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YOUR 2010 ARGYLLSHIRE ADVERTISER CALENDAR

People power backs pool

Public come out in force for Mid Argyll Pool

'WE HAVE made waves here today'.

Those were the words uttered by Dave Payne, organiser of last Saturday's Save our Pool! march.

More than 500 people, including mothers with toddlers, primary school children, swimmers, pensioners, the disabled, the local sailing club, fishermen, surfers, Scottish MPs and dignitaries, pounded the streets of Lochgilphead with one common aim - to save the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

In the opening speech on Lochgilphead's front green, Dave Payne, said: 'Until now I have taken for granted our pool's place on the map and in our community and

**By Jenny
Sutherland**

many times I have taken my family to swim and failed to realise our pool is a 'community' pool. It has taken me even longer to realise the significance of the word 'community'.

Support

Amongst the march supporters were Mid Argyll Councillors, Alison Hay, Donnie MacMillan and Dougie Philand, Argyll and Bute politicians, Alan Reid MP, Jamie McGrigor MSP and Conservative candidate, Gary Mulvaney. Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Argyll Jane Macleod also joined the march to show her support.

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More than 500 people turned out for Saturday's march through Lochgilphead. 06_as2demo02

Christmas cheer in Mid Argyll

SCHOOLS across the area have been enjoying the last few weeks of school with a host of plays, musicals and nativities.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser's* photographer went out and about to see what everyone was getting up to.

For more on this see pages four and five of this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Driving offences

AS part of Strathclyde Police's festive road safety campaign, drivers on the A83 at Kilmory were targeted last Tuesday (December 15).

One person was reported for speeding, one driver was reported for not wearing a seatbelt and six drivers were found to have minor defects with their vehicles.

Vandalism

THE hull of a boat in dry dock in Harbour Street, Tarbert was damaged, between 10am on Saturday December 12 and 10am on Thursday December 17.



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Blythswood collection

THE BLYTHSWOOD Round Scotland lorry will return in the New Year for its monthly collection in Mid Argyll.

The lorry will call in Tarbert from 12.30-1.30pm, Lochgilphead from 2-4pm, Furnace from 4.30-5pm and Inveraray from 5.15-5.30pm on Wednesday January 6.

Sunday drink

THE sale of alcohol will now be allowed from 10am on Sunday, after Argyll and Bute Council's Licensing Board decided to review the policy.

License-holders who wish to change their hours in light of the new policy should apply to the board for a variation, with a one-off reduced fee of £20.

Christmas Tree Festival at Parish Church

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish Church was full of tinsel and sparkling lights last week, for their first Christmas Tree Festival.

Among the local groups which took on decorating a tree were the Red Cross, Prince's Trust, MS Centre, Do-

chas Centre, the Malawi Partnership and the church's own youth fellowship. Lively festive entertainment was provided by local school choirs, carol singers, the church organist and Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Visitors made donations, silent auction bids

to take their favourite tree home and enjoyed home baking and warm soup.

Reverend Hilda Smith said the event had been successful for their first attempt and raised valuable funds for the charities taking part and the church's renewal fund.



Young pipers from Mid Argyll Pipe Band were among the musicians entertaining visitors to Lochgilphead Parish Church's Christmas Tree Festival. 06_a52tr01



Ethel McGlynn, Isobel Macfarlane and friends tuck into their delicious dinner. 08_a50comm01

Tasty Christmas dinner for Lochgilphead pensioners

MORE than 70 pensioners were treated to a free Christmas dinner in the Drill Hall. The slap-up meal was courtesy of staff and customers at The Comm, who donated money through the year and volunteered as waiters on the day.

Comm owners Karen and Stephen Ellis said they were delighted to put on the festive party. Now in its second year, Karen said she hopes it is becoming a firm fixture in the calendar.

She said: 'It was easier this year, because we knew what to expect. It was brought about by the Comm's custom-

ers - they wanted to do it. It wouldn't work without the volunteers.'

The couple thanked all those who supported the event, particularly the Archie MacVicar Trio who donated their time to entertain the crowd for free, Fergusons the butcher for donating turkeys and the Cairnbaan Hotel and its chef, Vickki Ure, for preparing the food.

At the end of the evening, each of the participants was presented with Co-op shopping vouchers to help towards a very merry Christmas.

Youth Cafe gets a boost from Cabin Fever gig

MID ARGYLL band Cabin Fever raised £100 for Ardrishaig's new youth café when they squeezed into a corner of the Lorne Bar earlier this month, to entertain punters.

The £65 donated by the crowd was topped up by pub owner Co-

lin Mickle. The band's singer and bass player, Stuart McInnes said: 'We just wanted to turn up and play without charging and ask the public to help give this new project a Christmas boost.'

Thankfully no one suffered from 'cabin

fever' as they packed into the small space: 'It was a tight squeeze getting drums, keyboards, guitar and bass, PA and lights into the Lorne, but we managed - it was fun. Thanks to those who donated and also to Colin and Gillian at the Lorne Bar.'

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People power backs Mid Argyll swimming pool

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Speaking to the assembled crowd, MSP Jamie McGrigor, who has tabled a motion in the Scottish Parliament about the pool's future and which attracted all party support, said: 'Being in a coastal area and so near to a potentially dangerous canal, it is absolutely vital that our children learn to swim. The pool's closure would go against everything that the Scottish Government - and for that matter all parties in the Scottish Parliament - are espousing, namely improved physical and mental health.'

Alan Reid MP, said: 'It is ridiculous that the council is putting the pool at risk of closing for the sake of just £30,000 a year - this is a figure their accountants would use to 'round up' numbers, and is tiny in comparison to the funding for other council-run pools in the area.'

Fund-raising

The Mid Argyll pool is run as a community enterprise, and was opened after substantial fund-raising by the people and businesses of Lochgilphead and its surrounding areas.

The new board of the pool, brought in when the

pool nearly closed in March with a deficit of £25,000, is prepared to raise money through grants and fundraising. They say they must have core backing from the council to prove that the facility is financially viable.

The council has already offered to bring forward the service level agreement payment from January to December, helping the immediate cash flow problem but the pool board said it needs an increase in annual funding to £80,000 so that it can move forward, access grants and become financially sound.

Thief caught

A THIEF who targeted properties across Mid Argyll has been caught by police after he attempted to break into a house in Ardrishaig.

The 49-year-old man from Glasgow was disturbed after breaking into a house and attached cottage in Ardrishaig last Tuesday (December 15) at around 5pm.

Nothing was taken during the incident and the thief made off.

He was later caught by police and found in possession of items allegedly stolen from premises in Inveraray, Lochgair and Tarbert.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol from Lochgilphead police station, said: 'Thankfully incidents such as this are rare in Mid Argyll but I would urge the public to take care of their property and belongings at all times but particularly at this time of year when Christmas presents may be on view in houses.'

Treacherous conditions as snow hits Mid Argyll

Ambulance slides off the road and into a ditch on the A83

HOMES across Mid Argyll woke-up to several inches of snow on Sunday morning with many grabbing their winter woollies and sledges before it disappeared.

But come Monday the winter wonderland was wreaking havoc across the area as roads and pavements became treacherous.

Both Scotland Transerv and Argyll and Bute Council's roads department were kept busy over the weekend with gritting and ploughing.

And whilst children across the area enjoyed the sudden burst of festive

weather, others were not so lucky.

On Monday morning an ambulance from the Lochgilphead depot slid off the road and ended up in a ditch on the A83 at the Corran Roundabout while responding to a call-out.

The crew were uninjured in the incident.

Sergeant Danny McGeachy from Lochgilphead Police office said that ice had been to blame for the ambulance leaving the road.'

Drivers in Tarbert also ran into difficulty as they struggled to get out of the village on Sunday.



The snow and ice meant even the emergency services had trouble on the roads. 06_a52amb02



While others revelled in the sudden burst of winter weather. 06_a52snw01

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Christmas activities

SHEPHERDS, kings, wise men and fairies were in abundance as schools in Mid Argyll donned their tea towels and tutus for their annual nativity plays and shows.

There were also lots of parties for the

youngsters to enjoy with Santa making an early visit to several schools in the area.

The Argyllshire Advertiser went out and about to see what everyone was up to.



Kilmartin Primary School performed 'Hotshot' to parents and friends. With singing, dancing, comedy, adventure and fantastic costumes, the pupils certainly warmed their audience's hearts. Pictured are the pupils practicing for their show. 06_a51ki01



Lochgilhead Pre-5 unit were very excited when Santa dropped in with a brimming sack of presents. 06_a52fve01



Minard and Furnace Primary Schools performed 'An Ideal Home', an environmentally friendly play, to family and friends. The play was the final outcome of a joint schools' topic on the environment. The plot and characters were devised by all the children in the course of their work on imaginative writing. 06_a52min01



Ardrihaig Primary School's P1-P5 classes performed their Christmas service to the residents of Ardferniag as well as their grannies and grandpas. The youngsters also served their guests mince pies and tea and coffee. 06_a52ard01

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Lochgilthead P2 and P3's flock of shepherds: (Back) M J O'Meara, Jake Gillespie, Alister Gray, (Middle row) David Gillies, Kern McKellar, Aidan Dalgarno Platt, Euan Barr, Scott Graham (Front) Harry MacLean, Freddi Selfridge.

Left: Lochgilthead Primary School's P2 and P3 performed 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' to a delighted audience of family and friends. Pictured are Mary and Joseph, aka - Neve Bridgewater and Argyll Laing.



Achahoish Primary School's Christmas pantomime this year had an Eco theme. The green theme pantomime was called 'The Bumbleouts Save the World'.



Glassary Primary School performed their Christmas show - 'The Lemonade Kid' to a delighted audience of family and friends. The show was set in Dustville, an old town in the wild west of America. 08_a52glass01



Fyne Families After School club enjoyed a very special visit from Santa last week. The youngsters sang songs for their special guest and were rewarded with some early Christmas presents. 06_a52aftr01



The children at Badden Farm Nursery not only had sheep and cows for their nativity play, but real live donkeys! The children are pictured here with Percy and Sebastian, the nursery's two donkeys.



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Man jailed for knife assault

A 36-YEAR-old man was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in jail when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Richard John Wilson aged 36, pleaded guilty to assaulting a man and causing him severe injury and permanent disfigurement by repeatedly punching him and striking him on the head with a knife on September 1 this year at Flat 9, 26 Main Street, Campbeltown.

Sheriff Mungo Bovey backdated the sentence to September 2, when Wilson, whose address was given in court as a prisoner of HMP Greenock, was taken into custody.

Heated debate on new flats for Tarbert

A PROPOSAL for three blocks of flats in Tarbert was the subject of heated debate at last week's Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Neil and Ileene Duncan have applied for planning permission to build a total of 15 flats on the site of Tarbert Garage on Barmore Road. They told the meeting they wanted to ease the pressure on housing in the village.

'When Hamilton Bros left the site, we felt affordable housing was the best use for it,' said Neil Duncan. 'In the last three or four weeks, we have been approached by a number of people who

run businesses in Tarbert and they are absolutely desperate to get more one and two bedroom houses. Their crews are having to stay down in Glasgow.'

But he acknowledged the proposals could be controversial: 'There's always going to be someone who will take umbrage round here.'

Concerns

Members of the public and community councillors were in favour of building houses on the site, but concerns were expressed on the urban style of the buildings, road safety and the scale of the development.

Michael Watts, neighbour of the site, said: 'We

welcome houses, but I'm alarmed by the sheer number. There's so much space in Scotland, we shouldn't crowd people in like that, it's indecent.'

Councillor John McAlpine also had his doubts about the number of houses. He urged the Duncans: 'Please stop doing something here which is going to destroy the village. Fifteen houses here is an absolutely nonsense.'

Nevertheless, few could deny that this development would provide much needed homes. Ian MacIntyre, who sits on the community council, summed up the dilemma: 'We need affordable houses - how can we object? I agree it's not the ideal site.'

In the end the council decide not to take a position but to carry the issue over to its next meeting before responding to planners.



The competition prize giving at Lochgilphead with some of the winners.

Ciara wins GRAB Trust competition

A TRIAL flight in an aeroplane and vouchers for Sealife Adventures were just some of the prizes on offer for a logo competition.

The Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) Trust set a competition to design a new logo and the winning design was created by Ciara MacMillan of Islay High School.

The winning design was picked from over 200 entries with some exceptionally generous donations of prizes from local businesses.

Ciara won a trial flight in a small aeroplane courtesy of Mary Turner, GRAB Trust director.

Second prize went to Megan Dunlop-Nelson of Lochgilphead Joint Campus who won a trip for an adult and child on the Loch Lomond Sea Plane Experience; third prize was £50

worth of vouchers for Sealife Adventures towards a boat trip courtesy of David Ainsley of Sealife Adventures won by Chantelle Cameron of Campbeltown Grammar; Sophie Evans-Steele of Lochgilphead Joint Campus, took fourth prize winning a trip on the PS Waverley for two adults and two children courtesy of Waverley Excursions Ltd.

Jane Dodd of Scottish Natural Heritage, Helen McNeill from the Scottish Association for Marine Science and Louise Robertson of Argyll and Bute Beach Forum judged the competition.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the work of the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum or in joining, contact Louise Robertson louise.robertson@argyll-bute.gov.uk or phone 01546 604226.

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John Smith bows out as Kintyre NFUS president

'We must not shirk our responsibility to ask the most searching questions'

JOHN Smith has presided over some interesting times during his two years as president of the Kintyre branch of the National Farmers Union of Scotland.

As well as a new creamery he and his fellow farmers have had to face erratic weather patterns, volatile prices for produce, stubbornly high input costs, Blue Tongue Virus sheep EID, water testing, river basin management, CAP

health checks and future planning for single farm payment.

All this along with new apprenticeships, new entrant schemes, SRDP and LFA payments.

Prospect

Mr Smith said: 'The prospect of a new creamery has seen the requirement to work closely with the local community as well as our milk buyers, First Milk.'

And after the demise of Dairy Farmers of Britain

he said: 'We must not shirk our responsibility to ask the most searching questions.'

He added: 'We have to respect and work with the Agricultural Forum, Kintyre Initiative Working Group, SNH and everyone's favourite, SEPA.'

Crash-coursed

'At the regional board level, Mr Smith said the NFUS lost Lisa Webb to Borders region but gained Lucy Sumison a former FWAG em-

ployee who knows Argyll well and she has been crash-coursed on the more intensive farming systems of Bute and Kintyre, which is going to be crucial, particularly with the ongoing SFP debate and she is doing a sterling job.'

Taking over from John Smith is Dougie MacCormick of Mains Farm, Carradale, and David Barbour of Aucharua, Southend, will fill the vice president's post.



Morna Paterson, former NFUS branch secretary for Kintyre who was honoured for 15 years work with the branch with Allan Bowie, of Anstruther, vice president NFUS Scotland; John Smith, retiring president; Dougie MacCormick, newly elected president and John Semple, vice chairman of Argyll and the Islands regional board of NFUS Scotland. 04_nfu02

In his closing comments Mr Smith said: 'I would truly like to thank

you all for your support achieve a sustainable, over the past two years secure future for the and hopefully we can farmers of Kintyre.'

Islay finishes lamb sale season on a high

UNITED Auctions held their last sheep sale of the season at Islay Auction Mart on Monday December 14 when 2987 head of all classes were sold.

This was undoubtedly the dearest trade for the year at Islay Auction Mart. The majority of lambs on offer were second and third draws held over from the earlier part of the season which sold to £74.50 for Suffolk Crosses from Messers Wood, Octofad, consignment of almost 500 head. Messers Johnstone, Balaclava, sold in side fed Texel cross lambs to £71.00. Feeding Ewes from Mr Hope, 7 Claddach sold to £86.50.

Topping the prices per kilo was Ms Warren, Coull when their outstanding offering of Suffolk Cross Lambs destined for further finishing sold to 187 pence and this was closely followed by Mr Findlay, Kilbride, when his

consignment of Cheviot Crosses sold to 183 pence.

Blackface Lambs sold to £64.50 per head from Messers MacLellan, Kilchiaran, consignment of almost 400 head whilst Dunlossit Farms led the top call per kilo for Blackfaces at 174 pence.

Principal lots and prices Top prices per head SuffolkX: £74.50, £69.50, £68.50 & £68.00 - Octofad: £67.50 - Kilchiaran: £67.00 - Balimartin: £66.50 - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren): £66.00 - Octofad: £65.50 - Coull & Octofad: £65.00 - Octofad & Paic A Chlassan: £64.00 - Coille: £63.50 - Ardbeg & Duich: £62.50 - Octofad, Kilchiaran &

Duich: £62.00 - Gartbreck.

TexelX: £71.00 - Balaclava: £69.50 - Ardbeg: £68.50 - Gartness: £67.50 - Tallant & Balaclava: £67.00 - Carrabus: £66.00 - Kepols & Kilmeny: £65.50 - Balaclava: £65.00 - Coull: £64.50 - Balaclava: £63.50 - Ardbeg: £63.00 - Duich: £62.50 - Lossit & Dunlossit Estate: £62.00 - Mulindry: £61.50 - Duich: £60.00 - Coull.

Cheviot: £55.00 - Kilbride Cross: £65.00 - Coille: £61.50 - Coull: £61.00 - Coillabus: £58.50 - Cruach (Brown): £56.00 - Carrabus: £55.00 - Coillabus & Dunlossit Estate. Blackface: £64.50

- Kilchiaran: £61.50 - Duich: £60.00 - Kilchiaran: £59.00 - Carn: £57.50 - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren): £56.50 - Kilchiaran.

Ewes TexelX: £86.50 - 7 Claddach: £76.50 & £68.50 - Balaclava: £65.50 - Kilmeny Cheviot: £53.50 - Tormisdale Croft

Cross: £63.50 - Lossit: £62.50 - Paic A Chlassan: £61.50 - Octofad: £57.50 - Paic A Chlassan & Gartness. Blackface: £54.50 - Lossit

Top prices per kilo SuffolkX: 187p - Coull: 184p - Ardtalla Estate: 182p - Octofad: 181p - Balimartin: 179p - Octofad & Paic A Chlassan: 178p, 176p & 174p -

Octofad: 174p - Duich: 173p - Gartbreck & Coille: 171p - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren), Paic A Chlassan & Machrie Croft.

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Cheviot: 183p - Kilbride Cross: 176p - Kintra & Corrary: 175p - Ardtalla Estate: 171p - Coull.

Blackface: 174p & 173p - Dunlossit Estate: 171p - Kilchiaran: 169p - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren) & Dunlossit Estate: 167p - Kilchiaran: 166p - Ardbeg.

Show AGM in January

THE AGM of Kintyre Agricultural Society will be held at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on January 6.

Full copies of the accounts can be seen on the night or by contacting the society's secretary, John Armour of High Tiffregus.



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Task Force Officer Home

AMONG those returning to Mid Argyll this year to spend Christmas and New Year with relatives is 35-year-old Lt- Commander Henry Watson, former Gunnery Officer on the Task Force ship, the 'Antelope' which was the third British vessel to be lost in the Falklands war.

Lt. Commander Watson is spending the festive season with his mother who lives in Westbank road, Ardrishaig. Mrs Watson is very well-known locally for her work with charities and the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association.

The view over Loch Fyne is sweeter than the view over San Carlos water in the south Atlantic where the 'Antelope' exploded after a bomb lodged in it following an air-sea battle.

Compromise sought over Ardrishaig Site

ARGYLL and Bute District Council is to halt enforcement action, agreed last month, against Messrs MacVicar and MacInnes over their use of land at Brae Road and Oakfield Road, Ardrishaig, for storing builders materials.

The enforcement notice would have meant that the firm would have to stop using the site for storage, remove all the materials and re-instate the area to the satisfaction of the council.

But last week's council planning committee heard from director of planning, Mr Michael Oliver, that agents for the firm had written saying they were to appeal against the enforcement notice.

Tourism Commitment Questioned

ARGYLL and Bute District Councillor for North Kintyre, Douglas Robertson, has accused his own council and certain parts of the tourist trade, of a 'clear lack of commitment' to the tourism industry.

'This industry is creating more jobs nationally at present than any other industry and we should be strengthening this development' he said.

He asked; 'What are hotels, guest houses, shops, actually doing to stimulate and retain the trade they need to survive? How much money are these establishments budgeting for to market their areas? When will Argyll and Bute District council allocate significant sums of money, even at the expense of other needs, to develop this vital part of our economy?' Councillor Robertson maintained that financial input from the district council was steadily declining and, if they were not careful, the growth in tourism would benefit areas other than Argyll and Bute.

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Down Memory Lane

THIS Week's Down Memory Lane was submitted by Roddy MacDonald of Donald MacDonald Joiners, Builders and Funeral Directors. The photograph, which shows The Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead's Argyll Street, is from a picture letter card, which Roddy believes was made in the 1950s.

Provost's Christmas message

Christmas is an exciting time in our calendar. It is the time for family and friends for sharing in celebration and festivity as well as an opportunity to reflect on the old year and our hopes for the future. It is a time for children, excited by the prom-



William Petrie

ise of presents, and the magic of the season and for all of us, Christmas is a time to look forward to being with those who we hold dear.

This year I would like to thank those in our community who work to improve the quality of life for so many, not just in this festive season but throughout the year, many of them volunteers, they are the unsung heroes of many communities and it seems fitting that we especially remember them at Christmastime.

As the old year draws to a close give us the patience to treasure our memories and to live every minute of the present to the full, ready

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to embrace the New Year with energy and enthusiasm.

2009 was an exciting year in Argyll and Bute when we welcomed relatives and friends old and new back to our shores in the year of Homecoming. We have much to look forward to in 2010 and as the new year dawns my heartfelt wish is that everyone in Argyll and Bute enjoys a joyous, peaceful and prosperous 2010.

**Councillor William Petrie OBE JP DL
Provost Argyll and Bute Council.**

Coisir Og Dhail Riata thanks

Sir,
On behalf of the girls of Coisir Og Dhail Riata and their conductor Fiona Munro and Gaelic tutor, Christine Johnston, I would like to thank everyone who has supported them in the past year.

The choir have had a very successful year, they took part in the Mid Argyll Music Festival, the Mull Mod, Mod Dhailriada and the National Mod in Oban.

They won an array of silverware which is on

display at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus, where the girls are all pupils.

They are a credit to their families and tutors and we hope they continue to 'fly the flag' for Mid Argyll.

Moran Taing Dhuibh Uile.

**Lena Ferguson,
Secretary,
Coisir Og Dhail Riata.**

Swimming pool history

Sir,
'Those were indeed the days' - your issue of December 11 reported that back in 1989 there were problems with the Pool in Ardrishaig which were notified to the local authority to investigate. Ardrishaig Pool was a very basic facility which had been built by public subscription but which the Council valued enough to provide funding to maintain, latterly to the tune of £50,000 per year.

I was Treasurer of the community group led by the late John MacLean and Joyce MacDonald which was fund-raising to build the new Pool. With John, I attended a meeting with senior Council officials

in Glasgow to negotiate the last tranche of funding needed to allow construction to begin.

The Council offered £100,000 grant in the knowledge that that was the sum required - however the price for this grant was a reduction in annual subsidy from £50,000 to just £25,000, and this to cover a more substantial facility. After much deliberation the committee agreed to accept this less than generous offer to secure the new Pool.

Fifteen years later Argyll and Bute Council are still not funding Pool facilities in Mid Argyll to the level of the wee Pool in Ardrishaig.

Over the same period millions of pounds have been spent by the Council building new pools in other centres (which already were better served than Mid Argyll) and hundreds of thousands of pounds have been provided to these as annual subsidies. Rather than costing the Council, MACEL has actually saved the Council many thousands of pounds over the years.

Due to restricted finances, routine maintenance could not be carried out at the Mid Argyll Pool and a backlog has

accumulated (likely to cost several thousands of pounds). Compare this to the council-owned, professionally run and maintained pool at Helensburgh, currently subject to refurbishment at a cost of some £800-900,000.

All I ask for is some even-handedness in the treatment of Mid Argyll. Perhaps if even the £50,000 were to be inflation-adjusted for 15 years a more realistic figure would be achieved for the current annual subsidy.

The Council's disappointing response for assistance seems to hinge on their claim that they were unaware of the situation. Like the cringing sinner who claimed '...O Lord, Ah didnae ken'.....WEEL THEY KEN NOO!

**Colin Campbell,
Inverneil.**

Sink or swim march thanks

Sir,
350 people marched from the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool on Saturday showing their support for their pool.

On the front green I outlined my views on the historical inequalities in funding of swimming pools in Argyll and Bute. Jamie McGrigor MSP, Alan Reid MP and Dougie Philand councillor all publicly stated their clear and unswerving support for an increase in funding from Argyll and Bute council to the £80,000 a year our pool requires.

We need the councillors of the whole of Argyll and Bute to right a wrong and to allocate the £80,000 to the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool, nothing compared to the £1.5 million pounds spent subsidising its own pools or the £900,000 refit of Helensburgh pool.

I was touched as our procession came past Lochgilphead Parish Church on Saturday. The band had stopped playing out of respect for the carol service taking place but as we passed we found singers outside singing to us, fantastic! I'd like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting our pool on Saturday.

**David Payne,
Sink or Swim March
Organiser,
Malin House,
Lochgilphead.**

Winter Wonderland at Glenbarr Abbey

The event raised £850 for Mairi Semple Fund

FOR TWO Sundays every December Glenbarr Abbey is turned into a winter wonderland and opened to the public.

Teas, coffees and soup lunches are provided by the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research during the open days.

This year the charity has raised £4,700 and been given donations of £6,020; the fund raising comes from a 200 club, a coffee evening in Tayin-

loan in August, a coffee morning in Campbeltown in October and a ceilidh in November.

This year the Glenbarr event raised £850 for the fund.

The fund is giving out £960 a month to offer relief in Campbeltown and the Mairi Semple Fund would like to thank everybody for their loyal support; it is the generosity shown by the public of Kintyre that makes the fund function.



Members of the Mairi Semple Fund with Lady Macalister, left to right: Margaret Sinclair, Ken Bryce, Sheena McFarlane, Jane McCallum, Cynthia Butler, and front: Enid Williams, Margaret Semple, Marion War-nock and Jeanne Macalister. 0_c52abb05



Tucking into the Mairi Semple teas: Fiona Borland, Katie Borland, John McGlynn, James Borland, Nancie McGlynn and Katherine Macpherson. 0_c52abb03



The Abbey was busy on both Sundays it was open to the public. 0_c52abb07



Music was provided by Roger Gillespie, Ian McAlister, Gus McAlister and Sandy Watson. 0_c52abb04



Annette Anderson and Jill Denton. 0_c52abb09



Lady Glenbarr decorates the abbey throughout for Christmas. 0_c52abb02



Wee Hollie Sinclair with the hundreds of teddy bears on display. 0_c52abb10



Eileen MacDonald, Sonny Scott and Hollie Sinclair were just some of the youngsters who enjoyed the day. 0_c52abb08



Five-year-old Connor McMurchy was spell-bound by the toy train set running around the dining room floor at the abbey. 0_c52abb01



The Christmas tree and roaring log fire is always a favourite spot with the visitors. 0_c52abb06

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Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

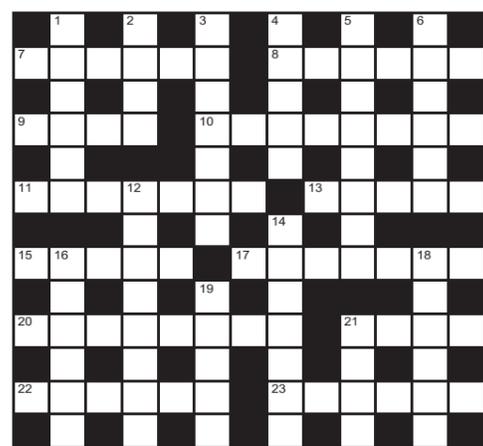
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- 7 Santa's wagon (6)
- 8 They're atop of trees (6)
- 9 After-dinner drink (4)
- 10 Seasonal pastry treat (5,3)
- 11 Canadian city or a cervid (3,4)
- 13 Female fox pulling santa? (5)
- 15 Liquid over lunch (5)
- 17 Unhappy event (7)
- 20 13 across is one (8)
- 21 Hanker for the tree? (4)
- 22 Christmas season (6)
- 23 Three strikes to get Christmas bird (6)

Down

- 1 Bay (6)
- 2 Present knack? (4)
- 3 Santa's way in (7)
- 4 Scrawny (5)
- 5 On the same wave length (8)
- 6 Floodgate (6)
- 12 Theology (8)
- 14 Apportion (7)
- 16 Go over work again (2-4)
- 18 Mary's ride (6)
- 19 A little tipsy (5)
- 21 Chipper (4)



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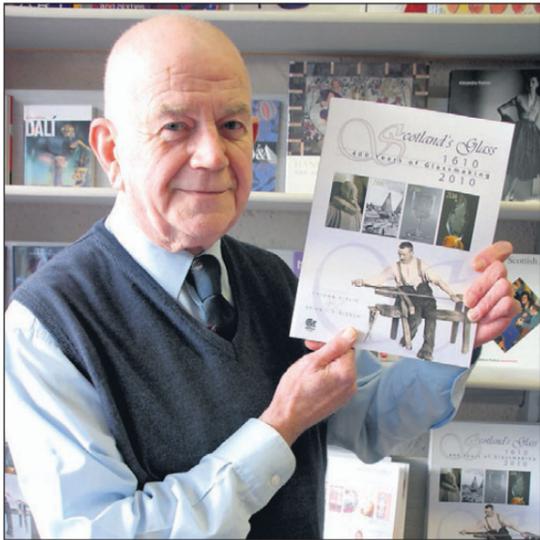
NEXT year will see the 400th anniversary of glass making in Scotland and to celebrate, an Ardrishaig author has launched a book tracing the complete history of the subject.

Brian Blench co-wrote *Scotland's Glass - 400 years of glassmaking, 1610-2010*, along with Shiona Airlie, daughter of a celebrated glass maker, and sometime director of the National Glass Centre in Sunderland.

Brian was on hand last Saturday in Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, to sign copies of the book, which includes more than 100 examples of glass made or decorated throughout in Scotland from public and private collections throughout the country.

Keeper of Decorative Art at Glasgow Museums, Brian was also the founder of the Scottish Glass Society, and from 1986-1992, he was the chairman of the International Council of Museums committee for glass collections.

The book is available to buy in Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead.



Brian Blench from Ardrishaig with his new book, *Scotland's Glass - 400 years of glassmaking, 1610-2010*, which is available in Argyll Book Centre. 06_a52gls01



The Corran Singers performed carols and poems in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead. 06_a51sing01

Corran singers celebrate with traditional carols

THE Corran Singers held their annual 'Carols for Everyone' concert in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead.

As well as the chance to join in with familiar carols, the choir performed some less well-known arrangements including an Old Basque composition Gabriel's Message and a Polish song

Infant Holy. Also included in the lively programme were poems and prose recited by members of the choir.

Thanked

Conductor Sheila McCallum thanked everyone for coming on such a frosty day and pointed out it was the choir's 29th Christmas performance in a row.

Mthunzi Ceilidh to brighten up January

APRIL may be the cruelest month but January has to be the dreiciest - which is why the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (M.A.L.I.) is presenting a concert and ceilidh at The Argyll in Lochgilphead on January 8.

Ken Campbell's Ideal Band, Maggie MacInnes and Billy Park have all offered to do a concert for M.A.L.I. After the performance there will be a buffet and fam-

ily ceilidh to lower the cholesterol after all the festivities.

A major name of the Scottish folk scene, singer-composer Ken has got together with cellist and singer Seylan Baxter and multi instrumentalist Gavin Pateron for the re-formed Ideal Band, which has a CD out now.

Ken, whose ancestors

lived in Slockavullin, has written a song especially for Mid Argyll and the Band will debut it in January 8.

Maggie MacInnes, of course, is one of Scotland's top Gaelic singers and clarsach players. She has also generously agreed to appear along with her husband, the percussionist Billy Park.

A musical theme for Inveraray history society

LAST month saw another successful evening for the Inveraray Historical Society.

This time it was the annual Musical Evening which proved very entertaining.

Pipe Major Robert Stuart came along with four young pipers from the Inveraray Novices Band. Selina Keppie played the practice chanter, Kimberley Campbell and Grant MacLaren played the pipes as did Pipe Sergeant Cameron Underwood.

These young people were a great credit to their band and were greatly appreciated by the History Society members present.

After the pipers left to return to their lessons at Inveraray Primary

School guests were entertained regally by Alasdair Chrystal who sang a selection of Scottish tunes while accompanying himself on his guitar.



Inveraray Novice Pipe Band Pipe Sergeant Cameron Underwood entertains the historical society.

Also entertaining us was Allan MacIntosh who played his accordion. Between Allan and Alasdair the remainder of the evening was very enjoyable and was concluded by tea and biscuits. All in all a great musical evening.

The next History Society meeting, in the Nicholl Hall, Inveraray, will be on January 5, 2010 when the speaker will be Dr Alastair MacFadyen, who will speak on 'An Introduction to Genealogy'.



Alasdair Chrystal sang a selection of Scottish tunes whilst playing the guitar.



Hamper win for Kian

Little Kian MacDonald was the lucky winner of the Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Luxury Christmas Hamper. The PTA is currently raising money for new playground equipment - the HOPE (Healthy Outdoor Play Equipment) fund stands at a healthy £4,372.

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Proposal: Removal of front porch
Site Address: Markland, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6JL
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town
- **Ref No: 09/01649/PP**
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Miller
Proposal: Amendments to planning consent 06/00663/DET - Revised access and visibility splays, new boundary wall and revised curtilage around house.
Site Address: Laurall Bank, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6TT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
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- **Ref No: 09/01812/PP**
Applicant: Calnan Scott Design RBS
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Applicant: Kem Pugh
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Site Address: Plot 8, Craobh Haven, Argyll and Bute
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 09/01726/PP**
Applicant: Mr Ian Taylor
Proposal: Change of Use from Agricultural Land to domestic outside tennis court and erection of gym building, workshop and log store.
Site Address: Rosehill Farm, Glenbarr, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6UT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
- **Ref No: 09/01832/PP**
Applicant: M and K Macleod
Proposal: Improvements to existing field access
Site Address: Access opposite Achnabreach, Road End, Badden, Lochgilphead
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 09/01689/PP**
Applicant: Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust
Proposal: Erection of wind turbine and formation of access road
Site Address: Achamore Farm, Isle of Gigha, Argyll and Bute PA41 7AD
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Gigha

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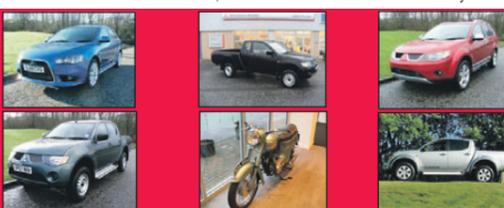
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Alan Reid MP

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Whoever believes in the Son (Jesus) has eternal life ...' (John 3:36).

ENGAGEMENTS

HAYCOCK - LANGAN - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 20, 2009, of Fiona, daughter of Charles and Joan, Lochgilphead to Scott, son of Donnie and Rose, Fort William.



MACLEAN - MURRAY

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 12, 2009 of Jonathan MacLean, son of Calum and Cathy, Clachan and Hayley Murray, daughter of Don and Fiona, Tarbert.

GOLDEN WEDDING

McINTYRE - BROWN - On December 24, 1959, John to Catherine, Caladhna-Sithe, Glebe Street, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, on December 17, 2009, in her 82nd year, Isabel Katherine Campbell (née MacCallum) of Burnside, Silvercraigs, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of Duncan, dearly loved mother of Neil and Catherine, much loved mother-in-law of Mary and Donnie and treasured granny to Amy, Neil, Jamie and Naomi. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Free Church on Monday, December 21, 2009, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

CAMPBELL - On December 19, 2009, suddenly but peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, with her family by her side, Marion MacLeod McKenzie, aged 70 years, beloved wife of Archie, much loved mother of Moira, Fionnaigh and Christine, dearly loved sister of Donald, Betty and Brian. Dear mother-in-law of Lachie, Adrian and Johnny, and a cherished grandmother and great grandmother. Much loved and will be truly missed, now the brightest star in the sky. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Parish Church, on December 23, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

McKINVEN - Suddenly at home, 1 Castlehill Mansions, Campbeltown, on December 21, 2009, Isobel Taylor Souden, in her 69th year, dearly beloved wife of Ivor McKinven, much loved mother of Jacqueline, Cameron and Janice and a loving granny of Murray, Zara, Grant and Grace.

Service in Southend Parish Church, on Thursday, December 24, 2009 at 12 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Robin House Children's Hospice, Balloch.

WILSON - Suddenly, in Glasgow, on December 17, 2009, Andrew Wilson, in his 81st year, 2 Castlepark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isla Grant, dearly loved father of Alyson, father-in-law of Stephen, loving papa of Anna and Rory and brother of Robert.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACARTHUR - Mhairi, Catriona and David would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received after their sad bereavement. Sincere thanks to Rev P Burroughs for comforting visits before and after and to Rev M Lind for a comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for dignified and helpful services. Special thanks to all at Kintyre Care Home for the excellent care and love shown to Dad and which Mum is still receiving and especially for the support received by us all over the last few weeks. Thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and contributed to the retiring collection of £265.86 for the RNLI and Kintyre Care Home.

MARTIN - The family of the late Mary P Martin would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received after the sudden loss of their much loved and treasured mum, granny, great gran, mother-in-law and aunt. Thanks to Drs Leask and Villalba, ambulance boys, all staff at Accident and Emergency and Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks to Rev Michael J Lind for a comforting and moving service and for the compassion shown to us. Thanks also to Mr Alasdair Blair and staff for all the help and efficient funeral arrangements, Ardsheel Hotel for excellent catering and to everyone who attended the church and graveside. It was a great comfort to us all. The retiring collection, to be shared between Kintyre Cancer Concern Group and the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital, amounted to £506.21. The family has also donated £100 to Robin House.

SHEPHERD - Ian, Edna and families wish to thank all friends for visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and kindnesses following the death of their father, Mr Jack Shepherd. Special thanks to Dr Leask, Dougie, Mary, Moira, Izzy and Lillian and thank you to the other services involved. Thank you to Agnes Stewart for sensitive words, James and Efric for

personal memories, Julius Weeks for wonderful organ music and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for thoughtful and efficient funeral arrangements. Finally thanks to those who paid their respects in church and at the graveside. The sum of £343.06 is to be shared equally between Alzheimer's Scotland and Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

IN MEMORIAM

GILLESPIE - In loving memory of our dear father and papa, William, passed over on December 27, 1980. Loved and remembered always.

- All the family, at home and abroad.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered every day.

- Euphie and Eric. - Mhairi and Peter. Goodnight Grampa Tom Lorimer.

- From Mhairi, Peter, Eilidh and Tom.

PHILIPS - Isa, December 24, 2008. Well Mum it's been a year Still hurts as we shed a tear

You liked to laugh and have a joke But all the time you missed your bloke

Thinking of you in the past Hope our memories will always last

Love always - Kenny, Jena, Susan, Kerri, Robert and Alison.

THOMSON - Treasured memories of our mother (Lizzie), who died December 25, 2003. Forever in our hearts.

- Family, home and Corby. **THOMSON** - Lizzie. Always remembered. - Love Carol-Anne.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 27th December 2009

Tayvallich Church 10am
Worship led by Chris Thornhill
All welcome
Interim Moderator: Rev. Hilda Smith 01546 602238
www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYE PARISH CHURCH

Christmas Eve Watch Night Services
Kilberry Church 8.30pm
Tarbert Church 11.30pm
Sunday 27th December 2009
Music for Christmas
Joint Service between Kilberry and Tarbert
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Margaret Sinclair
Interim Moderator
For all church inquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01499 500633

Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Sunday 27th December 2009
11.15am
Seasonal Service
Creche (0-3yrs) - Church
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30am
No night meeting or any activities during the week
Happy New Year to all!
Major Dolores Thomson

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"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"
Sunday Services in
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Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 27th December 2009
UNITED SERVICE
End of Year Service: Hopes and Fears
LOCHFYNESIDE CHURCH (Minard) 10.30 am (Tea to follow)
Ceud mìle fáilte ALL WELCOME
Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
Cumlodden Church (Furnace) 11.30 pm
Nollaig Chridheil
Have a Blessed Christmas



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2009
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Further information 01546 602238
www.lpchurch.co.uk



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Friday 25th December 2009
Christmas Day
10.45am Family Communion
Sunday 27th December 2009
First Sunday after Christmas
10.45am Family Communion with carols for Christian Aid
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.00 a.m. ... Breaking of Bread
10.45 a.m. ... Coffee
11.15 a.m. ... All Age Service
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www.springbankchurch.co.uk
Pastor: Chris Holden
For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC11686
Friday, 25th December
Christmas Day Service 10.30am
Sunday, 27th December
Morning Worship 11.15am
Rev Philip Burroughs

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Christmas day
Friday 25 December 2009
11.00 - 12.00noon
Family Carol Service
Sunday 27 December 2009
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "The House of Bread"
All Welcome
"Come and see"

LOCHGILPHEAD AND LOCHFYNESIDE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

New Years Day Service
Free Church Hall
12 noon
All welcome

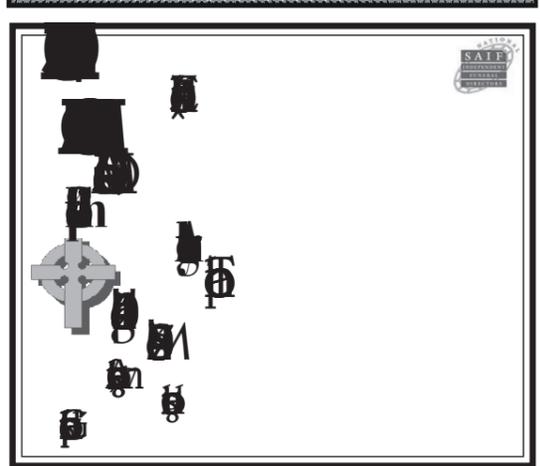
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Golfing nightmare as snow causes total whiteout

By David Sinclair

NOT even reading Keith Cowan's latest book entitled, *How to very nearly play golf in quite deep snow*, could prepare the players at Lochgilphead golf club for the total whiteout that awaited them this week.

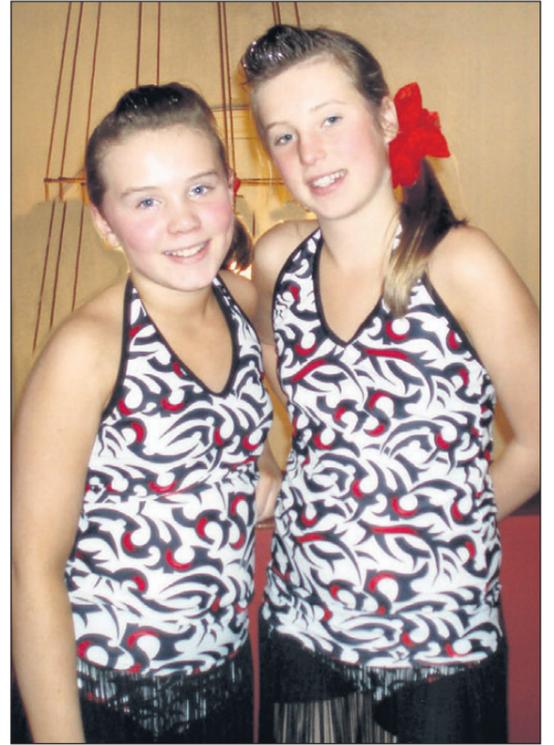
With the conditions being so bad it was decided to hold the end of year awards ceremony instead and the prizewinners are as follows;

Longest driver of the ball - In a Latin American style - Tommy Angus, Most consistent putter - He can putt badly left and right handed - David Sinclair, Best use of a ball retriever - He's had lots of practise - Bill Dick, Most even tempered and least grumpy player - NOT - Ross Sinclair, Best Attendance - On the days he doesn't sleep in - John Davidson, Best Left handed golfer - He's the only one - Hugh Strachan, Loudest but least coherent player - Permanently on full Volume - John Downie, Caruncle award for worst looking golf shoes - SAGA Specials - Jim Hunter, Lost card award - He loses everything - Donald Carmichael.

And finally Keith Cowan very nearly won the prestigious golf literary award, but he was beaten into second place by a fortune telling magic fish that fell out of a Christmas cracker and proved to be more accurate and informative than Keith's books.



Orla Ward, Miss Laura Sweeny and Clare Litster with their dance medals.



The girls in their full dance costumes ready for their debut at Blackpool.

Lochgilphead girls dance their way to Blackpool

TWO Lochgilphead Primary School pupils travelled to Blackpool last month to compete in the Northern Classics Dance Competition held in The Winter Gardens Ballroom.

Clare Litster and Orla Ward, who are in primary seven, competed in the 'New Squad' category and came third out of 10 new entrants.

Cheerleading
The girls attend Laura

Sweeny's cheerleading and street dance class after school.

Miss Sweeny, who works at Lochgilphead Campus, invited the girls to join her dance squad in Bishopton, Glasgow

where she teaches at the weekend.

Thank You

From there the new squad entered in the Blackpool competition. The girls are looking forward to next year's

event, which will be held in Newcastle, and would like to say a big thank you to Miss Sweeny for all her help and for giving them the opportunity to travel to Blackpool.

Week 2 of 2

WIN
£650
JACKPOT

Spot the **BALL**
Competition

All you have to do
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact

centre of the ball.
Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown,

Argyll PA28 6AE by 12noon on Monday 28th December
You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.
The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.
In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.
The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.
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How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap

Name _____
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Tel No. _____

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Sports hall athletics

LOCHGILPHEAD'S area sports hall athletics competition will take place on Saturday January 16, 2010.

The competition is one of four similar area events promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club this winter and supported by all the athletic clubs in Argyll.

The Argyll Sports Hall program includes local competitions in Campbeltown, Oban, Lochgilphead and Tobermory leading to an Argyll Final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday February 20 next year.

Inveraray Golf Club

INVERARAY Golf Club will swing into the New Year with the annual three-club challenge being played on January 2, 2010.

The nine-hole competition is open to all members and each player is restricted to their choice of two clubs and a putter to try and put their best stableford score together.

Tee off is at 11am with a shotgun start to ensure a sociable end to the round.

Boxing Day action

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star will be running off their Christmas dinners with a charity football match at the Ropework Park on Boxing Day.

The Cafe 35-sponsored side will be hosting an over 35s, under 35s charity match on Saturday, with kick-off at 2pm.

Proceeds from the game will go to a local charity chosen by the man of the match.

Supporters are encouraged to head along and show their support for the teams.

Motocross star Lewis' recipe for success

By Jenny Sutherland

LEWIS Campbell from Achnashelloch, near Lochgilphead, is a little boy with copious amounts of talent.

Not only does he play the drums, saxophone, and take part in the local athletics team but the plucky 11-year-old is a rising star in the world of motocross. Having first sat on a bike aged two, Lewis has steadily risen through the ranks of the sport and next year, will progress onto a small-wheeled 85cc bike. The Kilmartin Primary pupil has clocked up a lot of experience, and not to mention miles, competing at tracks across the UK. And this year marks one of the most successful competition seasons for Lewis, with his trophy cabinet full to bursting with silverware.

Lewis explained: 'I was going to focus on the Scottish championships this year but as it turned out I actually ended up doing well in the club rounds as well.' Lewis finished the season in third place in the Scottish championships, a feat in itself after beating 30 other bikers to take the trophy.

A real feather in his cap was being selected for the Scottish 65cc team. 'I was part of the Scottish team and we were competing against England, Ireland, Wales and the Isle of Man,' explained Lewis.

'As a team we came joint third overall and out of 40 riders, I finished sixth overall.' Looking to next year's competition season, Lewis said: 'I don't expect to win, although it would be good if I did. I'm starting out as a rookie in that category so I'll just take it as it comes.'

Lewis is not alone on the motocross circuit as it is something of a family affair. His elder brother, Douglas, competes on a big-wheeled 85cc bike and came seventh overall in this year's Scottish championships. Lewis' younger brother, Harris, competes in the Automatic class and finished 10th overall in this year's Scottish championships.

The Campbell trio are lucky to have the backing and support of their parents' Stewart and Yvonne. Not only are mum and dad dedicated in driving across the country to allow the boys to compete but they are also responsible for setting up the Mid Argyll MX club near Lochgilphead, which sees the area boast a top-class track. The track has now secured a round of the Scottish Youth championships next year.

Yvonne said: 'We're absolutely delighted – it's great for the track and great for the area.'

Lewis would like to thank his sponsors; DJ Campbell and Son, Urban Summits, Drysdale Motorcycles, DMC, Rock Oil and Tyra-Bunga. Lewis would like to say a special thank you to Ross Rutherford, Adult Scottish Champion, for all his help.



Lewis in action earlier this year. Photograph courtesy of Mark Walters.

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Lewis Campbell with just a couple of this year's trophies. The Mid Argyll MX track can be seen in the background.

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