said after the meeting: 'The whole town is up in arms about it. I don't think there will be a single local that wants it.'

Meters
'In the end, Kilmory will do better with people coming and spending money here in the winter than getting a few extra pounds in the parking meters.'

Last year, Inveraray's car parks generated around £60,000 with charges levied between April and October.

Mr Corner added: 'I sent a reply when it first came out, saying we were happy with the change in prices but we

were not happy about the winter charges. It's like a back door tax on the locals. I never got a response from the council.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'We do not have any plans to review the decision at this time. However, we will closely monitor the scheme over its first season of operation.'

'Although there was never a policy that we would spend the money raised from Inveraray car parks exclusively in the town, we obviously prioritise Inveraray in this respect.'

'It is important that people see that the money generated is ensuring that Inveraray's car parking facilities are attractive and well looked after.'

Probation for Oban heroin man

AN OBAN man who got off a bus in Ardrishaig with heroin in his possession has been ordered to carry out 80 hours unpaid work in the community and placed on probation for 18 months.

Stephen Paterson, of Kerrara Lodge, Shore

Street, Oban, pled guilty to having the class A drug in his possession in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig on June 16 this year.

Two wraps of Heroin, with an estimated street value of £64, were found on a footpath near to where Paterson had

alighted from a bus. Paterson's defence agent, Stephen MacLeod, told the court that his client had been taking steps to deal with his drug dependency.

As a condition to his probation order Paterson was ordered to attend drug-monitoring.



Callum and Michael plan to run the length of the Crinan Canal to raise funds for Cancer Research. 06_a46pnt02

Boys plan boxer run for charity

TWO big-hearted and hardy Lochgilhead schoolfriends are planning a sponsored run with a difference.

They will run the length of the Crinan Canal, nine miles, in just their boxer shorts, despite Argyll's bleak autumn weather, to raise funds for a cancer charity.

Callum McGuinness and Michael Kennedy, both aged 13, dreamt up the daring deed after

they both lost grandparents to cancer.

Callum explained: 'We were walking on the canal one day and we just thought it would be pretty funny if we did it.'

Michael added: 'In 2007 my Nana died of cancer and in 2008 my Gran died.' Then earlier this year, Callum's Papa also passed away, again with cancer, and he said 'We just wanted to stop other people getting it.'

Community council to meet

THE first meeting of Lochgilhead Community Council was held in the town's community centre on Monday night.

Returning to the position of chair is Betty Rhodick. Vice-chair is Robert Millar, secretary is Ian Liddell, minutes secretary is Helen Rhodick and treasurer is John McFadden. The position of planning is yet to be filled.

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Where are we going?

Council launch development consultation

WHAT do you think Argyll and Bute needs? Which direction should the place go in to best develop its potential? Where do you want your children and grandchildren to live and work?

Argyll and Bute Council is preparing a new Local Development Plan and has launched a consultation exercise to seek everyone's views on how the area might be developed in the future.

Developers and land-owners are being asked to identify potential development sites, and

members of the public, community groups and all other interested parties are being asked what they believe are the most important planning issues in their areas, and how best those might be addressed.

Land

The move comes as part of the preparation of a new Local Development Plan that will set out policies and proposals for the use of land and property within Argyll and Bute. 'It will influence housing, shopping, business, industry, transport and

the built and natural heritage, and will aim to guide future development to the most appropriate locations,' said a spokesman for the council.

Anyone who wishes to promote a potential development site for possible inclusion in the plan is being invited to submit details, though sites submitted for consideration will not be automatically included.

The feedback from this consultation exercise will also be used in developing a land-use map and in developing policy options for the finalised plan.

To help get the debate going two questionnaires have been produced and are now available on the council's website to download.

Both forms are also available at the council offices at Kilmory, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RT and can also be picked up at the area planning offices. The consultation ends on January 31, 2010.



The Tarbert pupils with their designs. 08_a45lights01

Pupils light up the town for Christmas

THERE was an air of excitement at a special assembly for primary pupils at Tarbert Academy.

Before the summer holidays, when Christmas was almost too far away to imagine, the children entered designs for a new festive light to be put up in the village this Christmas.

Members of the Tarbert Christmas Lights committee were at the school recently to announce the winners.

Kyle Macdonald won the primary school competition, with his tall snowman, while Robbie Herd's reindeer was top in last year's nursery class. Their designs will now be made up into festive lights in time for the November 27 switch-on.

Santa also came early for runners-up Jack Harvey, Abbie Stephenson, Mirren Scott and Amber Smith who also received a framed copy of their design.

Volunteers take steps at castle

A NEW improved path will bring more walkers and visitors to the historic Tarbert Castle, thanks to the efforts of volunteers.

The new steps and pathway, built by local contractor Aggie Dennis and Tarbert Conservation Initiative, create a circular route around the site and link it to the popular long-distance route, the Kintyre Way. Funding for the work came from the Scottish Rural Development Programme.

Robert McPhail, who has been involved in Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust's work to restore the castle, said they hoped to attract more grants to improve the castle's tower house.

Maintenance will be carried out by Historic Scotland and an eager flock of sheep, which will keep the grass under control.

The Trust is also seeking the donation of a new seat to replace a damaged one.

Mr McPhail also welcomed the news that the castle and access to the Kintyre Way are included in plans for regenerating the village centre; a £900,000 project spearheaded by Tarbert Harbour Authority.

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Staff turn pink to raise cancer cash

FUNDRAISERS at Mid Argyll Community Hospital pulled out all the stops recently to raise more than £2,300 for breast cancer research.

The staff turned the foyer pink, matching their own outfits, to back the Breast Cancer Campaign's Wear it Pink day.

Treats

More than 200 people dropped in for coffee, tea and a huge selection of sweet treats and the organisers thanked the local community and all the staff for their tremendous efforts.

Events went ahead throughout Scotland in aid of the cancer research charity.



No blushes for these volunteers at the wear it pink event. 08_a45pink01

Don your dancing shoes for Argyll's Children in Need

THE ARGYLL Hotel in Inveraray is urging the people of Mid Argyll to don their dancing shoes for a 12-hour fundraising event.

Staff at the Royal Burgh hotel are staging a 12-hour dance-a-thon to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

A disco will take place from 10am until 8pm followed by a live band until the small hours of the morning.

The event is free but donations buckets will adorn the dance floor. The boogying will take

place on Friday November 20 and teams from across the area are invited to take part.

BBC Radio Scotland will also have a live link to the event.

Drew Anderson, general manager for the Argyll Hotel, said: 'The point of the event is to raise as much money as possible for Children in Need and for people to have a fun day.'

Sponsor forms are available online from the BBC website or by contacting the Argyll Hotel on 01499 302466.

Chairman re-elected

THE first meeting of the new Inveraray Community Council was held last week and last year's chair and secretary were re-elected to their posts.

Garret Corner returns as chairman while Lorraine Crawford will continue to serve as secretary.

Vice chair is Neil Armour and David Scott takes up the job of treasurer. The council will meet again on December 1 at 7.30pm.

Arrochar jetty plea

ALAN Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, has written to Scottish Rural Affairs Minister Richard Lochhead urging him to give a grant towards a new jetty at Arrochar.

Mr Reid said: 'It would be a tremendous boost for tourism in the area.'

'It would allow cruise ships like the Waverley to sail up Loch Long and embark and disembark passengers at Arrochar.'

Inventors sought

THE organisers of the John Logie Baird Awards for Innovation are appealing for young inventors and innovators to enter their bright ideas into a special 'Young Innovator' category in a bid to win £20,000.

High school students are snap happy

IMPRESSIVE photography by a group of senior Lochgilphead Joint Campus pupils is currently being exhibited in the town's Dochus Gallery.

Snapberry is a group of S4 and S5 students from Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Working with Lorne Gill, photographer from Scottish Natural Heritage, the students spent a day in September at Tainish taking photos on a range of their own equipment; from mobile phones to more sophisticated SLR cameras.

Caroline Anderson, area administrator for SNH, said: 'In recent years Scottish Natural Heritage has been very active within school communities in Argyll

and Bute through School Grounds Grants. When we were no longer able to fund projects within Local Authority schools I felt it was important to find new ways of giving pupils the opportunity to engage with the natural environment on their doorstep and the seed of an idea was born.'

Images

The students followed their trip to Tainish with a workshop at SNH's offices with Lorne, for a chance to have their work critiqued, and with Mags Russell who showed the students the effects they could create applying various computer packages to their uploaded images.

The result of this work is Snapberry. The group has worked hard select-

ing favourite images, using Lorne's invaluable advice, and a collection of the work is being showcased in the Dochus Gallery in Lochgilphead for two weeks from November 2.

Snapberry hopes that as many members of the community as possible will come along and see its work. Images are for sale and it is hoped that packs of note cards will be produced from some of the photographs.

Snapberry would like to thank Caroline Anderson and the staff at SNH, Catherine Paterson from the Dochus Gallery and staff from Lochgilphead Joint Campus for their help and hard work in organising this fabulous experience.



S5 pupils Eilidh Campbell, left, and Lucy Button with their framed prints, which are currently being exhibited in the Dochus Gallery. 06_a45pic01

Get checked out say NHS

MOUTH cancer kills more people in the UK than cervical and testicular cancer combined, yet many people are unaware of the warning signs.

NHS Highland is trying to get the word out during November by joining in with national mouth cancer action month.

All next week there

will be an information stall at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead.

Smoke

Margaret Morrison, oral health educator, explained that those who smoke or drink are most at risk of mouth cancer.

She said anyone worried about red or white patches, ulcers that do not heal or a lump

which has been present for more than a couple of weeks should take the chance to get it checked out.

Margaret will be at the stand to answer questions and hand out toothbrushes throughout the week. On Tuesday between 11am and 1pm, senior dental officer Karen Emslie will carry out mouth screenings.

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Blarbuie on show

A LOCHGILPHEAD forest project was showcased at a national conference last weekend.

Hugh Fife of award-winning Blarbuie Woodland led a working on how woodlands can bring health benefits at the annual conference of the Community Woodland Association in Drumadrochit.

Lucy Sumsion, NFU Scotland's Argyll and Islands manager, also spoke at the event, about woodland grazing.

Ghost hunt for charity

SENSE Scotland, which supports people who are deaf and blind, is holding a fundraising Ghost Hunt at Inveraray Jail on December 5.

Participants will join a paranormal investigation team to become ghost hunters for the night in the spooky jail.

For more information, see www.fun-ways.org.uk.

Old school raise cash for kids

But charity lose out as council insist on licence fee

A CROWD of ex-pupils turned out to say farewell to Lochgilphead's old high school building at a dance in the town's Drill Hall last month.

But despite raising over £250 the organisers say they were 'sickened' they had to pay over £100 to Argyll and Bute Council for a one-off licence fee.

A total of £225 was raised to send furniture

salvaged from the school to the Education for All charity to aid overseas children.

Dent

Ailsa Clark, from the school's class of 1989 and one of disco's organisers, said: 'Unfortunately having music at the event created a £118 dent in the fundraising effort as we had to pay Argyll and Bute Council for a one-off public en-



Lochgilphead High pupils 1983 to 1998.

tertainments licence. 'We are very appreciative that the licencing department fast tracked this for us, but it was a bit sickening as the fundraiser was to remove and re-use furniture which was left in the school by the council.'

The organisers thanked local businesses who donated raffle prizes and sponsorship, in particular the Comm which ran

Pictured right, Carys MacFarlane and Ailsa Clark organised the farewell disco.

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the bar and gave a £100 donation.

A silent auction of art and intriguing experiences is in the pipeline

for the next fundraiser.

Lots already promised include a Jolomo painting, sports massage, ski lesson and a trip to the

Corryvreckan. If you would like to donate something contact Carys MacFarlane on 01546 603637.

District governor's polio reminder to rotary club

PRESIDENT of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, Tom Kilcolm, welcomed the Governor of Rotary District 1230, Andy Slater, to a recent meeting of the club.

District 1230 covers Glasgow and the West of Scotland, incorporating 52 clubs from Stranraer to Fort William and Mr Slater has set himself the task of visiting all 52 clubs during his year's term of office.

Motto

In his address to the club Mr Slater reminded the members of the Rotary motto for 2009/10, 'The Future of Rotary is in your Hands', and spoke of the need to



Pictured is DG Andy Slater presenting a banner to club president Tom Kilcolm, accompanied by two of the newest members of the club, Jane MacArthur and David Naylor.

support the 'Thanks for Life', campaign.

Rotarians throughout the world are working together to eradicate polio. Polio eradication has

been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, polio cases have fallen from 350,000 a year to a recorded 1,600 last year.

Ford SWRI learn about Greenland

FORD SWRI held its third meeting of the season on Tuesday, November 3 and went on a tour of the North Pole.

Ella Wilson, president, opened the meeting by welcoming 27 members and friends and introducing Diana Wilcox, guest for the evening.

A very entertaining evening followed the monthly business as Diana took the group on an enthusiastic tour of Greenland through

a small fraction of her wonderful photographic slide collection.

Thanks

Maralyne Gill gave a well-deserved vote of thanks.

Hostess was Pat Cairns.

Competition winner for a Limerick; 1. Liz Malcolm. 2. Pat Holt. 3. Ella Wilson.

Joint winners for the carrot cake. Liz Malcolm and Peggy McNIntyre.

SWRI meeting

A MEETING of Lochgilphead SWRI was held in the Community Centre on Tuesday October 20.

The speaker for the evening was Betty Tomlinson, who gave a very interesting demonstration on the making of greeting cards, particularly Christmas cards.

Competition results: Embroidered initial on a handkerchief:

Gold - Jean Smith
Silver - Anne Taylor
Decorated carrot cake:
Gold - Catherine Bow
Silver - Elizabeth Scott and Jean Smith.



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Big-hearted Tarbert's lift for flying doctors

Charity day raises more than £11,000 for lifeline emergency rescue services

BIG-hearted Tarbert residents have raised thousands of pounds for Scotland's 'flying doctor' service and its two sister rescue services.

The cash for the Emergency Medical Retrieval Service (ERMS) poured in thanks to a special fundraising charity day and dance held earlier this year.

Event

The event was organised by Karen Robertson an accident and emergency staff nurse at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow, and paramedic Lynne Clark, both from Tarbert.

The money raised will be split between the EMRS, Scottish Air Ambulance Service and



Dr Dave Stoddart and Karen Robertson with the £11,050 cheque for the ERMS.

the Royal Navy's Search and Rescue Service based at HMS Gannet.

Karen said: 'It started out as a charity dance and then just snowballed

into a charity day which raised £11,050 and will be split between all three services.

'Because I work in A&E in the Southern

General Hospital I am very aware of the work of the service and because I am from Tarbert I also know how much of a lifeline this service is to rural Scotland.'

Showcased

Around 300 people came along to the event in Tarbert, sponsored by famous cake and biscuit company Tunnocks.

Stands showcased the work of the police, fire brigade and ambulance service, as well as the EMRS.

Dr Dave Stoddart, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, and one of the flying doctors, said: 'EMRS would like to thank Karen and Lynne very much for all the hard work they put

into organising such a terrific day, and also a big thank-you to the local community for raising such a large amount of money.

'We are always appreciative of the support we get from rural communities who are very much aware of the service we provide.

'Our share of the funds will be put back into the local community because it will go towards carrying out on-going training and education courses for rural healthcare professionals such as doctors, nursing staff, paramedics and the ambulance technicians.'

Eva's date at castle

EVA MacDonald MBE was a guest of Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, at a reception in the presence of HRH the Princess Royal to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Victim Support Scotland.

Eva, who lives in Campbeltown, was representing Argyll at the event, which was held in the Great Hall, Edinburgh Castle.

Eva said she had the honour of meeting the Princess, who thanked her for volunteering.

Royal Navy 'humbled' by cheque from emergency services day

A ROYAL Navy officer said it was 'humbling' to receive a cheque for £3,000 from the Tarbert Emergency Services Day.

Lieutenant Commander Martin Lanni, HMS Gannet's executive officer, accepted the cheque on behalf of the team based at Prestwick, which in 2007 became the UK's busiest helicopter search and rescue station since records began.

Casualties

That year they had 359 call outs, assisting 349 people, of whom 286 were casualties.

Last year saw them break their own record with call outs rising to 382, rescuing 347 people and this year looks just as busy.

The men and women of HMS Gannet cover an enormous area of the west of Scotland, northern England and Northern Ireland, covering 98,000 square miles, an area more than 12 times the size of Wales.

The Tarbert Emergen-



Some of the HMS Gannet team with Karen-Anne Robertson and Lt Cdr Martin Lanni in the centre.

cy Services Day raised more than £11,000, which has been split between the Scottish Air Ambulance, the Emergency Medical Retrieval Service and HMS Gannet in recognition of the lifeline services supplied to rural communities.

Lieutenant Commander Lanni said: 'This presentation was a real surprise for us.'

Pleased

'When circumstances allow, we are always pleased to be able to get out and chat to people and explain more about

HMS Gannet and what we do. It is actually quite humbling, as we feel that our work in the Highlands and Islands is very much part of our job. It is our intention that we pass on some of the money to charities the unit supports.'

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Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 17 November, 1989

Main reaction to Backlands is apathy

ARGYLL and Bute District Council has appointed a firm of Edinburgh consultants at a cost of £7,850 in regard to Lochgilphead Central Area Backlands redevelopment scheme.

Three members of Lochgilphead Community Council were, this week, speaking to District Council officers in an effort to determine which direction the redevelopment will take, and yet, local people appear entirely disinterested in a building programme that will radically change a part of their town.

Members of Lochgilphead Community Council at their monthly meeting expressed bewilderment at the apathy within the town and said: 'We are here to represent the people's views and yet they do not appear to have any.'

Traffic Trouble

SUCH is the increase in heavy goods vehicles attempting to use the centre of Lochgilphead as a cut through to the A816 – and snarling up local traffic in the process – that the town's community council is calling for a review of motoring signs.

At the last meeting of the council, chairman Malcolm MacCallum said: 'There is a tremendous amount of heavy vehicles turning up Argyll Street to reach the Oban road. What is required is a signpost diverting them away from the town centre and onto the Corran roundabout.'

It was also agreed that traffic for villages on the A816 should also be signposted away from the centre. Councillors went on to consider other signs in the town and the lack of them and concluded that a complete survey was required.

Kilmory building site danger

CHILDREN playing in the Kilmory area continually using the development site of the Kilmory Joint Venture Scheme as a playpark appear to be totally unaware of the dangers which lie in store for them.

To add to the obvious danger of unattended machinery and concrete slabs, which are standard hazards of any building site, the recent inclement weather has added to the possible accidents which could occur.

The site, resembling a quagmire in places, constitutes a danger to youngsters. It would be all too easy with the extremely soft ground for the concrete slabs or heavy drainage pipes to slide out of position and seriously injure children.

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Down Memory Lane

THIS Week's Down Memory Lane was submitted by Maureen Sinclair (nee MacCallum). The photograph shows Maureen's Lochgilphead Primary School class in 1975.

Pictured are, from left to right and front to back; Alan McConnell, Fiona McMillan, Ann McConnell, Morag Bradley, Shiralee Brown, ?, Yvonne Christie, Valerie Mathison, Fiona MacConachy, Murray Wilson, John Docherty, Michael McAulay, Peter Stewart, Kenny Provan, David Stewart, Patrick Williamson, Bernard Williamson, George Young, Ronnie Kennedy, Lindsay Russell, Margaret Gauld, Margaret Gillies, Lindsay Robertson, Linda Ward, Terry Sansom, Elspeth Campbell, Maureen MacCallum, Jane MacPhail, Susan Oliver, Elizabeth Oliver.

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Swimming pool support from MP

Sir,
I am fully behind the campaign to keep the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool open and have written to Argyll and Bute Council urging them to give the Pool Board the cash they need to stay open.

The pool provides a very important service to the Mid Argyll area.

The local community has done a magnificent job raising funds for the pool.

The Council must play its part too and support the pool with the money it needs to stay open.

**Alan Reid MP,
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunoon.**

Lantern Parade thanks

Sir,
Can we take this opportunity to give our thanks to all who helped make the event a success once again this year.

Without the support of our sponsors, Novera Energy, Argyll and Bute Council, Strathclyde Police, Highland Heathers and MacLeods, we would not have had the funds to employ so many local artists and bands who entertained everyone so spectacularly on the night.

We would also like to thank the local police and stewards who give so much help to us both before and during the parade.

Thanks also to all the artists and volunteers who do sterling work at all the workshops.

Special thanks to Goldie Ross for providing the Batmobile and to Alex and Neil and the High School for creating such wonderful lanterns with their students leading the parade.

Finally congratulations to the Round Table who again gave Lochgilphead a spectacular bonfire and fireworks.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's lantern parade.

**Ailsa Raeburn,
Treasurer,
Lanterns @ 10,
Achnamara.**

Familiar with the term 'fuel poverty'?

Sir,
How many people are familiar with the term 'fuel poverty'?

Not many I imagine; unless, of course, you are one of those people who are currently struggling to heat your home – a problem that, sadly, affects far too many in the Highlands and Islands.

With winter fast approaching, we need to remember all those people who do not have enough money to cover the cost of heating their accommodation.

Instead, they are forced to dress in several layers of clothing, use a hot water bottle or sleep downstairs to keep the cold at bay.

Even worse, many are faced with tough decisions such as whether to eat or heat their homes. Those who do forego food, or other necessities, in favour of warmth, often find ill health a consequence.

Elizabeth Finn Care is a grant-giving charity that supports people in

financial difficulty, for reasons such as family breakdown, redundancy, physical and mental health issues or living on low incomes.

The charity's new research reveals 44 per cent of adults in the Highlands and Islands have difficulties.

I am writing to urge those who are struggling to afford the cost of heating their home to contact the charity (0800 413 220) and see if they are eligible for financial support.

**Denise Robertson,
Elizabeth Finn Care.**



Well Done Lantern Parade!

DippyChick comment: 'I'm just taking this opportunity to say how fantastic this year's lantern parade and fireworks display was.'

It was so refreshing to see so many people, of all ages, turning out as one community, to enjoy such a great evening.

The hard work by the lantern committee was obvious and to see lots of little smiling faces, proudly carrying their lanterns was a wonderful sight.

The Samba band also

Can you help me with my hobby?

Sir,
Some of your readers who may have been miners may be good enough to help me.

I was a miner in the Yorkshire pits for 29 years and have now retired.

For the past several years by way of a hobby I have been an avid collector of colliery checks, tallies or tokens.

These were brass discs and they were embossed with the individual colliery name and also stamped with the miner's number.

They were used as a safety measure to record an accurate account of men underground at any one time.

Unfortunately, I have very few from the Scottish coalfields.

I know your area, like my own, was once littered with pits and I would love to hear from anyone who worked at these old mines.

Are there any fellow ex-miners or indeed anyone out there who could please help me obtain any checks/tokens from the now long closed collieries of your area? Any help would be most appreciated.

**Peter Harrison,
280 Potovens Lane,
Wrenthorpe,
Wakefield,
West Yorkshire,
WF2 0QG.**

added to the 'carnival-style' atmosphere and I look forward to seeing them next year.

And now to the hard working Round Table who created a super, super bonfire this year - quite scary but nevertheless breathtaking.

My understanding is that the display is totally reliant upon donations and I would hope that local businesses and members of the public will continue to support this fantastic asset.

Well done everyone!



All the committee members who helped on the day. c46red01

Red Cross lunch raises cash for Asia Pacific appeal

A LUNCH organised by the Kintyre Branch of the British Red Cross Society raised £2,742 for the Asia Pacific Disaster Appeal.

As well as the lunch, the Kintyre committee organised a raffle with a Chris Hoy signed cycle top as the main prize.

The raffle raised £2,000

and £742 was raised from the lunch.

Support

Centre organiser Ann Cousin told *The Courier*: 'The money raised will go directly to the Red Cross Disaster Fund to support the Asia Pacific Disaster Appeal.

Many thousands of people are in desperate

need of help as the disasters have left devastation, chaos and economic hardship.

'I would like to thank the community for all their support both in the raffle and at the lunch.'

The winner of the signed cycle top was Fiona Cook of Drumore, Campbeltown.



Centre organiser Ann Cousin (left), with Ailsa Stewart (centre) and secretary Kathleen Martin. c46red02

Two great jazz concerts

THE TIM Kliphuis Trio entertained an audience of close on 100 in the Lochgilphead Parish Church on Saturday night.

Tim led the Trio in a fascinating selection of numbers, ranging from Gershwin's *Lady Be Good* to Django Reinhardt's *Fleche d'Or* - from *A Nightingale* sang in *Berkeley Square* to a very sensitive *Skye Boat Song*.

The same concert was performed in Campbeltown.

Toe-tapping time at rally



Martin Stewart of Stewart Consulting Ltd with RNLI Mid Argyll branch president, Maggie Donaldson. 06_a46rlni01

The Tayvallich Inn Christmas Menu £18.95

Starters

Warm winter vegetable soup
Haggis, neeps and tatties tartlet with a whisky cream sauce
Smoked salmon and prawn cocktail
Baked brie with honey and rosemary

Main Course

Turkey and ham served with roast potatoes, sprouts and honey glazed roast vegetables.
Individual fish pie with courgettes and carrots.
Penne pasta with roast vegetables and a white wine cream sauce served with garlic bread.
Roast beef with seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding.

Dessert

Christmas pudding with brandy cream
Profiteroles with chocolate sauce and Swiss ice cream
Baileys chocolate cheesecake
Crème brulee

Tea or Coffee

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THE impressive sum of £3,600 has been raised by the Mid Argyll branch of the RNLI.

Around 240 people filled the assembly hall at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus last Friday night to enjoy an evening of fine music and hospitality.

The evening, which is the second Fiddlers Rally the branch have organised, was sponsored by Stewart Consulting, Lochgilphead.

Raffle prizes were donated by John Lowrie Morrison, Oban and Lorne Strathspey and Reel Society, The Square Peg, The Archway, The Cop, Lochgilphead, Cairnbaan Hotel, Cockles and Victoria Wines.

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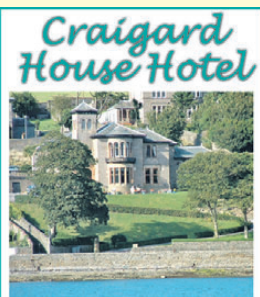


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Mthunzi's crafty Christmas fair

Mary-Margaret Hanna from Campbeltown travelled to Lochgilhead to take part in the Craft and Gift Fair. Mary-Margaret's stall was brimming with delicious jars of jam, handmade cards, tasty tablet and knitwear. Stall holders from Mid Argyll and Kintyre sold their wares and raised money for the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI) at the same time.

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Fundraising for primary adventure trail

Lochgilhead Primary PTA held a car boot sale on Saturday. The sale marked the first in a line of events to raise money for an Adventure Trail. The PTA needs to raise £15,000 in order to purchase the play equipment. A total of £494.03 was raised on Saturday. Pictured are some of the PTA members with youngsters who helped on the day.

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Ardrishaig's poppy fundraiser success

ARDRISHAIG'S North Church Hall was filled to capacity last Saturday, November 7, as people enjoyed tea, coffee and homebaking.

The event raised £775,

which will be split between PoppyScotland and Erskine Hospital. The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported the event.



Pictured are some ladies from Lochgilhead and Ardrishaig enjoying a hot cuppa and some delicious cakes. 06_a46pop01

Friends raise charity cash

A COFFEE day in aid of the Friends of the Beatson took place on Saturday raising £1,450.81 for the charity.

As well as a lunch there was a baking stall and a large bric-a-brac stall and a raffle.

The unique Friends of the Beatson Centre is a space designed for in-patients to relax and a place to spend their time in a pleasant environment in the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, used by people from across this area.



Some of the many Friends of the Beatson ladies who spent their day helping out with the large raffle stall. 04_c46beat01

Community Noticeboard

Mid Argyll MX Club Dinner Dance
Saturday 14th November 2009
Cairnbaan Hotel
Fully Booked
No admission on the night

Do you run a local tourism related business in Mid Argyll? Could Mid Argyll be better marketed and promoted?
The Dalriada Project - Marketing & Promoting the Destination Stakeholder Workshop In conjunction with Chamber of Commerce Ardrishaig Public Hall, 19 November 2009 12.30-5.30pm, (Includes light lunch)
Advance registration essential
Contact Olwen Hemmings 01546 602304
Email: olwen.hemmings@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
www.dalriadaproject.org

Campbeltown Flower Club Coffee Evening and Demonstration by David Brodie of "Strelitzia"
in the Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown
Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm
Admission £3
Everyone is very welcome

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Scottish Charity no SC023277
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Afternoon Tea in St Kieran's, Argyll Street
Wednesday, 18th November 2.30 to 4.00pm
£3 per person
To help Kanchha at Manchester Medical School

Christmas Craft Fair
Ardrishaig Public Hall
Sunday 29th November '09
10.30am - 4pm
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Door collection for charity

Argyll and Bute Concert Tours
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TOM POSTER (piano)
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Community Centre, Lochgilhead
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Argyll welcomes prize pianist

ON SUNDAY evening (Ardrihaig) and Tuesday evening (Campbeltown), Argyll welcomes one of the leading new generation British pianists, Tom Poster from Oxford.

In 2007, Tom Poster was winner of the First Prize at the Scottish International Piano Competition in Glasgow - an event which brought together 72 specially invited top pianists from all over the world.

Tom first rose to fame seven years earlier as the

BBC Young Pianist of the Year.

Since 2000, his diverse and rapidly developing career as a concerto soloist, recitalist and chamber musician has led him to a range of major international venues.

Festival

This year, for example, Tom made two appearances at the BBC Proms and as recently as last week was performing in Calgary, Canada, at the prestigious Honens International Piano Festival.

So the MAAA and Kintyre Music Club are delighted to welcome this outstanding young musician to their venues, as part of his current ABCT Tour which also takes place in Milngavie, Rothesay and Oban.

Tom Poster's tour programme is based around a double-theme, with all the works being strongly influenced and inspired by song and dance.

As well as works by Mozart, Schumann and Chopin, he will also in-

clude highly accessible pieces by Bartok and Stravinsky, with their starting point in melody and folk song.

Season

Tom's recital is definitely one of the high spots in the MAAA and KMC music season.

In particular, young pianists, entrance for whom is free for these concerts, will draw pleasure and inspiration from this delightful pianist, for whom a warm Argyll welcome awaits.



Willie Ralston and Stephanie Mitchell.

Musicians do the town proud

YOUNG musicians from Campbeltown did the town proud again in October by winning two of the classes at the West of Scotland qualifying contest for the Scottish Youth Solo and Ensemble Championships.

Taking place in Greenock, Aimilia Chute finished a creditable sixth out of 15 entries in the youngest solo class, and her older sister Sally won the 16 years and under competition. Former champion Erin McSparran came a close second out of 17 fine young musicians.

Erin and Sally now qualify for the Besson Scottish Solo and Ensemble Championships in February.

Trio's treat for Tayvallich

HABADAM, a Danish-Swedish trio, will play at Tayvallich Village Hall tomorrow night (Saturday) in Tayvallich.

Habbadam's unusual line-up of guitar, fiddle and soprano sax brings a bite and swing to the traditional music of the Island of Bornholm, in the Baltic Sea.

The group is on tour as part of the 'Hands Across the Sea Programme' and Tayvallich is tuning up for an exciting evening of music and friendship making.

Shop

Tickets are available from The Square Peg, Tayvallich Village shop



Habbadam will play to a delighted audience in Tayvallich tomorrow night.

and on the door. The event kicks off at 7.30pm in Tayvallich Village

Hall. The concert is being held with Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop.

Brass band strike a blow as rehearsals start for CD

CAMPBELTOWN Brass Band has had a busy time this year and is currently rehearsing for the release of its new CD.

Earlier this year principal cornet player Stephanie Mitchell, was asked to play in the European Youth Brass Band in Belgium which takes place annually for the European Brass

Band Championships. Shortly after returning from Belgium,

Stephanie and Willie Ralston, another member of Campbeltown Brass Band, were asked to guest with a championship section band in Fife, Kingdom Brass Band who is also conducted by Campbeltown Brass Band's Musical Director Craig Anderson.

They travelled to Blackpool and participated in The Senior Cup 2009 Spring Festival

Contest in the Winter Gardens. Placed third was a great success for the band, as they have now been promoted to The Grand Shield for the following year.

The band is also in preparation for the Scottish Challenge Shield Brass Band Contest held in Perth later this month. Hopefully the band can achieve the heights of previous year's successes.

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Visit The Wee Pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

Scottish dancers return

TONIGHT (Friday) sees the welcome return to Lochgilphead of the world famous Scottish Dance Theatre from Dundee, as they perform in the School Campus Hall at 7.30pm.

These contemporary dance performers, the UK's undisputed leaders, exhibit amazing fitness, agility and artistic creativity, and their Lecture/Demonstration tonight will offer a unique insight into their current production.

The show starts at 7.30pm and is ideal for all who love dance, especially young dancers, and the school is to be warmly thanked for hosting the event.

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- Study of arterial world (7)
- Saltpetre (5)
- Just grabbing on by digit (7)

Down

- Food for a ladybird. (5)
- Confuse (5)
- Colour of blushes (7)
- Check (6)
- Out of sight (5)
- Napping, so to speak (7)
- Authorize (7)
- Target for Donald? (7)
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Mid Argyll falls silent for Remembrance Sunday

PEOPLE across Mid Argyll bowed their heads in a respectful silence on Sunday to remember our fallen war heroes.

Services of remembrance were held across the area, with hundreds of locals and visitors turning out to pay their respects.

This year's Armistice Day marked 91 years since the end of the First World War.



The Lochgilphead procession led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band. 06_a46rem04



Rob Irons salutes on behalf of the British Legion at Furnace's Remembrance Sunday service.



The two-minute silence is observed at the British Legion memorial service at Argyll Caravan Park, Inveraray.

Pictured below, Inveraray residents bow their heads in respect at the town's service.

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Pictured above, Reverend Roy Flatt conducts the Lochgilphead service on Sunday morning. 06_a46rem02



90-year-old Second World War veteran, Phil Corcoran, a Sergeant in the Royal Engineers, salutes, after laying his wreath at the Lochgilphead War Memorial. 06_a46rem03



Inveraray and District Pipe Band.



The laying of wreaths at Ardrishaig's War Memorial.

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Batman and Robin steal the show

Gotham-themed lantern parade and fireworks display is a highlight of 2009 in Lochgilphead

LOCHGILPHEAD was transformed into a scene from Batman on Saturday night as the streets were graced with The Joker, the Penguin and of course the 'Bat-mobile'.

The annual lantern parade and fireworks display saw hundreds of revellers brave the cold to enjoy one of the highlights of Lochgilphead's social calendar.

The parade of lanterns

marched through the streets onto the front green accompanied by some fantastic samba music.

Wicker Man

A huge wicker man-themed bonfire was then lit to mark the start of a dazzling fireworks display, organised by the Round Table.

Chair of the Round Table, Calum Charlwood, said: 'I would like to

thank all the local businesses who donated to the display and to the people of Mid Argyll who donated on the night.'

Photographs from this year's lantern parade and fireworks display can be ordered by telephoning the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on 01546 602345 or by popping into our office in the town's Argyll Street.



Above, the Batman-themed Samba band.

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The Penguin lantern.

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This amazing creation is the Joker lantern, one of the largest seen on the night.

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Pictured left, the 'Bat-mobile' took up the rear of the procession.

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Batman and Robin, aka Adam Ross and Jake Young, inside the custom-built 'Bat-mobile'.

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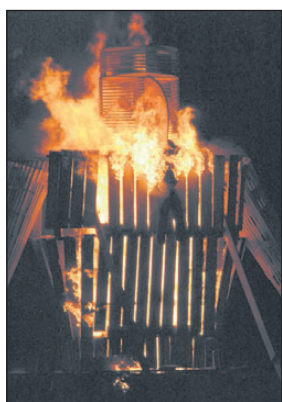


Erin and dad, Colin McFarlane helped collect donations.



Above, the Wicker Man before the bonfire ... and, below, the bonfire is well underway.

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Hundreds miss out on payments

HUNDREDS of Scottish farmers could be missing out on payments as they have yet to provide the Scottish Government with the necessary bank details to allow them to receive their lifeline support payments this winter.

The Scottish Government is missing bank account details for more than 200 Single Farm Payment (SFP) claimants.

The SFP scheme is worth £480 million to Scottish agriculture with payments due to start in early December.

Policy director for the National Farmer's Union Scotland, Scott Walker said: 'Without providing this vital information, one per cent of Scotland's farmers are running the risk of having vital payments delayed this winter.'

'Many SFP recipients in Scotland now choose to receive their payments in Euros and, for this to happen, farmers must have set up a Euro account with their banks. Around 150 Scottish farmers who have elected to receive their SFP in this manner have yet to inform the Scottish Government.'

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Young Farmers try hands at clipping

YOUNG Farmers from Campbeltown tried their hand at dairy cattle dressing last week.

The competition was held at Kilkivan Farm and as well as showing the young farmers how its done Tommy Ralston of the Dhurrie Farm also judged the competition.

A rough clip and a wash took place on the Tuesday night with the final clip taking place on the Wednesday.

The young farmers had 90 minutes on the Tuesday and 45 minutes on Wednesday to clip the beasts, with six teams of two taking part.

The night ended with Tommy giving his reasons for each animal's placing and presenting the prizes.

The winning teams

were given certificates with Thomas Ralston and Murray Ralston receiving The Ralston Perpetual Cup.

Judging

James Young thanked Tommy for the judging and John Ralston for holding the event.

Thomas Ralston (clipper) and Fraser Cameron (holder) will now go on and compete in the senior section of the national competition in Ayr Market on November 22.

Thomas Irwin (clipper) and Stuart McConnachie (holder) will also compete in the junior section.

Full results: 1 Thomas Ralston (clipper) and Murray Ralston (holder) 2 Thomas Irwin (clipper) and Stuart



Graham Young and James Young work as a team. 04_c46clp04

McConnachie (holder), 3 Fraser Cameron (clipper) and Kevin McIntyre (holder).



Thomas Cameron decides where to start. 04_c46clp03



Chairman Thomas Ralston concentrates on only clipping a small part of the beast at a time. 04_c46clp02



Tommy Ralston, right, and John Ralston, show the Young Farmers how to close clip a beast. 04_c46clp01

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Lambs (3447) Wester Ochtermuthill (Beltex) 182p; Braeside of Lindores (Texel) 179p; Oatfield (Cont) 177p; Lynn (Suffolk) 174p; Mid Wellwood (Mule) 161p.

Ewes and Rams (634) Tullochcan (Suffolk) and Drumdowie (Texel) £81.

Island deer have pure genes

State of the art DNA markers trace deer gene pool

A STUDY is underway to monitor the genetic purity of red deer on certain Scottish islands and establish whether they have been affected by hybridisation with non-native species over the last decade.

The Deer Commission has commissioned Edinburgh University to carry out the analysis using state of the art microsatellite DNA markers. Molecular ecologist Professor Josephine Pemberton is in charge of the research and will deliver her findings in August next year.

Local estate managers



Deer Commission Inverness regional officer Graeme Taylor checks samples from Uist.

in the Outer Hebrides, Rum, Jura, Islay and Arran have been collecting samples of tongues and ears from cull animals to contribute to the project.

The work follows up a baseline study conducted 10 years ago by the then Red Deer Commission.

Deer Commission Inverness regional officer

Free BVD meeting at Ardshiel

A FREE meeting is to be held to inform farmers in the area about Bovine Virus Diarrhoea (BVD) which can cause abortion, infertility and poor performance in herds.

The virus is present in 90 per cent of UK dairy and beef herds and the meeting will bring farmers and their vets up to scratch with the latest information as well as giving practical advice on the control strategies currently available.

It will be taking place in the Ardshiel Hotel in Campbeltown on November 23.

During the meeting Dr Peter Nettleton, senior veterinary virologist at Moredun will outline the principal signs of the disease and how it spreads before describing some of the control and prevention principals available in relation to the main cattle production systems.

He will be joined by vet Donald Armour from Westwards Veterinary Practice.

Local farmer Archie McArthur will chair the meeting, which begins at 7.30pm and has been organised by Moredun.

For further information contact Maggie Bennett at Moredun on 0131 445 5111.

Graeme Taylor said: 'This was to find out whether those islands would be suitable to designate as 'refugia', or areas which having escaped major ecological change have more genetically pure deer than on the mainland.'

Results

'The results at that time indicated that the deer on these islands were relatively sika-free.'

Of a total deer population of 18,000 in the refugia islands, the study will analyse 970 samples, split equally between stags and hinds.

My Village Peninver

A generation of Kintyre people have been brought into the world thanks to retired midwife Frances Hood, who lives in Peninver.

FRANCES Hood came to Kintyre with her late husband Ronald, in 1962 when he worked as civil engineer on the installation of oil tanks at the NATO depot on the shores of Campbeltown Loch.

Living first at Ardnacross the family moved to Craiglussa, in the centre of the village and it is still Frances' home today.

For 12 years she worked as midwife and as a district nurse around the area.

Frances is a member of the village hall committee and has been a member of the Antiquarian Society ever since she moved to Kintyre. She has also trained in field archaeology.

'You walk over the ground spotting sites and recording them,' she said

What makes the village special for you?

It is a nice, quiet place where the people are friendly.

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

'Peninver is a small, quiet fishing village overlooking the Kilbrannan Sound with views across to Arran but we are only five miles away from Campbeltown so it's quite handy.'

How much has it changed since you arrived here?

'The village school has closed; my three boys went there. It had some very good teachers and later they went to the grammar school in Campbeltown. The Post Office was next door and

it also sold sweets and crisps for the school children.

'When we moved here in the 1960s there were still mobile shops; every day one would call, the butchers, the fish van – they came to you.'

'Peninver is on to its third village hall since I came here. The first was just a Nissen hut, the second a flat-roofed affair and now the one we have today which is really popular; everyone uses it for weddings and dances and the kids play badminton here. It really has a very nice floor.'

Is there a time of year when you just want to be there?

'May or June and then early autumn. Especially in summer you see all the yachts coming up and down the Sound and the larger ships – there's been a Naval boat out there today. The sea is never the same twice.'

Do you have family in Peninver?

'Our three sons have all left and travelled the world. Iain is in France, Harry in Vermont and Allan out in Tasmania.'

How would you improve your village?

'We tried to get a pavement all the way through the village because the road has become so much busier and faster but that seems to have fallen through.'

Do you have a favourite building?

'It has to be my home. It was built by a fisherman called Eaglesome in 1885, I think he was related to the business in the town. He came from Peninver and did very well for himself and he built himself a house.'

'As soon as I came here I felt at home and I don't want to move again.'

Is there anyone famous from your village?

'The only person I can think of is Archie Graham! His smoked salmon has been mentioned in Alexander McCall Smith's books. The author visits friends in the village and used to get smoked salmon from Archie and it has been mentioned in at least two books I've read.'



Peninver Sands.



Glen Lussa power station near Peninver.



Craiglussa was built by a local fisherman in 1885.



A view along the seafront at Peninver.



Frances on the steps of Craiglussa with Mischa, her lurcher.



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Christine and Livingstone Russell's garden at The Smiddy, Peninver, has an open day each year to raise funds for charity. c22smd01

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Christine Crawford would like to thank everyone for their telephone calls, flowers, cards, gifts and support during my recent stay in hospital. Your kindness and good wishes are very much appreciated.
1 Goatfelt View, Furnace

Duncan and Jenny Campbell wish to thank friends and family for the beautiful cards, flowers and contributions to the Lochgilphead Parish Church renewal project on their Golden Wedding. The management sum of £1,206 was collected. Daughter-in-law Jennifer, Iain and Craig for organising the evening. Bruce and the girls from the Smiddy restaurant for a fantastic buffet and Archie John McVicar and his band for excellent music.

John Harvey would like to thank everyone who gave gifts and cards on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and also the time he spent in hospital.

I would like to thank family and friends for cards, visits, gifts and good wishes received while in hospital and since coming home.
Thanks again.
Hamish Taylor.

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Happy 40th Katie
on the 17th November

Love from all the girls x.

William and Margaret Ralston would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts given to them on the occasion of their *Diamond Wedding Anniversary.*

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(COLCHESTER SQUARE AND ARGYLL STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2009

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, the effect of which will be that for a temporary period on the occasion of the switching on of the Christmas lights, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle through the lengths of road indicated in the schedule hereto.

Exceptions will apply to emergency services vehicles and vehicles being driven upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform.

The Order, which is necessary to facilitate the holding of the event, shall have effect when indicated by signs between 1500 hours and 2200 hours on Saturday 5th December.

SCHEDULE - PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

Name of Road in Lochgilphead	Extent of Restriction
Colchester Square	From its junction with the Tarbet-Kennacraig Trunk Road (A83) extending northwards to its junction with Argyll Street a distance of 40 metres or thereby.
Argyll Street	That section of Argyll Street extending from its junction with the north side of Colchester Square northwards to its junction with Union Street a distance of 72 metres or thereby.
Alternative Route:	Via adjacent streets

(ARDRISHAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL) (20 MPH PART-TIME SPEED LIMIT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2009

On Monday 9th November 2009, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which comes into operation on 21st December 2009, extends the part-time 20mph speed limit on a section of Park Road, Ardrishaig. These proposals form part of a road safety initiative at schools in the Council area.

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

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

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 9th November 2009, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

(ROUTE C38 KILMICHAEL GLEN ROAD, BRIDGEND AND KILMICHAEL GLASSARY) (30MPH, 40MPH AND PART TIME 20MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2009

On Monday 9th November 2009, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which comes into operation on Monday 21st December 2009, introduces a 30mph, 40mph and part time 20mph speed limits on that section of the C38 Kilmichael Glen Road through Bridgend and Kilmichael Glassary.

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

- (i) Operational Services, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll.
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Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD

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AUDIO EQUIPMENT

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HOOVER dust devil 1200 watt hoover, £20 Telephone 07747 492780 Oban.

VIDEO RECORDER jvc, £20 Telephone 07747 492780 Oban.

BABY EQUIPMENT

BOUNCY CHAIR by Bright Starts, multi coloured print on blue background, toy bar, music, vibration, great, hardly used condition, £15 Telephone 01631 570511.

CHICCO BABY WALKER age 6+ months, includes piano, toy/play tray and padded seat, 3 position seat height, compact when closed, very good condition, £29 Telephone 01631 710787.

COT Mothercare ashton pine cot, excellent condition, includes bumper, quilt and sheets, all beige/cream colours, £49 Telephone 01397 772031.

BICYCLES

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BOOKS

BOOKS travel atlas of the world, £10 Telephone 07747 492780.

BUILDING / DIY

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DOORS 2 outside doors, £30 Telephone 07747 492780.

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CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

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HILLWALKERS TROUSERS moleskin, brand new, knee length, waist 38", top quality, £20 Telephone 01397 702502.

TRESSPASS WATER-PROOF large, brand new, blue, £15 Telephone 07747 492780 Oban.

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DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

COFFEE MAKER Kenwood, unwanted gift, £10 Telephone 01631 565224.

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BEDSIDE CABINETS two, each with three drawers very good condition, antique pine finish, buyer to collect, £30 Telephone 01631 710541.

CANE STOOL/table, 15" diameter, £15 Telephone 01499 500216.

CHAIR Ikea Stockholm white easy chair, still retails at £229, selling for £35, Ikea still sells different covers, good condition, £35 Telephone 01852 300234.

CHAIRS 2 wing backed chairs, pink, £30 each, Telephone 01631 565067 07771 708301.

CHEST OF DRAWERS Antique pine finish, very good condition, buyer to collect, £49 Telephone 01631 710541.

COFFEE TABLES two, light wood, £9 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

DARK WOOD TABLE solid drop leaf dining table, seats 6, £29 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

DINING TABLE small dining room table, 27" x 27", mahogany, would suit small hotel or guest house, £30 Telephone 01631 565067 07771 708301.

DINING TABLE large oak Victorian dining room table with roll out extension, nice, offers £300, Telephone 01631 565067 07771 708301.

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DRAWERS children's chest of four drawers in blue, Ikea Mammut range, blue, approx 107w x 58h x 44d, good condition, £30 Telephone 01852 300234.

DRESSING TABLE with three drawers, in very good condition, antique pine finish, buyer to collect, £45 Telephone 01631 710541.

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DROP LEAF TABLE teak drop leaf kitchen table, seats eight, £19 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

HALL TABLE half moon mahogany hall table, ex Mathesons, £20 Telephone 01631 720211 after 6pm.

HOSTESS TEA TROLLEY £9 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

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KING SIZE BED attractive bed with customised memory foam mattress, one year old, as new, £200 ono, Telephone 01631 564750.

KITCHEN TABLE light wood extending round kitchen table and four chairs, £49 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

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GARDEN

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HIGHLAND DRESS

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HOME ENTERTAINMENT

COLOUR TV silver panasonic 23" TV and stand, very good condition, £49.99 Telephone 01631 565856.

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HOME FURNISHINGS

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HOME OFFICE

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FAX MACHINE plain paper, £30 Telephone 01972 510388.

PRINTER cannon, suitable for a pc, £7 Telephone 07747 492780.

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

DOOR HANDLES 20 satin nickel bow handles/half circle, 9.6cm from screw to screw, new, £18 Telephone 01546 602161.

DOOR KNOBS 20 satin nickel door knobs 3cm/new, screws included, £18 Telephone 01546 602161.

LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE

BOWLS set of 4 bowls, size 5, £30 Telephone 07932 635849.

LIVESTOCK

MUSCOVE DUCKLINGS and mixed pullets for sale, Telephone 01499 302090.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST AT MOD lost at opening ceremony/ceilidh at Mod, Prince Charlie jacket with Cameron Crest badge, smaller kilt jacket picked up in error, Telephone 01397 703438.

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LIGHT 1 inside or outside fluorescent light, with fittings, £10 Telephone 07747 492780.

MINI HOUSE SALE several items for sale including 2x2 seater settees, circular dining table, chairs and matching unit, single bed Telephone 01586 820230 after 5pm.

OPTIC STAND revolving, chrome finish, holds 4 bottles with optics, £15 Telephone 07932 635849.

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT

LEWIS BIKER JACKET as new, cost £160, £48 Telephone 07932 635849.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

FULL SIZE VIOLIN Stentor, in very good condition with case, music book and CD, £30 Telephone 01631 770656.

KEYBOARD Yamaha PSR-175, 61 keys, 100 voices, 100 preset accompaniments, LCD display, keyboard and music stands, power pack, instruction book, £49.99 Telephone 01631 770656.

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BARBIE DOLLS 2 bags Barbie dolls, cars, boat, horses and accessories, £40 Telephone 01631 565224.

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SCALEXTRIC moto GP, used twice, in box, £45 Telephone 01631 565224.

SILVER CROSS PRAM dolls pram with adjustable height and changing bag, very good condition, hardly used, £20 Telephone 01631 565465.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone' (Romans 12:18).

BIRTHS



QUINN

Paul and Fiona (née McIntyre) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Eoin, on October 27, 2009. A wee brother for Niamh. Sincere thanks to staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Princess Royal, Glasgow.

DIAMOND WEDDING

BRECHIN - PATERSON - At Minard Church, on November 10, 1949, by the Rev A Formston, Gordon Sinclair Brechin to Margaret Gemmell Dunlop Paterson. Present address, Upper Largie, Kilmartin.

DEATHS

INNES - Suddenly, but peacefully, at home, Periana, Spain, William (Bill) John, on October 30, 2009, aged 75 years. Beloved partner of Rosemary, loving dad of Heather and Malcolm, papa to David, Gordon, Lesley, Kathleen and Jill, and great grandad to Rachel, Ben, Anna and Ellen. Ex-husband of the late Sheena (Stewarton). Church service and cremation was held on November 3, in Spain.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCLEAN - The family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following our sad loss. Special thanks to all doctors, nurses and carers for their wonderful care and kindness shown to our mum over the past twelve months. Thanks to Rev Lind for his guidance and prayers, Rev Catriona Hood for a very comforting and moving service, to Alasdair Blair and staff for efficient funeral arrangements and the Ardshiel Hotel for catering. The retiral collection realized the sum of £1080 in aid of the Mairi Semple Fund, for which we are eternally grateful.

IN MEMORIAM

GALBRAITH - Willie, died November 13, 1996. Loved and remembered every day.
 - Maureen and Jamie.
McLELLAN - In loving memory of our dear mum, Jenny, who passed away November 16, 1982. Precious memories from day to day, No length of time can take away.
 - Neil, Margaret, Ishbel and families.

MEAD - In loving memory of Vicky Mead (Tory), passed away November 16, 2008. Sadly missed but not forgotten

- Ron, Dorothy, Roland and all the family.
MITCHELL - In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother, Jeannie, who died November 15, 1996. Always in our thoughts.
 - From the family, home and away.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my dearest loved brother, died November 11, 1972. In my heart you will always stay.

Loved and remembered every day. David, I will always love you.

- Loving sister, Nan, East Kilbride.

SWIFT - In loving memory of Carol who was sadly taken from us on November 11, 1995. Always in our hearts.
 - Harry and Family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
 Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 15th November 2009
Sacrament of Communion
 CUMLODDEN CHURCH (Furnace) 10.30 am
 LOCHFYNESIDE CHURCH (Minard) 12 noon
 LOCHGAIR CHURCH 3pm
 Members of other churches invited to join us for Communion
Ceud mìle fàilte ALL WELCOME

UNITED SERVICE
 Sunday 22nd November
 Cumlodden Church 10.30 am
Guild Week Service

PRE-CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
 Friday 20th November
 Furnace Village Hall 7 pm - 9 pm

GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2009
 Kilmartin 11.30am
 Rev Alistair Dunlop
All most welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 15th November
 11.00am Morning Service
Monday - 2.30pm
 Ladies Meeting
 Mrs Heather Allan
 Tarbert
Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
TONIGHT
 Kids Clubs 6.30pm - 7.45pm
 P1 - P6
 Survivaz 8pm - 9.30pm
 All youth welcome
 Come along and enjoy the fun and games
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 15 November 2009
 11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Thursday 19 November 2009
 7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome
 "Come and see"

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Morning Worship
Sunday 15th November 2009
 Tayvallich Church 10am

Worship led by John Morrison
 Sermon: "Be not Afraid"

Congregational Board
 Tuesday 17th November 2009

Tayvallich Church 7.30pm
 Interim Moderator: Rev. Hilda Smith 01546 602238

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15th November 2009
 Tarbert Church 11.30am

Sunday school 11.20am
 Afternoon Service 3pm
 Tarbert Art and Leisure Centre

Margaret Sinclair
 Interim Moderator

For all church inquiries and pastoral care
 Telephone 01499 500633
Everyone very welcome

Highland Parish Church



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Friday 13th November 2009
 7.00pm Badminton - S1 upwards
 Kirk St Hall

Saturday 14th November
 10.00am - 12 Noon
 Funday Club & JAM Coffee Morning - Kirk St Hall

Sunday 15th November
 11.15am Morning Service
 Creche (0-3yrs) - Church
 Funday Club (3yrs - p5) - Kirk St Hall

JAM (P6+) - Church
Tuesday 17th November
 Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall

P2 - P5: 6.30pm - 7.45pm
 P6 - P7: 7.45pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday 18th November
 7.15pm Midweek Fellowship - Manse
 Bible Overview DVD

Thursday 19th November
 7.30pm Congregational Board - Hall

Advance Notice
Sunday 22nd November
 6.30pm Service in Stewarton Hall

Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
 10.00 a.m. ... Breaking of Bread
 10.45 a.m. ... Coffee

11.15 a.m. ... Family Service with Sunday School & crèche
 7.30 p.m. Youth Group S1 -S6

All Welcome
Wednesday
 10.00 a.m. Jellytots Parent & Toddler Group

8.00 p.m. Bible Discussion & Prayer

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 Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 15th November 2009
23rd Sunday after Trinity
 8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Family Communion

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 Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
 10.30am and 6.30pm.

Tuesday
 Over 60's Luncheon Club - 12.30pm

Ladies Home League - 1.30pm

Thursday
 11.30am
 Meat n' Eat Café
 New to you Stall
 Bible Study 7pm

Major Dolores Thomson

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC11686

Sunday, 15th November
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)
 Hall Communion Lunch - 12:30 p.m.
 Hall Communion - 1:15 p.m.

Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 16th November
 The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 17th November
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 19th November
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 20th November
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2009
 11.00 am Worship Service

Rev. Douglas Bell
 All Welcome

4.00 pm Toucan Club in Church Hall
 Children aged 5-11 years welcome

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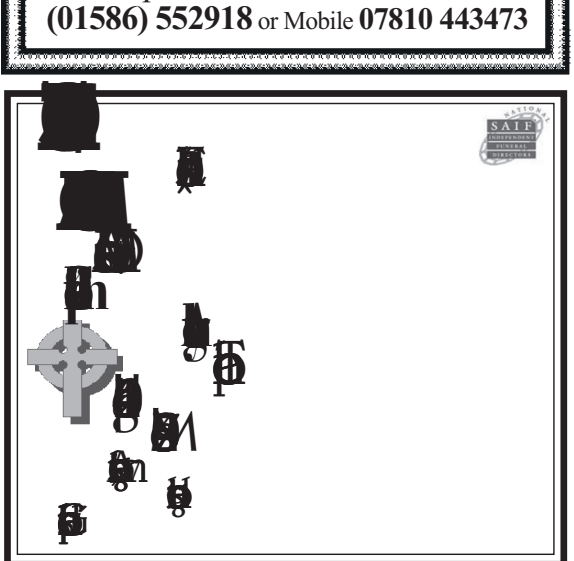
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Slow motion with lots of commotion

Golfers play out tale of the tortoise and the snail

By David Sinclair

WITH frosty and cold conditions this week you would think that most players would want to play quickly and get back to the warmth of the clubhouse.

Unfortunately John Downie and Keith Cowan playing together in the same group is like a tortoise and snail having a race.

That would be a very loud and angry tortoise and a snail reading 'play better golf' through a megaphone.

However making everyone else wait did not put John off his golf and he was this week's winner.

Alec MacAulay is the king of crazy golf and came in second and an hour and a half earlier than John and Keith.

Campbell Patterson has been playing great

since Keith gave him a lesson but it now takes him up to 45 minutes to tie his laces.

Tom Campbell has been known to plod



John Downie was this week's Lochgilphead Golf Club winner.

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along but not today and he came in fourth.

Crawl

Donald Carmichael got off to a slow start increased it to a crawl and eventually stuttered over the finishing line in fifth place.

Bill Dick doesn't mess about and would rather have a rotten score than

take ages to play and he usually does, but not today.

Andy Law usually jogs round the rough on the edge of the fairways but today he was taking a more direct route.

David Sinclair spent a lot of time watching Donald Carmichael playing and actually learned quite a lot, but none of it was good.

Jim Hunter bought a new pair of SAGA golf shoes which came with a free Zimmer and was first to finish his round.

As predicted Ross Sinclair cannot play when he is happy and on a Sunny day he came perilously close to being duffer of the week which made him grumpy, so we had all better watch out next week.

John Davidson had an eagle on his first hole but by the last he was duffer of the week.

Mind over matter for marathon man Alex

Local businessman completes Dublin event

LOCAL businessman, Alex Samborek has swapped his tools for running shoes after successfully completing the Dublin Marathon.

On Monday October 26 Alex was one of 12,750 determined runners to pound the streets of Dublin for the 26.2 mile stamina test.

Months of hard work training, and running miles around Lochgilphead paid off for Alex, as he recorded a very impressive sub four hour marathon, albeit three hours and 58 minutes; a remarkable achievement, particularly as over 2,300 runners failed to complete the course.

Funds

Through sponsorship, Alex raised funds for C.H.A.S. (Children's Hospice Association Scotland).

To date Alex has received £900 and he expects the final figure will be well over £1,000.

Alex said: 'I just decided to do it for myself but it would be silly to



Lochgilphead-based businessman Alex Samborek completed the Dublin Marathon in a respectful three hours and 58 minutes.

do it for myself so I decided to raise money for CHAS, which is a fantastic charity.

'I can't think of anything worse than losing a child and what CHAS does is wonderful.'

The worst part of the whole marathon for the 54-year-old was 'hitting the wall' at 18 miles.

'It's a frightening experience when you get to that stage,' explained

Alex. 'You've nothing there, no matter how hard you try, you just want to stop and die, honestly. It's mind over matter and when you've got £1,000 riding on it for charity you just get on with it.'

Alex was supported by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, and was accompanied by 'coach' Tom Kilcolm, and 'physio' Sheena Kilcolm.

Golf clubs step up to challenge

BREAST Cancer Campaign is encouraging golf clubs across the country to take part in the charity's £100 Golf Challenge.

The £100 Challenge is an annual initiative where Campaign asks golf clubs UK-wide to hold a fundraising event in support of the charity.

For more information or to request a fundraising pack, call 020 7749 3731.

Mid Argyll referees in demand

TWO Mid Argyll football referees will have a busy day tomorrow, Saturday, refereeing matches across Argyll and Bute.

Jimmy Lister will travel to Oban to referee the Jimmy Marshall Cup with Oban taking on Arkleston.

Peter Laing will travel to Dunoon Stadium to oversee the Premier Division Two match between Rolls Royce EK against home side, Dunoon. Kick off is at 2pm.

Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 2, 16 and 17. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £900 next week.

KILMORY Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 4, 9 and 12.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1,000 next week.

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Kilmory boys make their South of Scotland debuts

AFTER being selected for the South of Scotland, Alexander MacDonald, Under 17s, and Ally MacLennan, Under 14s, travelled to Kincardine to play against the North of Scotland.

The Kilmory boys played well although going down 4-1 and 4-0 against a very strong north side.

Pictured, right, is Ally MacLennan, and pictured below is Alexander MacDonald.



Gold for Argyll blue belt

A YOUNG Argyll lad lifted gold at the British TawKwon-do Championships in Glasgow at the weekend.

Peter McArthur, aged 20, who is a blue belt in the sport, got gold in sparring, which involves fighting against another player, who was a taller, more aggressive competitor after three straight sets, lasting two minutes each.

He also received a bronze medal in patterns, which involves a series of about 20 moves against invisible opponents who were a blue and red belt, a level up from Peter.

Peter, from Kintyre, took up the sport as part of a University Club and is two belts away from black.

He is in his third year of studying Computer Games Design at Glasgow Caledonian University.

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Club to host anniversary dinner

TARBERT AFC's away league game against Celtic CA was postponed last weekend due to bad weather.

The premier two division-side have no match this weekend but will maintain their fitness levels with training, at home, tomorrow (Saturday).

The team will also join players and managers, past and present, for their 25th Anniversary dinner dance tomorrow night.

The event will start at 7pm with 25 years worth of photographs and 'wee paper' reports on view.

Back in 1984 when Tarbert joined the SAFL, Eric McDougall, John 'Yoyo' McAlpine and Dan Johnson were all to the fore in securing Tarbert's place in the SAFL.

They will be joined on the podium by Jim Souter, SAFL president and Bruce MacNab.

Tickets are still available.

Red Star at Ropework

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star's away game against Busby was called off on Friday night due to bad weather in Glasgow.

The team are scheduled to play Rosehill Star at home tomorrow (Saturday).

Kick-off is at 2pm at the Ropework Park.

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Phil Connor is pictured before his epic bike ride with pipers, David Provan and Ashleigh Kilgour of the Mid Argyll Pipe Band. 06_a44eyc01

Cyclist Phil clocks up one hundred miles for MALI

CLACHAN cyclist Phil Connor successfully clocked up 100 miles on his bike to raise more than £1,000 for the Mt-hunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI).

Phil had originally planned to cycle from Lochgilphead to Campbeltown and back in one day but the west coast weather put a stop to that.

Instead Phil cycled

from Lochgilphead to Clachan on Saturday, October 24 and then from Clachan to Lochgilphead twice to clock up the 100 miles on Sunday, October 25.

Endurance

Phil, who last year ran the Edinburgh Marathon for MALI, said: 'It was a real endurance test. The weather was just awful so I'd say it was actually harder doing it over the

two days.' Phil is hoping to raise more than £2,000 for the Zambian charity.

Marian Pallister of MALI said: 'Phil has got to be our hero. It's not just the amount of money he raises but it's the amount he does to raise the profile of MALI.'

People can donate to Phil's 100 miles for MALI by visiting the 'just giving' website.

Lochgilphead Golf Club prizegiving

Results:

Easter trophy: Ross Sinclair
Marie Curie: Jim Hunter
Sargent Cancer medal:
Kenneth MacAulay
Booker Trophy: Alec MacAulay

May medal: Iain MacInnes
Ann Williams Shield:
Kenneth MacAulay
RNLI medal; David Innes
Kilcolm Cup; David Innes
June medal; Craig Cowan
John Patterson Trophy;
Fraser Meechan
Club Champion; Campbell Patterson

Club Champion (nett) Alister Brown
Downhill Trophy: Alec MacAulay,
Hall of Fame; Mathew MacAulay,

Peter White Cup; John Downie

Open (nett) D. Innes
Open (gross) E. Capocci
August medal; E. Capocci
Tennants Trophy; Campbell Patterson

Centenary Cup; E. Capocci
Dunlop Tankard; Ross Sinclair
MacAulay Rosebowl; Alec MacAulay
September medal; Ross Sinclair

Charity Cup; John Downie,
Champion of Champions; Bill Dick
Tait Trophy; Donald Johnson
Burgh Cup; Alec MacAulay
Miss Campbell Decanter;
Ross Sinclair
Jubilee Plate;
Alec MacAulay

Search on for a star

Hunt on for Argyll athletes to star in 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow

COMMONWEALTH Games hopeful Kyle Dods is hoping to inspire Argyll's next generation of international athletes.

Kyle is one of 13 archers in the Scottish Archery Association 2010 squad hoping for one of the 10 archery places on the plane to Delhi for the Commonwealth Games next October.

Kyle's employer, Atlantis Leisure in Oban, has allocated training time during Kyle's shifts and has allowed him to use the main hall for shooting practice.

Atlantis chairman Neil Matheson says the community-owned leisure centre should be doing more to support more of the area's best athletes and this week has begun the search for the sporting stars of the future.

Mr Matheson said: 'We are trying to find athletes with potential, who fit the criteria that in 2014, when the Com-

monwealth Games come to Glasgow, they will be of an age to compete at that level.

'Once we find them we will try to tailor a programme that is suitable for their sport.

'We will do that in conjunction with national sporting bodies and may include athletes already on our Elite Athletes Programme, such as Martin Heath, Susie Stoddart and Susan Partridge.

Challenge

'There is a challenge to training in Argyll because of the sparse geography of the area but we are fortunate that we have this leisure centre. We have to maximise this resource.'

Kyle, facilities manager at Atlantis Leisure, said that to reach international standard he had to practice at least 90 hours a month and, during the winter, put in an extra six hours a week

on strength and conditioning.

He said: 'I am in the Scottish Archery Association 2010 squad but that doesn't guarantee my place in the games team.

'We all have set competitions we have to perform well at and the ultimate decision over whether I will go will come down to Sport-scotland.'

If he is selected for the Scottish team, Kyle will fly out in September.

At the end of his first full week in post, new Scottish Athletics Head Coach Laurier Primeau has introduced financial awards to the foremost Scottish volunteer coaches of up to £5,000 a year in the countdown to London 2012 and Glasgow 2014 to assist with travel, accommodation and equipment expenses while engaged in coaching Scotland's elite athletes.

Lochgilphead win after tense cup tie

WITH no grass pitches available in Mid Argyll the Under 13s from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre took their West Region first round cup tie against St Convals to Oban last Sunday and booked their place in the next round after a tense game was decided on penalties.

The Lochgilphead boys had the best of the early play and took the lead after eight minutes with a sensational 30 yard strike from Coll McCallum.

St Convals came out stronger after the break,

were level from the penalty spot after four minutes and took the lead six minutes later.

Panic

Lochgilphead equalised almost immediately when a Keir Whitefield free kick caused panic in the St Convals defence and Ewan Dudding prodded the ball home from a tight angle.

Chances continued at both ends with Kyle Selfridge brilliantly tracking back when a St Convals striker seemed certain to score.

Josh Coates almost won it with an angled

strike which the keeper pushed onto the post.

Twenty minutes of extra time could not deliver a winner so it went down to penalties.

After Lochgilphead missed their first penalty, St Convals also missed but Cameron Hendry, Ewan MacNeill and Josh Coates all scored to put the Mid

Argyll boys 3-2 ahead. An excellent Ewan McCulloch save gave Ben Miller the chance to win it and he slammed the penalty home to put Lochgilphead through to the second round.

Lochgilphead: McCulloch; MacNeill, Miller, Selfridge, Monks; Hendry, McCallum, Whitefield (capt), Guy; Dudding, Coates. Subs (both used): Anderson, MacIntyre.

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