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Islay kids grounded

THEY had been looking forward to it for many months. But the journey to the 'Mini Oscars' ceremony in London didn't quite go to plan for the group of talented Islay youths who had been nominated for a top award.

Fourteen children from Islay High School, who made a documentary about the pro's and con's of living on the island, were thrilled when their

short film called 'And It's Goodbye to Care' was nominated for Best Documentary in the First Light Awards 2008.

Taking place at the Odeon Leicester Square on March 4 and hosted by Davina McCall, the youngsters couldn't wait to meet the judges Stephen Fry, Orlando Bloom and Kevin Spacey.

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Warning: Economy in jeopardy

Island in trouble if 'lifeline' service comes to a halt

THE problems of Tayinloan Pier and keeping the lifeline ferry link to the Isle of Gigha open are to be thrashed out at a special council committee meeting called for March 25.

The biggest problem appears to be that there is no money in the budget to do the work but all sides are agreed that something has to be done.

The Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay Area Committee will meet on March 25 at Tayinloan Pier at 10.15am before boarding the ferry for the island.

Representatives of Argyll and Islands Enterprise, the council's own finance department and transport spokesman councillor Duncan MacIntyre have been invited to attend.

The winters of 2006 and 2007 saw the islanders facing dreadful problems, as the berth at Tayinloan kept silting up with sand and weed driven in by storms; the alternative is a lengthy journey via Kennacraig when only a limited number of vehicles and people can be carried.

Farmers ran short of feed for cattle and had to dump milk; grammar school children couldn't get to the mainland or home and teaching staff couldn't get to the primary school on the island.

Tradesmen couldn't get to the island or end-

ed up being stranded. The area committee was given a report when it met in Campbeltown last week which outlined the options and the money available.

The five options are to continue to just keep dredging the berth at a cost of £12,500 a year; a 'sand bypass' which would cost £560,000 and last for 10 years; lengthen the breakwater at Tayinloan, at £320,000 for 10 years; lengthen the breakwater and the sand bypass which would cost £600,000 and give 20 years use or spend a massive £1.6 million and modify the causeway which would potentially give a life of more than 20 years.

All well and good but there is no money in the budget for this year. There is £1M in this year's Argyll and Bute budget for work on Rothesay pier and £1M each earmarked for Port Askaig and Tayinloan in 2009 - 2010 and then £1M in 2010 -2011 for Tayinloan.

The Scottish Government elected to disburse the piers and harbours grant funds to local authorities, a sum of £15.M overall for this and the following two financial years.

As well as the spending listed there is £6.8M for Raasay this year and the island will receive

a further £2.2M the year after and £519,000 the year after that.

'The impact of this is clear. There are no monies identified for the forthcoming year and those scheduled for 2009-2010 are substantially less than required,' said a report to the councillors. The report adds that the council should approach the Scottish Government for a Piers and Harbours grant; other funding could come through HiTrans and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

'Everyone is agreed that continuing the process of just dredging is a no-no because of the disruption to Gigha,' Councillor Robin Currie told his fellow councillors at the area committee meeting.

'We all accept how urgent this is,' said Councillor Anne Horn, 'the whole island's economy is in jeopardy if we don't get the pier cleared.'

Councillor John Semple said: 'I raised the issue of funding for this project during the budget process.'

Councillor Donald Kelly called on the council's executive to look at its reserves to find cash to help finance the work. 'This is a lifeline service,' he said.

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Call for cheaper ferry fares for Argyll and Islands

THE PILOT scheme for cheaper ferry fares to the islands has been branded as 'inequitable' amidst a call for the Argyll islands to be included.

At the start of the March meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee held in Campbeltown members called for Argyll and Bute Council to make strong representation to the Scottish Government, as a matter of urgency, that the Argyll islands also be included.

And politicians from opposition parties have got stuck into the Scottish government plan to slash ferry fares by up to half on all Western Isles routes to the mainland saying the experiment does not go far enough and include all islands.

A new pilot scheme was unveiled by transport minister Stewart Stevenson; a road equivalent tariff scheme (RET) will replace the current fares during the 30-month trial period. Routes for the initial pilot study will be: Ullapool to Stornoway, Uig to Tarbert, Uig to Lochmaddy, Oban to Castlebay, Oban to Lochboisdale and one Argyll and Inner Hebrides route, Oban to Coll and Tiree. Cars and small vehicles will be charged a flat fee of £5 plus 60p per mile, passengers £2 plus 10p per mile.

To put that in perspective, the summer 2008 fare to Gigha, which is less than a mile, is £10.55 one way for a car and £2.88 per passenger; for Islay, a longer route, it is £45 and £8.45 respectively.

Mr Stevenson said: 'Expensive fares can be damaging to our local economies and this Scottish government wants to take action.'

Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat MP for Argyll and Bute, has called on the Scottish Government to extend the scheme to all other ferry routes long before the pilot is due to end in Spring 2011.

Mr Reid was speaking after visiting Mull where islanders fear they will lose tourists and other business opportunities to the islands included in the cheap ferry fares pilot scheme.

Mr Reid said that he was pleased that two islands in his constituency Tiree and Coll had been added to the islands that will benefit from the cheap fares.

'But it is an outrage that the other islands and peninsulas in Argyll and Bute will have to wait two-and-a-half years to see any possible benefits. It is obvious that islands not in the pilot will lose tourists and other business opportunities to the islands that are included in it. This is blatant discrimination against many of my constituents.'

He also called for 'much more' to be spent on advertising the islands left out of the scheme to give them a chance to compete for tourists with those islands with cheaper fares.

'The SNP Government must end this discrimination against Argyll and Bute and allow us to benefit too from cheaper fares,' he said.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP is to raise the matter at Question Time in the Scottish Parliament.

He welcomed the concept: 'Many of my constituents who use the routes that are going to be in the pilot will be very pleased that they are going to see fares fall.'

But he added: 'It seems to me that there are some glaring omissions in the scheme, particularly in relation to some of the key Argyll routes. Why have Ministers decided to exclude Mull, Bute, Islay, Jura, Colonsay and Dunoon from their pilot? No explanation has been given for this and I am sympathetic to my constituents in these areas who feel not only left out but concerned that they will now be at a competitive disadvantage.'

Former MSP George Lyon has returned to the fray after being ousted from his Argyll and Bute seat at the last Holyrood election by Jim Mather and is now standing at the next European elections for the Lib Dems.

He said this pilot scheme was 'an absolute outrage' and 'blatant discrimination'

'It appears the only reason that Coll and Tiree are to get some benefit is because the Barra boat just happens to stop off there en-route,' he said.

'Local MSP Jim Mather made all sorts of promises to island communities about cutting fares before the election and yet despite the fact he is a senior Government Minister working in the same department as his colleague Stewart Stevenson MSP the Transport Minister, he has completely and utterly failed to persuade him that Argyll should get equal treatment and a fair share of this £22million pilot project.'

Jim Mather has said he would have liked to see more of the routes in Argyll and Bute included.

But he said he had been told there were 'sound and informed reasons' for choosing the Western Isles, not Argyll for the pilot.

'This is part of a wider process to open up access and make remote communities more competitive.'

*What do you think? Should Gigha and Islay have had their fares slashed too?

How about a similar low price for fares on the Campbeltown-Ballycastle route when it begins again to help get it off to a good start? Write and let us know.

police files

Extra supervision

POLICE will be paying extra attention to the area at Big Kilm after more reports of cars revving their engines loudly.

Fracas on Main Street

FOUR men were involved in a fracas at about 1.15am on March 9. They were all charged for breach of the peace, assaulting police officers and resisting arrest.

The behaviour of those involved, particularly the level of resistance will be detailed and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Male apprehended

AT 9pm on March 7, a man was apprehended on Main Street for breaching his bail conditions, as well as causing a breach of peace and resisting arrest.

Police assistance

POLICE assisted a member of the public after a man collapsed on March 7 at Machrihanish.

He was conveyed to Campbeltown Hospital where he was left in their care.

Overnight theft

A SKY satellite dish was taken from a home at Port Ellen, Islay overnight on March 10. Police are continuing enquiries.

New homes for Islay

DOES affordable housing have to be utilitarian? This was the question asked by Councillor Rory Colville when permission was granted for new housing association properties on Islay.

The island is to have the 30 new affordable homes now that councillors have given approval for West Highland Housing Association to build on a site at Port Charlotte.

Outline planning was given by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Is-

lands Area Committee when it met in Campbeltown last week; the land in question is north of Bruach Gorm and Daal Terrace.

Initially this was going to be a private development with only a quarter of the homes classed as 'affordable' but now the housing association, classed as a registered social landlord, is going to be building and the venture will be 100 per cent affordable.

At this stage the permission is in outline

only; the remaining matters of detail will be addressed when the application comes back to the council at the reserved matters stage.

Councillor Rory Colville said that at one time some of the best design to be seen was carried out by housing associations; now he said he feared that affordability meant that this was being lost.

'As a country we must not build boxes,' he said.

Sail West to Campbeltown

CAMPBELTOWN has been called many things in its time, some it deserved and some of it not but last week it got called 'a geographic centroid'.

Roughly translated that means slap bang in the middle and in this case it's in the middle of the Sail West area, members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Island Area Committee

were told when they met in the town last week.

The Sail West strategy is a European Union backed plan to market and develop 'marine leisure activities' in the Clyde, West of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland and for once Campbeltown is ideally placed at the nautical equivalent of a crossroads between all the different areas.

The councillors agreed to commit a maximum of £54,096 from the area committee budget this year towards work on a major study to look at the waterfront development and plans for a marina in Campbeltown. This would go a quarter of the way towards the cost of the study, which has been estimated at £208,537. The rest of the money would come from Sail West which is part of the EU's INTERREG IV Programme.

Consultants have been appointed to prepare outline business cases for the five main towns in Argyll and Bute to help each put their case. With EU cash backing Sail West 'there could be realistic levels of funding available to deliver a marina development', a report said.

Councillor Rory Colville had his misgivings; he thought that Kintyre as a whole should benefit as both Gigha and Carradale had aspirations to have moorings and that if the cash was a spread out a bit more around Kintyre that would in turn benefit Campbeltown.

Councillor John Semple disagreed: 'We'd end up diluting it. I believe that if Campbeltown benefits from this the whole of Kintyre would also.'

Councillor Donald Kelly agreed with him: 'Don't dilute.'

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Islay youths' mad dash to get to 'Mini Oscars'

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They were booked on the 3.45pm flight to Glasgow from Islay the day before the ceremony, and were due to get the 6.40pm flight to London. The children and adult Carol Muir were also looking forward to some sight seeing in London before attending the pre awards event at 12 noon, then the awards ceremony at 2pm.

However, they were left stranded when snow fell on the runway at Islay airport and the flight didn't go ahead as scheduled.

One parent, Marion McGregor said this week: 'Had British Airways informed us that the likelihood of it not flying was a definite

then we could have put the kids on the afternoon ferry and they would have got to Glasgow about 8pm where they could have got a later flight to London. But we just kept getting told it was a delay because the airport didn't have a plough unit to remove snow off the runway.'

When the children offered to sweep the snow off the runway themselves, they weren't allowed to because of health and safety issues, and when frustrated parents asked if Argyll and Bute Council roads department could provide a snow plough, they were told it couldn't because the runway had a different road surface.

Marion added: 'A member of the airport staff was driving back

and forward on the runway to try and slush up the snow but this proved fruitless. Once we had gone beyond getting off the island with public transport our thoughts turned to who could help transport the kids off the island.'

Marion contacted the Lifeboat, Lifeguard, Army, Navy, and private boat owners - all to no avail.

After hours waiting at the airport, the youngsters had no option but to leave Islay the following morning, the day of the awards.

They boarded the 7am ferry, which arrived at Kennacraig at 9am. It then cost £900 to hire two people carriers to take them to Glasgow Airport and they were finally able to fly to Lon-

don, arriving at 2pm.

Instead of being shown the sights of London in a stretch limo that they paid for themselves through fundraising, the children had to change into their finery on board the flight and immediately make their way to the awards ceremony - which finished five minutes after they arrived.

Despite the setbacks and not winning the award, Marion said the kids didn't complain once and tried to see the funny side. 'These wee souls had so much disappointment yet I have not heard one of them complain. They were patient and kept their spirits up through the whole scenario and we are all really proud of them.'



Katherine McIntyre, area committee member for Scottish Co-operative, Liz Armstrong, Co-operative affairs officer and Jan Nimmo. c11trd01

Town does a fair trade

CO-OP customers got the chance to sample free fair trade products on Friday when Jan Nimmo, along with Co-op representatives were present to tell people about fair trade and about the work Jan has been carrying out lately as part of Fairtrade Fortnight.

As well as appearing at the Co-op on Longrow, Jan showcased her videos, Pura Vida? and Bonita: Ugly Bananas, at Campbeltown Grammar School on Friday morning, and talked to S3 Geography pupils about fair trade and trade unions for people in places like Ecuador.

These documentaries expose the devastating effects that agrochemicals used on Costa Rica's banana plantations have, as well as making people aware of the products that aren't fair trade and the effects they have on workers.

The two films were also on show during two short screenings at The Wee Picture House to draw Fairtrade Fortnight to a close.

Jan, originally from Campbeltown, has been gathering images and testimonies for her Green Gold multimedia project to make a series of portraits of banana workers in Latin America since 2000, and in 2002 made a field trip to Ecuador, and has managed to expose the struggle of the banana worker's trade unions for basic human rights.

Light a candle for charity

A CAMPBELTOWN businesswoman is continuing to raise money for a charity close to her heart.

Squirrel from Gallery 10 has already raised nearly £1000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society since her son Jo was diagnosed with the condition. And this week, she is hoping to

add to the coffers with a sweet Easter fundraising event.

Squirrel will bake a huge Easter cake and invite kind-hearted locals to pay a donation for a candle to put on the cake. The candles will all be lit on Easter Saturday at 3pm and afterwards, people will be able to buy a piece

of the cake and the proceeds will go to the MS Society.

Future of RAF base meeting

THE Director General Operations for Defence Estates, David Olney will be meeting with the three local councillors within the next three weeks.

They will meet to discuss the future of the former RAF Machrihanish, after Councillor Donald Kelly requested he make a visit to Campbeltown.

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Mid-Argyll celebrates ring-net fishing

By RUTH McCLEAN

TO celebrate the life of ring-net fishing in the Clyde, which ended in 1970s, the Campbeltown Branch of Clyde Fishermen's Association will be holding an event that will see those who were involved across Kintyre gather in the Masonic Hall.

Ex ring-net fishermen from Tarbert, Campbeltown and Carradale are being invited to join in what will be an unforgettable night of nostalgia.

In the 1950s, ring-net fishing was in its heyday in Campbeltown with

about 40 boats working from the harbour, each giving employment to six men, but after mid-water trawling and purse-seining took over, ring-netting died out.

The concept of ring-netting, also known as herring fishing, was for a boat carrying a net on the port quarter, which was operated during darkness in pairs, and when a shoal of herring was detected, the net was shot in a wide semi-circle.

The neighbour boat picked up the end, which was identified

by a 'winkie; a buoyant light attached to a rope extension from the end of the netting.

Both vessels then towed the gear slowly through the water for a few minutes before turning towards each other. Once this operation was completed, the crew of the neighbour boat jumped aboard with the end and hauling by hand commenced.

In the last two years the Clyde connection with the ring-net fishery ended totally with the retrieval of Lawrence Robertson and brothers, Robert and Willie Gillies. They were the last men fishing, who had served their apprenticeship at the ring-net.

The Spawny Ball was one of the biggest events in the calendar for ring-net fishermen and used to take place in the Victoria Hall in early Spring.

The event which has been organised for March 22, is aimed at the ex-ring-net fishermen and will see a

celebration of ring-net fishing with a one-man play, a display of photographs and rendition of poems taking place, and is sure to be a memorable night for all involved. The idea is to have something similar to the Spawny Ball, the last one taking place many years ago.

The Ball got its name from the fishing that took place at the Brown Head, on Arran, and the Ballantrae banks, for herring that spawned there. This fishery took place in the months of February and March and the conclusion marked the end of the years fishing.

Boats then were beached and scraped and varnished in preparation for the following year. The Ball was run by the Campbeltown Branch of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, and was attended by guests from the other Clyde ports, including Carradale, Tarbert, Dunure, Maidens and Girvan.

Ring-netting was practiced by Campbeltown fishermen for generations and though the method basically remained unchanged, nets and boats increased in size and nylon eventually substituted cotton.

Those men are still alive today who took part in this fishery, and one of the sad things about their lives is that they can no longer, in some cases, get around easily and so have little contact with others who were their companions.

One of them stated, some years ago to a fellow fisherman that he never saw another fisherman except when he attended the funeral of another, and that 'They canna get a yarn wi their old pals!'

This night out has been organised with such men in view. It will take place in the Masonic Hall in Campbeltown on Saturday, 22 March, at 6.30 pm. A meal will be provided and buses will run from Tarbert and from Carradale.



The *Stella Maris* of Campbeltown in the sea-lock at Crinan as the fishermen prepare to leave their boats for a weekend at home.

The event has been extremely well supported financially by several organisations, so the price of tickets will be very reasonable indeed.

As well as the entertainment, and perhaps more importantly, the event will allow men to meet others who are of the same background.

As the event cannot be called a Spawny Ball, for most of the men concerned are past their dancing days, it has been suggested it should be

called 'Seeker, Reaper', which will be borrowed from George Campbell Hay's epic poem about the ring-net art.

Tickets for this event may be purchased from Robert Gillies, 01586 552547, Lachie Paterson on 01583 431570 and Kenny McNab on 01880 820601.

It is being staged primarily for old exponents of the ring-netting era, and the organisers hope for a full house.



Archie McDougall's *Maeirearad* (previously *Nulli Secundus* of Campbeltown) moored at Dubh-chaol Linne, Tarbert, c 1949.

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Land to be used for housing

A PLOT of land which used to be classed as an 'explosion zone' can now be used for housing, councillors have ruled.

Members of the Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Area committee gave their blessing to plans to build a house on land at Ferry Wood, West Loch Tarbert.

The councillors were meeting in Campbeltown last week and approved the plans put forward by Wilson Forest Products Ltd; the site is in a part of Tarbert where there is 'a presumption in favour of single or small scale development'.

In times past vessels and ferries would leave from here for the islands carrying explosive or flammable materials but these are now all shipped via Kennacraig and so Argyll and Bute Council has surrendered the explosion zone classification as it was so out of date.

Councillor John McAlpine wanted to know if more houses were planned for the area and was told by planning officials that nothing else was planned.

Water disgrace!

Sound of Kintyre pensioners in water bill fury

A RETIRED couple who live at Sound of Kintyre are dismayed at the continuing saga of long distance water bills which they pay via factors in Glasgow to Thames Water.

For the seven years Helen and John Watson have lived in the Sound of Kintyre, ever since the old services' family accommodation from RAF Machrihanish was renovated and put on the open market.

Switched

When they first moved in their water bill was tied up with the Ministry of Defence; then the administration was switched to Thames Water.

When that happened the bills dried up. Residents at the Sound of Kintyre had no water bills for two years though a quarterly bill arrived for the rest of the factors' services.

'We enquired and phoned and phoned and asked why we weren't getting a bill through,' said Mrs Watson.

'Then out of the blue we got a bill for £400 to pay,' said Mr Watson.

'We aren't disputing what we owed but we are disputing that we waited for two years to get a bill

and we were then told to pay it in seven days or go to court.'

The couple had thought of going to court in an effort to draw attention to what they believe is the poor administration out at Sound of Kintyre but realised that the court could not do anything to help and so paid the bill.

Then, as if to add insult to injury, a bill from the solicitors acting for Anglohouse Scotland Ltd, the firm behind the Sound of Kintyre, for a further £119 landed on the doormat. This was because the firm is entitled to recover the expenses and outlays incurred in raising the action; expenses in the Small Claims Court were limited to £75 and £44 for the warranting fee for the summons.

'We pay council tax at £92 a month and we don't get water included or get grass cut by the council.

'We're pensioners and it seems we pay, pay, pay and that we are being taken to the cleaners,' said Mr Watson.

The Watsons believe that Sound of Kintyre is hampered by not having a full-time resident community; many of the houses are holiday homes or have been bought to let.

'We feel quite isolated, people come and go and we feel as if we are on our own,' said Mr Watson.

Thames Water Nevis Ltd is under contract until 2030 to the MoD to provide water and wastewater services to its estates in Scotland; the company acts as billing agents and the contract began in March 2005.

But because Thames did not send out bills via Hacking and Paterson the factors, residents couldn't be billed for two years and then when no payments were received Thames Water took Anglohouse Ltd to court.

Caught in the Middle

A spokesman for the factors said: 'We were caught in the middle. You couldn't expect people to pay a big bill like that suddenly; for two years we were banging our heads against a brick wall.'

The situation has now been resolved and Hacking and Paterson hope that the bills will arrive regularly and the situation will not arise again.

There are meetings coming up shortly to enter into negotiations with the Ministry of Defence on billing direct to the owners via Hacking and Paterson.

Campbeltown kids hit the mark



Right: Pupils from Drumlemble Primary School and bottom right are pupils from Carradale Primary School.

PRIMARY schools in Campbeltown were given the chance to take part in a competition to create bookmarks.

The Inner Wheel Club in Campbeltown set up the competition to celebrate the love of reading.

It is run nationally by Inner Wheel Clubs all over the UK, and led by association president, Audrey Pollard.

The aim was to highlight the need for Talking Books for the visually impaired. The Association President hopes to raise funds to finance the creation of more talking books to extend the range of titles available to users. Entries were received and the staff in the Library had the difficult

task of choosing the best three book marks.

The winners were Innes Roy from Drumlemble Primary School, and Charlotte Semple and Kester Broatch from Carradale School.

They were presented with book tokens on behalf of the Inner Wheel Club by Inner Wheel Secretary Alison Clements and Vice-President Pat Mordey on Monday.

All the bookmarks were displayed at the Campbeltown Library during World Book week and the winning ones will be displayed in Blackpool in April at the Inner Wheel's National Conference.



Ambulance report overdue

THE Scottish Ambulance Service is long overdue to report back to councillors about its services in Kintyre.

Members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area committee heard at their March meeting that it was 12 months since they were last addressed by a member of the ambulance service management.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'We are still in the position where we could have an emergency case and we would receive cover from Lochgilhead or Tarbert. That is totally unacceptable.' A letter is being sent to the service to ask the to send a member of its management team to its next meeting.

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Thought for the week

LAST week I told you about Kesene, the little girl in the Child Care Centre in Kajiado in Kenya. This week I'd like to tell you about Shomet, another of the children there. Shomet suffers from dwarfism and brittle bone disease. He was brought to the Christian Centre by his father, but the rough and tumble among the disabled children meant he was better off at home. Once, when encased in plaster because of a fractured hip, he was laid on a reclining wheelchair to watch the other boys (all with calipers) playing football. They decided to brighten up his life a bit, and pretended his chair was a racing car. Shomet fell out and fractured his arm!

Some years later Shomet returned to the Centre for surgery to straighten and strengthen his legs. But he had another reason for wanting to come back to Kajiado. He wanted to tell the children there about the Lord Jesus Christ, who was his Saviour and Lord. Shomet knew that disability was no bar either to Christian faith or to Christian service. Jesus said of his people, 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' (see John 10:10)

Text for the week: 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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Down Memory Lane

In the forecabin of the *Florentine II* of Carradale. It is Christmas week 1959 and there is a packet of Lyon's mince pies on the table. Left to right - Donald MacAlister of Grogport, Bill McMillan and the McConnachie brothers Walter, John and James in the bunk. The photograph was taken by a photographer from *The Bulletin* and is courtesy of Donald MacAlister, Carradale.

Clean up our town

Sir
Further to your article in *The Campbeltown Courier* I agree that there is a problem in Dell Road caused by bird droppings and the amount of nesting material dropped into gutters and on to people and cars.

Firstly let me state that I have nothing against the birds and the trees in the park.

I purchased a house in Dell Road because I liked living across from the park.

Also, the trees are going to be one of the main problems for the authority to sell the ground for housing development so I have no hidden agenda for cutting the trees down. I want them to stay.

My concern is that it is not being managed correctly by the appropriate authority i.e. lack of tree

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management which has led to the over population of one type of bird. Also causing a health and safety problem i.e. dead wood falling from trees.

I believe this problem could be easily solved by adopting a bit of common sense by:

1 carrying out a survey to identify rotten trees and branches; 2 carrying out branch thinning maintenance work that has become neglected by the authority; 3 cutting down the one tree that overhangs into Dell Road or cut the dead wood back.

This would stop so many birds nests being built in the first place and bring the bird population back to a manageable level and would be better for the general wildlife the park attracts.

I also have further health and safety concerns caused by the local authority neglecting its health and safety responsibilities towards the public:

1 Dog fouling.
People who take a

responsible attitude to owning a dog are picking up their dog waste in the park, but when they go to put it in the bins provided they are overflowing and the dog waste is blown over the park causing the same problem as the council is trying to stamp out by employing environment officers and fining the public;

2 Gates and railings removed from Witchburn Road.
Some time ago the gate and railings were removed from the Witchburn Road entrance to the park causing another health and safety problem.

Witchburn Road is a busy road so the potential for a child playing in the park to run away from its parents and on to the road or for a child in the park playing alone running on to the road is high. I would urge the council to carry out a risk assessment on this problem.

To sum up - if there is dog waste, a potential for dead wood to fall from trees and a

gate and railing missing from an entrance on to a busy road, what use would Argyll and Bute Council suggest for a park in that state?

Is Argyll and Bute Council going out of its way to make this park unusable so that it can be sold off to developers?

A Brown
1 Dell Road
Campbeltown

Disappointed at comments

Sir,
We are disappointed with the comments *The Courier* attributed to Dylan Kerr, Football Development Office for Argyll and Bute Council.

The impression given is that there is little interest in football development in the Campbeltown area but nothing could be further from the truth.

A significant number of people give up considerable amounts of their own time to provide coaching for our youngsters, to arrange

Those Were The Days

The Campbeltown Courier, March 15, 1997

Tax up 19per cent - 300 jobs are axed

COUNCIL Tax in Argyll and Bute is to rise by 19 per cent as the cost of services will amount to £6.981 million, with 300 job losses.

Argyll and Bute Council set its Council Tax rate at £801 for Band D properties- the average band- with the highest Council Tax at £1,602 and the lowest £534.

But according to the Director of Finance, Council Tax payers would be facing increases of £s instead of £100s if the council had received Special Islands Needs Allowance as requested.

The Finance and Personnel Committee agreed a measure of cuts to the council's revenue budget last Thursday, after a surprise mo-

tion from the chairman Councillor Dick Walsh.

'We are aware, following the public consultation exercise that people understand the difficulties that the council is facing and recognise that their will be a requirement to pay more for some of the services that they receive,' Mr Walsh told the committee.

Saved from the axe are- the withdrawal of musical instrument tuition; financial support for community education; the closure of the three residential homes for the elderly; the withdrawal of residential subsidies for music schools; cuts in clothing grants; and further school closures up to £400,000.

local competitions and to take teams to competitions all over Scotland.

For example, Campbeltown teams have competed annually in the SFA Soccer Sevens competition where they have regularly been the most successful of the Argyll teams.

By our reckoning, Mr Kerr has visited this area only three or four times since taking up his position.

We would politely suggest, that if, perhaps, he spent more time in Campbeltown, he would get a better uptake for his training sessions.

He would certainly be most welcome to join us for our coaching sessions in Dalintober.

Neil John MacPhail and Stephen Scally.

Good news for Tarbert

Sir,
Thanks for passing on the details of two great

bits of news for Tarbert. It is wonderful to know that the barge is coming to the harbour.

Sense prevailed, well done Mike and Linda for sticking with your plans.

It is also good to know that enterprise is alive and well.

Business is the life blood of small communities and this exciting project promises to create a lot of interest.

A floating restaurant in Tarbert Harbour, surely locals and visitors alike will enjoy the experience.

And talking of the harbour, the grant from The Crown Estates Office is more than welcome and they should be given a big thank you.

The local plan to improve the harbourside is also an exciting one.

Now surely this project is one that all local people and businesses will support!

Wilma Watts, Mossbank, Tarbert

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Bikes damaging forestry tracks



ABOVE and RIGHT: The Forestry Commission have had to spend a lot of money fixing tracks and bridges which bikes have damaged and broken.

DAMAGE caused by unauthorised use of forestry tracks in Kintyre by scrambling motorbikes has caused anger from the Forestry Commission.

Not only are the motorbikes causing damage to the tracks, which have a strict no vehicle policy they are disturbing the people who live near them.

The Forestry Commission are not looking to put people off using the forests, but would advise those who are damaging the forest to think twice before doing so.

Although the damage is not being caused on the main public footpaths in Dalabaie and Lussa forests, it is being made where the area is

quieter and not so popular with the public, and is mainly used by the Forestry Commission which is only suited to quad bikes.

The scrambling motorbikes are causing the bridges to disintegrate with the weight, forcing the Forestry Commission to pay a lot of money to get them fixed.

Lesley MacFadyen from the Forestry Commission said: 'We have had people going over the tracks on scrambling bikes resulting in



One of the tracks that has been severely damaged the tracks being damaged. We have a strict no vehicle policy in those tracks.

Piping success for Molly

CONGRATULATIONS to nine-year-old Molly Semple of Campbeltown who was delighted to take fourth place in the Chanter under 10 category at the Strathclyde Police Pipe Band competition recently.

Young Molly's success was even more special as it was the first time she had entered a piping competition.

Shameful state of Kintyre's roads

ROAD users across the region are demanding action on the 'shameful' condition of the A83 between Kintyre and Ardrishaig.

Potholes, flooding and subsidence on the road are all issues that should be tackled sooner rather than later, according to drivers.

Criticism of the road comes in the same week as the Demand A82 Upgrade campaign was launched to press the government to invest £90million to improve the main artery road for Argyll.

The section of the A83 between Ardrishaig and Kennacraig, which is managed by Transerv, has come under fire from one Ardrishaig resident, who asked not to be named.

He said: 'I drive twice a week to Campbeltown to visit a relative and the state of that road is just unbelievable.'

'Once you get out of Tarbert the road surface is really awful, especially at Kennacraig.'

'I was driving down at the weekend and I was actually thrown into a rut but at the end of the day it is the only road in and out of Kintyre so there's no other alternative but to use it.'

Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil manage the section of road from Kennacraig to Campbeltown.

A spokeswoman for the council responded to residents concerns. She said: 'We have a responsibility to maintain council roads throughout Argyll and Bute in accordance with our Roads Asset Management Plan.'

'We recognise that the road is relatively narrow for a single carriageway and, due to the various heavy goods vehicles using it, edge damage is an issue.'

'The road is inspected regularly and if this inspection identifies any potholes then they will be fixed as soon as possible.'

'The council also agreed to allocate £26 million to Argyll and Bute's roads in this year's budget.'

Campbeltown Councillor John Semple, chairman of Kintyre Initiative Working Group, has written 'in the strongest possible terms' to Transport Scotland highlighting the problem road. Councillor Semple told *The Courier* this week: 'The lack of attention to this shameful stretch of road is a disgrace. Over 12,000 people depend on it for business, serv-

ices and transport. It is a lifeline.' He added: 'It is clear this road has been ignored and we demand that Transport Scotland take action.'

'Water lies on the road where drains remain un-cleared for winter drainage, ditches are filled to overflowing, the last re-surfacing in many parts has been completely worn away, surfaces are severely uneven and fractured and there has been failure to address the structural problems of this road.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland said: 'We are aware of the issues with the condition of the surface on sections of the A83 and we are currently working on proposals that seek to deal with some of these issues.'

'Designs for a project to address the surface on the approach to Tarbert are currently being worked on and we anticipate our operating company can begin work on-site within the next financial year, subject to funding.'

'We are also progressing minor improvement scheme plans to tackle the section of the road at Erines south of Lochgilphead, which is part of our longer term strategy for the A83.'

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Spring is one of those seasons when, in spite of usually less than clement weather conditions, a great many brides choose to leap into matrimony. Why they do is probably less a matter of present convenience than a subconscious following of an ancient tradition. Our ancestors would take steps to marry off an eligible daughter at this time of year because, with the food store running thin and the harvest still some time away, one less mouth to feed could seem very attractive. And again on top of

that, spring was generally mating time and a propitious time for tying the knot. Spring was the time of fertility, every new member born to a family was another insurance policy towards the survival of the family, and spring brides were generally considered to be fertile brides. All that apart, spring marks a time of renewal and nothing is newer in life than the start of life as a married couple.

Summer is also popular because the weather is more reliable and more people than ever are choosing autumn

and winter, generally because bookings are easier to obtain and there can be some very fine days, weather-wise.

However, whatever the season, the bride should bear in mind, the potential weather conditions that may prevail as it should have an important bearing on the gown she elects to wear, the type of reception she intends to have and the transport she chooses.

First decisions first. Should the wedding be in a place of worship, register office or one of the ever-increasing number of licensed wedding venues? Whichever is chosen an early booking is essential - to avoid disappointment or the need to take second best.

As soon as the ceremonial venue has been selected, the reception should be planned and booked. Now if a wedding venue has been chosen, then there will be nothing else to consider, other than the type of meal and the food and wines to be served. If the first two are chosen then a reception suite, dining room, restaurant or marquee for the garden will have to be organized. If the reception is to be in a community or church hall, it will have to be decided, who will do the catering. Outside caterers abound in your area so have a chat with others who have been through this happy time, and ask for their recommendation, or look in the local paper and see who's advertising such a service.

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made whether the reception will be a formal sit down affair with several courses and a hot meal, or a buffet where everyone can help themselves. Again the food could be hot or cold or a mixture of both. And this decision will have to be made wherever the reception is held.

As soon as the reception and ceremonial venues have been settled, the formality or otherwise of dress at the event can be decided upon, after which it will be possible to send out the invitations.

There is still a lot to arrange and a wise bride will appoint someone - a trusted friend or close family member, such as her mother, to compose a wedding diary and keep a close eye on all the arrangements as they become due.

Once the invitations are issued gifts may start to arrive. Open them by all means, write 'thank you' notes, but do remember to label each item with the name of the giver. It's all too easy to forget who gave you what and when.

Now is the time to think about clothes. The gown may be bought off-the-peg, in which case a long trip round the shops is called for. The gown may be hired - in which case it must be selected, tried on and booked well in advance of due date. It may be made-to-measure - in which case a dressmaker must be found. Again none of this should be left to the last moment. The wise bride will prepare for the possibility of

the weather not being of the warmest. Silk makes the warmest underwear and is elegant as well as worth considering as a base for a beautiful gown on inclement days.

The outfits of the male members of the wedding party are usually decided upon by the bride who will have discussed it with her parents and groom. Morning dress is the most formal of outfits and it adds a great deal of dignity to the proceedings. However lounge suits are just as acceptable. As with the bride's outfits, the men's suits may be bought off-the-peg, made-to-measure or hired, and again they must be organized well in advance of the event.

Photographic records are an important part of every wedding, choosing the right photographer is a vital exercise. As well as still photographs, these days a 'moving' record is often made and this may or may not be taken by the stills photographer. A word of advice however, it is never wise to rely on a friend or relative for the photographic record of the event - unless that person is a professional or very gifted photographer.

The vehicle the bride travels in to her wedding is a major part of the event. Brides have been known to select all sorts of weird and wonderful conveyances ranging from horses drawing a variety of carts and carriages, to motor vehicles of all ages and styles. It's best to hire a vehicle and a chauffeur from a

professional hire firm. Good natured friends and relatives cannot always be relied upon to provide a vehicle in the best of repair, or to turn up on time. This is far too important an event for any risks to be taken with the arrangements.

Flowers for the wedding may be fresh or hand-made of silk. Either way a florist will be able to weave them artfully into bouquets, posies, wreaths and head-dresses in any style the bride chooses. The florist will also be on hand to decorate the church (if permitted), register office (if not already so decorated), reception, or anywhere else flowers are required.

Last but not least in importance is the cake. This must be ordered in good time from a baker who should be instructed to take it on due date, to the reception along with a stand which is usually available to hire from the same source.

If the bride puts all these arrangements into the hands of her appointed organizer she will be free to attend her dressmaker for fittings, go to the hairdresser for styling and hair treatments, make regular visits to the beauty salon for all over beauty treatments and nail attention.

The groom in the meantime should be busy arranging the honeymoon - in absolute secrecy of course, unless he really wants the embarrassment that can come from some of the tricks people play on newlyweds on their first night together!

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Concerts filled to capacity

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association held another excellent concert full of impressive Kintyre piping talent with a number of special guests.



Maurice Duncan made a special appearance on Saturday night. c11pip07

Both Friday night and Saturday were filled to capacity at Campbeltown Grammar School with 300 people turning up to see and hear spectacular performances.

Kicking off the night was Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band with a solo from Sarah Muir, with the Novice Juvenile Band, the Beginners Band with a solo from Craig Galbraith during *La Boum*. The Novice and Juvenile Tenor and Drummers Juvenile Band performed Nelson Mandela with Mark McCormick performing a solo.

Andy Gibbs and Fiona Mitchell also performed solo with the Juvenile Band, and to round things off Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands



Kintyre Schools' Juvenile Pipe Band. c11pip04

filled the front of the hall.

The Breton Group, a four men from Brittany, performed on both nights as well as finishing the celebrations of the weekend off on Sunday night in a concert in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown.

Maurice Duncan, originally from Campbeltown who is now an accountant in Oban made a special performance on Saturday night.

Lee Lawson took to the stage to present the River Dance on the drums.

Dance group Keltika with Piper Andy Gibbs and Three Beats in a Bar also got the chance to show off their skills.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands now have a full schedule of competitions ahead of them starting with the Gourock Highland Games in May.

RIGHT: Breton Players performing at Argyll Hotel. c11pip16

LEFT: Lee Lawson. c11pip11



ABOVE: Novice Juvenile Band with Pipe Major Ian McKerral. c11pip01



ABOVE: Keltika dancers. c11pip05
RIGHT: Craig Gallacher performing his solo. c11pip10
BELOW: Members of Breton Players performing on Sunday night. c11pip17



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MacKellar steps in

MEMBERS of the Inveraray and district local history society who arrived at the Nicoll Hall on March 4 expecting to hear Mr Michael Russell MSP speak on Films of Scotland were disappointed when the minister was called away for ministerial duties in Edinburgh.

But a very acceptable substitute had been found in Alistair MacKellar.

Alistair not only knows and is known by everyone in Furnace, but he knows all about the history of the village; and has, from personal acquaintance or family tradition, a wealth of anecdotes about his inhabitants.

Furnace is unique among the villages on Loch Fyne, as is indicated by its modern (since 1755) name: it is a place of industry.

Over the years there have been various enterprises, but all have been based on its natural resources of

plentiful water from the Leacann and wood from the surrounding hills.

The first was the iron furnace which supplied the name, fuelled by charcoal made from thousands of tons of wood per year.

In time the use of coke allowed the iron to be smelted closer to its source and its end-users.

Then the powder mill took over, using the same raw materials, with a more complex water supply whose basis still exists.

Finally the quarry opened in 1841, originally producing hand-cut granite for the streets of Glasgow, now mechanised with only a small team working there.

George Johnston moved a hearty vote of thanks for a fascinating and informative evening.

The next meeting will be on April 1, with John Renton talking about Scottish music.

Last chance to take part in the Sport Relief Mile

WITH only two days to go until the Campbeltown Loch Esplanade Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, there are still a few places left for those wanting to take part, but you must register on the day and arrive by 10.00am on Sunday or call Jackie on 07919 410 872.

Wee Toon Milers will be pulling on their Sport Relief socks and warming up at St Kieran's Pri-

mary School, John St, Campbeltown at 10.15 and will make their way along the route through the sea front. Sport Relief 2008 is all about challenging yourself, friends, family and colleagues to do something sporty and raise cash. Milers can choose to do one, three or six miles, so can select the distance that is a challenge for them and make sure they get spon-

sored while they do it. Sport Relief harnesses the power and passion of sport to change lives for the better. By doing sport, having fun and raising money, everyone can do good and feel good. Comic Relief spends the money raised to help vulnerable people living incredibly tough lives both at home in the UK and in the world's poorest countries.



Ian Smith during his performance at Lochgair.

'The Tryst' by Ian

ON MARCH 9 Ian Smith of Lochgair read his short story 'The Tryst' to The Federation of Writers (Scotland) in the Grand Hall of the Mitchell Library.

This was one of the events at the *Aye Write* book festival, currently running in Glasgow until Saturday March 15.

Gliondar return to Argyll

THE wind quintet with the glorious name Gliondar is making their second tour of Argyll for Argyll & Bute Concert Tours coming to Ardrishaig tomorrow Saturday, March 15 and will finish up in Campbeltown on Tuesday, March 18.

Argyll and Bute has even closer links with the group through Simon Browne on Clarinet from Rothesay and Fergus Kerr on French Horn from Campbeltown.

In 1998 Gliondar won their first prize, the Mary D Adams chamber music prize at RSAMD and made their London debut with a recital at the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. In November 2000 they won a John Tunnel Trust award for Young Musicians. Gliondar's programme for



Gliondar has close links with Argyll and Bute.

the Argyll tour includes Mozart, Nielsen, Bozza, Berio and Farkas.

They will also be playing their own arrangement of a Folk Suite celebrating their Scottish - Irish connections with the first movement intriguingly entitled

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Marine awareness weekend

A MARINE awareness weekend will take place at the end of March, to celebrate Scotland's seas and raise awareness of the marine environment in Kintyre.

It is being ran by Argyll and Bute Beach Forum together with the Firth of Clyde Forum and events will take place at Campbeltown Heritage Centre, Campbeltown Lifeboat Station as well as a beach clean at Westport over the weekend of march 29 and 30.

Places are limited. To book a place or for more information contact Aisa Nebreda at the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum, on 01546 604227 or email: aisa.nebreda@argyll-bute.gov.uk .

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Strong entry of Kintyre cattle at Stirling sale

UNITED Auctions sold 2211 store cattle and 1170 store sheep at Stirling last Wednesday when there was strong entry of stock from Kintyre. **Bullocks averaged 152.19p (+7.19p) and sold to 190.10p per kg for a 284kg Charolais cross from Glenehervie and**

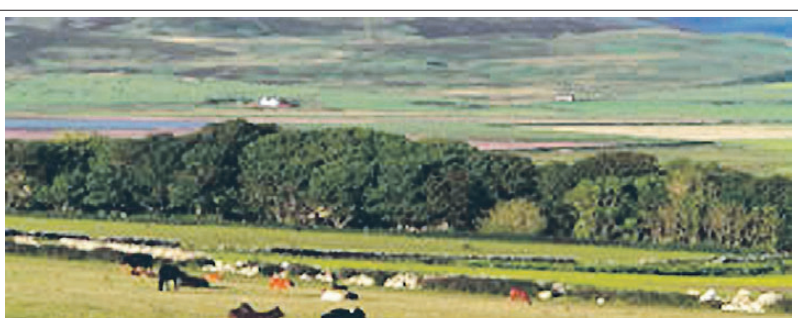
£1015 for a 742kg Charolais from 8 Killeonan. Heifers averaged 148.27p (+10.58p) and sold to 245.60p per kg for a 338kg Charolais from Cretlevane and £955 for a 550kg Simmental cross from Torbex. Cast cows averaged 97.80p

to 122.80p for a Belgian Blue cross from South Hill of Dripps and £1050 for a Charolais cross from West Croft. There was also a show of cattle: Bullocks: 1 Mr More, Townhead (ChaX) £775 Heifers: 1st Mr Logan, Auchenbrae (ChaX) £780

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Final group meeting

THE THIRD and final Discussion Group meeting is being held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on Tuesday, March 25 at 8pm. The topic of the meeting will be 'Scottish agriculture: Brian Pack's view'. Brian Pack is the chief executive of Aberdeen and Northern Marts and the evening, which is sponsored by SAC, Kintyre NFU and Kintyre Agricultural Society, is certain to raise some interesting questions and healthy debate. For more information please contact David Brewster, Secretary on 01586 552502



Campbeltown and Islay host meat marketing seminars

A JOINT meeting organised by Argyll Agricultural Forum and Kintyre NFU entitled 'Red Meat Marketing: the Shetland Experience' is being held at the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown on Wednesday, March 19 at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Karl Simpson, who was the marketing manager for Shetland Livestock Marketing Group and involved in marketing Shetland shellfish. He also helped the group establish itself as a supplier of hill and seaweed-fed lamb to high quality butchers in SE England. The meeting will explore opportunities for local producers to add value to their livestock. On Islay, with the imminent opening of the new Avonvoggie Abattoir, the Islay branch of NFUS and Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum have organised a one day Meat Marketing and Processing Seminar on Thursday March 20 at the Machrie

Hotel, Islay. A busy programme starts at 10.30am with a welcome by the day's chairman, Stuart Wood, an Orkney farmer, NFUS vice chairman and vice chairman of Orkney Meats. Mr Wood will open with a short overview of marketing and selling Orkney Meat. Maintaining the Island theme, the guest speaker is Karl Simpson, Shetland who will discuss the ups and downs of marketing and selling naturally reared Shetland lamb. Following the Shetland experience, Jim Fairlie will provide a more small scale farmers perspective on selling home produced meat on the internet, to farmers markets and local businesses. After a lunch break the success story of Bruichladdich Distillery's global marketing and use of Islay branding will be told by distillery manager Duncan Macgillivray.

Islay Spring sale attracts brisk trade

UNITED Auctions held their annual early Spring sale of all classes cattle at Islay Auction Mart. All classes of livestock met with a brisk trade recording a considerable rise in values on the corresponding sale last year. The 287 head were sold to regular buyers normally attending this sale and more could have been sold to advantage.

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KINTYRE WINTER DISCUSSION GROUP

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Tuesday 25th March
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7.30pm for 8pm
Speaker
Brian Pack, Chief Executive Aberdeen and Northern Marts
The event is sponsored by SAC, Kintyre NFU & Kintyre Agricultural Society
Further information contact
David Brewster (Secretary)
01586 552502

"Red Meat Processing and Marketing: the Shetland Experience"
Wednesday 19th March
White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown
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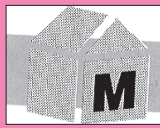
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Mid Argyll RFC

Notice of Annual General Meeting
The AGM of the Club will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig

All members are requested to attend and also anyone with an interest in rugby at any level
 Members are reminded that subscriptions are due at the AGM

FOOTNOTES A.G.M.

Tuesday
 25th March 2008
 in Community Centre at 7pm

Please come along and support the work we do with your young people. You will be made very welcome.

EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUST

Groups wishing to apply for funds from the above Trust, should contact the Secretary for advice, details and application forms.

Grants may be available for Capital or Revenue Funding for projects, groups, halls, charities, churches within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport in the north and Peninver in the south.

The closing date for completed applications for this year's final disbursement will be Friday 28th March, 2008.

Secretary; Geoffrey Page, Benbecula, Waterfoot, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QX.
Tel. 01583 431281

Goods Vehicle Operator's License

Archibald Miller trading as Tarbert Shellfish Co Ltd of Unit 3, Tarbert Industrial Estate, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6TX is applying to change an existing license as follows:-

To keep an extra 2 vehicles and 2 trailers at the operating centre at Unit 3, Tarbert Industrial Estate, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6TX.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or equipment of that land would be affected, should make written representation to the Traffic Commissioner at J Floor, Argyll House, 3 Lady Lawson Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9SE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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Argyll & Bute COUNCIL

PLANNING

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, RELATED LEGISLATION PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- Ref No: 08/00028/DET
 Applicant: Dr E S Lawrence
 Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse Site Address: Quay House 7 Paterson Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JP
 Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- Ref No: 08/00446/LIB
 Applicant: Michael Staniland
 Proposal: Erection of non-illuminated fascia sign and sign to gable end Site Address: 1 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LZ
 Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX

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

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

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

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

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (TAYNISH ROAD (U31), TAYVALLICH) (TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2008

On Monday 10th March 2008, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle (with the exception of emergency services vehicles) whose maximum gross weight exceeds 3 Tonnes on that length of the Taynish Road, Tayvallich extending from a point 70 metres or thereby east of the entrance to the Primary School in a generally southerly direction to its junction with the access road to Duntaynish Mill, a distance of 1720 metres or thereby.

This restriction is required for road safety and to protect the road against further damage following the collapse of part of a retaining wall.

This Order will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on Monday 24th March 2008 and will remain in operation until 2400 hours on 20th September 2009 or until such time as the remedial works are complete whichever is the earlier.

Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, Argyll , PA31 8RD



LODGE ST. JOHN'S CAMPBELTOWN NO.141

A regular meeting will be held on
 Monday 17th March 2008
 at 7.30pm

Business:- Minutes
 Raising
 A.O.C.B.

SENIOR CITIZENS EVENING

The annual Senior Citizens Evening will take place on Friday 21st March. Tickets will be available at the Recreation Club tomorrow, (Saturday 15th March) between 11.00am and noon.

West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

Groups wishing to apply for funds from the above Trust should contact the Chairperson for advice, details and application forms.

Grants may be available for capital or revenue funding for projects, groups, halls, charities, churches etc.

Completed applications should be in the hands of the Trust by Monday 28th April 2008 for disbursement at the Trust meeting of Monday 19th May 2008.

Chairperson: Mrs Lorraine MacPhail, Skernish Farm, Glenbarr, By Tarbert, PA29 6UZ
Telephone: 01583 421 236 / 07891 614823

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Health Manager

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The main responsibilities of the post will be to provide a diagnostic service to designated farms for the rapid detection of disease, to provide advice to farms on best practice and to supervise the use of medicines and treatment methods in collaboration with pharmaceutical companies. In addition the successful candidate will be expected to supervise the use of medicines to ensure optimum efficiency, to collate data on fish health and to provide support to farm staff through training and advice on fish health and welfare.

Potential candidates should possess at least two years practical experience in a health monitoring position and have a sound knowledge of fish farming. In addition excellent computer skills with experience of Microsoft packages, a full clean driving licence and the willingness to undertake regular travel are also required for this post.

In return the successful candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package commensurate with experience.

If you are interested in applying for this vacancy, please apply in writing, no later than Friday 28th March 2008 to: **Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.**



Suitably qualified and experienced electricians required for long term contract in the Oban area.

Please apply by calling **01786 849099** and either fax your CV to **01786 849098** or e-mail to **carol@acgoldservices.co.uk.**

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For more details or to arrange an interview please phone 01397 702341

Housekeeping and waiting vacancies are also available.

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YOUTH WORKER- 1 POST

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For further information and an application form please contact Fiona Kalache on

01546 603231.

Enhanced Disclosure checks will be carried out on successful applicants.



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Part-time Administration Worker

£14,601 - £14,940 per annum, pro rata
20 hours per week

A position has arisen within the above project for a part-time highly skilled administration worker who will also be responsible for the upkeep of our financial records. You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2, 3) including English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. Previous administrative experience is essential as is a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Access.

Application packs available from the above or e-mail: **kintyreouthenquiry.co.uk**

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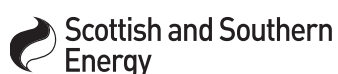
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To apply, please call our Recruitment Team on 0845 0760516 to request an application form, quoting reference RE/08/05, or apply online at www.powerfulopportunities.co.uk

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Tayvallich, Argyll
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Please contact Christine Roberts on 01852 200257



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Oban Office

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16 hours per week, £8.85 p.w

Further information and Application forms:
Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre,
Office 1 Dunollie Halls, Dunollie Road,
Oban, PA34 5PH
Phone: 01631 569545
Email: adminoban.abvc@tiscali.co.uk
Final date for applications 27/03/2008

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Supervision of the Accounts and Administration functions at our Fort William and Boat of Garten Sawmills. This will include payroll, purchase ledger, general administration, the supervision of a small team and the preparation of management accounts.

Ideally you will have supervisory experience in a similar role and have a working knowledge of producing management accounts. This role would suit a studying or part qualified accountant or a more experienced individual.

If you are looking for a challenging career within a highly motivated team then please send your up to date C.V. along with a covering letter to: **Aileen Firth, Group HR Advisor**, BSW Timber, Group Headquarters, East End, Earlston, TD4 6JA or email to: aileen.firth@bsw.co.uk

Closing date for all applications: Friday 21st March 2008



ACHA - Putting Tenants First.

ACHA wishes to recruit customer focussed individuals, seeking a rewarding and challenging career in a forward thinking housing organisation. These posts are key to delivering the quality of services our customers deserve. In return, we will reward the successful applicants with a generous remuneration package, modern work practices, family friendly "people policies" and the opportunity for personal development and training.

IT Support Assistant - Lochgilphead

Salary Grade 7 (£14,529 - £16,144 - pro rata: pay award pending)
17.5 hours per week

The job purpose is to deliver high levels of administrative and clerical support to the IT team within the Association and assist with providing technical support in the operation of its IT systems and equipment. The post-holder will have regular contact with internal customers and staff as well as external suppliers and therefore a degree of organisational, administrative and communication skills are necessary. The successful candidate will need to be a team player but equally capable of self motivation and working unsupervised at times in such a small team. As the Association is widely geographically dispersed and the nature of the work does involve site visits, travel may occur across Argyll and therefore a full driving licence is essential.

It will be essential for the successful candidate for this post to hold a minimum of 3 Standard grades or equivalent along with relevant work experience and aptitude. It would be desirable if the successful candidate holds ECDL passport or a similar recognised IT qualification.

Property Services Officers

12 month Fixed Term Contract
5 posts - Lochgilphead (2), Oban, Dunoon & Helensburgh
Salary Grade 5 (£24,700 - £27,444 - pay award pending)
35 hours per week

The Association is seeking to employ 5 Property Services Officers on a 12 month fixed term contract to assist with delivering a high quality Property, Estate Management and Maintenance Service and Investment Programme Supervision to its tenants across Argyll & Bute.

The successful candidates will require to hold an HNC or equivalent in Building & Construction and have a wide range of technical skills. For one post based in Lochgilphead there is also a requirement to have a heating and electrical background. The post holder must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, beneficiary organisations and partners; provide leadership of project teams involving colleagues and other partners; have good written and oral communication skills including the ability to produce reports without a pre-determined framework. There will be limited control over a small number of budget headings. A current driving licence is essential.

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 28th March 2008
Interviews for these posts will be held in April 2008

For recruitment pack please contact the HR & Corporate Services Department, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, Tel No 01546 604098 or email marina.macarthur@acha.co.uk, or visit the Recruitment section on the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk where recruitment packs can be downloaded.

ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities.
All posts will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland check.

Registered Nurse

Full Time. Must hold NMC Registration in Nursing, experience in elderly care preferable
£11.10 - £12.10 per hour to work day/night shift pattern

Care Assistant

Full time, experience in elderly care preferred but not essential as training will be given
Rates of pay available on application.

For further information please contact
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Ossians Care Home, North Connel, Argyll

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Gardener/Gravedigger

£15,549 - £17,015 Oban, Lorn & the Isles

You will undertake all duties involved in the burial of the dead and the maintenance of cemeteries and grass areas throughout the Lorn area. A current driving licence is essential with C.I.T.B. for mini excavator, PA1 & PA6A pesticide certificates and driving licence category C1+E being desirable. You must have general work experience in ground maintenance and the ability to use safely all ground maintenance tools and machinery is essential. You must be capable of working as part of a team and be able to deal with the public in a friendly and understanding manner. Manual Handling Training and an awareness of Health & Safety would be preferred. This post is NOT suitable for Jobshare. OSR00544/R2

Recruitment packs from 01546 604620.
Closing date 28th March 2008.

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We would welcome mature responsible cleaners to join our Saturday change-over team.

Hours 10 am - 4 pm every Saturday (all year round) with break for lunch. Training given.
£7.70/hour gross (over 18 yrs).
Assistance given with transport expenses.

Please telephone Rosie McAllister on 01852 200257

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Motorman

Western Isles
Annual Salary £24,602 Ref: 158-SG

Applications are invited for the position of Motorman to sail on any vessel within CalMac Ferries Limited Western Isles Division, experience is essential for this position. You should be fully qualified to STCW 95 level and must be in possession of an Engine-room Watch Rating Certificate and valid ENG1 Medical Certificate.

You will be responsible for assisting the Watch-Keeping Engineer in maintaining an engine room watch, maintaining a port watch when the vessel is in port, bringing any operational problems to the attention of the Duty Engineer and maintaining the engine room and auxiliary machinery spaces in a clean condition. In addition, you will assist in any work connected with planned maintenance, breakdown of plant or machinery, or repair work being carried out.

A shift pattern basis will apply this will consist of two weeks on two weeks off.

If you are interested in this position, please respond by sending your CV quoting reference number 158-SG no later than 28 March 2008 to:

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited
Ferry Terminal, Gourock, PA19 1QP
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Human Resources Assistant

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Fixed Term Appointment – 9 months

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We're looking for someone to join a small HR team and assist with a variety of activities within the HR office, including the maintenance of records, recruitment programmes, general correspondence and occasional cover for Reception.

The successful candidate will be expected to have excellent IT, communication and people skills. Training will be provided for the human resources database. A knowledge of human resources related work would be an advantage, as would experience in academic administration.

Further Particulars and Application Form are available online at www.sams.ac.uk. Alternatively, please write to: The Human Resources Officer, The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA, or by e-mail to recruitment@sams.ac.uk

Please quote Job reference when applying

The closing date for all applications is Friday 28th March 2008

Interviews will be held on 11th April 2008.

SAMS has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes applicants from all sections of the community

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Scot Trout Farming Ltd

Scot Trout Farming Limited is a progressive company producing Rainbow Trout at 18 farms throughout Scotland. Fish are grown, primarily, for the UK multiple retail market and are processed at the company's factory at Bellshill.

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Please contact Ian McAdam on 07733 007598 for further details.

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We require the following staff for our branch in Oban

General Sales Persons

Part-Time

Candidates should:

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Duties will include stock maintenance, merchandising and customer service. Previous experience an advantage but not essential.

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Farms Secretary

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We are currently seeking to identify an enthusiastic and experienced Administrator to work within Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd's Farms Office at the Blar Mhor Industrial Estate.

Key responsibilities will be to provide full administrative support to all Managers and staff within the Farms Office including typing, collation of information, filing, petty cash, updating databases and other general duties required in the office.

Applicants should possess a friendly disposition and be able to work well under pressure with minimum supervision. An excellent working knowledge of Microsoft systems and good organisational skills are essential.

If you are interested in this role, please apply in writing to: **Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.**

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **Friday 28th March 2008.**

Finance

Finance Assistant

Fort William, £15,201 – £16,932

You will be part of the Council Tax and Housing and Council Tax Benefits Team. This is a busy team which provides a wide range of services to the public. You will have considerable contact with the public and should be able to maintain confidentiality at all times. Office experience and computer literacy including Word and Excel will be an advantage. You will be committed to providing excellent customer care and have a sound understanding of council tax and housing and council tax benefits. You should have the ability to work in a changing environment and work well on your own initiative and as part of a team. The ability to deal with confidential information is essential.

Informal enquiries to Mairi McCallum, tel (01397) 707242.

Application packs, quoting ref: L/19/08 are available from our website or by telephoning (01397) 707220.

Closing date: 28 March 2008

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CalMac Ferries Limited has a requirement for

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£7.31 per hour Ref: 186-SB

Applications are invited for the position of Temporary Port Assistant to cover Maternity Leave based at Kennacraig Ferry Terminal from April until 31 August 2008.

Reporting to the Port Manager, you will need a flexible approach to your day-to-day responsibilities. Your duties will include customer enquiries, sales of passenger/vehicle tickets, ticket collection, cash handling and control of passengers and vehicles embarking and disembarking from vessels.

You must be computer literate, with excellent verbal and written communication skills. You are expected to have a flexible approach to working as shift and weekend work will be involved. Please note a driving licence is preferable.

You must be customer focused, have a clear understanding of the customer interface and have a proactive approach to customer care.

If you are interested in this position, please respond by sending your CV quoting reference number 186-SB no later than Friday 21 March 2008 to:

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN - JACKSON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on February 29, 2008, of James, only son of Alistair and the late Margaret, of Gigha, to Christine, youngest daughter of Billy and Edna of Ardrishaig.

STEVENS - DUNN - Stacey and Kevin are delighted to announce their engagement. Stacey is the eldest daughter of Mhairi McAllister and only daughter of Shaun Stevens, Campbeltown. Kevin is second eldest son of Dena Dunn, Bristol.

RUTHERFORD - FULTON - Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of David Rutherford to Leighann Fulton, on February 7, 2008.

DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 6, 2008, Isabel Johnson, in her 76th year, 11 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Donald Brown and a much loved sister, sister in law and aunt. Funeral Private.

CRAWFORD - On March 6, 2008, peacefully at home with her family, Betty Dawson, in her 76th year, beloved wife of Alex and much loved mother of Sandy and Libby, dear mother-in-law of Fiona and Duggie and dearly loved granny of Amanda, Stuart and Connor. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church on March 8, 2008, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

GALBRAITH - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, Robert Barbour Galbraith (Bobby), in his 80th year, The Barnes, Carradale, dearly loved husband of Margaret (Pearly Paterson), much loved dad to Shona and Senga and father-in-law to David.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, on March 7, 2008, Dugald (Dougie) Graham, aged 91 years, of Oakcliffe, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig. Much loved and loving husband of Mary Hamilton Kelly. Treasured father of Douglas and Duncan and dear father-in-law of Elizabeth and Isobel. Proud grandfather of Alison, Ailsa, Susan and Fiona and great-grandfather of Rhianna, Rowan, Rory and Lewis. A caring neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church

on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

GRANT - Suddenly, on March 1, 2008, Kathy (née Paterson), beloved wife of John, Ballinluig, Perthshire, daughter of the late Donald and Elizabeth Paterson, Drumlembie.

SMITH - Suddenly at home, New Mains, Bellochantuy, on March 6, 2008, Jean Cochrane Johnston, in her 76th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan Smith, formerly of Barrmains Farm, Bellochantuy, much loved mother of Jane, Margaret and Anne and a loving granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLACK - The family of the late Archie Black would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all medical staff and carers, and to Rev Angus Howat for his visits and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, the Anchor Hotel for a fine purvey, and to all who attended at church and graveside. The collection for Tarbert Free Church raised £244.52.

McEWING - Jim, Margaret, Bertie and all Jim's sisters and their families would like to thank the many relations, friends and neighbours and also work colleagues who so kindly telephoned and sent beautiful flowers and cards on our very sudden sad loss of Jim. Your kindness was appreciated at such a sad time by us all. 17 Meadows Avenue.

McKAY FORBES - The family of the late Angus McKay Forbes would like to thank all those who very kindly telephoned, sent flowers, cards or letters on the very sad occasion of their loss. Your support was much appreciated at this difficult time. Special thanks to Irene Egan, the district nurses, Carradale Surgery and Rev. John Vischer.

McCORKINDALE - Moira would like to thank all friends and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of her brother Archie. Special thanks to Rev Martin Forrest for his words of comfort and uplifting service. Thanks also to neighbours, to Southend Medical Practice, community nurses, staff of Ward B, Lorn and Islands District General Hospital and Campbeltown Hospital for their dedicated care and concern for Archie. To Mr Alasdair Blair for funeral arrangements, and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside.

PURCELL - The family of the late Kevin Purcell would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy and for cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Strathclyde Police and ambulance staff for all their assistance, to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a warm and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, the George Hotel, Inveraray, for a fine purvey, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

SMITH - Morven, Hilary and Colin would like to thank most sincerely relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, and for cards, flowers and telephone calls received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Tarbert Surgery, and at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for their kind care and attention, to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most efficient arrangements, the Anchor Hotel for a fine purvey, and to everyone who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The retiring collection of £160 was collected for Tarbert Parish Church.

IN MEMORIAM

DILLON - Remembering today and every day our treasured Karon, who died March 14, 2005, in her thirty-eighth year. Beautiful memories, cherished forever. Of happy years we spent together. Love you always - Mum, Dad and Gill.

Forever in my thoughts. Always in my heart. All my love - Aunt Margaret.

Locked in our hearts to stay. Precious in every way. - Love Morag and Peter.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our son, Alasdair MacDougall (Tool), who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. It's our first year without you and nothing is the same. What was done to you Ally, some should hang their heads in shame. For you were only twenty, your whole life still to live. You cared so much for others and had so much more to give. As a son we couldn't ask for more, we simply had the best. And that's one thing we're thankful for and know that we were blessed. We know that you are with us, and you're never far away. You're in our thoughts and in our hearts and that's where you will always stay. See you later. - Love Mum and Dad.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our loving brother, Alasdair MacDougall, who was sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Our lives go on without you.

But nothing is the same. We have to hide our heartache. When someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that love you. Silent the tears that fall. Living our lives without you. Is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us. Your heart was kind and true. And when we needed someone. We could always count on you. The special years will not return. When we were all together. But with the love within our hearts. You will walk with us forever. Missing you as always. - Love Nikki and Keli xxx

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of my loving boyfriend, Alasdair (Tool), tragically taken on March 13, 2007. Your presence I miss. Your memory I treasure. Loving you always. Forgetting you never. - All my love Leanne xxx

MACDOUGALL - Precious memories of our dear grandson, Alasdair, tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Deep are the memories. Precious they stay. No passing of time. Will take them away. Always in our thoughts. - Love Alasdair and Sina xx

MACDOUGALL - Happy and precious memories of our nephew and cousin, Alasdair, taken from us on March 13, 2007, aged 20. Quietly today your memory we treasure. Missing you always. Forgetting you never. Lots of love. - Kari, Billy and Keri xxx

MACDOUGALL - Alasdair. Treasured memories of a loving nephew and cousin, who died on March 13, 2007. Forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts. - Sandra, Claire and Laura.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our much loved nephew and cousin, Alasdair, who was sadly taken on March 13, 2007. Deep in our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. - Alison, Duncan, Scott and Craig

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our nephew and cousin, Alasdair, suddenly taken from us on March 13, 2007, aged 20. We will never cease to miss you. We will never cease to care. In a special corner of our hearts

You will always be there. - Love Shendl, Colin and Natasha xxx

MACDOUGALL - Alasdair. Tragically taken March 13, 2007. Sadly missed. Gone but not forgotten. - From all the Tarbert boys.

MACPHAIL - John, a much loved son and brother, who died March 15, 1995. Memories are forever. - Inserted by Mum, Caroline and Linda.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of Margaret Robertson, died March 6, 2006, and James Robertson, died March 14, 1997. Always in our hearts. - Loving daughter Leslie, Tony, Gail, Thomas, Derek and great-grandchildren.

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Sunday 16th March
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Acharoish at 12:30pm

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meets at 11:00am
In Ardrishaig

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Palm Sunday
9amEucharist
11amEucharist
with hymns
Good Friday
Noon - 3pm
Ecumenical 3 hours
devotions
ST COLUMBA'S POLTALLOCH
Palm Sunday
3.30pmEvening prayer

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Saturday 15th March 2008
Coffee morning and jumble sale
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10am - 12noon
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Sunday 16th March 2008
Kilmartin 10am
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Sunday 16th March 2008
Service at 11am
Rev Hilda C Smith
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 16 March 2008
11.00am
Worship service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
Thursday 20 March 2008
7.30pm
Praise, worship & sharing
All Welcome
"Come and see"

Highland Parish Church



Friday 14th March
Badminton - Kirk St Hall
7.00pm S1 plus
9.00pm Adults
Sunday 16th March
11.15am All-Age Palm Sunday Service
Children please meet at church at 10.30am
Creche (Church: 0-3yrs)
No FunDay Club
6.30pm Evening Service - Kirk St Hall
Tuesday 18th March
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 upwards
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Saturday, 15th March
Guild Sale of Work - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 16th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
Rev. Philip Burroughs/
Rev. Dr. Kirsty-Ann Burroughs
Monday, 17th March
Guild Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m..
Tuesday, 18th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 19th March
Lent Bible Study Group - 7:30 p.m.

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Back row from left: P McEachran, R McManus, N Maguire & J McNaughton. Middle: G Semple & H McCorkindale. Front: B Mathieson and J McLachlan. c11str1NO

Evenly contested final

AN open pairs competition was held at Campbeltown Bowling Club last week for the Archie and Fiona Smith Trophy.

The round robin format saw the players participating in six matches to qualify for the semi finals that produced games be-

tween John McNaughton and Neil Maguire (CBC) and John McLachlan and Bobby Mathieson (Argyll) and Peter McEachran and Reggie McManus (141) and Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple (CBC). Two relatively one sided contests produced the

predicted final between John and Hugh that was evenly contested in the first half dozen ends but John and Bobby's consistent and often inspired play saw them stretch to an unassailable lead in the last end to take the trophy for the third year in succession.

MOKRUN training schedule for week three

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12:00 pace, approx 60 minutes; Thursday, 20 March, faster run/walk, 4 miles, 11:00, approx 44 mins; Sunday, 23 March, easy run/walk, 7 miles, 12:30, approx 90 mins. This will give a total of 16 miles and 2

hours 15 mins.

If you find this schedule difficult it may be better to adopt a more gradual schedule, or move onto the 10K schedule.

10K beginners training schedule from Monday, 17 March: 20 minutes; Tuesday: 10 minutes; Wednesday: rest; Thursday: 15 mins; Friday: 10 mins; Saturday: rest; Sunday: 15 minutes.

Athletes get placed in Irvine competition

ATHLETES from Campbeltown Grammar came up against tough competition during the 30th ScottishPower Secondary Cross Country Championships last weekend despite the wet weather.

Thousands of secondary school-aged pupils took to the starting line at Beach Park in Irvine in the high-profile outdoor event, with four

races for both boys and girls of distances between 2400 and 6000m.

Jim Paterson, sales and marketing director of ScottishPower, said: 'Beach Park in Irvine is always a fantastic venue for the Secondary Cross Country Championships, even with the cold and wet weather we seem to get every year without fail. Despite this, there was a

great turnout, with plenty of talent emerging on the day.'

Gary Turner was placed 30 in the 15 to 17-year old boys race in a time of 22.18.

In the girls 14 to 15 year old age group four girls managed to get placed. Donna McMillan at 106, Ruth Semple, 107, Eilidh Macalister, 108; and Nicola Paterson at 111.



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Evidence of clear interest

After an article appeared in *The Courier* last month local football coaches have expressed their anger and disappointment.

By RUTH McCLEAN

FOOTBALL coaches in Campbeltown have joined forces to prove that interest in football here is anything but lacking.

Argyll and Bute Council's Football Development Officer, Dylan Kerr explained in an article on February 29, that the reason why a football festival is not coming to Campbeltown this Easter is because of lack of interest in coaching sessions for football organised by the Council. There is hope however that training sessions can be run in conjunction with local coaches in the future.

Local support

With football flourishing in Campbeltown due to the excellent provision of local association coaching there is an existing team of coaches who give up their time free of charge. This has been supplemented by the attendance of nine Campbeltown representatives at the Argyll and Bute Council coaching weekend held recently at Mid Argyll.

This opportunity was greatly appreciated and will allow the Association to boost the membership. Coaches would like to see Mr Kerr

make more of an effort to come to Campbeltown, rather than staying in Mid Argyll and Oban.

The football coaches in Campbeltown have made it clear that this is not a personal attack on Dylan Kerr, they are just wanting to know why Caampbeltown isn't getting as much attention in terms of football as the other areas.

Unfortunately the coaching offered through the council has been scheduled at the same time as the Total Soccer Experience courses, provided by top coaches from Paisley, which have been running in excess of ten years, and are very well established and have a good attendance.

Campbeltown has benefited from other work which Mr Kerr has been heavily involved in, including the planning, organisation and running of programmes and events like Football Volunteer of the Year Awards, Argyll and Bute Youth Games, Sports Coaching weekend in Lochgilphead and Argyll and Bute Development Squads.

Councillor Donald Kelly brought up this issue with Willie Young, Principal Leisure Office for

Argyll and Bute Council, who states in a reply that since Dylan Kerr's appointment in 2005 he has delivered primary coaching sessions to pupils at five primary schools in South Kintyre; secondary school coaching sessions with girls; SFA Quality Mark meeting with nine people representing clubs in 2007; in-service coaching with local coaches during visits; Bank of Scotland sponsored Midnight Leagues Programme delivered with Community learning, and talent identification of four players.

A council spokeswoman said: 'What the article actually said was that the Easter festival was cancelled in Campbeltown due to the lack of numbers wanting to take part. This has been misconstrued as a lack of interest in football and football development in Campbeltown. This is simply untrue.'

'We also held a meeting in Campbeltown last year with the SFA and members of local football clubs to discuss the way forward for developing a youth plan for the area. We are hoping to meet with these members again to see if they have given any thought as to how this can be progressed.'

Mr Kerr ran he was provided with contact details for all the areas of Campbeltown football, including the Association and school teams, but to date there has been little contact to further football in Campbeltown and the surrounding area.

This season alone has seen the senior team achieve victories at home as well as further afield. Locally the team was third in the summer league which is dominated by adult teams and they also lifted first place in the Provan Cup.

Councillor Kelly said: 'This issue requires to be resolved and therefore I am pleased that the council are meeting with the SFA, however we must see a positive set of actions from the meeting which will hopefully restore faith in the council's commitment and ability to provide coaching the football fraternity in Campbeltown.'

Campbeltown hosted an invitational tournament in the Autumn and triumphed over teams from Islay, Lochgilphead and Oban. Competed in schools competitions organised by Lindsay Owen, Active Schools Co-ordinator and again proved to be the best in their class.



Thursday night sessions are held outside on the football grounds at Campbeltown Grammar School.

This resulted in Craig Lang, Mark McCormick and David Johnston being selected for regional trails.

Trial selection

The under 15s played in the Scottish Cup and have qualified in the last 16 of the Regional Cup. The under 13s have excelled in their age group winning the Campbeltown Pipe Band Championships, Lochgilphead Soccer Festival and Diageo Islay Trophy. Following these achievements four of the boys were selected by Dylan Kerr for trials at Kilmarnock Football Club. It is not only the boys that have proved successful, last year Debbie Brown gained a place at Drumchapel Ladies and Mhairi McKellar was selected to play for Scotland in her age group.

Primary school football is also very popular with training sessions taking place in Castlehill and Dalintober on Thursday after school, which ensures that a high level of ability is attained by the younger players which is an important precursor for progressing into the more competitive football played by the older age groups.

Niall Brown headteacher at Dalintober Primary School said: 'It is to be hoped that we get this situation sorted out soon, so we will be able to get some coaching sessions

organised by Argyll and Bute Council in Kintyre in the near future.

'I am pleased with the work put in by the coaches but I hope to get Argyll and Bute coaching sessions arranged.'

This comment has been echoed by headteacher of Castlehill Primary Anne Littleleson, who said: 'Our schools already have access to good coaching. The problem isn't lack of interest, there is a lot of interest in football here, it is that the bigger primary schools and grammar school receive a lot of coaching sessions that are normally well attended by the pupils.'

Soccer Centre

This is supplemented by the sessions that are provided by the CDJFA for primary one to seven pupils on Wednesday night in the Victoria Hall, soon to move outside on a

Monday evening at the Meadows, which ensures continuity of play throughout the year.

The juveniles train on a Thursday evening and the seniors on a Monday with games arranged most weekends.

The soon to be resurrected Campbeltown Soccer Centre has for many years offered training and development of skills for five to 14 year-olds, with the annual festival attracting teams from all over Scotland. There is now a commitment to revitalise the Soccer Centre and secure the progress of our stars of the future.

Suffice to say, it is clear that youth football has a very high profile in Campbeltown, which continues to grow and develop through the hard work and commitment of the local coaches, schools and parents who all contribute to its continuing success.



Wednesday night sessions are held in the Victoria Hall.



John Gillespie holds a training session with Campbeltown United on a Monday night.



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