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# Councillor resigns over pool

**Douglas Philand quits independence  
group after council's denial of vital funding**

A MID Argyll councillor has resigned from the Alliance of Independent Councillors over a bid to secure vital funding for Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

Douglas Philand says Argyll and Bute Council refused to give £10,000 emergency funding to save the Lochgilphead pool from immediate problems but the council says it has not made any concrete decisions regarding funding.

In resigning, Councillor Philand has also given up his position as deputy spokesperson for arts, culture and leisure, the chair of the organisational development group and his place on the council's executive committee.

Councillor Philand, who says he will now

have no political affiliation within the council, said in his letter of resignation to council leader Dick Walsh: 'Following our meeting on Friday I have had time to reflect on the Mid Argyll pool issue and find that I am not in a position to agree with the administration and yourself on this issue and therefore will resign.'

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* earlier this week, Councillor Philand said: 'As deputy spokesperson for arts, culture and leisure, I had to take a stand; I either let this decision quietly pass or I resign from my post and the latter is the decision I chose to make.'

'I'm not going to slag off the work the council has done to this point as

**By Jenny  
Sutherland**

the guys there have really bust a gut but the issue I have is with the £10,000.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said last Friday's meeting was to explore what could be done further to help the pool reach a 'sustainable position'.

'This was an open discussion during which no decisions were taken,' she said.

'One of the possibilities we raised was that the council continues the acceleration of its funding to the swimming pool, paying approximately £12,000 of next year's money in the current financial year.'

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**Let it snow! Let it snow!**

Boccia Olympian, Flora Currie, got into the festive spirit during Saturday's Christmas Lights switch-on in Lochgilphead. Flora was one of four from Lochgilphead Resource Centre's Boccia team, who competed in the Special Olympics. The Olympians were this year's special guests invited to officially turn on the town's festive lights. For more on this year's event, see page 13 of this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*. 06\_a50xms06

## Tanker off the road

AN OXYGEN tanker went off the road near Ormsary on Monday morning.

The tanker left the road at 10.45am as it made its way to a fish farm near the village.

Traffic was disrupted for most of the day while the vehicle was recovered; the road reopened at 4.25pm. The driver of the lorry was uninjured.

## Sheep worrying

A SHEEP was injured after being attacked by a dog in the Cairnbaan area on Tuesday, December 1.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol is reminding dog owners that their animals must be under control at all times but particularly in the countryside.

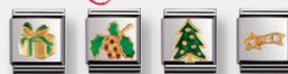
## Speed checks

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### Carved Stones and Ancient Bones

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The museum will be open from 11am to 4pm, seven days a week to give people the opportunity to see the exhibition before it ends.

### Women Fighting

TWO women were arrested by police after fighting in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead on Wednesday December 2 at around 8.20pm. The women were charged with committing a breach of the peace.

### Alcohol seized

POLICE seized alcohol from a group of young people who were caught with bottles of Buckfast in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead last Friday, December 4.

# Youngsters will suffer if the pool goes, says father

## The pool is well used by families in Mid Argyll

FAMILIES with young children will suffer the most if Mid Argyll Swimming Pool in Lochgilphead does not receive enough money to stay open, according to a father of three.

The pool, which serves a community of 9,000 people, could close by January if it does not receive an initial £10,000 and £30,000 in annual revenue.

An emergency meeting to secure its future was due to be chaired this evening (Friday) by Jim Mather MSP but has been postponed until January.

Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd, the pool board, and Argyll and Bute Council remain in deadlock over how the pool will be funded and the future of eight full-time jobs hang in the balance.

But a father of three says the pool is well used by families in Mid Argyll and the area's children will suffer if the pool has to close.

Andy Paton, who lives in Ardrishaig, said: 'I have got three young girls and two of them, in primary three and one, are using the pool.'



Andy Paton has serious concerns over the pool situation. 06\_a50and01

'We only moved here in February but one of the first things my partner and I did was to see if our oldest daughter could get swimming lessons - there was a waiting list so it shows how popular the pool is. I want my children to be active, not stuck in front of a computer because there is nothing else to do.'

'At the moment there seems to be an impasse on what the council are doing and people need to know what they plan to do. How can we contemplate closing sports facilities in this country when the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics are just around the corner?'

## Swimming pool board delighted with local support

HUNDREDS of locals are rallying to support the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool, and the board have said they are 'overwhelmed' by how many people have signed the petition to pledge their support for the community pool.

No clear figures are available but thousands of local people have signed up, and the march and demonstration next Saturday (December 19) looks like being packed. Donations are also pouring in, with the board especially moved by £109 raised by Fyne Families through a Bring and Buy sale.

MACEL board chairman Stephen Whiston said: 'We have had bigger donations, but the efforts of local people and children mean the world to us, and they have worked so hard to raise this money. This is their pool, and I am convinced that the majority of people in and around Mid Argyll would be devastated if we lost our pool.'

Local plumber Alex Samborek has donated £172.50 - the latest plumbing bill - and lawyer David Johnston, who has a holiday home in the area, donated £500 as he said the loss of the pool would have such an effect on the local area.

Plans are still marching ahead for the demonstration next Saturday, which leaves the pool at 11am.

## Councillor resigns

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'This would allow time for the pool's new business model to bed in and external funding options to be maximised - enabling the pool to continue on a sound financial basis.'

Chairman of the swimming pool board Stephen Whiston said they had been formally approached by the council and were considering the implications of what had been offered in the short and long term before responding.

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# Every school in Argyll should teach Gaelic

'EVERY school in this cradle of Gaelic in Argyll should be teaching Gaelic.' That is the view of Councillor Robin Currie, who said last week it should become compulsory for every primary school to offer some classes in the language.

### Welcomed

At last week's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, he welcomed the progress being made to increase Gaelic teaching within Argyll and Bute Council's schools. But Council-

lor Currie added that act of Parliament obliged the council to promote Gaelic: 'So why are we not saying to every single primary school that you must teach Gaelic?'

Argyll and Bute Council's Gaelic plan, which has been approved by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, aims to increase the teaching of Gaelic in primary schools by encouraging teachers to offer it, rather than make it compulsory.

The council's Gaelic education support officer,

Donald MacLeod, said he would 'very much appreciate' a decision to offer Gaelic in every school, but at the present time, raising awareness and persuasion were the chosen methods to promote it.

### Mobile Teacher

Mr MacLeod added that 38 primary schools in Argyll and Bute offered Gaelic and extra training and support is available to teachers to introduce it. The council plans to recruit a mobile teacher to increase Gaelic at secondary school level.

# Canal towpath closure

'There will be some impact on users of the Bellanoch to Crinan Road'

PARTS of the Crinan Canal will be closed for up to three months while essential engineering work is carried out.

British Waterways will close the canal on Monday, December 14, and it is expected to remain shut until March 15 next year.

Repair work will be carried out to an embankment leak found between Bellanoch Bridge and the eastern

end of Bellanoch Bay. A spokeswoman for British Waterways explained: 'The leak has been monitored on a daily basis since its discovery and checks indicate no settlement in the bank or increase in leakage. Prior to now, the local waterway team has been proactive in reducing the leakage by about half the volume through temporary measures. There will be some

impact on users of the Bellanoch to Crinan Road as the repair works will necessitate bringing in construction machinery. Whilst the road will remain open at all times, there will be a reduction to one traffic lane at some points. We will work hard to minimise this disruption and update those using the road on restrictions as and when we have dates and times confirmed.'

She added: 'We may also need to carry out ground investigations to help enable the works and this will involve closing the towpath between Bellanoch Bridge and Bellanoch Bay. Again, if this work goes ahead, we will make efforts to keep the local community updated on closure dates.'

## Ardrishaig homes

PLANNING permission has been granted to build a house on each of two plots north east of Drimlussa, Ardrishaig. The proposals include improvements to access at the sites.

## New house at Carsaig

PLANS for a new house at Carsaig, Tayvallich have been given the go ahead, despite objections from two neighbours. The site is south east of Ardnafadmore Cottage.



John Lowrie Morrison with his Honorary Doctorate of Arts.

Picture by David Mitchell.

# Honorary Doctorate for JoLoMo

ARGYLL artist John Lowrie Morrison (JoLoMo), Scotland's leading landscape painter, received an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from the University of Aberdeen, Dundee.

The former Lochgilphead High School teacher collected the honour at the university's graduation ceremony in the Caird Hall on November 27.

Mr Morrison, who lives

in Tayvallich, studied at the Glasgow School of Art, Drawing and Painting before winning a travelling scholarship from the Royal Academy Schools.

### Delighted

Morrison said he was delighted to receive the doctorate.

Professor Bernard King CBE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Aberdeen said: 'John is 100 per cent committed to

his art, he worked hard to realise his dreams, his style is bold and ambitious and he always makes a statement.

'These characteristics align well with those of the University of Aberdeen, Dundee.'

## Changes afoot at Ardfarn Riding Centre

ARDFARN Riding Centre is hoping to extend existing farm buildings to form a new store and office at their Lunga site. The plans were recently granted planning permission.

## It's good to talk, council told

COUNCILLORS are in the dark about what Argyll and Bute Council are doing, according to one disgruntled representative.

At last week's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, Councillor Robin Currie said it was 'annoying' that officials did not get back to elected members to tell them about progress to solve problems in their patch.

He said: 'We read most of what's happening in the council in the press - like the Glen Road at Tarbert. It would be good if local members were notified.'

Stewart Clark, senior engineer for the council, said he had told members about the work on the Glen Road at their last meeting.

## Fighting in Ardrishaig

TWO men have been charged with committing a breach of the peace and assault after fighting with each other in East Bank Road, Ardrishaig in the early hours of Saturday morning.

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## A fast first for Argyll

WHEN Skipness Primary School was connected to the Pathfinder North scheme last week it meant that Argyll and Bute became the first council to be fully connected to this innovative high speed broadband.

The £70 million Pathfinder North scheme began in May 2007 and is partly funded by the Scottish Government. It aims to create 'a future-proof broadband network' across five Highlands and Islands local authorities.

Now that Skipness is connected there are 146 locations across the authority, including all schools, libraries and office sites, benefiting from high speed broadband.

Argyll and Bute is the first of the partnership of five local authorities, the others being Highland, Moray, Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands, to be fully connected to the new Cable&Wireless Pathfinder North network.

# Give Gigha kids a choice

## At present the island's kids go to Campbeltown but they also have a choice of boarding at Oban High

FAMILIES on Gigha want the choice of either Campbeltown Grammar or Tarbert Academy for their children.

At present the island's kids go to Campbeltown but traditionally they also have a choice of boarding at Oban High.

As one mum said: 'I have no problems with mine going to the grammar, we have family in the town. So if the ferry goes off or they're ill they can just go round to their aunty's. But I know other people who have family in Tarbert and they'd like to have the same kind of back up for their kids.'

'One time my daughter's tooth filling came out and she was in a wild state and I knew I could just phone and her aunty would go collect her from school.'

In the past when the Gigha ferry has been stormbound children have had to stay at home and miss school or take course work home with them. Being able to stay with family also gives island children more chances to join in out-of-school activities.

The island ferry docks at Tayinloan on the mainland, roughly half-way between both schools and the children from the village have the choice to go to either, a point that has not been lost on Councillor Robin Currie who has been part of the island's campaign for choice since the beginning.

'The Gigha children have to physically go through Tayinloan to get to school so you would think that they would have the same choice - or maybe this is too sensible!' he said.

### Frustrated

Councillor Currie said he is so frustrated at the attitude of Argyll and Bute Council that he will put forward a motion at next week's meeting of the council's executive, requesting that Gigha children have a choice.

'If Gigha children chose Oban it would be very expensive for the council as it would include hostel accommodation. What the parents and I are asking for will not cost the council one penny more as the transport is laid on already for both schools.'



John McLeod, current Master of Lodge Tarbert, along with immediate Past Master, Charlie Nicolson, hand over a cheque for £500 to Tarbert Parish Church's fundraising committee. 06\_a50ldg01

## Chairs are the 'icing on the cake' for church hall

A FUNDRAISING quiz has raised £500 for Tarbert Parish Church.

Organised by Lodge Tarbert: Tarbert Loch Fyne no 1306, the quiz raised £235 for the Parish Church Hall, with the masons adding to make the total 'a nice round figure'.

Immediate Past Master, Charlie Nicolson, explained the lodge had been approached by the church hall fundraising

committee to help raise money for the purchase of new chairs.

The lodge, which meets in the hall every month, was only too happy to help.

### Supported

Charlie said: 'The quiz was very well supported by church and lodge members as well as people from Tarbert and surrounding areas.'

'The new chairs will now not only benefit

us, but all users of the church hall.'

Lisa MacFarlane of the church hall fundraising committee said: 'Since the hall was decorated it was felt that chairs would finish it off; they're the icing on the cake.'

'On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the masons for doing the quiz and raising the money for the chairs.'

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# Scrap metal worker found guilty of theft

## 'The padlock was smashed off the container and the door was open'

A SCRAP metal worker has been found guilty of stealing from a Lochgilphead plumbing firm after a smear of blood was found by crime scene investigators.

William Peter Johnstone, of 3 Union Place, Union Street, Lochgilphead, denied forcing open a lockfast metal container unit and stealing six expansion water tanks.

The 30-year-old stood trial at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday.

Between April 19-21 last year, the owner of the plumbing firm discovered that one of his storage containers had been broken into and items taken.

Giving evidence, he said: 'I phoned the police as soon as I discovered it. The padlock was smashed off the container and the door was open.'

The court heard that crime scene investigators from Dumbarton attended the scene.

One of the investigators said: 'A blood stain swab was taken from the inside of the unit.'

She explained that the swab was taken away for analysis at the police laboratories; the results showed Johnstone's DNA.

Speaking in his defence, Johnstone said the container unit was one he may have worked on in a previous job in Campbeltown.

'He (The owner) said he purchased the container six months ago from Campbeltown. I worked down there for a guy who does a bit of scrap metal so I could've been in that container moving stuff about.'

'When you're working and cutting up metal you get cuts, so it could've been my blood from when I was working there.'

Sheriff Carol Kelly deferred sentence on Johnstone until January 12 next year for background reports. His bail was continued.

## Around the Lodges . . .



EXACTLY 50 years, to the night after joining Lodge Loch Fyne, two of the more 'mature' members, Nicol Sinclair and Robbie MacVicar, were presented with Golden Jubilee Certificates to mark the occasion. They were presented them by Lachie Wood, the present Master of the Lodge, who said both had been a great asset to the lodge and local community over the years. Pictured front left, is Nicol Sinclair and front right, Robbie MacVicar, accompanied by proud family members present that evening.

IAIN Turner, secretary of Lodge Inveraray St John, presented cheques for £100 to James Helbert, headteacher of Furnace Primary School and Kim Cogan, clerk to Minard Primary School Parent Council. A donation of £100 has also been made to Inveraray Primary School Parent Council.



## Successful village hall

ONE of Argyll's most successful village halls has had another positive year, with increased bookings and an end of year profit.

Craignish Village Hall committee's Annual General Meeting heard that a busy year of concerts, clubs, conferences and functions left the hall with a surplus of £3,500.

Hall chair, Iain Saunders, said discounted rates for local community activities reflected their priorities: 'Fundamentally, we are more interested that the hall is used more than the income.' The £600,000 hall opened in 2005 and has inspired many Argyll communities to develop their own community venues.

Jan Brown, one of the original committee and a key fundraiser, gave a vote of thanks to the hall committee for their hard work. She said: 'I think that the whole community is very grateful for what you are doing here.'



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**Guilty plea to assault**

A LOCHGILPHEAD man will return to court next month to learn his fate after admitting to hitting another man on the face with a glass tumbler.

Robert Alderson, of 37 Brodie Crescent, pled guilty to striking his victim on the face with the tumbler, which smashed on impact, causing him to fall to the ground, all to his injury.

The 22-year-old appeared at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday. The court heard that the offence took place on April 18 this year in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead.

Sheriff Carol Kelly deferred sentence on Alderson for background reports; he will return to court on January 13, next year.

# New police sergeant for Lochgilphead

LOCHGILPHEAD Police Station has a new addition to its ranks with the appointment of Sergeant Iain MacNicol.

Originally from the Craignish area, Sgt MacNicol has transferred to the Strathclyde force from Tayside Police, where he was based in Perth.

Sgt MacNicol, who has 18 years service with the police, took up his Lochgilphead-based post on November 19.

He said: 'I'm looking forward to policing the area, meeting and interacting with the local community.'



**Sergeant Iain MacNicol.** 06\_a50sgt01

Comparing his previous patch to Mid Argyll, Sgt MacNicol, said: 'This area is more rural with a bigger area to cover compared to my last post which was city based. However I have previously worked in

the Crieff and Strathern area which has a similar layout to Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll.'

Sgt MacNicol, who was in the traffic department in Tayside for eight years, has identified anti-social behaviour as well as road safety issues as key priorities for Mid Argyll.

He added: 'I will also be promoting more visible policing and I will be actively encouraging my officers to go out on foot, particularly at the weekends.'

In his spare time, Sgt MacNicol enjoys cycling, sailing and snowboarding.

'Mid Argyll is a great place to live and work and I'm looking forward to engaging with the community; I've had a very friendly reception so far,' he added.



## New look Co-operative

**Keira Guy proudly cuts the ribbon of the new-look Lochgilphead Co-operative. She is helped by her dad, store manager, Derek Guy.**

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SHOPPERS in Lochgilphead's Co-op will have noticed the bright new signs and change in the aisle layout.

The store has undergone a complete refit to convert it to The Co-operative's new business identity.

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Updated with contemporary décor, eco-refrigeration and two new tills, the store offers a

more 'shopper-friendly' layout.

Shoppers will benefit from The Co-operative's policy on honest labelling which gives the full facts about its food and drink products.

Speaking last Thursday at the store's official unveiling, store manager, Derek Guy, said: 'We provide a much-valued service and I am confident the new look store

will better meet the daily food shopping needs of the local community. In addition, in the best traditions of The co-operative, it will continue to make its contribution to community life.'

**Re-vamped**

Joined by her daddy and store staff, little Keira Guy, was proud to cut the ribbon, officially opening the re-vamped supermarket.

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## Community Service

A LOCHGILPHEAD man has been put on probation and handed a community service order after carrying out various offences in the town.

John Robert Francis Mullaney, of 59c Lochnell Street, pled guilty to assaulting his female victim and spitting at her on May 11 this year in Lochnell Street. The 38-year-old appeared at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday.

Sheriff Carol Kelly placed Mullaney on probation for two years and ordered him to carry out 100 hours unpaid work in the community.

Mullaney also admitted committing a breach of the peace in a Lochgilphead café on April 10 this year. The offence was committed whilst he was on bail.

Sheriff Kelly deferred sentence on this matter until April 7 next year, for Mullaney to be of good behaviour. Mullaney also admitted breaking his bail conditions on November 3 and 4 this year. Sheriff Kelly ordered him to carry out 100 hours community service.

## 'Up the Brae' reunion

MANY Lochgilphead residents may remember when 'up the brae' was a community in its own right.

From the 1950s Argyll and Bute Hospital was in its heyday; 36 families lived in 'tied' houses at Blarbuie and Aros. Mums and dads worked alternate shifts and the tight knit community thrived with everyone looking out for each other.

And now, in 2009, the children of the 'A & B' have decided to have a reunion. Joyce Brown,

Lesley MacGregor, Caroline Hunter and Mary Gillies, all former Blarbuie children are organising a get-together at Lochgilphead Golf Club, formerly the site of the annual bonfire, on Sunday December 27.

As this is the year of the Homecoming it was thought appropriate for the Blarbuie Children, together to have an informal reunion over a few drinks.

Bring along any old photographs or memorabilia for extra amusement.

## Council honours Special Olympian

A YOUNG Tarbert man who won three medals at the Special Olympics was presented with a quaiach at the Council Chamber, Kilmory last week, in recognition of his success.

Daniel Byron, aged 19, told councillors on the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee about his training for the competition and his studies at Elmwood College, Fife. Daniel came home from the international competition, held in Leicester in July, with a gold, a silver and a bronze medal for running events.

Councillor Donnie MacMillan told him: 'You should be very proud of your achievements; not only have you brought yourself honour and your family, but your college and all of Argyll.'



Councillor Donnie MacMillan presented Daniel with an engraved quaiach in the presence of his parents and college staff look on.

## Council pick up national award

ARGYLL and Bute Council has won a national award at the Association for Public Service Excellence awards in Blackpool.

The council was named 'Most Improved Performer' and this has been welcomed by Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, the authority's spokesman for Transportation and Infrastructure.

'Our success is a real credit to the council staff who work so hard to maintain and improve our roads network, who are so often the unsung heroes,' said Councillor MacIntyre. 'These awards measured improvement in areas such as cost, quality and customer satisfaction.'

The authority won the title in the Highways and Winter Maintenance category and was also nominated for the Best Performer in the same category.

# Police warning sounds alarm

POLICE are warning people across Argyll and Bute to be on their guard following a scam involving household alarms.

Mid Argyll community inspector Neil Wallace explained that a company calling themselves SAS or SAS Alarms, conduct cold calls on houses offering free alarm systems.

Vulnerable members of the community are key targets.

Inspector Wallace said: 'The representatives use hard sell techniques, usually involving wearing the person down over a period of time, and getting

them to sign a contract which the person believes gives them a free alarm, fully installed.

### Installation

'This alarm system is then installed, but after installation, the resident is then 'surprised' to discover that what they have signed is actually a contract covering maintenance and monitoring of the system, which can run into thousands of pounds.'

But he added: 'There is a legitimate company that install alarms called SAS, who are based in England. This company have been made aware and have distanced themselves from this other group.'



## Willie celebrates 60 years

WILLIE MacLaren from Tarbert recently celebrated 60 years as a freemason. Willie, who is one of the original Bevan Boys, was presented with his 60 year certificate by the provincial grand master of Argyll and the Isles, Douglas Craig, pictured left, and Duncan Shaw, from Lodge Tarbert, pictured right.

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We've got a 'shoptastic' £50 worth of The Original Factory Shop vouchers to give away as a first prize and five runners up will each receive a £20 gift voucher to spend. With the fantastic prices in store you can be sure of your prize money going a long way.  
The Original Factory Shop Campbeltown will bring an extensive range of men's, ladies' and children's fashions, as well as homewares, electricals and toiletries, including a large selection of branded goods, to the town.  
There will be a lorry load of bargains to grab so don't miss out; you'll find great deals on a range of products from health and beauty, clothing and accessories to household gifts, something to please everyone this Christmas!  
The Campbeltown store staff were ready to open the doors to the many customers queuing on Saturday morning. 04\_c50fac01  
To be in with a chance of winning one of these prizes please answer the following question:  
Q. Where is the new store located in the town?  
Send your answers along with your name, address and telephone number to The Campbeltown Courier, The Courier Centre, Main Street, Campbeltown by Wednesday 16th December at 12noon.  
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## Those Were The Days

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### 'Cot death' sneak thief is 'disgusting'

A sneak thief who broke into a house in Ardrishaig on Friday and stole £50 which was to go to the Scottish Cot Death Trust has been condemned by the woman who collected the money as 'disgusting'.

The thief selected one of six boxes in the house and made his escape. The remainder of the money has since been deposited in a bank.

Kathleen Muir experienced the tragedy of a cot death two and a half years ago when she lost her daughter, and from that time she vowed to raise money for the Trust in an effort to ensure that one day parents would no longer have to suffer the way she did.

Kathleen explained, 'The money we raise goes towards research and monitors, which warns parents if their child stops breathing. The thief has stolen money that could have gone towards saving a baby's life. What they did was disgusting and I hope whoever it was is aware of how everyone feels.'

### Poll tax honeymoon at an end

THE systematic withdrawal of the so-called 'safety net,' and its consequences, means the poll tax honeymoon is well and truly over.

Last week Argyll and Bute District Council announced the possibility of a 35 per cent increase as a result of a reduction in the revenue support grant and with Strathclyde Regional Council also expected to introduce a rise of between 11 and 14 per cent the individual community charge could jump from the current £277 to about £340. That could rise still further if there is an increase in the water rate.

That is only the beginning, as the safety net is withdrawn over a three year period, almost certainly meaning a substantial increase over a three successful years.

### Pool water is 'so cold'

THE water temperature in Ardrishaig swimming pool was so cold that the children were reduced to shivering wrecks. In conditions more acceptable to polar bears the young swimmers' teeth chattered uncontrollably as they ventured into the drink.

Concerned with her young charges health, swimming coach, Mrs Joyce MacDonald, contacted the local authorities to have the situation investigated.

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## Swimming pool concerns

Sir,  
As a regular user of the Mid Argyll Pool I would just like to say a big thank you to two groups of people: firstly to all the staff for their dedication and loyalty, for putting up with all the uncertainty of the past few years and for the many extra duties that have been done for no extra reward; secondly to the new board who have stepped in at short notice and kept the ship afloat...so far. Running the pool in your spare time for no reward, preparing reports and fighting fires (well maybe floods!). Without you guys we would have lost the pool for sure. A big thanks to you all.

I would also like to thank the council officers for the moral support they have given with advice and technical knowledge. However, what is so noticeably lacking so far is spondulics! I know times are tough and cuts are in the offing in most areas (including leisure) but I think this pool has an excellent case for extra cash. The council's own figures show that council owned pools vary in subsidy from £15 to £50 per head of catchment population. A comparable pool such as Rothesay gets £37. Why then is it a surprise that our pool is struggling to make ends meet when it receives £5 per head (yes five pounds). As I understand it, the board are asking for another £30,000 per annum, which still only equates to £9 per head - 25 per cent of the subsidy that Rothesay receives.

Many of the readers may not know this but as I understand it, the board are responsible for the debt of the pool. I, for one, will not expect them to shoulder the financial burden when, as is expected, the pool goes into the red in the new year - they have done more than could be asked of already-board it up and walk away with your heads held high. As for the council, are you really prepared to stand by and let this bastion of value for money shut up shop, for want of a pittance in budgetary terms (after all £900,000 is be-

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ing spent on a refurbishment for the Helensburgh pool just now)? If so, is there a master plan for swimmers in mid Argyll that we don't know of yet, some rabbit about to pop out of the hat? Or are you content that our schoolchildren will be bussed an hour to an hour and a half each way to the nearest pool (not to mention the cost)? When areas with smaller populations such as Rothesay and Islay already have pools and already get more subsidy than the board is asking for, where is the sense in all of this? Should you not be snapping their hand off when they are asking for so little? After all, did you not do a deal with Atlantis in Oban some years ago which equates to £20/head? Is there not an emergency fund set aside for such a time as this?

On a more general note: firstly, could I ask the powers that be if they are looking into the experiences of counties such as North Lanarkshire which placed all of its pools in trust ownership 3 years ago and are experiencing significant savings, savings that make £30,000 pale into insignificance? Secondly, it saddens me when I hear of the "red tape" excuses that are being used to justify inaction so far on the part of the council - not that I am aiming the blame at the council necessarily - it's the system that stinks. They are just doing what they must. But, why does it have to be so rigid. I looked up the definition for executive, it reads thus ...."someone who can make significant decisions on his/her own authority" - oh for the good old days before political correctness and covering ones own back were the main priorities! Thirdly, it has shocked me just how little even elected representatives can alter situations that seem so simple, so black and white, such is the viscosity of the mire that is local government...but I digress.

What now for the pool?

It seems to me if the pool is to survive it is down to you and I. Let's keep the pressure on the council 'to do the right thing' - people power is still the king when it comes to getting things done (as evidenced by the MP's expenses scandal). Power to the people!!

**Tim Jackson,  
Port Ban Holiday Park,  
Kilberry,  
Tarbert.**

### Pool closure fears

Sir,  
The letter in last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* concerning the potential closure of the swimming pool echoes the feelings of myself and my family. The concerned parent from Kilmartin ably outlined all the very valid reasons for obtaining long-term council funding. I shall not repeat the arguments which were so cogently put, but I am anxious to support and underline them.

My children learnt to swim in the pool and have now graduated to the more senior ranks of the excellent Dolphins Swimming Club. As a family we have always used the pool, as have many friends.

Lochgilphead has suffered numerous shop and facility closures over the past year and to lose out pool as well would be disastrous. When I first took on crewmen on a fishing vessel 40 years ago it was most unusual for them to be swimmers. Today almost all can swim. Clearly it would be a very retrograde step to return to those days.

It is extremely encouraging to read that our MSP Jim Mather has arranged a meeting of all the key players to thrash out a solution. How good to hear of a politician helping out in the community.

Let us hope that a positive outcome results, we have had enough prevaricating from the council. The sums required are not huge for such a prime asset and the local people from a wide area have already

demonstrated their generous and committed backing for our community swimming pool.

**Chris Browne,  
Anchor House,  
Tayvallich.**

### 'Build Abest-Hus'

Sir,  
We used to laugh at the *fermers* when they would say 'Ah Bestos' when referring to asbestos cement roofing and cladding.

Then we realised that they were using Turner's/Tac Proprietary name rather than the generic, *As-Bestos*.

In the 1950s my sister, and three girl classmates, all of them aged around nine years, used to build their own playhouses.

They used square and angled off cuts *offov* big six and standard three stock sheets, their wee asbestos houses were sited on waste ground next to the *barkinghouse* and in the words of one of the many Tarbert phrases, sadly no longer current, 'It nivvur dud them waan bitta herm'.

Today some of our children are provided with wee wendy houses by Fyne Homes which they neither need nor appreciate as they have lots of toys of their own.

These toy town houses are maintained under a contract 'awarded' to one of our larger building firms at truly outrageous costs. A *ludicrousity* or what?

**Duncan Iain  
MacDougall,  
Sunny-Craig,  
Tarbert.**

### Wicker man reply

Sir,  
Now is the time for you to be decorating your house for the Christian festival of 'Christmas', which in fact is taken

from the Pagan ritual of 'Yule' celebrating the 'rebirth of the Sun' after the shortest day and longest night (winter solstice).

When you put up your 'yule tree', decorate your house with 'holly wreaths' and other seasonal plants and eat your 'yule log', you are in fact taking part in a pagan sabbat.

You state in your letter in last week's Advertiser (Friday December 4 - 'The Wicker Man') that this is a 'Christian Community', surely then as such you should be tolerant to other religions, such as Paganism, which is still practised by many today.

**Cairnbaan resident,  
Name and address supplied.**

### McKelphin information

Sir,  
I am trying to find the origins of my maiden name McKelphin. I know the name originated in Argyllshire, but that's all the information I have.

I would love to know more about my family history and trace our family roots. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**Leona Charles,  
11 Spindle Drive  
Thetford,  
Norfolk,  
IP24 2UQ.**

### Playground information

Sir,  
I would be grateful for your readers' help. I am writing a book, entitled *The Lore of the Playground*, scheduled for publication next year, which is about the games, rhymes, and rituals of children's play at home and school, past and present, and I particularly need more help with the play scene in Scotland.

There is a questionnaire on [www.lore-of-the-playground.co.uk](http://www.lore-of-the-playground.co.uk)  
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# memories of shepherd Sandy selling well

A 92-YEAR-old former hill shepherd, who tended to sheep on the Mull of Kintyre has written a small but highly entertaining book of his encounters.

Sandy Paterson originally wrote the book for his family and close friends but it has proved so popular that he has already sold several dozen copies with more ordered.

*Memories of a Hill Shepherd* gives an amusing and interesting insight into the life of the hill shepherd from his boyhood near Aidrie, through shepherding all over Scotland to his eventual retirement from the Great Glen Ranch in Lochaber.

There were no quad bikes to whisk you about, much of the shearing was done by hand clip-pers and lambing was generally outdoors in the

fanks, all a very different world from today. The many parts of Scotland where Sandy worked included the Mull of Kintyre, and the Island of Luing, where the cattle were often herded by horseback.

### High Jinks

Tales of the various high jinks that Sandy and his pals were prone to, and his shrewd observations on the people that he met, his views on training dogs and advice on making shepherds crooks make this brief account of one man's life on Scottish hills a genuinely worthwhile read. *Memories of a Hill Shepherd* is now available at Muneroy Stores, Southend or from co-author Michael Taylor on 01586 830111.



Sandy at work carving a crook.



Rams at Southend, Mull of Kintyre where Sandy worked.



Herding the cattle on horseback on the Island of Luing.

## Uiskentuie bullocks sell to £938 at Islay Mart

UNITED Auctions held their Annual Christmas Sale of all classes cattle at Islay Auction Mart when 593 head were sold.

A good entry of mainly suckled calves sold well and to a record ringside of buyers for this time of year.

From the consignment of 45 head from M/s MacTaggart, Uiskentuie, came the top price per head, when a pen of four Limousin crosses sold at £938.

This consignment also had the top priced heifers, also Limousin crosses selling at £885.

The top priced bullocks per kilo came from M/s McMillan, Ardbeg when their British Belgian Blue cross calf sold at 251pence per kilo and Limousin heifer calves from the same home sold at 280 pence per kilo.

Both of these calves were purchased by Donald Patullo, Perth for further showing.

Overall, the 326 bullocks averaged 187pence per kilo or £563 per head whilst the 267 heifers

levelled at 181pence per kilo or £511 per head.

### Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: £772, £758(8) Rockside £688 Ballinaby £628 and £528(5) Scarabus £508 Rockside.  
British BlueX: £870 Ardbeg £598 Neriby.  
Blonde D'AquitaineX: £722 Mansefield (J Porter).  
CharolaisX: £742, £728(2), £628(2), £598(4), £558 and £538(9) Dunlossit Estate £532(3) 9 Mansefield £528(3) Dunlossit Estate.

LimousinX: £938(4) and £892(10) Uiskentuie £870 Balaclava £862(2) Uiskentuie £858, £845, £798 and £785 Dunlossit Estate £768 6 Bayview £765(3) Balaclava £758 Ballychatrigan £755 Kintra £748(6) Uiskentuie £728(2) Ballychatrigan £698 Kintra £688 Duich £658 Dunlossit Estate and Smaladh(2) £652(4), £638 and £628(4) Dunlossit Estate £628(5) and £618(2) Neriby £602 Kinnabus £598 Kintra(6) and Dunlossit Estate £588(2) Eskinish £580 Ronnachmore £578(5) and £562(5) Neriby £558(2) Pair A Chlassan.

ShorthornX: £542 Knockrome (M Boyle)  
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### Heifers

Aberdeen Angus X: £648, £542(3) and 538(2) Rock-

side.  
Blonde D'AquitaineX: £655(2) Mansefield (J Porter) £550 Kilbride.  
CharolaisX: £808(3) Gartacharra £798 Uiskentuie £598 Dunlossit Estate.

LimousinX: £885 Uiskentuie £880 Ardbeg £798(3) Uiskentuie £788(3) Balaclava £742(9) Uiskentuie £718(2) Ballychatrigan £708(2) Uiskentuie £685 Kilbride £668(2) Ballychatrigan £610 Kilbride £592(4) and £588(2) Neriby £568 Kilbride £562 Kintra(2) and Smaladh(3) £558(2) Pair A Chlassan £552(6) Neriby £540(12) Kilbride £538(2) and £532(2) Kintra.  
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### Prices per kilo

Aberdeen Angus X: 180p(3) Kelsay 177p(8) Rockside Farms.

British BlueX: 251p Ardbeg  
CharolaisX: 236p(6), 223p(3) and 214p(2) Dunlossit Estate 212p(3) 9 Mansefield 210p Dunlossit Estate 208p Carabus 205p Dunlossit Estate(3) and Ardtalla Estate 201p (2) and 196p(3) Dunlossit Estate.  
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Simmental X: 198p(9) Ardfin Estate.

### Heifers

CharolaisX: 200p(4) Ardtalla Estate 198p(11) Dunlossit Estate 191p(5) 14 Mansefield Terrace.

LimousinX: 280p Ardbeg 241p(5) Kilbride 214p(2) Gartbreck 209p(8) Kilbride 206p Kinnabus (3) and Kilbride 205p(5) Ronnachmore 203p (6) Neriby 202p(12) Kilbride 197p Kinnabus(2) and Kintra(2) 196p(3) Kintra 194p(3) 14 Mansefield 191p Kintra(2) and Ronnachmore (8) 190p (2) Woodend.



This Texel gimmer was sold for 13,000gns at Carlisle.

## Christmas success for Cowal Texel

CHRISTMAS came early for K A & R Campbell of Lochgoilhead this year when one of their pedigree Texel gimmers was sold for 13,000gns at Carlisle last Saturday.

The gimmer, from the Cowal Texel flock, is in-lamb to Kelso Pavarotti, who was purchased jointly for 40,000gns at Lanark earlier this year.

The Cowal gimmer, sired by Muireisk Northern Dancer, was the only sheep in-lamb to Kelso Pavarotti being sold on the day. She was in the Cowal show team of 2009 and her ET sisters are being retained.

The annual Christmas Stars Sale is now in its sixth year and featured 127 in-lamb females from a total of eight consignors. The previous highest price at this in-lamb sale was 8,500gns for a Milnbank gimmer in 2004. The Cowal flock have attained the highest price twice before – 8,000gns in 2006 and jointly at 7,000gns in 2007.

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To notify your interest in either of the above, please telephone 01546 602518 and ask for Kate Robertson or e-mail kate.robertson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk by 18th December 2009.

### Phrase Book re-launched

THE Campbeltown Phrase Book has been re-launched exclusively at the Old Bookshelf, Cross Street.

First published in 1982, and written by D McTaggart Jnr, the book has been re-issued after Bookshelf Publishing tracked him down.

With an updated cover, courtesy of a postcard supplied by Cnoc Araich Publishing, Southend, 200 copies were put on sale at the shop.

Owner of the Bookshelf, Cindy Byrnes said: 'It is not every town in the world that has its own language. I love Campbeltown because it's special. If we don't preserve and cherish its history then it will be lost.'

The book is now available for £2.95. Anyone wishing to add words or phrases for future publications can contact the shop or even any history about the town that you think may be of interest.

# Alastair returns to Inveraray

IT was the first time in 25 years that Alastair McDonald played in Inveraray, when he performed in the Burgh's parish church last week.

Around 70 people attended to hear his folk music and storytelling, which he followed up with a gig in Campbeltown's Highland Parish Church the following night.

Alastair explained that he first started performing in churches when he was asked to talk about his faith with small groups.

#### Community

'At the same time, they would want me to bring my guitar,' he said. 'I like it when the churches are prepared to be hosts for the community.'



Alastair McDonald performed in Inveraray last week, the for the first time in 25 years. 08\_a50ai01



Councillor Dougie Philand with local Marie Curie nurses. 08\_a50ts02

## Lochgilphead lights to remember

A SPECIAL service to remember loved ones was held last week in the foyer of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Participants were able to dedicate a decoration on the 'Lights to Remember' Christmas Tree to a loved one, and the tree was then illumi-

nated as the choir sang the carol *Silent Night*.

#### Reflect

It was an opportunity remember and reflect at this poignant time of the year, as well as support local Marie Curie nurses and volunteers who offer practical and emotional help all year

round to those who are terminally ill and their families.

Councillor Dougie Philand introduced proceedings and hospital chaplain Margaret Sinclair conducted the ceremony. After the moving service refreshments were served.

## Dalriada club back in Argyll

FOR their December club night next Tuesday, the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club return to their usual venue, now named the Argyll Inn.

The club is most grateful to the Red Cross Hall for having hosted their club night for the last three months.

The Archie McVicar Trio will be guest artists for this Christmas edi-

tion. Archie will be joined as ever by Donald Chisholm (fiddle) and Ryan McGlynn (drums) and this makes for a great evening in prospect.

Chairman John Hunt sets the ball rolling at 7.30pm with local players, before the Archie McVicar Trio take to the floor. Spectators and supporting players are all most welcome.

# Community Noticeboard

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**16-19 December**  
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 Music Programme  
 Refreshments

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe  
 Band Association  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Victoria Hall,  
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 Saturday 12th December  
 10am - 12 noon  
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## Tayvallich tots don their PJ's for charity

THE children of Tayvallich Pre-5 Unit raised £194 for this year's BBC Children in Need campaign. The plucky youngsters were sponsored by family and friends to run round Tayvallich Sports Court five times wearing their pyjamas.



Alexis MacInnes and Kay Hunter showed off panettone, nougat and other Christmas treats at Cockles open night. 08\_a50eve01



CATHERINE Ralston with her new floral designs during the Heritage Centre's two-day craft fair at the weekend. Saturday saw a large number of people coming through the doors, supporting the local craft stalls and enjoying the soup and teas and coffees on offer. 04\_c49her01



Amy Kirkland and her mum Fiona were selling edible Christmas gingerbread houses and other treats including mulled wine lollies and gift sets at the craft fair at the Guide Hall, Campbeltown. Fiona used to sell doll's houses but these are much tastier! c49kir01

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Kay Hunter and staff had samples and advice on special treats for the festive period and the small shop was packed with customers enjoying a warming glass of mulled wine.

Alexis MacInnes, who has been working in the shop for many years, was helping to run her final Christmas night, as she will be moving on shortly.

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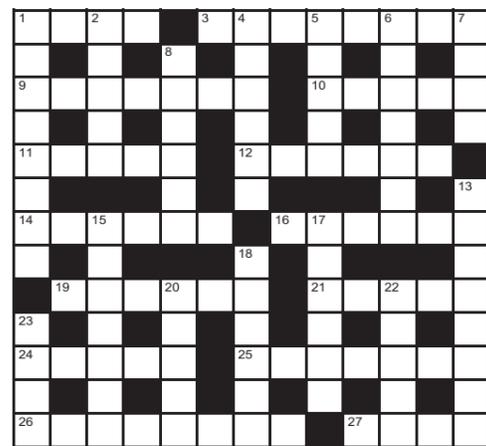
Following Bella's ill-fated 18th birthday party, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and his family abandon the town of Forks, Washington, in an effort to protect her from the dangers inherent in their world. As the heartbroken Bella sleepwalks through her senior year of high school, numb and alone, she discovers Edward's image comes to her whenever she puts herself in jeopardy. Her desire to be with him at any cost leads her to take greater and greater risks.

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

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## Council's report card says good progress

A REPORT by Argyll and Bute Council's auditors has said it is on the right road to improvement.

Following a best value audit of the council last December, chief executive Sally Loudon told councillors that the areas of weakness were being addressed. She added that the council is becoming more united and more business-like.

'It is extremely gratifying to learn that the work which everyone is putting in to improving the organisation is acknowledged and supported by independent experts,' she said. 'However, we will not take our foot off the pedal.'



# Relief Land flats ready for business

ONE OF Inveraray's oldest buildings has been transformed into modern flats, helping to boost the Royal Burgh's housing stock.

On Monday, November 30, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) handed over the keys to five tenants taking up residence in the Relief Land properties.

Relief Land was built in 1775 and is categorised as a Grade A listed building.

Originally the building had eight bedsits on the ground floor, which were in very poor condition, and ACHA were unable to let them due to dampness and a lack of demand for that size of property.

But thanks to a refurbishment programme carried out by Lochgilphead-based firm, Ma-

cleod Construction Ltd, the bedsits have been converted into ground floor flats.

There are now three two-bedroom flats and two one-bedroom flats.

Handing over the keys to the new tenants was Sandra MacKenzie, chair of ACHA's Mid Argyll and Kintyre area committee.

Sandra said: 'These flats have been refurbished to a very high and modern standard. I'm delighted to be here on St Andrew's Day to officially declare these properties open.'

Rod Buchanan, ACHA's local manager for Mid Argyll, thanked MacLeod Construction for their high standard of work, Historic Scotland for their assistance and all the staff at ACHA for their hard work.

Yvonne Lister, ACHA's

regional manager, added: 'We're delighted to be able to provide much needed housing accommodation in Inveraray. With around 4,000 applicants waiting to be re-housed, these homes are most welcome.'



Sandra MacKenzie, pictured centre, hands the Relief Land tenants their keys. Also pictured, far left and right, are Rod Buchanan and Fiona Evamy of ACHA. 06\_a49acha01

## Lochgilphead Primary presents 'Cinderella Rockafella'



The Ugly Sisters, aka - Augustina, played by Clare Litster and Anastacia, played by Orla Ward.



Rockafella played by Ruaridh MacVicar.

PRIMARY six and seven pupils from Lochgilphead Primary School performed their Christmas pantomime 'Cinderella Rockafella' last week.

The comical show saw the pupils take to the stage for three performances, over two evenings for parents and friends plus a showing to the school.

The show was a mod-

ern, panto-style reworking of the classic tale, including all the traditional characters: downtrodden Cinderella, Rockafella (formerly known as Prince Charming) Buttons, the Ugly Sisters and the Fairy Godmother, with a selection of additional characters, from music managers and paparazzi, to good and bad fairies - all placed in a world of

fame and celebrity.

With fresh and relevant things to say about fame, fortune and how true love will win in the end, it had a comical script, fabulous songs and plenty of opportunity for the audience to take part.

The panto marked the first of three festive shows the school will be staging before Christmas.

## Joint Campus roof repairs completed on schedule

THE long-awaited repairs to the Lochgilphead Joint Campus roof have been completed, almost two years after the storm damage occurred.

Work to re-instate the roof above the Mid Argyll Sports Centre began in June and was due to be finished by Christmas.

### Little Disruption

A report to councillors on the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee last week stated that the works had gone smoothly, with little disruption to sports centre users or the school.

Contractors have also worked to stop flooding of the school playground and monitor puddles, though work to solve drainage problems at the schools grass pitches may not be completed until the weather improves.

## A tasty time at Kilmichael

THE NOVEMBER meeting of Kilmichael WRI was held in Kilmartin House where Chef John Fisher prepared and produced mouth-watering starter ideas for Christmas which left members plenty to think about. Mr Fisher was warmly thanked by president Catherine Smith.

Competition results: Meat Loaf - 1. Betty Rhodick, 2. Catherine Smith. Child's mittens - 1. Catherine Smith, 2. Jean McIver, 3. Jean Blackwood. Shortbread Biscuits - 1. Anne Ferguson, 2. Catherine Smith, 3. Jean Gibb.

The next meeting will be in the Horseshoe Inn on December 8 when members are reminded to bring a present for Santa's Sack.

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# Christmas lights switched on

## Boccia Olympians do the honours

LOCHGILPHEAD'S main street was lit up in a range of festive colours on Saturday night as this year's Christmas lights were officially switched on.

And flicking the switch were special guests, the Boccia Olympians from Lochgilphead Resource Centre: Campbell Ferguson, Iain MacDougall, San-

dy MacKellar, Flora Currie and coaches, John Gillies and Karen Heafey. Hundreds of people lined the street for the official switch-on, which is becoming one of the highlights in the town's social calendar.

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The MS Centre staff and friends wrapped up against the elements as they manned their stand on Saturday night. Pictured are - Dianne Frame, Karen McCurry, Lorna MacFadyen, Karen Cameron and Michael and Rebecca McCurry. 06\_a50xms01



Little Katie and Callum MacVicar enjoyed seeing the lights switched on. They are pictured with their mum, Mhairi. 06\_a50xms04



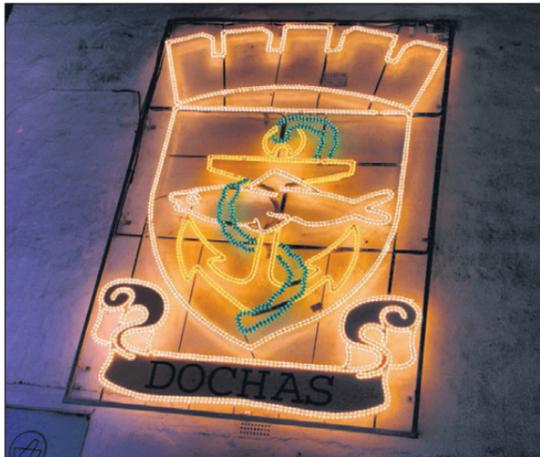
Left: Robert and Alasdair Toner from Lochgilphead were delighted with their new multi-coloured swords. 06\_a50xms09



The Boccia Olympians celebrate after turning on this year's Christmas Lights. 06\_a50xms07



Making a special trip to Lochgilphead especially for the lights switch-on are: The Snowwoman, Mrs Claus and Santa. They're joined by Councillor Douglas Philand and Michael and Rebecca McCurry. 06\_a50xms03



One of the Christmas lights to brighten up the dark nights. 06\_a50xms02



The Mid Argyll Pipe Band led the procession down to Colchester Square. 06\_a50xms10

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# Argyll charity changes lives in India

It is a long way from Eton to the humble mud huts and handmade classrooms of a schoolhouse in rural India. That is the remarkable journey made by one Argyll man, who has now set up a charity to help support education and more in impoverished villages.

AFTER being born and brought up on an Argyll Estate, and educated at Eton's famous public school, Edan Kenneil spends half his time in Bihar. It is India's poorest province, where most people live in small villages, lacking almost every basic necessity and eek out a

meagre living on wheat and rice.

Edan, aged 59, always had a passion for travelling. Over the years, he took time out from managing the Ardpatrik Estate near Tarbert and running a Hebridean boat charter company, the Deli, to travel, drawn time and again to the

poorer regions of India.

In 1993, when Edan was helping out at a Tibetan monastery school, teaching a little English and mathematics, he was asked to start a school by a Buddhist spiritual leader. He said the challenge was daunting. Illiteracy was high; corruption was rife, and Edan had seen much western aid end up in the pockets of local officials.

### Poorest

'If Bihar was a country – and 90 million people live there – it would be among the six poorest in the world,' he said. 'The average income of these people is \$6 a month, I'm not exaggerating. They don't have any money.'

'Most of these villages

are inaccessible – for half the year you can get there by motorbike. The other half, you can't even do that.'

Despite the challenges, the school opened, with simple mud huts and classrooms, built and staffed by local teachers and volunteers. What started as a single, homemade schoolhouse has grown to a series of schools, centres teaching practical skills, agricultural training, orphanages, water and sanitation projects in the Bodh Gaya district.

Two years ago, Edan added free clinics, offering health education and treatments to more than 20 villages with no other health care. 'The difference we can make is just amazing,' he said. 'Most of these illnesses are easily solved.'

### Equipment

The foundation trains young people with practical skills that will pave the way to an income and offers small loans to buy equipment and set them up in business.

Edan said: 'All our services are free. At the moment, we provide education from three or four years old up to 14. Then we have a gap, which is what we are trying to fill.'

For the past 15 years, Edan has funded the



Edan has been drawn time and again to the impoverished villages of Bihar

work out of his own pocket. Now he wants to reach more youngsters and offer higher education. He has just set up a new charity, the Schools and Skills Foundation, to take his work to a new level.

'Last year I bought some land and this is going to be the centre for the foundation – a main school for four to 18 year olds, and around this will be individual units giving specialist training in plumbing, wiring, sewing, anything which there could be an opportunity for some work.'

Edan brims with passion and vision – but why does he work so hard to improve the lives of people in this remote corner of India? 'Because it is fun mostly,' he said, almost apologetically. 'I'm not driven by any

kind of spiritual motivation. I suppose over the years I have noticed that with very little funds, I can make a lot of difference to a lot of people. It is extremely effective, what we do.'



The foundation began offering free clinics two years ago and hope to expand this side of their work.

His approach is one of straightforward, practical work alongside local

people and expanding will not change that. Although he has attracted the interest of travellers and volunteers from overseas, Edan keeps it simple and has resisted getting tied to governments or large charities.

'Once you have farmed in Argyll for a few years,' said Edan, 'you soon learn to make do with some basic materials and a bit of imagination and these are the same skills you need to make progress in the third world. You don't need flashy four-wheel drive vehicles or air conditioned offices. You just need a hammer and nails and some scrap wood and a bit of drive. The local people provide the rest.'

To find out more about the charity, visit their website at [www.schoolsandskills.org](http://www.schoolsandskills.org).



Edan says a little money can make a huge difference to the lives of children in the region.



Training in basic skills is vital, says Edan, to giving people a route out of poverty.

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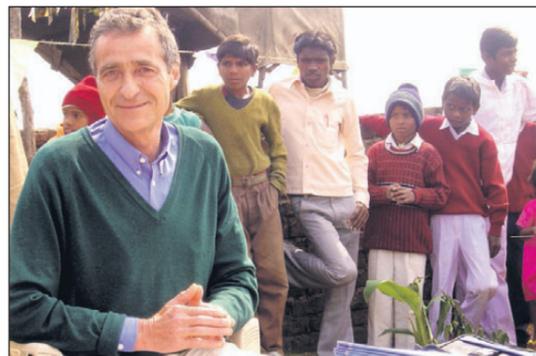
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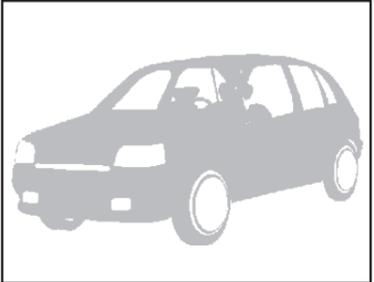
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**FRASER Morrison and Evelyn Peters** were married on May 16, 2009 in New Inn Church, County Tipperary, Ireland. Fraser is the son of Charlie Morrison, formerly of Campbeltown, and the late Margaret Morrison, Flora Street, Bowmore, Islay. Evelyn is the daughter of Alice and Roger Peters, Tipperary.



**CALUM McCrae of Grassfield Farm, Whitehouse and Susan Mackay of Stornoway** were married on August 1, 2009 at Luss Parish Church, Loch Lomond.

**Graduations**



**LIZA Hart Connelly** has recently graduated as a Registered Veterinary Nurse with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. In addition to this Liza also graduated with an HND in Veterinary Nursing from Barony College, Dumfries.

Liza is the daughter of John and Beth Connelly and granddaughter of Robert and Mary MacDonald, Cairnbaan and the late John and Annie Connelly, Oakfield Bridge, Lochgilphead.

Liza attended Lochgilphead Primary and Secondary Schools and has started her first Veterinary Nursing Post with Taylor Veterinary Practice, Cathkin Hospital, Rutherglen.

**PERSONALS**

Irene thanks all her friends and relatives who phoned, sent letters and cards wishing her well on her stay in the hospital, and since coming home. Thanks again. **Irene Krause, (McIntyre, Stewart)** Pensacola Florida.

Happy 6th Birthday **Cody-Jo**  
Love from **Daddy**  
X X X

On this your very special day  
Words can't express all I want to say  
As I grew up you were always there  
With love, advice and special care  
And as I set out along life's way  
I remembered such times every day  
Married with children one, two, three  
You'll never know what you mean to me  
Mother, grandmother and great gran too  
Happy 90th Birthday, all our love to you!

From Dorothy, Bob, Gillian, Greg, Daniel, Matthew, Lorraine, Carole, Anthony and wee John. xxxx

**ARMOUR**  
**John** would like to say thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts he received for his 80th birthday.  
**Cathie** would like to say thank you for the cards and good wishes while in hospital and since coming home. Thanks for all the help John received while I was away.

**Kenny Prentice** would like to thank everyone for making his 40th such a fantastic night.  
Special thank you to Alexis, Angela, Cath, Janette and Nick, and James P would like to thank everybody for making his 7th party mayhem.

**Jean and Coll Gillies** would like to thank everyone for their support and cards during this difficult time. We will not be sending Christmas Cards this year. Best Wishes.

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Thanks to everyone for the wonderful retirement do, beautiful flowers, gifts, and cards and to all the staff for the work they put in to making this a great night. Hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. The fun and friendship and toe tapping music will be a very big part of my very happy memories of Lochgilphead Resource Centre.  
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# Christmas Greetings

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 Wishes all her friends in Kintyre a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

  
**Merry Christmas**  
 To all my friends and family.  
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 Would like to wish everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year.

**SEASONS GREETINGS**  
 To all friends and family  
 From Cathie McGlynn.

**JIMMY ANDERSON**  
 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year.

**GEORGE WESTWATER**  
 Would like to wish all friends in Machrihanish and Campbeltown a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**AGNES GRAHAM & FAMILY**  
 Wish all friends, relatives and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**SEASONS GREETINGS**  
 To all friends, relatives and neighbours.  
 From Ron Mead and family  
 Ralston Road.

**MAIMIE JARVIE**  
 Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
 Auchinlee and formerly of 30 Albyn Avenue.

  
**Merry Christmas**  
 To all our relatives and friends from Roy, David and Donnie Mitchell,  
 10 Muasdale Cottages, Muasdale.

**AGNES & WILLIE MCMILLAN**  
 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a good New Year.

**RODGER & FLORA GILLESPIE**  
 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year.

**ISABEL MACPHERSON**  
 Wishes her family, relatives, friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**CHRIS COOK**  
 Would like to wish all her friends and relations a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

**DENIS MCWHIRTER**  
 Wishes all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.  
 14 Meadow Park.

**JEAN & PETER MCLEAN**  
 Would like to convey good wishes for Christmas and New Year to their relatives and friends in Campbeltown.

**SEASONS GREETINGS**  
 Anne, Sarena and Rhianna wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Donations sent to Arthritis Care's Joint Potential.

  
**Merry Christmas**  
 Malcolm and Vera send their happy festive wishes to all friends and neighbours.

**FLORENCE & STEVE**  
 Wish all their friends, home and abroad, a Merry Xmas and all good wishes for 2010.

**NELLIE RONALD**  
 Wishes all relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**VI MCALISTER**  
 Would like to wish friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**SEASONS GREETINGS**  
 Duncan and Barbara Black, Smith Drive, wish friends and neighbours Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**WILLIE MCCALLUM 78 LONGROW**  
 Is not sending out Christmas cards this year, but wishes all friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

**ELLA & CATHIE MCLAUCHLAN**  
 Wish all their friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
 Erinville.

**ISOBEL ANDERSON**  
 Will not be sending cards this year due to failing sight. I would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

**ARCHIE & ELLA JOHNSTON**  
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 Wish all relatives and friends a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

**JACK & JESSIE GALBRAITH**  
 Wish all our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

**MARY GALBRAITH**  
 Wishes all her friends and relations a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
 5 Columba's Way Southend.

**MARGARET & BERTIE ROBERTSON**  
 Would like to wish all family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year  
 17 Meadows Avenue.

  
**Merry Christmas**  
 To all friends and family from Jimmy and Alice Russell, having a great holiday in Oz.

**MARGARET & YVIE**  
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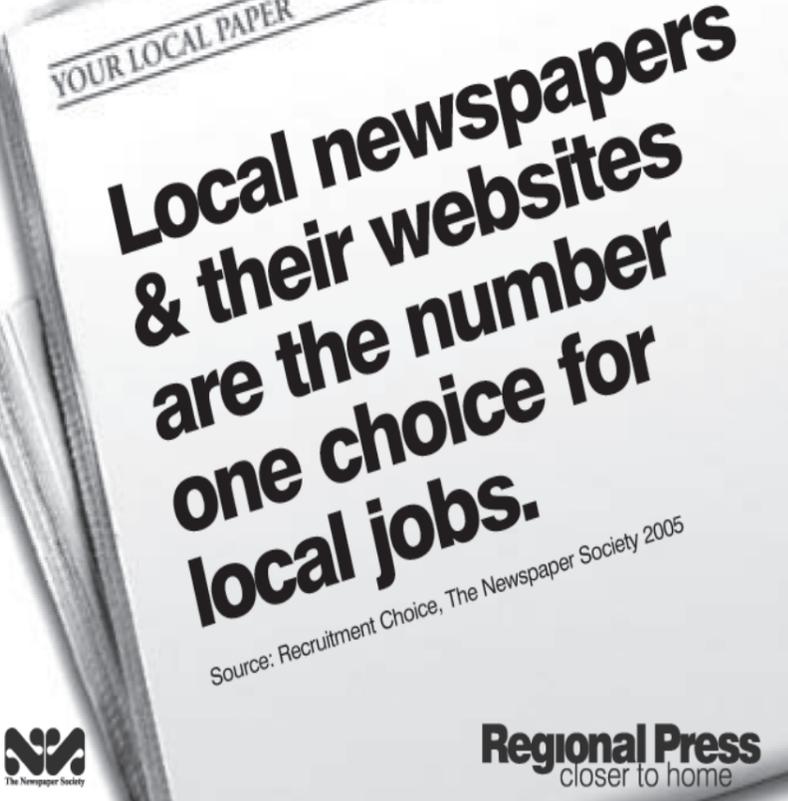
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### PLANNING

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications

Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning Services:

67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 01/01/2010

● **Ref No: 09/01548/PP**  
Applicant: Mr Archie Martin  
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with associated access and installation of septic tank  
Site Address: Land South East Of Kilmaho Cottage, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute  
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01572/PP**  
Applicant: Mr David Ralston  
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with integral garage and stable  
Site Address: Rhoin Farm, Raf Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6NT  
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01625/PP**  
Applicant: Mrs McNiven  
Proposal: Erection of a conservatory.  
Site Address: 4 Cairncubh Cottages, Cairnbaan, Lochgilhead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8SQ  
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilhead

● **Ref No: 09/01658/PP**  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Paul Davies  
Proposal: Erection of a rear extension  
Site Address: Eastwood, Lochpark, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6SG  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Carradale East

● **Ref No: 09/01659/PP**  
Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association  
Proposal: Internal and external refurbishment of flatted block including formation of 4 additional car parking spaces.  
Site Address: 83 - 103 Millknowe, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6NJ  
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01670/PP**  
Applicant: Mr E Tyler and Dr C Spink  
Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse with amended means of foul drainage to approved application reference 08/01000/PP  
Site Address: Land West Of North Beachmore Farm, Muasdale, Argyll  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan

● **Ref No: 09/01803/PPP**  
Applicant: Mr David Watson  
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house (previous consent 06/01738/OUT)  
Site address: Plot 2 Ardnacross Farm, Peninver, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute  
Location of Plans: Council Offices, Burnet Building, Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 09/01697/PP**  
Applicant: Mr S MacAlister  
Proposal: Erection of a general industrial building (Class 5).  
Site Address: Unit 7, Bengullion Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6LS  
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01791/PP**  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs M Watts  
Proposal: Proposed formation of dormer window, replacement windows, alterations to existing dwellinghouse, change of use from domestic garage to ancillary accommodation and retrospective planning for covered deck and carport  
Site Address: Mossbank, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6TT  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

An extant list of planning applications which can be viewed on the Councils website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
A weekly list of applications which can be viewed at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at Dalriada House, Lochgilhead and 67-69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, the location identified below and by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications.

Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

● **Ref No: 09/01790/ADV**  
Applicant: The Original Factory Shop  
Proposal: Erection of signage (Retrospective)  
Site Address: 1 - 3 Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AQ,  
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld, John St Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 09/01272/PP**  
Applicant: Ian Darby No.1 Trust  
Proposal: Alterations and extensions to existing hotel.  
Site Address: Ballinakill Country House Hotel, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute PA29 6XL  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tarbert

● **Ref No: 09/01273/LIB**  
Applicant: Ian Darby No.1 Trust  
Proposal: Alterations and extensions to existing hotel.  
Site Address: Ballinakill Country House Hotel, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XL  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tarbert

● **Ref No: 09/01660/LIB**  
Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association  
Proposal: Internal and external refurbishment of flatted block including formation of 4 additional car parking spaces  
Site Address: 83 - 103 Millknowe, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute PA28 6NJ  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess)

### COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION

#### EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2010 should be sent to the Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508) by 15 February 2010 for primary and secondary schools.

#### GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tiree Primary School, Tiree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon.

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 4 January 2010.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2010, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 4 January 2010.

Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services

### SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING BUOY: CAMPBELTOWN LOCH

Notice is hereby given that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) 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 deploy an environmental monitoring buoy at the following location in Campbeltown Loch:

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Environmental Monitoring Buoy	55 25.189N	05 35.314W (WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Campbeltown Library, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Park, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown PA28 6EG.

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: 2SPC\4\49.

Scottish Environment Protection Agency,  
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### ARDRISHAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WIND TURBINE

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name ...' (Isaiah 12:4).

**BIRTHS**



**MCCALLUM - JAMIESON**

Scott and Nicole would like to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Chloe Rebecca McCallum, born on November 11, 2009. First grandchild for Ian and Meg Jamieson, Lochgilphead and also David and Elaine McCallum, Castlemilk, Glasgow. Special thanks to all midwives in Lochgilphead and RAH, Paisley.



**MC MILLAN - HARROGATE**

Paul and Debbie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lucas Neil, on November 29, 2009 in Campbeltown. Thanks to all midwives involved, especially Isobel and Catriona.

**DEATHS**

**MARTIN** - Suddenly, at Campbeltown Hospital, on December 6, 2009, Mary Pearson Scott, in her 78th year, 54 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Bell Martin, dearly loved mother of Margaret, Charles, Katrina, Nannette, Douglas and Patricia and a much loved granny, great-granny, mother-in-law and aunt.

**SHEPHERD** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at home, Springfield Terrace, Campbeltown, on December 8, 2009, Jack Shepherd, in his 99th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Edna Campbell, dear father of Ian and Edna and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, December 14 at 2.00pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer's Scotland and the Chest Heart and Stroke Foundation, Scotland.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMPBELL** - The family of the late Peter J Campbell would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and for flowers, cards and phone calls received during their recent sad loss. Thanks to Dr Elder and the staff in Carradale Surgery, to Dr Ireland and staff in the Acute Ward, the

Accident and Emergency Department, Campbeltown and to the MacMillan Nurses. Special thanks to Rev Vischer for his comforting service, Alasdair Blair for dignified and helpful services, and to all who paid their respects in church and at the graveside. Sincere thanks for donations amounting to £1206.29, which was raised for Kintyre MacMillan Nurses.

**HELM** - David and Donald would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received after their sad bereavement. They would also like to thank Rev M Lind for a comforting service and Alasdair Blair for funeral services. Special thanks to Clinton House Residential Home for their care and kindness to Andrew over the last eleven years and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection in aid of the Nursing Home realised £162.35.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CAMERON** - Richard, who passed away December 15, 2006. In our hearts forever.

- Niall, Phyllis, Lyndsay, James, Niah, Arran, Rachel, Barry and Karen xx.

**FLETCHER** - In loving memory of our dear dad and gramps, Archie Fletcher, who died December 13, 2003. Also our dear mum and gran, Margaret (Robertson) Fletcher, who died November 5, 1977. Forever in our thoughts.

- Inserted by Joyce, Chad, James and Dave.  
**FLETCHER** - In loving memory of Archie, our dear father and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003, and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother who died November 5, 1977. Loved and remembered always.

- Inserted by son Gill, Theresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

**LANG** - In loving memory of Duncan, passed away on December 13, 2004, beloved husband, dad, papa, son and brother. We have shed so many tears over the last five years.

But it's only because we love you, and dearly wish you were still here. Loved and missed every day.

- Love Marjorie and family, at home and away xxx.

**MACARTHUR** - Treasured memories of my dear husband Duncan, who passed away December 13, 2004. Someone too special to ever forget.

- Betty and family, Lochgilphead, Islay and USA.

**MACCALLUM** - In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband and dad, died December 11, 2002.

We often sit and think about you And think of how you died To think you could not say goodbye Before you closed your eyes.

- Love Mary and Janette xx.

**MACCALLUM** - Tommy, dear dad and papa, died December 11, 2002. Loved and remembered always.

- Mary, Roslyn, Margaret, Davie and Maureen.  
**MACIVER** - Billy.

It's been two years now since you had to go And still my heart aches and my tears overflow I miss you as my daddy, I just miss you The girls miss their papa, as does wee Jaden too I miss your hugs and just hearing your voice I know you fought hard and had no choice But if I could have had just one more day I would still have begged for you to stay To tell me funny stories and make me smile To make you linger, just another while I know you are around me and I have learned to understand That one day you'll come back for me and take my hand But until that day daddy I need you near To give me strength for another year Love you my daddy.

- Your Trina.  
**McDONALD** - In loving memory of Sally, who passed away on December 10, 2005. Sadly missed. - Sandy and Isla.  
**YOUNG** - Treasured memories of Norman, who passed away on December 11, 2002. Though absent you are very near Still loved, still missed and very dear. All our love - Margaret and Yvonne xx.

**ECCLESIAICAL NOTICES**

**THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

**Sunday Services** in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

**CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)**

Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 13th December 2009

**Combined Service LESSONS AND CAROLS**

CUMLODDEN CHURCH (Furnace)

10.30 am with Church Choir (Tea to follow)

Seirbheis Ghàidhlig GAELIC SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

LOCHGAIR CHURCH 3 pm (Tea to follow)

Rev. Roddy Macleod Ceud mìle fáilte ALL WELCOME



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2009**

11.00 am **Worship Service** Tom McKay All Welcome

**Toucan Club - Church Hall at 4.00 pm** P1 - P7 welcome

**Youth Fellowship - The Manse at 7.30 pm** S1 - S6 welcome

**16-19th DECEMBER Christmas Tree Festival**

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**Sunday 13 December 2009** 11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean "The increase of His Government"

**Thursday 17 December 2009** 7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

"Come and see"

**Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

**Advent 3**

Morning Worship

**Sunday 13th December 2009**

Joint Parish Service Tayvallich Church 11am

Worship and Christening led by Rev Hilda Smith

Light lunch in Tayvallich Hall thereafter

All welcome

Interim Moderator: Rev. Hilda Smith 01546 602238

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**Sunday 13th December 2009**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

8.30am Holy Communion

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**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 S1 -S6

**Wednesday**

10.00 a.m. Jellytots Parent & Toddler Group

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Scottish Charity Number SC11686

**Saturday 12 December**

Supporting the Homeless in Kintyre Coffee morning

10-12 noon New Hall

**Sunday 13 December**

Morning worship 11:15am (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Rev Philip Burroughs Churches Together in Campbeltown Service at Machrihanish Hall 7:00pm

**Tuesday 15 December**

Mothers and Toddlers 9:45 am

**Thursday 17 December**

Choir practice 7:30pm

**Friday 18 December**

Triple C parties: Pre school/P1 4:00 to 5:30 pm and P2-P7 7:00 to 9:00 pm

**Highland Parish Church**



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**Friday 11th & Sat 12th December 2009**

12 noon - 2pm Christmas Lunches -

Kirk St Hall

**Sunday 13th December**

11.15am Morning Service

Creche (0-3yrs) - Church

Funday Club (3yrs - p5)

Kirk St Hall

JAM (P6+) - Church

6.30pm Campbeltown Churches Together

Christmas service in Machrihanish Village Hall: with Brass Band, and Drumlemble

Primary School Choir.

Collection for "The Raven Trust" (Malawi)

**Wednesday 16th December**

7.15pm Midweek Fellowship - Manse

(Tuesday/Friday Badminton returns in New Year!)

Rev Michael J Lind Everyone very welcome

**GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2009**

Tayvallich Church 11am

Joint Service with North Knapdale Parish followed by light lunch in the village hall

Rev Hilda Smith (Interim Moderator)

All most welcome

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

**Sunday 13th December 2009** 11.00am Morning Service

Monday - 2.30pm Ladies Meeting Christmas Tea

**TONIGHT** Survivaz

8pm - 9.30pm All youth welcome

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 13th December 2009**

Tarbert Church 11.30am

Sunday School 11.20am

Kilberry Church 2pm

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# Jingling all the way in Inveraray

## 31 competitors lined up at the start

INVERARAY Jogscotland hosted their inaugural Jingle bells run on Sunday, December 6.

The weather was kind and 31 competitors of varying ages and abilities lined up at the start line in the grounds of Inveraray Castle.

The run was a one-mile loop with the choice to run once, twice or three times round. There was some fantastic competitive running from everyone, with many running further than they had before.

Inveraray running group would like to thank everyone who made the effort to attend especially those from Ormsary Jogscotland and even one competitor who came all the way from West Yorkshire.

### Captured

The Inveraray group captured first over all place with member Toby Corner taking first adult male prize in the three miles in 18.36, first adult female in the three miles was Liz Feeney 24.47, jog leader with the Mid

Argyll group.

The first junior female over three miles was Freya Corner 22.41, Inveraray and the first adult in the two miles was Kate Gomersall from Leeds and first junior, Rosie Corner came in together at 17.30 making it a hat trick for the Corner family.

Patrick Feeney from Minard joined his mother in the prizes as first male junior in 14.54. The junior one mile prizes were hotly contested with local runner



Inveraray Jogscotland hosted their Jingle Bells run on Sunday.

Ben Cameron putting in a fantastic run of 9.04 with another local Iona McCulloch coming over the finishing line with a big smile in 12.07 as first junior female. First

adult female was Nicola Scott.

Thanks also go to Argyll Estates and The Duke of Argyll for allowing the use of their lovely grounds to run in,

the marshals and time-keeper Dilla Patrick.

Inveraray Jogscotland meets every Tuesday night during term time at the shelter Shed at the Primary School at 7pm.

## Goals galore for the Soccer Centre

Lochgilphead SC Under 13s 17  
Bishopton YF Under 13s - 0

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre Under 13s continued their goal-scoring form of last week with another excellent Greenock & District Youth League victory on the astro at Lochgilphead Joint Campus last Saturday.

Aaron Moore opened the scoring for the D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd sponsored home side after two minutes with a strong run and cool finish and Keir Whitefield doubled the lead five minutes later when he curled a free kick home from the corner of the box. Josh Coates then scored two quick goals, both set up by his striking partner Ewan Dudding, and Ewan scored the fifth himself. Keir Whitefield hit his second of the game before Ewan Dudding rounded the keeper and a defender tackling back could only put the ball into his own net to make the half time score 7-0.

Early in the second half Aaron Moore scored his second after a Ewan MacNeill pass set him free down the left. Josh Coates got the next to

complete his hat trick and Keir Whitefield also scored his third before Josh scored again. Ewan Dudding scored again then Coll McCulloch hit a fine strike to add his name to the scoresheet. A Cameron Hendry double quickly followed, the first an excellent solo run, and in the last two minutes Aaron Moore and Ewan Dudding both completed their hat tricks. The final chance fell to Connor MacIntyre but he was unlucky to see his shot go inches wide.

Lochgilphead team: McCulloch, MacIntyre, Miller, Monks, MacNeill, Guy, McCulloch, Whitefield (capt), Moore, Dudding, Coates. Subs: Hendry, Gordon, Anderson.

Lochgilphead SC Under 15s 14  
Gourock BC Under 15s 0

LOCHGILPHEAD SC Under 15's were comprehensive winners in their latest Greenock and District Youth League match versus Gourock BC played at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Sunday, December 6.

Two goals each from Ian McGuinness and Alistair MacVicar gave the Lakeland Marine sponsored home team a

4-0 half time advantage. MacVicar and McGuinness added another six goals between them with centre half Ally MacLennan scoring his second of the season. Second half substitute Michael Kennedy looked composed at right back when he took the field and young substitute strikers Connor Boyd and Donald McCulloch did well with one goal and two goals respectively. Final score - 14 - 0.

Many thanks to Gourock BC for making the long trip to Argyll and their good sportsmanship.

Lochgilphead Team: Selfridge, Coates, Donald, Meechan, MacLennan, Watt, Bruce, MacNaughton, McGuinness, MacVicar, Doull Subs: Kennedy, Boyd, McCulloch.

## Fantastic scoring breaks records in the winter sunshine

By David Sinclair

THIS week's golf provided the best scoring since records began or since John Downie was in his forties.

Ross Sinclair was first again and must be a contender for the award for the most irritating player to be landed with. He's good and he knows that he is.

### Advice

Campbell Paterson was playing with Keith, he had seven birdies, was three under par and Keith was still trying to give him advice.

John Davidson's yo-yo season continued with another great score but he could easily oversleep next week despite his seven alarm clocks.

### Back Nine

John Downie had a great back nine holes which is just as well as there were four players tied on 39 points. He won on a count back beating Alec MacAulay, Tommy Angus and Andy Law.

Tommy Angus had pulled out all the stops, used all his best routines,

danced till he nearly dropped but the judges could only award him five points such was the quality of the rest of the players.

Donald Carmichael was taking care of his balls after last week's problems and scored at every hole.

Keith Cowan was going shopping at Braehead after the golf and was distracted by thoughts of the golf gadgetry that might find its way into Santa's sack.

### Bestseller

Bill Dick is still feeling the benefits of reading Keith's book - How to very nearly play better than average Golf which probably may be a bestseller this Christmas.

Duffer of the week and the winner of the mat of shame was the man with the driest but most ridiculous looking feet - Jim Hunter.

Results - 10 R.Sinclair 9 C.Patterson 8 J.Davidson 7 J.Downie 6 A. MacAulay 5 T.Angus 4 A.Law 3 D.Carmichael 2 K.Cowan 1. B.Dick. Nearest the Pin - A.Law.

## Tarbert Gun Club December shoot

TARBERT Gun Club held their December leg of the winter league team shoot last Sunday at their Barmore ground.

The weather was kind to the 48 shooters and it was the younger members who shot well.

Geordie Hunter won the High Gun with

Scott McNeil and Mark Ellis again winning their classes closely followed by Ormsary's Ian Winnard and Campbeltown's Scott MacAllister in the team event.

Bob McColl's team increased their lead at the top.

This Sunday is the last competition of the year

- the club's Christmas shoot.

Results - Class A - 1. G. Hunter, 2. J. Paton and A. McDonnell, 3. B. Baird. Class B - 1. J. Gargan, 2. A. Khan, 3. S. MacAllister. Class C - 1. M. Holder, 2. F. Campbell, 3. A. MacCallum. Class D - 1. S. McNeil, 2. I. Wilson, 3. A. MacGilp Jnr. Class E

- 1. M. Ellis, 2. I. Winnard and S. MacAllister, 3. S. Johnson, 4. A. Currie.

Teams - 1. B. McColl, A. Khan, M. Holder, I. Wilson and M. Ellis. 2. J. Paton, J. Gargan, L. MacDonald, A. MacGilp Jnr, A. Currie. 3. J. Weir, R. Jenkins, R. MacCallum, M. Read and R. McDonald.

## Turkey trot for runners

LOCHGILPHEAD Jogscotland is planning a Turkey Trot this weekend for all enthusiastic runners.

The group will meet at Barnlusgan carpark at 10.30am on Sunday.

Runners of all abilities are invited to come along.

## Conquering Kilimanjaro

INTREPID volunteers from Argyll and Bute are being sought to take up the challenge of trekking infamous Mount Kilimanjaro.

The eight-day challenge will raise money for children's charity Children Today.

Volunteers need to be aged 18 years and over. The trip takes place from September 17 - 24.

For a free information pack contact Ceri Ward on 01244 335622 or ceri@childrentoday.or.uk

## SAFL results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S results: Scottish Amateur Cup, 3rd round - Dunoon 6, Insh 2; 4th round - Oban Saints 0, Broomhill 0. Division 1 - Haldane 6, Lochgilphead Red Star 1. The games involving Campbeltown Pupils, Campbeltown Boys and Tarbert were all off.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Cup 4th round - Dunoon v Gartcosh United; 4th round replay - Broomhill v Oban Saints. West of Scotland Cup 3rd round - Lochgilphead Red Star v Glasgow Harp; 4th round - Castlemilk v Campbeltown Pupils. Premier Division 2 - Tarbert v Campbeltown Boys.

## Saints win top award

OBAN Saints FC have won the coveted Sunday Mail and sportscotland Local Club of the Year 2009 award.

Club representatives travelled to the Hilton Hotel last week where the trophy was handed over to club secretary David Buchanan.

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## Club Lottery numbers

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 2, 4 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £1,300 next week.

KILMORY Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 6, 16 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

## Festive sport deadlines

SPORTS reports and photographs for the festive editions of the paper should be submitted no later than 12noon on Monday December 21 and Monday December 28.

Anything submitted after this time may not be included in the paper.

All reports and photographs should be emailed to – editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or handed into the office at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

## The Hairy Haggis Race

THE EDINBURGH Marathon, Scottish Half Marathon and Hairy Haggis Relay take place on Sunday May 23, 2010 with bond places available to support the Meningitis Research Foundation (MRF).

Teams of four are being sought to compete in the relay race. Entry is free and teams are asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of £500.

For more information contact Alison on 0131 510 2345 or email alisonbaker@scotland-meningitis.org.uk

# Wonderful Wanderers



A delighted Lochgilphead Wanderers after last Sunday's 3-2 win over Carradale in the Provan Shield final

## Last gasp goal takes trophy back to Lochgilphead

Provan Sports Shield  
**LOCHGILPHEAD WANDERERS 3**  
(Finlayson 65, D. Weir 75 and Johnstone 93)  
**CARRADALE 2**  
(McIlroy 47, McDougall 52)

LOCHGILPHEAD Wanderers won their first trophy at the weekend by beating Carradale three goals to two in the final of the Provan Sports Shield.

The youngsters did it in style coming from two down to deservedly clinch the victory in injury time at a wind and rain swept Community Pitch in Oban.

Carradale started the match playing well and Gregor Croll's darting runs were keeping marker David Weir busy and it was no surprise that the Wanderers' goal-

keeper Fraser Meechan was the busier of the two custodians in the first half.

The team's turn round at half time with Lochgilphead ending the half on top, but it was Carradale who again started the better and scored after only two minutes. McIlroy was given all the time he needed on the edge of the box to send a high ball over the defence and into the net.

### Doubled

The Kintyre side doubled their lead shortly after with good run through on the left by Nicky MacDougall who fired home from about 15 yards.

Lochgilphead got their first and best goal of the game after 65 minutes with a ball out to Johnstone wide on the right, he stretched the play and

sent in a super low cross in the space between goalkeeper Todd and the defenders. It found Rhuaridh Finlayson at the back post and he bundled the ball over to start the fightback.

This joy was to be short-lived with Carradale rightly being awarded a penalty a minute later for a foul inside the box.

The kick was well hit by the first scorer of the day McIlroy, but was saved by Fraser Meechan diving to his left to push the ball wide.

Carradale lost some of their shape when they had a man sent off.

The scores were even after 75 minutes following a deep corner on the right. The ball came through to David Weir who gained some space by going away from the

goal. However he made a quick turn and hit a shot that deceived goalkeeper Todd.

### Indiscipline

Two more Carradale players received their marching orders for indiscipline as the game edged towards extra time but they still looked dangerous when they advanced.

As the 90 minutes came and went Wanderers' Robbie Kincaid sent in a deep corner to the back post that was headed into the net by Craig Johnstone to give the Wanderers a hard-fought 3-2 win.

In the warmth and dry of the dressing room, team captain Alasdair Provan was presented with the Provan Sports Shield by a very gracious Campbeltown and District League match secretary Nonnie McAllister.



Action from the Provan Shield final played on the 3g Community Pitch at Oban High School.

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