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'Fault' may have caused college fire

A FIRE has caused 'considerable damage' to an Argyll College building in Lochgilphead.

Two rooms at the college's hairdressing campus in Lorne Street were damaged in a fire which was discovered at 5am last Wednesday.

Davie Stewart, watch commander at Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's Lochgilphead station, said 'considerable damage' had been done,' adding: 'The fire appears to have been caused by an electrical fault.'

Car crash closes road

THE A83 between Lochgilphead and Inveraray was closed on Tuesday evening after a car towing a trailer collided with an articulated lorry near Lingerton Waste Disposal site.

The road was closed for more than four hours.

The driver of the car was taken to the RAH Hospital in Paisley while fire and rescue crew had to cut the woman passenger from the wreckage - but police say her injuries are 'not life-threatening'.

Campus concerns over council plans

By **JENNY
SUTHERLAND**

PUPILS at Lochgilphead Primary could lose their school library and computer room to accommodate children from Glassary and Minard schools if the council's proposed merger goes ahead.

Parents from the joint campus are now making their views on the subject known through the Lochgilphead Joint Campus (LJC) Parent Council.

Speaking on behalf of the parent council, vice chair, Kate Moody, who has a daughter in the primary school, explained: 'The council's proposal document states that Lochgilphead Primary has capacity for an additional 130 pupils on top of the current school roll of 212.'

'With all nine purpose built primary classrooms already reaching capacity the primary



Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

library and ICT suite has been earmarked to become a classroom and it seems only a matter of time until the expressive arts room suffers the same fate.'

Argyll and Bute

Council say the proposals 'suggest the library at Lochgilphead Primary could be made into a classroom to accommodate additional pupils'.

A spokeswoman for

the authority added: 'The children would have access to the larger, better equipped library at the joint campus as is the case in the other joint campus in the authority. 'The campus principal

has confirmed that this would be feasible.'

Under the council's proposals, Lochgilphead Primary School would receive 10 pupils from Minard and 22 pupils from Glassary Primary.

A meeting to discuss the proposals for all three schools will be held in the Joint Campus on February 2 as part of the authority's official consultation, which ends on February 24.

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WITNESSES are being sought following vandalism to a car parked in School Road, Tarbert.

A red Clio had its wing mirror broken overnight between December 17-18. Anyone with information is asked to contact police in Lochgilphead on 01546 702200.

Argyll inventors

ARGYLL and Bute inventors have been given another chance to enter the country's top innovation talent search - after the closing date for entries was extended as a result of recent bad weather.

The deadline for the John Logie Baird (JLB) Awards is now January 10, giving budding innovators extra time to enter for the chance to win £10,000 worth of product and marketing support. For more information visit www.johnlogiebairdawards.com.

A cut above the rest!



Leanne Stewart, 16 and Debbie Lowe, 22, both from Lochgilphead, travelled to Oban for the Argyll College student hairdressing awards.

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Trainee hairdressers enjoy success at campus competition

TRAINEE hairdressers from Mid Argyll have been named as some of the best in the county at cutting, colouring and styling.

The hairdressers, who are training at Argyll College's Lochgilphead campus, competed alongside other students from the college's Campbeltown, Oban, Islay and Arran campuses.

The first competition to be launched across all Argyll College campuses, it is hoped the competition will motivate, encourage and boost the confidence of the trainees.

The students, with varying levels of experience, descended on the Oban campus

hair salon last week for an awards ceremony where the winners of three categories were announced.

Lochgilphead's Cheryl Taylor took first place in the SVQ level three competition whilst Samantha Leiper was named third in the Skills for Work category.

Former Oban hairdresser Mary MacKenzie judged the competition. Speaking at the awards ceremony she told the students 'you are a great advertisement for the trade.'

'Your work was excellent,' she said. 'The standard achieved in such a short time is amazing; you should be very proud of yourselves.'

A far-travelled Christmas card

AN ARDRISHAIG resident was left slightly confused after a Christmas card posted from a friend in Lochgilphead took seven days to reach him.

Davie Maclean found the journey of his card so amusing he contacted the Advertiser with his tale.

The card, which even has 'local' written on the envelope, was posted in Lochgilphead but has a Royal Mail franking stamp of Gatwick, London, on the front of it.

Mr Maclean, a retired police officer, said: 'I was about to throw the envelope in the bin when I realised that the card has travelled half way around the country and back.'

'It's quite amusing to think it's gone that far when it only had to go three miles down the road.'

A spokeswoman for Royal Mail explained that mail will be sent around the country to be sorted at this time of year. She said the adverse weather also meant some letters and packages could be sent to other sorting offices because they were so busy.

'We have so much mail in the system that we will have items sent elsewhere to be processed but this will not have an impact on the delivery of our service,' she added.

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Society's busy start to new year

THE NATURAL History and Antiquarian Society is shaping up to have a busy start to 2011 with several events planned in the New Year.

On January 28 Dr Sharon Webb, Director of Kilmartin House Museum, will give a talk on Archaeology in Kilmartin and Campbeltown Museums.

And on February 25 Dr Roger Anderton of Stone in Mid Argyll will explore the links between geology, archaeology and architecture. For more information visit www.kilmartin.org.

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POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a fence was damaged in Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead.

The damage, thought to have been caused by a vehicle, is believed to have happened during the night of December 17-18.

Anyone with information should contact police in Lochgilphead on 01546 702200.

Community fund

A NEW community fund has been launched for people in Argyll and Bute.

Members of credit union, Scotwest, can apply for small grants, up to £250, as part of the Making a Difference fund.

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Kilmartin Christmas Show fun

KILMARTIN Primary pupils held their annual Christmas show earlier this month in the village church.

A packed audience were treated to Christmas songs, dances and sketches all chosen or created by the children. The Waka Waka dance was particularly popular and the children's Christmas song which they composed and performed was greeted with huge applause. The evening finished with Primary one-three performing their own modern version of The Twelve Days of Christmas - Santa brings a red flat screened TV instead of the usual partridge in a pear tree. The silver collection raised £100



which the children are giving to the Orangutan Foundation which aims to protect and re-introduce orangutans to the

Lamandau River Wildlife Reserve in Borneo. Pictured are some of the pupils entering into the festive spirit.

Groups told to apply for grants that might not be available

VOLUNTARY organisations are being told to submit applications for grants from Argyll and Bute Council immediately but there may be no money available.

Grants to the third sector for community groups, events and festivals is to be distributed twice yearly with the first payments due in April.

The closing date for applications for the April session is February but councillors have admitted that the £60,000, originally set aside for the grants programme, may be cut entirely when the 2011 budget is announced in the same month.

The call comes after councillors agreed to change the way the grant

scheme is operated at an executive meeting last week.

Previously community organisations could apply for grants all year round with funds paid at the point of determination.

But now applications will be assessed by area committees in April and September and funds made available thereafter.

Jane MacLeod, chair of the Mid Argyll Music Festival, which has received funding from the council in the past said she was concerned that funding could be cut. The money is 'vitaly important in order to help young people enter the festival,' she said. 'It ensures we keep our entry costs as low as possible and our audience as large as possible'.

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Pharmacy theft

ONE man has been arrested and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon following a theft from a pharmacy in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. The man, who was later traced by police, is alleged to have stolen goods from Lloyds Pharmacy last Friday (December 17).

Goodwill at Lochgilphead timebank

‘Helping people makes me feel good, and it’s important’

LOCHGILPHEAD timebankers have been undertaking missions of mercy in the run-up to Christmas.

A time of goodwill, the people of Lochgilphead have certainly been helping each other out in the lead up to festive holidays.

‘It’s absolutely amazing,’ said timebank co-ordinator Antonia Baird.

‘Every time I put out an alert for help for someone, I get loads of response back. Timebankers have been fetching shopping for people who are not well, picking up prescriptions and giving lifts and helping each other in so many ways.’

Variety

The timebank is now 18 months old and over 650 hours have been exchanged, with a wide variety of favours being swapped. There has been swim buddying, repairs to a boat, helping

porting people taking a walk, committee work and web design.

Volunteering has been shown to boost your confidence and your health, so that all participants get something out of it.

One Lochgilphead timebanker said: ‘Helping people makes me feel good, and it’s important.’

Anyone who would like to join the timebank to get a bit of help, or to offer something or a bit of both, call Antonia at Argyll Voluntary Action on 01546 606808.



Lochgilphead Primary School vocal ensemble delighted crowds at St. Margaret’s Church on Friday afternoon. 08_a531fchoir01

Christmas Tree Festival held in St Margaret’s

THE SOUND of music filled St. Margaret’s Church last week as the Lochgilphead Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival got underway.

The festival, which sees Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, schools and organisations auctioned off for charity, kicked off last Wednesday afternoon with a performance by Lochgilphead High School instrumentalists.

Ardrishaig Primary School, Baddens Nursery, Lochgilphead High School Singers and Lochgilphead Primary School’s vocal ensemble all performed throughout the festival.

The Red Cross Centre, Lochgilphead Parish Church Project Group, the Guild, Moving on Mid Argyll, Lochgilphead Primary School, the Brownies and Badden Farm Nursery were just some of the local or-

ganisations that decorated a tree for the event.

All donations and money raised from the trees sold will be shared across the participating organisations.



Trees lined the pews of St. Margaret’s Church as the Lochgilphead Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival got underway.

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Lodge Loch Fyne plays host to Italian visitors

LODGE Loch Fyne recently hosted a unique occasion for Scottish freemasonry when a deputation of three Italian visitors honoured a pledge to attend the Installation ceremony, of new Master, Jimmy Purdie.

The pledge followed a successful visit by twelve members of the lodge, to Bologna, earlier this year.

The visitors from Lodge Spazio-Tempo, N.11 di Bologna, under the Gran Loggia d'Italia, were warmly

welcomed by a large attendance from the province of Argyll and beyond.

Scottish Hospitality

They were most interested to witness an installation, Scottish-style, and also managed to sample a good measure of Scottish hospitality that evening and the following day, which was spent with a couple of members from Lodge Loch Fyne, viewing some of the attractions of Mid Argyll and our capital city.

Moving on Mid Argyll

MOVING on Mid Argyll is delighted to announce that it has now been registered as a Charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The charity hopes that this will give further confidence to donors within both the churches and the general public, as they seek to meet the needs of the registered homeless when they move into a new home.

So far, since the middle of this year, the charity have managed to provide around 15 Starter Packs of essential items such as bedding, crockery, cutlery, kitchen and hygiene items.

Cannabis possession

ONE man and a woman were arrested by police last Friday (December 17) after being found in possession of a quantity of Cannabis.

The pair were stopped and searched by police at 2.30pm. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal in Dunoon.

Council set out Strategic Housing Development Plan

LESS THAN 10 per cent of the county's housing need will be met in the next five years, Argyll and Bute Council has said.

Setting out its Strategic Housing Development Plan for 2011-2016 the council has said that 311 new homes will be built in the area. But 3420 houses are currently needed across Argyll and Bute.

And with the Scottish Government slashing its affordable housing budget in half there is little hope of further investment.

Half the Amount

The council's plans will see £3.5 million spent per annum on housing – half the amount spent this year.

The money will not only fund new build housing for social rent but also housing for intermediate tenures such

as subsidised home ownership, shared equity and rural homes for rent.

Fifty-eight of the new homes planned will cater for those with special needs and money will be used to adapt existing homes for tenants - fitting ramps and hand-rails, for example.

Meeting

The housing development plan was agreed by Argyll and Bute Council's executive committee at a meeting last week.

But the majority of councillors expressed concern and dismay at the state of the region's housing stock.

Councillor Ellen Morton said: 'This is a disaster given the level of need; the problem with housing is killing our communities more than any other challenge we face.'

Both councillors Neil MacKay and Duncan McIntyre suggested the council buy some of the unoccupied homes

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A wartime Christmas

CHRISTMAS 1944 should have been, like every Christmas, a time of peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

But the world was at war, which meant that many young men were far from home and family.

Towards the end of December the Germans had caught the Allies with their pants down in a surprise attack through the Belgian Ardennes. Sent south from Holland to join the party were the 53 (Welsh) Division including myself, Cpl Johnson, and our

Tarbert man, Dan Johnson, recounts spending Christmas 1944 in an uninhabited chateau in Holland. Dan, who joined the British Army in 1942, aged 18, was part of the 53 (Welsh) Division when he, along with 'his Normandy pals' the 51 (Highland) Division were sent to Holland during the second world war.

Here, he shares his memories with our reporter, Jenny Sutherland.

old Normandy pals 51 (Highland) Division.

So off we set on our new assignment, skidding and sliding over snow-covered roads.

We halted on Christmas Eve in a Belgian village and were allocated civvy billets. Since it was the festive season the lads of B Squadron headed for the local Café de la Paix in the evening to celebrate in typical British Army style. As luck would have it, it was my

turn for wireless watch to keep the 'link' open between Squadron and Regimental HQ. So there I sat on my lonesome feeling far from merry. To make matters worse, I could hear the sound of revelry emanating from the Café de la Paix, where the party was obviously getting into its stride.

Sparked

After a couple of hours the wireless sparked into life with a message from HQ.

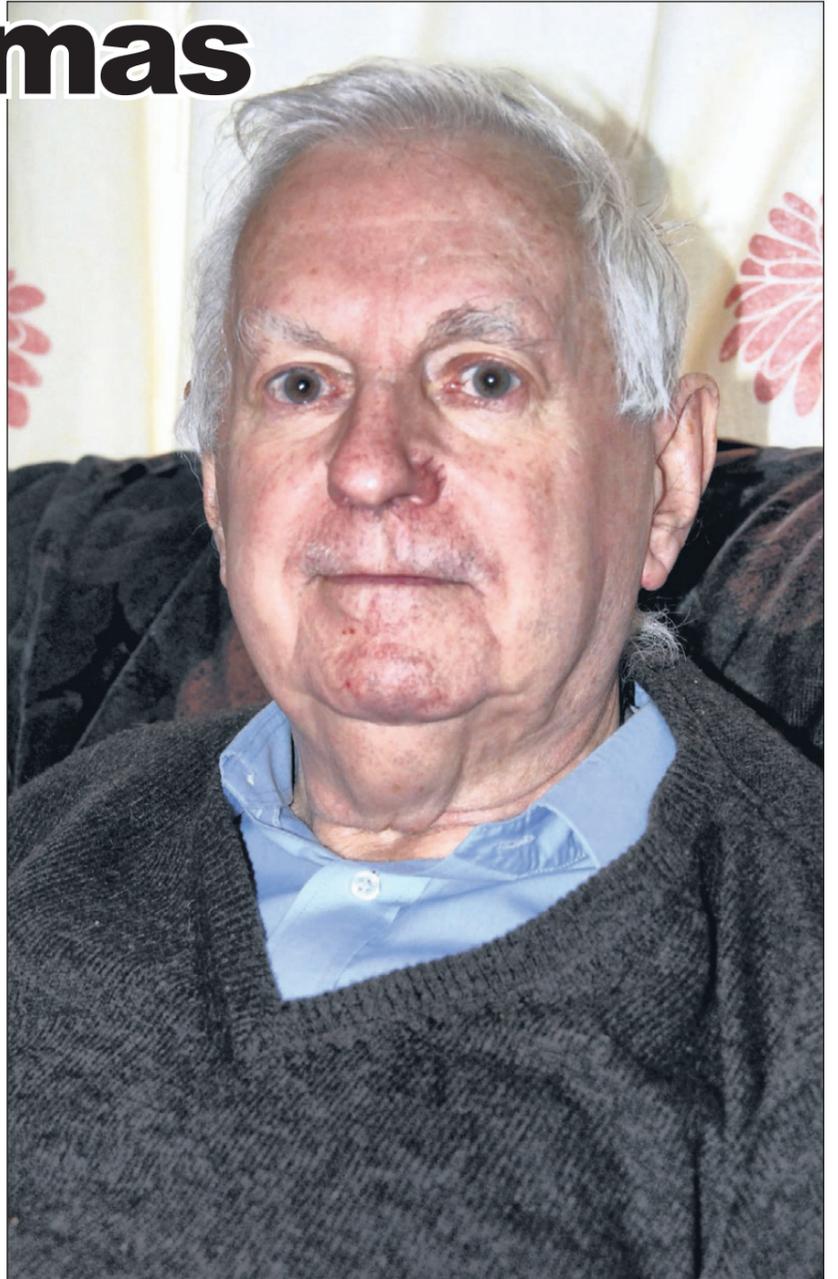
Before it was de-coded I had a premonition about its contents. Sure enough, the Squadron was to move 20 miles south, early next morning, Christmas Day, to take up a new position. Off I went to the café

to pass the news to the CO. My presence fell on the establishment like a pall. The hands of big Bill Stickland, the pianist, who had been bashing out the Army's timeless classic *Reilly's Daughter*, fumbled to a halt and the voices of the choristers died in their throats. I crept out, at that moment, probably the most hated man in the British Army.

Up early on Christmas morning and southward on icy roads. We halted at our allocated position, where we were to spend the night in an uninhabited chateau.

The evening meal, as Army tradition decreed, was served by the officers as we lined up with our mess tins. No turkey with all the trimmings and other festive fare. Just tinned stew, steamed pudding and tea.

Someone had lit a fire and we saw out Christmas Day sitting around it and chatting. As I wrapped myself in a blanket and tried to sleep on the wooden floor, I couldn't help thinking of Tarbert and reflecting on the old adage: 'There's no place like home'.



Dan Johnson recounts a wartime Christmas.



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Councillor Alison Hay would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2011

The image shows a portrait of a man in a suit, likely a local official or merchant, with decorative elements including holly leaves and berries.

Islay Lambs sell to £79.50 at last sale of year

UNITED Auctions held their last sale of the year at Islay Auction Mart when 2786 head of lambs and sheep were sold.

All classes met a spirited trade with Texel Cross lambs from No6 Bayview selling to £79.50. Blackface Lambs were an exceptional trade with the top price coming from the Keppols consignment realising £67.50.

The Coull consignment of lambs led the prices per kilo when their Suffolk Crosses sold to 187 pence. Cast Ewes from Craigens sold to £82.50 for Charollais.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices per head

Lambs

SuffolkX: £74.00, Octofad; £72.00, Eorrabus; £71.50, Coull & Octofad; £71.00, Neriby & Duich; £70.00, Starchmill; £69.50, Coull; £69.00, Octofad; £68.00, Ballinaby (Mrs Warren); £66.00, Coille; £65.50, Coull & Duich; £65.00, Ardbeg & Coille; £64.00, Kilchiaran; £63.50, Octofad; £62.50, Kintra; £61.50, Ardbeg & 2 Ball-

inaby; £60.00, Machrie Croft. Texel X: £79.50, £76.50 & £75.00, 6 Bayview; £75.00, Neriby; £70.50, 6 Bayview; £69.50, Leorin & Neriby; £68.00, Gartloist; £67.00, Coull; £66.50, Coille; £65.50, Coull; £65.00, Balimartin; £62.00, Ardbeg; £61.50, Carrabus. Cheviot X: £65.00, Coull Cross: £69.00, Coillabus; £66.00, Keppols; £64.50, Ballinaby (Mrs Warren); £62.00, Eorrabus. Blackface: £67.50, Keppols & Kilchiaran; £64.50, Carn; £60.50, Duich & Ardbeg; £60.00, Ballinaby (Mrs Warren); £58.50, Keppols, Kilchiaran & Ardbeg; £57.00, Coull; £56.00, Duich.

Ewes

Texel X: £58.50, Ardbeg & Dunlossit Estate.

Charollais X: £82.50, Craigens Cross: £74.50 & £65.50, Octofad; £65.00, Coull.

Blackface: £49.00, Coull; £45.50, Ardbeg; £45.00, Lossit.

Top prices per kilo

Lambs

Suffolk X: 187p, Coull; 169p, Octofad; 168p, Ballinaby & Coull; 167p, Machrie Croft.

Texel X: 177p, Carrabus; 173p, 6 Bayview; 168p, Coille & Coull; 167p, Coille; 166p, Carrabus & 6 Bayview.

Cheviot X: 169p, Kilbride; 165p, Coull; 162p, Ballychattrigan.

Cross: 171p, Coille; 164p, Coull & Coillabus.

Blackface: 170p, Coull; 168p, Kintra; 166p, Dunlossit Estate & Coille; 165p & 163p, Kilchiaran; 162p, Duich; 161p, Coille & Kilchiaran; 160p, Ballinaby, Kilchiaran & Lossit.

Good progress so far

'I want to see us pick up the pace in a difficult environment'

BILL Mustoe chairman of First Milk has written about his first year in office as chairman of the co-operative which represents all the dairy farms in Kintyre.

'This month gives me the chance to look back on my first full year as your chairman.



Bill Mustoe.

'Let me start by answering the question I am constantly asked at member meetings, how will we maintain the current progress in the business?'

'I always reply that we have laid out a clear strategy and it is simply about continuing to follow that strategy. We are focused on driving returns for you. We will

achieve that by growing our brands, broadening our product and market mix, lowering our cost base and getting value from existing and new partnerships.

'We have people from

the Board and Operations Board down working closely as an integrated team. My experience in business tells me that if you have a clear strategy and effective teamwork, it is not only possible to

achieve whatever you set your mind to, the speed at which you can deliver picks up with every passing month.

'So my report card for First Milk in 2010 is

good progress made so far, but looking ahead to next year, I want to see us maintain this turnaround and pick up the pace in a difficult market environment.

Dairy farmers give away fresh milk

DAIRY farmers were out in the streets of Glasgow and Edinburgh last Thursday giving away hundreds of pints of fresh milk to highlight the poor milk prices and supermarket profiteering.

The Great Christmas Free Milk Give-away was to show customers what they could be missing if supermarkets continue to pay Scotland's hard working dairy farmers a price that sits well below the cost of producing the milk on farm.

Average Price

The average price that a Scottish dairy farmer currently receives for his milk is 25p per litre but it costs them 28p per litre to produce.

In comparison, supermarkets are making up to 18p per litre profit on a litre of milk and £3 per kilo profit on a block of Scottish cheddar!

Scottish dairy farmers believe that they are delivering their part of the deal, says NFU Scotland.

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Those Were The Days

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Friday 22 December, 1995

Alastair set for the big chill

A LOCHGILPHEAD chartered accountant has become a man with a mission since he was short listed to take part in a chance of a lifetime expedition to the Artic.

And for the man born with a heart defect it will be a cash raising adventure for charity.

Mr Alastair Pate, aged 39, who lives in Ardfern, could be one of eight ordinary people who will join some of the world's top explorers for 'the Ultimate Challenge.'

Mr Pate, whose office is on Lochnell Street, underwent successful heart surgery in 1983 and is now looking forward to the challenge of the expedition and he hopes to raise lots of charity cash in the process.

Swimming Pool nears completion

WORKMEN are pulling out all the stops to ensure that Mid Argyll swimmers will take to the water next year.

With just a few months to go before the opening of the new Mid Argyll Swimming Pool, The Advertiser was given a sneak peak preview of the £650,000 community project.

With the pastel-coloured mosaic tiles in place, the deck level 20-metre pool bordered by offices, toilets, showers and changing facilities, is encouragingly close to completion.

With the end of the 14-year project in sight, Mr John MacLean, chairman of the Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd, the company behind the pool, was delighted the dream would shortly become a reality.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE birth pangs of waiting are almost over, the time is drawing near, the midwife of the world is on her way to the manger and we wait to hear a baby crying.

If your life is like Bethlehem was - busy, cluttered, noisy, with nowhere to get away from the crowds, then stop awhile and find a quiet place - a place to be still, a place to pause, a place to wonder, a place to wait.

Stop and listen for a baby crying. Listen for the cry of life.

There is a place where God will find you, and you will find God.

This is the meeting place, the place of new birth, the place of new life.

Wait and listen for a baby crying.

The birth pangs are almost over; the time is drawing near; wait and listen for the angels singing.

We are waiting for God to come, we are waiting for a baby's cry; we are waiting for Heaven to come to earth.

Wait - it's almost time.

God has promised to meet us tonight, so wait and listen for a baby's cry.

There are wise men following a star, they are on a journey to find a child, they will meet the shepherds of the fields, who will lead them to the Shepherd of Life. They will have stars in their eyes.

We have an appointment in the stable, a meeting to attend, a baby to visit.

It's as if the world has stopped . . . as if time holds its breath, waiting for this baby's cry.

Come, and tip toe into the stable. Don't pussy foot around it.

You won't need money, for the gift in the manger is beyond price, but cost the world itself.



Down Memory Lane

This Week's Down Memory Lane was taken from the Advertiser's archives and shows 1st Lochgilphead Brownie Guides with their guide leaders. We are unsure when the picture was taken but think it may be the late 1990s. To submit a photograph to this section of the paper, email our news desk - editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or drop it into our office at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or telephone 01546 602345.

Death knell of fishing villages

Sir,
I cannot sit back and let your current headline 'Death Knell of fishing villages' pass without comment. Who had brought this Death Knell about?

May I quote John Adair, an eminent surveyor in 1700: 'But the greatest and surest treasure of all, is that from the sea, if sought after; for no where are there such multitudes of Herrings, Cod, Ling, and the best kinds of white fish, as round this coast, and amongst the isles, yea in the bays and inlets: Nor have any rivers greater plenty of Salmon, and other fishes.'

Sadly it is the fishermen of those villages, themselves who are to blame, by the use of unsustainable practices which have reduced our seas to the sterile environment they are now.

Wake up! And applaud

Letters to the Editor

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the effort of Arran to try and regenerate, for the long term, and reverse the catastrophic decline witnessed since Adair made the above statement.

Mike Murray,
Crinan.

Papering over the cracks at Kilmory?

Sir,
With all the news of forthcoming school closures with much speculation on which or when they close, it seems to all come down not which is best for the education of our children, but a matter of money and politics.

The cuts that have al-

ready occurred and being considered on public services by the Kilmory Administration go back all the way to the Con-Lib coalition in Westminster and the SNP in Holyrood.

Westminster cuts mean that the Scottish budget has no real increase and they are trying to stop the Barnett Formula.

The SNP don't come out in this well. Could it be that their refusal to raise council tax for another year will have a direct affect on school closures and employment not only in Argyll but throughout the land?

Then there is the saga of the expensive wallpaper. Surely a waste by this administration to do expensive decorating.

Local legend has it

when Kilmory was being prepared for Strathclyde very expensive Chinese wallpaper was discovered which saved a penny or two.

Nowadays are they only papering over the cracks?

J. Simpson,
Treasurer,
The Mid Argyll
Branch of the Labour
Party.

Argyll rural schools network is wrong

Sir,
I'd like to reassure your readers that the Argyll Rural Schools Network is entirely wrong when it accuses council of-

deceive both the council and residents via proposals to amalgamate primary schools.

The council is committed to providing a quality education service within the constraints of a reducing budget and we have been open about our consultation and the reasons for it.

In this continued spirit of openness we have published a full outline of why we deemed the reports quoted by ARSN are valid and relevant to our proposals. It can be read in full on the council's website.

The council faces its biggest budget reduction for a generation. Savings of £11.4 million need to be found across all council services. It can no longer afford to continue operating schools which are at less than half capacity and which in the education of some children costing £30,000 per year, compared to only £3,000 per year for others in larger schools.

While some people do not agree with the proposals we cannot avoid the fact that the education service must change. The consultation gives everyone a genuine opportunity to share their ideas so together we can agree what these changes are.

Cleland Sneddon,
Director of
Community Services,
Argyll and Bute
Council.

Animal welfare appeal

Sir,
Heartstrings is an animal welfare appeal which is currently attempting to raise funds around Scotland. We would greatly appreciate if you would allow us to thank all who have helped during 2010.

We would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported the Heartstrings website during 2010 and a special thanks to everyone who managed to help Animal Welfare charities/shelters in and around Mid Argyll. We wish you all a great Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Ronnie and Grace
Sinclair,
13 Dunnet Place,
Thurso,
Caithness.

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Senior citizens' party

DALINTOBER and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association hosted its senior citizens' Christmas party at Broom Cottage, Campbeltown, last week.



Cathie Duncan and Santa. 04_c51mil01



Roger Gillespie provided the music. 04_c51mil02



Christmas shopping evening

LOCH Fyne Gallery, Tarbert, held a special Christmas shopping evening when a constant stream of customers, some regulars and some visitors attended.

Special offers were available for the night; 10 per cent and 20 per cent off art, gifts, books and other special lines were very popular.

Everyone was treated to choices of wine or soft drinks, topped up by the two hardworking 'drinks monitors' Janeann Reppke and Gordon McCaffery.

A food table of cheeses, biscuits and nibbles complemented the wine and was well received. All customers received a thank you gift. C52fy1NO



Guests at the party. 04_c51mil03



Care home carol concert

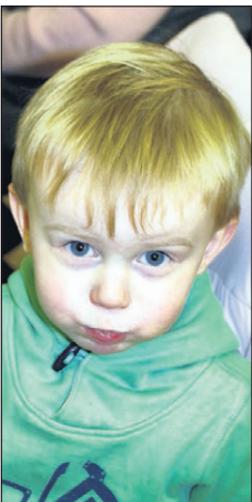
Members of the Kintyre Fiddlers, under the direction of Alex Irvine, gave a carol concert at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, and treated the residents to a selection of carols and Scottish music.



Lovely grub!

Three-year-old Adam Lang of Campbeltown went along to the Salvation Army Christmas lunch at the town's Salvation Hall with his Granny Rene Thompson. Was the Christmas pud good? The pictures speak for themselves!

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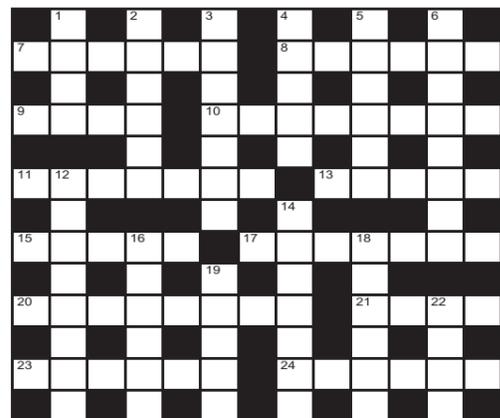
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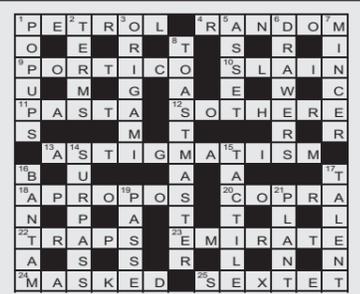
- 7 Sounds like Santa's fastest transporter (6)
- 8 Put down again (6)
- 9 Make tuneful sound (4)
- 10 Drivers are dressed as ladies? (4,4)
- 11 After December (3,4)
- 13 The word before 11 (5)
- 15 Beginning of life (5)
- 17 Sparkle (7)
- 20 Roasting food (8)
- 21 Sent by post at Christmas (4)
- 23 Belong (6)
- 24 Liveliness (6)

Down

- 1 One of three wise ones (4)
- 2 Hairy (6)
- 3 Slowly (7)
- 4 Used as sauce with turkey (5)
- 5 "...in Excelsis" (6)
- 6 Sweet but sounds like a savoury treat (5,3)
- 12 Revelation (8)
- 14 One who may mount an assault on Santa? (7)
- 16 Swinging embellishment (6)
- 18 Holy (6)
- 19 Flier (5)
- 22 From here to riches (4)



Last Week's Solution





Pipe band members from both Inveraray and District and Mid Argyll Pipe Bands performed. Pictured are - Alasdair, Ewan, Jamie, Scott and Chris. 06_a52music05

Pupils rock into the festive season

LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupils entered into the festive spirit last Wednesday (December 15) as they staged their annual Christmas Concert.

A full house enjoyed contributions from the school's wind band, choir, Fusion dance group, the pipe band, rock bands and many soloists and ensembles.

A blend of traditional and rock music, there was

something to suit everyone's tastes.

A highlight of the evening was that of pupils Mairi Voinot on fiddle and Robbie McDougall on guitar, who have recently been short-listed in a Celtic Connections competition.

Music teacher, Fiona Simpson, said: 'There is a lot of talent in the High School, and this was evident at last week's concert.'

Curry Karaoke for cancer

MORE THAN eighty partygoers descended on the Drill Hall in Lochgilphead recently as McMillan Cancer Support's Curry Karaoke got underway.

Mid Argyll McMillan Cancer nurses, volunteers and caterers from the town's Stables Restaurant raised £1,220 for the cancer charity.

Staff parties from the NHS, Enable

and Argyll College were amongst those who made a £20 donation to McMillan Cancer Support attended the event.

Thank

Organisers of the event would like to thank Alex Chlopuk, the Stables staff, businesses that donated prizes for the raffle and local ladies who made the table decorations.



Colette, Margaret, Carol, Libby, Kathleen and Norma popped the bubbly for their 80 party guests. 06_a51mcmillan01



S4 pupils Ashley, Mairi and Robbie, along with S6 pupil, Kai, performed at last week's concert. 06_a52music01



Some of the Lochgilphead High School Choir: Kirsti, Helen, Rachel, Lindsay and Ailidh. 06_a52music04

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Fusion Dance Troupe. Pictured are three of the dancers from the group: Patvejaja, Jodie and Eilidh. 06_a52music03



From left: Callum (S5), head boy Iain, and Newman (S4) entertained the audience as part of a band. 06_a52music02

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Location of Plans: Sub Post office Carradale
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Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Site Address: Pennymore House Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
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Applicant: Ardfarn Yacht Centre
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Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

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- **Ref No: 10/01493/PPP**
Applicant: Dennis Rye
Proposal: Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works
Site address: Land South West Of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tayinloan
- **Ref No: 10/01494/PPP**
Applicant: David De Yong
Proposal: Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse
Site Address: Land East Of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan
- **Ref No: 10/02071/PP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs N Dixon
Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Site Address: Pennymore House Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



BYERS

Chris and Emma (née O'Hanlon) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Mark David, on December 15, 2010 at Wishaw General Hospital.

DUNCAN - Roddy and Francesca are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lilianna, born in Edinburgh, on November 30, 2010. Another granddaughter for Gordon and Helen.

LITSTER - Stewart and Norma are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Laura, on December 17, 2010. A little sister for Ashley, tenth grandchild for Jimmy and the late Laura Litster, Lochgilphead and third grandchild for Norman and Fiona MacKinnon, Laphroaig, Islay. Thanks to midwifery staff at both Paisley Maternity and Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

BRODIE - Peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 20, 2010, Lionel Ralston Sinclair Brodie, in his 94th year, formerly of Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Larkin, much loved father of Margaret, Samuel and the late Elizabeth and a loving and much loved grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Thursday, December 23 at 12.00 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 Auchinlee Care Home.

CLELAND - Peacefully at his home, Spion Kop, Whitehouse, Argyll, Walter Campbell Cleland, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Marion, adored father of Susan and Isobel, dear father-in-law of Phil. Loving grandfather of Robert, Alexander, Michael and David, dear brother of Rita and brother-in-law of Gordon. A well-loved uncle, cousin and friend. Funeral service was held at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on Wednesday, December 22, 2010. "Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill".

MCKERRAL - Peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on Sunday, December 19, 2010, Christine (née Riddell), aged 76, formerly of Campbeltown, dear wife of the late Thomas McKerral, dearly loved mum of Catherine, John, Janie, David, Thomas, Georgine and Annjanet and a much loved granny, great granny and sister. Funeral private.

WATSON - Peacefully at Vale of Leven Hospital on December 17, 2010, Margaret (née McMurtrie), beloved wife of Jack, loving mother of David and grandmother of Rebecca. Funeral service at Rosneath St Modan's Church on Thursday, December 23 at 10.00am, followed by interment at Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown at 2.00pm.

WILKIN - Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on December 20, 2010, John Alan Wilkin, in his 72nd year, 16b Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Agnes McKinven (Nancy), much loved father of Andrew, Kathryn and Alan, father-in-law of Duncan and Vivienne, much loved and loving grandfather of Lindsay, Morven, Gordon, Ross, Alice and Saul and doting Papa Tin of Aimee and Naimh. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, December 24 at 11.00am, 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 Campbeltown Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCDUGALL - Mhairi would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends, for cards, telephone calls, visits and flowers received in her sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Fatah and staff at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, also staff at Tarbert Medical Practice, especially nurse Sarah Neams, also appreciated were Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, and Tarbert Hotel for an excellent purvey. The collection at church raised a splendid amount of £650.

POCOCK - Marion and John would like to thank all the staff at the Kintyre Care Centre for their care and understanding in looking after Ivy over the last three years. Also thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAMS

DUFFY - In memory of Craig, a dear pal and fellow fisherman, taken too soon. - The TT Boys.
MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered every day.
- Euphie and Eric
- Mhairi.
Goodnight Grampa Tom Lorimer.
- From Mhairi, Eilidh and Tom.
TIMMS - In loving memory of a dear friend and neighbour, Carol, who died December 25, 2009. Fondly remembered.
- Isobel and Bobby.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE (SC010713) AND (SC010782)

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Sunday Services
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Friday 24th December
Ford 11.30pm Christmas Eve Watch night Service
Saturday 25th December 2010
Bellanoch Church 11am Christmas Day Family Service
Sunday 26th December 2010
Ford 10am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All are welcome
SC002121

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
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)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Friday 24th December 2010
Watchnight Services
Kilberry Church 7pm
Tarbert Church 11.30pm
Sunday 26th December 2010
Tarbert Church 11.30am
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Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Friday 24th December 2010
11.30pm
Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
in Lorne and Lowland Church (tea/coffee/mince pies from 10.45pm)
Sunday 26th December
11.15am
Family Carol Service followed by tea/coffee & fellowship
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Sunday
Christmas Day Worship Service at 10.30am
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CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION
10.30am
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Sunday 26th December 2010
11.00am Morning Service
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 26 December 2010
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Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Friday 24th December
Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
Cumlodden 11.30 pm
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Continuing the Journey to Bethlehem
Sunday 26th December
UNITED SERVICE
Carols for Boxing Day
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(Tea to follow)
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Rev. Roddy MacLeod

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'Watchnight Service'
Tayvallich Church 11.15pm
Carols
Watchnight Service 11.30pm
Led by James McLellan
Christmas Day Celebration
Bellanoch Church 11am
Worship led by Rev Cliff Acklam
Morning Worship
Sunday 26th December 2010
Tayvallich Church
worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
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Sunday 26th
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Successful evening despite the poor weather conditions

LOCHGILPHEAD Bowling Club is now well into its winter season. The Carpets are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday afternoons.

The first match of The Marie Dougleas Plate played on Thursday November 25. Tayvallich were clear winners so the return game in February is important to both clubs.

Lochgilphead held their Annual Prizegiving on December 2.

The winner of the Gent's Championship was George Young who also won the Cur-

ruthers Trophy and the Ross Trophy, and the Alf Branch Trophy with George Bruce. The runner-up in the Gents Championship was Malcolm Macpherson. Ian Guy won the John Cherry Trophy and the James Young Trophy as well as sharing the Cruachan Shield with George Bruce. Bob Martin won the Argyll Arms Shield and won the Harvey Pairs Trophy with Hamish McNeill. The Morris Mixed Pairs Trophy was won by Christine Morris and Craig Bruce.

The following Saturday saw members and

friends back at the Clubhouse for their first quiz night. In spite of poor weather, this was a most successful evening, enjoyed by all and hopefully the first of such evenings for the benefit of the club.

The club are grateful to Fergusons Butchers and the Co-operative for their donations. Watch out for the next Quiz Night early in the New Year.

Results: The John Cherry Trophy: runner up – Hector MacLean, winner – Ian Guy; The Cruachan Shield: runner up – Jim Young and Christine Morris, winner – George Bruce and Ian Guy; The Ar-

gyll Arms Shield: runner up – Craig Bruce, winner – Bob Martin; The Morris Mixed Pairs Trophy: runner up – Gary Devlin and Margaret MacKinnon, winner – Craig Bruce and Christine Morris; The Alf Branch Trophy: runner up – Tom McLaughlin and Tommy Armour, winner – George Bruce and George Young; The Carruthers Trophy: runner up – Tommy Armour, winner – George Young; The Ross Trophy: runner up – Tom McLaughlin, winner – George Young; The Harvey Pairs Trophy: runner up – Craig Bruce and Tommy Armour, winner – Hamish McNeill and Bob Martin; The James Young Trophy: runner up – Sandy Boyd, winner – Ian Guy; The Gents Championship: runner up – Malcolm Macpherson, winner – George Young.



The carpet bowls winners.

John and Andy are top shots at Tarbert Christmas shoot

TARBERT Gun Club recently held their Christmas shoot at the Barmore Shooting ground near Tarbert with 42 competitors all trying to win their Christmas dinner.

Pairs

As is the norm, all names went into a hat and pairs were drawn for the competition.

As luck would have it all the pairings were very even.

Top shots of the day were John Weir and Andrew MacDonald closely followed by Brian Thompson and Shaun Johnson with Malcolm Holder and Bob McColl on the same score in a tie of second place. Also taking home a turkey were third placed Archie MacGilp and Andy Wilson.

The club would like to wish everyone festive greetings over the holiday period.



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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.
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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 4pm on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

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.
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Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

To allow for the Christmas holidays the Spot the Ball competition will run for the next 2 weeks. The deadline for entries is 4pm on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

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Spot the BALL

Competition



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.
No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.
How to enter: **Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen.** Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. **Crosses must not overlap**

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Boxing Day football match

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

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

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

Lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd Shinty club's winning lottery numbers for this week are 4, 17 and 19.

R. Cameron won the £1000 jackpot with next week's prize returning to £100.

INVERARAY Shinty Club's winning lottery numbers for this week are 9, 11 and 15 with Iain McLugash winning the £500 jackpot. Next week's prize will return to £100.

The Christmas Bonus winners were Ann Glenn, D Burns, Ann MacLachlan and June Moore.

TARBERT Football club's winning lottery numbers for this week are 8, 16 and 20. There were no winners for the £400 jackpot. The next draw will take place on January 10, 2011.

Festive deadlines

ALL sports articles and photographs must be sent to the *Advertiser* news desk no later than 4pm today (Thursday) December 23. Some items sent after this time may be included in the following week's edition.

E-mail to – editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



From left (back to front) – Roslyn McGuinness, Katie Donald, Laurene Cameron, Danielle Finlay, Leone Airlie, Lorney Wilson and Eilidh Elkin.

Dunadd ladies dine and dance

New players will be made welcome for the start of next season

DUNADD Camanachd held their prize giving and dinner dance in the Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig on November 27.

Supported by family and friends, the teams coach, Darren MacLellan awarded medals and trophies to the players in the following categories: Player of the season and most versatile player: Laurene Cameron; players player: Katie Donald; top goal scorer: Roslyn

McGuinness; goal of the season: Danielle Finlay; most improved players: Leone Airlie and Lorney Wilson; most consistent player: Eilidh Elkin.

A great night was had by all. The club would like to thank the following for their continued support throughout the season: Inveraray Shinty Club for the use of their bus and to Eric for driving the team to away games; Ian Croucher at

the Argyll Arms for post match refreshments and for the use of the hall for club functions, and to Dougie Cameron for refereeing home games.

The club would also like to thank everyone for all the support given to the team throughout the season.

Dunadd's next season starts in March and training will resume early in 2011. New players will be very welcome.

Lochgilphead kids get karate grading

THE KYOKUSHIN Schools of Karate (KSK) Scotland held a grading exam earlier this month at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead.

There were karate students from Oban and Lochgilphead clubs, going for a range of grades from Novice to Black Belt.

There are 10 coloured

belt grades to pass before the black belt exam can be taken.

The day, held on December 12, was a great success for both clubs, with three new second kyu's (brown belts), four new first Kyu's (brown belts with black stripes) and two new first dans (black belts).

New starters will be

taken on at both clubs in January. Lochgilphead from Wednesday January 12 and Oban from Thursday January 13.

Anyone wishing to start should contact Shihan Iain Rodger (5th dan). Contact details and club times can be found on the KSK Scotland web site www.kskscotland.com



Youngsters from Oban and Lochgilphead who took part in the karate gradings in Lochgilphead earlier this month.



Mid Argyll woman descended on the sports centre to have a go of Zumba for the first time.

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Zumba comes to Lochgilphead

MID ARGYLL woman turned out in their droves earlier this month as Zumba came to Lochgilphead for the first time.

Following the success of the dance class in Oban and international acclaim instructor Fiona Irwin came to Lochgilphead Sport Centre to give woman a taster session of what Zumba involves.

Fiona said: 'It's not like exercise, there is great freedom and most all there are no instructions so you can't make a mistake.'

Whilst warming up Fiona told the packed sports hall 'there are no mistakes just individual solos'.

Argyll adventurers wanted for charity challenge

ARGYLL adventurers are being sought to take part in a challenge of a lifetime for the Children Today charity.

Volunteers

The PFA Children Today Malaysia Challenge will see volunteers join ex-professional football players, Bob Bolder, Peter Nicholson, David Oldfield and Glenn

Keeley on an adventure of a lifetime. The trip takes place in Malaysia from the June 3-11, 2011.

Applicants must be aged 18 years or older. For a free information pack contact Ceri Ward on 01244 335622.

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