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Winter weather roads chaos

MORE than 30 traffic accidents were reported to Lochgilphead police this week as snow, ice and freezing temperatures wreaked havoc on Mid Argyll roads.

Whilst no-one was seriously injured, one man had to be cut free from his car when it overturned on the A83 near Lochgair at 7.55pm last Friday. The 51-year-old man was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital and has since been allowed home.

At the opposite end of Loch Fyne, also on the A83 on Friday, a man visiting the area was left shaken after his car slid into a ditch and was teetering on its side near Stonefield Castle Hotel.

The A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road also saw a series of accidents with a 60-year-old female again escaping injury when her car left the road between Croabh Haven and Ardfern on Friday. The car collided with a telegraph pole when it skidded in the snow at 11.45am.

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Students' art work on show

ADVANCED Higher art student Hannah Dykes enjoyed exhibiting her art collection at Lochgilphead High School on Tuesday night.

Hannah's collection, entitled 'Clothes Don't Make the Man', was inspired by the notion that a person's appearance influences another's perception of them.

The S6 pupil was one of seven

students exhibiting their work as part of their prelim art assessment. Other collections featured illustrations of a CD cover for Glasgow folk rock band 'Three Blind Wolves', the war at home, fear of the unknown and the changing landscape of Inveraray.

A second exhibition of the pupils' work will go on display in May. 06_a50art02

Death knell for fishing villages?

Fears over exclusion zone bid

THE INTRODUCTION of a three-mile mobile fishing exclusion zone around the isle of Arran will virtually kill the fishing industry in Loch Fyne and decimate the villages of Tarbert, Carradale and Campbeltown, a community councillor has claimed.

Jenny Carlisle, chairwoman of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, made the statement in response to a call for all methods of mobile fishing, bottom trawling and dredging to be prohibited from the area within three miles of the Clyde shoreline.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), together with static fishermen, sea anglers and community councils, has launched an online petition in favour of the proposal.

The organisations believe this policy would

By EDEL
KENEALY

give the Clyde a chance to recover from 25 years of trawling and dredging, ensuring a sustainable marine environment.

However Kenny MacNab, owner of Flying Fish in Tarbert and former chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, said if enforced, the proposal would 'devastate' fishing in Argyll villages.

'Tarbert would be finished as a fishing village,' he said. 'There are about 23 to 25 mobile vessels, family businesses that would go out of businesses. We, as much as anyone, want to protect the marine environment but the three-mile limit is not the answer.'

Jenny, who was not speaking on behalf of

the community council, said: 'There are 100 men directly employed directly on the boats. I am appalled our neighbours on Arran, which does not have a fishing harbour, are considering this threat to our economy and identity.'

But Chairman of COAST, Howard Wood, said mobile fishing has left the Clyde seabed 'a sandy, grave desert'.

Asked what he would say to the fishermen and rural communities that are sustained by the fishing industry, Mr Wood said: 'Think of the future of the fishing industry. We are down to two invertebrate species in the Clyde. For the past seven years there have been no fish, only prawns and scallops. Do we carry on like this until we have nothing left but jellyfish and toxic algal blooms?'

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Winter weather roads chaos

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Both roads were closed at various points throughout the week as gritters and snowploughs struggled to make the roads passable.

Sheet ice on the A83 forced the police to close the road between Lochgilphead and Inveraray between 11pm on Friday and 3am on Saturday morning.

Heavy snow meant the A816 near Kilmartin was closed to traffic for two hours on Friday morning.

The snow also caused primary schools to close at various times throughout the week. Schools affected included Lochgilphead, Glassary, Kilmartin, Ashfield, Achahoish, Tayvallich, Skipness and Strachur.

Parent councils hit back

Ashfield

Alka Foster, chair of Ashfield Parent Council, said: 'Ashfield Parents are concerned that councillors chose to accept inaccurate figures on travel times, school roll and energy consumption, rather than force the authority to prove these exaggerated savings. No money will be saved through property costs as these transfer to transportation costs and savings come solely from cutting teachers - this ultimately means overcrowded classrooms for all schools in Argyll. Ashfield's travel timings are of particular concern as we have requested accurate timetables of peak journey times - and these have yet to appear - the council currently predicts 42 mins - the limit is 45

Mid Argyll parents give their reaction to Argyll and Bute Council's decision that its plans to close up to 25 rural primary schools goes out to consultation



Protesters make their feelings known outside Kilmory in Lochgilphead on the day Argyll and Bute councillors voted to put its school closure plans out to consultation.

- the reality is closer to one hour.'

Glassary

Gordon Parker, chairman of Glassary Primary School Parent Council, said: 'Unfortunately these proposals have resulted in all the schools concerned now going forward to the consultation process. Cleland Sneddon assures us that the outdated method of calculation for capacity in classrooms will be changed but only after the process. The plan is now to remove the library and ICT room for primary children in Lochgilphead to make way for the burgeoning school roll should the amalgamation with Glassary and Minard

schools go ahead. This room is classified as a 'specialist area' by the Scottish Government and was specifically designed for purpose. The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 stipulates that the council must set out any adverse educational affects the proposals will have on the schools concerned. Despite our requests they have refused to do this.'

Achahoish

Fiona Drynan, of Achahoish Parent Forum, said: 'We are very disappointed that Achahoish Primary School remains on the proposed closure list. We submitted a detailed account of our reasoning to councillors

and to the executive explaining why Achahoish Primary School should not be closed. Those involved firmly believe in the arguments we put forward and have convened a public meeting at which we will decide how best to ensure that Achahoish Primary remains at the centre of our community.'

Minard

Brian Barker, chair of Minard Parent Council, said: 'We're disappointed that the proposals were not thrown out and a proper assessment of schools based on educational benefit undertaken instead. In the meeting itself Cleland Sneddon stated that 'buildings do not deliver education' and we agree with that, yet the council assessment of schools is based on data relating to buildings.

The proposals do not include any factual evidence about educational quality such as HMIE reports or internal assessments. The lack of information on educational benefit and focus on financial matters is, in our opinion, a contravention of the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act.

We do not believe the council process is open, honest or proper and will continue to fight on until Minard Primary School is saved.'

Lib Dems to the fore in new council alliance

A NEW ruling alliance has taken power at Argyll and Bute Council.

After voting with Independent councillors during the school consultation debate, the Liberals have become the second biggest party in the newly formed alliance.

The deputy council leader is now Lib Dem leader Ellen Morton, from Helensburgh, replacing SNP's Robert Macintyre, while the post of deputy Provost and European spokesman went to Len Scoullar an Independent from Bute.

Neil Mackay, an Independent from Oban takes a £9,000 a year job as spokesman for enterprise, energy, culture and tourism. Other changes will see Lib Dem Andrew Nisbet as spokesman for social affairs, Independent Bruce Marshall as environment spokesman, Islay-based Lib Dem councillor Robin Currie with the rural and island affairs, housing and Gaelic portfolio, and Rory Colville as spokesman for Third Sector and Communities.

The chairwoman of Helensburgh and Lomond area committee and education spokesperson is independent councillor Vivien Dance with her deputy named as Lib Dem Al Reay. Posts that remain the same are Provost William Petrie, Leader of the Council and spokesman for leadership and

economy Dick Walsh and spokesperson for transport and infrastructure Duncan MacIntyre, from Oban, who also took on the role as deputy spokesperson for rural and island affairs, housing and Gaelic. Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'We have a new, talented and energetic group at the helm as we steer Argyll and Bute through what will be a very challenging time. I am pleased that the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives have joined with us to work in partnership for our communities. We have a significant task ahead in ensuring the sustainability of long-term service delivery to our residents, and we will ensure we focus on doing what is right in the long term, rather than trying to score any short-term political points.'

Councillor Morton added: 'We have clearly joined the administration at a very difficult time, given the national economic situation. But we will do our very best to work positively and in partnership with our fellow councillors and communities to ensure the best results for our residents.'

Roddie McCuish, Oban SNP councillor, said: 'This is a black day for Argyll and Bute Council. People have been rewarded for the way they voted last week. People will not forget how their elected members have let them down.'

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Consultation begins on council cuts proposals

One in 20 council jobs could go top help slash budget by £7.5M

COUNCILLORS waved through proposals for the public to have their say into a major jobs cull and cuts in services at Argyll and Bute on Monday.

Argyll residents will now have three weeks to make their views known on plans to cut one in 20 jobs at the council, along with a series of measures the council hopes to introduce in a bid to cut its budget by £7.5 million.

As reported in last week's Oban Times, the budget proposal includes the closure of libraries, reduced rural bus services, reduced maintenance of roads, a 15 per cent cut in grants to swimming pools, removal of free fruit to infant schools, a 15 pence

increase to the price of a school meal and moving cleaning, catering and domestic staff to term-time contracts.

Speaking after Monday's meeting council leader Dick Walsh said: 'We've shared our budget process with residents this year because we think it's the right thing to do.'

'We don't have to consult on the budget and we haven't done it before but this year we knew there were difficult decisions ahead. By consulting on the budget since August I hope our residents are more aware of the challenges we face. We've held a number of consultation events and these have helped us develop the options that are now for

discussion.

'I appreciate there's a condensed period remaining for people to feed in their thoughts.'

'But we've been consulting since August and there's only a short window between when we get an idea of our settlement from the Scottish Government and when we start considering the final budget. It's important that the council gets as many views as possible and I would be delighted to hear any creative ideas people have which could reduce the impact of any of the budget proposals.'

Full details of the consultation will be available on the council's website, www.argyll-bute.gov.uk, by tomorrow (Friday).



Guards at the HMS Argyll rededication ceremony.

HMS Argyll welcomed back to the operational fleet

HMS ARGYLL, now the most advanced warship of her class in the Royal Navy, was welcomed back into the operational fleet on Friday.

The Argyll, which has undergone a £20 million upgrade, was welcomed back to frontline operational duty with a special rededication ceremony at Devonport Naval Base in Plymouth.

The ship's links to Argyll were to be recognised at the event with a performance by a ceremonial Scots piper but

bad weather meant he was unable to attend.

Protect

The upgrade of the 1989 ship, carried out by Babcock Marine, involved a new superstructure that will protect the ship against the sea and wear and tear for years to come, new weapons and sensors and updating the command system, making it the best in the fleet.

Captain Commander Paul Stroude said the upgrade has turned the ship into the most po-

tent and relevant fighting ship of its kind. He said: 'We are very proud of our ship and what we have achieved so far and are now looking forward to the challenges of operational sea training and our subsequent operational deployment.'

Police reminder

POLICE are reminding people to be careful when giving personal details over the telephone and online after two scams were reported in Lochgilphead.

In one instance a man, seemingly of Asian origin, claimed he was calling from the victim's bank and asked for her account details. Another telephoned a Lochgilphead resident claiming to be from an internet company.

Christmas concert

LOCHGILPHEAD High School will hold its annual Christmas Concert next Wednesday (December 15).

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served with tickets available at the door on the night. Prices are £4 per ticket with concessions for OAPs and under 16s priced at £2.


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CalMac congratulated

GEORGE White, who chairs the Clyde Ferries User Group, has congratulated Caledonian MacBrayne on winning the prestigious Best Ferry Operator award presented by the Guardian and Observer.

This follows the earlier award of Public Transport Operator of the year given at the Scottish Transport Awards in Glasgow.

He said: 'It shows you how good our local company is when they beat 12 other companies to win these top awards.'

First Aid course

BRITISH Red Cross will be holding a First Aid course on January 8 2011. The course will be held in the Red Cross Centre, Kirk Street, Campbeltown.

The cost for the course is £30, and for this you will get a three-year certificate and a First Aid Manual.

To book your place please contact Karl Hurd, Campbeltown First Aid Group Leader, or Murdena Clark, training manager at Lochgilphead.

Dental surgery tries to plug the gap

AN ATTEMPT to plug the gap in NHS dental care in Argyll is being made by Tarbert Dental Surgery as it is inviting another 400 people to join its practice.

The surgery, which built an extension to its Harbour Street property earlier this year, hopes to reach its new patient target of 1,500, bringing the total NHS register to 3,500.

Two years ago the practice closed its books to new patients but with an additional surgery room and three full time dentists, has spent the last year registering patients signed to the practice waiting list.

Dentist Linda Garwood, who opened the practice in Tarbert in 1998, said: 'We have always provided good NHS care for local patients and it was a very difficult decision for us to close our books when we became over subscribed. I am delighted that we are now able to invite new patients to register.

'Of our patients that attend regularly oral



Dentist Matthew Stitt, senior dental nurse Kirsty Pine and trainee nurse Iain Whytock look forward to welcoming new patients.

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health is generally quite good in the area and we are committed to ensuring that continues.'

Nine Staff

The surgery, which employs nine staff including three trainee nurses, currently delivers NHS care to people from Campbeltown, Islay, Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead.

The addition of a lo-

cal decontamination unit within the practice this year means the practice has become one of the first fully compliant NHS practices in Argyll.

The dental surgery is also reminding people the Scottish Government's policy on dental care has changed and so when registered with a dentist, you are now registered for life.

Jura pays homage to George Orwell

Only 1,984 minutes to compose story

THE ISLE of Jura is reviving the Jura Lodge as a writer's retreat for one weekend only with a unique challenge, in homage to George Orwell's masterpiece, 1984.

The author famously penned the novel on the island more than 60 years ago and the Jura community is offering writers the chance to follow in his footsteps.

Chance

One budding author will win the chance to stay at the island's exclusive Jura Lodge and compose a short story based on the island. However, they will only have 1,984 minutes to compose their story.

To win the competi-

tion, writers are being asked to submit the first 300 words of their proposed short story. There are only two criteria: The narrative of the short story must take place on the island itself and the story should have a link to one of the many myths and legends about Jura.

The finished product will be published on the Isle of Jura's website.

Jura distillery manager Willie Cochrane said: 'Jura has a long established literary tradition, so we thought it was about time to revive that tradition. This competition will offer one amateur author the chance to soak up the atmosphere of this great island be-

fore applying their inspiration to a short story. There's no shortage of material for our lucky winner on an island which is rich with myths and legends and steeped in history.'

Competition

The short story competition follows in the footsteps of the Jura distillery's partnership with the Scottish Book Trust.

Budding authors should send their entries to info@isleofjura.com by December 31 2010. Entrants must register as a Diurach at www.isleofjura.com to enter the competition and submit their Diurach number along with their entry for the purposes of verification.

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More people seeking help

'This is a particularly difficult time of year'

MORE PEOPLE in Mid Argyll with alcohol and addiction problems are seeking help according to a local charity.

Encompass in Mid Argyll has seen a rise in self referrals from people seeking help in the months leading up to the festive season.

The organisation, which offers confidential support and counselling for people with an addiction or substance misuse problem, often gets referrals from the justice department, medical staff or social work department.

But according to Encompass manager Peter Garrett the organisation is experiencing an influx in people attending the centre voluntarily.

He said: 'We are see-

ing an extra few self-referrals each month from people right across the social spectrum. This is a particularly difficult time of year for people with an alcohol problem and they feel especially vulnerable.

Support

'Encompass can offer them support in the festive season to get them through this tough time. We can show them coping strategies and the choices available to them.'

Friends and family members of people with an addiction are also attending the centre for support. 'There are hidden victims with hidden problems,' Peter said. 'Often it is the children or partner of the person with the problem that

seeks help.' Peter also recognised the courage involved in asking for help. 'Picking up the phone or walking through that door is the hardest bit,' he said. 'When you recognise there is a problem then you can do something about it.'

The news comes in the same week as the recently appointed director of public health at NHS Highland said she is shocked at the region's alcohol problems. Dr Margaret Somerville said the rate of alcohol related deaths was worse than she expected.

For more information on substance misuse services available at Encompass contact Peter Garrett on 01546 602880.



Horsing around for Badden children

Pre-school children from Badden Farm Nursery in Lochgilhead recently enjoyed a visit to the stables at Ridin S' Cool. Proprietor John Brailsford welcomed the children to the riding school and gave them a wonderful display of horsemanship, including dressage and jumping. The children also had the opportunity to look at the riding tackle and in particular the 'shoes' the horses wear. A big thank you from all at the nursery for making everyone so welcome and giving the children the opportunity to have such a fun and educational visit.

Cookery demonstration at Lochgilhead SWRI

BROCCOLI quiche and Norwegian cream were on the menu at this month's Lochgilhead SWRI meeting as committee member Catherine Bowe gave the ladies a cookery demonstration.

Catherine shared her method of making broccoli quiche without having to blind bake the pastry first. She then blanched the broccoli for two minutes so that it retained its fresh green appearance whilst the quiche was baking in the oven.

Next on the menu was a simple, but

very tasty, baked egg custard pudding called Norwegian cream. Taking a leaf out of Delia's book Catherine produced "one she made earlier" for the members to enjoy.

All agreed it that it would not be a good idea to tuck into both quiche and Norwegian cream if one is on a diet!

November Competition winners:
Cheese scones - Gold: Jean Smith, Silver: Debbie Munro, Red: Elizabeth Scott, Blue: Helena Gillies

Christmas card (any craft) - Gold: Elizabeth Scott, Silver: Debbie Munro, Red: Helena Gillies, Jenny Campbell and Jean Smith

Argyll and Bute local biodiversity plan launched

A NEW plan for maintaining and improving biodiversity in Argyll and Bute has been launched.

The revised Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) focuses on threatened habitats and species by applying the ecosystem approach - a policy that ensures cohesive conservation activities.

The plan involves six work programmes - Freshwater and Wetland, Marine and Coastal, Lowland and Farmland Woodland, Upland and the Built Environment.

Projects will be developed under each category to ensure the sustainability of habitats and the associated species.

The plan, overseen by Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership, takes over from the previous plan, which was launched in 2001.

SQA Star Award for Inveraray woman

AN ARGYLL woman is celebrating after being honoured at this year's Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) Star Award.

Frances Nolan, of Inveraray, was highly commended for the SQA Champion Award, which recognises staff who champion SQA qualifications and supports candidates to achieve their full potential.

Frances, who runs

Drumbeat training consultancy in Inveraray, has operated SQA-approved centres since 1991 and has helped more than 1,350 candidates achieve SQA qualifications.

Known within the teaching profession as the 'Education Oscars' the awards celebrate the achievements and commitment of learners, teachers, training providers and businesses

across Scotland.

Frances said: 'I am really pleased with the award. It's nice to have yourself and your contribution recognised. The interesting thing about these awards is that they do not just recognise schools and colleges but private businesses and their commitment to developing talent.'

Dr Janet Brown, SQA Chief Executive, said: 'Scottish education and

training is full of inspirational stories and magnificent achievements from students, schools, colleges and training centres.

'To all who were entered, and particularly to those who made it through to the awards ceremony, well done. You represent the absolute best of Scotland and should take enormous pride in your achievements.'



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Volunteers mobilised to help in Digital TV switch

VOLUNTARY agencies from across Argyll are to mobilise an army of charities and volunteers to help residents make the switch to digital TV.

Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA), Islay and Jura CVS, Bute Community Links Third Sector Partnership (TSP) will work with other charities and voluntary groups to prepare people for the switchover, which starts in Argyll on May 11, 2011.

The appointment has been made on behalf of Digital UK, the independent body in charge of switchover.

Charity staff and volunteers will be invited to attend free briefing sessions to understand the process and learn

about the Switchover Help Scheme.

Thousands of people are expected to benefit from the advice and support given at these events.

Glenn Heritage, chief executive officer of AVA, who are part of TSP said: 'Switching to digital TV will be straightforward for many people, but some others will need help, practical advice or reassurance.'

'We look forward to working with our fellow charities to provide that support in Argyll and Bute and help prepare the local community for switchover. We will also encourage those who are eligible to apply for the Switchover Help Scheme.'

Local charities can apply for free briefing places, and for funding through a Small Grants Scheme set up to encourage extra events locally. Materials developed to help run events and explain the switchover will also be provided.

The Switchover Help Scheme, run by the BBC, has also been set up to make it easier for older and disabled people to switch to digital TV.

It is writing to eligible people in the area. People are eligible for the scheme if they are aged 75 years or more, have lived in a care home for six months or more, get (or could get) certain disability benefits, or are registered blind or partially sighted.



Going dotty in Dalintober

Dalintober Primary School pupils were involved in lots of fundraising activities during Children In Need Day. Everyone had fun dressing in spotty outfits, as the theme this year was 'Show Your Spots, Let's Raise Lots!' By the end of the day over £800 was raised for Children In Need.

Fun and food the order of the day at Clachan SWRI

CLACHAN SWRI met in the village hall on November 24 for a great night of fun and food.

Many members contributed to give a lot of variety and a lot laughs.

Jenny Sinclair showed an extravagant recipe for Peanut Brittle, Nigella style, which everyone gladly sampled.

Pat Dean talked about her work for Argyll Volunteer Action and asked for members' comments on local issues.

They were shown how

to wire a plug by Rita Talbot who then gave out useful diagrams for all to take home.

Jane Griffiths showed how to use Bondaweb to make cards and gift tags and gave out kits for people to use themselves.

Members were able to sample Marshmallow Roll and Lemoncrunch flan that Jane McCallum demonstrated, and buy Tearfund cards that Paddy Alderson had brought along.

Barbara Bell got everyone all making cardboard gift boxes out of old Christmas cards and Pauline Simson showed how to make a simple flower arrangement.

Glynnis Lewin talked about her business of making preserves and gave out some of her recipes.

Paddy Alderson judged the mugs as follows: 1 Pauline Simson, 2 Jane Griffiths, 3 equal, Glynnis Lewin and Joyce Andrews.

Offshore wind farm survey

WHETHER you are for or against them, Argyll Renewable Communities (ARC) wants people to take part in their survey on offshore wind farms.

They want to research and understand all aspects of the proposed offshore wind farms.

ARC stresses it is completely neutral about these projects, and aims to ensure that communities are enabled to reach balanced decisions on the long-term issues involved, covering infrastructure, employment, culture, tourism, landscape.

'Anything that you feel may be a benefit or a problem,' is how they describe it.

The developers of the offshore wind farms around the coast of Argyll are currently conducting their own research and will continue to do so through 2011, before seeking consents in the first half of 2012.

ARC would greatly appreciate it if you would complete a short questionnaire on-line at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ARC_windfarm_impacts.

Or if you prefer to complete a paper questionnaire, these are available from: South Kintyre Development Trust, 3 Harvey's Lane, Burnside Square, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6GE.

Dunaverty Hall - past and present

DUNAVERTY Hall in Southend, both past and present, is what the hall committee wants to hear about.

The committee held a weekend event for people from across the area to express their views about a new hall, and their memories of the old one, which was demolished recently.

Around 50 people went along to St Blaas's Hall to take part and anyone

who still has a questionnaire should fill it out and put it into the box in Munero Stores, Southend; the hall committee is keen to get as much feedback as possible.

Santa

Questionnaires will also be handed out at the village's Christmas Fair on December 4 in St Blaas's Hall when Santa will be making an appearance.

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GRADUATION



Catriona Watt graduated from the University of West of Scotland as a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nursing Studies. Catriona works as a staff nurse in Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

GRADUATION



Mrs Rhona Larkin RGN, RM, Prof. Cert. Management OU, BSc Nursing with Community Health, who recently graduated from the University of the West of Scotland with a Graduate Diploma Specialist Practitioner District Nursing.

Please note that insertions for graduations and wedding photographs must be submitted no later than Friday 4pm for publication the following week

Mather speaks on schools

JIM Mather MSP for Argyll and Bute has voiced his concern about the school closure plans saying they are 'riddled with errors'.

He said: 'Along with the SNP Group of councillors on the Council, I am keen to see this re-thought such that we avoid adverse impact on children, families, local communities and their economies, recognise the fact that the financial settlement from John Swinney is much better than was expected and recognise also that 'savings' often either do not materialise or cost others dear.'

'I would also say that it is clear now to everyone that the school closure proposals from Argyll and Bute Council are riddled with errors and are also financially unnecessary as a result of the better than expected offer from the Scottish Government to all Scottish Local Authorities.'

Keep an eye on elderly neighbours

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) has called on residents to check on elderly and vulnerable neighbours this winter. ACHA staff are phoning round residents who live on their own and may be vulnerable to the severe weather conditions.

Farewell to Ronachan House

'Many people are alive today because of the care, treatment and support afforded by the dedicated people there'

AN AWARD-winning rehabilitation unit, which has helped thousands on the road to recovery from drug and alcohol addiction, shut its doors for the final time last week.

Since 1975 the Church of Scotland's social care arm CrossReach ran the Argyll-based Ronachan House, and it was with a heavy heart the organisation decided to close it because drastically low referral numbers from local authorities made it financially 'unviable'.

It closed on Friday December 3.

CrossReach director of adult care services Calum Murray revealed the organisation had spent well over £1 million over the last 10 years

trying to keep Ronachan open.

'It is with great regret that CrossReach has had to close Ronachan House,' he said.

'Despite glowing reports on its quality of care and support over the years from the Care Commission and almost £1 million subsidy over the last decade from CrossReach, referral numbers from local authorities have fallen to the level where the service became economically unviable.'

'We no longer have the funds to subsidise such services as we have done for many years.'

The director also had a word of special praise for Ronachan's staff.

'All 11 staff of Ro-



Staff at Ronachan House.

nachan are to be particularly commended for their dedication to the service users during

what has been several years of uncertainty.

'Indeed, many people are alive today because

of the care, treatment and support afforded by the dedicated people there.

'Senior managers are very proud of both the staff and the facility which is, frankly, idyllic and local authorities may regret, in future, that such a wonderful amenity no longer exists to rehabilitate people with drug and alcohol addiction.'

'Redeployment opportunities were offered to staff where it was feasible, and where that was impractical, redundancy offered.' The 14-bed property, located in Clachan near Tarbert, is not owned by CrossReach but was gifted to the Church of Scotland by a local family for the purpose for which it has been used. Discussions have begun with the family to return the property to them. CrossReach still has two residential rehabilitation units, Rainbow House in Glasgow and Beechwood House in Inverness.

Watchdog reveals recycling rates continue to rise in Scotland

RECYCLING rates in Scotland continue to rise as less waste is sent to landfill sites.

Figure's released by Scotland's environment

watchdog show that more local authority collected municipal waste is being recycled or composted and less going to landfill.

Rolling year figures, covering July 2009 to June 2010 show a further increase in recycling, up to 37.2 per cent compared to 35.1 per cent in 2009/10.

There was also a drop in the total amount of municipal waste collected by local authorities, which was down 59,044 tonnes to 3,204,671.

The greatest drop was

in the municipal waste going to landfill, which was down 108,279 tonnes to 1,919,399.

For Argyll and Bute from April to June 2010, 8,850 tonnes of material was sent to landfill, with an additional 5,546 tonnes recycled or composted. The figures are calculated from data provided by local authorities and collated by the Scottish

Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). Kenny Boag, SEPA's National Waste Policy Unit Manager, said: 'Two sets of figures are released by SEPA every quarter. There are figures for the three months in question and also a rolling year figure, which takes into account the last four quarters. It is this rolling year figure that is used to assess how

close Scotland is to achieving the national target of 40 per cent of our waste being recycled and composted. 'The results for the three months of April, May and June 2010 are encouraging. Less solid waste and biodegradable waste collected by councils went to landfill and the country's recycling rate rose to 40.7.'

Mairi Semple ceilidh

IN THE Courier's coverage of the Mairi Semple ceilidh, Vee Sheldrick was featured, not Leeanne, as reported.

Myra Miller was also amongst the performers who took part. Apologies for any confusion caused by this error.

GRADUATIONS



Patricia Ryan graduated with BSc in Occupational Safety and Health with Distinction from the University of West of Scotland.

Patricia is married to Neil Sutherland, Ballachulish and is the daughter of Winifred and the late Michael Ryan, Achahoish, By Lochgilhead.

WEDDING



Greig Anthony Warren and Carmen Renee Comer of Pensacola, Florida, married recently in Pensacola.

Greig is the only son of Ritchie and Carol (nee Martin) of Natchitoches, Louisiana, grandson of the late Angus and Amelia (nee McKenzie) Martin, Campbeltown, and nephew of Angus Martin, Campbeltown, Barbara Docherty, Drumlemble, and the late Donald McCallum, Silver Spring, Maryland, USA.

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Those Were The Days

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Millie lights up Tarbert

TARBERT Citizen of the Year Millie Malia switched on a Christmas lights display with a difference in the village on Saturday night.

A tugboat docked in Tarbert Harbour has been decked out in lights and decorations for the month of December. HMRT Golden Cross is the official escort to HM Yacht Britannia and one of Scotland's most famous historic rescue vessels.

A special safety at sea display will take place on the boat in the New Year, when it will also be open to schools and the public.

Suzie Wong, the Hollywood actress who owns the ship, said: 'It is wonderful to see such support being extended to my ship and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making this event possible.'

First female wildlife ranger

THE COUNTRY'S first female apprentice wildlife forest ranger started work last month in Mid Argyll.

Elizabeth Davis, originally from West Sussex, will be learning about deer culling, bird conservation and population assessment work during her apprenticeship with the forestry commission.

She will be working with experienced rangers Donnie Cameron in Inverinan Forest and George Casey in Kilmichael Forest.

Elizabeth's previous experience also includes work on Springhead and South Lodge Estates in England.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE first of the winter snow sparkled on Ben Cruachan and the surrounding hills, and the morning shadows chased each other across the glens below.

The last of the golds of autumn glistened in a 'smoky smirr o' rain' as we entered St Conan's Kirk.

This beautiful wee church on the banks of Loch Awe is an absolute delight. It enchants the visitor on entry and evokes reverence, mirth, surprise and wonder. What could be better in a church?

We had gathered there for a meeting of Iona Community members and associates from the West of Scotland, and what a joy it was to see so many old friends and meet so many new ones.

As we wandered through this amazing church, I wondered at the architect. What a variety of style and imagination there was in its creation. The outside plumbing really made me smile as there are rabbits carved on the drainpipes, with a dog in hot pursuit! There are also beautifully carved cloisters and wonderful balustrades.

Inside are magnificent pillars and the baptismal font is a tiny ship.

What wonderful imagination – just like another great Creator.

The acoustics are wonderful and as the whole group sang together

I felt shivers down my spine as our praise reverberated from these ancient walls.

We shared bread and wine and conversation and continued to sing!

Then as we wandered through the church I spotted the crypt and I remembered again that other crypt in Bethlehem.

I had waited in the Church of the Nativity for what seemed like an eternity and now it was my turn to go down to the spot where Jesus is said to have been born.

'You will have to bend down low to enter' I was told. This is the Door of Humility. I bowed down low and I entered the crypt.

Threatened closure of Achahoish Primary School

Sir,

The Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm was founded on the basis of securing the maximum level of socio-economic benefit from renewable energy, and to ensure a substantial proportion of profits are retained by and for the benefit of our local communities.

The local partners of Allt Dearg Wind Farmers have undertaken to establish an Educational Trust as an integral part of this project. The aims of the Educational Trust were originally to provide financial assistance to local young people, whilst they are living away from home pursuing further education.

We believe that by encouraging education of young people from our rural communities, this will in turn widen opportunity and help foster greater economic activity, for the benefit of all in Argyll.

Given the difficult financial circumstances facing Argyll & Bute Council at this time, and in particular the threat of closure hanging over Achahoish Primary School, a school that we would regard as the "canary down the mine" of social health and cohesion in our rural community, we would like to offer our help.

We would be prepared to make a financial contribution to the ongoing operating costs of the Achahoish School, sufficient to help meet the cost of keeping the school open, relative to the anticipated cost saving of school closure.

From 2013 (when the wind farm enters service) this contribution will be made by the proposed Allt Dearg Wind Farm Educational Trust. However this funding

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source is not the long term solution, given that this Trust is actually intended to support tertiary, rather than primary education. As we have always advised, it is our intention to add a second smaller phase of development at Allt Dearg, subject to planning consent and the availability of electrical grid export capacity.

Within this second phase of development, will be a clear undertaking by the partners to make further financial contributions to the Allt Dearg Educational Trust, sufficient to meet the trust's ongoing financial commitments to Achahoish Primary School, thereby releasing the full £30,000 contribution from the first phase of the Allt Dearg Wind Farm, to meet the original stated intent of supporting local young people in further education.

We trust that this offer will be helpful in the council's review process of the Achahoish School, should the parents' forum wish to consider our offer and take this proposal to Argyll and Bute Council, we would be happy to discuss the options and take the proposal forward together with the council officers.

**James F. Lithgow,
Allt Dearg Wind
Farmers LLP.**

Council appetite for school closures

Sir,

What a classic example of a 'dog's dinner'. On Thursday November 25 the Council were served up the same unpalatable stew that they had

turned their noses up at three weeks earlier.

On the first occasion the document 'proposals for school closures', prepared by the council's community services department, was rejected because it was riddled with so many inaccuracies that it was essentially meaningless.

The councillors allowed their education chiefs three weeks to get it right. Instead of doing so they went on holiday and simply recycled the same toxic mess, reheated.

Their basic errors of arithmetic remain to poison their concoction of outdated assumptions and muddle headed prejudices regarding the quality of education delivered by small village schools.

Completely disregarding glowing HMIE reports, they have decided that 'bigger is always better' and still insist that many of our best schools must be closed to save money, even though the 'savings' are illusory, outweighed by the costs of transport and of the building work required to accommodate the pupils in other schools.

Instead of throwing this malodorous mess back to the cooks, the council have swallowed their rubbish, some holding their noses while they did so, and now the 'education provision proposal document' will go out to public consultation.

The lengthy scrutiny this consultation entails will in turn cost us even more money. Worse, the reputation of the council will be shredded and we will, as residents of Argyll, suffer from guilt by association. Just what sort of amateurish peo-

ple will we appear to be when this so called 'document' is called in and examined by the Scottish Government to be picked apart by real professionals?

Just one point, for example: is it even legal, never mind humanitarian, to send kids as young as four and a half to school, unaccompanied, on a regular service bus? No one to check their seat belt is fastened; no one to protect them from bullying from older children, or even worse from the occasional deranged adult. And when - not if, but when - the road is closed and the bus has to take a two hour detour, who will look after them?

Virtually every line of this 24-page pile of waste paper contains such nonsense and I have every expectation that this plan will fail and our schools will be reprieved. But would it not be better to dump it now, before it goes any further?

**Stuart White,
Struan Cottage,
Minard**

Council employees - over-priced ornaments?

Sir,

Last week's report informed us that the council has identified ways to reduce staff numbers by 162.

Would it be safe to assume that the list does not include any of the infamous herd of £100,000 plus employees?

We, the mugs who pay, are fobbed off with the excuse that they have to be paid this level of remuneration as it is what they could expect in private

employment. Would this not be an ideal time for them to prove their worth?

Why not give them three months paid leave to job hunt? If they can show firm offers of work from privately run firms at the same level of salaries, they should make the choice whether to go or stay.

When schools are being closed and the needy and infirm neglected, can we really afford overpriced ornaments?

Of course, nothing is ever that simple. It currently costs roughly twice as much to get rid of the chosen many as it does to keep them.

We're like trees in a forest managed by The Deadwood Preservation Society. Will we ever see the light?

**Duncan Graham,
Oakcliffe,
Kilduskland Road,
Ardrihaig**

Run for Meningitis UK

Sir,

Now the results of the Virgin London Marathon ballot have been revealed, we would like to ask any of your readers who are bravely taking part in the run on April 17 and have an independent place, if they would like to run for Meningitis UK.

Meningitis UK has a single focus - to find a vaccine to eradicate all forms of meningitis. Tragically, meningitis and meningococcal septicemia continue to affect thousands of people in the UK every year and kill more children under five than any other infectious disease.

Everyone who runs for Meningitis UK will be part of the Meningitis Musketeers team, with the motto 'All 4 One and One 4 All' - to highlight the devastating fact that meningitis can kill in under four hours and the importance of our Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign.

If you would like to take part in the Virgin London Marathon and help us achieve our vision, please contact Toya on 0117 302 6191 for a sponsorship pack.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Toya Champ,
Events Fundraiser,
Meningitis UK.**

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Lesley joins UK artists in Mexican tribute

A LOCHGILPHEAD based artist has just finished taking part in a prestigious London exhibition.

Lesley Burr showcased her work alongside 200 artists in the '400 women' exhibition.

Each artist was invited to paint/create an image relating to a missing Mexican women. Literally hundreds of Mexican women have disappeared in



Lesley Burr, pictured left, with fellow artist Alison Harper at the '400 women' exhibition in London.

recent years and this exhibition is intended to raise the profile of this. Artists are given either a portrait or name of the missing girl and create something that in their minds relates to this image.

Lesley explained: 'My own experience has been interesting since being introduced to a photographic image of Brenda Yvonne Ponce Saenze, who disappeared, aged 17 on the way to a dental appointment and hasn't been seen since. Obviously the idea of the young girl missing without a trace is deeply disturbing however my concern has been to focus and create an image based on the memories that her family may have of her, although other ideas go through your mind when working.'

Lesley added: 'Some of the exhibitors are very high profile and include members of the Royal Academy of Arts in London, such as: Tracey Emin, Eileen Cooper, Humphrey Ocean and Maggi Hambling, so I'm very pleased to be exhibiting with these award winning and established artists as well as being moved and inspired by the concept behind the project.'

The exhibition, which began on November 12, finished last Sunday, December 5.

Hard work and craftsmanship

A YEAR'S worth of hard work and craftsmanship was on display in Ardrishaig last month as the village's Craft Club held its annual Christmas Fair.

Enjoy

Dozens of people descended on Ardrishaig Church Hall on Saturday November 27 to pick up a piece of local

work and enjoy the tea, coffee and home baking on offer.

The hall was awash with scarves, hats and other home made goods, which had been made at the group's Monday evening classes throughout the year.

Profits from the fair will be donated to local charities in January.



Annie McMullan, Doreen May Hew and Jean McIvor manned the Christmas stall at the Ardrishaig Craft Club's annual fair. 08_a49craft02



Christmas Craft Fayre for Ardrishaig

Finely-crafted rocking horses, tasty tablet and intricate jewellery were just some of the things to greet shoppers in Ardrishaig last month. A Christmas Craft Fayre was held in the public hall on Sunday, November 28, and although the heavy snow had some impact on visitor numbers it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the exhibitors and visitors. amongst the stallholders was Corrina Charlwood, with her helper, Rachael Coll.



Ruth Reddie, Agnes Liddell, Flora Crystal and Jane Mackay man their stall at the Glengarry and Inveraray Parish Church Christmas sale.

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Cookbook dedicated to a friend

THIS YEAR'S Glengarry and Inveraray Parish Church Christmas sale was particularly special for the ladies of the church choir as they sold copies of a cookbook, dedicated to the memory of a close friend.

Inspiration for book, which features local recipes, came from Janet Gibson who hoped it

would be a good way of raising funds for the parish church.

But Janet's sudden and untimely death in September this year meant that she was unable to fulfil her ambition. But, with the support of Janet's family, the ladies of Inveraray Church Choir decided to complete the book.

In the opening pages

of the book, dedicated to Janet's memory, the ladies of the choir refer to a 'tireless worker of the community' and a truly 'remarkable woman'.

The church hall was jam packed as Inveraray folk enjoyed a cup of tea and some home baking whilst visiting the sweets, book and bric-a-brac stalls at the event last month.

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From back, left to right: Enid Williams, Jane McCallum, Sheena McFarlane; Pauline Samson Cynthia Butler, Margaret Semple; Ken Bryce, Helen Steel, Jill Lyons and Margaret Sinclair. 04_c50abb01

Glenbarr Abbey opens for Christmas

GLENBARR Abbey once again threw open its doors at Christmas by kind permission of Lady Glenbarr.

The abbey was open on Sunday and will be again this coming Sunday.

Supporters of the Mairi Semple Fund provided soup lunches and coffee and teas.

Donations are shared between the Mairi Semple Fund and the Glenbarr Abbey Charitable Trust.



Lady Glenbarr. 04_c50abb02



Holly Sinclair. 04_c50abb04



Gus McAlister, Iain McAlister, Dougal Mitchell and Roger Gillespie provided the music. 04_c50abb03

Weekend of Gaelic on Gigha

THEY know their drum from their drookit on Gigha, after a weekend of Gaelic with tutor Kevin Rodgers.

Saturday was themed on the Natural World - including plants and wildlife. Interestingly, there are Gaelic words for bears and wolves because these once roamed the landscape. Sunday was on place names - somewhere most of us use Gaelic without even knowing it!

Funding from Bord na Gaidhlig to Gigha Gallery makes these wonderful weekends possible - and in the new year there's intermediate, beginners and a

weekend concentrating on Gaelic songs and music. All the details are on the gighagallery.com website.

This weekend there's a felting class with Helen McBrearty of Campbeltown Community Garden.

Places are still available so why not make your presents this year.

Thinking ahead to the New Year and many who have already tried the stained glass class will be back for more. The tutor is Eilidh Keith of Glasgow School of Art and she's coming to Gigha in February; booking essential!



Wizard of Oz performed at Carradale

Carradale Drama Club got the village into the Christmas spirit with a smashing panto at the weekend. Mary Macalister Hall's production of *The Wizard of Oz* was a huge success with Shelagh Cameron as the Cowardly Lion, Lynn Galbraith as Dorothy, Morag Allan as Toto, Tony Leighton as the Tin Man and Louise Lee as the Scarecrow. Look out for more photos in *The Courier*. 04_c50wiz01

Community Noticeboard

Community Christmas Café

tea soup baking

11-2pm, Thursday 16th December

in Kinloch Hall

Sale of local

Christmas produce



plus

Christmas Hamper draw - Community Calendars - Community Christmas Cards - Black and Veatch Presentation To our Community Garden



Many thanks to all who helped towards making the Town Carol Service a great success. We raised a total of £671.64 towards The Salvation Army's Community Fund to help with dinners and food parcels for those less fortunate and lonely this Christmas and Winter Season.

Major Dolores Thomson
The Salvation Army

Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll
Friday 10th December 2010

Recent archaeological developments in Argyll
Roddy Regan
All meetings are at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead 7.30pm

St. Kieran's RC Church
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 11th December at 2pm
St. Kieran's Hall
Kirk Street
Campbeltown
Raffle, Teas/Coffee, Tombola, Bottle Stall, etc
SANTA'S GROTTTO
All Welcome!

Lochgilphead Parish Church CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Wednesday 15th - Saturday 18th December
Entertainment from local schools and nurseries every day
Teas, coffees plus 10.30am - 5pm (soup over lunchtime)
Donations shared across participating organisations

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association Coffee Morning
Saturday 11th December 10am - 12 noon
Victoria Hall
Campbeltown
Usual Stalls Mini Band

MS Centre
Campbell Street
Christmas Coffee Morning
Saturday 11th December 10-12
Entry £2
Teas and home baking
All Welcome



Christmas coffee morning

ICY PAVEMENTS and snow didn't keep Mid Argyll folk away from the Red Cross Christmas coffee morning on Saturday. Linda Tighe and her dream team of Red Cross fundraisers ensured the annual events success raising £540 for the charity. Linda thanked all the people who donated home-baking and Jenny Campbell's family for clearing the paths up to and around the centre on Union Street.

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Stretch and Archie

Friday 17th December at 7.30pm
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Christmas Fair raises £933 for Cat Rescue

THERE was plenty of help from their young supporters when Campbeltown Cat Rescue held a Christmas Fair at the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on Saturday.

Daniel Hughes, Connor Chinn, Arran and Lewis McCallum sold raffle tickets and helped with competitions.

The event raised £933, with its coffee morning, raffle and donations and the organisers thank everyone who played their part. 04_c50cat01



More plans for shipyard event

THE team behind the Campbeltown Shipyard reunion has announced more plans for their big event on Saturday April 30 next year.

They have issued an invitation to all employees of the yard and their partners to register their interest in attending this unique occasion.

They are asking people to put their names forward now for the buffet and dance in the Victoria Hall and there will also be a display in the town of memorabilia from the shipyard, which ran from 1968 to 1998.

The estimated price per ticket is £20.

You can register by telephone at 01586 554744; or by email: Shipyardreunion@gmail.com.

So go along, meet up with your old work mates, swap some unforgettable yarns and hilarious memories of the good old days at Trench Point.



Fundraising Christmas fair held in the Guide hall

Father Christmas, Girl Guide style! The girls held a fund raising Christmas fair at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, on Saturday afternoon, with teas and coffees, a raffle, sale tables and Santa's Grotto.

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Salvation Army coffee morning and sale

Salvation Army stalwarts Agnes McKerral, Jim Thomson, Major Dolores Thomson and Margaret Raeside were hard at work at the Salvation Army Hall, Campbeltown on Saturday morning at their Christmas coffee morning and sale.

The following night the Salvation Army hosted a successful carol concert at the Lorne and Lowland Church. 04_c50sal01

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Supper dance

A SUPPER dance has been organised for Saturday at the Masonic Hall, St John Street, Campbeltown, to raise money for Fiona Blake's £1,000 challenge for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Scotland. A bingo evening held last week raised £570.

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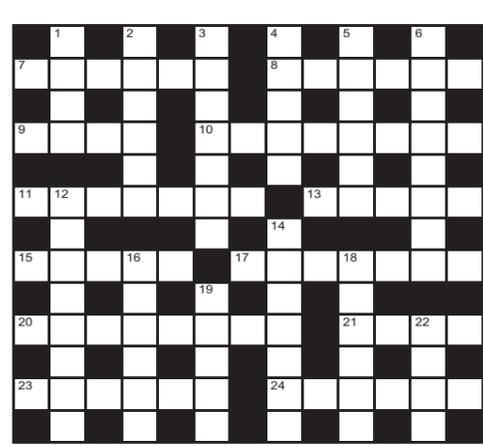
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- What makes for the ultimate road trip? Hitchhiking, truck stops, angry bears, prickly porcupines and a golfing goose with a duck caddy. Just ask Kate and Humphrey, two wolves who are trying to get home after being taken by park rangers and shipped halfway across the country. Humphrey is an Omega wolf, whose days are about quick wit, snappy one-liners and hanging with his motley crew of fun-loving wolves and video-gaming squirrels. Kate is an Alpha: duty, discipline and sleek Lara Croft eye-popping moves fuel her fire. Humphrey's motto - make 'em laugh. Kate's motto - I'm the boss. And they have a thousand miles to go. Back home rival wolf packs are on the march and conflict is brewing. Only Kate and Humphrey can restore the peace. But first, they have to survive each other.
- Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon

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Marie Curie Lights to Remember service

THE SOUND of Christmas filled the air of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital as people gathered for the Marie Curie Lights to Remember service.

Families, health professionals and councillors turned out to the service in which people lit a candle in memory of a loved one.

Now in its third year in Mid Argyll, the Lights to Remember service was created to allow people to share precious memories and celebrate the lives of loved ones lost. People also wrote a special message on a card and pinned it to the Christmas tree in the hospital in memory of someone special.

Loch Fyne Singers treated guests to a host of Christmas Carols including 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful' and 'Good

King Wenceslas'. As the choir sang 'Silent Night' Lady Emma McGrigor turned on the Christmas tree lights.

Speaking at the event, Marie Curie Nurse Lynne Millar thanked everyone for supporting the event. She said: 'We work very closely with community teams to get people home and allow them to pass away surrounded by their family and loved ones. I am very proud to be part of Marie Curie and to have the team that I do because they give 100 per cent commitment.'

Marie Curie's Cancer Care provides free nursing, to give people with terminal cancer and other illnesses the choice of dying at home supported by their families.



L-R Lynne Millar, Susan Black, Prilla Thorburn and Christine McCallum of Marie Curie were delighted that so many people came along to the Lights to Remember Service. 08_a50mariecurielights01



Brothers Scott and Lewis Cameron, aged five and two, loved the mammoth sized Christmas tree put up in the foyer of the hospital. 08_a50mariecurielights03



Lady Emma McGrigor, her daughter three-year-old Daisy and Marie Curie's Prilla Thorburn enjoyed the evening. 08_a50 mariecurielights07



Mhairi Weldon pinned a message to the Christmas tree to remember someone special. 08_a50 mariecurielights04.

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Dinner dance for pensioners

BUSINESSES and volunteers joined forces with Lochgilphead's Comm bar this week to put on a Christmas dinner dance for the town's pensioners.

Thanks to a team of more than 20 volunteers, the chef and kitchen

staff at the Cairnbaan Hotel, turkey supplied by Ferguson's butchers, salmon by Murray's, beef from Barbreck farms and drink from Wallace drinks distributors, pensioners enjoyed a Christmas meal with all the trimmings in the

Drill Hall last Thursday night.

Karen Ellis, who runs the Comm Bar with her husband Stephen, said: 'This is the third year we have run the event and it is always really well received by the local pensioners.'



L-R Joan Kennedy, Isa Muir, Eve Lamont and Catherine Mitchell were all smiles after a first class service at the Comm Christmas Dinner. 06_a50OAPdinner03



The older generation showed the volunteers how to move as Lochgilphead's Robert Smith spun Maureen McIntosh around the dance floor. 06_a50OAPdinner01



Catherine Cameron and Jean McGilp took a rest after taking part in the Strip the Willow ceilidh dance. 06_a50OAPdinner02

Christmas Lights Festival



Lochgilphead citizen of the year, Jenny Campbell, prepares to turn on the town's Christmas lights. 15_t50loch19

CHRISTMAS festivities got underway proper in Lochgilphead at the weekend during the fifth annual Christmas Lights Festival.

Scores of people from Lochgilphead and further afield, turned up to join the celebrations.

Christmas carols were provided courtesy of the Lochgilphead joint campus choir, while local band True Love spiced things up with a mix of their own songs and covers of contemporary hits.

The Mid Argyll Pipe Band led a march into Colchester Square with the lights committee, and Santa was doing the rounds to spread the Christmas cheer.

Unfortunately, win-

try weather put paid to some of the plans, with the amusements and Christmas tree not arriving in time.

This year's lights were switched on by Lochgilphead's citizen of the year, Jenny Campbell, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers from Sophie McIver, granddaughter of festival secretary Betty Rhodick, and Sophie Balkeen, daughter of Sam, who is on the committee, and Martin, local police sergeant.

Betty said: 'Everyone seemed to enjoy it. Unfortunately, the amusements were stuck in East Kilbride, but people didn't mind too much.'

'Planning has already started for next year.'



Mum and daughter Samantha and Sophie Balkeen wrapped up warm for the Christmas lights switch on. Sam has been on Lochgilphead Lights committee since its inception. 15_t50loch15

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Santa took time out of his busy schedule to join in the Lochgilphead celebrations and hand out some sweets to Mid Argyll children. 15_t50loch17



A burger van and ice-cream van kept the Lochgilphead revellers well fed during the celebrations. 15_t50loch13



Hannah Flanagan, from Oban, tucked into an ice-cream despite it being -3°C. 15_t50loch14



Lead singer of local band True Love entertained the crowd. 15_t50loch19



The Mid Argyll Pipe Band led a march of the Christmas Lights Festival Committee into Colchester Square ahead of the big switch on. 15_t50loch12



The Lochgilphead Joint Campus Choir led the celebrations with a selection of Christmas carols. 15_t50loch12



Hundreds of people turned out to celebrate the start of the festive season in Lochgilphead despite freezing temperatures. 15_t50loch120

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The tankers have been managing to get through with milk from the farms to the creamery and manager Chris Wareham is full of praise for not just their drivers but also the drivers taking away the finished product.

'Our cheese haulier has done remarkably well to get in,' he said.

Alan Anderson of Bibby, the tanker company said: 'It's just a case of taking it a bit easy; the side roads can be a bit bad, but it hasn't been as bad as it was in January.'

Across the country heavy snow continues to disrupt Scottish farming with reports that more than 50 farm buildings around the country have now come down under the weight of snow.

To help keep farms running, discussions between NFU Scotland and Scottish Government have already helped secure a temporary relaxation of drivers' hours and working-time rules for hauliers involved directly in the distribution of animal feed and fuel oil.

The Union would like to see a general relaxation introduced that would also assist those involved in livestock haulage, a vital concession in the run up to the important Christmas period.

While fuel supplies are, by-in-large available, distribution of red diesel and heating oil to farms is a growing concern and NFUS is urging members to contact fuel suppliers to investigate if central distribution points at which fuel can be collected are feasible.

Such fuel collection stations are already operating in parts of the Borders.

James Withers NFU Scotland's Chief Executive said: 'Our focus is on helping farming families deal with the weather by getting vital feed and fuel through to them. At the same time, we are working hard with Scottish Government on how we can keep Scotland's food and farming industries running.'



Tyree Limousin is Oban Christmas sale champion

Douglas MacDonald of Tyree, Benderloch lifted both the champion's ticket and reserve at the Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd Christmas Show and Sale at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday. Judge John Owen chose as his champion a home-bred April-born Limousin cross by Tweedside Upstanding. The reserve was also a Limousin cross by the same sire. Report next week.

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Bullocks

Aberdeen AngusX: £440
Kelsay
CharolaisX: £750 Uiskentuie £570(4) and £535(3)
Ballinaby.
GallowayX: £515(4) Dunlossit Estate
Limousin X: £855 Lossit £795 Ballychattrigan £750 Uiskentuie £720 Lossit £710
Kilbride £700(4) Lossit £685(2) Ballychattrigan £655 Woodend £635(5) and £630(10) Uiskentuie £630
Kilbride £600(2) Uiskentuie £595 Mulindry(4) and Neriby(5) £585(3) Neriby £580 Pairc A Chlassan £575 Uiskentuie £570 Mulindry(2), Ballychattrigan(3) and Dunlossit Estate(3) £550(9)
Neriby.
SimmentalX: £705, £660 and £650 Uiskentuie £645
Corrory £640 Corrory(2) and Island(1) £635 and £615 Uiskentuie £565(3) Corrory.
Heifers
CharolaisX: £635 Uiskentuie £500(7) Ballinaby
GallowayX: £500(6) Dunlossit Estate.

LimousinX: £775 Lossit £665(4) Uiskentuie £620(4) Lossit £610(9)
Uiskentuie £600 Dunlossit Estate £570(6) Neriby £565 Uiskentuie £545 Dunlossit Estate £535 Ballychattrigan(5) and Uiskentuie £510 Mulindry.
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Heifers
CharolaisX: 165p(6) 14 Mansefield Terr: 163p(2) Ballinaby.
LimousinX: 184p(6) Neriby 169p(6) Kilbride 168p(10) Ronnachmore 163p(3) Mulindry.



Planning applications

ORMSARY Farm, Southend, has applied to Argyll and Bute Council for permission to erect an agricultural shed.

Other applications recently submitted include: the construction of a mini hydro electricity production scheme on land south of Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown.

A house and the erection of croft storage shed at Balure Farm, Tayinloan.



There was a strong showing from Kintyre at the Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd Christmas Show and Sale at Oban Livestock Market on Monday. t50obanmart01

Weather prompts shooting ban

THE SHOOTING of ducks, geese and waders has been suspended in Scotland for the second time this year because of severe weather.

From one minute past midnight this morning, Friday December 10 it will become illegal to shoot ducks including reared mallard, geese, woodcock, snipe and golden plover.

The suspension could last for up to two weeks, but will be reviewed af-

ter seven days and could be lifted if there is an improvement in conditions.

The last such suspension was in January 2010.

Dr Colin Shedden, director of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) Scotland said: 'The legal suspension of the shooting of wildfowl and wading birds offers extra protection when an extended period of severe weather is likely to disrupt the birds' feeding and roosting patterns.'

'BASC has already issued advice to people who shoot to exercise restraint

over the last week.' Following agreed criteria, Minister for Environment, Roseanna Cunningham signed an order under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which will bring the suspension into force. The legal suspension is introduced on the fifteenth day of severe weather, according to data collected at coastal weather stations by the Meteorological Office. Similar restrictions will come into force in Northern Ireland from Thursday morning. In England and Wales, people who shoot have been advised to exercise restraint where local conditions merit it.

Islay sale beats winter weather

UNITED Auctions held their Annual Christmas Sale of all classes of cattle at Islay Auction Mart when they had a catalogued entry of 508 head.

Despite all the regular buying force being present, representing all the principal Scottish farming counties including Aberdeenshire, Lanarkshire, Stirling, Perthshire and Dumfriesshire, averages fell by £75 per head on last years considerably high values.

A good show of mainly spring born calves were on offer and sold to £855 per head for Limousin

cross bullocks from Mr McArthur, Lossit.

Mr MacTaggart, Kintra lead the bullock prices per kilo at 183pence.

Heifers, also from Lossit, sold to £775 for Limousin crosses, whilst Neriby lead the prices per kilo at 184pence, also for Limousin crosses.

Mr Neil McDonald, Bayview sold his home-bred Limousin bull, which earlier in the year was Mid Argyll Show Beef Champion, this animal sold for £4,600.00.

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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 2011 should be sent to the Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508) by 15 March 2011 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, By 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 3 January 2011.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2011, 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 3 January 2011.

CLELAND SNEEDON
Director of Community Services

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Argyll and Bute Council is consulting on proposals to amalgamate schools, under the terms of the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010. Public meetings to discuss the proposals have been arranged as follows:

Schools Affected	Time	Venue	Date
Castlehill Primary/ St Keirans Primary	7.00pm.	Castlehill Primary	17 January 2011
Drumlembie Primary/ Southend Primary	7.00pm.	Southend Primary	17 January 2011
Clachan Primary/ Rhuonaheine Primary/ Skipness Primary/ Glenbarr Primary	7.00pm.	Glenbarr Primary	18 January 2011
Kilmartin Primary/ Dalmally Primary/ Ardchonnell Primary	7.00pm.	Dalmally Primary	19 January 2011
Port Charlotte Primary/ Keills Primary	7.00pm.	Keills Primary	25 January 2011
Ardrishaig Primary/ Achoahoish Primary	7.00pm.	Achoahoish Primary	11 January 2011
Tayvallich Primary/ Ashfield Primary	7.00pm.	Ashfield Primary	12 January 2011
Lochgilthead Joint Campus Primary	7.00pm.	Lochgilthead Joint Campus.	2 February 2011

Department/Minard Primary/ Glassary Primary
You are welcome to attend the public meeting to express your view on the proposals. A summary of the proposal and full copies are available from Argyll and Bute Council's website www.education.ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk/schoolconsultations. You can write to the council expressing your views on the proposals at:

Education Service
School Consultations
Argyll and Bute Council
Argyll House
Alexandra Parade
Dunoon
PA23 8AJ

Or at the following e-mail address: schoolconsultations@argyll-bute.gov.uk

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE, LANSDOWNE PARK, HELENSBURGH, TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 04/09

Take notice that the above Authority in terms of the powers conferred upon them by Section 161 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has confirmed the above Tree Preservation Order which took effect on 15th September 2010, without modification.

A Certified Copy of the said Tree Preservation Order and map, as confirmed, have been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council's Development Services Office at Blairvadach, Shandon, by Helensburgh and may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 28 days from the date of this advertisement.

CHARLES REPPKE
Head of Governance and Law
Kilmory
Lochgilthead
2nd December 2010

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 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the location detailed below and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS

● **Ref No: 10/02028/PP**
Applicant: Mr John MacVicar
Proposal: Erection of replacement porch, installation of replacement windows and formation of 2 no. roof lights.
Site Address: 57 Argyll Street Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NE
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilthead
Listed Building/Conservation Advert

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 and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 31/12/2010

● **Ref No: 10/01707/PP**
Applicant: Dr And Mrs Jeremy Philips
Proposal: Demolish existing garage and erection of garage and ancillary accommodation
Site Address: Strathaird Bishopton Road Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PY
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilthead

● **Ref No: 10/01879/PP**
Applicant: Mrs Kate McKinlay
Proposal: Erection of detached dwellinghouse and associated works including erection of croft storage shed.
Site Address: Balure Farm Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XG
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan

● **Ref No: 10/01885/PP**
Applicant: Argyll College
Proposal: Installation of photovoltaic roof panels and insulated render to external walls
Site Address: Argyll College Lorne Street Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LU
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilthead

● **Ref No: 10/01928/PP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Seddon
Proposal: Alterations and erection of an extension.
Site Address: Kilmaluag Cottage Glenbarr Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UZ
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tayinloan

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilthead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Council's website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilthead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

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



Election of Trustees to Board of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority

This is a voluntary position requiring a commitment of 1- 2 days per month.

Existing Trustees are eligible for re-election.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, a Trust Port, is seeking applications from candidates willing to stand for election to the Board of Trustees. We are looking for four high quality individuals with an interest in public service to fill forthcoming vacancies. Trust Ports differ from company or local authority-owned ports by their constitution and powers. All Port activities are funded within revenue, supplemented in some cases by commercial borrowing up to prescribed limits. The Board is made up of a number of members with local or specialised interests and election will be for a period of three years. The Election is scheduled for 08 March 2011 (14.30 - 21.00 hours) and successful candidates will be appointed from 1 April 2011.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities, such as community work. Commitment and experience are as valuable as qualifications, although in some areas specialist experience will be an advantage. You will be required to work with senior and professional staff, so experience of achieving results through demanding board or committee work is important, as is the ability to grasp complex issues quickly and express yourself clearly. Residence within a reasonable distance of the port and familiarity with local issues in the region surrounding the port are highly desirable. The position of Trustee is non-remunerated.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority is committed to the principles of public appointment on the basis of merit and aptitude with openness and transparency of process. Political activity will not be a criterion for appointment, but candidates must fully support the objectives of the Board. If you wish to be considered for election please write to The Office Manager, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Tarbert PA29 6TR to request an information pack

Closing date for Applications: 31 January 2011.

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Machrihanish Airbase Community Company COMMUNITY BALLOT

As required by the Community Right to Buy Part 2 of the Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003 a ballot will be held of all voters on the voters roll within the postcode sector PA28 6 as at 1 December 2010 on the question if they are in favour of a community purchase of the former RAF Airfield Machrihanish, including all airport infrastructure to benefit the community of postcode area PA28 6.

Ballot papers will be posted out on Friday 3 December 2010 and should be returned to be received before 5.00pm on Friday 17 December 2010.

If anyone does not receive a ballot paper please contact Paramount Printers Ltd on 0131 667 4441.

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A clean driving licence, familiarity with technology, flexibility, and a friendly disposition would be advantageous. Training provided.

Please apply in writing to:
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Jack & Jessie Galbraith
 wish all their relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

CHRIS COOK
 wishes all her friends & relatives a Happy Christmas & New Year.

Jimmy Anderson
 6 Fleming's Land
 Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all my friends and relatives.

AGNES GRAHAM & FAMILY
 would like to wish all relatives, friends & neighbours a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

George Westwater
 Would like to wish all friends in Machrihanish & Campbeltown a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mary & Neil McEachran
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 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Margaret McSpornan
 Would like to wish relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Tina McLean
 Knocknaha Cottage
 Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all my friends and relatives.

Alex & John Johnston
 would like to wish all relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas
 To all our friends and neighbours, wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.
 From Malcolm & Vera

Agnes Brown
 7 Lorne Campbell Court
 Would like to wish her family and friends a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year

Mrs Ethel McKerral
 31 Calton Ave
 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Barbara & Duncan Black
 70 Smith Drive
 Wish friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year

John & Fiona Southend
 would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian & Ina
 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Agnes & Willie McMillan
 81 Crosshill Avenue
 Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Anne, Sarena & Rhianna
 would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SEASONS GREETINGS
 To all our friends, relatives & neighbours.
 From Roy, David & Donnie Mitchell
 10 Muasdale Cottages

Dora Kennedy
 wishes all her friends and family a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Senga & Ben
 Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all my neighbours, friends and relatives.

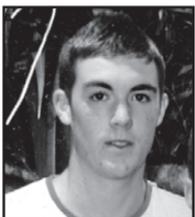
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 To Family & Friends in Mid Argyll and Friends in Kintyre.
 From Marion, John, Marina and Family

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 Archie & Ella Johnston
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 Wish all relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GARY, MORVEN, GARY & CHRISTY
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PERSONALS

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 With love from Edith, Ruth, Iona, Rose and Kingsley

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - MCCALLUM - Kenneth and Michelle are delighted to announce the birth of their son Robert Scott. A wee brother for Alexander. Born November 30, 2010 at Campbeltown Hospital. Second grandchild for Kenneth and Nannette and fifth grandchild for Robert and Alice. Thanking all staff at Campbeltown Maternity and Southern General Hospital.



TAIT-BENNETT

Anthony & Carole are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Jack Anthony Lewis on November 25, 2010, a little brother for John, fourth grandson for Dorothy & Bob Tait, Machrihanish, second grandson for Michael Bennett, and sixth great grandchild for Jessie Lewis, Drumlemble. Thanking all staff at Southern General Hospital and special thanks to all at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

WOODFORD - John and Stevie Jane are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Tyson John Samuel on November 22, 2010. A wee brother for Teagan and a first grandson for Thomas and Ruth.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

CAMPBELL - HUNTER At Lochgilphead Parish Church on December 9, 1960 by Rev Bruce L Hay, Herbert to Sheena.

DEATHS

GRANT - On December 4, 2010, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Tommy Grant, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Morag Grant, much loved father of Jim, dear father in law of Lesley and papa of Karen. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on December 10, followed by a memorial service at Lochgilphead Parish Church.

MCCALLUM - Peacefully at Mona Vale Hospital, Sydney, Australia, Jenny Berich in her 80th year, beloved wife of the late John Berich on December 5, 2010. Much loved sister of Willie and Hugh and a dear aunt to all the family.

MCDUGALL - On December 2, 2010, suddenly at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, James (Jimmy Quinn) McDougall, aged 70 years, beloved son of the late James and Jean McDougall and dearly loved brother of Mhairi. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Parish Church, on December 9, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery.

MACNAB - Robert Black (71), died suddenly on December 1, 2010 in Kirkwall, Orkney, much loved father of Eilidh, Alasdair (late) and Sine. Funeral to be held today, Friday December 10, 2010, Congregational Kirk, Kirkwall, Orkney and may he rest in peace.

MILNE - Peacefully at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig on December 1 2010, Martha (Mattie) Milne nee Shaw, in her 86th year, formerly of Union Terrace, Lochgilphead and Ford.

Beloved wife of the late Bill Milne, much loved mother of Charles and Rhona, and much respected mother-in-law of Lillian. Adored Granny of Lisa, Charles, Christina and Isobel and "adopted" granny of Ronald and a treasured great-grandmother. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday December 7, 2010, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACDOUGALL - Bill, Bryan, Kirsteen and family would like to thank family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy following their very sad loss. Special thanks to Dr's and nurses for all their excellent care and attention also Roddy and staff for their excellent professional service.

MACNIVEN - Myra and family wish to thank sincerely all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the lovely cards, flowers, visits and telephone calls received following our very sad loss of Duncan. Sincere thanks also to Dr Adrian Ward for his professional care and kindness shown and thanks to the Lochgilphead Ambulance crew for their professional care and excellent help. Thanks also to Fiona and Roddy of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and kind support and dignified professional services. Also a big thank you to all who came to Cardross Crematorium to support us and pay their last respects to Duncan, in spite of the very harsh weather.

MICALISTER - Jim and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for cards, phone calls, and best wishes after their sad loss. Special thanks to Campbeltown Hospital (Assessment Ward, Bengullion Ward & Acute Ward), Oban Hospital (Ward B and C), Glasgow Southern General Hospital (Wards Neurology), Dr Elder, Dr Ireland and the nurses and carers associated with Margaret's long illness. Thanks also to ambulance services, both road and air. Thanks to Rev. Vischer for a personal and comforting service. Also to Alasdair Blair and staff for an exemplary service. To the Glen Restaurant and staff. To all who paid respects at church and graveside, thanks also to anyone else who helped in any way over the last fifteen years - Thank You. Finally an extra special thanks to Mairi who cared for Margaret in an exemplary manner for the past twelve years. The retiring collection raised £371.64 for Campbeltown Hospital.

MCKINLAY - Mary, Duncan, Amanda and Derek would like to thank everybody for their phone calls, cards and flowers received in our sad loss. A special thank you to the staff of the Kintyre Care Centre, the Bengullion Ward, Dr Anderson, McMillan Nurses, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the two Police Officers at the church gate.

SMITH - Angus, Finlay and Cara would wish to express their profound gratitude to the Tarbert Medical Centre Doctors, staff and the District Nurses for their careful, sensitive and professional support of Nancy as her health declined over the last few months. The family

are grateful for the many very kind and supportive messages from Nancy's colleagues throughout Argyll and in the Dumbarton area. The Skipness Community Support has been a source of great comfort at this time of such unexpected sorrow. St Brendan's Church, Skipness on November 23, 2010 overflowed with family, friends and colleagues hearing the Rev John Vischer preach a clear message of comfort and hope which was a reflection of Nancy's personal faith. We remain deeply appreciative of all who attended and the expressions of support, as a family, we continue to receive.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN - In loving memory of James, a dear loved son and brother who died December 13 2009. Those we love don't go away, But walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved and missed and very dear. With Love, families at home and away.

BROWN - James December 13, 2009. Dad, sadly missed and very much loved. Fiona & Alasdair xx

BROWN - In loving memory of Jamie, who died December 13, 2009. We talk of you often about the good times and the laughs we had. You will never be forgotten. Agnes.

BROWN - Granda, we still love and miss you. George, Alasdair, Kyle and wee Jamie.

CAMERON - In loving memory of Richard Cameron, devoted husband, father, seair and great seair, who died December 15, 2006. Deep in our hearts you'll always stay, loved and remembered every day.

- His loving wife May, Niall, Phyllis and family, Ian, Tania and family, Mary, Walter and family.

FLETCHER - In loving memory of Archie Fletcher, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003 and Margaret Robertson, beloved mum, who died November 5, 1997. Loved and remembered always. - Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

MACARTHUR - Treasured memories of Duncan, who died December 13, 2004. A much loved husband, father and papa. It does not a take a special day To bring you to our minds As days without a thought of you Are very hard to find - Betty and family in Islay and USA

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband and dad, died December 11, 2002. The years pass by, but memories stay Loved and remembered every day - Mary and Janette.

MCCALLUM - Tommy, dear father and papa, died December 11, 2001. Always in our thoughts. - Love Mary, Margaret, Davie and Roslyn.

YOUNG - Treasured memories of Norman, died December 11, 2002. We think of you in silence No eyes can see us weep But still within our aching hearts Your memory we keep - Margaret and Yvonne xx

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER 2010

11.00 am Worship Service
Rev. Bill Gray
All Welcome

SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER
Rotary Christmas Carol Concert at 7.00 pm

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER
Meeting of the Guild - Christmas Meal

Church Hall at 7.30 pm
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All Welcome

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11.00am Morning Service with communion

Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am

Tonight
"Christingle Party"
Jumpstart and Edge (Parents and Children)
5.30 - 6.45
Scottish Charity SC015187

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 12th December 2010
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Kilberry Church 2pm
Margaret Sinclair
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Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 12th December 2010
Glassary 10am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All are welcome
SC002121

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30am

Tuesday
Over 60's Luncheon Club
-12.00pm

Wednesday
House Group - 7.00pm

Thursday
11.30am
Meat 'n' Eat Café
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Bible Study 7pm
Major Dolores Thomson

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
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Sunday 12th December 2010
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
Cumlodden (Furnace) 10.30 am
with Church Choir (Tea to follow)

Gaelic Service of Readings and Carols
Lochgar 3 pm
(Tea to follow)

Rev. Roddy MacLeod
Ceud mile fáilte
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Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Saturday 11th December 2010

10.00am - 12 noon:
Coffees & teas
12noon - 2.00pm:
Lunches (all in Hall)

Sunday 12th December
11.15am
Advent Worship
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5):
Kirk St Hall

JaM (P6 upwards): Church
6.30pm
Campbeltown Churches Together

Christmas Praise Service
Machrihanish Hall
with Campbeltown Brass
and Drumlemble School Choir
Collection for Salvation Army

Wednesday 15th December
7.15pm
Bible Study Fellowship - Manse
Psalm 27: with DVD

Thursday 16th December
7.30pm
Congregational Board -
Kirk St Hall

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Sunday 12 December 2010
11.00am

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Speaker: Graham McLean
"He is coming!"
All welcome

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Friday, 10th December (Today)
Lunch Club Christmas 'Dinner'
- 12:00 noon

Sunday, 12th December
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs
'Churches Together in Campbeltown'

Worship for the Christmas Season
in Machrihanish Village Hall
-6:30 p.m.

(Praise will be led by **Campbeltown Brass** with choral contributions by Drumlemble School Choir)

Monday, 13th December
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 16th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

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Soccer Centre gain SFA Quality

Mark Award

Willie Luke wins West Region Merit Award

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre was presented with the Scottish Football Association's Standard Club Quality Mark Certificate at a recent awards ceremony held at Hampden Park, the home of Scottish Football.

Fourteen clubs and schools were presented with their various awards.

Alan Millar, Graham Whitefield, Willie Luke and Gordon Munro attended the enjoyable evening at Hampden.

The Scottish FA Quality Mark is a youth football initiative which supports grassroots football development.

With over 400 Scot-

tish clubs and schools already participating, over 8,500 coaches have directly benefitted from coach development and first aid training to date.

Participation

With the support of partners at McDonald's and the Big Lottery Fund, the Scottish FA works with grassroots clubs and schools to broaden and increase youth and community participation as well as enhancing player, coach and volunteer development.

The evening, attended by around 100 people, started off in the Hampden Museum with a welcome from Danny Bisland, the SFA's West

Region club development manager.

After a look round the impressive museum a buffet was served before the presentations got underway in the Bain Suite.

The first award of the evening went to Oban Saints who were presented with the Community Club Quality Mark Flag - the top award in the Quality Mark scheme.

Oban Saints are the only team in the West region to have attained Community Club status.

The Oban side were presented with the Standard Award in 2006, the Development Award in 2008 and now



Lochgilphead Soccer Centre received the Scottish Football Association's Standard Club Quality Mark Award at Hampden Park. Pictured are coaches Graham Whitefield, Alan Millar, Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute football development officer, Willie Luke and Gordon Munro. The Scottish Cup is in the foreground. Photos: Trevor Thomson, the Scottish Football Association



Oban Saints club secretary David Buchanan, Argyll and Bute Council football development officer Martin Rae and team manager Iain Jackson pictured with the Community Club Quality Mark Flag.



Willie Luke, centre, was given the special Merit Award of a watch by Danny Bisland, left, club development manager and Paul McNeill, the SFA's West Region manager.

Second round of Mid Argyll Athletic Club championship

THE SECOND round of the Mid Argyll Athletic Club Championship kicks off on Sunday as members compete on their home ground.

Local athletes will descend on Lochgilphead Joint Campus to compete across a series of running jumping and throwing events.

Fighting

Contestants will be fighting for a cash prize and a place at the Argyll County final, which

takes place in Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban on February 12.

Boys and girls will compete under their age group with entries being taken for under seven, under nine, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17.

Awards will be made to the first four athletes in each age category with the two boys and two girls achieving the most Argyll Age Standards receiving a cash

prize. A £50 cash prize will also be awarded to the best school, with one boy and one girl counting under this category.

Participate

Children do not need to be a member of an athletics organisation to participate in the event. Entries are open from 1pm with the first competition starting at 1.30pm.

The Kintyre and north Lorn competitions will take place in January.

Show jumping cancelled

ENTRANTS to the Argyll south branch pony club's winter league will have longer to practice their show jumping as the December 11 contest has been cancelled, and will be rescheduled in the New Year.

Organisers of the Killinnoch event would like to clarify the results in the Introductory 2007 Dressage test non-pony club category - 1. Diane Forbes riding Bobz, 2. Marina MacArthur riding Soli, 3. Roanna Taylor riding Hero.

Scottish Amateur League fixtures and referees

PREMIER Division: Greenock HSFP v Oban Saints - referee Gordon Hay.

Premier Division One: Glencastle Sparta v Campbeltown Pupils 'A' - referee Gordon Kelso.

Premier Division Two: Port Glasgow OBU v Tarbert - referee Alan Lamb.

Division One - Lomond Rock 'B' v Lochgilphead Red Star - referee Andrew Seymour.

Division Three: Camp-

beltown Pupils 'B' v Jamestown - referee Peter McCallum.

All these matches are scheduled to kick-off at 2pm, weather permitting.

After Saturday the SAFL will be taking a Christmas and New year break, with the next programme of league and cup fixtures resuming January 8.

Tarbert and Saints may try again

LAST Saturday, after their league game had been called off, Tarbert were hoping to travel to take on Oban Saints on the 3g pitch at Oban High School, but unfortunately this game had to be called off as well due to the weather.

If their respective league games are called off this Saturday Tarbert and Saints will try again to play their friendly on the 3g pitch in Oban

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Lottery numbers

THE LOTTERY numbers for Inveraray Shinty Club this week are 1, 6 and 20.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

A special Christmas draw will take place on December 20, when four people will win £50,00.

TARBERT Football club lottery numbers for this week are 9, 13 and 20.

There were no winners and the jackpot for next week will be £200.

KILMORY Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 2, 3 and 15.

Again there were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £900.

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Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Under 12 team with the Split League trophy.

Success on and off the pitch

As 2010 comes to an end and extended bad weather forces Lochgilphead football teams to take a break from the pitch, football coach Graham Whitefield takes time to reflect on the soccer centre's performance this year.

DESPITE a break from the beautiful game coaches and players have been working hard behind the scenes to implement the SFA Player Pathway.

Just this week four committee members accepted the Quality Mark Standard Award during the SFA West Region awards at Hampden Park.

The centre's commitment to its players starts at an early age with the youngest footballers having been introduced to the fun fours programme, giving them more touches on the ball.

The success of fun fours means that it has been extended to the MacDonald's programme for primary two and three children, which the soccer centre has been running in conjunction with Argyll and Bute Council.

The Under 9 squad has also benefited from the programme in squad training and as part of the Oban Express Primary League.

The Under 12 squad continues to compete in the Oban Express Primary League as two teams – the Warriors and Wolves.

The older Warriors team has rarely fielded a full strength squad this season but already have

two trophies to show for their efforts.

Their Autumn League victory was followed by success in the Split League Cup, beating all their closest league rivals.

The younger Wolves boys, many playing their first competitive games, have been unable to produce consistent results but already have some notable scalps in their first league campaign. Both teams look forward to resuming competition in Oban in January.

The Under 14 and Under 16 teams have both moved to new leagues this year – the Dunbartonshire Football Development League and Glasgow and District Youth Football League respectively.

The Under 16s started slowly but now sit in third place after two excellent away victories. The Under 14s are fifth in their league with only one defeat so far at the hands of league leaders Ardencaple BC.

When the weather improves both teams have regional cup ties to look forward to – the Under 14s away to Grange-

mouth BC and the Under 16s at home to old foes St Peters BC.

The over 16s boys now train with Red Star and several are pushing for regular places in the amateur league side as well as playing occasional games for Lochgilphead Wanderers at Under 18 and Under 19 level.

The success of the soccer centre can be measured by players moving up the football ladder to professional teams and this season has seen the first player moving to pro youth football with premier league team Rangers.

An additional two players from the soccer centre are currently on trial at the Scottish champions, whilst several others are involved in youth teams at Livingston FC.

The soccer centre is looking forward to an equally successful second half of the season and is keen for more volunteers to contribute to football teams and projects. For more information on the soccer centre log on to www.lochgilpheadsoccercentre.co.uk.

Pool receives £500 from Corryvreckan swim

TWO HARDY swimmers braved the Corryvreckan whirlpool recently to raise money for the Mid Argyll Community Pool.

Mike Dalglish and Robert Walker raised £500 by swimming the infamous stretch of Mid Argyll water.

On a full spring tide the Corryvreckan floods at eight-and-a-half knots and the seabed geography creates impressive tidal flows, with possibilities of 15 feet

high waves in gale force winds. It is a temperamental stretch of water with swimmers never quite knowing what to expect.

Stephen Whiston, chair of the Board of Directors, said: 'Mid Argyll Community Pool is absolutely delighted to accept this cheque for £500 which one again shows how our local community values its swimming pool, and how the pool is inspiring people to do great things; crossing the

Corryvreckan not only once but twice. Mid Argyll Community Pool is also making a request of local businesses to match this generous donation of £500 to honor the achievement and kindness of Mike Dalglish and Robert Walker.'

The pool would also like to thank Mike Murray and Martin McLellan who manned the rescue boats and enabled the swim to take place safely.

High scoring at Tarbert Gun Club's winter league shoot

ICE, FREEZING temperatures and snow did not deter the veteran shooters of Tarbert Gun Club as they held the December leg of the winter league team shoot last Sunday.

Some high scores were recorded, despite the weather, with both Archie MacGilp senior and junior shooting

particularly well. Euan MacDonald from Minard and Achnamara's Niall Wilson also put in good performances at the competition, the last to be held this year.

There were surprises too in the competition as Lynn MacDonald beat her dad Ally MacDonald's score to take second place in class C.

The results of the overall team competition was the reverse of last month's challenge with Ally's boys taking first place above Bob McColl's team.

Winners:
Class A: 1 Ally McDonnell; 2 Brian Baird; 3 John Weir.

Class B: 1 Ronald Jenkins; 2 Alistair Mc-

Callum; 3 Johnathan Gargan

Class C: 1 Archie MacGilp jnr; 2 Lynn MacDonald; 3 Brian Thompson

Class D: 1 Kris Laird; David Thorburn; 3 Roy Laird

Class E: 1 Andy Wilson; 2 Archie MacGilp sr and Euan MacDonald; 3 Shaun Johnson.

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