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Top jobs at council will be scrapped

Four director posts will be replaced by three executives, as part of the overhaul

FOUR top jobs at Argyll and Bute Council will be scrapped, after councillors voted to streamline its management structure.

In the first phase, four director posts will be replaced by three executive directors, working across a number of departments. Phase two will see 15 head of service positions re-organised into 12. Existing staff will have to re-apply and go through a series of interviews and tests to prove they are competent for the new posts.

The changes are due to be carried out by Feb-

ruary 2010 and save £370,000 a year from the council's budget.

Council chief executive Sally Loudon, who was appointed last year, made the proposals and she said more changes further down the staff hierarchy could follow.

She told a meeting of the council last week: 'There are aspects of the way in which the council operates that require to change if we are to improve and serve of communities improve.'

Answering the concern that unions had not been consulted, she said there had been a meeting, email and phone calls

**By Christine
McCartney**

with representatives. 'It might be fair to say that initial consultation has taken place and all the unions have been asked for their comments in advance of today's meetings,' she added.

'Any further proposals for further phases will come back to the council. I foresee it being completed within a calendar year, 2010.'

The council also agreed to look at modernising their customer service centre and increasing flexible working by staff at their next meeting.



Four-week-old Poppy McClymont was certainly one of the youngest to meet Santa, at the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll's Christmas Fayre on Saturday. She was one of almost 100 children who waited to meet him in his colourful grotto, which Rotary Club supporters set up for him at the Community Centre. Mum Laura Campbell and Dad Ruarri McClymont said they can't wait for their first Christmas together as a family. For more from the Rotary Fayre and other Christmas events round the area, see page 12 of this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*. 06_a49rot01

Serious road crash

A WOMAN had to be airlifted to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow last Thursday, November 26, following a serious road crash on the A83 near Tarbert.

Inspector Neil Wallace of Lochgilphead Police explained the woman came upon a heavy hail shower, causing her car to slide off the road and hit a telegraph pole.

The woman, who is believed to come from Tarbert, had to be cut free from the wreckage by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press, the woman remained in hospital with fractures to her head and body. Her condition was described as 'stable'.

Ducks stolen

NINE ducks are understood to have been stolen from a house in Inverneil.

The Muscovy ducks went missing on November 17 and have not been seen since.

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Four Victoria Wine shops to close by the end of December

HAVING previously been given a reprieve, four off-licence stores in Argyll are now facing the axe under the administrators of First Quench Retailing.

The Victoria Wine shops will now be closed by December 20, depending on stock, with the loss of 25 jobs, unless they are sold as going concerns.

Administrators KPMG announced in Friday the additional closure of 391 stores UK-wide on top of around the same number last month.

The stores in Argyll are Main Street, Campbeltown, which has five employees; Lorne Street, Lochgilphead (seven); George Street, Oban (six); and Argyll Street, Dunoon (seven).

Richard Fleming, UK head of restructuring and joint administrator, said: 'Unfortunately, despite the initial high level of interest, it remains difficult for buyers to complete deals in the current tough market.'

'However, we are still in talks regarding the sale of over

100 stores and hope to be able to make a further announcement about this shortly.

'We also remain hopeful that some of the 391 stores announced today might still be sold as going concerns before the closure process is completed, but with stock now running low in the remaining stores it has been necessary to make plans to close them.' First Quench Retailing also trades as Threshers, Wine Rack, The Local, Haddows and Bottoms Up.

Lorry recovered at Bluerocks

TRAFFIC was brought to a standstill in Lochgilphead last Wednesday, November 25, after a lorry, which was being recovered on the A83 at Bluerocks, caused considerable delays in the town.

The WH Malcolm articulated vehicle crashed into a ditch last Tuesday morning, but due to the complicated recovery of the lorry, motorists travelling south-bound had to wait up to three hours for the road to be cleared on Wednesday.

One Castleton motorist commented: 'It's certainly the biggest traffic jam I've ever seen in Lochgilphead.'

Street drinking

TWO people have been issued with fixed penalty notices after they were found drinking alcohol on Lochneil Street at the weekend.

Individuals can also be fined up to £40 for possessing an open container of alcohol.

Pool rescue meeting to be held

A RESCUE meeting, aimed at getting Mid Argyll Swimming Pool out of crisis, is to be held next week. Jim Mather, Argyll and Bute's MSP and Scotland economy minister, offered to bring together all the key players for the crisis talks when he visited the pool last Friday.

Mr Mather also held high-level meetings with Argyll and Bute Council about the pool's future.

He said: 'The message we are getting from the council is that this is a key asset.'

'There is an opportunity to get all these people round the table and get the solutions coming through. We are going to fix this.'

Pool directors Jenny Davis and Bob McIlwraith expressed frustration that

the pool's uncertain future made it hard to seek funding. They told Mr Mather of the community support, help in kind by local businesses and the dedication of staff at the pool.

Ms Davis said: 'People have been hugely generous; we have been so fortunate.' But the gap in the pool's income remains a critical issue. 'We don't need money for a project; we need money to put the tiles back on the wall,' she added.

Mr Mather will chair the meeting, to be held next Friday evening in Lochgilphead Community Centre. Key council officials are expected to attend and representatives of VisitScotland, local tourism businesses and pool users have been invited to attend. Contact the pool for more information.

Road safety officer praised

THE head of road safety for Argyll and Bute Council was praised for 27 years of work just before he retires.

Carl Olivarius, who is based at the council's headquarters at Kilmory, Lochgilphead, was presented with a quail by

Provost William Petrie. The council's transport spokesman, Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, said Mr Olivarius had helped to put Argyll and Bute on the map for road safety. 'There is no question about it,' he said, 'this council has the respect

of other authorities for road safety and that's the respect that the man has in the whole of the country.'

Mr Olivarius told councillors his 32 years as a road safety officer had been a pleasure and a great privilege.



Jim Mather MSP met with board directors Jenny Davis and Bob McIlwraith in the pool's gym last week, along with Mike Mackenzie.

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Youth Café opens for Ardrishaig youngsters

LAST Thursday night saw the grand unveiling of a café aimed at drawing in youngsters to Ardrishaig.

Ritz Café owner, Vikki Lamont, has opened up her establishment for a four-week pilot scheme to give young people in the village somewhere to go in the dark evenings.

The new venture is supported by Community Learning and Regeneration, Ardrishaig Community Council and Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Earlier in the year, all young people, aged between 12-18 years, were surveyed on what they felt was needed in the village. Having a youth café was identified and now, the pilot scheme is underway.

Youngsters can head along to the Youth Café every Thursday night for music, games and hot food.

For more information on the Youth Café contact Theresa Osborne on 01546 604751.

Dalriada goes online

A NEW website highlighting the wonders of Mid Argyll has gone online.

The Dalriada Project, which is bringing together a number of initiatives to promote the environment, history and cultural heritage of the area, has gone live at www.dalriadaproject.org

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Ardrihaig community wind turbine buyout

RESIDENTS in Ardrihaig are being asked to give their views on the community buyout of one of the Allt Dearg wind turbines.

Yesterday, Thursday December 3, Ardrihaig Community Council began delivering letters to residents on the edited version of the electoral role, asking them to vote on the issue of supporting the Community Council in their bid to purchase one of the 12 wind turbines proposed for the wind farm at Allt Dearg, by Inverneill.

Edward Laughton, convener of Ardrihaig Community Council said: 'After taking account of the

development costs, the estimated balance of £70,000 per annum income from this turbine could generate sufficient funds to contribute to village projects from day one of power generation.'

Anticipated

It is anticipated that the cost of the turbine will take 10 years to pay off after which, for the next 15 years, the income to the community could at least double.

It will be necessary to raise over £1,000,000 to buy into this scheme and this will be undertaken by the Ardrihaig Community Trust to remove any

financial risk to individual members of the Community Council. Mr Laughton continued: 'It's essential that all members of the community vote 'yes' on this issue to demonstrate substantial local support. This support is one of the main factors taken into account by funders in deciding where to put their money.'

Residents not on the edited electoral role should contact the community council directly by telephoning 01546 602293, for a copy of the letter.

Voting papers should be returned by Wednesday December 16.

Stacain wind farm to appeal decision

More than 800 people supported the wind farm application

THE DEVELOPERS behind Stacain Wind Farm have confirmed they will appeal against the Scottish Government's decision to overturn local approval of their 14-turbine wind farm near Inveraray.

Wind Prospect and Ridgewind filed their appeal to the Court of Session on November 18 following the Scottish Government's decision in October.

The wind farm received local planning consent from Argyll and Bute Council in December 2007.

But Scottish ministers upheld the inquiry reporter David Russell's conclusion that permission should be refused because the turbines between Loch Awe and Loch Fyne would 'introduce' a risk of collision for golden eagles.

The turbines would be within an area that is under consideration as a special protection for golden eagles by Scottish Natural Heritage under the European Union Birds Directive.

Mr Russell said the effects of the proposed wind farm would affect the integrity of a special protection area and the effect on golden eagles would be

unacceptable. The appeal by the wind farm directors seeks to prevent establishing a legal precedent, whereby any wind farm planning application could be refused on the basis that it might one day be designated a conservation area under EU directives.

Legally flawed

A spokesperson for the developers said: 'We are advised that the basis of the Scottish Government's decision to overturn the local approval on the sole grounds that the site might possibly become a Special Protection Area is legally flawed. Moreover, this decision by the Scottish Government could have significant ramifications for the future of renewable energy in Scotland. We therefore feel we have no alternative other than to appeal to the Court.'

More than 800 people supported the wind farm application, including Inveraray and District and Glenorchy and Innishail community councils, while 900 were opposed to it, including Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council.



Inveraray Burns Club president Jim McMillan (left) with Elsie Bezuidenhout, Yvonne Black, Colin Stevenson, principal speaker for the evening, Pamela Stark and Margaret Anne Wilson. 08_a49inv01

In celebration of St Andrew

AN excellent evening of entertainment was held in the Argyll Hotel on Saturday, in honour of Scotland's patron saint St Andrew. The event concluded Inveraray Burns Club's celebrations for the year of homecoming.

Two toasts were proposed, the first to St Andrew and Scotland by Colin Stevenson and the second to Inveraray by

John Patrick. After an excellent dinner, there was a display of piping talent from Laura MacMillan of Inveraray Pipe Band and humour and song from Alastair Chrystal in his own inimitable style.

Club secretary Kenny Stark added additional humour with recitations and the rest of the evening's music was provided by local

country band Fyne Folk with songs from Jane MacKay and Alison Duncan.

Christmas lights switch-on

LOCHGILPHEAD will be adorned with festive colours tomorrow night, Saturday, when the Christmas lights will be officially switched on.

The festivities get going at 6.45pm with a parade from the Parish Church to Colchester Square. The lights will be turned on by two 'surprise' guests at 7pm.

In a change to last year's event there will be a whole host of stands for visitors to peruse as well as the usual live entertainment and children's fun fair.

Drink driving

A WOMAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon for allegedly drink driving. The woman was stopped by police in Ardfern last Friday, November 27, at 11.15pm.

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Not stopping after accident

NOT stopping after a minor accident at Tayinloan cost a driver £200 and six penalty points on his licence when he appeared in Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Craig Alexander Mc-Millan, aged 23, of Burnside Street, Claire Road, Ardrishaig, admitted the offence, which took place on September 6 this year on the A83.

Four times over the legal limit

A MAN nearly four times over the legal alcohol drink-drive limit has been banned from holding a licence for four years.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court was previously told that 42-year-old Alistair Fletcher Higgins had been on his way to join his wife and children at a static caravan in Tayinloan after leaving days before to go to work in the Greenock area.

Higgins, of 85 Glenside Road, Greenock, admitted driving on October 21 on the A83

four miles south of Ardrishaig near to North Gate Lodge whilst having 132mg in 100ml of breath; the legal limit is 35.

The court was told that he had consumed alcohol until the early hours and believed himself to be fit to drive 12 hours later.

Higgins' defence agent told the court last Wednesday: 'Since the incident he has sought out counselling to complete his rehabilitation. He has remained totally alcohol free and undertaken to do so for the future.'

'He accepts the potential consequence of what could have happened in this instance.' Sheriff Ruth Anderson disqualified him for four years and ordered him to carry out 160 hours of community service.

Fined £800

A MAN who admitted shooting wild rabbits in a residential area of Tarbert was fined £800 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Izak Cowie, aged 37, of 14 Burns Crescent, Airdrie admitted possessing an air rifle and ammunition at Pier Road, Tarbert on June 12.



Elizabeth Kirkwood, donor carer with the Scottish Transfusion Service and Andrew Ronald, Neil MacPhail, George Conley, and Steven Dott at the November blood donor session held at the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. At the session in Lochgilphead the previous day 135 people turned out to donate blood with 119 pints taken. Organisers expected 160 people to turn out in Campbeltown, but only 89 people did, with 76 pints of blood donated. 04_c48sts01

Mum-to-be fined £825 and disqualified for five years

A 19-YEAR-old mum-to-be was fined a total of £825 and disqualified from driving for five years at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Victoria Joan Baikie, aged 19, of 15 Oakhill, Tarbert, had previously admitted driving whilst

disqualified, and under the influence of alcohol and without insurance.

Offences

The offences came to light when Baikie crashed a car belonging to a friend on the A83 on June 19 this year.

The case had previously been adjourned

for reports and to hear a proof in mitigation, which Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Baikie's defence agent, 'did not help his client'.

Sheriff Anderson advised Baikie to stop drinking until she was old enough to enjoy drinking responsibly.

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Museum director appointed to new think tank

KILMARTIN House Museum director, Dr Sharon Webb, has been appointed to a new government think-tank, recently established by Scottish Culture Minister Michael Russell.

Dr Webb will sit on the group alongside important figures in the sector such as the Director of National Museums Scotland, Gordon Rintoul; the Chair of Culture and Sport Glasgow, Bailie Liz Cameron, and John Leighton, Director General of National Galleries Scotland.

'This is the first time that museum provision across the whole of Scotland has been examined by the Scottish Government,' explained Dr Webb.

She continued: 'As well as caring for the nation's material cultural heritage, museums and galleries play a major role in Scotland's cultural life, not to mention their considerable contribution to the economy. But

they are often under resourced, and not always acknowledged for the work that they do.'

The idea of a Think Tank was born of the first ever museums and galleries summit, hosted by Michael Russell and held in Stirling in June this year.



Dr Sharon Webb, director of Kilmartin House Museum.

Its members have been asked to consider the key challenges facing the museums sector in the coming years and make recommendations on how best to articulate the sector's contribution to Scottish society.

Dr Webb said: 'Kilmartin Glen is an internationally important archaeological landscape and is fundamental for telling the wider story of Scotland. Kilmartin House Museum plays a vital role in preserving objects and monuments, and helping both locals and visitors to the area to find out more and enjoy the rich archaeological heritage of Argyll, yet we have often struggled for resources and funding.'

'Over the last few years, the Museum has worked in partnership with other bodies including National Museums Scotland, Historic Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council. These partnerships have partly helped us to overcome the challenges faced by an organisation such as ours working in a rural environment. I hope to bring this experience to the Think Tank and trust that it will benefit museums across the sector.'



Pictured from left to right are Margaret Morrison, oral health educator, Karen Emslie, senior dental officer and Caroline Glen, oral health educator for Kintyre, who were all on hand to offer advice in the Mid Argyll Community Hospital as part of Mouth Cancer Awareness month.
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Get your mouth checked

ORAL health educators were on hand in the Mid Argyll Community Hospital to offer advice and guidance as part of Mouth Cancer Awareness month.

Margaret Morrison, oral health educator, had an information stand in the hospital foyer with lots of literature for anyone worried about their mouth.

Karen Emslie, senior dental officer, was also on hand to carry out mouth screenings for anyone worried about

any red or white patches, non-healing ulcers, or lumps.

Margaret said: 'The purpose of this is to raise awareness and get people to check their mouths regularly for any non-healing patches, ulcers or sores.'

Mouth Cancer kills one person every five hours in the UK and figures also show a 41 per cent rise in annual mouth cancer cases in the last decade.

'Get to know your own mouth and if there's

anything you're not sure about then get help sooner rather than later,' added Margaret.

For more information visit - www.mouthcancer.org

Loch Fyne plan

A PLAN for managing different activities around the shores of Loch Fyne has been approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

The final Loch Fyne Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan has been in production since 2004 and was approved last week by councillors without any discussion.

Boxer run

TWO Lochgilphead teenagers who ran the length of the Crinan Canal in nothing more than their boxer shorts have raised £400.

Callum McGuinness and Michael Kennedy, both aged 13, took part in the daring deed last month.

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Alan Reid MP, for Argyll and Bute, Mary Kennedy and Kate Fraser of Business Gateway and Councillor John Semple chairman of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group. 04_c49ki01

Business Gateway presentation

THE KINTYRE Initiative Working Group was given a briefing on the work of Business Gateway at its November meeting.

Kate Fraser, senior development officer with the organisation run by Argyll and Bute Council gave a presentation showing how Business Gateway has stepped

into the shoes of the old Argyll and Islands Enterprise in many aspects of its work.

With local business advisers Mary Kennedy and Barbara Halliday covering Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, Business gateway offers free, impartial advice to anyone wanting to start up or develop a business

within Argyll. It offers one-to-one support from a business advisor and holds workshops locally to help fledgling business people.

These include marketing and market research, personal and business planning, ICT and e-commerce, self-assessment for the self-employed, record-keep-

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ISLANDERS have just had a chance to see for themselves major plans from Islay Estates for land on the coast on the west side of Bowmore.

A mixture of retail, hotel, heritage and tourism and other business space are coupled with housing and community use in a move described as the biggest thing on the island since the original planned village was built in the 1770s.

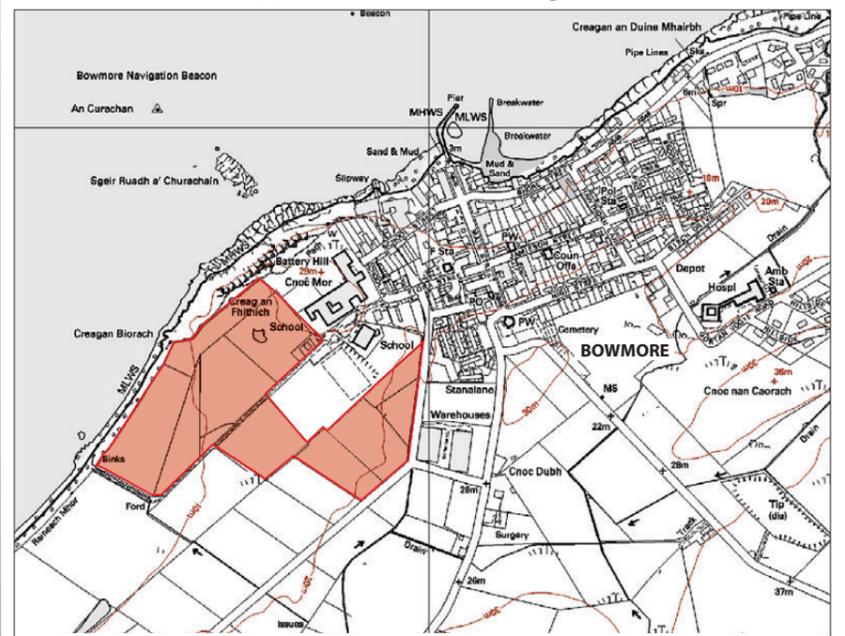
With a working title of the Shoreline Project, the plans were put on show in Bowmore at the weekend to gather peoples' views and a consultation was also carried out amongst the older students at Islay High School.

Islay Estates has appointed Neil

Sutherland Architects and Urban Animation of Edinburgh to 'master plan' the project; draft development proposals will go to Argyll and Bute Council early next year to try and get the project included in the forthcoming Local Development Plan.

Shoreline Project looks to bring employment, create more to offer tourists, help justify improvements to the island's ferry routes and service and bring more affordable housing for local people, encouraging them to continue living on the island.

At the same time the aim is to blend the modern with the existing buildings and integrate the new with the old historic street pattern and architecture.



The proposal covers a large piece of land and would be, say its creators, the biggest thing for Islay since the original village of Bowmore was planned back in the 18th century.

Recession - end in sight?

IS the worst of the recession behind us and we are now starting to see the way out?

In their monthly report for the Highlands and Islands, MacKay Consultants is now forecasting a fall of about

-2.8 per cent in the regional GDP for 2009, but see growth in 2010.

They predict growth of about +0.7 per cent in 2010; +1.3 per cent in 2011 and +2.2% in 2012.

Lighthouse posts strong profits

LIGHTHOUSE Caledonia, which was on the brink of collapse last year, has reported a record set of profits.

Scotland's largest independent salmon farming business, which has sites across Argyll, made £4.3m in pre-tax profits in the third quarter compared with £495,900 last year.

The company was saved earlier this year by an inward investment deal worth £17m.

Jim Mullins, chairman of the company, said: 'We are very pleased with the progress made this quarter. We have worked hard to put in place a strong and sustainable business producing a high-quality product.'

The company also recorded operating revenues

of £20.1m this year, from £12.1m last year. Lighthouse Caledonia is now forging ahead with plans to build a new processing plant in Stornoway and recently applied for planning permission for the £5m facility. It is also looking to make several acquisitions, develop new key farming sites and achieve EU funding in the coming year.

The company currently accounts for around 20 per cent of Scotland's salmon production.

Mr Mullins added: 'We are now positioned to develop this business to its full potential. By using more traditional methods of salmon farming we can provide a high-quality product and a sustainable business which will benefit local communities throughout Scotland.'

Islay businesses battle to keep bank manager

BUSINESSES on Islay are continuing the battle to keep their Bank of Scotland business manager with a petition signed by 167 businesses on the island.

The petition will be presented to the bank, as well as Argyll and Bute MP and MSP Alan Reid and Jim Mather and Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor.

Islanders reacted angrily to a decision by the bank earlier this month to remove the business manager from its branch in Bowmore, as it did in other rural areas.

Island businesses argued that the manager was sympathetic to the

needs of island businesses and was needed to help them survive.

However, the bank said that the role was not commercially viable and explained it had carried out a business customer survey, which said 75 per cent preferred 'sporadic and over the telephone' banking, rather than face-to-face.

The bank instructed Islay businesses to contact a call centre in Edinburgh, as well as randomly allocating some of the businesses to the Oban branch. The petition reads: 'The Bank Of Scotland is not only letting individual businesses down but also an

entire community. This shows a complete lack of corporate social responsibility.

'The justifications for the Business Banking Manager's removal are completely without foundation. There was no survey here and the public outcry would suggest that 'sporadic and over the telephone' was not the relationship we had with our bank.

'Our community asks you to think again.

'Traditional relationship banking has a long history in the Highlands and Islands, perhaps something that your business model forgot to take account of.'

'White, wintry, wild and wonderful'

HAS the Highlands had more visitors this summer or more canny folk booking late for the best deal?

According to a survey by the website LateRooms.com, bed and breakfast and hotel bookings in the Highlands increased by 219 per cent in August compared with the same month last year.

VisitScotland has confirmed that there has been an increase in visitor numbers but not to the extent the website had experienced.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather, whose portfolio as a minister also covers tourism, is convinced that the numbers will continue to look good over the winter thanks to VisitScotland's marketing.

The £1.3million Winter White campaign is now in its fourth year and Mr Mather said this year's marketing drive would encourage visitors to come to Argyll to sample everything 'white, wintry, wild and wonderful'.

Job watch

THERE are more than 300 people out of work in Kintyre and Mid Argyll, according to the latest figures.

Based on what are known as 'travel to work areas' the Campbeltown figure is 140 men and 62 women giving a total of 202 and the figures for Lochgilphead total 119, that is 78 men and 41 women.

The average unemployment rate in the region is 2.6 per cent, which is below the Scottish average of 4 per cent.



David Ellzey travelled from New York to discuss the Sedona Method. David is pictured with Heaven salon proprietor Lilia Sinclair and some members of the audience. 06_a48sed01

Heaven welcomes top Sedona instructor

HEAVEN hair and beauty salon in Ardrishaig was pleased to welcome an acclaimed lecturer in The Sedona Method last week.

Proprietor Lilia Sinclair was over the moon to have David Ellzey come to her Argyll salon to discuss the therapy.

David, who comes from New York, is one of only four Sedona Method instructors in the world.

Describing what The Sedona Method is, David said: 'It's a way to quiet the noisy mind and emotions that are in the way of living happier and quieter lives.'

David explained that the method teaches people the skill to deal with anxiety, fear and depression; all the feelings that are unwanted.

'It will help people with issues such as these and give them courage

and a sense of possibility rather than a sense of doubt and fear.'

He added: 'It is a great pleasure to share this method with the people of Scotland and I'm very happy to be here.'

Lilia said: 'When I saw David on stage two years ago I thought 'I

want him to come to Argyll' and less than two years later here he is.

'I was very honoured, delighted and excited to have him here.'

Anyone interested in finding out more on The Sedona Method can contact Lilia at Heaven on 01546 603340.



The marketing group put their heads together.

Putting Mid Argyll on the map

MID Argyll should look to Orkney, the Lake District, Ireland and even New Zealand for inspiration on promoting the area as a top tourism destination.

More than 40 representatives of businesses, community groups and others took part in a workshop last week, to help develop a marketing strategy for Mid Argyll. The event was hosted by the Dalriada Project and supported by Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce and the Argyll and the Island LEADER programme.

Tracey Peedle, manager of the Dalriada Project, explained that the session would feed into co-ordinated strategy to promote the area: 'This is a really great opportunity to develop ideas and look at how to promote the area. The idea is that we will be producing a marketing plan at the end of it, which

will run for three years.' Participants debated the best bits of Mid Argyll, those things which symbolised the area and how to describe and brand it. One suggested that those who come to Mid Argyll are independent, self-sufficient visitors, keen to occupy themselves. Strengths mentioned were the friendly welcome, independent shops and accommodation, the landscape and opportunities for outdoor activities.

Carron Tobin, who facilitated the workshop, will take away all the ideas discussed and draw up concrete ideas for marketing Mid Argyll. A follow up workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 8 to look at this draft plan and how it could be carried out. Anyone interested in attending should contact 01546 602304 to book a place.

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Doctors fight plan

A MID Argyll GP has called government proposals on prescriptions an 'absolute disaster' for many patients.

Dr Neil MacDonald, of Tarbert, said that the proposals to restrict the range of certain drugs which GPs can provide on prescription could lead to the creation of a two-tier health service – based on people's ability to pay.

Dr MacDonald's views are shared by many of his colleagues. Within the last fortnight a committee on which he sits which represents all GPs in the Argyll and Clyde area has unanimously decided that the proposals should be resisted to avoid the creation of a two tier service.

The government proposals stem from a desire to cut down on the NHS drugs bill. The drugs concerned included sedatives, vitamins, tranquilisers, laxatives, cough mixtures and antacids.

At present doctors can choose from a range of, for instance, sedatives or antacids to prescribe on the NHS. Under the proposals doctors could only prescribe on the NHS from a restricted list of cheaper sedatives or antacids.

Lambs' surprise arrival

WINTER may be coming on but some sheep do not seem to realise it.

Seven-year-old Fiona Robb, of Eurach Farm, Kilmartin was surprised to find two cuddly bundles in the barn this week. They were twin Suffolk lambs born out of season at the end of November.

Their mother was brought into the farm by David Dixon and was not thought to be in lamb. But the mum knew better. The twins seem to be thriving.

Great trade at new shop

ARDRISHAIG Primary School has been given a further local boost to the Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

Over the past three weeks, the pupils have organised a shop in the school selling toys, books, and cake and candy. The whole school has been involved in bringing items in for sale or in buying them. Some pupils also donated crisp money and group of seven girls under took a sponsored walk to Crinan.

The upshot of these endeavours is that the sum of £250.19 has been raised which the school hopes to donate to the local Red Cross for the Famine Appeal. The school's target was £200 so pupils, parents and staff are delighted at the total raised.

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Community election questions

Sir,

It is great pity that no-one in either Argyll & Bute Council or Tarbert & Skipness Community Council has felt the need to explain to the people of this village precisely what went on at the recent community council elections.

However, perhaps from what I have been able to glean and extract from those in the know I can cast some light on what was in fact the very poor execution of an important democratic process.

Firstly, in the review of its scheme community councils the Council proposed that the number of seats in our community council be increased from nine to sixteen. The then members of the community council were informed of the proposal and apparently agreed to the change.

The Council informs me that on its adoption details of the new scheme were published on its website. The implication being that if we did not find and scrutinise that item it was our own fault.

Prior to the election the Council decided not only to not post a notice in its local office but also to not post a notice which informed us of the change in the number of seats in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* and the *Campbeltown Courier*. Since notices in these two papers are accepted as the only reliable means of informing the people of this village of local political matters that omission seems to me quite inexplicable. But perhaps the Council can explain it. Let's see.

At any rate, an outcome of that decision was that apart from the members of the former community council and those others whom they chose to inform of the change no one in Tarbert (as far as I know) was aware of the increase in the number of seats. And a consequence of that was that other individuals who may have considered standing were unfairly deprived of the knowledge that they had a much-im-

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proved chance of being elected.

In the event twelve people put their names forward and were 'elected' to the community council without an actual election being held. This complied with current standard practice but hardly with the basic tenets of representative democracy.

Where do we stand now? The 'election' cannot be run again so the results stand. However, there remain four unoccupied seats in the community council which the Council and community council are obliged to try to fill.

There is a very obvious and long established procedure which can be employed in this situation. It requires competence, fairness, transparency and perhaps above all adequate publicity.

Let's just hope that those powers that now be know what it is and that they use it.

**Arthur Mc Farlane,
Mount Pleasant,
Tarbert.**

Library service reply

Sir,

I write in response to a letter you published from Hazel Breakell on November 20 headed 'Appalling Library Service'.

Ms Breakell states that refurbishment work appears not to have begun on the Lochgilphead library. In fact it has started, and is on schedule to be completed by the end of January.

The design includes the removal of the internal walls to make a lighter, bright more accessible library. In addition we will have new automatic doors and new windows fitted.

The interior design features bright colours and new lighting, designed specifically for the library.

New shelving is planned, some of which will be mobile to allow more flexibility in the use of the space and enable different activities. A new disabled WC and baby change facility is

also included.

Ms Breakell suggests we should have rented a suitable alternative space in Lochgilphead as an interim measure while the works are on-going.

Unfortunately, the cost of renting, furnishing, heating and lighting alternative premises, particularly in the current economic climate, would have been prohibitive even if a suitable space could have been found.

The money available to the project is limited and our view is that it is more effectively spent on repairing and improving the building itself for the long-term benefit of the community.

It is obviously very unfortunate that the mobile library was involved in an accident which has temporarily put it out of action, and we very much look forward to getting the new vehicle up and running next month.

The mobile library's visits to the Kilmory estate lasted a maximum of 45 minutes per week, and were designed to serve those customers who would normally visit the library on Monday or Wednesday evenings after work. The stops were open to anyone in the area to use and this did, in fact, happen.

It had been the Library Service's intention to use the old mobile library on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as Fridays once the new vehicle was delivered. This option has unfortunately been lost because of the accident.

I would like to assure everyone in Mid Argyll that our staff have worked very hard to offer the best library service possible within the resources available.

We look forward to providing the service which Ms Breakell and many others are hoping for when the building reopens in the New Year.

**Councillor Douglas Philand,
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Sports Spokesperson,
A and B Council.**

The Wicker Man

Sir,

I like most other thoroughly enjoyed the bonfire and firework display in Lochgilphead. but having just watched the film 'The Wicker Man', I am completely mystified as to why the bonfire was shaped as in the film, very much symbolising ancient pagan rituals?

In our Christian community, I would love to know who took that rather strange decision to use such a symbol? And why? I look forward to hearing a reply.

Yours sincerely,
**Marie Bain,
Lochgilphead.**

Swimming pool concern

Sir,

I wish to register my concern with regard to the potential closure of the Mid Argyll Swimming pool, which is a vital amenity within the Mid Argyll Community. In so doing, I write as both a Mid Argyll constituent and as a daily user of this excellent facility.

Mid Argyll Pool serves an extensive catchment area and is patronized by the wider Mid Argyll and North Kintyre population - i.e. it should not be viewed as 'Lochgilphead Pool' per se. As a father, I am indeed fortunate that my two young children have learnt to swim at Mid Argyll Pool and have developed into keen and competent swimmers.

Mid Argyll is a coastal community and includes a number of rivers, streams, flooded quarries, inland and sea lochs. The land mass is also divided by Crinan Canal - a popular and scenic amenity but nonetheless the scene of numerous tragedies throughout the

years. How many young lives have been saved as a result of the exemplary teaching programme under the auspice of Mid Argyll Pool and the dedicated staff group in the last 10 years or so?

Mid Argyll Pool also represents a fantastic resource in the context of rehabilitative health and hydrotherapy and I would suggest that NHS Highland has a significant stake in the retention of the pool. As a regular user, I have noted seasonal peaks in usage and I suspect that the loss of this amenity would also represent a further blow to local tourism.

I am aware that Mid Argyll Pool was established as a result of commendable voluntary effort and has since been managed as a Community Enterprise Trust, I also acknowledge that Argyll and Bute Council has committed financial resources on an annual basis in support of the pool. Whereas capital funding is relatively easy to come by, however, members of the voluntary and /or independent sectors will attest to the fact that on-going revenue funding is scarce and 'sustainability' is a common but elusive goal.

As I understand and in the specific context of 'swimming' as a form of recreation, the per capita subsidy by council ward does not favour residents of Mid Argyll and may be contrasted with provision in Campbeltown and Rothesay for example. Furthermore, Mid Argyll Pool may be compared to Mallaig Pool in scale, context and in the manner in which it is constituted but it is my understanding that the latter is subsidized by Highland Council to a relatively high degree and is thus regarded as a viable enterprise. I would therefore urge Argyll and Bute Council to commit additional revenue funding to this highly valued and well-loved local amenity.

**Concerned Kilmartin parent.
(Name and address supplied)**



Artmap exhibition at Dochus Centre

The range of work on display till January is remarkable

ARTMAP Argyll started in 2007 as an informal grouping of artists and makers in Argyll, and now includes over 30 participants.

Their aim is to encourage public access to the arts.

Each year, in a selected week, their studios are open to the public and they publish an invaluable guide, available at the exhibition, with directions to their studios, so that visitors can contact them to arrange visits at other times of the year.

Lochgilhead's Dochas Gallery is currently hosting an exhibition of their work till early January. This beautiful gallery has limited space and each artist was limited to one small-scale item. Nevertheless the range of work is remarkable.

The main aim of the group is to encourage public awareness and involvement in the range of artistic activity, both traditional and innovative, which has been inspired by Argyll's unique topography, climate and atmosphere. Their work

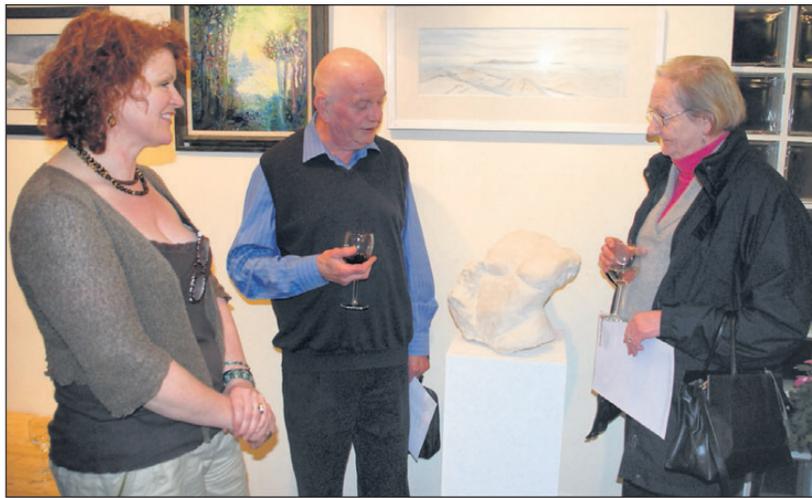
includes a variety of media, painting, sculpture in stone glass and wood, printmaking and other graphic arts, woodworking, weaving and mixed media.

Not surprisingly paintings dominate the exhibition, particularly landscapes such as Ann Thomas' *Sea, Sand and Form*, Stuart Herd's *Snowfall Lock 6*, Norman Rea's *Winter Crag*, and Sian MacQueen's *North Shore, Lochaber*.

Sculptures by Melanie Chmielewska *Earthchild* and Clara McNiven's *First Stone* ably represent an art rarely seen in commercial galleries. Similarly both Wilma MacKenzie's *Dolphin* and Karen Liversedge *Six Fold* show the possibilities of lass as a medium of artistic expression.

Graphic art, Polly Hamilton's *Richard III* and Louise Oppenheimer's textile *Circling*, are examples of ancient crafts in a new context.

This is a delightful exhibition and reinforces Professor E.F. Schumacher's axiom Small is Beautiful.



One of the Artmap Argyll artist's Wilma MacKenzie discusses the exhibition with Brian Blench and Lydia MacBrayne. 06_a48art01



MAIRI Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research held a hugely successful ceilidh at the Argyll Bowling Club. The organisers sold more than 6,000 raffle tickets and on the night there was dancing to the Archie MacVicar Trio and a buffet supper. Our photograph shows Margaret Reid, Marjorie Gillies and Jean Mills at the ceilidh. 04_c48mar05

Dance treat for Mid Argyll

DANCE enthusiasts throughout Mid Argyll were in for a pre-Christmas treat earlier in the month when the Scottish Dance Theatre paid their annual visit to Lochgilhead.

The internationally renowned dance company, recently returned from dates in Shanghai and Dubai, held workshops with local dance troupes the Dochas Dancers and the Mid Argyll Community Dancers, as well as giving a stunning evening performance last Friday night.

Stuart White, one of the Mid Argyll group said: 'This was a rare treat for us in Mid Argyll. Both the workshops and the performance were challenging and inspirational, exploring the ebb and flow of human relationships through dance. Everybody involved, both young and not so young benefited greatly from this visit.'

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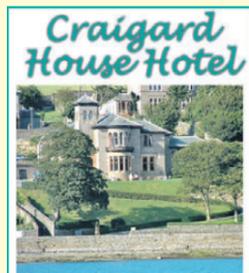


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Dunaverty Christmas Fayre

SANTA will be visiting the Dunaverty Hall Christmas Fayre this weekend.

The annual fundraising event starts at 2pm on Sunday December 6, and has been very popular over the years and as well as Santa there will be tombola, baking stall, crafts, raffle and teas and coffee with mince pies.

'It is one of our main fundraising events in the year and is a good boost towards the funds for the new village hall,' said committee chairwoman Susan Paterson.

The Dunaverty Hall group has new committee members on board and working alongside the existing members they are raising funds to help get a new hall.

'We are working hard to raise funds and are determined to make this work,' said Susan. 'The longer we are without the hall the more it is realised how much we need one.'

Tom delights audiences in Mid Argyll and Kintyre

MUSIC lovers in Mid Argyll and Kintyre enjoyed a concert of piano playing of the highest standard when Tom Poster played in the area.

A past winner of the Scottish Piano competition, Tom performed a glorious programme, 'Song and Dance', at six venues in Scotland.

He opened with a Mozart Sonata, K282 with a slow first movement of simple, delightful notes, more like a love aria, than a dance.

It grew through duets, trios to the full opera company with the energy, enthusiasm, certainty and confidence of a young Mozart performed by a young pianist of prodigious ability - formal elegance with deep expressiveness.

The following Bartok, Hungarian Peasant Songs, Op 20, had different harmonies but beautiful ethnic melodies and you could hear and see that they must have been danced to. The first half closed with Chopin Sonata, Op 58.

The final movement was a crescendo, a wall of sound of melodic decoration on a rich base of harmonic textures.

It was a huge contrast to the delicacy of the Mozart opening movement. The audience was spellbound.

Chopin played concerts in Glasgow and Edinburgh in 1848 and the Argyll audiences in 2009 were happy that Tom opened the second half with Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op 61.

It was full of nostalgia in a very free form with frequent quotes of Polonaise and probably echoed some of Tom's own personal, family connections and feelings about Poland. Schumann wrote two beautiful love songs during his first year of his marriage and Liszt transcribed them for piano.

They were soft, warm and a delightful contrast to the driving energy of the Chopin. The energy returned with Stravinsky's own transcription of his orchestral score for Petrouchka. You could hear the whole orchestra and see the dancers, sometimes a solo sometimes the whole troupe. The final applause was loud and sustained and the encore by a contemporary of Stravinsky, George Gershwin, was a song which could have been dedicated to Mozart and Chopin who both died young, *Someone to watch over me*.



Nicol MacLaren and the Glenraig Scottish Dance Band.

A toe-tapping time at Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

THE Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club held its monthly meeting on November 11 in the Argyll Hotel. Chairman Niall Iain MacLean, welcomed a full house from all airts and pairs from Strachur to Shetland.

Supporting artistes included local stalwarts Fyne Folk with Janette Gibson on accordion, Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod, Duncan Crawford, Jake MacKay and Calum Satchel on fiddle, Agnes Liddell on keyboard and Grant MacDougall on drums;

on accordion - Alastair Campbell (Arrochar) and Allan McIntosh; on fiddle - Charlie Saune (Rothesay); Jake MacKay on mouth organ and on drums, Jim Thomson (Lochgoilhead) and Donald MacLachlan (Ardrishaig).

Guest artistes were Nicol MacLaren and the Glenraig Scottish Dance Band from Blairgowrie - with Nicol on accordion, Gordon Howe on fiddle, Isabel Hodgson on keyboard and Dave Bell on drums.

They entertained the faithful to over 20 sets in what was a very well rehearsed programme - just the right tempo and volume - with some good craic in between and the audience showed how much they had enjoyed the band by their enthusiastic applause.

Next week promises to be another crowd puller as the MacAllister Brothers are in town. As two of Argyll's finest musicians, Archie, now recognised as one of Scotland's top fiddlers and Alex, on accordion and keyboard, are great favourites at the club.

Community Noticeboard

If you run a tourism related business in Mid Argyll and think the area could be better marketed and promoted then join us in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce for the second **Dalriada Project Marketing & Promoting the Destination Stakeholder Workshop** 8 December 10.30 - 2.30pm (includes light lunch) Ardrishaig Public Hall Advance registration essential Contact Olwen Hemmings (Dalriada Project Team) tel 01546 602304 or email olwen.hemmings@forestry.gsi.gov.uk www.dalriadaproject.org

Craignish Village Hall Ardfern **Christmas Fair** 12.00 - 3.00pm Sunday 6th December. Local farm produce, crafts and cards. Entry £1 includes free drink. Children's Workshops £3.

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British Red Cross Caring for people in crisis **Coffee Morning** Saturday 5th December 2009 10am - 12noon Red Cross Centre Union Street, Lochgilhead Plus Jumble sale 1pm All donations welcome

All the Heritage Centre crafters would like to thank those who supported us throughout 2009, and wish you all a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** The last fair for this year will be at Peninver Village Hall on the 13th December. We will be back again in the spring and look forward to seeing you all again!

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Rotary Club's Christmas post

Last year 20,000 cards were delivered

KINTYRE'S charities and good causes will be helped again this year thanks to the Christmas Post organised by the Rotary Club.

The service, run for many years by Campbeltown Scouts, operates across Kintyre and although there are currently no Scouts or Cubs in the area the funds raised will go towards other charities.

Last year the Rotary Club delivered some 20,000 Christmas cards in Kintyre as part of a service and the number of cards delivered have increased almost every

year since the service started.

This year's collecting boxes will be in the usual collection points at Millknowe, the Wallpaper Shop on Longrow, McGeachy Butchers, Keith's Newsagent, Ralston Road Store, Machrihanish Golf Club Pro Shop and Muneroy Stores, Southend.

The last collection day from the shops will be Wednesday December 16 with cards being delivered from the next day onwards.

All cards will be delivered before Christmas. The Rotary caravan

will be on Main Street, Campbeltown on Saturday December from 10am to 4pm and again on Wednesday December 16 from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Cards can be delivered throughout Kintyre and as far north as Tayinloan and Carradale and cost 50p per three cards. Parcels can be delivered for £1.

The Rotary would like to thank all the shopkeepers for their help and all those who help in any way including out many helpers and the Young Women's Group in Carradale.



St Andrew's Night at Ardfenaig

A GREAT night of entertainment was enjoyed by the residents in Ardfenaig on St Andrew's Night. Guest entertainers were Hanna, Franna their wee sister Danna and Big Jock, who very kindly took time out from their busy schedule to come to see the residents. Organisers would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make it a memorable night.

Lochgilphead High School Musical

LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupils will get into the festive spirit next Thursday when they stage a musical extravaganza.

Pupils from S1-S6 will take to the stage for their Christmas concert, which will see dancers, singers, solo instrumentalists and even street dancers, entertain family and friends.

The concert, which takes place in the Joint Campus assembly hall, begins at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets are available from the school or on the door at a cost of £4 per person, with concessionary tickets at £2 per person.



Five out of six for William

WILLIAM McCallum senior reports on his son's accomplishments this year in the piping world.

'At Kensington Conference Centre in London, William McCallum won the former winners' March, Strathspey and Reel. William has now won five out of six major March, Strathspey and Reel for former winners, they are Donald MacLeod, Stornoway, Springbank Invitational, Campbeltown, the Northern Meeting, Inverness, the Glenfiddich Championship, Blair Castle, and the London Championships - surely a record for one year. He was also second in the Bratach Gorm and the Gillies Cup.

'Willie is an accountant with Strathclyde University and is in big demand as a recitalist all over the world.'

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RAF coffee morning raises £330

AT THE Royal Air Force Association's coffee morning in Campbeltown Town Hall on Saturday, £330 was raised.

Chairman of the association Bill Andrew said: 'I would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning and all those members, and non members, who so willingly gave up their time to make it a success.'

New associate members are welcome, and you do not need to have a connection with any of the services to join.

Left to right: chairman Bill Andrew, secretary Brian Olof and Hazel Cunningham and husband Bob.

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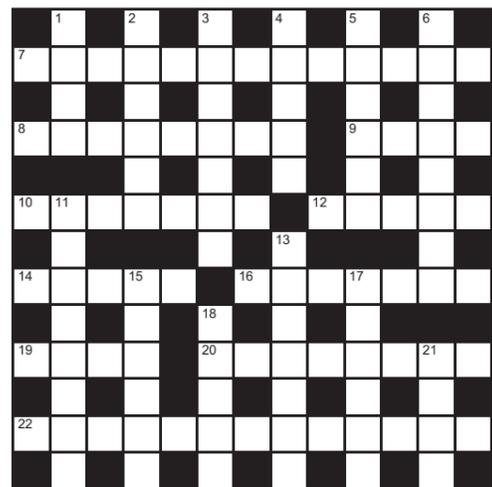
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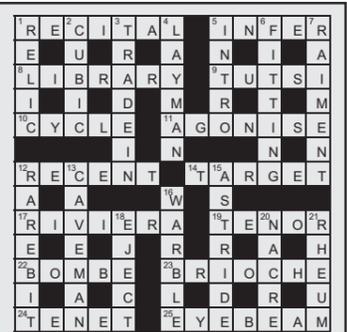
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- 2 Trudge through pudding? (6)
- 3 Opposite meaning (7)
- 4 Competitor of speed (5)
- 5 Deadly (6)
- 6 Think through (8)
- 11 Uncultivated person (8)
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Cannabis possession in Inveraray

ONE man has been reported to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon after allegedly being found in possession of Cannabis.

The man was stopped by police in the Barn Park area of Inveraray on Sunday, November 29 at 12.10am.

Poppy Scotland

POPPY Scotland Appeal's in Lochgilhead topped £2000 for the first time this year.

The total collected was £2015.47. Organisers would like to thank all who contributed so generously and to the 40 businesses, hospitals, offices and others which acted as collecting points.

Santa visits good little boys and girls

SOME of Lochgilhead's patient children queued for over an hour to see Santa Claus on Saturday, when he popped into the Community Centre to hear what they want for Christmas.

The annual Rotary Club Christmas Fayre provided lots of distractions while they waited though - stalls,

face-painting and games kept everyone in good spirits.

Delighted

As the line stretched to the door of the community centre, Jim Moran from the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll said: 'We are delighted with the turnout. It's great to see so many children.'



Euan was delighted with his present from Santa. 06_a49rot06



Michelle, Kirk and Alyx Lang waiting in the line to see Santa. 06_a49rot03



Gregor, Aidan and Finlay have got their tickets to the grotto, and they are almost there. 06_a49rot02



Little Morgan Henderson was just six days old on Christmas day last year. This year, mum Isabel Selfridge didn't want her to miss out on an introduction to Father Christmas. 06_a49rot07



One of Santa's little helpers Jim Moran. 06_a49rot04



Left: Jean McCartan, Allison Pearson, Elizabeth Lees, Mary Ferguson and Stephanie Davy served refreshments 06_a49rot05

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Published on 11th December

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Robbie and Kyle flick the switch

AFTER a week of rain and wind, the skies cleared for Tarbert's annual Christmas lights parade and switch on last Friday.

Two lucky boys, Kyle Macdonald and Robbie Herd flicked the switch to brighten up the village, after winning a competition for best fes-

tive light design. Santa Claus and Mrs Claus also took time out of their busy preparations to join in the parade, which was lead by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band and members of Clachan Calamities. A sea of beautiful lanterns, made by children in the village the previous week,

added to the magical atmosphere.

The official switch on was conducted from the gallery of the Tarbert Hotel, and afterwards there was soup and mulled wine to warm up served outside. There was also a fun fair on the harbour wall and a craft fayre, in the warmth of the Tem-

plars Hall. The lights committee thanked all Tarbert Academy, the Co-op, Lite Bites, Alex McPhee, the Tarbert Hotel, Clachan Calamities, the pipe band, fire brigade and police who helped with the parade and everyone who supported them through the year.



Members of the lights committee and Tarbert Hotel staff served up soup and mulled wine to warm the chilly night. 06_a49trb08



Mrs Claus (Iris Kerr) and Wilma Mackenzie help Kyle and Robbie to turn on the lights. 06_a49trb04



Lanterns lit the parade from the Academy to the harbour front for the switch on. 06_a49trb03



Tarbert's boys in blue ask Santa just how fast was that sleigh travelling? 06_a49trb02



Mid Argyll Pipe Band lead the parade and entertained the crowds. 06_a49trb07



These young Victorians turned out in costume for the lights parade. 06_a49trb01

End SFP to inactive farmers say NFUS at Oban

FARMERS in Argyll are being asked to support a campaign to end grant payments to inactive landowners and encourage more employment and environmental management on the land.

Single Farm Payment
The National Farmers' Union made the case for the new approach to the future of the Single Farm Payment (SFP) at the ninth in a series of 12 public meetings throughout Scotland.

Both national and local NFU delegates gave presentations on the major changes facing the SFP, a crucial part of the income of the majority of farmers in Scotland.

Farmers were asked to support NFU policies which would press for the SFP to be paid only to active farmers and to link payments to jobs and environmentally friendly practices in agriculture. Delegates at the Oban meeting said Argyll and the Isles farmers could even see their share of the SFP rise.

The union are asking members for their views in response to the Scottish Government's inquiry into future support for agriculture in

Scotland. NFU head of rural policy, Jonnie Hall, told the meeting that with shrinking budgets at national and European levels farmers had to make sure they get their points across to get a bigger share of a shrinking pot.

He said: 'Change is on the horizon, but what sort of change nobody knows.

'We have been telling the Government for the past 18 months that the SFP is not working because our members say it isn't working.

'There is a lot of frustration with people still getting payment who have de-stocked or who have got rid of labour and livestock. They meet the compliance conditions, but is that farming?'

Valid case
'There is a lot of political pressure which the industry finds it very difficult to defend. We have to make a valid case about getting support in future because we deliver quality food production.

'Both the European Union budget and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are under review. Those budgets aren't going to grow, they are

going to contract. We are coming out of a recession and no nation has got any spare cash. The CAP budget is likely to contract.

'Currently there is around £430 million coming into Scotland from the SFP, what we will get in future is anybody's guess. There are also the new EU member states which are now pressing for a greater share.

Argument
'There are so many things that go along with active production. We have to make sure that employment and environmental management are built in and associated with agriculture. That is a great argument for saying that we should continue to give that support to agricultural activity, not inactivity.'

John Semple, vice-chairman of NFUS Argyll Branch, said that activity was the main subject for farmers in Argyll and that there was no future in getting a payment for sitting back and doing nothing.

'The only way to get a bigger pot is to get it back from the non-active farmers to people who



NFU head of rural policy, Jonnie Hall, left, and John Semple, vice-chairman of NFUS Argyll Branch. 15_t49farm05

are actually producing or managing land,' said Mr Semple, 'but it's not what we think it's your views that are most important.'

'We are looking for a minimum base payment for every hectare which you would only get if you are actually farming. This would be at a very low rate perhaps £1 per hectare. Top-ups on the payment would be linked to grazing density for sheep and beef cattle, we would need to work something out for dairy and for cropping, but that would give an enhanced area payment.'

'Just now there is no way new entrants can go in anywhere at all. We maintain that the SFP should stay with the land

and have no tradeable value. It's not an easy one for the landlord situation. He has to farm it himself or get someone to farm it for him.'

Good situation
'Lots of places just now offer no employment, so labour units should also be tied in somewhere. We are in a very good situation in this area. All our farming is quite environmentally friendly, we are onto a winner with that.'

'Payment should also be done annually, allowing people to increase and decrease activity so that they can farm the ground they way they want to farm it.'

David Coltart, NFUS Lorn Branch chairman,

said: 'There is so much in the consultation it's important that we get across the main issues that are going to be relevant to ourselves.'

'One of the most important things for us is that we feel that we contribute a great deal.'

'A lot of the land is quite poor but we do produce what we can in, what is sometimes, a very difficult climate and we manage the land successfully.'

'Without us - it will go to waste. We need the people on the land and without the SFP we are not going to be here farming and crofting. It really is a mainstay of the majority of farmers' income.'

Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club
HEIFER COMPETITION
Wednesday 9th December
Judge: John Jamieson, Woodhead, Annan
Route:
9.30am Killegruer
10.00am Drumalea
10.45am Glencraigs
11.15am West Darlochan
11.45am West Trodugal
12.15pm Lunch - Machrihanish Golf Clubhouse
1.30pm Machrihanish
2.00pm Kilkivan
2.30pm West backs
3.00pm - Dhurrie
Dinner and prize-giving
Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown
7.30 for 8.00pm
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Kintyre & District Ayrshire Breeders Club
ANNUAL HEIFER COMPETITION
Tuesday, 8th December
Route:
10.30am - Clochkeil
11.00am - East Drumlemble
11.30am - Ballygreggan
Lunch - Muneroy Stores
1.30pm - Machribeg
2.00pm - Gartvaigh
2.30pm - Ormsary
Judge: Mr Colin Mair, Townhead, Dumfries.
Dinner and prizegiving: Old Clubhouse, Machrihanish 8.00pm.

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CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers took part in the Christmas lights switch on parade last week. Their theme was Christmas morning and they dressed up in their pyjamas for the occasion. 04_c49lgh06

Tangytavil Charolais sell to £840

UNITED Auctions sold 299 store cattle at Stirling last Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 160.4p (+5.57p) and sold to 202.3p per kg for a 304kg Limousin cross from Spouthead and £930 for a 606kg Charolais cross from Hallquarter.

Heifers averaged 156.6p (+4.8p) and sold to 202p per kg for a 396kg

Limousin cross from Broomhill and £840 for a 472kg Charolais cross from Tangytavil, Campbeltown.

Cast cows

Cast cows averaged 88.2p and sold to 122.2p per kg for an Aberdeen Angus cross cow from Low Gameshill and £975 for a Simmental cross from Victoria.

Ayrshire Breeders hold heifer competition

THE Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club will be holding the annual heifer competition on Tuesday.

Starting at Clochkeil Farm at 10.30am the club will progress onto East Drumlemble at 11am, Ballegreggan at 11.30am, before commencing for lunch at Muneroy Tearoom.

They will resume their tour at 1.30pm at Machribeg, moving onto Gartvaigh at 2pm and finishing up at Ormsary at 2.30pm.

The judge for the day will be Colin Mair from Townhead, Dumfries and the prize-giving and dinner will take place at the Old Clubhouse at night.

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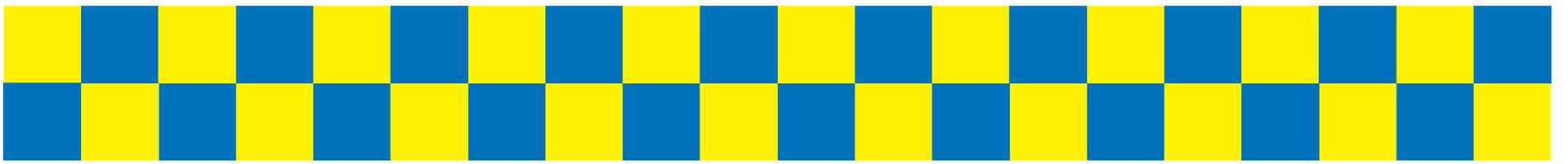
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STRATHCLYDE POLICE LAUNCHES CHRISTMAS FESTIVE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

'Have fun, stay safe' – that is the message from Strathclyde Police as the Force launches its annual festive safety campaign.



As the Christmas shopping and party season gets into full swing officers are reminding revellers, shoppers and drivers to be vigilant, look after themselves and their property, and not to drink and drive.

mond Park, said: "With the full support of our partners in the Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership we will be mounting a high-profile campaign to ensure peace and goodwill for all in Argyll and Bute over the festive period. The highly visible uniformed officers, together with the plain-clothes patrols will help prevent some of the trouble associated with excessive drinking, and revellers will be able to celebrate Christmas and New Year in a trouble-free environment."

The majority of people have only shopping and party nights on their mind, however, police warn opportunist thieves will take advantage at this busy time of year.

High visibility police officers will be patrolling local town centres in the run up Christmas and over the New Year festivities to crack down on various aspects of antisocial behaviour, street drinking and alcohol fuelled violence.

Commenting on his policing priorities over the coming weeks, Superintendent Ray-

"I am determined to make sure there is a safe and friendly environment wherever you are in Argyll and Bute. Those who want to cause trouble will be swiftly dealt with.

As well as keeping people safe, the festive campaign will assist the night-time economy by encouraging more people to celebrate in the town's pubs, bars and restaurants. There's no reason why people can't come out and enjoy themselves."

"I am sure that our increased activity within the towns in particular, will provide added reassurance to Christmas shoppers. It is a very busy time for everyone and it is important for shoppers not to become complacent. There are common sense measures that can be taken to help to

reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime. Be safe, secure, and enjoy!

Safety tips:

- Don't leave drinks unattended - even if just nipping to the loo.
- Stick with friends right through 'til the party ends. Don't go wandering off alone.
- Be prepared – plan ahead, know how you are getting home and remember to keep enough cash for your return journey.
- If not using public transport, try and pre-book your taxi, or arrange a lift home. Do not accept lifts from cruising cabs or touts

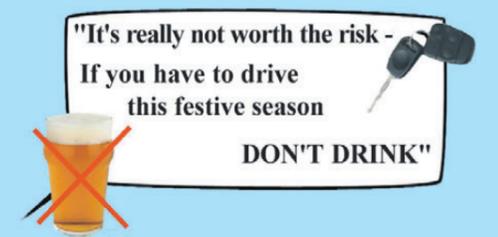
and try to travel home with a friend.

- Make sure your mobile is charged and has credit – keep it safe and do not leave it unattended.
- Have your keys ready when approaching your car or house.
- Think about the next morning - are you safe to drive - if you wake up bleary eyed, think what you have had to drink.
- Do not leave bags unattended – when in restaurants and bars, always keep them where they can be seen.
- Keep in-car valuables hidden - when you park your car check valuables are hidden - they'll be safer if they are.

- Keep cash cards and PINS safe - when using the cash machine look after all your cards. Ensure your PIN is not seen.

Further safety advice can be accessed via the Strathclyde Police website www.strathclyde.police.uk

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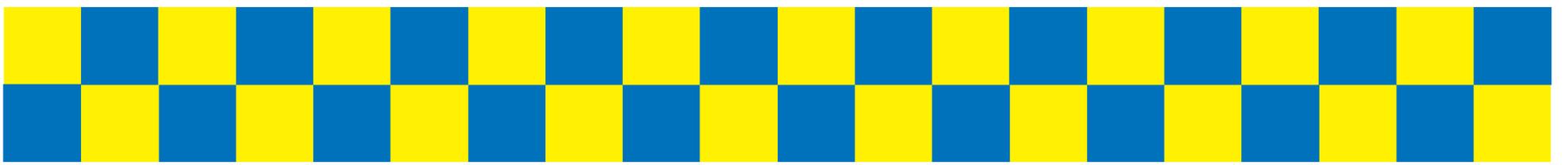
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GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY:
TAYINLOAN PIER, KINTYRE**

Notice is hereby given that Scott Wilson Ltd, on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out vibrocore (VC01-12) and cone penetration (CPT01-06) tests at the following locations near Tayinloan Pier:

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Corner position: VC01	55 39.434N	05 40.385W
Corner position: VC03	55 39.473N	05 40.363W
Corner position: VC10	55 39.427N	05 40.303W
Corner position: VC12	55 39.466N	05 40.286W
Central position: VC01	55 39.434N	05 40.385W
Central position: VC02	55 39.453N	05 40.377W
Central position: VC03	55 39.473N	05 40.363W
Central position: VC04	55 39.432N	05 40.361W
Central position: VC05	55 39.451N	05 40.351W
Central position: VC06	55 39.470N	05 40.342W
Central position: VC07	55 39.429N	05 40.328W
Central position: VC08	55 39.449N	05 40.321W
Central position: VC09	55 39.468N	05 40.313W
Central position: VC10	55 39.427N	05 40.303W
Central position: VC11	55 39.446N	05 40.295W
Central position: VC12	55 39.466N	05 40.286W
Central position: CPT01	55 39.443N	05 40.370W
Central position: CPT02	55 39.462N	05 40.356W
Central position: CPT03	55 39.441N	05 40.340W
Central position: CPT04	55 39.460N	05 40.331W
Central position: CPT05	55 39.438N	05 40.311W
Central position: CPT06	55 39.457N	05 40.300W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at **Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8RT.**

Objections relating to safety of navigation in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Gordon Hastie, The Scottish Government, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ within 28 days of the date of this notice quoting reference:

2SPC141410

Argyll and Bute Council, c/o Scott Wilson Ltd, 23 Chester Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7EN.



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**Crinan Canal
Towpath Closed**

Due to urgent investigation works the towpath between Bellanoch Bay and Bellanoch Bridge will be closed to members of the public. This closure will commence on Tuesday 8th December 2009 and remain in force to Saturday 19th December 2009. British Waterways Scotland apologise for any inconvenience caused.



**SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY
WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2005 ("THE REGULATIONS")
SCHEDULE 1 APPENDED TO NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT
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PURSUANCE OF REGULATION 13**

The form of advertisement and text to be included in the advertisement referred to in the attached Notice are as follows:

"WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 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 Lakeland Marine Farm Ltd for authorisation to carry out a controlled activity, namely:

1) Discharge of trade effluent from a salmon rearing cage fish farm to Kilbrannan Sound south of Eilean Grianan (Carradale) at NGR NR 8166 4093.

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 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1078064:

The Registry department, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) or by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilhead office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilhead, Argyll PA31 8TA (tel. 01546 602876).

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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LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS, 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the certified Accounts of Argyll and Bute Council for the year to 31st March, 2009 together with the Audit Certificate, is available for public inspection during ordinary business hours at the undernoted main offices and libraries of the Council.

The annual accounts can also be viewed on the Argyll & Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Copies of the Annual Accounts will be available to any interested persons on application to the Head of Strategic Finance, Argyll & Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilhead.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

Offices of the Council:

Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilhead; Burnet Building, Campbeltown; Dalriada House, Lochgilhead; Hill Street, Dunoon; Albany Street, Oban; Eaglesham House, Rothesay; Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh; Jamieson Street, Bowmore; Breadalbane Street, Tobermory; Crossapol, Tiree (restricted hours).

Libraries of the Council:

Argyll Street, Dunoon; Aqualibrium, Campbeltown; Albany Street, Oban; Moat Centre, Rothesay; Barmore Road, Tarbert; West King Street, Helensburgh; Burgh Hall, Cove; Main Street, Cardross; Primary School, Garelochhead; Primary School, Rosneath; Highland Avenue, Sandbank.

N.B. Please check with individual libraries for opening hours.

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown on Friday 11th December from 1.30pm - 3.00pm and in the Argyll Hotel, Southend on Friday 11th December from 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

Councillor Colville can also be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by e mail rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery on Friday 11th December from 4.00pm - 5.00pm in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown.

Councillor Semple can also be contacted on Tel: 01586 553 765 or by e mail - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre) can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/ 07977327751 or by e mail donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 07979 086093 or an appointment can be made by phoning Members Services on Tel: 01546 604209. Councillor MacMillan can also be contacted by email - donald.macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 01546 604261 or by e mail - alison.hay@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED) PROPOSED CALEDONIAN MARITIME ASSETS (KENNACRAIG) HARBOUR REVISION ORDER 200[X]

- Notice is hereby given that Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited ("the Company") has applied to the Scottish Ministers to make a Harbour Revision Order under section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act").
- The objects of the proposed order are to empower the Company to construct, operate and maintain works in West Loch Tarbert and on adjacent land at Kennacraig in the district of Argyll and Bute at the Company's ferry harbour. The works will substantially upgrade the existing facilities and comprise land reclamation; a new jetty and linkspan; the strengthening and enlargement of the existing causeway; a new terminal building for passenger and baggage handling, sales areas, management offices, staff welfare facilities and storage areas; a new building for ticketing and check-in facilities for passenger and freight vehicles; and hard standing for the marshalling and parking of vehicles. The proposed order also defines the limits of jurisdiction of the harbour.
- The Scottish Ministers have by letter dated 18 November 2009 informed the Company that they have decided in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act that the application relates to a project which falls within Annex II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (as amended by Council Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC) ("the Directive"); but whose characteristics do not require that it should be made subject to an environmental assessment. Accordingly, the Scottish Ministers have directed that an environmental statement is not required.
- Paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act (which requires information to be supplied concerning a project which is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Great Britain and in another European Economic Area State) does not apply to the application.
- A copy of the draft Order, the letter dated 18 November 2009, and the deposited plans, sections and elevations which accompanied the application may be inspected at all reasonable hours until the expiry of the forty-two days period specified in paragraph 7 of this notice at the offices of the Company at Municipal Buildings, Fore Street, Port Glasgow PA14 5EQ at the Ferry Terminal, Kennacraig, Whitehouse by Tarbert, PA29 6YF and at the offices of the undermentioned solicitors and parliamentary agents.
- Any person requiring further information concerning the proposed works should apply in writing for that information to either one of those offices quoting reference "Proposed Caledonian Maritime Assets (Kennacraig) Harbour Revision Order 200[X]".
- Any person desiring to make to the Scottish Ministers an objection or representation concerning the application should write to Jane Rougvié, Scottish Government, Aviation, Ports, Freight & Canals Division, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ within forty-two days from the date at the foot of this notice quoting reference "Proposed Caledonian Maritime Assets (Kennacraig) Harbour Revision Order 200[X]" and specifying the grounds of their objection or representation and giving an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.
- If an objection to the application is made and not withdrawn the Scottish Ministers may, before making their decision, (i) cause an inquiry to be held, or (ii) give to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.

Dated 26 November 2009
Eversheds LLP
One Wood Street, London EC2V 7WS
Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents

COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949 GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY: CAMPBELTOWN HARBOUR

Notice is hereby given that Scott Wilson Ltd, on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out a ground investigation, consisting of twelve boreholes, in Campbeltown Harbour:

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Survey area: corner	55 25.480N	05 36.150W
Survey area: corner	55 25.380N	05 35.990W
Survey area: corner	55 25.490N	05 35.790W
Survey area: corner	55 25.530N	05 35.860W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at **Campbeltown Library, Kinloch Park.**

Objections relating to safety of navigation in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Gordon Hastie, The Scottish Government, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ within 28 days of the date of this notice quoting reference:

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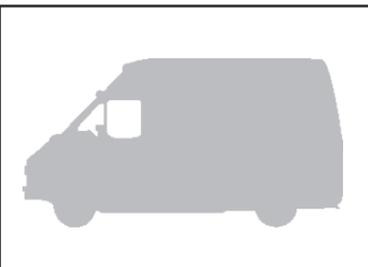


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Trainee Manager – Salary dependent on experience

Applications are invited from individuals who are genuinely interested in developing their career within the organisation. Potential candidates should have at least two to three years practical knowledge and experience of fish farming. Leadership combined with strong inter-personal, planning and computer skills as well as a proven ability to achieve results without close supervision are some of the necessary skills required for this post.

The successful candidate will be expected to train initially at the Company's site at Skipport with the potential to move to the Company's new open sea sites around Barra. In addition they will be expected to attend the necessary training courses to gain sufficient knowledge on feed & stock management, harvest & grading planning, asset management, performance and HSEQ management.

3 Farm Technicians – Salary - £15,508 - £19,675 p.a.

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If you feel you have the necessary skills for any of the above posts, please submit an application in writing with details of relevant experience, by the closing date of Friday 15th January 2010 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.



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Applicants will preferably, but not necessarily, be qualified to degree level or equivalent and have a minimum of 2 years experience in a similar role. Strong interpersonal, communication and analytical skills as well as the ability to manage and motivate a team are some of the attributes required for this post. Applicants must also possess a high degree of computer literacy.

The primary focus of the **Quality Systems Manager** role will be to manage all company quality standards & key customer specifications including sampling programmes with responsibilities for food safety elements such as HACCP. The principle responsibility of this role will be to provide audit support to key business operational departments

Applicants will preferably be qualified to HNC level or equivalent and have a minimum of 2 years experience in a similar role. Effective communication, analytical and problem solving skills are requirements for this post as well as enthusiasm and a desire to succeed.

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Amanda Card, Kintyre Recycling, 67 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6LR.
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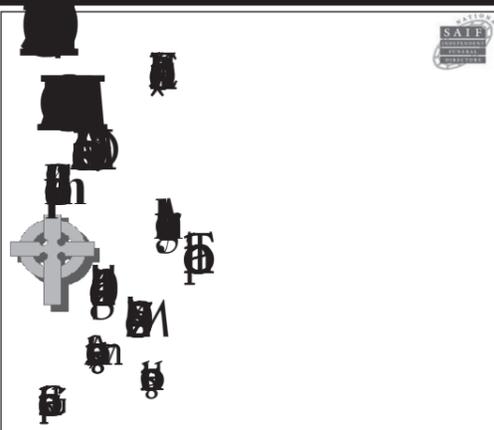


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'The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation' (Isaiah 12:2).

BIRTHS

BARR - Katrina and Donald are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Marshall, in Campbeltown on November 8, 2009. A wee brother for Mae. Grateful thanks to all at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, with special thanks to Joyce and Isobel for all their support.

CAMPBELL - Zach and Che Campbell would love everyone to know that they have a new baby brother called Rudi. He was born on November 21, 2009 at Princess Royal Maternity Unit, Glasgow. Another grandson for Malky and Jean MacDonald and Eleanor Cameron. Thanks to midwives locally and Glasgow.



MCLEAN - John and Liza (née Gauld) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Erin Ina, on November 8, 2009. Grandchild to the late Alaister and Ina McLean, 8 Killeonan Farm, Campbeltown and first grandchild to Bobby and Mary Gauld, 1 Ardpatrik Place, Lochgilphead. Thanks to all midwives at Lochgilphead and RAH Paisley.

HANNA - Tarek and Lisa (née Johnston) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Olivia Rose, at St Jude's Medical Center, Fullerton, Los Angeles on November 25, 2009. First grandchild for Roy and Liz Johnston, Campbeltown and second grandchild for Samir and Ansaf Hanna, Cairo.

WOTHERSPOON - Lachlan and Fiona (née Irvine) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Iona Louise, on November 26, 2009. A sister for Alex. Thanks to Anna and all at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Southern General Hospital.

ENGAGEMENTS

CONNELLY - **CAMPBELL** - John and Beth Connelly are delighted to announce the engagement of their son, John Robert Connelly, to Katie Jane Campbell, youngest daughter of Colin Campbell and Sukie Gladstone.

HILL - **WATSON** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Iain Kenneth Weir, elder son of John and Elizabeth, Campbeltown to Rebecca Naomi, only daughter of Rodney and Susan, Claypole, Lincolnshire.

GOLDEN WEDDING

WILSON-MAUCHLINE - Hugh to Mary, at Castlehill Church, Campbeltown on December 4, 1959 by the Rev J Cormack. Present address: 9 Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on November 27, 2009, Peter John Campbell, in his 74th year, Invercarra, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Grace Boyd, much loved father of Boyd and a dearly loved brother and uncle.

HAMILTON - At Dun Berisay Care Home, Stornoway on November 25, 2009 in her 95th year, Margaret, beloved wife of the late William McAlpine Hamilton, Irvine, Ayrshire, dear mother of Robert (Bob) and Jean, a loving mother-in-law of Gill and Donald, grandmother of Stuart and Charlie and aunt.

MACKAY - Inez (Edinburgh). Suddenly, but peacefully on November 24, 2009, at The Western General Hospital, Inez, eldest daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Duncan Matheson Mackay, beloved sister of Runa, Moira and Pat, much loved aunt of Anna, John, Robert and Duncan and a loving great aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

MCALLISTER - The family of the late Maureen (Mo) McAllister would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the comfort of their kind expressions of sympathy through cards, flowers and phone calls. Thanks goes to the Campbeltown Police and Ambulance Service and special thanks to the medical and nursing staff of the Acute Ward. Thanks to Stan Lupton for his personal, dignified and professional services. Maureen is sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAMS

CURRAN - Jean, passed away December 2, 2006. Sadly missed but never forgotten. Always in our thoughts.

- Francis, Sean, Michelle and the late Patrick
- Grandsons, Lewis, George and Jamie
- Daughter-in-law Mina.

ELLIOTT - In loving memory of our dear mother, Fay, who died on December 4, 2008.

Sadly missed.
- Stuart, Iain, Mary and all the family.

EVANS - In loving memory of Margaret, beloved wife and mother, passed away December 4, 2005.

Always a smile, instead of a frown, Always a hand when one is down, Always true, thoughtful and kind, Wonderful memories she left behind.
- John and Terry.

EVANS - In loving memory of Margaret, a dear mother and granny, passed away December 4, 2005.

Everyday in some small way,

Memories of you come our way, Though absent, you are always near, Still missed, loved, always dear.

- Jackie, Tom and Stephen.
HALLIDAY - In loving memory of Margaret, our beloved mum, granny and great granny, who passed away on December 6, 1994. Also John, our dear dad, granda and great granda, who passed away on May 4, 2001.

Your lives were a blessing Your memories a treasure You're both loved beyond words And missed beyond measure. Remembered always with love.

- Jean, Betty, Danny and families.

MCALLUM - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother, Christina McCallum, who past away on December 4, 2004 aged 94. Love is forever.

- Wilma, Linda and family at home and abroad.

MCALLUM - Fond memories of our beloved brother-in-law and uncle, Neil, died November 30, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Margaret O'May, died April 24, 2009 and of their beloved daughter, Margaret Vilton, died February 8, 1999.

- Loved and remembered by all the family.

MARTIN - Treasured memories of Marion (Stewart), who died December 2, 1997. Always remembered.

- Mum and family at home and away.

MARTIN - Loving memories of Marion, a dearly loved mum and granny, who died December 2, 1997.

Forever in our thoughts.
- John, Nichola, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

SHARP - Treasured memories of Archie, a much loved husband and devoted dad and granda, who passed away on December 8, 1994. We miss you in so many ways

We miss the things you used to say And when old times we do recall It's then we miss you most of all.

Forever in our hearts.
- Betty, Archie, Caroline and Marie and families.

SMITH - In loving memory of William a dear husband, father and granpa, died December 4, 1998. Loved and remembered and always in our thoughts.

- Love Jeanette, Lyndsay and Sarah, Ashleigh, Kirsty and Gregor xxx.

CHURCH NOTICES

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Advent 1

Morning Worship

Sunday 6th December 2009

Bellanoch Church 10am

Worship led by Douglas Bell

All welcome

Interim Moderator: Rev. Hilda Smith 01546 602238

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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday Services

10 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 The Old Manse Castlehill

All Welcome

Wednesday

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8.00 p.m. Bible Discussion & Prayer

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SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2009

11.00 am Family Service

Rev. Hilda Smith

All Welcome

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Meeting of the Guild

Church Hall at 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Bible Study Group

The Manse at 7.30 pm

SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

Christmas Carol Concert

16-19th DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Festival

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KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

meeting to be held on

Friday 4th December

at 7.30pm in

Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown.

Guest speaker:

Captain J Beveridge

of the Fishery Protection Service.

Musical Items

Tea/coffee served after meeting

Everyone welcome.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Sunday 6th December

Ardrishaig at 11:00am and

Achahoish at 12:30pm (sharing the Lord's Supper)

Registered Scottish Charities

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Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 6th December 2009

The Trailblazer (John 3:22-36)

CUMLODDEN CHURCH (Furnace) 10.30 am

LOCHFYNESIDE CHURCH (Minard) 12 noon

LOCHGAIR CHURCH 3 pm

Rev. Roddy Macleod Ceud mile fàilte ALL WELCOME

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Saturday 5 December 2009

Quarterly Prayer Breakfast

Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am

Praise & Prayer: 9.00am

Sunday 6 December 2009

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean "Bring forth the Son"

Thursday 10 December 2009

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

"Come and see"

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 6th December 2009

Tarbert Church 11.30am

Sunday School 11.20am

Margaret Sinclair

Interim Moderator

Guild meets on Monday 7th December at 2.30pm

Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre

For all church inquiries and pastoral care

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Everyone very welcome

GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2009

Kilmartin 11.30am

Rev Alistair Dunlop

All most welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services

10.30am

Town Carol Service

Lorne and Lowland Church - 7.00pm.

Tuesday

Over 60's Luncheon Club

-12.30pm

Ladies Home League

- 1.30pm

Thursday

11.30am

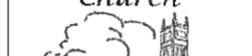
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Bible Study 7pm

Major Dolores Thomson

Highland Parish Church



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Friday 4th December 2009

7.00pm

Badminton - S1 upwards

Kirk St Hall

Sunday 6th December

11.15am

Morning Service

Creche (0-3yrs)- Church

Funday Club (3yrs - p5)

Kirk St Hall

JAM (P6+) - Church

7.00pm

Town Carol Service

Lorne and Lowland Church

Monday 7th December

7.30pm

Guild Christmas Party

Tuesday 8th December

Badminton Club -

Kirk St Hall

P2 - P5: 6.30pm - 7.45pm

P6 - P7: 7.45pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday 9th December

7.15pm

Midweek Fellowship

- Manse

Bible Overview Course

Thursday 10th -

Saturday 12th December

Christmas Lunches

12 noon - 2.00pm

in Kirk St Hall

Rev Michael J Lind

Everyone very welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 6th December

11.00am Morning Service

6.30 Joint Advent Service at Christ Church

Jumpstart Group

Friday 10.00 - 11.30am

TONIGHT

Kids Clubs

6.30pm - 7.45pm

P1 - P6

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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC11686

Sunday, 6th December

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Mrs Agnes Stewart

Monday, 7th December

The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th December

Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 10th December

Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 11th December

Lunch Club - 12:00 noon



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Soccer Centre Under 13s find a match

Local firm and sportsmatch help youngsters

ONE of Lochgilphead Soccer Centre's new 2009/10 squads, the Under 13s, have turned in some good performances on the field so far this season but this week they were also celebrating off the field with confirmation of sportsmatch funding from sportscotland.

With no youth leagues in Mid Argyll the Under 13s must travel to Greenock, Gourock, Bishopton and Dunoon for competitive football. The costs of setting up a new squad, pitch hire and travel to away games all adds up so the squad are very grateful to their sponsors and sportscotland.

Under 13s secretary and coach, Graham Whitefield, said: 'It has always been difficult for

teams from Mid Argyll to provide regular competitive football as the nearest youth leagues require a 150 mile round trip to away games. Thanks to D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd and match funding from sportsmatch the Under 13s can compete in the Greenock & District Youth League without any financial worries, allowing the coaches to concentrate on developing the boys' football skills.'

Donald MacDonald of the sponsors said: 'We chose this project as we wish to encourage active sport in children. One of our other objectives is to promote our organisation outwith the local area and feel that this project is a good platform for this. We



Pictured is the Under 13s squad before their game with Athletic Kids FC on Sunday.

are pleased that sportscotland have doubled our sponsorship and are delighted that the Under 13s have put the money to good use.'

Louise Martin CBE, chair of sportscotland said: 'Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Under 13s is one of more than 1,600 sports groups throughout Scotland to

have benefited from over £4.4m of sportsmatch investment in grassroots sport. Our thanks go to D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd for this sponsorship. This is a great example of how businesses working in partnership with sporting organisations and sportsmatch can make a significant contribution

to community sport, enhancing the lives of many young people in Scotland.'

On the pitch last weekend the Under 13s scored a record league victory - 29-0 against an injury ravaged Athletic Kids side at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. The home side's strikers Ewan Dudding and

Josh Coates scored seven each with the other goals coming from Keir Whitefield (5), Cameron Hendry (3), Aaron Moore (2), Ben Miller, Alistair Lewis, Kyle Selfridge, and first Under 13s goals for Ross Anderson and Nicholas Davidson. The Under 13s return to league action with a home game

at Lochgilphead Joint Campus against Bishopton on Saturday December 5; kick off is at 1.30pm. Lochgilphead team: McCulloch; MacIntyre, Selfridge, Miller, MacNeill; Moore, Whitefield (capt), McCulloch, Guy; Dudding, Coates. Subs (all used): Hendry, Gordon, Lewis, Anderson, Davidson.

Frosty start but a hot finish for Sinclair and Carmichael

By David Sinclair

DONALD Carmichael and Ross Sinclair had previously got into a wrestling match on one of the fairways as a result of a dispute over nothing very much, so it looked like world war three was about to start when the two clashed on the very first hole.

Donald missed a very short putt and whacked his ball off the green in disgust, Ross did not see this as he was talking to himself as usual and picked up what he thought was a lost ball, winced at the poor quality of the ball and promptly threw it into the burn. Donald was outraged and demanded that Ross fetch his ball back, but things got out of hand when Ross slid down the muddy banking and fell into the burn.

It was decided at this point to move on to the next hole and start again.

Ross was spinning like a Tasmanian Devil on a Red Bull drip and there was no stopping him as he coasted to a narrow victory.

Tommy Angus likes dancing on ice so it was no surprise that he played well in the frozen conditions the judges awarding him nine points for his balance, grace and flair.

Alec MacAulay plays well on the winter pinball greens hitting his putts hard to keep them on line.

John Downie has the stature to play Santa again at this year's Christmas party but will need to get the trousers widened after Charles wearing them last year.

David Sinclair has never been for a golf lesson

at Gleneagles but playing with Keith for the last two weeks he feels that he has.

Jim Hunter's feet are lovely and dry with his cosy zip up waterproof golf shoes but he looks like a numpty.

Keith Cowan golf Lesson at Gleneagles has prompted a rise in the share price for srixon golf balls as he now goes through the by the dozen.

Bill Dick should have been better but came very close to winning the mat of shame which went to Andy Law with a truly bad performance. Results - 10 R. Sinclair 9 T. Angus 8 A. MacAulay 7 J. Downie 6 D. Carmichael 5 D. Sinclair 4 J. Hunter 3 K. Cowan 2 B. Dick 1 A. Law. Nearest the pin at the 7th - B. Dick and 9th - C. Cowan.

Winter league storms back into action

THE Oban Express primary football league stormed back into action on Sunday with the opening round of fixtures in the seniors winter league at the high school pitch.

The Cobras started off where they left off in the last campaign with three wins over Appin, Stoddy Boys and more importantly the Warriors from Lochgilphead, runners up last time round.

The Warriors got back on winning ways with a victory over Tralee.

After the draw in the first match Lochnell beat Oban Saints and Appin to sit proudly second.

Stoddarts thought they had secured the three points against Oban saints when Ally Cameron opened the scoring but with time running out Innes Dairon popped up with an equaliser.

Saints as they also went down to their younger counterparts, Saints Boys, who went on to win at Stoddy Boys and sit third.

Stoddy Boys enjoyed

their best ever start to a campaign when Owen Neilson scored the only goal of the game in their match with Stoddarts and then matched that result against Tralee to sit at the heady heights of joint third.

Next week the juniors start their own winter league at Atlantis Leisure.

Oban Saints in running for top club award

OBAN Saints were on a shortlist of three for the Sunday Mail and sportscotland Local Club of the Year Award which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow, last night (Thursday).

Four club representatives, attended the ceremony, the highlights of which will be shown by STV on Sunday evening at 9pm.

Mid Argyll referees in action

THIS Saturday, December 5, two Mid Argyll referees are due to be in action.

In SAFL Premier Division Two derby match between Campbeltown Boys and Tarbert, Peter Laming is the match official. Kick-off is at 2pm at The Meadows.

Jimmy Litster will take charge of the Jimmy Marshall cup-tie between Campbeltown Pupils and Carlton YM. Kick-off is at 1.30pm at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown. This match will be played to a finish.

Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

RESULTS of games played by Argyll teams in the SAFL. Premier Division - Oban Saints 4, Greenock HSFP 1. West of Scotland Cup - Dunlop Corinthians 4, Campbeltown Boys 1; Rosehill Star 2, Campbeltown Pupils 6. Jimmy Marshall trophy - Dunoon 2, Busby 2 (busby won 7-6 on penalties). The games involving Tarbert and Red Star were postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Cup 3rd round - Dunoon v Insch; 4th round - Oban Saints v Broomhill. Jimmy Marshall Trophy - 1st round - Campbeltown Pupils v Carlton YM. Premier Division 2 - Campbeltown Boys v Tarbert. Division One - Red Star v Haldane.

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Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 1, 9 and 15. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1200 next week.

KILMORY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 1, 3 and 5. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers for this week are 8, 13 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £600 next week.

Provan Shield final

THE Provan Shield final will take place in Oban this weekend.

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.

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

Jingle Bells Fun Run

RUNNERS are reminded of Inveraray JogScotland's Jingle Bells Fun Run this weekend.

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.

The event, which takes place on Sunday (December 6) is informal and fancy dress is welcomed but not obligatory. There will be prizes, medals and mince pies.

For more information contact Fiona or Garret Corner on 01499 302160.

Argyll athletes missing out on medal chances

Discontent in Scottish athletics affects youth development

ON THE eve of the return of one of the most popular competitions for young athletes in Argyll it has been revealed that youngsters from the area are missing out on the chance of Scottish championship medals because of a dispute within the sport in Scotland.

The sports governing body, Scottish Athletics (SA), have withdrawn support and funding from not only the SportsHall competitions, which return to Oban this Saturday, but have also withdrawn support for national and district competitions at under 13 level.

This year there will be four SportsHall heats in Argyll but there will be no regional or national competitions in Scotland as SA do not believe the event benefits the long-term development of young athletes.

Events

That means that the UK events will go ahead without the participation of young athletes from north of the border.

To replace the under 13s championships Scottish Athletics say they have set up a 'Superteams' competition which involves teams of boys and girls competing in long jump, javelin and running events.

Argyll athletics coach Bill MacCallum said that young athletes in the area are missing out on

the chance to represent their district and nation and the lack of incentive could lead them to give up the sport altogether.

Mr MacCallum said: 'We haven't just lost the SportsHall initiative in which we were doing well, we have lost competitions for under 13s at national and district level. There are some kids in Argyll who have missed out this year who could have been in the medals at the Scottish championships.'

Suffering

'The sport is suffering because of that. The kids don't have the same motivation. It was a big thing to be part of the Argyll teams and to go on to national level. We are realising it more now when it's missing. There is no incentive this year for Argyll teams to go to regional or national finals.'

Instead Bill MacCallum is hoping to set up an inter-district competition involving Perth and Kinross and Dumbartonshire in March.

'The Scottish Athletics policy doesn't make any sense,' added Mr MacCallum, 'early developers could be future Commonwealth champions. If they don't have incentives at under 13 level they might not continue in the sport. I think it's completely wrong, they should be introducing competitions at under 11 level.'

Tarbert Golf Club get in the swing



This year's Tarbert Golf Club prizewinners.

Results: Ladies Section - April Medal - Joanne Kerr, April Stableford - Sheena Ferguson, May Medal - Tracey MacNeill, May Stableford - Seona Martin, June Stableford - Sheena Ferguson, June Medal - Sheena Ferguson, August Medal - Sheena Ferguson, September Medal - Sheena Ferguson, September Stableford - Seona Martin, Bonaccord Cup - Joanne Kerr, Loch Fyne Gallery - Janeann Reppke, Columbia Pairs - Sheena Ferguson & Seona Martin, Ladies Captains Prize - Anne

Queenan, Club Championship Handicap - Sheena Ferguson, Club Championship - Cathie McGlynn.

Gents Section: Winter League: 3rd - Kyle MacFarlane, runner up - Peter MacLean, winner - Steven Barclay. Medals: April - Eddie White, May - Kyle MacFarlane, June - Mickey MacNeill, August - Gordon McCaffery, September - Mickey MacNeill. Dodies Cup - Peter MacLean, James Johnson Cup - Winner - Jimmy MacNab, Fyne Tankard Runner up: Duncan Johnstone, Winner: Iain MacArthur.

Cairns Christie - Runner Up: Iain MacArthur, Winner: Iain Johnstone. June Open - Winner: John MacNab, Jimmy Letters Trophy - Runners Up: Kyle MacFarlane & Bruce MacNab, Winners: Duncan Johnstone & Iain Johnstone. Presidents Cup - Runner Up: Duncan Johnstone

Winner: Iain Macalister, Mixed Foursomes - Runners Up: Seona Martin & Peter MacLean, Winners: Francis Hardie & Duncan Johnstone. Fishermens' Cup - Runners up: James MacNeill & James Smyth, Winners: Steven Barclay

& Bruce MacNab. James Mundell Memorial Open - Winner: Steve Bleasby. Glenralloch Trophy - Runners Up: Steven Barclay & Keith MacTaggart, Winners: Bruce MacNab & John MacNab. Archie MacNab Trophy - Runner up: John MacNab, Winner: - Archie Black, John Reid Quaich - Runner Up: Jimmy MacNab, Winner: Duncan Johnstone. Club Championship - Senior: Jimmy MacNab, Handicap: Jimmy MacNab, Runner Up: Iain Macalister, Winner: Duncan Johnstone.

'There is a lot of discontent in the sport, some of the major clubs in Scotland are fighting them on this and other issues. The sport has never been in such a bad state.'

After heats in Campbeltown last week SportsHall returns to Oban's Atlantis Leisure on Saturday. The competition is one of four similar events promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club this winter and supported by

all the athletic clubs in Argyll.

Further heats in Lochgilthead on January 16, 2010 and Tobermory on January 30 will lead to an Argyll Final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban in February next year

Competitors are reminded that the Oban contest starts at 12.30pm and entries will be taken on the day from 12noon at Atlantis Leisure.

Age groups start from under nine and under

11 up to under 17 and there will be awards for the top three overall in each age group for both boys and girls. Successful athletes will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final.

A spokeswoman for Scottish Athletics said

that it was 'no longer responding' on the matter.

'I understand that a number of responses have been given to clubs in the area over the past three years, and those responses remain valid,' said the spokeswoman.

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