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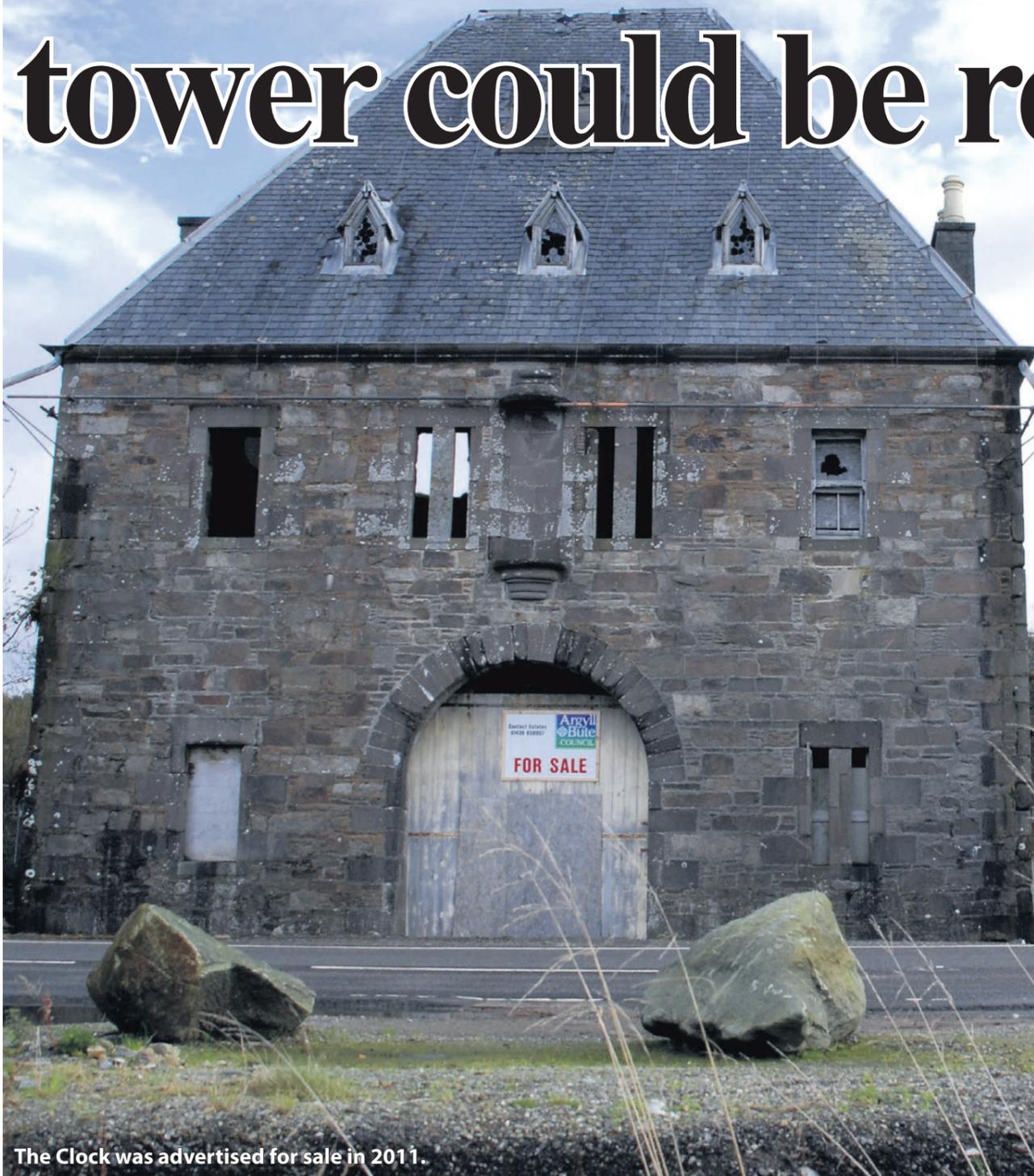
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# Grade B-listed clock tower could be restored



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## The proposal provides a 'great opportunity' to save a special building

ONE OF the most distinctive and oldest buildings in Lochgilphead could be restored this year if Argyll and Bute Council gives the green light to a proposal put forward by a retailer and charity.

Lochgilphead Phoenix Project and Harbro, an animal feed retailer currently based in Kilmory Industrial Estate, have devised a plan to see the grade B-listed Clock Lodge brought back into use and commercial units installed on the surrounding land.

The proposal would see Harbro make the derelict Clock Lodge wind and water tight before leasing it to the Lochgilphead charity.

Harbro has submitted two planning applications to owners of the site Argyll and Bute Council. It seeks permission to repair the Clock Lodge and build units providing 200 sq mtrs of retail space, 300 sq mtrs of storage and 60 sq mtrs of staff offices.

A new vehicular access on to the A83 is also included in the plan.

Graham Taylor, of G Taylor Associates, who has worked with Harbro on the planning application, said repairing the Clock Lodge, built in 1803, was a priority.

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# Six-point action plan to tackle Argyll's population decline

## More people are leaving the county than anywhere else in Scotland

MEASURES to reverse the dramatic population decline in Argyll and Bute will be unveiled in February.

The area's local authority has prioritised the economy in the wake of figures that show more people are leaving the county than anywhere else in Scotland - with

lack of jobs cited as one of the biggest drivers of the decline.

Argyll and Bute Council chief executive Sally Loudon had called a summit at Inveraray Castle in September, bringing together some of the most influential bodies and individuals across the county to for-

mulate a plan to reverse the dwindling populace.

The result is a six-point action plan, full details of which are to be published early in the new year.

Jane Fowler, the council's head of HR and improvement, said the plan would be executed in a tight time-frame. She

said: 'Argyll and Bute has the most rapidly declining population for the whole of Scotland. We set out a 10-year plan to grow the population and create economic success by 2023. Six ideal outcomes were agreed and this covers everything, including the economy, improving skills and leading healthier lives.'

Over the next three years there will be a focus on creating jobs, linked to the growth of economy and skills.

A series of workshops will be held to flesh out more of the detail of the plans, with the council set to consult the community as well as business leaders in the coming weeks.

She concluded: 'The final plan will be in place by the end of February 2014.'

# Top honour for Lochgilphead piper as he performs the Royal Salute at Edinburgh Castle

A MILITARY piper from Lochgilphead recently had the honour of performing the Royal Salute at Edinburgh Castle.

Private Grant Roberts, who is a member of the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots 1 Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (1 SCOTS), performed at the occasion, which marked the 65th birthday of Prince Charles. The 22-year-old, who is a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School, said: '1 SCOTS which is based at Dreg-horn Barracks in Edinburgh were deeply honoured to provide the Royal Guard and the Pipers and Drums at the 21-Gun Royal Salute.'

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Private Grant Roberts, 22, performed at the Royal Salute at Edinburgh Castle.

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## Charity calls for help in supporting families through welfare reforms

A CHARITY that is working to help Mid Argyll families escape poverty and debt is calling for volunteers.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is seeking people to help them address the increasing demand

for financial advice following the changes to the welfare system.

Geraldine Day, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau manager, said: 'The Lochgilphead CAB has always been a busy office and it is ab-

solutely vital that people living in rural areas have access to free, confidential and impartial advice.'

'We are seeing a huge increase in people coming for advice on benefits, debt and financial problems, as the effects of welfare reforms are starting to take effect. We want to be able to help everyone, but in order to do that we need more hands on deck.'

No previous experience is needed to become a volunteer and training is provided. Typical tasks volunteers carry out include helping people fill in forms, answering telephone calls, managing records and providing advice and information.

Volunteer training will begin in January.

## How can the local authority make savings?

PEOPLE across Argyll and Bute are being asked for their views on how the local authority can make savings.

Council leader Dick Walsh announced the beginning of a consultation, which will be used to stimulate debate over the budget from 2016.

He said: '2014/15 and 2015/16 will be a period of relative financial stability for the council.'

'However, our funding is projected to drop from 2016 onwards. We're going to use these two years to plan for delivering services with reduced funding.'

The survey, which is only available online, is available on argyll-bute.gov.uk/budget until January 24.

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### An Suidhe Community Benefit Fund

A SMALL extension is to be built onto Furnace Village Hall, which will house a small bar and allow villagers to hold more licensed functions.

Furnace Amenity Association received £10,000 from An Suidhe Community Benefit Fund - half of the cost of the project.

It is hoped the extension will help the village hall become a hub for the community following the closure of the village pub last year.

#### Grateful

Mike Masters, from the association, said: 'We are grateful to have received the money and hope the facility will go some way towards replacing the pub.'

Inveraray and District Pipe Band received £2,000 from the fund and will use the cash to produce a CD of its sell out concert Ascension.

Inveraray Highland Games Committee was also granted £2,000 from the fund, financed by RWE npower renewables' An Suidhe Windfarm.

# Award-winning Asian cuisine coming to Lochgilphead

## The business will cater for a range of tastes

THE OWNERS of an award winning Asian takeaway and restaurant have confirmed they are to open an eatery in Lochgilphead.

Shaukat Chaudhry and Hashmat Ali have said they aim to replicate Oban's award winning Kebabish takeaway and restaurant in

the former Stables café on Argyll Street.

#### Working hard

Mr Chaudhry, who also owns Lochgilphead's Bargain Zone,

said: 'I want something nice for my local community, where I have lived for 10 years. I've been working hard to serve good food to the people of Oban but now I want to do the same in Lochgilphead.'

The premises, which will also be named Kebabish, is expected to open in April or May after an extensive renovation, with a new silent extractor-fan system to eliminate cooking smells to be installed.

The business will cater for a range of tastes, serving curries, kebabs, pizzas, as well as fast food favourites such as burgers and chips.

Mr Chaudhry said: 'The kitchen will be at the front, everything will be prepared fresh

and in front of the customer. Kebabish [in Oban] has two Scottish Curry Awards for 2012 and 2013, an Eat Safe Award and is the only Asian take away in Scotland to have the Healthy Living Award.'

'We will produce the exact same standards, taste and quality in Lochgilphead.'

The business will open between 11am and 11pm but Mr Chaudhry confirmed he will apply for a late licence to Argyll and Bute Council, adding he would take steps to sound-proof the premises.

It is anticipated that the restaurant will create four new jobs initially, with the possibility of more in the future.



Shaukat Chaudhry, the man behind Oban's successful Kebabish takeaway and restaurant is to replicate the award winning formula in Lochgilphead. 06\_a01keb01

### Tarbert citizen of the year

NOMINATIONS for the Tarbert Citizen of the Year award must be handed into Tarbert Post Office before January 10. All nominations should be made in writing and addressed to Duncan and Elizabeth Henderson.

Designed to recognise people who make a valued contribution to village life, the award will be presented to the winner at the senior citizens Christmas dinner on January 17.

### Inveraray serves up a taste of Scotland

A SPECIAL beer will be served up to punters at the Loch Fyne Hotel in 2014 as its owners commission a new lager to celebrate the Year of the Homecoming.

Dubbed Heart and Soul, the beer has been specially commissioned by the Inveraray Hotel owner, Crerar Hotel Group. Brewed with Scottish barley by Belhaven Bestin, the lager has a biscuit aroma with a lightly malty flavour, giving it a distinctly Scottish taste.

#### POLICE FILES:

#### Witnesses

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the window of Tarbert Post Office was smashed last weekend.

A stone was thrown at the window of the Royal Mail delivery office sometime between 6pm on December 28 and 2.30am the following morning.

#### Assaulted

A TEENAGER suffered minor injuries after he was assaulted in the early hours of last Saturday morning.

The 18-year-old was attacked at 12.30am on

the A83, near to Paterson Street, Lochgilphead.

A 20-year-old man has since been arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal.

#### Drink driving

POLICE patrols caught a teenager drink driving over the festive period.

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# Calls to repeal the 'bedroom tax'

## Scottish Affairs Committee to visit Argyll to see how 'bedroom tax' is affecting locals

THE SCOTTISH affairs committee has called on the UK Government to repeal the 'bedroom tax' as it announces plans to visit Argyll residents affected by the welfare reform.

The committee has launched a programme of visits to communities worst affected by the changes to the tax and is expected to visit Argyll in late January or February.

The bedroom tax sees a person's housing benefit cut if they are deemed to be living in a home with more bedrooms than they need.

Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute and member of the committee

said: 'The UK Government awarded additional monies to councils in rural areas to help its tenants pay the 'bedroom tax'.

'What's worrying me is that there might be people out there who aren't aware that they can apply for this money. That's what we want to find out. Are they aware of it and is the money getting to them.'

### Urged

News of the visit comes as the committee urged the UK Government to suspend the tax until its inquiry is complete.

Ian Davidson MP, chairman of the committee, said: 'The evidence we have taken so

far indicated to us that the bedroom tax is placing a cruel burden on the shoulders of those least able to bear it.'

Meanwhile Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), welcomed the news of the Argyll visit.

He said: 'ACHA would most certainly welcome any move to repeal the 'bedroom tax' and has actively campaigned for this to happen. We have 460 tenants directly affected by this element of welfare reform and for the majority of them moving to a smaller property is simply not an option.'



Lochgilhead Front Green is barely recognisable this week as severe weather continues to batter the west coast of Scotland. Mounds of seaweed, rubbish and debris have been strewn across the shore side for more than a week, while the strong winds and high tides show no sign of abating. 06\_a01damage03

## Cable project will bring fast fibre broadband to large parts of the Highlands and Islands

A SUB-SEA cable project which will bring fast fibre broadband to large parts of the Highlands and Islands will get underway in May, BT has confirmed.

The project will see specialist vessels lay 20 fibre optic submarine cables between May and October next year, providing a fibre broadband backbone that will eventually link communities from Kintyre to Orkney.

Cables will be laid between Lochgilhead and Kilfinan, Ormsary and Jura

and Campbeltown and Shiskine.

Global Marine Systems from Chelmsford, Orange Marine, based in France, and Hampshire's A-2-Sea Solutions will carry out the works after winning contracts worth £26.9 million.

The engineering effort is part of the £146 million investment project launched with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) in March to bring high-speed fibre broadband to communities across the north of Scotland.

## Clan Lachlan Gathering

THE 2014 Clan Lachlan Gathering at Strathlachlan, near Strachur, will form part of this year's Homecoming Scotland celebrations, it has been announced.

The gathering, which coincides with the three-day long Strathlachlan Community Festival, is one of 11 events to have joined the Homecoming line-up in Argyll and the isles.

The festival will include local cultural activities such as shinty and sheepdog trial demonstrations, music and Highland dancing.

The Best of the West Festival and Loch Fyne Food Fair have also entered the Homecoming partnership and will benefit with additional promotion carried out by VisitScotland.

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## Christmas lunch sing-song

MUSICIANS from across Loch Fyne delighted senior citizens in Minard with a sing-song when they had their Christmas lunch recently.

Mod winners and local girls Holly Renton and Cara Blyth delighted the diners by performing some of their renowned duets, while John Orr sang popular songs from musicals.

## Sub committees formed by community council

LOCHGILHEAD Community Council has formed a number of sub committees which its members use to deal with concerns in the local area.

They are: health: Charles Edmonds; youth community and resource centres: Iain Liddell and S Gascoigne; environment and roads: Elaine Vassie, Donald Mochrie and Iain Liddell; education, culture and tourism: Robert Millar and Elaine Vassie; property and planning: Robert Millar and Sandra Gascoigne; charities: Elizabeth Perkins and James Simpson; community and housing: Sandra Gascoigne.

## Grade B-listed clock tower could be restored

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'We see these works happening very early on in the development to allow the building the strongest chance of surviving,' Mr Taylor said.

### Iconic

'This is an iconic building... hopefully over the course of time it will resurrect itself to some-

thing that has a community benefit.'

The planning applications comes after the Phoenix Project, which aims to make Lochgilhead a better place to live and work, did an options appraisal to identify possible uses for the Clock Lodge.

Malcolm Sinclair, sec-

retary of the phoenix project, said the proposal provided a 'great opportunity' to save a special building.

### Funding

He said: 'Should we get the go ahead, the next stage for us will be to get funding to do a detailed business plan for a community purpose for

the Clock Lodge. Any plan would require identifying funds for internal repairs and the continued maintenance of the building.'

It is hoped the partnership proposal will be agreed by councillors at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee in February.

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Sally Magnusson, second from left, with members from Home Start MAJIK.

## £5,000 grant is just MAJIK

HOME Start MAJIK (Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay and Kintyre) was celebrating last week after being awarded £5,000 from the Women's Fund for Scotland at an event hosted by Sally Magnusson in Edinburgh.

### Showcase

Home Start MAJIK was one of six groups invited to showcase

their work, demonstrating how they are making a difference to the lives of the women and girls they support.

With a £25,000 funding pot available on the night the specially invited audience were asked to vote on how the money should be split between them.

Home Start MAJIK is an in-

dependent charity which offers friendship, advice and emotional and practical support to families who live in Argyll and Bute and have at least one child under the age of five.

### Recruit

The money will be used to help recruit a co-ordinator to work in Cowal.

## Tarbert senior citizens' 'unusual' Christmas dinner will take place on January 17

TARBERT'S unusual 'Christmas dinner' for senior citizens will take place this month and all locals aged 60 and over are encouraged to turn out and have some fun.

The event, on January 17, will see the award for Tarbert citizen of the year presented after guests tuck into a four-

course meal and enjoy musical entertainment.

Sheena Ferguson from the organising committee said all those aged 60 and over who live in Tarbert and the surrounding area, bounded by Meall Mhor, Kennacraig, and Dunmore, and their partners were invited.

She said: 'So that we know how many to expect for dinner, Tarbert Post Office keeps track of the guest list.

'If you're coming along, make sure that you speak to Duncan or Elizabeth Henderson, or any of the staff at the Post Office, to have your name added.

'We encourage all guests to take advantage of our offer of free transport to and from the village hall - just ask the Post Office to take a note of your transport requirements when you add your name.'

The dinner, which begins at 6.30pm is free of charge.

# Renewed hopes to find a GP for Inveraray

## Doctor will not be forced to be on call seven days a week

A NEW doctor who takes up the role of GP at Inveraray Surgery will not be forced to provide out-of-hours care seven days a week, NHS Highland has said.

The health authority this week re-advertised the post which has been vacant for more than 18 months, stating it is now a 'more attractive position'.

### Little interest

The GP vacancy had been advertised in the British Medical Journal in April 2012 but there was little interest in the post as the doctor was required to provide out-of-hours cover seven days a week.

NHS Highland this

week told the *Advertiser* plans were underway to create a working model that would see out of hours services shared with health professionals at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

The renewed push to find a GP for Inveraray comes after the Scottish Government awarded NHS Highland more than £1 million to find new ways of providing 24-hour care in rural areas.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the NHS said it was willing to work with potential candidates to create a more flexible approach to providing round-the-clock care in Inveraray, Furnace and

Cairndow.

'It would be our intention to work closely with the successful candidate to meet the needs of the local community and to also make it a more attractive post for them,' the spokesman said.

### Attract

'We will be looking at a whole range of options and hope to attract a number of applicants to the position.'

NHS Highland has invited a representative of Inveraray Community Council to sit on an interviewing panel when meeting shortlisted candidates. It is hoped the role will be filled by the summer.

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### Council's plan for job creation smacks of hypocrisy

A PLAN to tackle Argyll's population decline has been welcomed by many as it emerges more people are leaving Argyll and Bute than any other area of Scotland.

Argyll and Bute Council has said the detail of its action plan to reverse the declining population will be revealed next month.

But is this new six-point plan simply too little too late?

Year after year and council meeting after council meeting we have heard the population is declining and our young people are fleeing in a bid to find a job and a career for themselves.

Why is it now in 2014 that the council has decided to do something about it?

The simple fact is this plan, which apparently focuses on job creation over the next 10 years, should have been formed 20 years ago.

It should have been the local authority's number one priority.

Instead, the council has itself been focused on cutting costs and more importantly cutting jobs.

In the last few years alone, the council, Argyll and Bute's largest employer, has made hundreds of people redundant and plans to cut even more jobs in the coming years.

These people, like the youth of this county, will too flee the area in search of employment.

This plan is not only too little too late, but smacks of hypocrisy.

No doubt the people facing cuts enforced by the council will be intrigued to read how it plans to create jobs in Argyll and Bute.

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### The realities facing Royal Mail customers

Sir,

No matter how Alan Reid MP dances on a pin, his ignominious championing of Royal Mail privatisation threatens to have particularly harmful consequences for people and businesses in Argyll.

Nobody seriously believes his assurances on the Universal Service Obligation - the reality is a privatised postal service, in a competitive market, will put pressure on government to reduce the terms of the USO, as its competitors cherry pick the profitable urban routes leading to reduced service in rural Scotland, like Argyll.

Indeed Ofcom has already confirmed it has no power to stop the introduction of different prices for different areas of the country.

People will not be impressed with Mr Reid's risible 'No Scotland' assertion that different, potentially lower, postal rates in an independent Scotland will be a 'threat' when it is his London ConDem government, busy flogging off a vital national asset, that has left it wide open to takeover by overseas companies.

With 79 percent of Scotland's MPs voting against privatisation - just as 91 percent voted against the bedroom tax - but grossly outvoted and powerless to defend Scotland at Westminster, it is as clear as a pikestaff that the only way to ensure Scotland's voice really counts is to bring home the normal powers of independence to our parliament.

With a Yes vote the Scottish people will be able to bring the Royal Mail back into public ownership, where it belongs, with fairer prices across Scotland reflecting Scottish priorities rather than stuffing the pockets of the money men in London.

**Ron Wilson,  
Yes Scotland - Kintyre.**

### Several more months of wondering

Sir,

Further to your report on the decision by RES to appeal against the decision of Argyll and Bute Council's refusal of permission for their proposed Freasdale windfarm, perhaps the following quotes of advice given to them by statutory consultees would be of interest:

From SNH: 'We advise that the proposal is poorly sited and designed and will have significant adverse landscape and visual impacts.'

From Argyll and Bute Council: '...it falls outside the established pattern of wind farm development on the upland spine of the peninsula and that it is likely to give rise to cumulative impacts of importance.'

The council's letter went on to point out SNH's view that the site was inappropriate and said: 'You should therefore have regard to this stance before deciding to commit further resources to the development of an application.'

RES were told clearly that the scheme was a bad one but the profits are potentially so large that it was worth

them taking a chance. Exactly how much this has cost the community in council officers' time so far and how much it will cost now that they have decided to appeal is difficult to know but I would suggest that it will far exceed the value of the coloured beads being thrown to the natives. The loss of value of many properties will also far exceed that of those coloured beads.

These developments do not make a net contribution to the area, they take away value from it. The developers have no interest apart from making money. This is not in itself an unacceptable objective but I do wish that they would be honest enough to admit it.

We now have several more months of wondering if the rest of our lives are to be blighted both economically and physically by these machines.

Thank you very much RES.

**David Bridge,  
Redesdale House,  
Skippness.**

### An interesting encounter with a hero

Sir,

Today I have had an interesting encounter with a hero.

I am an Edinburgh GP currently working as a relief doctor for South Kintyre Medical Group.

We were in Tarbert, it was my day off on Boxing day and I went with my family into Tarbert Hotel by the harbour, where we had coffee and played a game of Domino with our six-year-old daughter Maria.

At a table in the corner sat a man alone, with a ruddy face, tired looking and eating a massive meal, fast. I thought, he must have had a really heavy few days, probably drank too much over Christmas and ate too little. I noted he wore shorts and had a large dagger tattooed onto his left calf, ... 'must be a wild one', I thought.

On his way out the man was challenged by a local, the Tarbert postman, who had sat at the bar for a little while and who had recognised him. I have to admit I am hanging my diagnostic head in shame. The man in question was famous Christian Nock who is trying to raise funds for Help for Heroes by walking along the entire UK coast.

The weather and the exhaustion seem to have left their mark on Christian's face. Please watch out for him as he walks north from here. He apparently did Kintyre already and is probably walking towards Lochgilphead now. As for me I am going to go on Christian's website to donate right now.

Good luck Christian! Fingers crossed, look after yourself!

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# Artmap Trail jumps by 36

## per cent

### Art continues to draw tourists to Mid Argyll

AN ORGANISATION set up to promote Argyll-based artists and their work has dubbed 2013 its most successful year to date.

Artmap Argyll, an initiative that draws hundreds of art lovers to Argyll every year, saw the sale of works by its artists double in 2013, compared to the previous year.

**Red-dotted map**  
Meanwhile, the number of people that took part in the Artmap Argyll Open Studios - an event that sees hundreds of people travel around a red-dotted map of Argyll attending artists' studios and galleries over one weekend - increased by 36 per cent.

Sian MacQueen, chairwoman of Artmap Argyll, said: 'The annual Open Studio event is now a major pilgrimage for all those interested



**A PAINTING worth £200 was handed over to Sandra Wilson this week after she won the Artmap Argyll 2013 prize draw. Sandra received the seascape painting from Mid Argyll artist Libby Anderson (left) after taking part in the art group's open studios event. One of hundreds of people to take to the red dot Artmap Argyll trail in August, Sandra collected a red dot at each studio she visited. A guest at a minimum of five art studios, Sandra was entered into the Artmap Argyll draw, in which she won a £200 voucher to spend with the artist of her choice. a01artmap01**

in arts and culture in Argyll, with the friendly welcome and infectious enthusiasm of the artists remarked upon by all who follow the red dot trail.

'Visitor numbers showed a marked increase from 2012, with many local shops, cafes and pubs also benefiting from people out and about on the red dot trail spending and consuming.'

The connection between art, tourism and business has seen Artmap Argyll join forces with Mid Argyll tourism body, Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), on projects designed to bring more people to the area.

**Own events**  
Argyll artists had a presence at 11 different venues across Argyll in 2013, including the Best of the West Festival in

Inveraray, and the Heart of Argyll group has organised a series of its own events for locals.

Creating its own unique brand, the Heart of Argyll group has allowed people of all ages to create their own art under the guidance of experts.

Sian added: 'It has been a fantastic year for Artmap, with the HeArt of Argyll Festivals and Events partnership go-

ing from strength to strength, creating more than 50 individual opportunities for artists to share skills and inspire a new generation of artists.'

Artmap Argyll has confirmed the seventh annual Open Studio event will be held between August 22 and 25 2014 and has encouraged artists keen to take part in the event to email [admin@artmapargyll.com](mailto:admin@artmapargyll.com).

## Robert Nairn Trio bring the sound of the West Coast to Inveraray club

TUNES that provide the West Coast of Scotland soundtrack to life on the filled the room at the



**The Robert Nairn trio performed at the December meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.**

December meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

The Robert Nairn Trio from Acharacle joined the club recently and delighted traditional music enthusiasts with their 'West Coast' sound.

**Enhanced**  
The trio - Robert Nairn on button box, his brother Alan on drums and Ross Wilson on keyboard - performed two sessions, which were enhanced by Robert's great knowledge of the

tunes and their composers. He later swapped his accordion for the fiddle and his playing proved equally popular with the audience.

**Great music**  
Members of Fyne Folk also took to the stage at the December meeting, ensuring there was a feast of great music for the last club event of 2013.

Renowned fiddle maestro Archie MacAllister will be with the music club next week, with his trio, to welcome in the New Year.

### Museum volunteer afternoon

PEOPLE interested in the landscape, natural heritage and archaeology of Mid Argyll are being urged to become a volunteer with two organisations at the heart of life in the area.

Kilmartin Museum and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) are joining forces to recruit volunteers to help on a range of projects.

A volunteer afternoon will be held on Thursday, January 16, between 1pm and 2.30pm, at the museum, where SNH and museum staff will be on hand.

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**Coming Soon**

**The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (12A)**  
**Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (15)**

SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2  
Flint Lockwood now works at The Live Corp Company for his idol Chester V. But he's forced to leave his post when he learns that his most infamous machine is still operational and is churning out menacing food-animal hybrids

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- 12 Sweet-talk (6)
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- 19 Absurd (5)
- 20 Group of eight (5)
- 21 Traditional Jewish school (7)

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# End of year review,

## JULY



Inveraray and District Pipe Band joined the elite of the piping world in August as it's Ascension concert sold out three weeks in advance. The band was invited to perform the prestigious concert in Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall ahead of the piping world championships.

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Ross Currie triumphed on the fairways in July to be named the 2013 Tarbert Golf Club Champion. Ross took first place ahead of brothers Bruce and John MacNab.

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Inveraray Highland Games attracted what is thought to be the largest...

## AUGUST



Fiona MacInnes, who has lived with the symptoms of MS for many years, walked on fire in August as the MS Centre held its second Fun on the Green Event in Lochgilphead.

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## SEPTEMBER



Elaine MacEachern, from Ormsary, was crowned the 85cc British Motocross Champion for the second time in September despite dislocating her shoulder six days earlier.

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Left: Rees Septe heav; weigh



Kilmartin's Amelia Gargan could not hide her delight after her 15-month-old toy poodle Poppy was named confined champion of the dog classes at the Mid Argyll Show in August.



Argyll sailor Lorenzo Chiavarini followed in the footsteps of four-time Olympic champion Ben Ainslie by winning the National Laser Championship in August.

## OCTOBER



Jamie Oliver surprised Martha Payne in October to tell her she would receive the fundraiser of the year award at the 2013 Pride of Britain Awards. The youngster helped raise in excess of £130,000 for Mary's Meals.

## NOVEMBER



# July to December



the highest ever number of dancers in the event's history in July. 06\_29ainv16



ve: Carolyn McAlpine and Dougie Moore d more than £14,000 after running 100 miles e Beatson Challenge. The duo ran between gow's Beatson Oncology Centre and Tar-to raise money for the Friends of the Beatson ity in September. 06\_a38run10

: Argyll's record breaking baby Alexander e Fincher celebrated his first birthday on umber 2, 2013. The gorgeous chap was the iest baby born since records began in Argyll, hing in at 11lbs, 11oz. 06\_a36alex01



Lochgilhead's Sarah Nicolson was named youth volunteer of the year at the inaugural Argyll and Bute Youth Awards in September.



Above: Female power-lifter Jo Gaskin broke two world records to win the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation World Championships in November. 06\_a50chemo01

Left: Inveraray's Scott MacLachlan was named the national young player of the year at this year's Marine Harvest National Shinty Awards in November.

## DECEMBER



Kevin Williams, one of the first people to receive chemotherapy at Mid Argyll and Bute Community Hospital, joined Michael Russell MSP in opening the new chemotherapy unit at the hospital in December. 06\_a50chemo01

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13/02896/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land West Of Acarsaid Barbreck Ardfern PA31 8QW	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/02897/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access (amended design to application reference: 11/00747/PP)	Land South West Of Ballochgair Farm Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnett Building Campbeltown

The application, plans and other documents submitted may be viewed between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday, at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY or at the Sub Post Office Inveraray during normal opening times. Plans can also be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8SY.

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02835/PP	Erection of 15 wind turbines of up to 111m in height to blade tip, including permanent foundations, associated hardstanding and electrical transformer buildings; construction of approximately 12.5km of new track and widening and upgrading of existing access tracks and road junction; erection of electrical substation and control building and temporary construction compound; erection of one permanent and two temporary anemometry masts up to 80m in height; and associated ancillary development	Ardchnonnell Windfarm Approx 6.5Km North West of Inveraray and 1.5Km East of Loch Awe Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011**

**NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18**

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 13/02835/PP PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ARDCHONNELL WINDFARM APPROX 6.5KM NORTH WEST OF INVERARAY AND 1.5KM EAST OF LOCH AWE ARGYLL AND BUTE**

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by RWE Npower Renewables Ltd. relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 15 wind turbines of up to 111m in height to blade tip, including permanent foundations, associated hardstanding and electrical transformer buildings; construction of approximately 12.5km of new track and widening and upgrading of existing access tracks and road junction; erection of electrical substation and control building and temporary construction compound; erection of one permanent and two temporary anemometry masts up to 80m in height; and associated ancillary development, notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY; Post Office Inveraray and by logging on to the Council's Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Jean Gaillard RWE Npower Renewables Ltd. Ground Floor Earn House Broxden Business Park Lamberkin Drive Perth PH1 1RA at a cost of £250.00 paper copy and £10.00 for CD (postage and packaging included).

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Mr R. Kerr, Principal Planning Officer, Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY

Argyll and Bute Council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!' (Romans 11:33).

**BIRTHS**

**Cameron**



On November 24 2013, to Katy (nee Welch) and Duncan a beautiful daughter, Lilly Karen. First grandchild for Karen and David and third grandchild for Susan and Sandy. Thanks to the midwives and doctors at the Mid-Argyll and Royal Alexandra hospitals.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**BROWN - PARKER** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stephen, only son of Anne and Neil, Meadows Avenue, to Fiona, only daughter of Helen McEwan, Kilmarnock.

**McLENNAN - CRAIG**



Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 21, of Cameron, son of Cameron and Angela, Lochgilphead, to Lyndsey, daughter of Ian and Cathy Craig, Glasgow.

**DEATHS**

**MCDUGALL**-Suddenly but peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee on Thursday December 19, 2013, Catherine Myra (Nee Dargie) of Drumoig, Fife. Dearly loved wife of Ian, a much loved mum of Duncan, Moyra and Neil, mother-in-law of David and Kecia, a proud and loving grandma to Tom, Mary, Harry and Ally, a dear sister of Kenneth and Jennifer and a good friend to many.

**PASCOE** - On December 29, 2013, peacefully at home, Lieutenant Commander, Neil Deighton Pascoe, R.N. (Retired), in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Anne, much loved father of Antonia and Sarah and a dearly loved grandfather. A Service of Remembrance, will take place at Kilchrean Parish Church, Argyll, on Wednesday January 8 2014, at 11 am, followed by a Cremation at Cardross Crematorium, on Thursday January 9, at 11-15 am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to King George's Fund For Sailors, 8 Hatherley Street, London SW 1P 2QT.

**RICHARDSON** - Peacefully, at The Stables, Achnamara, with his family by his side, on December 27, 2013, Nigel Ian Richardson, aged 76 years, of Hazelwood, Carrick Castle, Loch Goil, and formerly of North Gate Cottage, Burwash. Beloved husband of Jane, much loved Dad of Colette, Hazel, David and Heather, and loving granddad to Caitlin and Natalie. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday January 3, 2014, at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Brain Tumour Charity.

**SELFRIDGE** - After a brave fight, at the R.A.H Paisley, on December 26, 2013, with his family by his side, Fred Hunter Selfridge, in his 80th year, of 29 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Myra, much loved Dad of James, Alex, Carol, Angel and Calum. A devoted grandfather and great-grandfather, and brilliant father in law. A dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday January 3, 2014, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to I.C.U, RAH Paisley and the Black Watch.

**SINCLAIR** - On December 27, 2013, peacefully with her family by her side, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Emily Simmons Sinclair, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late Archie Sinclair, much loved mother of Evelyn and Charles, dear gran of Suzanne, Gavin, Danny and Joshua and a loving great gran. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Monday January 6, 2014, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMPBELL** - Sheena and family would like to thank most sincerely, all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phonecalls, visits, cards, flowers and gifts received following their recent sad loss of Herbert. Special thanks to Doctors Helliwell, Ward and Phillips for care and kindness to Herbert and support to Sheena and family; District Nurses for visits and support.

Thanks also to Rev. Hilda Smith for a personal and comforting service; special thanks to Ryan McGlynn for playing specially selected accordeon music - Herbert would have so enjoyed it; to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements and compassion at a very difficult time and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey.

Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Prostate Cancer UK and Mid Argyll Chemo Unit raised £550.00.

**MACKAY** - Isa and family would like to thank all the family friends and neighbours for phone calls, cards, flowers and baking following the sad loss of Bobby. Special thanks to doctors and staff of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown and doctors and staff of Ward 11, Southern General Hospital. To all the district nurses for the special care to Bobby. To the Rev Philip Burroughs for a comforting service. To Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional service. To Argyll Hotel for the lovely purvey. To all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection raised for both hospitals was thanks to everyone who donated £470.25.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**MCMILLAN** - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000.

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**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Sunday 5th January 2014  
 11.00 am  
 "Immanuel - God with us"  
 Communion Service followed by tea & coffee  
 Baby & Toddler Group  
 Starts again on Thursday 9th January 2014  
 10.00 - 11.45 am  
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

**Highland Parish Church**  
 SC002493  
 Sunday 5th January  
 11.15am Rev. C. Hood  
 Tuesday 7th January  
 Badminton  
 Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
 Sunday 5th January  
 Morning Worship 11.15 am  
 Mr. W. Crossan  
 Tuesday 7th January  
 Parents and Toddlers 9.45am  
 BB Anchor Boys 6-7pm  
 BB Junior Section 7.15-8.30pm  
 Thursday 9th January  
 Prayer meeting 4pm  
 Choir practice 7.30pm

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 10.30am Morning Worship  
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 11.30am Inveraray Church  
 2.30pm short service in Chalmers Court

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



AS we begin a new year there are always various reviews and quizzes of the past year to see how much we can remember of the year that has flown so quickly by.

I particularly like to see the wonderful photographs which have been captured throughout the year and some of the nature ones are quite spectacular.

However it was a photograph in the Guardian which caught my attention.

It was a black and white photograph of a young Syrian woman.

In one arm she carried her son, and in her other she carried a Kalashnikov rifle.

It was a powerful picture, and indeed affirmed the saying that 'a picture is worth a thousand words'.

I wondered if she and her young son were still alive or if some other rifle had taken life before it had even a chance to blossom.

Christmas is over, but the wise men have not yet arrived at the stable.

They are still journeying to the stable, but we are on to our plans for New Year – we can't wait for them.

I wonder if your Christmas decorations are put away yet.

Is the baby Jesus safely packed away with the nativity set for another year?

Does the Prince of Peace hide away in the loft till next Christmas?

In our world, will the message of the manger be lost in a hail of bullets and the words of war?

Will we put our trust in that Prince of Peace, or will we just keep safe by raising the arsenal by getting bigger and better weapons?

Love came down at Christmas to reach the places where hate had taken residence.

Hope came down at Christmas to bring light to the darkest parts.

Peace came down at Christmas - but people raised their guns and built their weapons, and put the baby Jesus away for next year.

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He added: 'There are often comments



Derek Meredith, who has volunteered at Argyll Talking Newspaper for 14 years, with Marion MacCallum. 06\_a01newspaper02

on some of the Gaelic names if the reader can't pronounce them properly. They have a laugh and make it very enjoyable, like they are in the room with you.'

Sandy first received the 90-minute recording, which is delivered via the post on a USB stick, last year after he registered with the Royal Voluntary National Institute of the Blind.

The former civil engineer said: 'It is brilliant to listen to and does keep you up to date on everything that is going on in the area.'



Tarbert's Sandy Angus welcomes the readers into his home each week through a USB stick and boom box. 06\_a01newspaper05

'When I receive it I just plug it in and listen to it from start to finish. It is not like when you pick up the paper and start at the back page and work your way to the front. There is a great mixture of news in it.'

Started in 1986 by Jean Matthewson, a former head teacher at Kilmartin Primary School, Argyll Talking Newspapers has never failed to attract volunteers willing to spend up to three hours producing weekly recordings.

The group gathers to cut out clippings from the week's papers and each volunteer is given a role, whether it is reading the news, recording the sound bites or packing the USB sticks into envelopes.

Morag Hunter, chairwoman of Argyll Talking Newspapers, said it was a privilege to deliver the news each week and enjoyed talking to the people she has not met through the recording.

'I always try and talk as though I am in the room with the listener. I am losing my sight and I have great sympathy for people who are partially blind,' she said. 'It is quite a personal job to do because people are hearing your voice. There are a lot of



Robin Finlay at the helm of the digital recording of Argyll Talking Newspaper.

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people who tell us how much they appreciate it.'

The longest serving volunteer is Derek Meredith who has spent 14 years reading the news, including reading for the Dunoon Observer, The Heach and Mull's Round and About.

Morag added: 'We must thank Derek he has often gone above and beyond for the paper. When I came here he did the Islay paper himself and he volunteered on a Monday and a Friday.'

The latest volunteer to join the team is Christine

Reynolds, who has become close to the listeners despite only knowing them by the names that are marked on the envelopes.

'We get quite attached to the people who we send the newspapers to. If an envelope has not been returned for quite a while we do tend to worry about whether they are OK,' she said.

Christine, who joined the group almost three years ago, added: 'We all get along so well and are like family. I hope the listeners enjoy it as much as we enjoy making it.'



Oban golfer Robert MacIntyre.

## Argyll youngster up for top award

A YOUNG amateur golfer from Argyll, who has had the type of season most players can only dream of, could be named Scottish Golfer

of the Year. Robert MacIntyre, from Oban, has been shortlisted for the prestigious award alongside nine other professionals and amateurs,

including Catriona Matthew, Stephen Gallacher and Marc Warren. Last year's winner was Ryder Cup hero Paul Lawrie.

### Star-studded

The award will be presented at a star-studded Scottish Golf Awards on February 28. The winner is being decided by public vote.

Robert, aged 17, had a phenomenal season in 2013, becoming the first

player to win the national youths' and boys' stroke play crowns in the same year.

He also played in the Pro-Am Alfred Dunhill Links Championship and helped Great Britain and Ireland win the youth amateur Jacques Leglise Trophy with a convincing 15 - 9 victory over Europe.

To vote for Robert visit [www.scottishgolf.org](http://www.scottishgolf.org)

# Experience overcomes youth as Over 30s win grudge title

£110 raised for new chemotherapy unit

THE ANNUAL festive grudge match between the Over 30s and Under 30s of Mid-Argyll took place on a cold Boxing Day and it was the older side which came out on top in a well contested match.

The opening stages where pretty even although scoring opportunities were few and far between.

It was the Overs who took the lead after 20 minutes when Duncan Sinclair ran onto a well placed through ball by Jamie McKenzie to fire home past Ewan McCulloch in the Unders goal.

The Unders were level before half time howev-

er when Weir was fouled on the edge of the box. Docherty stepped up and scored an excellent free kick, shooting past Kalache, who had no chance.

The Overs were back in front after an hour when Cammy McDonald sent in an excellent delivery after charging down the left wing and his cross was met by Neil Russell who scored with a trademark header to make it 2-1.

The older side could have extended their lead from the spot when McCulloch brought Russell down in the box but the youngster was equal to the spot kick and parried the ball to safety.

The Unders pressed for an equaliser and went close through Alderson and Weir was unfortunate that a bobble caused him to blaze his shot over the bar.

The victory was assured late on when referee Jimmy Litster pointed to the spot after spotting an infringement on D Litster. This time Russell made no mistake with the spot kick and the Overs ran out 3-1 winners and regain the bragging rights following the Unders penalty shoot out win last year.

The match raised £110 which will be donated to the new Chemotherapy Unit at the Mid Argyll Hospital.

### Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Lottery, with numbers 6, 15 and 20. The jackpot will be £700 next week.

The jackpot in next week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery will be £900 as another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 5, 17 and 20.



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Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Red Star were this season promoted to Premier Two for the first time.

# Half time report from Red Star

## The Lochgilphead team sit third in league table mid way through season

RED STAR enjoyed an early Christmas present last weekend, learning they currently sit in third place in the Premier Two league table.

Only three points separate the top three teams in the league, with Goldenhill in first place with 18 points, Jamestown second with 16 and Star in third with 15.

The league table position may come as a surprise to many football fans, as the Lochgilphead side was this year promoted to the Premier division for the first time in its history.

With plenty of good sides competing in Premier Two this season, the objective for Star is to try and survive in the league by staying outside the bottom three.

### On target

And the Lochgilphead lads are well on target to meet their goals. The majority of games they have played have been very close, with three of the 10 league games ending in draws.

Star have been victorious on four occasions with wins coming away at Port Glasgow Ams, Glencastle and Clyde-

bank, as well as a home win in their most recent league game against Dunoon Athletic. It was an important win for the team, as they had lost their previous two games - one away to league favourites Goldenhill and the second a home game with East Kilbride.

Star manager Allan Weir said the league was so tight he could not be certain what end of the table Star would finish in at the end of the season.

### Competed well

'The boys have competed really well in the

majority of games this season we know every game is going to be a battle but the effort shown has been excellent,' Allan said.

### Really good

'The performances away from home have been really good so it's important we replicate this in the home games in the second half of the season to ensure we finish as high up the league as possible.

'The cup ties have been a welcome distraction also as it has allowed us to experiment with the side and give everyone

in the squad some good game time.'

Star have been drawn at home to Argyll rivals and Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL) Premier favourites Oban Saints in the second round of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy - a game that both sides will be looking forward to.

### No date

No date for the tie has been set but with Saints involved in both the Scottish and West of Scotland cups it is likely to be well into the new year before it takes place.

### Scottish Amateur Football League - Premier Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Goldenhill	9	5	3	1	33	20	18
Jamestown	9	5	1	3	25	18	16
Lochgilphead RS	10	4	3	3	23	19	15
Easthall Star	6	3	1	2	21	20	10
Port Glasgow Utd	8	2	4	2	17	20	10
Clydebank	11	3	1	7	18	25	10
Port Glasgow Ams	9	2	3	4	18	21	9
Glencastle Sparta	8	2	3	3	19	30	9
Dunoon Athletic	8	2	2	4	27	29	8
East Kilbride	4	2	1	1	6	5	7

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