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Eviction comes at a cost to landlord

Former council social worker costs homeowner thousands of pounds

AN EVICTION by sheriff officers in Tayvallich has brought to an end months of distress for a landlord – but he has been left thousands of pounds out of pocket.

This week, Ian Baines, aged 63, vowed to employ a private detective to pursue his tenant, a former Argyll and Bute social worker, who threw his life into turmoil by refusing to pay her rent or vacate the premises.

As a result, the sale of the property was unable to be completed and Mr Baines was forced to take out a bridging loan

to complete the purchase of a second home in Portugal.

'This woman has run off leaving me thousands of pounds in debt. But I will find her and make her pay the money she owes me,' he said. 'This whole fiasco has been seven months of incredible upset and stress.'

Early Hours

Neighbours say that the tenants, Jayne Unsworth and her partner, 'fled' the property in the early hours of last Thursday morning.

Despite the house being empty and in relatively good repair when the sheriff officers

forced entry later that morning and changed the locks, Mr Baines is facing a financial nightmare with debts likely to top £20,000 from the situation.

Ian Baines, who retired a few years ago, built the property in the sleepy Mid Argyll village where he and his wife spent many holidays. They intended using the property as collateral for another home in Portugal where the couple plan to spend some of their retirement.

Mr Baines said: 'I allowed the woman to move into the property for five months because

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Innovative Christmas idea from Cairnbaan youngsters

A couple of Cairnbaan youngsters have started their Christmas supply of colourful crafts, which they hope will raise lots of money for the Red Cross. Morgan Sutherland, pictured left, and her friend, Jeannie McCrae, right, are spending the dark evenings carefully constructing Christmas-themed Hama-beads which will be for sale in the Red Cross Shop in Lochgilphead. Morgan and friends spent the summer holidays making and selling the Hama beads and have now decided to get their Christmas supply in order. Anyone looking to purchase them should pop into the

Red Cross Shop. 06_a46hama01

Council shake-up

ARGYLL and Bute councillors will discuss a proposed shake-up at the authority's senior management level.

A report recommending the changes, written by Chief Executive Sally Loudon, will go before the full Council on Thursday, November 26.

Among its recommendations are that the existing structure of four Directors becomes three Executive Directors.

In addition, the existing 15 Heads of Service posts would be reduced to 12.

Senior Management across the Council will undergo a competency evaluation, overseen by an external organisation, as part of the assessment process.

Woman In custody

A WOMAN has been remanded in custody after breaching her bail conditions.

Police from Lochgilphead were called to the Kilmartin area and arrested the 22-year-old for breaking her bail conditions as well as an alleged breach of the peace and assault on Monday, November 16 at 10.55pm.



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Dalriada club meets

THE DALRIADA Accordion and Fiddle Club meets next Tuesday, November 24, in the Red Cross Hall, Lochgilphead from 7.30pm.

The ever-popular John Renton (accordion) will be joined by Agnes Liddell (piano) for an evening of great Scottish music. Local players make up the programme and players and spectators alike are most welcome.

Baby status

NHS Highland's commitment to the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative has taken another step with the entire organisation achieving Stage 1 in the community health section of the initiative.



Craignish pupils welcomed a very special visitor last week, Maasai Kitonga and his wife, local girl Emma Redfern. 07_147crg01

Pupils get a special Maasai lesson

PUPILS at Craignish Primary had a very special and colourful lesson from a Maasai last week.

Lipan Kitonga, a member of northern Kenya's Maasai tribe, wore traditional dress and carried

his ceremonial, beaded club when he visited the school. He spoke about life in his rural, bush community, in particular what it is like going to school there, encounters with elephants and tribal traditions.

His tribe is mainly pastoral and he is a guide with Wild Walking Safaris, an eco-tourism busi-

ness introducing visitors to the impressive wildlife and culture of the region. Kitonga's wife, Emma Redfern, lived in Craignish for many years before moving to Kenya. The couple, who run the DARE Foundation supporting small businesses, have been in Argyll for five weeks visiting family.

Mobile library out of action

THE AREA'S mobile library is out of use after it was involved in a crash on the A83 Lochgilphead to Tarbert road earlier in the month.

The mobile unit was severely damaged following the incident, which involved another vehicle.

Written Off

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said they believed the library van had been written off but an insurance assessor was due to survey the damage this week.

She explained: 'A new mobile library is due to be delivered to the Council early in December and this should be

ready to go into service shortly thereafter.'

The mobile library serves the outlying communities of Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Gigha and parts of Cowal.

It also provided a temporary service to the people of Lochgilphead during the refurbishment of their library, which is due to reopen in late January next year.

'Customers are assured that no fines will accrue to overdue books during this period, and reminded that they may make use of any other Argyll and Bute library and also of the Online Catalogue,' she added.

Demonstration planned to save Mid Argyll pool

A MASSIVE public demonstration is being planned for the week before Christmas to show how strongly local residents feel about the importance of the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

The demonstration will begin with a march from the pool on December 19, and end with a demonstration on the front green at Lochgilphead.

The pool is currently facing a financial crisis in the form of a shortfall of £10,000 in the budget before Christmas, and is appealing to Argyll and Bute Council to help from the council's emergency fund.

The pool also needs a further £30,000 in annual revenue to maintain its economic viability.

Up to a thousand people are expected to demonstrate in what could be the largest public demonstration the town has ever seen.

The swimming also has a new website for information about events and membership, available at www.argyllcommunities.org/MACPOOL.

Councillors oppose extension of charges

MID Argyll councillors have come out against extending charges at three Inveraray car parks through the winter.

In a letter sent on behalf of the area's three representatives, Councillor Alison Hay told Argyll and Bute Council officials Inveraray should not have to pay more to park unless all of Mid Argyll's car parks are looked at.

'The community council and the community generally are really not happy about that. Now the three local members are not happy about it either,' she said. 'They are assuming that Inveraray is this little honey pot as far as tourism is concerned.'

Councillor Hay added in the present economic climate, added charges were coming at the worst possible time for Inveraray citizens.

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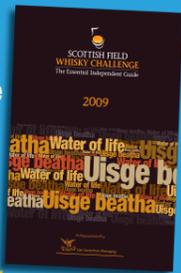
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Eviction comes at a cost to Tayvallich landlord

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I was told she had personal difficulties and needed the house. She was good at paying her rent of £500 per month to begin with – until she refused to move out at the end of her lease.

'She was due to move out of the property on May 12 but she wouldn't budge. She would not speak to me or reply to letters.

'I needed the money from that house for my new home in Portugal and eventually I had to take out a loan to pay for my new house and cover the cost of my payments on my Tayvallich home.

'Eventually I wrote to the couple to make an arrangement to visit the house with the letting agent. I made the 750-round mile trip from my home in Cheshire. When we arrived at the door we were refused entry to the property.

'I have endured so much worry and sleepless nights. At times I thought there was no way out of this situation, but thanks to the court we have finally got the house back. When I look back on it I realise how ill the whole situation has made me.'

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* was unable to contact Ms Unsworth who is believed to have quit her coun-

cil job more than a month ago. It is also understood that this is not the first time that she has let down a landlord.

Mr Baines was told by police that this was a civil matter and should be dealt with through the courts.

Mr Baines was granted the eviction order on October 13 and he had made an application for an arrestment of wages order to re-coup the seven months' rent for the property, but he no longer knows where she works. He added that the prospective buyer of the property is entitled to apply for his expenses and could also renegotiate the price of the property.

Probation for Tarbert woman

A TARBERT woman has been placed on probation after stealing from her employer.

Sandra Petra Harvey, aged 30, of 19 Market Place, had previously admitted embezzling £1,702.73 in cash whilst being a duty manager of the Co-Operative, Barmore Street, Tarbert, in April and May this year.

The sentence had previously been deferred at Campbeltown Sheriff Court until last week for reports.

Her defence agent said the offences happened 'due to mounting debts and an ever increasing dependence on alcohol'.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC placed Harvey on probation for two years and ordered her to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work in the community.

Work set to start on timber route

'The road has been in a terrible state for years and its repair is welcome'

WORK on a timber haulage route by-passing Tarbert is set to begin within a fortnight, after three years of debate in the village.

Argyll and Bute Council will close the single-track B8024 Glenralloch Road for four months from December 1, for strengthening work and to build new lay-bys at a cost of £665,000. After this, the current 25 tonnes weight limit will be lifted.

A council spokeswoman said: 'The work will involve constructing four new lay-bys and upgrading and extending seven of the 11 existing ones.'

She added: 'It is our intention to restrict the works to within the existing road corridor, so no extra ground is required.'

But local landowners, Neil and Ileene Duncan who farm on both sides of the Glen Road, are concerned the work will infringe on their property and are seeking legal advice. They say their business will be affected

while a popular walking, cycling and horse-riding route will be lost.

'Our main concern is the safety aspect for the general public,' said Ileene. 'It is narrow even for a single track road. Also, there have been frequent accidents on it, particularly at the northern junction with the A83.'

Neil added: 'What they are doing is making the road faster and more attractive to others to use it.'

Jenny Carlile, the new chair of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, said they had not been notified that work was starting. She said: 'That road has

By Christine McCartney

been in a terrible state for years and its full repair is to be welcomed. Anyone on both sides of the public meeting last March would agree with that.'

She added that the community council must be involved in the design of promised signs, deterring other drivers from using the road as a bypass.

Extraction is set to rise in South Knapdale and Kintyre and the route is expected to divert up to 8,000 timber trucks a year from the village centre.



Above: Boatman's Cottage. 16_t47eviction03



Left: A sheriff officer writes the name of the Queen above the door after the eviction, a process in law. 16_t47eviction01



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Ardrishaig Primary donates to shoe box appeal

A grand total of 175 shoe boxes were filled

ARDRISHAIG Primary has surpassed all expectations by managing to fill 175 shoe boxes which will benefit those in need this Christmas.

The school, which donates each year to the Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal, smashed last year's target of 150 boxes.

Four pupils met the Blythswood Care lorry in Lorne Street car park last Wednesday to hand over their boxes.

Donations were also received from communities in Dunoon, Tarbert and Campbeltown.

Filled

The boxes are filled with items such as toiletries, stationery, clothes and household items.

They will be sent around the world to countries such as; Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, India, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.



Ardrishaig Primary children hand over their shoe boxes to Blythswood Care lorry driver, Gordon Sneddon. They are pictured with local co-ordinator, Betty Rennie. 06_a47box01

Plans approved for two townhouses

PLANS to build two new townhouses in Lochgilphead's MacBraynes Lane have been given the go ahead.

Access to the new properties from Lochnell Street will also be improved and four parking spaces added.

Monthly Blythswood collection in Mid Argyll

THE MONTHLY Blythswood Round Scotland collection will stop in Mid Argyll on Wednesday December 2.

The lorry will call in Tarbert from 12.30-1.30pm.

Lochgilphead Lorry Park from 2-4pm.

Furnace lay-by from 4.30-5pm.

Inveraray Lorry Park from 5-5.30pm.

Tarbert couple's Facebook row ends in court

WHEN his estranged wife posted uncomplimentary comments about him on her Facebook page a Tarbert man went to the café where she worked and caused trouble.

Angus Iain William MacFarlane, aged 47, of 1 Burnside, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert, admitted committing a breach of the peace at

the premises on Harbour Street in the village.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC was told that MacFarlane went into the kitchen and 'swiped' four plates of food to the floor and that staff and customers in the café could hear him arguing.

Sandy Mitchell, MacFarlane's defence agent, said this had happened 'against a background

of a deteriorating relationship'.

MacFarlane confronted his wife after he was told she had been 'critical' about him on Facebook; the couple are now separated.

MacFarlane, who had never been in trouble before, was given a deferred sentence for six months for him to be of good behaviour.

Phoenix project needs community support

THE LOCHGILPHEAD Phoenix Project is holding an important second meeting next week.

Interested members of the community are being invited to attend the meeting on Friday, November 27.

Details on possible regeneration schemes will be given and the project want to know what ones the community will support.

These include improving the front green area, making the gateways to the town more welcoming, and ar-

ranging more community events.

A spokeswoman for the Phoenix Project, said: 'We are looking to work for the benefit of the whole Lochgilphead community. We hope to sign up members at the meeting, which will show public support for our aims when we are applying for funding.'

Anyone interested can also sign up or find out more information at Jane MacDonald's Barber Shop in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead.

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Kintyre's Social Scene

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Mary Cameron, Elizabeth Galbraith and Ailsa Ronald. 04_c47mas07



Sharon Renton, Jane Clark, Mairi MacBrayne and Lindsay Colville. 04_c47mas05



Jennifer Cameron of the Kintyre committee of Macmillan Cancer Support helped to run the stall selling the charity's Christmas cards. 04_c47mas04



Eileen McInnes of Tangy demonstrated smoked salmon tarts and a strawberry and white chocolate cheesecake and showed the audience how to bone and stuff a turkey. 04_c47mas02



Veronica Martin helped to run the bar. 04_c47mas06

Thoughts of Christmas with Macmillan

CAMPBELTOWN is getting into the Christmas spirit!

On Friday evening Macmillan Cancer Support hosted a Thoughts of Christmas evening at the town's St John's Lodge.

The evening began with a cookery demonstration by Eileen McInnes and included a buffet supper and a chance to buy Christmas cards and gifts.



Dorothy McMurchy of Kintyre Candles had a stall full of candles and gifts at the evening event. 04_c47mas01



Lousie Brown, Gail McKay and Mags Thomson enjoyed the night out. 04_c47mas03

Town lights up at Christmas

CAMPBELTOWN is getting ready for its big switch on.

The town's Christmas lights will be switched on next Thursday evening, November 26.

Bolgam Street car park will have a children's fun fair complete with a special attraction, and the street entertainment will begin around 6.30pm with Campbeltown Brass playing in Main Street.

The parade of floats will start from McCallum Street at 6.50pm to make its way to the town hall for around 7.20pm. As usual the Campbeltown Trading Association has arranged for a 'mystery guest' to switch on the lights.

There will be late night shopping in the town centre and the pipe band playing on Main Street.

Santa's Grotto will be in the town hall as usual and a disco party upstairs in the town hall for children aged primary four to seven.

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Tarbert FC's silver night out



Top table guests from the left: Dan and Margaret Johnson, SAFL President Jim Soutar, Tarbert President Eric McDougall, SAFL Secretary Robert Marshall, John and Karen McAlpine and Fiona and Bruce MacNab. 04_e47ffc04

Dan and Margaret Johnson. Dan used to write our reports of the club's matches. 04_e47ffc03



MORE than 100 people packed Tarbert Village Hall on Saturday night to help Tarbert FC mark its 25th anniversary.

Many of the original team were there to mark the silver celebrations.

MC for the evening, Bruce MacNab extended a warm welcome to everyone and introduced the top table and invited guests. Club president Eric McDougall, former secretary Dan Johnson and former captain John McAlpine entertained the crowd with stories of how the club began in October 1984 in the Scottish Amateur football League.

League president Jim Soutar, in attendance

with secretary Robert Marshall presented Eric McDougall with a plaque marking the event.

Mr Soutar also congratulated Douglas Guy and his team on recent successes was complimentary about the running of the club and urged the team on to further glory in the Premier League.

Local Rivalry
Dougie Moore put local rivalry aside and spoke from the heart in his address before presenting Douglas Guy with a quach from Red Star.

Bruce MacNab spoke about the great fund raising events that took place to help pay for the

building of the Lynne McDougall Memorial Pavilion. He also thanks chief event organiser Margaret McNeil for her hard work and dedication to the club and she received a beautiful bouquet from the present team.

Further presentations of individually labelled whisky were made to Dan Johnson, Eric McDougall, John McAlpine, Iain Johnstone and Duncan McDougall for their contribution to the club over the years.

John McAlpine brought the speeches to a close when he paid tribute to Bruce MacNab's work as secretary over the past 20 years.



The way we were: Tarbert FC team of 1984. From left to right: John 'Yoyo' McAlpine, Duncan 'Bulb' McGougan, Jack Maxwell, Jonny McFarlane, Peter Campbell, Eric McDougall, Iain Johnstone and Duncan Blair. 04_e47ffc01



Today's Tarbert FC squad. 04_e47ffc02



Free meeting on BVD in Campbeltown

BOVINE Virus Diarrhoea (BVD) Virus is extremely infectious and can cause abortion, infertility and poor performance in herds.

Worryingly, it is thought that BVD is present in 90 per cent of UK dairy and beef herds.

To bring farmers and their vets the latest information about what is known about this health

problem, as well as giving practical advice on the control strategies currently available, a free meeting has been organised at the Ardshiel Hotel in Campbeltown on Monday November 23.

During this 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, including vaccination and cattle health schemes.

Dr Nettleton is keen to stress the impact BVD can have on herds. He said: 'Although BVD can result in diarrhoea, the main disease occurs when the virus infects

susceptible pregnant cows. This can either result in the unborn calves dying, or being born persistently infected (PI) with the virus.'

He added: 'BVD infection is spread and maintained through the existence of these PI animals, which constantly excrete the virus and infect other cattle that are in close contact. Control and prevention

of the infection can only be achieved by applying strict biosecurity procedures, vaccination and long term control strategies.'

He will be joined by vet Donald Armour from Cousin Buchanan and Armour vet practice in Campbeltown, who will highlight the problem of BVD in the local area.

This free animal health meeting has been

organised by Moredun, a world leader in research into the health and welfare of livestock and is part of a National Animal Health Roadshow.

The meeting will be chaired by Archie McArthur, of Ormsary, and will begin at 7.30pm. Admission is free and open to all. For further information contact Maggie Bennett on 0131 445 5111.



Barr Butterfly 4. Photograph courtesy of Borderway Mart.

6,000gns heifer comes to Kintyre

THE BREED record average for milkers was smashed when one of the finest herds of dairy cattle ever to grace Carlisle's Borderway Mart was dispersed on Wednesday November 4 with a 6000gns heifer coming to a Kintyre farm.

The Barr herd of pedigree Ayrshires established in 1919, was the oldest registered herd in existence today and had always been in the Kirkpatrick family's expert hands.

Over the past 30 years the herd has won no less than 92 National and Local Breed Championships with animals from some the red and white breeds most sought after families.

J&M Barr of Clochkeil bought the VG88 July calved heifer, one of three big time show daughters of the EX94 Barr Retrospective.

One of the auctioneers involved with the sale, Edward Brown, said that he and his colleagues at Harrison and Hetherington were privileged to be associated with the sale

and it had been enlightening to be confronted by so many wonderful animals, superbly bred and skilfully managed.

'We are not surprised that the breed record average for milkers was broken. This herd deserved to do it,' he said. It is unusual for the older cows in dispersal to feature amongst the leading prices but this was a trend of the sale and reflected the wear ability in the breeding.

Thomas Cameron of Gartvaigh and James Barbour of Machribeg also bought at the auction.

Market Reports

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Auctions

Lambs
SuffolkX: £62.50 Ardbeg £62 Kilchiaran and Craigfad £60 Coille £58.50 Coull £57.50 Duich £57 Stanalane and Uiskentuie £56.50 Craigfad £55.50 and £51.50 Coille ; £51 Bayview £50 Craigfad.
TexelX:
£65.50 Carrabus £64.50 Ardbeg £64 7 Claddach £63 Carrabus, Ronnachmore and Dunlossit Estate £62.50 Lossit £62 Carrabus and Balaclava £61.50 Stanalane and Ardbeg £60.50 Dunlossit Estate £60 Coull and Balimartin £58 Gartloist, Lossit and Mulindry ; £57 Balaclava £55.50 Gartloist and Corrary £55 Gartbreck £53.50 Craigfad £53 Ronnachmore £51.50 7 Claddach.
CheviotX: £53 Duich £47 Keppols £46.50 Ballychattrigan £45.50 Tormisdale Croft
Cross: £59 Ardbeg £58.50 Uiskentuie £57.50 Duich £52 Ardbeg £47.50 Leorin £47 Island
Mule: £48.50 Corrary £46.50 Coille
Blackface: £56 Kilchiaran £54 Lossit £50 Uiskentuie £49.50 Ardbeg £49 Duich

£48.50 and £47 Dunlossit Estate.
Jacob: £40.50 Ardlussa Estate.
HalfBred: £57.50 - Stanalane
Gimmers
Mule: £92 and £90 Ballytarsin
Ewes
SuffolkX: £74 Conisby
TexelX: £73.50 Coull £73. Ardbeg £69 Stanalane £65.50 Conisby and Lossit
CheviotX: £70.50 Coull
Cross: £64 Coull
Blackface: £59.50 Dunlossit Estate
Prices per kilo
Lambs
SuffolkX: 155p - Corrary 152p - Craigfad 150p - Coull and Coille 149p - Ardbeg 148p - Island 146p - Stanalane, Ballinaby and Coull and Uiskentuie 144p - Kilchiaran and Duich 142p - Bayview 141p - Ballachlaven and Craigfad.
TexelX: 185p - Island 173p and 159p - Balaclava 159p - Dunlossit Estate 158p - Stanalane and Ardbeg 155p - Carrabus 154p - Coull 153p and 152p - Lossit 150p - Carrabus and Dunlossit Estate 149p - Gartbreck 146p - Gartloist 145p - Mulindry and Bayview.
CheviotX: 152p

- Tormisdale Croft 147p - Keppols and Knockrome(Mack)
Cross: 157p - Island 149p - Ardbeg 146p - Uiskentuie
Mule: 152p - Corrary 150p - Coille.
Blackface: 147p - Dunlossit Estate 146p - Ardbeg 142p - Lossit and Dunlossit Estate.

DALMALLY United Auctions

Bullocks
Beef ShorthornX: £650 and £510 - Brenchoille
LimousinX: £520(2) - Lochuisge and Fuinary
LuiningX: £420(6) - Carie Farm
SimmentalX: £470 - Upper Glaschoigne
Heifers
LimousinX: £430 - Lochuisge and Fuinary
Breeding cattle
Bulling heifers: £820(2)
Carie Farm £750 Craig Farm and High Balantyre £700 Carie Farm £680 Stroneskar and Craig Farm.
In-calf heifers: £1020 Duncroisk £920(2) and £900 Dall Farm £880 Braes of Ardeonaig and Dall Farm.
In-calf cows: £980, £950, £880, £850(2) Ardchnnel Farms

Prices per kilo
Bullocks
LimousinX: 191p and 184p
Lochuisge and Fuinary
Beef ShorthornX: 190p - Brenchoille Farm
Luining: 170p(6) - Carie Farm
ShorthornX: 184p(2) - Ardlarach
SimmentalX: 190p - Upper Glaschoigne
Heifers
LimousinX: 185p(2) - Lochuisge and Fuinary
Sheep
Lambs
TexelX: £58.50 Barnakill : £52.50 Silvercraigs £50 Auchencorvie
Cross: £47 Craigmore
Blackface: £52 Auchencorvie £49.50 Castles Estate £47.50 Garraron and Melfort Farms £46. Silvercraigs : £40.50 Melfort and Garraron
Ewes
£53.50 and £46.50 Barnakill £40 Glenstrae Farmers
Prices per kilo
TexelX: 160p Auchencorvie
SuffolkX: 159p Achanelid Farm
Charollais: 153p Auchencorvie
Cross: 154p Garraron and Melfort Farms
Blackface: 169p Garraron and Melfort Farms

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Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 16 November, 1984

'Pumas' – Mystery deepens

THERE are at least two different types of large cat-like animals roaming loose in the wild in Mid Argyll.

And the latest reported sightings of the animals, which have been spotted in several locations, come from no fewer than three policemen who have seen them on three separate occasions.

Strathclyde police constables Frank Low and Brian Christie had their encounter with one of the animals at around 8pm on Wednesday, November 7. They were driving back from Lochgair towards Lochgilphead on the A83 about two miles from Lochgilphead when the animal made its appearance.

It passed on the other side of the road, going in the opposite direction.

Constable Frank Low said it looked like 'a black puma, a big black cat – no doubt about it.' Constable Brian Christie said it had 'pointed ears, flashing eyes and a long black tail.'

Strathclyde police constable Ken Thompson has seen the animal twice in the Kilmartin area, once a fortnight ago and the second time last Friday. Constable Thompson said that in height it was 'slightly lower than a fully-grown sheep.' As soon as it heard someone approach it was off and 'it could certainly move' said Constable Thompson.

Council points way for signs in Tarbert

WHILE many Tarbert people would claim that Tarbert is streets ahead of the rest, street-name signs, they would agree, are a different matter.

The reason is that there are very few street-name signs, a situation which Tarbert and Skipness Community Council is working to rectify. 'If you are trying to direct people, then it is very difficult,' said council chairman Mr Ian Macintyre.

'Hopefully, we will manage to bring back one or two of the older names, too,' said Councillor Macintyre.

Square's stones go back

WORK starts next week on a building contract which will see part of Lochgilphead town centre rebuilt, stone by stone.

The contract, to extend Strathclyde Regional Council's office accommodation behind Lochnell Street and Colchester Square, was recently won by MacLeod Construction Limited.

Part of the work involves rebuilding the original façade at the gap-site in Colchester Square, next to the post office.

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Hospital thanks

Sir,
Recently I was admitted to our local hospital and would like to say a big thank you to the doctors and wonderful nursing, domestic and catering staff.

We, the public, who live in the catchment area of such a great facility, are so lucky to have wonderful, caring staff.

Many, many thanks.

Mrs Joyce Ross,
Lorne Terrace,
Lochgilphead.

Lochgilphead youth negativity

Sir,
I refer to last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*. It is stated that the police are keeping a close eye on the situation at the caravan park in Lochgilphead, due to congregating youths.

Apparently, the 'youth's in question dispersed when officers attended the scene.

Perhaps my opinion may be seen as a little biased given that I have four children of my own and my job is working with young people, but I'm tired of reading so much negativity around 'youths'.

It always appears to be highlighted when the young people appear to fall below our expectations of how we think they should behave. Sadly, we do forget to give them credit – more often for the things they do well.

Surely by offering praise and encouragement, we would teach more positive outcomes. After all, those 'youths' so often referred to are people's grandchildren, children, sisters, brothers and most importantly – themselves.

It doesn't state that the young people were actually causing any problems?

I'd like to mention also that young people do 'hang around' in groups. This is what is comfortable for them and it is a sociable thing to do. It is not meant to be an act of intimidation as it is often perceived, merely a basic form of being together.

Again I feel young people do need more support, more recogni-

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tion and more credit for being themselves.

Heather Bellshaw,
Torinturk,
Tarbert.

Living with Multiple Sclerosis

Sir,
We the members of the MS Centre, affected by MS often find it difficult to express how we feel to family, friends, neighbours and colleagues after being diagnosed with our long term condition, Multiple Sclerosis.

We would like to use the letters page to ask members of the community to read this poem which we believe sums up our feelings.

Unfortunately MS affects one in 300 people in Mid Argyll, which is an extremely high incidence.

The national average in Scotland is one in 700, with Scotland having the highest incidence in the world. Everyone in our community knows a family affected by MS so please read this poem.

Who are the people with Multiple Sclerosis?
By Virginia Sanchez

We are your parents, your children, your brothers and sisters; we are the person down the street.

We are the people that you 'tsk, tsk' over because we might look 'too good' to use a handicapped parking space. We are the folks who may not be able to get out to the Church or Temple every weekend; we are your peers; we are human beings.

We are the face of Multiple Sclerosis. A face that is nearly every ethnicity; that comes from nearly every country, that does not discriminate by social standing or class or financial or educational background or language or religion.

We are both able to walk unassisted and use canes and walkers and wheelchair users; we jog and swim and partake in sports; we are housebound, we use scooters; we need respirators. We are everything in be-

tween. We are visually impaired and we are not. We are at every level of physical ability.

Of course, we 'look so good' while we're doing it. We hear that phrase every day of our lives. Sometimes that phrase is meant as a compliment and sometimes it is meant to hurt or meant to shame us into doing something of which we may not be currently capable.

We may be able to do that something tomorrow, though, or next week; Multiple Sclerosis is like that. *We* are like that.

Some of us are hearing impaired; yet all of us occasionally have people talk louder to us. 'HOW ARE YOU D-O-I-N-G?' they'll scream, speaking to us as though we were either hearing or intellectually impaired. 'YOU LOOK SO G-O-O-D!'

Of course we do. Thank you very much. We are, in fact, the very best looking people in the handicapped community.

We have secret beauty pageants every year, to decide which of our number is the absolute best-looking. Billy Crystal emceeds, as his character Fernando; *'...and you look MAHVELOUS my dear; absolutely M-A-H-V-E-L-O-U-S.'*

We are brave. We are fragile. We want to live, and we want to end it all. We look for support and we want to stand alone. We are Everyperson. We are the People with Multiple Sclerosis. We are People, *Just Like You....*

Users of the MS Centre,
Campbell Street,
Lochgilphead.

Actions over swimming pool

Sir,
I wish to address Alan Reid MP and his empty rhetoric regarding what he states others should do to save the Swimming Pool in Lochgilphead.

I certainly do wish for

a sustainable future for said Pool and my children use it.

One must encourage him to read your newspaper and make him aware that finances from the local council are being restricted due to Holyrood and Westminster cutbacks.

One is curious to ascertain from Mr Reid exactly what actions he himself has taken as the incumbent MP.

I feel it necessary to remind him that there will be an election in May 2010 and that complacency and inaction are the enemies of progress.

Finally I wish it known that I have no political affiliations but will use my democratic choice with great thought and based on honest pledges and actions in the forthcoming general election.

Thank you.
James McSparran,
18 Dewar Avenue,
Lochgilphead.

Appalling library service

Sir,
I am appalled at the breakdown of library services provided to our Mid Argyll community.

The Lochgilphead library has been closed now for some six weeks yet no refurbishment works appear to have yet begun.

Meanwhile, the mobile Library caravan has only managed to provide one or two weekly appearances in the Stag car park on Friday, before being postponed indefinitely due to accident damage. (When the service was 'up and running', it was impossible to read the book titles in the dim-lit caravan, since the lights were extinguished to preserve the battery.)

We are a large and widely spread community. I cannot believe the Council has been so inept as not to plan this basic and crucial service efficiently. Contingency measures could have been taken to allocate temporary rental of an

empty shop premises or an alternative Lochgilphead building during the re-fitting of the original premises. (I noted the Council Offices were programmed to be well-served on-site by the visiting mobile Library, yet the entire town's readers were to be passed off with a token Friday service.) This is wholly unacceptable. People living in a rural and widespread community rely on their Library for mental stimulus, vital information and essential diversion.

The lack of imagination of the Council employees tasked to set up the contingency Library coverage defies belief. We are rate payers and in 2009, we deserve a great deal better.

The Phoenix group are emerging to tackle the wider issue of Lochgilphead's decline - but with our Council showing so little foresight and ability, I only pray some enlightened residents can take matters into their own, more capable hands!

Hazel Breakell,
Achahoish.

Inveraray parking charges

Sir,
I read with interest your article regarding all year round parking charges in Inveraray.

When parking charges for these car parks were first proposed a few years ago, I attended several public consultation meetings arranged by Argyll and Bute Council.

Unfortunately I do not have the minutes of these meetings, but I do not recall any mention being made of the possibility of all year round charges being imposed in the future.

In fact, I remember it being stated specifically, several times, that the charges would only apply seasonally.

Can the Council now apply these new charges without further consultation?

Might I suggest that the Council's own legal department consult the minutes, to determine the legality, or otherwise, of this decision?

Neil Armour,
Vice Chairperson,
Inveraray Community Council,
Inveraray.

Pudsey's pals at the town hall



Back row: Chris Smith, Gary Turner, Calum Houston, Chris Thompson and Murray Shaw. Front: Fiona Young, Sarah Semple, Mhairi Henderson, Debbie Brown, Gayle McGeachy, Kim Donan and Grace Nicoll. 04_c47cgs03

THE SIXTH year students at Campbeltown Grammar School took over the town hall on Saturday to boost the school's contribution to the Children in Need appeal.

Morning coffee, sales and a raffle kept them hard at work and raised £1,281.

Last night (Thursday) the school held a concert to raise even more money and has had plenty of other events taking place.

There will be more in next week's edition of *The Courier*.



Ross Ferguson, who also plays with Kintyre Schools Pipe band was outside the town hall, drumming – or should that be piping – up business for the coffee morning. 04_c47cgs01



Greg Bannatyne, Laura McLellan, Dominic McEwan, Alice Crossan and Jack Finn and front: George Good and Carlyn McMillan. 04_c47cgs02



Kathleen McMillan, Lorna Armour, Yasmin Parr and Fiona Cook. 04_c47cgs04

Youth Fellowship Coffee Morning



Pictured are some of the Lochgilhead Parish Church Youth Fellowship members with Rev Hilda Smith at their recent coffee morning in the Parish Church hall. Stands were brimming with baking, knitted goods and cuddly toys. The youngsters also held a raffle and served tea and coffee to visitors. 06_a46fell01

Your guide to Christmas dining in Argyll

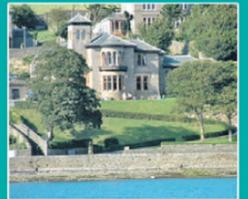


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Totay teddy bear and pals star in panto



The colourful cast of characters in this year's Lochgilhead Drama Club Panto. 08_a47tot03



Panto stars Ruth Morrison (back left) as Mummy Goldilocks, toaty teddy bear Christina MacLean, Solarium the Stargazer, played by Jeanna Sandilands, and front Charles MacLean as Granny Goldilocks and Tim Williams as Baron Sir Fred Knucklehead. 08_a47tot02



A pesky pack of wolves scare the wits out of these littler bears in the Lochgilhead Drama Club pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Missing Toaty Bear. 08_a47tot01



MARK Leishman and Torrin Currie from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, accompanied by piper Julie Blue and drum tutor Lee Lawson recently competed in the World Solo Drumming Championships at Caledonian University in Glasgow. Mark won first place in his qualifying heat and progressed to the final where he won third place in the juvenile grade.

Join Rebecca and Sam for fiddle workshop

THE Kintyre Music and Arts Tuition Group (KMATG), The Kintyre Fiddlers and the Kintyre Cultural Forum have announced that they will be running fiddle and guitar workshops on December 4 with Rebecca Brown and Sam Hales in the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown.

Rebecca, who is the KMATG resident tutor, will hold three fiddle workshops and will be joined by Sam Hales who will be tutoring two guitar workshops at beginner and intermediate level.

The fiddle tuition will start with a beginner's workshop at 4.15pm, this will be for people who have never really played fiddle or who are only starting to play.

The second workshop at 5.15pm will be a beginners/intermediate level and will be for students who have had a few lessons but who are still at an early stage of learning the fiddle and the last workshop at 6.15pm will be for an advanced level of play. Details on the guitar workshops will be in next week's Courier.



Rebecca Brown performing at this year's MOK Fest.

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Campbeltown Heritage Centre to host Christmas craft fair

CAMPBELTOWN Heritage Centre is hosting its biggest ever Christmas craft fair.

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This makes the fair on Saturday and Sunday November 28

and 29; the biggest held at the centre to date.

Sheena MacAllister from the Heritage Centre told *The Courier*: 'The craft workers have been working tirelessly to fulfil our patrons' expectations, who have supported us time and time again.'

Support

'Without their support the arts and crafts that have been passed down through the generations in our local community

would disappear.

'It is so important to keep these traditional crafts alive. We hope to see you all there!'

As a taster of what's on offer craftsmen and women have a display of their works in the window of the Argyll FM studio on Longrow, Campbeltown.

The trustees of the Heritage Centre want to thank Springbank Distillery and Gallery 10 for their donations of whisky

and a Christmas cake, as well as the many others who have donated prizes.

'We also want to thank the craftsmen and women for running the craft fairs which help to fund the Heritage Centre,' said Sheena, 'as well as Linda Brown who will be running the tea room on the day.'

'So come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake and the usual Heritage Centre hospitality.'



Moira Burgess.

Moira's Mitchison

K MARTIN Booksellers in Campbeltown hosted a very successful book launch on Saturday.

Moira Burgess was brought up in Campbeltown and is a novelist, short story writer and historian.

She graduated PhD from the University of Glasgow in 2006 with a thesis on the supernatural and mythical elements in the work of Naoimh Mitchison.

Moira's book, *Mitchison's Ghosts*, based on the thesis, was published in 2008. She is now working on a seven-volume edition of Mitchison's essays and journalism, the first volume to be published being *Carradale*, the subject of the launch.



RNLI coffee morning

TO HELP boost the funds of the RNLI, a Christmas coffee morning was held in the town hall.

As well as a large gift stall, with Christmas cards and presents for everyone, there was also a baking stall and teas and coffees. Shown here is Mary Campbell, with Diane Watering and Jane Stewart of Campbeltown Lifeboat fundraising committee.

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In 2009, Columbia Pictures' and Sony Pictures Animation's "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" will be the most delicious event since macaroni met cheese. Inspired by the beloved children's book, the film focuses on a town where food falls from the sky like rain.

Bill Hader will voice Flint Lockwood, a young inventor who dreams of creating something that will improve everyone's life. Anna Faris takes on the role of Sam Sparks, a weathergirl covering the phenomenon who hides her intelligence behind a perky exterior. James Caan plays Tim Lockwood, Flint's technophobic father. Andy Samberg plays Brent, the town bully who has plagued Flint since childhood.

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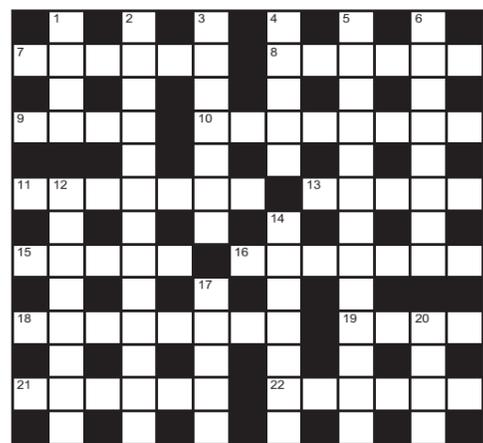
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Joint campus celebrate Eco Green Flag award

PUPILS at Lochgilphead Joint Campus celebrated receiving their Eco Schools Green Flag by having a non-uniform day recently. Pupils also celebrated by planting a variety of bulbs, which will come



Some of the Eco School committee with their Green Flag.

into bloom next year in a range of colours.

Students from the Pre-Five nursery to S6 joined together to celebrate the achievement, which also sees the campus become the leading secondary in Argyll and Bute to achieve Green Flag status.

Pupils taking part in the non-uniform day were asked to pay £1, which will go towards the purchase of the flag pole.

Since moving to the school, all the pupils

have been working hard to achieve the Eco Schools Green Flag – the highest level of award given to acknowledge the environmental action undertaken by a school.

During that time they have been involved in a variety of developments including; the purchase of picnic benches and tables, a 'Trash Fashion Show', the creation of the school garden and the recycling of paper, plastic, ink cartridges and textiles.



Louise Sutherland with some of her 'Little Lambs', Jeannie McCrae (left), Ceilidh McNeilly (centre) and daughter, Morgan. 06_a46lou01

Lou's Little Lambs launched

A CAIRNBAAN mother has started her own childminding business to cater for the busy mums and dads of Mid Argyll.

Louise Sutherland decided to endure the rigorous process of becoming a registered childminder because looking after one child was simply not enough.

The plucky lady will now open her modest home to eight children, from the ages of three months to 16 years.

But what does her 11-year-old daughter, Morgan, make of it all? She said: 'It'll be fun. My mum is very truthful and loving.'

Jeannie McCrae, one of the first children to be looked after by Louise, added: 'She lays down the rules but she's really nice and fun.'

Louise, who had to endure four rigorous interviews from the Care Commission, said: 'It was hard work but it's all been worth it. Really what more experience do you need to be a childminder than bringing up your own child.'

Louise will be offering weekend 'parent respite' as well as after school care. Her competitive rates will apply at an hourly rate and she will operate from Monday to Friday, 8am until 6pm.

Louise, who currently works in the Lochgilphead Joint Campus office, is currently undertaking a Child Protection course through Argyll College and plans to do an evening Child Care course.

For more information on Lou's Little Lambs contact Louise on 01546 606917.



Pupils from S2, P7 and P1 braved the elements to plant some colourful bulbs. 06_a46eco02

Tea at Ardfenaig

PUPILS from Lochgilphead High School visited Ardfenaig Care Home recently to make and present afternoon tea to the residents in the Home.

Not only did they demonstrate their catering skills but also spent time

doing activities with the residents using quiz books they had compiled themselves.

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Mid Argyll Rotary goes international

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll along with partners and guests gathered for an evening of international food, music, fun and games at the Lochgair Hotel, on Saturday October 31.

The evening was organised by the club's International Committee to raise funds for the Mercy Ships charity, one of the club's chosen international charities for 2009/10.

Members were dressed in an international theme

– USA, Egypt, France, Holland, Australia, Wales, Scotland, Hawaii, India, Scandinavia, and China were all represented. The food also came from the four corners of the globe.

The musical entertainment was provided by John Holt and Rod Buchanan on accordion and bagpipes respectively around approximately £500 which will be presented to a representative of the charity who will be a guest speaker at a club meeting later in the year.

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Amazon raises funds for local Craignish projects

AN ENTERPRISING Argyll community is marshalling the power of internet giant Amazon to raise funds for local projects.

Through their own Amazon Craignish Club, people can find out what their friends and neighbours are reading, buy books and music and donate to community projects, at no extra cost.

Luke Silvan, computer whiz and webmaster of the Craignish community website, said he hoped the simple system would reap benefits for the community: 'For every click that goes through and results in an order, Amazon will give you five percent back. They can donate to the community company without paying anything extra.'

Craignish Community Company will then use the funds to support a youth club, green energy and work for affordable housing on the peninsula.

As well as accessing the whole of

Amazon's stock, there is an added local dimension. People can get reading tips from others in the community and find out who is a fan of Buggy Malone, Iain Banks or The Little Shop of Horrors.

Canvassed

'I thought it would be quite novel if people can see what their neighbours are reading and listening too,' explained Luke. 'I went round and canvassed people to find out their top ten favourite books - so you can see what Joe Bloggs next door has got on his bookshelf.'

In the first few days of the new web gizmo, there have already been a few purchases and Luke hopes that coming up to Christmas, people will use it to buy gifts online.

The link on the site, www.craignish.net, is not restricted to Craignish residents and can be used by anyone.

Budding business minds

LOCHGILPHEAD High School students are putting their business heads together to sell their wares as part of a new pupil-based company.

YEL! is the first young enterprise group to be formed in the school for five years and the group of senior pupils are de-

termined the company will be a success.

Young Enterprise Lochgilphead, or YEL! as it is commonly known, have decided their products will be themed around the Year of Homecoming.

The company are marketing and selling hoodies and t-shirts with a

Gaelic saying on the front and the translation on the back.

And the official launch of the merchandise will take place at a special Ceilidh in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Friday December 4.

Tickets for the family event are being sold in HD Ferguson, the Key Store in Ardrishaig, Archway and the Riverside. Tickets cost £6 each or four for £20.

The Fraser McGlynn Ceilidh band will provide the entertainment.

YEL! started off with just £10 in their bank accounts and over the months have managed to raise funds through various fundraisers.

The group have been assisted by David Renwick and Roddy Morrison, who have come on board as business advisors.



Pictured are some of the Lochgilphead High School YEL! company. 06_a47yel01

Swin flu vaccination advice

THE FIRST delivery of the swine flu vaccine has been delivered to Lochgilphead Medical Centre.

There is a limited supply of the H1N1 vaccine and only patients who fall into the high-risk categories will be offered the vaccine.

High-risk categories include; pregnant women, anyone between the age of six months and 65 years who suffers

from one or more of the following diseases: a long term chest condition including asthma which is severe enough

to warrant regular preventative treatment, diabetes mellitus, long term heart, kidney or liver disease, anyone who has had a stroke, anyone with a weakened immune system which includes patients taking high dose steroids and patients receiving

chemotherapy. Patients who care for patients with a weakened immune system can also receive the vaccine.

Once these patients have been vaccinated, then people over the age of 65 years with any of the described diseases will be vaccinated.

To receive the vaccine, people should telephone the surgery and make an appointment at one of the organised flu clinics.



Lynn Garrett from Aros in Lochgilphead received the Improvement and Innovation Award at the National Health Awards in Edinburgh last week. 06_a47lyn01

Lynn's our health hero

A LOCHGILPHEAD healthcare worker has scooped a prestigious award recognising her dedication to Scotland's health service.

Lynn Garret, project manager at Aros in Lochgilphead, picked up the Improvement and Innovation Award at the National Health Awards in Edinburgh last Wednesday, November 11.

The award was presented to Lynn following her hard work in developing a successful telehealth project to monitor patients on the Isle of Bute.

Speaking about her award, Lynn, who lives in Ardrishaig, said: 'I was absolutely stunned

and completely thrilled because you just think your doing your job. But when an independent panel of judges recognise what you're doing and decides it's special, you're overjoyed to get the recognition.'

Reflection

'I hope it's a positive reflection on Argyll and Bute, showing that we're embracing technology to look after patients with long term health conditions.'

Funded by Argyll and Bute Council, the telehealth project brings together multi-agencies to help monitor patients with long-term health conditions in their own home.

A small touch screen is put into a patient's home and they are able to monitor their own condition. The information is then transferred to a secure website where it is analysed by a district nurse. If anything in the data shows cause for concern then health workers can respond immediately.

Lynn said: 'The aim is ultimately to stop people becoming unwell before they actually are. It's a preventative measure.'

The telehealth project has also been rolled out to communal areas such as community halls and GP surgeries. As well as the Isle of Bute, Oban and the Isle of Luing have also benefited.

West Lochfyne meets again

WEST Lochfyne Community Council had their first meeting since it was reformed last week. May MacGugan was elected convenor and Leonard McNeill will serve as secretary again. Treasurer is Colum Elkin and Fred Bruce will be the community council's licensing liaison.

The next meeting will be held on January 21 in Lochgair church hall.

Befrienders birthday celebrations

BEFRIENDERS held their annual general meeting in Argyll and Bute Council chambers on Monday night, November 16.

The voluntary organisation also celebrated their 21st birthday.

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WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATION 2005 ('the Regulations')

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Regulations, that an application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Wallace Stone LLP for authorisation to carry out a controlled activity, namely:

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Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in the application, may make representations about the application to SEPA in writing within 8 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/S/1077802:

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Written representations received within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made there will be included in the register a statement indicating that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request.

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PLANNING

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20 (1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other document submitted with them may be:

Examined at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on online planning applications.

Written comments for the following applications may be made to Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX by 11th December 2009 for the following list of applications for planning permission.

● **Ref No: 09/01511/PP**
Applicant: M and K Macleod
Proposal: Erection of 2no dwelling houses and the installation of 2no. septic tanks
Site address: Land North of Erines, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute,

● **Ref No: 09/01517/PP**
Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Thomson
Proposal: Erection of 1no dwelling house and installation of septic tank
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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

● **Ref No: 09/01526/LIB**
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Proposal: Installation of replacement windows (Retrospective)
Site Address: 3 Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TP
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray

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Location of Plans: Lochgilhead Area Office

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES (ROUTE B8024 KILBERRY ROAD)(GLENRALLOCH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2009

On Monday 16th November 2009, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle on that section of the Kilberry Road (Route B8024) Glenralloch, Tarbert, extending from its junction with the Tarbet-Kennacraig Trunk Road (A83) in a generally southerly direction to its junction with the Glenkill Road, (Route C23) at Tarbert Golf Course, a distance of 2450 metres or thereby.

This section of road is required to be closed to allow strengthening work to be carried out.

The closure will be effective, when indicated by signs from Monday the 30th November 2009 and will remain in operation until 30th April 2010 or until the works are complete whichever is the earliest.

Access to affected properties will be maintained at all times.

Alternative Routes: Vehicles travelling from the north of the closure should proceed via the A83 Trunk Road through Tarbert thence north west on the Glenkill Road (C23) at Tarbert Golf Club thence the B8024.

Vehicles travelling from the south of the closure proceed vice versa. Diversions will be signed in an appropriate manner.

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

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Mid Argyll MX Club celebrate

THE end of the motocross season was marked in style by the Mid Argyll MX Club, with a dinner dance at the Cairnbaan Hotel on Saturday night.

Rounding off their first competitive season, club members, who hail from across western Scotland, had plenty to celebrate. Despite the party atmosphere, some dedicated members were leaving early the following morning for a winter season competition in Melville.

Highlight of the evening for many when the presentation of prizes for the season by current Scottish adult champion Ross Rutherford.

The club committee

also thanked all those who had helped make the season such a success, including marshals, the Red Cross, local paramedics, sponsors, land owners, Sandy Queen and the host of riders and supporters who guaranteed a good turnout on every race day.

Prize-winners:
Autos: 1 Daniel Chisholm, 2 Robbie Saville, 3 Harris Campbell. 65s: 1 Elaine MacEachern, 2 Liam Scott, 3 Lewis Campbell, most improved: Ashley Gorrie. 85SW: 1 Greg Queen, 2 Ryan McNicol, 3 Charlie Smith, most improved: Ryan McNicol. 85BW: 1 Andrew McNicol, 2 Douglas Campbell, 3 Craig Donald, most improved: Fraser McNicol. 125SP: 1 Scott Foote, 2 Dylan Annand, 3 Ben Reed, most improved: Ben Reed. Adults 1 Lachie Black, 2 Stewart Rae, 3 Liam Corson, most improved: James Blair.



Prizes winners at the Mid Argyll MX Club dinner dance last weekend. 08_a47mxc01

Tin Farm 5 sees Turners do the double

A RECORD breaking 64 runners descended upon Ormsary Estate near Kilberry last Sunday, November 15, for the third running of the Tin Farm 5.

The challenging course was steep and muddy in places which called for runners to be sure footed and confident in their running.

A very strong field of male runners was led by Matthew Turner (male senior) of Campbeltown in a time of 33minutes 12seconds. Second male senior went to last year's winner also from Campbeltown, Kenny Campbell in 33.25, with third male senior going to Eamonn Staunton from Lochgilphead in 33.35.

Andy Law of Ardrishaig brought home a strong field of male veteran runners in a time of 35.15, with Peter Robertson of Lochgilphead (36.52) and Matt Donald of Ormsary (37.07) in second and third respectively.

Emma Hoskins (Cheshire) celebrated getting married the previous day with a win in the ladies race and first female senior in a time of 38.47. Jenny Reid of Campbeltown (43.29) and Sandra Holsdworth of Kilbarchan (46.14) were second and third in the female senior category.

Bringing home the la-

ties in the veteran class was Joyelyn Richard of Machrihanish in a time of 44.59, with Fiona Corner (Inveraray) in second in a time of 46.28 and Miara Mclennan of Campbeltown in third place in a time of 49.08.



Peter Robertson from Lochgilphead on his way to taking second place in the Male Veteran category.

Strong competition in the junior male category saw Gary Turner of Campbeltown storm home in a time of 35.47 to make it a family double with his brother Matthew overall winner of the day. David McAlister (Ardrishaig) was second in a time of 36.16 and Toby Corner (Inveraray) finished strongly in third in a

time of 37 minutes.

Rosie Doull (Lochgilphead) brought home the junior girls for a second year in a great time of 43.32, with Madeline Ward (51.29) also of Lochgilphead and Tess Donald (57.53) of Ormsary finishing in second and third.

Prizes also went to the first local male and female runners. Matt Donald of Ormsary took the prize for the men for a second year, with Helena Bevis also from Ormsary taking the prize for the women in 55.05. Caroline Armour, of Campbeltown took the 'Most Courageous Effort' Award.

The organisers would like to thank Sir William and Lady Lithgow for their continued and enthusiastic support of the event.

Kirsty Young of the Tin Farm 5 added: 'Also thanks to our new sponsors for this year Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm for their generous sponsorship of the event.'

Thanks also to all those who helped put on a great spread of soup and sandwiches to warm everyone up, which raised over £150 for the Royal Sick Kids in Edinburgh. Lastly, thanks to all the marshals, helpers and runners without whom the event could not have gone ahead.'

Tarbert Gun Club hold first winter shoot of the season

LAST Sunday saw Tarbert Gun Club hold their first shoot of this year's Winter League Team competitions.

This popular series of events has attracted nine teams in all, with a total of 48 shooters and the club set up a mixture of DTL and sporting targets to test their skills.

Scoring was again very close with only

two points between the top six. John Weir was the top shot of the day and Alisdair MacCallum is also in top form these days. Another top scorer was Scott McNeil.

Results

Class A: 1 John Weir, 2 John Paton, 3 Ally McDonnell and Bob McColl, Class B: 1 Billy Bergant, 2 Peirre Godts, 3 Andy Peden, Class C: 1 Alisdair MacCallum, 2 Malcolm

Holder, 3 Finlay Campbell, Class D: 1 Scott McNeil, 2 Kris Laird, 3 Mike Read, Class E: 1 Mark Ellis, 2 Michael Harvey, 3 Shaun Johnson, 4 Euan McDonald. Teams : 1 Bob McColl, Akrand Khan, Malcolm Holder, Ian Wilson, Mark Ellis; 2 John Weir, Ronald Jenkins, Alisdair MacCallum, Mike Reid, Ross McDonald; 3 John Paton, Jonathan Gargan, Lynn MacDonald, Archie McGilp, Archie Currie.

Soccer Centre lose out to Everton BC

Lochgilphead SC 1
Everton BC 2

WITH the Ropework Park out of commission and cup football not permitted by the Scottish Youth Football Association on a second generation all weather surface, Lakeland Marine sponsored Lochgilphead SC Under 15's took their home West Region Cup match versus Division One Paisley and District team Everton BC away to the Oban Community third generation all weather park.

Tipped off by home captain Alistair MacVicar who trains with six of the Everton players in the West Region Representative squad the Lochgilphead coaches anticipated a hard match and set their stall out accordingly adopting a 4.4.1.1 formation based tactically on counter attacking football.

In a dream start prolific goal scorer Ian McGuinness opened the scoring for the home team after two minutes as he struck a powerful drive into the net. Everton had most of the possession however with the Lochgilphead defence in top form and the midfield

saturated clear cut chances were few and far between until on the stroke of half time the Everton forwards angled looping shot found its way into the net. Half time 1.1

The second half kicked off and soon became apparent would be a replay of the first half with the home team defending resolutely as the away team forced the play only to find a composed Lochgilphead rearguard inspired by MacLennan's bravery and Meechan's vitriolic tongue.

With 10 minutes or so remaining keeper Selfridge who had handled everything thrown at him all day was adjudged to have fouled the Everton forward in the penalty area. Unfortunately for the Lochgilphead team the ball was dispatched low into the net to give Everton a 2.1 hard fought victory in a very sporting match.

Lochgilphead Team: Selfridge, Coates, Donald, Meechan, MacLennan, MacNaughton, Bruce, Watt, McGuinness, MacVicar(Capt), Doull Subs: McCallum, MacIntyre (both used).

Scottish Amateur League - fixtures and results

SATURDAY'S results: West of Scotland Cup, 2nd Round - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Harmony Row 1; Campbeltown Boys v Glenacre. Glenacre debt suspended, walk-over for Campbeltown Boys. Jimmy Marshall Trophy, 2nd round - Oban Saints v Arkleston, postponed. Division One - Rosehill Star 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 1. Tarbert had no game.

This Saturday's fixtures - West of Scotland Cup, 3rd Round - Dunlop Corinthians v Campbeltown Boys; Lochgilphead Red Star v Glasgow Harp; Milton v Oban Saints; Rosehill Star v Campbeltown Pupils. Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Dunoon.

Provan Shield final

THE Provan Shield final will take place in Oban next month.

The match had to be postponed due to bad weather and pitch complications but will now take place on Sunday December 6 at 2pm in Oban at the High School astro pitch.

Lochgilphead Wanderers will battle it out against Carradale for the title.

Jingle Bells Fun Run at Inveraray

INVERARAY JogScotland is getting into the festive mood with a Jingle Bells Fun Run on Sunday, December 6.

Runners will have the option of completing one mile, two miles or three miles and they can walk, run or sprint; the choice is theirs.

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Late goals cost Star

PREMIER Cleaning sponsored Lochgilphead Red Star travelled to Nether Pollok last Saturday to take on Rosehill Star in league action.

On a pitch more suited to swamp soccer, both sides tried to get into a passing rhythm however neither team could get a firm grip of the game. With nothing major to shout about the teams went in 0-0 at half time.

The opener eventually came on 70 minutes when a whipped corner from Phillips was met by I. Houston who was able to power the ball into the net for his first league goal for Star.

The visitors held out until the 88th minute however when Rosehill equalised after a lapse of concentration allowed the striker to pull his side level.

The visitors would have been disappointed with a draw, however worse was to follow as a corner from the right was converted by the Rosehill centre back to make the final score 2-1 to Rosehill.

A.O.M sponsored Red Star are in West of Scotland cup action tomorrow as they face Glasgow Harp in the 3rd round. Kick-off is at the Ropework Park at 1.30pm, as the tie is to be played to a finish.

Lottery numbers

THIS week's winning lottery numbers for Inveraray Shinty Club are 11, 16 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be a fantastic £1000 next week.

KILMORY Camachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 6, 11, 13 and 14.

The £1000 jackpot was won by J. MacVean. Next week's prize money will return to £100.

Dumbarton manager coaches in Mid Argyll

The players' skills were stretched to the limit

MONDAY night saw two groups of young Mid Argyll footballers experienced quality coaching sessions delivered by Dumbarton Football Club team manager Jim Chapman.

Last season Dumbarton finished their campaign as Scottish Third Division Champions and are now competing in the Barrs Irn Bru Second Division.

The Mid Argyll players, who play for various teams within Lochgilphead Soccer Centre and Red Star, blanked the cold and wet conditions to thoroughly enjoy the experience of

professional coaching. The younger age group (U14s) drills included dribbling, passing sessions merging into small sided games.

The detail was coupled with lighthearted humour which helped make the hard work even more enjoyable.

The elder age group theme for the evening was 'creating goal scoring opportunities'. This exercise started with a passing routine and was built into a match situation. The players' skills were stretched to the limit in trying to deliver the quality of play the coach demanded.



Mid Argyll players braved the cold and rain on Monday night to receive expert coaching from Dumbarton Football Club team manager Jim Chapman. 06_a47foot01

Throughout the evening Mr Chapman explained numerous detailed teaching points including the 'hotel' approach of checking in and out to receive the ball and then make telling passes to set up an attacking opportunity.

At the end of each of

the sessions the coach detailed the application and dedication required to play at a professional level. His explanation emphasised to the players the requirement to continuously practice their skills and do the best they can on every occasion.

At the end of the night the players and coaches thanked Mr Chapman for taking time to visit Mid Argyll and for giving them the benefit of his knowledge and coaching ability. Mr Chapman thanked the players for their effort and invited them along

to Dumbarton to watch the first team play in a league match. He also stated he would return to Mid Argyll in the future to look at the players' progress.

Dumbarton have recently signed three players from Oban Saints Under 14s.

Dressage selection for Gillian and Glenmarcus

A WELL-known equestrian duo from Mid Argyll have been selected to represent Scotland in a top dressage event.

Gillian Green and her horse Glenmarcus were chosen to represent Scotland in the senior team for the 2009 Brit-

ish Dressage Senior Home International.

Gillian was proud to represent her country for the first time in International competition and wear the Saltire flag on her jacket and Marcus' saddlecloth.

Riding at medium level

they achieved a second, an eighth and a seventeenth placing to finally stand in twelfth place individually out of 48 in the medium sections.

Gillian, who hails originally from Lochgair but now lives in Aberdeen, was delighted with their placing at their first International.

Marcus was more delighted to have escaped from his stable into the Scotland team's hospitality suite and was found sampling the shortbread luckily he was apprehended before he opened the whisky.

The weekend before the Home International they competed at the Area Pet Plan festivals and won their fourth Pet Plan Championship and qualified for the British National Winter Championships. They were also second in the restricted Advanced medium championships.

Roller coaster season continues for Davidson

By David Sinclair JOHN Davidson's golf is a riddle wrapped in an enigma tied up with a bow which has a grannie Knot.

Last weeks deserved duffer of the week, he was also this week's winner with a superb back nine holes of three under par.

He's grumpy, he's loud and he spins like a Tasmanian devil, but he can sure play some quality golf, Ross Sinclair is leading this year's winter league and the only way to tame him is to out play him, which is proving difficult.

Jim Hunter had to replace his SAGA golf shoes as they had hydraulic leak and he played much better with his new pair.

Alec MacAulay had a great first nine holes but fell away on the back nine.

Bill Dick is still try-

ing to play links golf on soaking wet fairways and will have to purchase a copy of Keith's bestseller - How to very nearly hit the ball high over nearly everything, which would help his game.

Tom Campbell is having a good winter league the highlight today being an eagle at the tenth hole.

David Sinclair played steady despite help from Tom which cost him at the fifth. Some people will do anything to pick up a point.

Tommy Angus never really got into his stride, his presentation was good with his usual neat and tidy footwork but he

had no flair and his score was saved on the last hole where he chipped in for a lambada four and the judges awarded him three points.

John Downie was stung by last week's criticism about his slow play, played much faster and nearly lost all his golf balls.

Donald Carmichael was also faster, he moved up from a crawl to a canter and his reward was the duffer of the week mat of shame which he may keep for a while if he doesn't get a grip.

Results - 10 J. Davidson 9 R. Sinclair 8 J. Hunter 7 A. MacAulay 6 B. Dick 5 T. Campbell 4 D. Sinclair 3 T. Angus 2 J. Downie 1 D. Carmichael. Nearest the pin - 7th R. Sinclair and 9th J. Hunter. Soup - Seafood Chowder by Elle.



Gillian Green and Glenmarcus at the 2009 British Dressage Senior Home International.

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