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Gritting around the globe

AS THE cold snap continues it is looking ever more likely Mid Argyll could be in for another white Christmas.

And keeping the area moving is Argyll and Bute Council's gritting team which has astonishingly gritted and ploughed 75,000kms of road this year - the equivalent of circling the globe almost twice.

The team has used almost 10,000 tonnes of salt and a similar amount of grit, taking just three hours to treat almost half of the area's priority routes.

Outstanding

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, the council's spokesman for roads and transportation, said: 'The effort our teams made is outstanding. The conditions we experienced last week were some of the worst we have seen and we were able to keep our main routes open, thanks to their hard work.'

So far this year this the council has spread 9,847 tonnes of salt; up to the same time last year they had only used 1,999 tonnes.



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Jack sails away delighted

THREE-year-old Jack Stuart was thrilled with the early Christmas present he got when he went to see Santa in Tarbert's Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.

'It's a sailing boat and a lifeboat,' he said.

Santa's grotto was just one of the

attractions at the Tarbert Christmas Lights switch-on, held on Saturday evening.

A Christmas craft fair, music, school choir performances and mulled wine made it an enjoyable start to the festive season for the village folk.

For more on this story see page four. 06_a51lights01

Ormsary jobs safe

WORKERS in Ormsary and Kilberry breathed a sigh of relief this week after learning their jobs are secure.

Employees of Landcatch, a leading salmon supplier, have been told their jobs will be safeguarded when Dutch breeding company Hendrix Genetics takes over next year.

Bosses at Hendrix signed a letter of intent to purchase the Ormsary-based fish farm last week.

They also plan to create more jobs in the area as the company develops its market share.

Lithgows Limited, owners of Landcatch, which currently employs 20 people, expects to complete the sale with the multinational company in the first half of 2011.

Hendrix, which leads the way in multi-species breeding and genetic research, want to buy Landcatch to break into the aquaculture indus-

Take over of Landcatch to be completed next year

By EDEL
KENEALY

try. A second Lithgow company, Landcatch Natural Selection, based in Alloa, is also to be transferred to Hendrix Genetics.

Thijs Hendrix, president of family-owned-and-run Hendrix Genetics, said: 'Aquaculture breeding is a natural extension to our existing portfolio.'

Excited

'We are excited to be able to enter this significant and growing sector. 'Aquaculture is a sustainable and valuable protein source all over the world and we are confident we can bring new and innovative ideas to a company with a long and successful track record in aquaculture.'

James Lithgow, chairman of Lithgows Limited, said: 'Once our discussions started it became clear that we share a very similar vision, and we realised that Hendrix Genetics and Landcatch were a natural fit.'

'Combining the efforts of our excellent production and research and development teams with those at Hendrix Genetics will make Landcatch even more effective, and ultimately more successful in supplying superior salmon eggs and juveniles to salmon producers world wide.'

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press this week, representatives from Hendrix Genetics were meeting with Landcatch staff at the community hall in Ormsary to outline their vision for the future of the company.



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Fight on to save Tarbert Library

TARBERT and Skipness Community Council have said they will fight to the bitter end to save their village library.

Chair of the community council Jenny Carlile is this week writing to Argyll and Bute Council to oppose any plans to close Tarbert Library.

Ms Carlile said: 'It is not asking for much - the library opening hours here are already extremely limited, being only two days a week for a total of 12 hours.'

'Tarbert is a town that does a lot for itself,' she added. 'Not a great deal is provided directly by the local authority - we have our own village hall and arts and leisure centre and we have made extensive improvements to Tarbert's waterfront.'

At a community council meeting last Thursday (December 9) residents expressed concern for library services such

as the Rhyme Time for children, access to books for the elderly and infirm, and the internet service.'

Ms Carlile added: 'Our librarian is doing so much to encourage reading and having fun with books and it would be a great loss to Tarbert if she were to go.'

Tarbert Library and a mobile library were earmarked for closure by Argyll and Bute Council when it published the findings of its public service spending review two weeks ago.

An Argyll and Bute spokeswoman said: 'The proposed closure of Tarbert library would save roughly £11,000 a year. If it went ahead, our estates section would decide the most appropriate use of the building. All possibilities, including its sale, would be considered.'



Mid Argyll 'Movember' men raise £1,000

SIX MID Argyll men have raised more than £1,000 for Prostate Cancer research.

Dochy MacLean, Za Walls, Alastair Stankey, Alec McLarty, John Doc and Jamie 'Hulk Hogan' Miller grew moustaches,

goatees and beards throughout November to raise £1,100 for the charity.

Shave

The men gathered at The Comm in Lochgilphead on Saturday to shave off a month's worth of fa-

cial hair, with local hairdressers Hazel Hunter and Jodie Brown doing the honours.

The men extended thanks to everyone who had donated so generously to the cause.

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Education awards to celebrate hard work and innovation in classrooms

RESIDENTS in Argyll and Bute are being asked to find the county's top education stars for the Scottish Education Awards.

The awards, which celebrate the hard work and innovation in Scottish classrooms, were launched by Education Secretary Michael Russell.

He said: 'I want all those within education across Scotland to start thinking about what they're doing

or have seen that others could learn from.'

'If you think your school is doing something innovative, exciting or of genuine merit, get online and put it forward for the Scottish Education Awards.'

Councillor Isobel Strong, Argyll and Bute's spokesperson for education and lifelong learning, said: 'I know that there is fantastic work going on in schools the

length and breadth of Argyll and Bute, and I would encourage all those who think that their teacher or school deserves to be recognised and celebrated to get their nomination in.'

The Scottish Education Awards are open to all publicly funded schools.

Award categories recognise the dedication of teachers, head-teachers and support staff.

Free festive parking to be considered

ARGYLL and Bute Council is to make a decision on whether it will suspend parking charges in all of its car parks in the five days leading up to Christmas.

As the Advertiser went to press this week, the council's Executive committee were to discuss the proposal, with council leader Dick Walsh saying it was something he 'fully supported'.

He added: 'We did the same thing last year in a bid to help our communities and local traders in the run-up to Christmas.'

'Given the current challenging financial climate - and the recent extreme weather conditions - I am delighted to support the idea of lifting the charges for these last few shopping days before Christmas.'

If agreed, the proposed amnesty will cover December 20-24 inclusive.

Road safety blitz

DRIVERS are being reminded of additional police road checks in the run up to, and during, the festive season.

Road traffic officers will be highly visible across Mid Argyll during the next few weeks.

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Inveraray Jail to close for first time in 21 years

INVERARAY Jail will close its doors next month for the first time in 21 years.

From January 4-15 the jail will shut to the public as improvements are made to the building.

This will be the first time the 19th century courthouse and prison has closed for more than one day since it reopened as a visitor attraction 21 years ago in 1989.

The renovation includes a complete overhaul of the Inveraray Jail gift shop and customer toilets.

The attraction has to temporarily close as main thoroughfares will

be blocked during the renovation.

Gavin Dick, Prison Governor at the jail said: 'We are looking forward to seeing our new and improved customer facilities. As a privately run business, the maintenance and upkeep of the historic building is 100 per cent our responsibility.'

'We are passionate about keeping this part of Argyll history in tip-top condition whilst ensuring the best facilities and experience for our visitors.'

'We're sorry for any inconvenience our short term closure may cause in the meantime.'

Don't walk on frozen canal

MID ARGYLL residents and visitors are being urged to take care around the Crinan Canal over the coming weeks, particularly on icy or frosty days.

British Waterways Scotland warns that no-one should walk on frozen water under any circumstances.

Phil Martin, Waterway Manager for British Waterways Scotland, said: 'Winter is a lovely time to visit the Crinan Canal but it is vital people recognise they need to take extra care'.

Christmas card fundraiser

CHILDREN in Argyll and Bute can receive a personalised message from Santa whilst supporting a charity for the homeless this Christmas.

Shelter Scotland has launched Santa Cam in a bid to raise funds to help homeless individuals and families. Graeme Brown, director of Shelter Scotland, said: 'You can raise money to help Shelter Scotland stop things spiralling out of control for thousands of families living on the edge this Christmas. Every day in Scotland 60 children face the trauma of losing their home.'

Man charged with alleged drink driving

A 58-YEAR-old man was arrested and released on an undertaking to appear at Dunoon Sheriff court last week after being caught by police allegedly driving whilst over the legal drink drive limit.

The man was stopped by police on the A83 at Minard on Wednesday, December 8 at 8.10pm.

Fatal disease threatens West Coast forestry

COMMERCIAL forestry, worth millions of pounds to the Scottish economy, could be at risk after an extremely damaging plant disease was found in Argyll.

Ramorum disease has been confirmed in Japanese larch trees in a forestry plantation on the Craignish peninsula, resulting in over three acres of the trees being felled.

It is the first time the fatal disease – which only last year was discovered to infect Japanese larch – has been found in Scotland.

It is hoped that the drastic step will prevent any further

infection, but the Forestry Commission Scotland is warning that, if it is not stopped, it could present a huge risk to one of the country's biggest industries.

The head of plant health at the commission, Roddy Burgess, said: 'If we don't manage to contain this particular area and it does spread then what is certain to happen is that there will be a considerable impact on commercial forestry of the Japanese larch.'

'While that only makes up about five per cent of Scotland's forestry at the moment, it is still unknown why the dis-

ease has now started to infect the Japanese larch.

'Whether it jumps into another species we don't know, so potentially there is a significant threat to Scottish forestry.'

Active

While the timber from the felled trees can be used if treated properly, the land cannot be reused for Japanese larch as there is evidence that the disease can remain active within the soil.

Ramorum appears to be spread by spores, which are carried in mist, wind and rain. The Forestry Commission be-

lieve the chances of it spreading throughout the west coast is far more likely than in the east.

It is not harmful to humans, but the Commission has asked people to clear earth from their boots when walking between woodland areas.

One of the biggest suspects for its spread in the UK is the rhododendron, an invasive weed species.

But Mr Burgess did warn against the use of the common name for Ramorum, Sudden Oak Death, as it is a misnomer.

He said: 'It was called that as

some oaks, which aren't true oaks, were found to have it in America. Only five oaks were found to have it throughout the whole of the UK and they were felled before the trees died.'

Symptoms on Japanese larch trees include wilting shoot tips, needles turning black and falling prematurely, and cankers that bleed resin can appear on the branches and upper trunk.

Ramorum disease of larch is more difficult to identify in winter because larch trees shed their needles in the autumn, although tell-tale resin bleeds can still be visible on the trunks.



Christmas Tree festival lights up parish church

Those of you who have not managed to get along to Lochgilphead Parish Church's annual Christmas Tree Festival have just one more day to do so. The church is filled with festive trees of all shapes and sizes decorated by local community groups. As a community fundraiser, all 'tree-owning' participants receive an equal share of donations made by the public, who bid to take home their desired tree. There will also be host of musical entertainment from school musicians during the festival, with carol singing due to take place tomorrow (Saturday) from 11am. Pictured are some Lochgilphead Brownies who decorated a tree for the festival.

Police warning as car thieves strike in Lochgilphead

POLICE in Lochgilphead are warning residents to be on their guard following the theft of two vehicles last week.

Scottish and Southern Energy's depot in Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead was targeted sometime between 10pm last Thursday (December 8) and 7am on Friday (December 9).

The firm had one of its new Mercedes Sprinter vans stolen along with thousands of pounds worth of copper.

Inspector Neil Wallace from Lochgilphead Police Station, said: 'To date the van has not been traced.'

'I would appeal to anyone who may have seen an electricity van on the road in the early hours of Friday morning to get in contact.'

The van, worth

£20,000, has Scottish and Southern Energy markings.

The registration plate is – WH60 KNR.

Another vehicle is also believed to have been stolen from a farm track near Inveraray.

The blue Land Rover Defender was parked on a road near to Accurach Farm on the A815 Dalmally road but went missing between 4.30pm and 8.30pm last Friday (December 9).

The registration plate is J913 UFS.

Inspector Wallace said it was difficult to know whether the two thefts were related but added: 'There could be a team of thieves targeting the area. We have got extra patrols operating, particularly over the weekends, and we would ask the public to be on their guard and report anything suspicious.'

Anyone with information on either theft should contact Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

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Tarbert Christmas lights switched on

MORE THAN 100 people turned out to see Tarbert Christmas Lights switched on at the weekend despite the obvious

Benjamin Hunt, aged four, was thrilled to see Santa and enjoyed tugging the old man's beard. 06_a51lights03

absence of a Christmas tree.

Tarbert Community Councillor Alex McPhee, who provided the musical entertainment on the night, told the crowd that a tree was being lit up in the forest, as the bad weather had prevented them getting it to the village. Street lamps of various Christmas designs were, however lit up all over the village as Tarbert's Citi-

zen of the Year Sheena Ferguson pressed the switch outside the Tarbert Hotel on Saturday evening.

Guests to the event were treated to a special performance by members of Tarbert Primary School Choir, who sang 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' and Santa Claus, who brought his own grotto to the Templars Hall, also spent time with children.



More than one hundred people turned out to see the Christmas lights switched on in Tarbert on Saturday. 06_a51lights12

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Members of the Tarbert Primary School Choir delighted village folk with a few Christmas Carols. 06_a51lights10



Tarbert Christmas Lights Committee Chairwoman Iris Kerr, who is standing down from her post, presented Citizen of the Year Sheena Ferguson with a bouquet of flowers. 06_a51lights13



Victorian ladies Cathy Macfarlane and Jean Johnson made tinsel fashionable as they celebrated the start of the festive season on Saturday. 06_a51lights09



Karen McGimpsey and son Ryan Taylor wrapped up warm whilst they celebrated the turning on the Christmas lights on Harbour Street. 06_a51lights02



Caitlin Taylor and Cerys Baird, both aged eight, treated the crowd to a lovely rendition of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' when they performed with the Tarbert Primary School choir. 06_a51lights05



Evie Baird enjoyed dancing around the lamppost with her pals as festivities got underway. 06_a51lights07



Alex McPhee of Tarbert Community Council kept the crowds entertained with his accordion and a host of traditional music. 06_a51lights06



Some of the Tarbert Christmas Lights. 06_a51lights13



A pupil from Achahoish Primary School shows off one of the crafts made during the crafts workshop.

Marine day at community centre

FIFTY primary school pupils from across Mid Argyll defied the recent snow to participate in a marine day at Lochgilphead Community Centre.

Children from classes primary five to seven from Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Achahoish

and Kilmartin got together to learn about the importance of clean and safe beaches.

At the event, organised by the GRAB Trust, pupils took part in workshops on the effects of marine litter and marine biodiversity, learnt how to make marine art and

crafts and enjoyed a storytelling session about the sea.

The day's events were delivered by Kilmartin House Museum, Envirosmart and storyteller Patsy Dyer as part of the GRAB Trust's Beaches and Marine Litter Project.

Mid Argyll pool's filming debut

The annual fuel savings are around £13,500 a year

THE MID Argyll Community Pool has been the subject of a short film currently showing online.

Energy Share, a new social networking website for local communities, encourages local community groups to get together and share information and knowledge on renewable energy.

Key people involved with the Lochgilphead-based pool have been getting interviewed and filmed over the past few months, with the result being a video case study on Energyshare's website.

The video highlights the pool's biomass boiler and the benefits of using renewable energy in local community groups. In 2003, the Biomass Boiler was installed, reducing Mid Argyll Community Pool's dependency on volatile and rising oil fuel costs and reducing the pool's carbon footprint. The boiler is considered 'carbon neutral' by the Carbon Trust and has been used as a standard for other community projects in the area. The annual fuel savings are around £13,500 a year.

Dave Payne, a user of the pool, said: 'Our biomass boiler defines us and it defines us in a really positive way. It says we want our swimming pool warm but we want to do it in a responsible way.'

Eilidh Bartlet, the pool's business development manager, added: 'We are extremely proud to be an environmentally friendly community pool and thank ALLenergy, our local energy advice agency, for their expertise and support in helping us achieve our goals over the years. We are extremely flattered to have been selected by KEO films as it reflects our commitment to renewable energy.'

Stephen Whiston, chair of the Board of Directors for the pool, commented: 'The installation of the boiler has been absolutely vital for the swimming pool and the community because it's helped secure the future of the pool and make it sustainable for the future.'

To view the case study - log onto - www.energyshare.com/mid-argyll-pool

Winter fuel payments should be increased

WINTER fuel payments in Argyll and Bute should be increased, Mike Russell MSP has said.

The Education Minister and SNP candidate for Argyll and Bute has urged the UK government to increase the payment to vulnerable people in Scotland, taking into account the wind chill factor and the extra burden of higher fuel bills caused by transport costs.

He said: 'Here in Argyll it costs considerably more to heat a home than it does south of the border or in some other parts of Scotland, which means our pensioners are being let down by the current scheme. The costs and problems on the islands are particularly acute and there is therefore a desperate need for a reform of Westminster's winter fuel payment as we go into another long cold winter for our pensioners.'

'Significant improvements' shown by Argyll and Bute Council

THERE have been significant improvements in ensuring value for money at Argyll and Bute Council, an independent auditor has found.

Grant Thornton, who carried out the review, said the authority has made a 'significant and rapid improvement' over the last couple of years.

The report stated that the budget consultation process had been a positive

development and that the council was responding to priorities at a local level, with local community planning and the Forward Together programme a key strength.

The report also drew attention to the council's service review programme process, which it states has been improved to ensure the findings are robust and lead to quantifiable savings.

Argyll and Bute Council chief executive Sally Loudon said: 'I am particularly pleased that the external auditor has concluded not only that we've made significant improvements, but also that we are in a good position to continue our progress in the future. That's an important vote of confidence in us as we deal with the various challenges we are facing.'

Housing campaign

AN ONLINE petition and Facebook campaign has been launched to pressurise the Scottish Government into increasing the supply of affordable housing throughout the Highlands and Islands.

The petition was launched by Highlands and Islands MSP Rhoda Grant in response to calls for help by constituents.

She said: 'My office has seen a huge increase in workload this year with people seeking affordable houses to rent. Very often there is not the supply available to meet demand and this results in severe hardship for families and individuals.'

'I would like to hear from anyone who is having problems when seeking affordable housing to enable me to gauge the level of the problem.'

To sign the petition or comment on the petition or to comment on the issue log on to <http://www.petitions.com/petition/hi/affordablehousing>.

Broadcast cancelled

THE BBC Radio Scotland broadcast, due to take place today, Friday, has been postponed.

Organisers behind Brian Taylor's Big Debate show took the decision ahead of the Met Office's severe weather warning for Argyll and Bute issued on Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the show said: 'In deciding to cancel Friday's Debate we have considered your safety as well as that of other members of the public, the panel and BBC staff.'

It is hoped the show will still come to Ardrishaig in the near future.

Lottery grant

THE MID Argyll Young Carers Support group is to benefit from £8020 after being successful in their application to the Awards for All grant from Big Lottery Fund

The group provide respite for young people with caring responsibilities in Lochgilphead and surrounding areas, as well as endeavouring to ensure all young carers in the area are offered support. The project meets the Awards for All outcomes of 'People Have better chances in life' and 'Communities are safer and Stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities.'

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Peter Peacock MSP and Labour veteran George MacMillan in Campbeltown earlier this year during the Westminster election campaign with candidate David Graham of Dunoon, when they visited the Argyll Community Housing Association homes being built at Parliament Place. Left to right: Scott MacLean and Keith Mitchell, joiners with M&K MacLeod; Greg Newlands, ground worker with AJC Civils; George MacMillan, Peter Peacock MSP, David Graham PPC and Robert Baxter, site manager M&K MacLeod. 04_c13pea01

MSP to stand down at the next election

PETER Peacock, Labour MSP for the Highlands and Islands has announced he is standing down at the coming Scottish election.

He said: 'I would be entering my 30th consecutive year in elected office and I feel it is time for a change and to give myself some new challenges in life.'

'It has been an enormous privilege to have had the opportunity to serve through elected office and to have done various jobs in local and Scottish government. I would not have missed for anything the experience of holding senior offices.'

He was a Minister throughout the first and second Scottish Parliaments and to served under Labour's first three First Ministers

Peter Peacock is Scottish Labour's longest serving minister in the

Scottish Parliament, other than former First Minister, Jack McConnell, and during his Ministerial career became one of its most experienced legislators, having piloted over a dozen Bills onto the statute book.

Challenging

'I have met and worked with a huge number of people and faced many challenging situations, and I want to thank all those who have supported me in a whole variety of ways. It has been a pleasure to have been able to help many individual constituents through difficulties they were facing. It has all been hugely stimulating and rewarding, but there is a time to move on, and that time has come.'

'The Labour Party has been a constant force for good in our society, righting wrongs, widening opportunity, fighting injustice, bringing

hope and better futures for many. To have represented Labour is a matter of great pride to me, and I will continue to support the Labour cause in times ahead in whatever way I can.'

'As this chapter of my work life closes, so I look forward to another opening, using my experience of public life to full effect.'

Peter Peacock cut his political teeth in the old Highland Regional Council in 1982.

On being elected to Parliament he was appointed schools Minister by Donald Dewar. On Donald's death he moved to become a Minister of Finance and Local Government for a period of three years, before going back to education as the Cabinet Minister for Education and Young people. He was also Minister for Gaelic.

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On Sunday December 19, The Highland Parish Church is holding a Service for Remembering in the Kirk Street Hall, at 3pm.

An open invitation is given to anyone who lost a loved one, locally or further afield, during the past year or longer, and who find this season painful.

The grieving process contains many

milestones: the first anniversary of the death, birthdays, anniversaries, and of course, Christmas and New Year time. The Highland congregation hope that the service might be a helpful milestone for those who attend. If it provides comfort at this difficult time of year, and helps anyone move forward, it will have fulfilled a useful function.

The service, lasting around half-an-hour, will include hymns, readings and prayers, and a brief meditation for the occasion. There will be no collection and the service will be followed by tea and coffee. All who attend will be made very welcome.

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Where the money comes from

The council has a budget of £277.6 million. We receive our income from two main sources. Council tax paid by residents makes up around 17% of our income – around £46 million. The rest - 83% comes in the form of a grant from the Scottish government a grant from the Scottish Government and in 2010-11 was £231.5 million.

The Scottish Government has confirmed our settlement in 2011-12 will be £220.059 million. That's a gap of £11.4 million – a reduction of 4.9%

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Police and Fire	22.2	8.0
Loan Charges	30.5	11.0
Miscellaneous	17.1	6.2
Expenditure	277.6	100.0

Education and social work account for more than half of the council's budget. If we didn't make any cuts to these services then we'd have to make all of our savings from just half of our budget. This means some service areas would face especially harsh cuts.

How can we do more with less?

We've been planning for cuts for the next three years and since August we've been asking residents to suggest how we could save money. Their comments have been used to help us come up with some options to become more efficient, change the way deliver services and in some cases stop delivering services altogether.

What you said – what we've done

Here's just some of the suggestions we've had so far and the impact the suggestions have had:

Reduce pay by 15%	Pay has been frozen for local government workers
Sell off council buildings	The market is slow but we're trying to sell
Charge more for services	Some charges could increase
Renegotiate contracts to get better value;	We're doing this
Invest in opportunities like renewables	We have a plan to do this
Review the school estate	We're consulting on proposals on this now.
Use former school buildings for community groups	We have a process which allows community groups to take on unused buildings
Close libraries; cut library hours; make libraries self funding; charge for libraries	These options have been proposed.
Use third sector partners to manage community assets	We're exploring which groups could do this.

What are the options now?

We've reviewed nine service areas and each one now has a list of possible money-saving options. We'd like you to tell us what you think.

Some of the proposed options are:

- Reorganise children and family services
- Close part time libraries in Cardross, Tarbert and Rosneath
- Reduce winter maintenance of roads
- Amalgamate smaller primary schools
- Increase the cost of school meals by 15p per day
- Reduce grants for under used bus services
- Increase our recycling rates to reduce landfill tax
- Transfer hall to community ownership
- Reduce funding to organisations such as Visit Scotland and Pass Plus

You can read the full proposals on our web site www.argyll-bute.gov.uk And you can fill in an online questionnaire to tell us what you think of the proposals.

We need your responses on the general budget consultation by 31 December 2010 so there is time for councillors to analyse the feedback and decide on which savings to take.

Some of the options, such as the school estate review, require additional consultation with residents and this will be to a different timetable.

What happens next?

Consultation on these options ends on 31st December 2010.

Councillors will then consider the responses and incorporate them into the final budget, which will be presented to council on 10 February 2011.

If the proposals are agreed you can expect to see changes to your services take place in 2011.

Where to get more information:

www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Email: budget@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Mail: Budget Queries, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA32 8RT

Those Were The Days

The Argyllshire Advertiser
Friday 15 December, 2000

Green light for houses

A PLANNING application to build 50 houses at Whitegates has been approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

It will now pass to the First Minister for final declaration.

The application received several objections which were all discussed before approval was given by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee last week.

Approval of the plans is more good news for Bute Housing, which heard that the Lomond and Argyll Primary Care NHS Trust is no longer interested in building the new Mid Argyll Hospital at Whitegates, so the council will now sell the land for housing, as was previously agreed.

Lib Dems name their man

ALAN Reid is the Scottish Liberal Democrat's Westminster candidate for Argyll and Bute.

The Computer Project Manager is aiming to follow in the footsteps of current MP Ray Michie at the next General Election, which may well be held within the next six months.

Mr Reid said he was delighted to have been selected as candidate for the area. Better resources for public services, a better deal for pensioners and a benefits system that protects society's most vulnerable will be some of his campaigning issues.

Argyll and Bute MSP George Lyon said he was looking forward to working with Mr Reid.



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by Hughie Robertson from Ardrishaig. It shows Mid Argyll children being taken down Lochnell Street on a horse and cart as part of a children's picnic celebration in the 1950s.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



I HAD to bend low to enter through the Door of Humility, which is only 4 feet high, as I approached the crypt in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

It seemed strange that this door which leads to the birthplace of the Prince of Peace is guarded by an armed soldier.

I had to bend down low to enter.

Two flights of stairs lead down to the cave, which is now floored with white marble, and a 14 point silver star is said to mark the actual place of Jesus' birth.

I had to bend down low to enter.

There was a hushed silence in the crypt and I felt I was an onlooker in one of the greatest stories ever told.

Some people wept, some stood in silence, but all seemed to have a sense of wonder in this place.

We had to bend down low to enter.

Here was to be the nativity of our faith.

Fifteen years ago there was an armed guard, but no wall. Today

Bethlehem is cut off by a great wall that divides this troubled and hurting country.

But whosoever will visit this church, be they soldier or civilian, commoner or king – they will have to bend down low to enter.

Now we are just a week away from waiting to re-enact this birth scene once again.

I wonder if we're ready. I wonder if we're still rushing around like sheep bleating about the price of things.

I wonder if we're ready. I wonder if we're still looking for bargains and getting nothing ready for the baby.

I wonder if we're ready. I wonder if we're so busy in the mayhem that we might forget about the manger.

I wonder if we will remember that to get to the crib, we have to bend down low.

Kilmory £150,000 refurbishment

Sir,
I read with disappointment in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, the proposed council budget and staff cuts. As a result, I feel that it is very important the general public should be made aware that Argyll and Bute Council have just spent over £150,000 on office refurbishment in Kilmory including a suite of offices for the Chief Executive, Sally Loudon.

I have already taken this matter up with a council member who has told me that the amount spent was budgeted for some time ago. I was also told that part of the refurbishment was improving the reception area at Kilmory in accordance with the recent Disability Act. As anyone who has ever been to Kilmory will be aware, there are already

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disabled access ramps into the reception area, direct access to disabled toilets and a lift, which travels all the way up to the council chamber and the canteen. There is also wheel chair friendly equipment to enable visitors or staff to gain access to the chief executive's office and others if required. I, therefore, cannot accept that this was the genuine reason for spending this amount of money. However, if it was, why was it necessary to include re-decorating/re-carpeting a suit of offices for Sally Loudon?

I am sure the council will have ready a suitably 'good excuse' for spending this amount of money at time of great

uncertainty but I would still be interested in hearing it.

**J. Hastings,
Argyll and Bute
Resident.**

Post Offices under threat

Sir,
While the public and some of our politicians are expressing concern about the 'cuts agenda' a more worrying piece of legislation is being pushed through the House of Commons in Westminster by the coalition government.

This proposed legislation is called the 'Postal Services Bill' and is a move by the ConDem Government to privatise Royal Mail and to sepa-

rate out of the overall control of RM Group the business of Post Office Limited and to move that into the 'public sector' as a mutualised service of some sort previously unknown in the UK or the wider world.

In other words your local Post Offices will be under serious threat as they will no longer have the certainty of being the main access point for all of the users of Royal Mail services while the coalition government is vastly reducing the amounts of revenue available to the public sector.

Every post office service in the world requires subsidy from government of some sort, whether it be direct sub-

sidy in the form of support grants or indirect in the form of other government work.

This coalition government have made it quite clear these subsidies will no longer be available so where is the sense in this proposal and how can our local Post Offices survive if they are not receiving the help they need to continue providing the sterling local services that they currently provide.

At this time of year when everyone is preparing to send their Christmas Cards to relatives and friends across the UK why is the coalition government threatening the future provision of the 'One Price goes anywhere Postage' in the UK.

We should all be asking our elected representatives whether at Westminster, Holyrood or on your local council to oppose these totally 'daft' proposals. Yours sincerely,
**John Brown,
Regional
Secretary
Scotland,
Communication
Workers Union.**

What do we pay our council tax for?

Sir,
We live in an area called Mealdarroch, off Pier Road, Tarbert. It is 250 yards up a hill of one in six with a hairpin bend and a further one in four gradient. It consists of 24 houses with eight pensioners, two disabled persons, and 12 children.

We have no street lighting, no bus service, and, as from the end of the year, no gritting or salt is going to be put on the road for ease of access - not even in the boxes so that we can spread it ourselves.

We already pay privately for the repair of the road, the upkeep of the grass verges and drainage of rainwater down the hill.

Now we are being asked to provide our own sand and rock salt! What company is going to provide 20 residents with this commodity when the councils have first priority?

What do we pay Council Tax for? I know we use the library but this is purported to be closing!
Tarbert Resident.

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Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!
 "He came to our place,
 to prepare a place for us
 in His place
 forever." C. MacKenzie

+ Mid Argyll

*Ardrihaig
 and
 South Knapdale Parishes*

"Come and join the Celebration"

Sunday 19th

"Hope, Peace, Joy and Love"

Ardrihaig at 11:00am

Achahoish at 12:30pm

Carols Round the Tree

(in aid of Cancer Research)

Car Park, Ardrihaig at 6:30pm

(in North Hall if wet)

Christmas Eve

Carol Service

Achahoish at 7:00pm

Watchnight Service

Ardrihaig from 11:15pm

Sunday 26th

Services at

11:00am in Ardrihaig

and 12:30pm in Achahoish

Sunday 2nd Jan 2011

Beginning... Again?

Christ Church Lochgilphead

Sunday 19th December

9am Eucharist

11am Preparing the Church

Friday 24th December

11am Eucharist with Carols

Saturday 25th December

11am Eucharist with Carols

St Columba's Poltalloch

Sunday 19th December

3.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Saturday 25th December

9am Eucharist

Glenaray and Inveraray Church

17 December

Inveraray Primary School Christmas Concert
 in the Church at 11am

19 December

4th Advent Service at 11.15am

24 December

Christmas Eve Service at 11.30pm

25 December

Christmas Day service at 10.30am in the Church

26 December

End of Year Service at 11.15am

2 January

New Year Service at 11.15am

Lochgilphead Parish Church

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER

11.00 am Childrens' Christmas Service
 Rev. Bill Gray

FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER

11.15 pm Watchnight Service
 Carol singing, Christmas cheer and mince pies
 from 10.45 pm

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER

11.00 am Boxing Day Service
 Tom McKay

Tea and coffee from 10.45 am

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY

11.00 am Worship Service

Rev. Stanley Hood

All Welcome

Further information (01546) 606218

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*Christmas Timetable,
 St. Margaret's RC Church
 (and All Saints, Inveraray), 2010.*

Sunday 19th

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

Monday -Friday

Lochgilphead Mass at 10:30am

Friday 24th (Midnight Mass)

Carol Singing at 11:30pm

followed by Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th (Christmas Day)

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

Sunday 27th

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

Friday 31st

Lochgilphead Mass at Midnight

Saturday 1st January

Lochgilphead Mass at 10:30am

Sunday 2nd

Lochgilphead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

The Salvation Army

Sunday, 19th December

Special Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm

Saturday, 25th December

Christmas Day Worship Service 10.30am

Christmas Dinner following at 12.00 noon

For anyone on their own, in need or wanting to

share in the festive fellowship

(please make reservations for this dinner by

Monday, 20th December)

Major Dolores Thomson

The Salvation Army

10 Burnside Street

01586 552046

+ Kintyre

*Highland Parish Church
 Campbeltown (SC 002493)*

Sunday 19th December

11.15am All-Age Carol Service

with Sacrament of Baptism.

Special retiring offering for

flood victims in Pakistan

Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December

11.30pm United Watchnight Service

in Lorne and Lowland Church

(with mince pies in main hall

from 10.45pm)

Sunday 26th December

11.15am Christmas Carol Service –

followed by tea, coffee & fellowship

Sunday 2nd January 2011

11.15am New Year Worship

Rev Catriona Hood

Rev Michael J Lind

*Lorne And Lowland
 Parish Church*

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday, 19th December

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Triple C Nativity Play and Choir Items)

(Rev. Philip Burroughs)

Friday, 24th December

Mince Pies and Fellowship - 10:45 p.m.

Joint Worship for Christmas Eve 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

"O come let us adore him"

Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

(Rev. Philip Burroughs)

Sunday, 26th December

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Rev. Philip Burroughs)

Saddell And Carradale Church

December 19th 12 noon

A service of lessons and carols with

Sunday School.

December 24th 11.30pm

Christmas Eve Service

December 26th 12 noon

Sunday Service

St Brendan's Skipness

Dec 24th – 7pm

Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25th – 11am

Christmas Day Service

Springbank Evangelical Church

Sunday 19th December 11.15 a.m.

Carol Service with Nativity play

'The Sleepy Shepherd'

Friday 24th Christmas Eve

Carols by Candlelight 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 26th

A Communion Service at 11.15 a.m.

Friday 29th December 8.00 till late !!!

New Year Social

Sunday 2nd January

A Communion Service at 11.15 a.m.

*Southend Parish Church
 Christmas Services*

Sunday 19th December

11.30am Christmas Family Service

Preacher Agnes Stewart

Friday 24th December

11.30pm Christmas Watchnight Service

Preacher Agnes Stewart

Sunday 2nd January

11.30am Family Service

Preacher Agnes Stewart

*St Kieran's Scottish
 Episcopal Church*

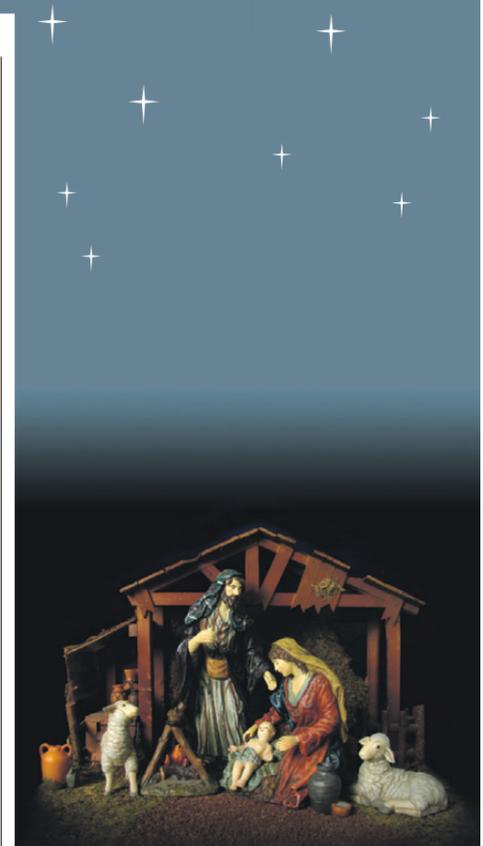
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown

Christmas Day

10.45 am Family Communion and

Christmas Hymns



Sunday 2nd January 2011

8.30am Holy Communion

10.45 am Morning Prayer –

Celebrating the Epiphany

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the

Worldwide Anglican Communion

Tayinloan Bible Fellowship

Thursday 23rd December

Christmas Carol Service at 8pm

In Tayinloan Village Hall

Speaker; Mr Kelvin Moller

Christmas Supper

Come along and join in

The true spirit of Christmas.

Everyone most welcome.

*Tarbert, Loch Fyne linked with
 Kilberry Church of Scotland
 Christmas services*

Wednesday 22nd December

2.30pm - End of term school service in

Tarbert Church of Scotland

Sunday 19th December

11.30am - Tarbert Church service.

Featuring the Sunday school nativity play.

Everyone welcome

3pm -Templar's hall

Informal afternoon service,

featuring the Sunday school nativity play.

Everyone welcome

Friday 24th December

Christmas Eve services

7pm – Kilberry Christmas Eve service

11.30pm – Tarbert Christmas Eve

Watch night service

Sunday 26th December

Christmas Meditations 11.30am – Tarbert Church

service combined with Kilberry Church.

Sunday 2nd January

11.30am – Tarbert Church service

Margaret Sinclair – Interim Moderator

01499 500633

Everyone welcome



Chorale charity concert

KINTYRE Chorale members captured at a rehearsal, putting the finishing touches to their performance for their concert on Sunday December 19 in the Lorne and Lowland Church at 8pm. The proceeds of the concert are going to the Salvation Army and Kintyre Youth Carers; entry is by donation. The evening will feature Christmas songs from around the globe, including Mexico and Calypso alongside lots of old favourites. Maria Gibbons is going to be singing solo and the Southend Girls Choir are also appearing and David McEwan will be accompanist. 04_c50cho01



Clann na Ceal launch CD

THE talented young ladies of Clann na Ceal have launched a CD with a party and concert at the Guide Hall, Campbeltown. The group, which was formed for Young Folk Night 2009, is hoping to get enough funds together to compete at the Royal National Mod next year. Their CD, *Rhythm and Bows* is now on sale. 04_c50mus01



Soups on mum!

FOUR-year-old Amy Ross of Campbeltown tucks into a doorstep of bread at the Highland Parish Church soup lunches held in the Church Hall, Kirk Street, and Thursday to Saturday last week. She went along with her mum Kirsteen and her granny Margaret Ronald. Margaret Houston SAID that over the four day event the magnificent sum of £1,130 was raised. 04_c51soup01

Local charities benefit from building society

EACH year customers of the Yorkshire Building Society are given the chance to nominate a local charity they wish to benefit from the Society's Charitable Trust Fund.

This year Jacqueline Shaw, Karen McAllister, Helen Lewis and Claire Newlands, the local agency staff, were delighted to be told that out of the hundreds of requests received by the Society, four of their nominated local charities would each benefit from the fund.

The charities were McMillan Cancer Support, Bonnie Babies, Autism Argyll and The Talking Newspaper, pictured below are their local representatives, Iona Mc-

Intosh, Debbie Lamont, Alison Leask and Mairi Campbell, each with a cheque for £100 handed to them at the Campbeltown Christmas lights switch-on.

Opened

Later in the evening the agency opened its doors to those out enjoying the switching on of the towns Christmas lights with mince pies, shortbread and wine being provided.

Christmas Carols were beautifully sung by the Lorne and Lowland Church Choir and the funds raised during the evening went towards this year's Christmas appeal, Teenage Cancer Trust.

Community Noticeboard



Campbeltown Grammar School School Concert

Monday 20 December - 7.30 pm
Admission £3 (Concessions £2)
Bands - Chors - Solos - Groups



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WEDDING



EMSLIE - SHOMACHUK
In October 2010 at Mount Norquay, Banff, Canada, Marc, son of Lynda and Alex Emslie, Lochgilphead, married Stacy, eldest daughter of Debbie and Danny S Shomachuk. Marc and Stacy reside in Auburn Bay, Calgary.



£1,195 raised for band funds

Band members Victoria Hume, Susan Shaw, Helen Ferguson and Alison McGuire lent a hand when the Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association held a successful coffee morning in the Victoria Hall on Saturday, December 11. The tidy sum of £1,195 was raised and this will help the Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands in their exploits in 2011.

IF YOUR CLUB OR CHARITY WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE A COMMUNITY FOCUSED, INDIVIDUAL LEISURE EVENT ON THIS NOTICEBOARD PLEASE CONTACT

Rebecca on (01586) 554646 or Sarah on (01546) 602345

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Christmas Concert with Campbeltown Brass

Music and Mince Pie Supper

Thursday 23rd December

7:30pm

Kirk Street Hall



Rave reviews for Oliver!

REVIEWERS of the Mid Argyll Musical Society's production of *Oliver!* have billed the performance as one of the best, or perhaps the best produced by the company to date.

Members of the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus, who from their opening number ensured a truly entertaining and thrilling

evening, joined MAM-SOC to perform the Charles Dickens classic.

Excellent

The children's performance alongside their elders was described as excellent whilst their discipline both on and off the stage 'a credit to all'.

The role of Oliver was shared by Kyle Renton

and Gavin Johnston whilst the Artful Dodger was played by Fiona Cupples and Hollie McGregor.

Kyle had an almost bewildered approach to his character and Fiona was the perfect foil with her cocky interpretation. Both sang beautifully and gave most convincing performances.

Ann McMillan played Nancy to perfection with a very emotional rendition of *As Long as He Needs Me*.

Colin Murray obviously relished the role of Fagin and his number *I'm Reviewing the Situation* was a treat.

Highlights

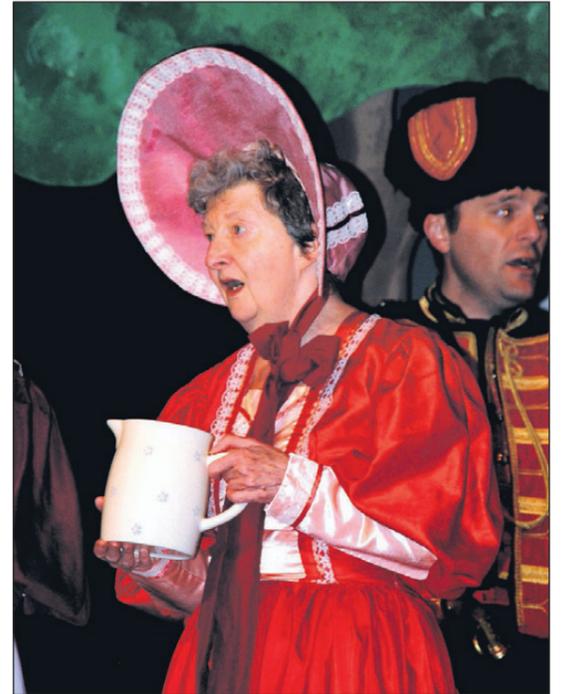
One of the highlights of the performance was the street market scene where the ladies and gentlemen sang *Who Will Buy*. The costumes were colourful and elegant, in marked contrast to those of the other scenes.

The sets, created by Sheila Campbell, Fiona

MacDonald and Laura Sweeney, were simple in design but well constructed; the London Bridge was particularly effective.

Laura Sweeney's Choreography was simple and appropriate whilst Fiona MacDonald's dedication and musicality was outstanding as she guided the large chorus.

In conclusion not only did the audience have *Glorious Food* but also glorious music, glorious acting and great enthusiasm - above all a glorious evening's entertainment.



Marion MacCallum in action as one of the townsfolk in *Oliver!* 06_a48oliver05



Good turnout for book signing

Rhona McPhail of Argyll Book Centre was first in line to get her copy of 'Patterns of Hope' signed by author Angus MacNeill. Despite the cold weather more than 50 people turned out to the book centre in Lochgilhead to celebrate the launch of the book.

Argyll artists hold exhibition

SIX ARGYLL artists have joined forces to create an exhibition depicting different interpretations of the local landscape.

The work by Fraser McIver, Ann Thomas, George John Stewart, Caroline Plummer, Louise Oppenheimer and Gill Stewart, which shows a variety of painting and printing techniques, is currently on display at the Dochas Centre in Lochgilhead.

Technique

Ann Thomas' use of the wash technique in her watercolour paintings in the exhibition conveys her emotional response to the changing moods of the sea around our shores, from tempestuous waves to quiet calms.

Fraser McIver's 'Etrick Trees, Autumn' employs an almost pointillist technique with dots of pure, bright colour.

George John Stewart also works in watercolour, his pictures full of emotion and atmosphere. This is evident in his study of the Royal Botanical Gardens where the viewer almost expects to see a group of

actors or singers to appear before its moody backdrop.

Gill Stewart's oils are smaller scale but equally evocative ranging from flower studies to land and seascapes.

Caroline Plummer, who signs her work with her maiden name Wytrazek,

works largely in acrylics, using the bright colours to produce jewel like landscapes.

Louise Oppenheimer's weavings, inspired by the landscape and natural forms, are also on display.

The exhibition continues until December 23.

GRADUATIONS



Clare McIntyre recently graduated from Glasgow College of Nautical Studies with an HNC in Early Education and Childcare and is currently working in Four Seasons Nursery, Glasgow. Clare is the eldest daughter of Charles and Mary, 126 Ralston Road, Campbeltown.



Naomi Angus, former Head Girl of Campbeltown Grammar School, recently graduated from the University of the West of Scotland with a B.A. degree in Event Management. Naomi is the daughter of Rod and Niccy Angus of the Scottish Owl Centre, Campbeltown and granddaughter of the late Col. and Mrs W.T.C. Angus of Kilchrist Castle.

THE PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday 18 December for 6 days at 8.00pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part-I (12A)

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Alan Rickman and Ralph Fiennes
Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or over

Cinema closed 24,25,26 December

Monday 27 December for 4 days at 8.00pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part-I (12A)

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or over

Cinema closed 31 Dec, 1,2 Jan 2011

Doors open thirty minutes before showing
Audio Reinforcement Available
All programmes subject to change without prior notice
Telephone Bookings 01586 553899
CINEMA CLOSED ON FRIDAY

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- The final chapter of the Harry Potter film series begins as Harry, Ron and Hermione leave Hogwarts behind and set out to find and destroy the Horcruxes - the secret to Voldemort's power and immortality.

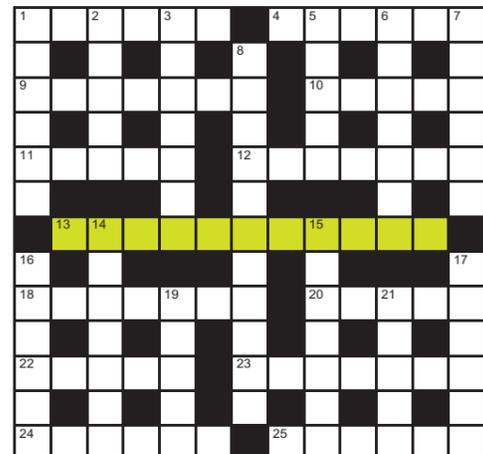
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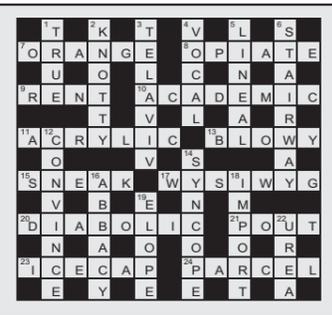
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Last Week's Solution



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McGrory Collection will be on permanent display



Main Street in the days when the cross was outside the Town Hall. Photos: Argyll and Bute Library Service

THE WONDERFUL MacGrory Collection of photographs of Campbeltown, Kintyre and its people at the turn of the last century is going to have a permanent display in the town.

The next six months will be spent developing the designs for the reorganisation of The Picture House buildings to include an exhibition space for the collection as part of the centenary celebrations of the cinema.

The end result will be an exciting, ever changing exhibition in the renovated annex beside The Picture House building.

Contracts for the development phase of The Centenary Project have

been awarded. Martin Hadlington, Conservation Architect, will lead the strong Design Team. He will be supported by Morham and Brochie, Quantity Surveyors, David Narro Associates, Structural Engineers, Irons Foulne, Energy Consultants and CDM Scotland as Construction Design Management Co-ordinators, all experienced in working on heritage projects.

They will be joined by Jura Consultants for the Activity and Business planning and Campbell and Co. for the Interpretive and Exhibition plan.

The Board of Directors is delighted that such a high quality team has

been appointed and will hold its first meeting this week, as the time scale for submitting a Second Round Application to The Heritage Lottery Fund is tight.

The shortfall in the development funding needed to complete the planning stages for The Centenary Project has been provided by the Argyll and the Islands LEADER programme.

Campbeltown Community Business Ltd has been given a grant of £23,623 to match the Lottery funding awarded in September.

LEADER is a funding programme that encourages innovative local rural development under the auspices of The Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and The European Agricultural Fund.

Charles and Dennis MacGrory were born during the 1860s, in Campbeltown. And the brothers ran a gents' outfitters shop in the town; their business allowed them the funds to take up the new technology of the day as a hobby, namely photography.

Both men were civic-minded, and served as town councillors. They were active members of St Kieran's Church and long-standing members of the Volunteers, the Victorian equivalent of today's TA. Charles was involved in the Shipwrecked Mariners Society and was also the joint secretary of the local branch of the RNLI.

The brothers took thousands of photographs of life and events in Kintyre between 1890 and 1911 especially the improvements taking place to the town.

Many years after their death, the late A P MacGrory, Charles' son, Tony, who was Provost of Campbeltown between 1959 and 1964, donated their collection of glass plate negatives to Argyll and Bute Library Service.



Looking up Main Street towards the Town Hall.

WEDDING



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At Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown on July 10, 2010, Johanne, daughter of Florence and Colin, Campbeltown to David, son of Tommy and Anne Mary, Giffnock.

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Oban champion heifer sells to £2,000

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 1,251 suckled calves, store, breeding and Over 30 Month cattle at their Christmas Show and Sale at Oban Livestock centre last Tuesday.

Judge John Owen of Muirpark, Bannockburn selected as his champion and winner of the Caledonian Marts Perpetual Challenge Trophy a 380kg Limousin cross heifer from Douglas McDonald, Tyree, Benderloch which sold at £2,000 to R Wright, Woodend, Ardgour. Reserve champion was a 395kg Limousin bullock, again from Douglas McDonald, Tyree which made £1,450 to Graeme Stirling, Burnbank, Throsk.

The 670 bullocks sold to an average of 165p per kilo and to a top of 367p for the reserve champion and to 264p per kilo for Limousin crosses from A McGilvary, Achuran, Lismore. The 504 heifers averaged 149p per kilo and sold to 526p per kilo for the champion and 272p per kilo for young heifer calves from D MacDougall, Tirfuir, Lismore.

Prizes:
Bullock Calf Mainland Bred 1 and Reserve Champion Douglas McDonald, 2 Douglas McDonald, 360kg £700 to Craig Malone, Corbiewood, Bannockburn, 3 Malcolm Campbell, Airds, Ardferr, 375kgs £580 for D Low, Pittenkerrie, Glassel. Heifer Calf Mainland Bred 1 Douglas McDonald, 2 D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale, 360kgs £720 to George Harvey, Keirhill, Balfon, 3 Ewan McGilvary, Barcaldine Home Farm, 275kgs £740 to Ian Dick, Kipperoch, Dunbarton.

Bullock Calf Island Bred 1, 2 and 3 Archie McGilvary, Achuran, Lismore, 365kgs £760, 240kgs £580, 315kgs £650 to Alan Wilson, Crawfordjohn Mill, Crawfordjohn and Dexter Logan, Greenhead, Alva respectively. Heifer Calf Island Bred 1 and 2 Dougie McDougall, Tirfuir, Lismore 310kgs £680, 280kgs £540 to John Owen, 3 Messrs McDonald, Ballygrundle, Lismore, 270kgs £530 to Robert Wotherspoon, Holybush, Falkirk.

Native Bred Bullock Calf 1, 2, 3 J & M Turner, Kildollog, Campbeltown, 345kg £520 to D Low. Native Bred Heifer Calf 1 M Bonniwell, Dalvaie, Connel, 300kgs £380 to T Millar, High Gameshill, Stewarton. Pen of 4 Bullocks, Malcolm Campbell, Airds, Ardferr 395kgs £620 to D Low. Pen of 4 Heifers, Laggan Farms, Lochgilphead, 375kgs £510 to T Millar, High Gameshill, Stewarton.

Six teams forward in Holstein heifer contest

THE Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club members held their heifer competition last week in chilly conditions.

The efforts of all exhibitors were greatly praised by all attending, for displaying such fine quality amidst difficult weather conditions. Indeed, rather than bring a visiting judge from outside Kintyre, the club was delighted to acquire the services of local Holstein breeder Mr Willie McLean, Lephonstrath House at short notice.

Judge's placings as follows for the six teams



The winning team from Kilkivan.

taking part: Team: 1 Killegruer. Mother John Ralston, Kilkivan; and daughter: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan; 2 W'm Armour, West Trodigal; 3 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan.

Individual: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan; 2 John Ralston, Kilkivan; 3 Peter Littleton, Kilkeddan.

Nursery Sheepdog Trial

KINTYRE'S first Nursery Sheepdog Trial of the season was held at Clochkiel Farm, courtesy of the Barr family.

The sheep were well presented as always and a good turn out of dogs made for an enjoyable day.

The weather conditions were rather unfavourable for the young dogs as there was a strong wind blowing which made it difficult for them to hear their commands clearly. Handlers who had their dogs on whistle commands as well as voice fared better.

Mike McNally from



Peter Clark and Jill at the pen.

Invergarry won the class with his dog Finn. The trial was judged by Craig Davidson from Dunoon.

The next trial will be held at Skipness tomorrow, Saturday December 18.

Nursery: Judge Craig Davidson, Dunoon, 12 dogs ran. 1 M McNally, Invergarry, with Finn 76 pts; 2 K Grieve, Skipness, with Bett 73pts; 3 L Clark, Ronachan, with Moss

68pts; 4 B Strachan, Roybridge, with Robby, 49pts; 5 P Clark, Stewarton, with Jill, 46pts; 6 A McCuish, Skipness, with Rocket 42pts.

CLASS 2 Judge: Craig Davidson, Dunoon, six dogs ran.

1 B Strachan, Roybridge with Mack 68 pts; 2 B Strachan, Roybridge with Sweep 54pts (out bye work); 3 J Maine, Tayinloan with Roy 54 pts.



James Wallace, John Ralston, Gavin Semple and Willie McLean at the prize giving dinner at the Ardshiel Hotel. 04_c51cup01



The judge takes his time at Kilkivan.



A selection of heifers from Machrihanish.

DALMALLY United Auctions

Bullocks
Aberdeen Angus X: £955 and £945 10 Eoligarry, Barra £805(4) Moleigh Farm £775 and £750 10 Eoligarry £565(3) Machrins Farm, Colonsay. British ShorthornX: £515(2) Cornaigmore, Coll. CharolaisX: £1115, £1045, £1010 and £985 10 Eoligarry, Barra £610 Tullochmhor £585, £570 and £560 Morenish £555 Braglenmore. Limousin X: £865, £835 and £810 10 Eoligarry, Barra £805 and £785 Moleigh Farm £785 Clachan, Tیره £770(3) and £755(3) Moleigh Farm £755(2) 10 Eoligarry £735(2) Moleigh Farm £715 9 Killeonan £705(3) and £695(2) Clachan, Tیره £655 9 Killeonan £635 Moleigh Farm £605(3) Morenish £600 Moleigh, 9 Killeonan and 10 Eoligarry(2) £595(4) Garraron and Melfort Farms £585 and £570 Tullochcan Farm. Luig: £705(2), £685(2), £675 and £630 Stronaeroibh, Lismore. SalerX: £770 Moleigh Farm Simmental X: £985 and £925 10 Eoligarry, Barra £920, £825(3), £755(4) and £735(2) Moleigh Farm £655(6) Drissaig farm.

Heifers
Aberdeen Angus X: £685 10 Eoligarry, Barra British ShorthornX: £570 Cornaigmore, Coll CharolaisX: £510 Braglenmore £495 Morenish Limousin X: £755(2) 10 Eoligarry, Barra £720 Auch Estate £645(2) Clachan, Tیره £620(3) 9 Killeonan £595 Clachan, Tیره(3) and Drissaig Farm(3) £585 9 Killeonan £580, £555 and £545 10 Eoligarry, Barra £525 Tullochcan £515 9 Killeonan and Morenish Farm. Simmental X: £790, £760, £750, £700, £685, £660 and £640 Auch Estate £620(2), £605, £590, £555(2), £545(4), £540 and £535 Drissaig Farm. **Breeding cattle**
In-calf cows: £1050 and £1020 7 Craigneich, Lismore £980 Auch Estate £950 Craig Farm and 7 Craigneich (2) £920 and £900 Craig Farm £880 7 Craigneich(3) and Moleigh Farm £860 and £850 7 Craigneich £820 Craig Farm and 7 Craigneich £800 7 Craigneich. **Prices per kilo**
Bullocks
Aberdeen Angus X: 169p Moleigh Farm(4) and Machrins Farm, Colonsay 166p 10 Eoligarry, Barra. CharolaisX: 224p, 202p and 197p Morenish Farm 193p and 177p Tul-

lochmhor Farm. Limousin X: 221p(2) 2 Keil Crofts 198p Tullochcan Farm 195p Sonachan Farm 194p(2) and 192p(2) 10 Eoligarry, Barra 191p Achuran, Lismore 189p 10 Eoligarry, Barra (2) and 2 Keil Crofts (2) 188p(3) Garraron and Melfort Farms 185p Moleigh Farm 184p 9 Killeonan and 10 Eoligarry 183p 9 Killeonan and Achuran 182p(2) 10 Eoligarry 180p(4) Garraron and Melfort Farms. Simmental X: 188p and 181p(2) Pitcastle Estate. **Heifers**
British ShorthornX: 163p Cornaigmore, Coll CharolaisX: 180p(4) Tullochmhor 176p Braglenmore. Limousin X: 261p Auch Estate 201p, 197p, 192p and 185p Achuran, Lismore 183p 2 Keil Croft and Auch Estate(2) 181p and 178p 10 Eoligarry, Barra 177p Auch Estate and Tullochcan Farm(4). SalerX: 167p(2) Tullochmhor. Simmental X: 268p, 254p and 229p Auch Estate. **Sheep**
Lamb
TexelX: £72.50 and £66.50 Clachan, Tیره £62.50 Cladich Farm £57.50 Cornaigmore, Coll. Cross: £65.50 and £55.50 Ederline Estate £52.50 Ardchnonnell Farms. Blackface: £59 Ederline Estate £58.50 Ardchnonnell Farms £57.50 Glenstra-

Farmers £56.50 and £51.50 Cladich. **Ewes**
Cross: £58.50 Clachan, Tیره £56.50 Machrins Farm, Colonsay £54.50 Cornaigmore, Coll. Blackface: £45.50 Machrins Farm.

OBAN Caledonian Marts

Bullocks:
Up to 250kgs £580 Achuran, 264p Feall; 251-300kgs £670 Iochdar, 227p Iochdar; 301-350kgs £670 Feall, 209p Feall; 351-400kgs £1450 Tyree, 367p Tyree; 401-450kgs £700 Kildalloig, 163p Kildalloig; 451-500kgs £780 Balure, 163p Balure; 501-550kgs £770 Achnacree more, 152p Achnacree more. **Heifers:**
Up to 250kgs - £680 Tirfuir, 272p Tirfuir; 251-300kgs £740 Barcaldine, 269p Barcaldine; 301-350kgs £650 Dippen, 197p Dippen; 351-400kgs £2000 Tyree, 526p Tyree; 401-450kgs £650 Pollywilline, 148p Pollywilline; 451-500kgs £830 Mill, 175p Mill; 501-550kgs £820 Pollywilline, 164p Pollywilline; 551-600kgs £1100 Mill, 186p Mill.

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FESTIVE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN – ARGYLL, BUTE AND WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE DIVISION

MONDAY DECEMBER 6 2010 – MONDAY 3 JANUARY 2011

Strathclyde Police's festive road safety campaign began Monday December 6 and continues until Monday January 3 2011.

During the campaign officers across Argyll, Bute and West Dunbartonshire Division will be out in force in the run-up to the festive holiday season, targeting those drivers who not only put their own lives, but the lives of others at risk, by driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs.

During the four-week campaign, a dedicated team of road policing officers will be using ANPR, high-visibility patrols and high-profile road checks to target offenders. Unmarked patrol cars will also be deployed to high-risk locations, such as pubs where people may be tempted to drink and drive. More than 220 motorists were detected drugs or drink driving in the Strathclyde Police area during last year's festive campaign (December 7 2009 – January 4 2010).

Inspector Paul Reilly of Road Policing Dumbarton and Inspector Hugh O'Neill of Road Policing Argyll in a joint statement said:

'Thankfully most road users are aware of the dangers posed by the selfish minority who choose to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and the risks of not wearing seatbelts. However, a small group of motorists still show a complete disregard for the safety of other drivers and pedestrians, and continue to drink and drive.'

'Drivers not wearing seatbelts who are involved in a collision or who have to brake suddenly, run a serious risk of injury or even death. Seatbelts are fitted to cars for a reason – not wearing one is particularly risky during the winter months. There is a £60 penalty for not wearing a seatbelt - money that drivers and their passengers could put to better use this Christmas.'

'Over the next month we aim to reduce the number of drivers breaking the law and the number of road traffic incidents'

'Don't risk driving after taking drink or drugs and be wary of 'morning after driving'. The consequences can be fatal and any conviction will result in an automatic ban and drivers should consider the effect that losing their licence would have.'

'Our message is simple – if you are not fit to drive, then don't. Use a designated driver or an alternative means of transport. If not you will face the consequences and you may end up losing more than your licence. Repeat offenders will have the vehicle they were driving seized, regardless who owns it, and the court will demand forfeiture as part of the penalty.'

'And finally, please remember to belt up in the car, 'Clunk Click Every Trip' still holds as true today as it did over thirty years ago.'

Drive SAFELY this winter!



THE AA's Paul Leather will be one of an army of patrol officers out and about to keep motorists on the road during the winter months.

The 34-year-old became one of the AA's youngsters ever patrol officers when he joined the organisation aged 18 – following in his family's footsteps as both his father and grandfather were mechanics.

Here, Paul offers winter driving tips to help get you and your car safely through the coming months.

Tyres

The legal minimum of 1.6mm of tread is less than twice the thickness of a CD, but during the winter a minimum of 3mm (about three CDs) is essential because the deeper tread will be more effective at clearing water.

Batteries

Modern batteries have many advantages, but if allowed to discharge, they will take a long time to recharge fully – they suffer at this time of year particularly in cars that do short journeys on cold mornings. You'll either need to make a regular long journey with minimal use of the car's electrical items or arrange to trickle-charge the battery.

Engine

Modern engines don't need tucking-up with a blanket on cold nights but this can help if it's an old car. Make sure you hang something from the steering wheel to remind you, though – a call to the fire brigade isn't the ideal start to the day!

Depress the clutch when starting a cold engine – this disconnects the engine from the gearbox so there's less drag.

Screenwash

Keep it topped up and use a proper additive at the right concentration – don't use washing up liquid though as it will foam horribly and doesn't have the same low freezing point. Many garages sell sachets or small bottles of screenwash for pennies.

Bodywork

Wash the car frequently to get rid of the salt and dirt that builds up over the winter. Check for stone chips too as rust forms very quickly in the cold, damp weather.

Replace any missing wheel trims promptly to minimise corrosion to the wheel bolts, which can seize, making removal of the wheel even more difficult.

Fuel

I usually keep my car fairly full in the cold months, as you never know when you might get caught up in an accident or foul weather. At least you'll be able to run the engine and keep warm but you must make sure the exhaust's clear of snow otherwise fumes can get into the car.

Windows

To keep the windscreen from misting up, soak a cloth in pure washing up liquid then let it dry. Now wipe this cloth on the inside of the windows and it will stop them misting up – go on, try it in the bathroom, it works! If your windows have misted up, use the air-con as well as the heater – it's not just for summer and helps to dry the air.

Don't use water to defrost the windows – hot water can crack the screen and will just re-freeze as it cools, either on the screen or on the ground where you're standing, which could have painful consequences! Thinking about frosty mornings, a squirt of WD40 in the locks will stop them freezing.

Before you go

We see many AA members who view their car as their coat and therefore, don't think to carry enough outer clothing. Take a warm coat, gloves and hat in case the weather or the car catches you out. If you do get stuck, you'll be very pleased if you packed chocolate, water and a hot drink too. Always carry a fully-charged mobile and take some old bits of carpet and a shovel to clear snow, in case you get stuck.

On the road

On colder days be particularly careful on tree-lined roads – the trees prevent the sun's warmth from reaching the road, which may still be icy when all around has thawed.

In fog, I usually drive with the window down and the radio off – often you can hear problems like cars ahead going over bumps at low speed before you see them.

On snow and ice just do everything very slowly because it can go wrong very quickly.

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School Christmas plays

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Achahoish



Some of the Achahoish Primary cast of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang who took to the stage in Ormsary Hall. 06_a51acha01

PUPILS from Achahoish Primary took their parents, friends and relatives on a magical journey on Tuesday night (December 14) as they staged their annual pantomime.

This year the youngsters performed Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – with a difference.

The audience were firstly introduced to the children of inventor, Crack Pot, who desperately wanted a car.

Having no money, Crack Pot decided the only way to afford a car for his beloved children was to come up with

an invention. He soon came up with the idea of a new sweetie recipe but the family found themselves in the clutches of archrival sweetie maker, Bad Baron who wanted to steal the recipe for himself.

Secret Recipe

Bad Bond was sent to retrieve the secret recipe from Crack Pot but before he could a litter of cheeky puppies saved the day.

All was then well and the children were able to get their modern day Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – complete with alloy wheels!

FROM racing car drivers to a cheeky litter of puppies, this year's nativity plays and pantomimes are certainly challenging tradition.

School children across Mid Argyll and Kintyre have been donning an array of costumes for their annual performances and our photographers have been out and about capturing their stage debuts.

Nativity play with a difference

ANATIVITY play with a difference took place at Lochgililhead Primary School last week as clowns, lollipop boys and girls, Santa, race car drivers and fairies

joined Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and the three wise man on stage.

Children from primaries one to three took part in the play entitled 'A Special Kind of Present' last Thursday morning.



The cheeky litter of puppies who saved the day and stopped Bad Baron from stealing the secret sweetie recipe. 06_a51acha02



Niamh, Ellie, Myrtle Turnbull, and Polly looked the part as Angels. 06_a51nativity03



Primary three pupils Jessica and Harry enjoyed playing the part of the lollipop children. 06_a51nativity07

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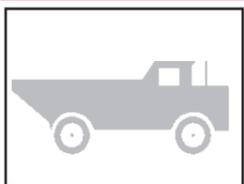
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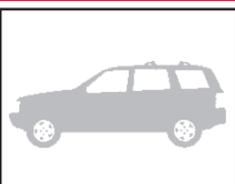


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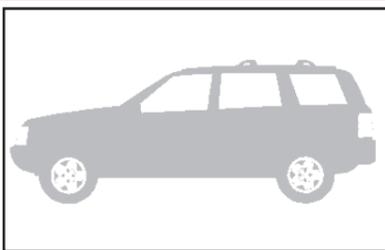


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Christmas fair and concert



The older pupils at Castlehill Primary School held a Christmas fair and concert at the school on Friday. The clever youngsters made many of the decorations and presents on sale and helped to serve afternoon tea.

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Merry Christmas
Isabel MacPherson wishes all her family, relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
to relatives, neighbours and friends from Mary Binnie, 162 Ralston Road.

Elizabeth & Willie Kelly
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our friends and relatives.

Merry Christmas
To all my relatives and friends from Reggie.

Charlie & Sandra Campbell
Would like to send all their friends and neighbours best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Nellie Ronald Southend
Wishes all relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elma & Cathie McLachlan
Would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.

SEASONS GREETINGS
Jean and Coll Gillies wishes all relatives and friends and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Merry Christmas
Billy, Lucy, Catriona, David & children
54 Kirk Street, wish all relations, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Hamish & Jean Smith
Wish our family and friends the best of health and happiness in 2011. In lieu of cards, a donation will be made to charity.

Katie Flaws 23 Meadowpark
Wishes all family, friends and carers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jean & Alistair McKerral
11 Meadowpark
Would like to wish relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Isobel & Kenny (Brown) & family
Would like to wish all friends and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May Cook
26 Lorne Campbell Court wishes all her family and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Wishing friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
- From Niven MacVicar, Barrachuilie
A special "thank you" to all those who provide help, transport and kindness throughout the year, very much appreciated.

Merry Christmas
I wish everyone of my loving family and friends, every joy and blessing for Christmas and New Year. Many thanks for all your kindness to me. My warmest love to you all.
Agnes McAlister Graeholme

Isobel Anderson
Wishes family, friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Pauline Guntripp
Would like to wish friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EDDIE KERR Smith Drive
Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all my friends and relatives.

Helen Watson 13 Meadowpark
Wishes all relatives, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas
Mrs Emily McRoberts, formerly of Clachan, wishes all her friends in Kintyre a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mary Galbraith 5 St. Columba's Way, Southend
A very Happy Christmas and New Year to all friends and relations.

Nancy Black
Would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Nancy Macpherson
30 Lorne Campbell Court wishes all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MCKINVEN
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to relatives & friends.
Love Mary, Roy & Storm xxx.

Cathie & John Martin
86 Crosshill Avenue wishes all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VI MCALISTER
Seaside Park, Ardrishaig wishes friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

SEASONS GREETINGS
Barbara Gill would like to wish everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Merry Christmas
Miss Sexy Boots xxx

Jemima Bell Carradale
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SCHEDULE – DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS

- **Ref No: 10/01819/PP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs H Davis
Proposal: Alterations, extension and change of use of garage to form dwellinghouse
Site Address: 29 Kirk Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BL
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/01961/PP**
Applicant: Mr Charles MacFadyen
Proposal: Installation of replacement windows.
Site Address: Flat 2, 8 Union Street, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6HX
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/01963/LIB**
Applicant: Mr Charles MacFadyen
Proposal: Installation of replacement windows.
Site Address: Flat 2 8 Union Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6HX
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/02002/PP**
Applicant: Mr Charles McLean
Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of mobile snack van and associated towing vehicle (retrospective)
Site Address: Land South East Of War Memorial Esplanade Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/02053/PP**
Applicant: Mr P Donaldson
Proposal: Erection of detached garage.
Site Address: Duncrinan Bellanoch Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SN
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

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- **Ref No: 10/01840/PP**
Applicant: D A MacDonald
Proposal: Construction of run-of-river hydro electricity production scheme.
Site Address: Land North West Of Kintarbert Lodge Tarbert Argyll PA29 6XX
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
- **Ref No: 10/01906/PPP**
Applicant: Greentops Land And Estates Ltd
Proposal: Site for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses
Site Address: Land North West Of Clonaig Jetty 2 Clonaig Estate Skipness By Tarbert Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
- **Ref No: 10/01925/PP**
Applicant: Tayvallich Community Co.
Proposal: Erection of canopy roof to existing terrace area, demolition of existing store and erection of new store
Site Address: Tayvallich Post Office Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PL
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 10/02017/PPP**
Applicant: Fiona Wylie
Proposal: Site for the erection of dwellinghouse
Site Address: Land East Of Traighuaine Arduaine Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Ardferr

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We would like to thank Jean and Alan for arranging such a lovely evening with family and friends in Kilmartin Hotel to celebrate our Golden Wedding. Special thanks to Lorna for baking the lovely cake. Craig for singing his gaelic song so well. Scott for playing the accordion and composing his lovely tunes especially for the occasion. A real treat and lovely surprise!
- Herbert and Sheena

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Beth McKinven

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Happy Xmas and a fantastic New Year to all of those who attend Tarbert Youth Group Lunch Club.
With best wishes from Heather, David, Genny, Andrew, Kellie and our young people who run it.

Happy 21st Birthday Jennifer



With love from all the family, and a big hug and kiss from Lauren X.

Malcolm Gilchrist
I would like to thank all my family and friends for the visits and best wishes I received while in hospital. Also thanks to Dr Anderson, Ian, Ann and staff at Campbeltown. A big thank you to Jean's sisters in Paisley for all their support while in Glasgow hospitals.
Thanks again, Malcolm.

CATHIE THOMSON
I would like to thank all friends and colleagues for the many cards, phone calls and presents (as well as days and nights out) on the occasion of my retirement from my post as Ward Manager of Cowal Ward at the Argyll & Bute Hospital and Cara and Knapdale wards at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre. Thanks to all for your friendship and ongoing support over many years. Also I look forward to keeping in touch with you all in the future.

THANK YOU
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:11).

BIRTHS

INNIS – David and Lynsey are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Emma Carolyn on December 9, 2010. A little sister for Andrew and Ailidh. Special thanks to all the midwives in Lochgilhead and the Medical Team in Paisley Royal Alexandra Hospital.

MARRIAGES

CHURCH – KESSELL – At Pollockshields Burgh Hall on December 3, 2010, Jonathan, son of Cathy and Ted, Clarkston, to Caroline, elder daughter of Helen and the late Mervyn, Ardrishaig. A wonderful day.

HARVEY – O'HANLON – Aboard Beau Jangles on Loch Lomond, on December 4, 2010, Warren, son of Robin and Carole, Ireland, to Rebecca, daughter of Harry and Christine, Beacharr.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

RAMSAY – MOFFATT – John to Janette at Martha Street Registry Office, December 17, 1960.

DEATHS

BROMLEY – Suddenly after a short illness, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 13, 2010, Colin T Bromley, aged 53 years of 3 Dunadd View, Bridgend, Kilmichael Glassary. Beloved husband of Steina, much loved stepdad and friend to Greig and Stephanie, and adored papa of Ciaran and Justin. Dear brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A much respected work colleague, dear neighbour and good friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilhead Parish Church on Monday, December 20, 2010, at 11.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations, if desired to Glenaray Ward. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

DUNCAN – Joseph, suddenly but peacefully at Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride on Monday, December 6, 2010, aged 79 years, Jo, adored brother of the late Moira (MacPhail) and much loved uncle of Magnus, Jean, Amanda, Sandy, Jackie, Jamie, Rebecca, Sophie, Alison and Ben.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAHAM – The family of the late Sheila Graham, Churchill House, Inverneill would like to thank the following; the staff at Mid Argyll and Lorn and Isles hospitals, the undertaker Roddy MacDonald, the Rev Cliff Acklam and all those who attended the funeral in such adverse weather conditions, or expressed sympathy by card or telephone. A special thank

you to Sheila's friends and neighbours who supported her over the years. Donations totalling £440 have been forwarded to the British Heart Foundation.

GRANT – Morag and Jim, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received, following the sad loss of Tommy. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, for the wonderful care and attention Tommy received over many years and more recently at Glenaray Ward. Thanks also to the Rev Ian Miller for his kind services at Cardross Crematorium and to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting memorial service at Lochgilhead Parish Church, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Argyll Inn Lochgilhead for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and crematorium. The collection for Mid Argyll Stroke Club raised £175.

IN MEMORIAM

ADCOCK – Keira, 2000 – 2003, memories of a girl so beautiful and true, that is missed by everyone she knew. A shining light for us all to see. In the night sky it's you we see and in the morning it's you that we feel. Though we are not together we will always be together in our hearts. All our love xxx and cuddles. - Mummy, Daddy, Cassie and Junior.

ADCOCK – In loving memory of our granddaughter and niece, who died December 19, 2003. You're life we cannot now share, so in your short life the time we spent with you left us with so many cherished memories that will live in our hearts forever.

- Love, Nana and Papa. Forever in our thoughts and hearts.

- Uncle Colin and Stuart.

CAMPBELL – Treasured memories of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19, 2009. A much loved and missed wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A sadness still comes over us, Tears in silence often flow, Memory keeps you ever near us, Though you died one year ago.

- Her loving husband Archie, Moira, Lachie and family, Fionnaigh and Adrian, Christine, Johnny and family.

DUFFY – In loving memory of my beloved partner, Craig Duffy, who died so tragically on December 19, 2004. I have lost my souls companion

A life linked with my own And day by day I miss you more, Craig As I walk through life alone. Remembering you everyday with all my love as always. - Jane xxx.

DUFFY – Craig, tragically taken December 19, 2004. We hold him close within our hearts

And there he will remain To walk with is throughout our lives

Until we meet again. - Remembered with love, Mum, Colin, Shane and Eilidh.

DUFFY – In loving memory of our grandson, Craig, died December 19, 2004. Today, tomorrow, our whole lives through, we will always love and remember you.

- Gran and Papa, Eastfield, Tarbert.

DUFFY – Craig, December 19, 2004. Never forgotten

Always in our hearts. - Uncle Colin, Aunt Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

FITZPATRICK – Terry. In loving memory of my precious husband, who died December 26, 2007. Missed more than words can tell. Forever in our hearts.

- Love always, Vivien and family.

GATNER – Andy, December 22, 2005. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered always.

- Sarah and family.

MACGREGOR – In loving memory of a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died December 18, 1999, also a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died April 8, 1982. Forever in our thoughts.

- From all the family.

MACIVER – Billy, Three years now, daddy, everyday hard to bear

It still seems unreal and so very unfair

They said "time will heal" But however hard I try

When I speak to you I still want to cry

And be held in your arms As you soothe my fears

And tell me you'll sort everything And dry my tears

Love you my daddy. - Your Trina.

MILLOY – Treasured memories of Captain John Malcolm Milloy, who died December 17, 2009. This month comes with sad regret,

It's now one year since you left, It brings back a day we will never forget.

Aching hearts, tears unseen, Wishing your absence was only a dream.

Always in our hearts. - Janette, Owen and Rhuairidh.

MILLOY – In loving memory of my beloved son, Captain John Malcolm Milloy, who died on December 17, 2009 as a result of a tragic accident. Remembering also the families of his crew who perished with him.

Gone are the happy times, When we were all together, But I have precious memories,

And love goes on forever. Always in my heart. - Mum.

MILLOY – Loving memories of our brother, Captain John Malcolm Milloy, tragically killed at sea in the Danny F2 disaster on December 17, 2009.

Taken from us too soon. Thankfully found and brought home to rest. God Bless all who perished in this tragedy and those who remain missing. Our thoughts are with them and their families.

- Alister, Helen and families xx.

MILLOY – John, December 17, 2009. Always in our thoughts.

- Mick, Ann, Darren and Gary.

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Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Registered Scottish Charities
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Highland Parish Church

SC002493

Saturday 18th December 2010
2.00pm – 4.00pm

FunDay Club Christmas Party - Kirk St Hall

Sunday 19th December 2010
11.15am

All-Age Christmas Service with Sacrament of Baptism
Creche (0-3yrs): Church 3.00pm

"A Service for Remembering" – for those coping with loss at this time of year...

Thursday 23rd December 2010
7.30pm

Brass Band Christmas Concert - Kirk St Hall

Rev Michael J Lind
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Sunday 19th December 2010
Kilmartin 10am
Family Service

Tuesday 21st December 2010
Ford 7pm

Christingle Service followed by Mulled wine and Mince pies in Village Hall

Friday 24th December
Ford 11.30pm Christmas Eve, Watchnight Service

Saturday 25th December 2010
Bellanoch Church 11am
Christmas Day Family Service

Sunday 26th December 2010
Ford 10am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All are welcome
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 19th December 2010
11.00am Morning Service
Family Service
followed by shared lunch

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mince pies

25th December
Christmas morning service
Scottish Charity SC015187

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Morning Worship
Advent 4
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 19th December 2010
Inverlussa Church 11.30am

Worship led by Rev Cliff Acklam
Carol Concert

Monday 20th December 2010
Achnamara Hall 7.30pm

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CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)

Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 19th December 2010
The Journey of Mary and Joseph

Cumlodden (Furnace) 10.30 am
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon
ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

The Journey of the Shepherds
Lochgair 6.30 pm
(Tea to follow)

Rev. Roddy MacLeod
Ceud mile fàilte
ALL WELCOME

Friday 24th December
Christmas Eve
Watchnight Service
Cumlodden 11.30 pm
(Tea and mince pies from 11 pm!)

Sunday 26th December
UNITED SERVICE
Carols for Boxing Day
Lochfyneside 12 noon
(Tea to follow)

Retiring Offerings for Save the Children at all Christmas services

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 19th December 2010
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Featuring Sunday School
Nativity Play 11.30am
Afternoon Service 3pm

Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
Featuring Sunday School
Nativity Play
Margaret Sinclair
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Guild meets Monday 20th December 2010 1.30pm
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Sunday, 19th December
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Rev. Philip Burroughs

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Indoor athletics held at Lochgilphead

Successful athletes will compete in the final to be held in Oban

THE MID Argyll Athletic Club hosted their annual indoor competition last Sunday in Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

There were several impressive performances throughout the three hours of intense action and one of the stars was Chloe Fairman from Bridgend, now a pupil at Lochgilphead primary, who was the Under-11 champion winning seven out of eight events.

In the same age group runner-up Holly Smith from Tayvallich gained the age standard in winning the javelin. Another Tayvallich girl, Kirsty Aitchison, gained the

standard in the vertical jump as did Erin Downie from Lochgilphead in the speed bounce, sharing first place with Chloe.

Emma Curtis from Lochgilphead was the Under-Nine champion thanks to wins in five events and she also made the age standard in four events including a score of 68 in the speed bounce.

Two other Lochgilphead girls, Jodie Robertson and Megan Danson, excelled in gaining the standard in both the long and triple jumps.

Freya Corner from Inveraray won the Un-

der-13 age group with an all-round display but had to work hard to get the better of Olivia Kerr from Ardrishaig. Freya won six events and bettered the Argyll standard in the high jump clearing 1.33metres just below the long-standing Argyll Age record. She also made the standard in the standing long jump and vertical jump. Olivia won the triple jump and speed bounce and exceeded the standard in that event as well as the high jump and standing long jump.

Tayvallich girls won the two older age groups with Rosie Burrell the

Under-15 champion and Hannah Baer winning the Under-17 category.

Competition for Under-Sevens was introduced for the first time and resulted in Imogen Brock from Castleton winning the girls contest and Kyle Danson, Lochgilphead, the boys contest.

Bettered

The boys Under-Nine champion was Imogen's older brother William Brock who won both the running events, the standing long jump and vertical jump, where he bettered the age standard. William also threw beyond the standard in the javelin to finish just behind Shaun Doy from Ardrishaig Primary. Shaun exceeded the standard, as well as setting the standard in the speed bounce.

Rhys Casci, Ardrishaig Primary, was third overall in this age group thanks to a fine win in the high jump. Eight-year-old Rhys gained standards in four events – high jump, standing long jump, three-lap race and speed bounce.

Donald Ferguson from Glassary School was the Under-11 champion winning five out of eight events and he achieved something no other competitor managed to do on the day. Donald broke



Shaun Doy from Ardrishaig Primary School sets the standard in the speed bounce. 06_a51athletics04

the Argyll record for his age group in the javelin throwing 21.25metres replacing the previous record of 21metres held by Ben Millar from Lochgilphead.

In the same age group Rowan Aitchison from Tayvallich was runner-up to Donald thanks to wins in the three-lap race, standing long and triple jumps also gaining the age standard in both

jumping events. The younger Joseph Harper from Kilmartin was third overall exceeding the age standard in the long jump and javelin.

Connor Bruce, Lochgilphead, won the Under 13s contest. Finlay Ferguson, Kilmichael, was Under-15 winner and Toby Corner from Inveraray was the Under-17s champion.

The organisers would

like to give a special thanks to all the competitors and supporters from Tayvallich as athletes from the country village made up almost a third of the total entries.

Successful athletes from Sunday's competition will be invited to compete in the Argyll Final in Atlantis Leisure, Oban in February 2011.



Freya Corner, a Lochgilphead High School pupil from Inveraray, takes part in the shot putt competition. 06_a51athletics12



Record breaker: Donald Ferguson from Glassary Primary School concentrates hard for the high jump. 06_a51athletics15

Lorenzo heads to Australia with national youth squad

WHILST most of us are wrapping up in scarves, hats and gloves, one Mid Argyll teenager is packing his shorts and sunglasses to head off to sunnier climates.

Bellanoch sailor, Lorenzo Chiavarini, has been selected by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) as one of three top sailors to take part in the Laser Radial National Youth Squad.

The three boys, who are the top three under 17s laser sailors in the UK, travel to Sydney next week for three weeks to take part in the Tailored Sup-

port programme over Christmas and New Year.

Compete

Accompanied by RYA head coach, James Gray, the teenagers will compete in two events: The Australian Laser National Championships and the Australian Youth Sailing Championships.

But hopefully it won't be all work and no play for 16-year-old Lorenzo as the team hopes to fit in some sight-seeing and maybe even an Ashes cricket match.



Lorenzo Chiavarini is heading to Australia next week to train in sunnier climates.

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Boxing Day football match

FOOTBALL fans are being reminded of next Sunday's Boxing Day football match at the Ropework Park.

As with tradition, the town's over 30s and under 30s football enthusiasts have agreed to battle it out on the football pitch in aid of charity.

Lochgilthead's young folk are hoping to seek revenge on their elders after they beat them five goals to three in the 2008 game. Last year's match was cancelled due to bad weather.

Newly appointed SAFL referee Jimmy Litster will officiate. The game kicks off at the Ropework Park at 2pm - weather permitting.

Lottery numbers

TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers for this week are 4, 6 and 12. There were no winners with next week's jackpot rising to £300.

KILMORY Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 11, 18 and 19.

There were no winners with the jackpot rising to £1000 next week.

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 3, 8 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

Festive deadlines

ALL sports articles and photographs must be sent to the Advertiser news desk no later than 12noon on Monday, December 20 to make that week's Christmas edition.

Any articles received after that time will fall into the following week's edition, which has a deadline of 12noon on Thursday December 23.

Articles can be emailed to - editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Tarbert lose out to slick Saints side

Argyll friendly match beats the big freeze

Friendly Match
Oban Saints 8
Tarbert 0

WITH the whole of the Scottish Amateur League programme wiped out for the third week in a row because of the bad weather the only game to survive was a hastily arranged friendly match between last year's Premier Division champions Oban Saints and fellow Argyll side Tarbert.

Saints were due to travel to play Greenock and Tarbert were also meant to be down at the tail o' the bank to take on Port Glasgow OBU.

When both these games were called off Saints and Tarbert agreed to play a friendly on the 3g pitch at Oban

High School which had thawed out in time to allow the game to go ahead.

Both teams had players missing for various reasons and the Dookers would like to thank Lochgilthead Red Star for allowing some of their players to help make up the Tarbert squad.

Slick-moving

Although Tarbert played well enough, they were no match for a slick moving Saints outfit who had the game finished as a contest in the first 20 minutes through a well taken hat-trick from Donald Campbell.

The Dookers' young striker Jamie Stuart showed up well with his pace and some in-

telligent running off the ball, and young Conner Crawford looked comfortable on the ball at the back.

Allan MacKay increased the home team's lead to 4-0 on the half hour mark and they should have made it 5-0 three minutes later when they were awarded a penalty which was saved by Tarbert keeper John Martin, although it must be said it was a poorly taken spot kick from Saints skipper Keith Millar.

However, the fifth goal did come just before the interval through Craig MacEwan.

The second half started with Tarbert in a more determined mood and they were playing some



Conner Crawford and Craig MacEwan challenge for the ball during Saturday's match in Oban. 08_t51saints01

good stuff. The introduction of player manager James Prentice gave them a bit more firepower up front and he combined well with young Jamie Stuart and the evergreen Duncan MacDougall in midfield.

Saints were pushing forward at every opportunity, but some stout defending and some

poor finishing meant the scoreline remained the same as the game went into the final quarter.

However, three goals in the last 20 minutes from Allan MacKay (2) and Donald Campbell made the final score 8-0.

Tarbert player manager James Prentice was disappointed that a few of his players called off from the match leaving

the squad short, but was happy to get a game and hoped that his players had learned something from the match.

The game was well handled by referee Kevin Summers.

The Scottish Amateur League now goes into a three week festive break with games starting up again on Saturday January 8.



Stuart and Wallace in the black

THE Kyokushin Schools of Karate held a grading last Sunday (December 12) in the Mid Argyll Sports Centre in Lochgilthead.

Passed

Stuart MacDonald of Tarbert and Wallace Simpson of Cairnbaan, who both train at the Lochgilthead club, passed their shodan (1st dan)

black belt gradings with style. During the four-hour test the men were expected to demonstrate all techniques and kata required, breaking demonstrations and 30 one-minute fights each.

Pictured are Wallace (left) and Stuart (right) with their very happy instructor, Iain Rodger.

Pantomime putting problems

By David Sinclair

WITH frozen greens and crazy bounces there were calls of 'where has my ball gone' answered by 'It's behind you'.

All was very festive and jolly until you met the Grinch of Grump, Ross Sinclair. He took exception to one of his little helpers telling him what to do and an icy blast of non-festive adjectives tumbled forth.

Santa's little helper promptly went in a huff but still managed to win his knockout tie.

Ronnie Kennedy was the winner this week he was four under par for his last four holes and thought that it was really funny that some good fortune was going his way at last. Tom Campbell and his Get

out of Jail-style of golf is very nearly as annoying as John Downie's hit and hope technique both of which rely on lots and lots of luck in order for them to get a good score. Both were in luck this week the only scare was at the fifth hole where Tom very nearly hit one straight.

Kenny Cameron had a great back nine holes and is adapting to the bouncy conditions. Alex MacAulay is getting nearly as loud as John Downie and if anything his voice is more piercing which could cause an avalanche on the third hole if the snow returns.

Ross Sinclair is a great fan of Cher from the X Factor as she raps at the same speed that he

talks but there the resemblance ends as she is young and hip where as he is slightly older and little bit grumpy.

Robert Baxter Jnr won both the nearest the pin prizes as a new way of annoying Ross but I think that it's fair to say that it annoyed all of us.

Jim Hunter and Donald Carmichael would both be close contenders for the annual Jekyll and Hyde award for players of a changeable nature.

David Sinclair started with a birdie but paid the price for hitting the ball too straight in bouncy conditions but refuses to try to get lucky like Tom and John.

Winner of the Mat of Shame was Neil Russell who will get used to the bouncy conditions - eventually.

Results: 10 R Kennedy; 9 T Campbell; 8 K Cameron; 7 J Downie; 6 A MacAulay; 5 R Sinclair; 4 R Baxter Jnr; 3 J Hunter; 2 D Carmichael; 1 D Sinclair.

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