



Mid Argyll families to benefit from first food bank in Argyll

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MIDDLE class families in Mid Argyll are starving this winter, according to a national charity that is working to establish the first food bank in Argyll and Bute.

The Trussell Trust, which has set up hundreds of food banks across the UK, said it has identified a clear need for food banks in Mid Argyll and Kintyre following a series of public meetings.

Ewan Gurr, Scotland development officer for The Trussell Trust, said: 'There were concerns raised [at the meeting] about Lochgilphead and Inveraray and that families are struggling.'

'It is not the people you would assume would use a food bank. Even middle class families who have worked for 30 years can fall on hard times.'

'People that would never have thought of stepping over the threshold of a food bank are

now in need.' The Trussell Trust has food banks in 26 of Scotland's 32 local authorities, but has yet to provide assistance in Argyll and Bute.

Mr Gurr, however, this week told the *Advertiser* that thousands in the county faced the threat of food poverty.

'Argyll and Bute has a population of 89,590 and the average income deprivation is 11 per cent, which places just below 10,000 men, women and children below the poverty line,' he added.

'We are seeing right through the country the impact rising costs of living has had in the last five years.'

'The increase in energy prices, less hours at work, minimal employment opportunities, as well as the impact welfare reforms have had on families.'

Mr Gurr said he was confident the Trussell Trust would establish a food bank in Campbell-

town by the end of the summer as it had the greatest need.

But he told the *Advertiser*: 'There is no reason why the [Campbeltown] organisation could not serve Lochgilphead. If someone was to say we want to collect 40 food boxes a month for the next year, hypothetically it could be possible.'

Almost 50 people turned out to a meeting in Campbeltown recently where the Trussell Trust spoke about its programme of food banks. Mr Gurr said the organisation would support locals to establish a food bank, offer advice and training.

The news comes weeks after the *Advertiser* revealed charity Moving on Mid Argyll (MoMA) began delivering emergency food parcels in October and that the number of people seeking debt advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau had quadrupled.



CARS and vans made way for swans in Tarbert as the rising tide in the village made roads impassable for much of last Friday afternoon. Tarbert was one of many coastal towns in Mid Argyll to suffer from flooding as the rising waters of Loch Fyne spilled over harbour walls and on to roads, footpaths and fields. A full round up of this week's flooding is on pages 4 and 5.

Pedestrian crossings

SURVEYS carried out in Ardrishaig and Tarbert have shown neither village meets the criteria for having a pedestrian crossing installed.

Transport Scotland told the *Advertiser* that 'neither location meets the minimum requirements for the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing'.

Both villages have campaigned for crossings over several years.

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Racially abused

A TARBERT man was allegedly threatened and racially abused by another man at his home in the village. Police later arrested a 42-year-old man who was due to appear in court on Monday.

Fuel poverty

MORE than £4.5 million is to be made available to help people escape fuel poverty in Argyll and Bute.

The area has been named as one of eight local authorities to benefit from a pot of funding designed to boost energy efficiency in remote and rural homes.

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Oban Times' editorial director stands down

THE OBAN Times' editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie, has decided to stand down from his position.

Mr MacKenzie had been with the company for 25 years and was one of The Oban Times' longest serving editors, taking up the role in 2001.

He said: 'Following a series of tragic family incidents I can no longer devote the necessary time to the role. I have had to devote all of my time to my family.'

Mr MacKenzie began working for The Oban Times in sales, working on the Scottish World ti-

tle, before becoming involved in print buying and editing the farming and sport sections.

As editorial director he had responsibility for The Oban Times and its sister titles The Argyllshire Advertiser, The Campbeltown Courier and The Arran Banner.

His achievements included producing The Oban Times' 150th anniversary supplement in 2011.

Mr MacKenzie, whose father Donald and uncle Alex both worked for The Oban Times before him, said: 'I was always surprised by the wide coverage that

The Oban Times enjoyed. The newspaper has allowed me to speak to both local communities and those further afield.

Community stories

'The stories I remember most are not always the big events. I can immediately think back to the train crash at Cruachan and a burning boat at Glensanda but the community stories are the ones that tend to stick in my mind.'

'It was a privilege and an honour to have been asked to direct editorial operations at the company.'

Howard Bennett, chairman of

The Oban Times, added: 'We are all sorry to hear of Stewart's resignation under very difficult circumstances but understand the reasons for his decision.'

'I have known Stewart throughout his long career with the company as indeed I knew Donald and Alex as valued members of the team and it was a great pleasure to work with them. Stewart leaves us with all our good wishes.'

Stewart MacKenzie is standing down as The Oban Times' editorial director.



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GRADUATION



John Robert Kennedy graduated Campbellsville University, Kentucky, USA. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Marketing emphasis. John is the eldest son of Catherine and John Kennedy, Castleton, Lochgilphead. Grandson of John and the late Christina MacVicar Lochgilphead and Danny and the late May Kennedy Inveraray. John was also awarded NCCAA All American player and Academic All Conference for the second straight year.

Rural healthcare management consultant wanted

NHS HIGHLAND has this week launched a recruitment drive to find a management consultant to oversee the reshaping of rural healthcare in the area.

The consultant will be hired for approximately three months, until the end of March, and will be charged with developing a community hospital and GP out of hours staffing model for Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said the consultant would work

closely with GPs, medical staff and communities in their roles.

The post was advertised as NHS Highland confirmed it was finding it increasingly difficult to provide GP out of hours care in Inverary and to staff the x-ray department of Mid Argyll hospital at evenings and weekends.

The Scottish Government awarded NHS Highland £1.5 million last year to develop a pilot for delivering health care in remote and rural areas.

Flowering Maple plant stolen from Kilmory Castle

A COLOURFUL plant that would cost £60 to buy was recently stolen from the walled garden at Kilmory Castle.

An Abutilon Vitifolia plant, also known as a Flowering Maple, was taken sometime between midday on December 23 and 9am on January 3. The petals of the plant can be several shades of pink and white.

Anyone with information on the unusual theft are being urged to contact police on 101.

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Fight goes on for A83 pedestrian crossings in Ardrishaig and Tarbert

Transport Scotland says it has not ruled out helping villagers

SURVEYS carried out in Ardrishaig and Tarbert have shown that neither village meets the criteria for having a pedestrian crossing.

But Transport Scotland, which conducted the investigations, said it has not ruled out the idea of installing safe crossings over the A83 in both villages.

A spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said the roads authority recognised the strength of feeling about pedestrian crossings in the communities.

She said: 'Two reviews have recently been carried out into the need for pedestrian crossings on the A83 at Tarbert and Ardrishaig and unfortunately both of these confirmed that neither location meets the minimum requirements for the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing.'

'However, Transport Scotland intends to continue efforts to improve the environment for pedestrians in both Tarbert and Ardrishaig and we will have further discussions in the coming months with

the local communities about the type, location and implications of a crossing on the roads network.'

'An example of the work that is necessary may be proper enforcement of waiting restrictions on Barmore Road in Tarbert to ensure that parked vehicles do not block visibility.'

Pedestrian crossings were made a key point in the Sign for the A83 petition following years of campaigning by both communities for a safe crossing in the heart of their villages.

Edward Laughton, convenor of Ardrishaig Community Council, said: 'This village is separated in two by the A83, with shops and the Public Hall on the west and car parks on the east.'

'There is a recognition that there are old people in the village who can't skip across the road the way they used to. We have to give people a chance to get across the road safely.'

'We have been fighting this more than eight years... we will not let this go.'



Ardrishaig community councillor Jeanette Laughton handed over signatures for the Sign for the A83 petition to Douglas Philand in 2012. Both Ardrishaig and Tarbert community councils have campaigned for a pedestrian crossing in their villages for years. 06_a05sign01

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New cash released to help Argyll residents escape fuel poverty

PEOPLE living in Argyll and Bute are to benefit from £4.5 million of funding designed to help residents escape fuel poverty.

The area has been named as one of eight local authorities in Scotland to be included in a new energy efficiency programme being led by Scottish and Southern Electric (SSE).

Under the scheme, homeowners or tenants living in privately rented accommodation, and in receipt of certain ben-

efits, will receive free boilers and insulation to help reduce household energy use and heating bills.

The programme will see SSE invest up to £4 million in Scottish homes under its Energy Company Obligations (ECO), while the Scottish Government has handed over £1.4 million to the scheme.

Prior to this deal, some people living in rural areas did not receive SSE energy efficiency measures through ECO alone.

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Woman charged

A 54-year-old woman was detained by police at the weekend after allegedly assaulting a person in Ardrishaig.

Police were called to a property on West Bank Road following a disturbance at 3pm last Friday.

The woman, who was later charged with assault and breaching the peace, was detained until Monday when she was due to appear in court.

Rise in foster care age limit welcomed

YOUNGSTERS in foster care in Argyll will now be able to stay in care until they reach the age of 21.

The change announced by the Scottish Government affects young people in care who turn 16 from April 1, 2015.

Sara Lurie, director of the Fostering Network Scotland, said: 'We are pleased that the Scottish Government has recognised the importance of ensuring young people in care can stay beyond the age of 18, and is making this change to the law.'

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Debris clean up operation could be delayed

'With more bad weather forecast, there's little point in a mass clear up just now'

ARGYLL and Bute Council began cleaning the seaweed and debris strewn across Lochgilphead Front Green yesterday (Thursday).

The clean up began ahead of schedule as the council earlier told the *Advertiser* there would be a delay. It said clearing the road network

was its priority. Councillor Donald Kelly, the council's policy lead for customer support, said: 'The clean-up operation is underway, with the main focus being on public safety – making sure the road network is fully operational. Beyond that, the need to tidy up the gen-

eral debris is something our guys are aware of and will be addressing in due course, dependent on the weather. With more bad weather forecast, there's little point in a mass clear up just now as we may have to do it again next week.'

Meanwhile, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed it has no plans to look at increasing the height of the harbour wall in Lochgilphead following the floods. A spokeswoman for the local authority said there 'are no current proposals or budgets available' to improve the sea defence.



Water threatened to spill across the A83 and into houses on Poltalloch Street last Friday.



Motorists in Ardrishaig struggled to pass the A83 as the tidal surge continued around Loch Fyne last Friday. The spray from the water crashing against the sea walls covered much of the road, proving dangerous to motorists and pedestrians.

The worst flooding to hit Tarbert in more than 20 years

SOAKING carpets and rugs were this week sitting outside Tarbert homes and businesses after the village flooded twice in one week.

High tides forced the water of Loch Fyne over the harbour wall last Friday and on Monday.

The majority of the damage was caused on Friday when all of Harbour Street was submerged and the majority of homes and business in the area flooded.

Sarah Coats who runs the Earra Gael craft shop, situated on the quayside, said the shop was under two feet of water last Friday.

But, having anticipated the high tides, she said the damage was minimal.

'All the stock was put away, put higher than two feet up. We have to do that as we get filled up quite quickly here,' Sarah said.

'We get the dehumidifier in to dry it out and we are quite fortunate that we are closed six months of the year.'

Ian Macintyre, who

has lived in Tarbert all his life, said it was the worst flooding to hit the village for decades.

'This is the highest it [the water] has been since 1991. Then, it was knee deep,' he said.

On both days Tarbert Fire Brigade was called to pump water from properties, with homes and businesses situated on the hill along the A83 the worst affected.

Watch Commander Donald Blair said ensuring electricity supplies were safe following the flood was a top priority.

He said: 'We go around the rooms and check the sockets. We can call SSE and the Hydro in if we have any concerns and we had them out on Friday. Today (Monday), the flood happened on this side (along the A83) but on Friday it was all the way around the quayside.'

Tarbert residents praised police officers, council staff and the fire brigade for dealing with the weather conditions and high tides in the last week.



Sarah Coats was stacking sandbags at the doorway of the Earra Gael craft shop as the water level crept higher on Monday afternoon. 06_a2tar04

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Windy weather has been generating money for Ardrishaig residents

THE WINDY weather wreaking havoc on the west coast of Scotland has been generating electricity and money for Ardrishaig residents.

Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, which is part owned by the community, has reached record-breaking levels of energy production in its first year of operation.

The harsh weather that caused problems throughout Mid Argyll in December pushed the windfarm's energy output close to a monthly capacity factor of 75 per cent.

Capacity factor is the measure of energy production as a percentage of the theoretical maximum output, assuming the windfarm operates constantly at full capacity.

The annual factor capacity for Allt Dearg is 50 per cent, twice the UK average.

The figures put Allt Dearg near the top of the performance table for

mainland windfarm energy production and were achieved despite power exports from Allt Dearg being restricted for three weeks in August due to an SSE cable fault.

Ardishaig Community Trust received income of £130,000 in 2013 from their investment in Allt Dearg Windfarm. The next payment is due in May.

Hamish Nicol of the trust said: 'Allt Dearg continues to demonstrate the advantages of local ownership in wind energy.'

'It is some compensation for the terrible weather we have been having that Allt Dearg is able to convert the Argyll gales into pounds and pence to be invested in our community.'

Throughout the month of December the average wind speed at Allt Dearg was 35mph, but gusts of up to 115mph were recorded.

Council staff and emergency services praised for response to flooding

MORE THAN 80 roads and amenity staff from Argyll and Bute Council were deployed to fight flooding and keep roads clear last weekend.

Several Mid Argyll coastal towns including Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Inveraray experienced tidal surges causing flooding.

Council staff worked with the police to divert traffic in Tarbert when rising tides caused the A83 to close, while traffic was also diverted away from the A83 and Lochgilphead side of the Corran Roundabout for a short time on Friday.

Thirty vehicles helping

to keep the road network safe and, where possible, passable were used throughout the weekend, while more than 2,000 sandbags were delivered to coastal areas for public use.

Councillor Donald Kelly, the council's policy lead for customer support, said: 'Council

workers put in a great effort over the weekend keeping our road network open in what were very challenging conditions. We were well prepared, with the right resources ready in the right places. The feedback I have received from the public has been overwhelmingly positive.'



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Harsh welfare reforms, fewer jobs and constantly increasing prices mean people are pinching their purse strings. And it is not for luxury items, but basics such as food and electricity.

As The Trussell Trust, which has helped set up food banks throughout the country, confirmed the area could soon have its first food bank, it has brought home the reality of the situation we are now in.

The question is not that things are this bad but what can be done to fix it and to support our hardworking families?

It is now vital organisations on all levels, whether it be Argyll and Bute Council, The Trussell Trust or local Mid Argyll charities hammer home to the UK Government the extent of the situation.

George Osborne has this week announced further welfare cuts that will strip the under 25s of housing benefit in a bid to save a further £12 billion meaning even more people will be plunged into poverty. The next round of cuts is going to hit the sick, disabled, jobless and working poor the hardest. Harsh cuts by the UK Government have already led to 35,000 Scots having their benefits stopped or reduced.

The situation is going to get worse, much more worse, before it looks to get any better with families on the brink of despair.

The government might be dedicated to cutting the deficit, but if families are starving is it a cut that is truly worth it?

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READERS took to our Facebook page to express their views on the news that award-winning Asian takeaway and restaurant Kebabish is to open in Lochgilphead.

Paula Cameron: I don't think the town needs another take away, but when I heard who it was then I changed my mind.

Kebabish in Oban is great and the food's amazing. I know a lot of Lochgilphead people who come to Oban just for that reason.

The owner already has a shop in Lochgilphead so he already knows a lot of the locals too.

Iain McGlynn: Customers vote with their feet and anyone opening anything locally should be encouraged to do so, but reminded good business acumen and high standards are required whatever the business.

Claire Smyth: I love Kebabish, slightly different to just another normal Indian takeaway and I'm all for it - especially if they're open till later.

Linda Brown: New business brings more employment opportunities.

Mary Watson Anderson: I'm not particularly keen on another take away, but if it brings employment and money to Argyll then it's fantastic. It's a start, it's horrible seeing empty shops!

Protect Front Green from flooding

Sir,

Once again Lochgilphead Front Green is a mess, covered in seaweed and other rubbish, which will require a tremendous amount of work by Argyll and Bute Council workers to clear up.

It amazes me why a three or four feet wall is not built along that stretch, which would stop all of the trouble - after all there is no trouble from the police station onwards and that is slightly higher.

Charlie Mitchell, 2 Coronation Mansions, Lochnell Street.

Abandoned cottages at Glenan

Sir,

I was saddened to read a feature in a recent publication on an attractive walk from Portavadie that there was a group of abandoned cottages at Glenan.

One of these must have belonged to the family of my great-great-grandfather Duncan Morrison who was baptised there on May 27 1784.

Presumably the abandonment was part of the process of Highland clearances.

This Duncan Morrison later married Elizabeth Douglass on June 24 1805 at Kilfinan and became a blacksmith.

My Morrison ancestry contains a lot of local place names such as Milhouse, Kilmordan, Ardintrair and Colintraive before moving to Greenock.

It would be interesting to know if there is a local

historian who might be interested and could fill in the local background.

Sandy (Alastair) Morrison, 7 Farthing Court, Langstone Way, London, NW7 1GQ. Telephone 02083 494336.

Ambulance thanks

Sir,

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Communities, businesses and individuals have all helped raise and donate vital funds. We thank them sincerely as they have played a crucial role in allowing us to fly to the aid of those who needed medical help quickly or to be moved to hospitals rapidly. We simply could not have flown so many missions without their help and everyone at SCAA wants to let them know how much we value their support.

The charity also wants to convey the thanks and good wishes of all of our 'passengers' who certainly would not be in such good shape today if it were not for the kind heartedness of people who have donated to the charity.

Every day more volunteers come forward to help us in a wide variety of different ways

- their support is invaluable. In order to keep the professional life-saving pilot and paramedic crew airborne, SCAA needs a separate - but equally important - crew of volunteers to take on fundraising and promotional tasks, bringing the amazing work of this vital charity to a wider audience.

SCAA's next emergency call could be to help someone's community, colleague, friend or family.

I hope your readers will continue to support us as we can only succeed with them behind us. Find out more about us at www.scaa.org.uk

We would like to say thank you for everyone's support throughout 2013.

Gavin J Davey OBE, Chief executive, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

Adoption week

Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to the success of National Adoption Week, which is run by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF).

I would particularly like to thank those who felt inspired to come forward and potentially offer families to children in need of a secure and loving home. Adopters are needed and welcomed from every sector of society. If you are considering whether adoption is for you I urge you to contact your local adoption agency or visit www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk for further information.

Aileen Campbell, Minister for children and young people.

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Kilmartin Castle listed for sale

'We will be sad to let it go'

A UNIQUE Mid Argyll home built in the 16th century has been put up for sale.

Kilmartin Castle, a semi-fortified residence, complete with round towers and original stone spiral staircase, is listed for sale with estate agents Knight Frank.

Situated to the north of Kilmartin, the castle sits within one acre of land and was lovingly restored by its current owners Tom and Olive Clarke.

The pair, from England, bought the property as a second home in 1988 when it was still

a ruin. Describing it as a labour of love, Mrs Clarke said: 'When we bought the castle it was a complete ruin and only had one gable end and had no walls. We have worked on it ever since.'

The couple, who now live in a castle in Cumbria, said they were selling the building reluctantly, but hoped it would make a beautiful home to someone.

'My husband really likes old buildings and we think it is a really nice place,' Mrs Clarke added. 'We come up once a month to cut the



Kilmartin Castle was a ruin when Tom and Olive Clarke bought it in 1988.

Port Ban businessman travels to Netherlands to boost tourism

A BUSINESSMAN who is travelling to the Netherlands in a bid to boost tourism in Mid Argyll is asking other businesses to get involved.

Jonathan Sheldrick, from Port Ban Holiday Park, will travel to the Dutch National Holiday Fair in Utrecht next week, where he will spend six days promoting Mid Argyll and all its attractions.

The holiday fair is one of the biggest in Europe

and provides an opportunity for businesses to showcase what they have to offer.

Business owners can give their leaflets to Jonathan, who will display them on his stand and any left over after the fair will be given to a Dutch travel agent.

Supported by the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), Jonathan has organised for a piper to perform, a kilt demonstration and live mu-

sic, along with a host of other activities. Jonathan, who attended the fair last year, said: 'This is a chance for holiday parks, bed and breakfasts and hotels to really boost their business.'

He added: 'I discovered someone wearing a kilt is a real attraction to people that are there.'

People who would like their leaflets displayed should contact Jonathan on 01880 770 224 before Monday.

Submit questions to council leader on budget and services

PEOPLE are being invited to submit questions to Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh on the council's budget and services.

Councillor Walsh will hold an online conversation at 7pm on Thursday, January 16.

Members of the public can submit questions in advance or join the conversation on the night.

For information on how to submit questions in advance and participate visit www.ayrshire.gov.uk/budget

Minor landslide at Glen Kinglas

ENGINEERS were busy patrolling trunk roads in Mid Argyll as heavy rain caused one landslip and increased the threat of further landslides at trouble spots like the Rest and Be Thankful.

A minor landslide occurred at Glen Kinglas, adjacent to the A83, approximately 1.5 miles east of the A815 junction in the early hours of Monday morning.

The debris fell from 200m north of the A83 but did not reach the road; traffic was unaffected.

BEAR Scotland, the company responsible for maintaining the A83, removed the rubble on Monday.

A spokeswoman from BEAR Scotland said on Tuesday: 'There have been no further signs of movement on the hillsides above the trunk roads and therefore patrolling of the network will return to normal procedures as governed by the prevailing weather conditions.'

Oyster Bar quiz night

A RENOWNED restaurant that sits overlooking Loch Fyne is to this month raise funds for the 'guardians of the water' the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI).

Loch Fyne Oyster Bar in Cairndow will host a fundraising quiz on Thursday, January 16 starting at 7pm, when tasty bite-size treats will be served up alongside tough questions on popular culture.

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Do more exercise

There is a range of classes available in most towns that will help you get fit and healthy. You could head to those that support healthy eating and weight loss in a group environment. This will encourage you to throw those grotesque ready meals in the bin and start the year with fresh and healthy home cooked meals.

Or you could take up a new exercise class. If you don't fancy pedalling on a bike for an hour or doing aerobics you could try something a bit more fun such as Zumba or even pole dancing – don't worry though this is just for the purposes of getting fit, you're not expected to be a stripper.

Learn something new

But if you're happy with the body you have

maybe it is your mind you want to work on. You could learn a new language or study for a change in career. Many colleges will accept you for night classes if you can't afford to study full-time.

Maybe you want to pick up a new practical skill such as woodwork, plumbing or computer literacy.

Perhaps you live in a rural area and fancy learning more about the land you could book on one of the many agricultural courses that run frequently – learn about crofting, soil irrigation and animal husbandry.

Find a new hobby

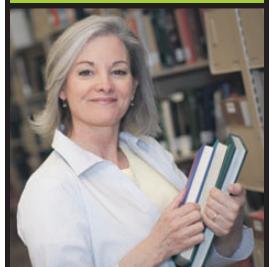
Or maybe you just want to take up a new hobby. Pick up a set of knitting needles or turn your hand to arts and crafts. If you're not sure where to begin why not turn to the internet for a bit of inspiration. There are many tutorial videos available that will help you decide what to take up.

If you've always fancied being musical you could learn to play a new instrument this year. Whether you want to plink a piano, toot a trombone or strum a guitar you will find many skilled teachers in a town near you.

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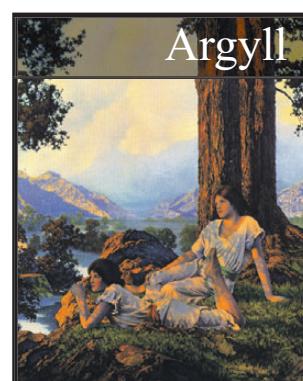
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Pupils put Glendaruel back on the map with website

AN ARGYLL theatre company has joined forces with Kilmodan Primary School to put Glendaruel back on the map by creating an online visitor centre.

The Walking Youth Theatre is leading the Glen of the Red River project with the school and has hosted a series of workshops to create the heritage portal.

Explore

The website was officially launched last month and features a host of information on the area, which aims to encourage both those who live there and visitors to explore the beautiful glen.



Pupils from Kilmodan Primary School at the launch of their online visitor centre.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, through the All Our Stories scheme, the company has been working

with pupils to explore, record local stories and record the history of the glen that connects Glendaruel and Colintraive.

Visitors to the site can enjoy the Red River Rap video, which covers 10,000 years of life in the great glen and why

people came to the area. It is still being worked on and the children plan to add more information to it as people begin to discover the project.

Adventure

Sadie Dixon-Spain, founder of The Walking Theatre Company and the Youth Walking Theatre Company, said: 'It has been an extraordinary adventure.'

'Using their own history to capture the children's imagination and to see them create a powerful response in the website has been a joy.'

People can visit the website at www.GlenOfTheRedRiver.com.

Critically acclaimed Maxwell String Quartet to perform in Lochgilphead

THE SECOND half of Mid Argyll Arts Association's season begins next Saturday with a performance by the critically acclaimed Maxwell String Quartet.

The quartet, which is made up of violinists Liam Lynch and George Smith, Asher Zaccardelli on viola and Duncan Strachan on cello, will perform in Kilmory Council Chambers.

Leading force

Hailed by Classical Music Magazine as 'one of the front-runners in young chamber music groups in the UK,' the quartet has become a leading

force in the chamber music world.

The group was founded in 2010 when the members met while studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and went on to be named the first Young Artists in Residence the following year.

Radio

They have performed widely across the UK at numerous music societies and music festivals and have frequently appeared on national radio.

As part of the Argyll and Bute Concert Tours, the group was scheduled to perform at Dunoon, Islay, Oban and Campbeltown.

Shakespeare's classic rom-com at Tarbert Film Club

TARBERT Film Club will kick start the new year by screening a new production of William Shakespeare's classic 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

A low-budget re-telling of what is hailed as one of Shakespeare's best comedies, the film has been shot in black and white at director Joss Whedon's home.

Although the scene has moved from 16th Century Sicily to 20th Cen-

tury California the director has remained true to the original text.

The romantic comedy offers a dark, sensual and slightly absurd view of the intricate game that is love. Even as they bicker, lifelong friends Benedick and Beatrice are only delaying the inevitable day they get together.

The film will be screened in the Templars Hall at 8pm tomorrow (Saturday) night.

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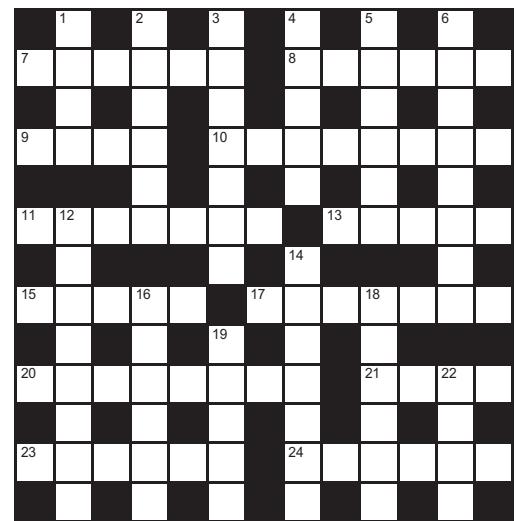
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Synopsis: Gravity
Bullock plays Dr Ryan Stone, a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalsky (Clooney) in command of his last flight before retiring. But on a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Stone and Kowalsky completely alone—tethered to nothing but each other and spiralling out into the blackness.

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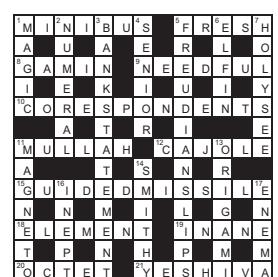
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- 8 Dare to go (7)
- 9 Fizzy drink from fruit (8)
- 10 Dip between hills (4)
- 11 Floodgate (6)
- 12 Storyteller (4)
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- 14 Pull the wool over someone's eyes (7)
- 15 Representative (6)
- 16 Alehouse (6)
- 17 Flat collar of suit (5)
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- 3 Rope another in (7)
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Last week's solution



Loch Fyne Oysters expansion

Company acquires Hebridean Mussels and Hebridean Seafoods

LOCH Fyne Oysters Limited has acquired Hebridean Mussels and Hebridean Seafoods in a bid to increase its shellfish production.

Hebridean Mussels and Hebridean Seafoods Limited are well established mussel farming and processing businesses on the Isle of Lewis. David Attwood, aquaculture director at the Cairndow-based oyster company, said he was 'excited' about the acquisition and was looking forward to working alongside the mussel farms' highly skilled and motivated workforce.

Mr MacKenzie said: 'We see Loch Fyne Oysters as the ideal company to continue to develop mussel farming and processing in Loch Roag and Lamlash Bay, on the Isle of Arran, with their proven track record of rearing and supplying a variety of shellfish to the highest quality standards and will secure and increase employment in the local area.'

Meanwhile Hebridean Seafoods Limited, also set up in 1992, is home to some of the most modern and up to date mussel processing

equipment available in Scotland.

Hebridean Mussels Limited, established by Cree Mackenzie in 1992 on Loch Roag, is now the leading mussel producer on the west coast of Scotland and a major supplier of live mussels to Sainsbury's.

Caroline McKenzie, Lochgilphead Co-op operations manager, said the change was part of the Co-op's 'evolution' plan.

She said: 'We will be reducing some items that we always have



Pupils from Lochgilphead Joint Campus were invited to cut the ribbon at the formal re-launch of the Lochgilphead Co-op recently. The youngsters were given £200 for their efforts, which was to be added to school funds. 06_a51coop01

Re-launch of Lochgilphead Co-op

SHOPPERS at the Lochgilphead Co-op have this month seen a change to the store after it was recently 're-launched' and announced plans for a home delivery service.

The shop on the Oban Road has begun stocking electrical goods, a wider range of foods and the layout has slightly changed.

'Evolution'

Caroline McKenzie, Lochgilphead Co-op operations manager, said the change was part of the Co-op's 'evolution' plan.

She said: 'We will be reducing some items that we always have

in store to offer better value to the customer. There will be a better range of goods at a better price.

'We have plans to introduce more Co-op own brand products, that's something customers will see over the next year.'

She added: 'It is a long time since this store has had anything done and it's about refreshing the store, bringing it up to date.'

'We have introduced small electrical items, such as TVs for example, to give our consumers a more contemporary offering.'

The re-launched store comes as the Co-op announced plans

to offer a home delivery service, whereby customers can purchase their goods in store and have them delivered later that day.

Free

The service is free to shoppers who live within a five-mile radius of the Co-op, or those who spend more than £25 on groceries.

Ms McKenzie added: 'This facility is ideal for customers who like to visit our store to do their shopping, but who don't fancy carrying it all the way home, such as mothers with young children or elderly shoppers, who don't have their own transport.'

Amy is crowned Construction Specialist Apprentice of the Year

A TEENAGE girl from Dalmally has been crowned Construction Specialist Apprentice of the Year.

Amy Underwood was recognised for her hard work with John Underwood Plant Hire in Dalmally at the Scottish Building Apprenticeship and Training Council Apprentice of the Year Awards.

Amy, who is the only female student in her class of six, is studying for an SVQ 2 in plant operations through the National Construction College while working for the plant hire company.

She said the award proved 'women can succeed in the industry too'.

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Refresh your business brain with Argyll workshops

FOR both established businesses wanting to take a fresh look at how they operate and those thinking about making the move into self-employment for the first time, Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team is on hand to help with advice, information and training.

Businesses in Mid Argyll can access a wide range of advice and support through the local office and its business advisers Donald Melville and Barbara Halliday.

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre,

Argyll and Bute Council policy lead for European affairs, sustainable economic growth and strategic transportation, explained: 'From signposting sources of funding and free specialist advice, to exploring ideas for marketing, improving profitability or developing staff, the team at Business Gateway is well placed to offer support to existing businesses looking to grow.'

'Guidance is also available to help those looking to start up a business to make sure that they

have considered all the vital elements and give themselves the best chance of success.'

Anyone considering starting up a new business can book a place at the free one and a half day start-up workshop running in Lochgilphead on February 11 and 12.

Workshops

The Lochgilphead start-up workshops took place in October and December. Feedback was positive, with every attendee rating the workshop excellent or good.

'The business planning and

book-keeping that were covered were the best part,' said one. 'As a result of the workshop I identified actions I need to take.'

To find out more or to book a place at the workshop contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Donald and Barbara can also visit business owners at their own premises.

Anyone looking to meet with Donald or Barbara should contact 01546 605 459.

Meanwhile, Business Gateway is reminding anyone in self-employment that the deadline for self-assessment online submissions is midnight on January 31, 2014.

Normally anyone registered as self-employed with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will need to complete a tax return to tell HMRC about their income and capital gains or to claim tax allowances or reliefs.

The local Business Gateway team is on hand to offer advice on completing self-assessment.



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Farming Focus

with Lucy Sumson, NFU Scotland regional manager covering Argyll and the Islands.

HERE in Glen Fyne we get a bit obsessed with the rainfall, and as Euan Warnock, NFUS group secretary, will tell you it is always raining when he drives past Cairndow.

Alastair MacCallum, retired farm manager at Ardkinlas, has been measuring the rainfall here for more than 50 years. At the end of November he was feeling slightly disappointed as we had only had 80" for the year – our average is usually about 120" and in 2012 we had more than 140".

But he was not to be disappointed as by the end of 2013 it had crept up to give a grand total of 102", still well below our average.

But I am not sure many of us will remember 2013 for being a particularly dry year and it certainly ended in a wet and stormy way with 2014 not starting much better. As I write this, I can hear the river roaring and see the wind and rain battering my office window.

But at least I can work from the comfort of my office and am not guddling through muck and mud trying to feed beasts or worrying about when I am ever going to get the slurry tank emptied.

When struggling through the dark winter months, it can sometimes be difficult

to see that spring will inevitably come and bring with it those warm sunny days we all crave for in the depths of January. Whilst NFU Scotland cannot do anything about the weather, or accelerating us forward to spring, you can be assured that we will be doing our very best in 2014 to try and secure a good deal for Scottish farmers and crofters and to ensure that there is a sustainable future for young farmers coming in to the industry.

Union members will have the opportunity to quiz a top team of industry experts, on these and other issues, at the Argyll and the Islands Regional Board AGM, which will be held this Friday, January 10, in Tarbert Village Hall starting with lunch at 12.30pm.

There will be an afternoon 'Question Time' discussion panel, with Nigel Miller, NFUS president, Scott Walker, NFUS chief executive, Alastair Martin, NFUS Livestock Committee chairman, Bill Dundas, RPID principal agricultural officer in Oban, and Penny Montgomerie, chief executive of the SAYFC.

If you are a union member and would like to attend please contact me to confirm. I hope to be able to welcome lots of members to the meeting, but if you are unable to come can I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year and hope to meet up with some of you during 2014.

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Farm payment transfer limited to 9.5 per cent

THE TRANSFER of funds from farm payments to rural development will be limited to 9.5 per cent in Scotland, rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead confirmed.

The decision will apply to farming budgets from 2015 - 2020 and follows a short consultation on the Scottish Government's proposals.

The budget transfer from Pillar One (direct payments) to Pillar Two (rural development) is known as 'flexibility' and is permitted under European Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

regulations.

Mr Lochhead said: 'I have carefully considered all my options in light of the consultation responses received, which reflected an extremely wide range of views – with some respondents wanting a much lower transfer rate to protect direct payments to farmers, and many calling for a bigger transfer to increase support for environmental schemes.

However, I believe the right thing to do is to stick to my original proposal and limit the Pillar-to-Pillar

transfer at 9.5 per cent – a rate which I believe strikes the right balance of support for our farmers and rural development.

This will deliver a rural development budget of more than £1.3 billion over the next seven years, much of which is invested in improving or sustaining farming – including essential Less Favoured Area support.

I have already said that I am minded to increase funding for agri-environment schemes by more than £350 million over the seven year budget

period, and I intend to allocate these funds – subject to consultation – without having to increase the Pillar One transfer, in order to protect farm payments during what will be a crucial time for farming. We are also consulting on how the next CAP will include measures to ensure greener farming practices.'

Mr Lochhead says negotiations continue in relation to the UK Government's controversial decision not to award Scotland a greater slice of the CAP convergence

uplift payment. He said: 'We are still pushing the UK Government to pass on the full £223 million convergence uplift that rightfully belongs to Scotland, but it now appears there is no prospect of an extra penny being returned to Scotland in the next CAP whether or not they expect review ever actually happens.'

'This is a huge sum of money that could be going direct to farmers or invested in priority rural development schemes as highlighted in the consultation responses.'

Market report: Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 147 live cattle at their weekly prime stock sale, comprising 86 bullocks and heifers, eight young bulls, seven OTM clean and 53 cast cows and bulls at its Stirling sale on January 2.

Thirty-seven bullocks averaged 237p per kilo and sold to 260p per kilo, 575kg Limousin from Shields Farm, Lochwinnoch or to £1,704 per head for 675kg Limousin, Easter Mye Farm, Buchlyvie.

Forty-nine heifers averaged 231.5p per kilo and sold to 256.5p per kilo, 500kgs Limousin, from Knockhouse Farm, Dunfermline or to £1,584 per head for 640kg Limousin from Hawkerse Farm, Grangemouth.

Twenty butchers cattle sold in excess of 250p per kilo to average 253p per kilo and sold to 256.5p per kilo (twice) Limousin Bullocks, from Craigton Farm, Clackmannan and Wester Coldrain, Kinross.

Eight Young Bulls sold to

220.5p per kilo 700kg Charolais, Kirkton Farm.

Seven OTM Clean Cattle sold to 233.5p per kg or £1,588 per head, 680kg Young Cow from Westwoodlane Farm, Blairdrummond. Also forward were 53 Cast Cows, Bulls and OTM Cattle. Limousin Cows sold to 159p or £1,265 from Messrs Lindsay, Easter Frew Farm, Blairdrummond. All Classes of Cows dearer. Cows averaged 116.9p per kilo.

Leading Prices: Cows: Lim – 149p, £1155 Westwoodlane, 155p, £1095 Keirsbeith, 153p, £1095 Meadowend, 159p, £1265 Easter Frew; BB - £935 Knockhouse; Sim - £985 Easterton; Frie – 107p, £815 Park.

Cast Bulls: AA - £1215 Gartfarn.

CALEDONIAN Marts had on offer 1,526 prime lambs and 950 cast ewes at its Stirling Hogmanay sale.

Prime Lambs sold to 241p and

£99 for 41kg Beltex's from DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill to average 188.54p (+4.02p on the week).

Leading prices: Beltex – 235p & £96.50 Lurgan Farm; Beltex cross – £232p & £95 Lochend; Continental – 225p Meikle Seggie, £94 Lettar; Texel – 200p Craigievern, £93 Ballinloan;

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The ongoing turbulent weather has caused as much damage as much as it has confusion outside, but there is no need to fret if you take the proper precautions to ensure your home is as cosy as can be.

Better still, it doesn't have to cost the earth - and you can have your home warm enough for even a giraffe to feel at home without consulting the bank.

Start by checking all your insulation, from windows to walls, ceiling to under your floors. Akin to putting a big woolly jumper on your home, it is one of the most cost effective ways to stop the cold creeping through the house.

Make sure your pipes and boilers are properly lagged too. Something as simple as foam wraps can be picked up for just a couple of pounds to put around the pipes - but make sure you put them on when the pipes are cool

as the last thing you'll want to do is leave your fingers blistered!

Maintenance on heating equipment is important too so make sure all your radiators are bled and working efficiently. A working radiator should be warm evenly across the panel. If it isn't, there could be air trapped inside and bleeding the radiator will ensure it returns to maximum efficiency.

Once those basics are done, you can start to have a more overall view of your home's heating requirements. Is your boiler fired in the most efficient way possible? Are you buying from the cheapest source? Could a change save you pounds and make your home warmer?

These things are relatively simple to check and you'll find numerous tools online to help you estimate your costs and your potential savings with alternative heating sources. Remember, the right heating source can vary depending on how you use your home. Those who spend all day in the house may wish to consider the cheapest for prolonged use, while some occasional systems, such as wet radiators, provide instant heat, although aren't always ideal to be left on all day.

Think too about future costs. Heating from fossil sources is likely to become more expensive as resources dwindle and taxes increase, so perhaps consider moving to a renewable source.

Once upon a time such options were only affordable to the rich and famous, but items such as air and ground source heat pumps are reducing in price - meaning you don't need to have paparazzi following you before your bank balance can stretch to the investment.



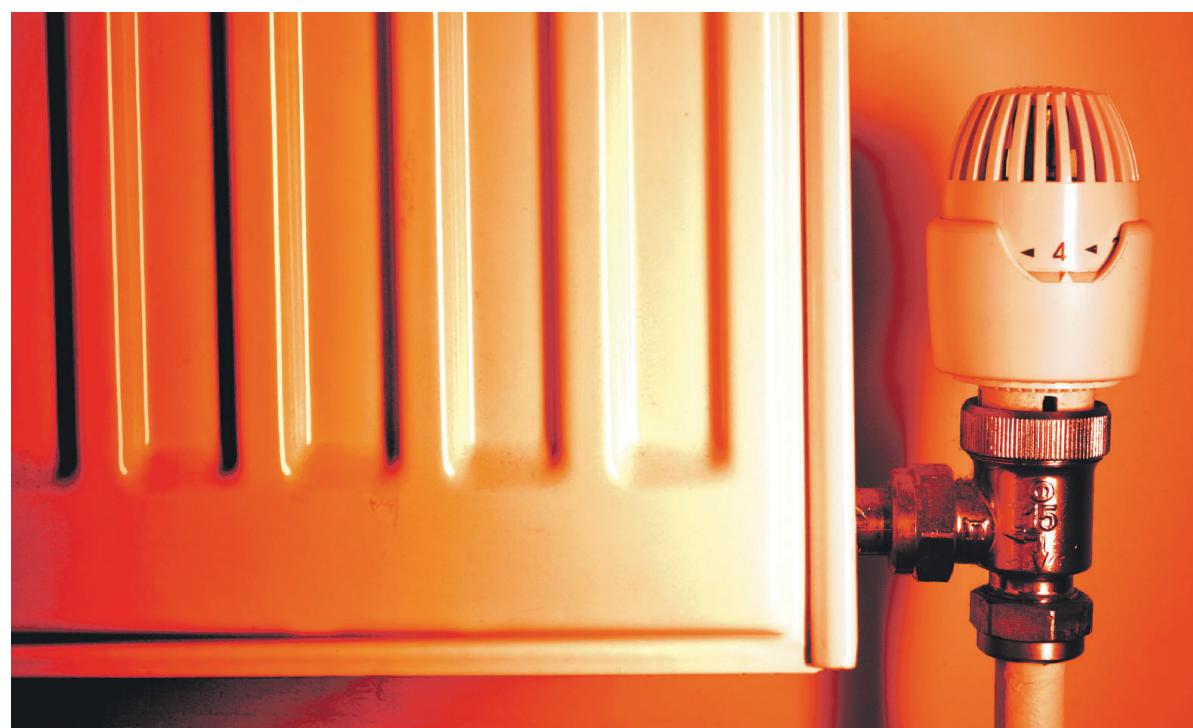
If, after all this, you feel you still aren't getting the most for your money, perhaps try speaking to your energy supplier to see if you're on the best rate or tariff for your circumstances. Some may move you on to a cheaper option, if available. If not, it might be time to consider switching to make sure you're not being ripped off.

It all feels like it will be rather difficult until you actually start to check, so don't delay and have a look at how you're heating your home today. You'll be surprised how even making one or two of the above changes can make a significant difference to your home.



Better still, funding is available from the government for some of these sources, so check and see what you're eligible for before you take the plunge.

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County set for bumper tourist season

ARGYLL is set for a bumper tourist season in 2014, according to Walkhighlands.

The organisation, which promotes tourism and provides information on walks, saw a huge surge in people planning and booking holidays online during the festive period. The company said there were more than 111,000 visitors to Walkhighlands website during the festive break, and more than 45,000 people were referred to accommodation businesses in the west Highlands.

A spokeswoman said: 'Visitor numbers are up around 45 per cent on the same period last year – and as we normally see a huge boom in bookings in January and February, it looks like the region could see busy times ahead.'



Johnnie Craig has retired after almost 50 years on the buses.

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Bus driver puts brakes on career spanning almost 50 years

HE HAS been on the buses for almost 50 years but Johnnie Craig finally put the brakes on his career last weekend.

The Oban man, now in his 70s, started driving buses part-time in 1966 with Jimmy Smith. He was working as a postman at the time and finished early in the day, so took to driving in the afternoons.

In a twist of fate Johnnie's career ended exactly as it started. He said:

'I had just passed my test and my first run was to Easdale and my last run when I finished on Saturday was Easdale.'

Johnnie was with West Coast Motors for 22 years, which included running the service to Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

He has seen the company develop from a small carrier, with just 17 drivers, to the force it is today. Prior to that he worked with Mid-

land Scottish and Highland Omnibuses, part of the Scottish Transport Group.

Over the years Johnnie has done school runs, service journeys and private hires. He has driven everyone from passengers of the *Hebridean Princess* to Oban Saints footballers.

He added: 'I'm a wee bit sad to be leaving but I'm thinking of taking up golf and I'll be going on more holidays.'

Volunteers sought for new ChildLine school scheme

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help children and young people in the area as part of a new scheme by ChildLine.

The charity, which provides a free 24 hour help line for children, has launched the Schools Service project.

It aims to recruit enough volunteers

so it can visit every primary school in Scotland once every two years by 2016. Volunteers will talk to children aged nine to 11 about abuse, how to protect themselves and where to get help if they need it.

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Transport minister Keith Brown said: 'One of the biggest concerns for operators is financing new vehicles, so this is

a great opportunity for them to apply for help in the short term.

This fund will also have benefits in the longer term by giving us valuable insights into the sector's needs, which we can use to develop future support as finances permit.

Helping

The Scottish Government is committed to helping the community transport sector provide these vital services for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, as well as remote communities around the country.'

Protect against fuel theft

PEOPLE are being reminded about the risks of oil thefts during January and February when the demand for oil is high.

The Oil Firing Technical Association is urging homeowners to take extra measures to protect their oil tanks, which include fitting a

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02180/LIB	Installation of lead covering to stone pediments.	Parish Church Church Square Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray

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**MACMILLAN - DURNAN**

Sienna is delighted to announce that her daddy, Calum, son of Willie and Margaret, Southend and mummy, Michelle, youngest daughter of Johnny and Eila, Carradale, got engaged on Christmas Day. Both families are delighted.

**MACPHAIL - MACINTYRE**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Garry, eldest son of David and Christine, GarCal-Fra, The Moy, to Lynsey, eldest daughter of Iain and June, Glenelvie, Southend.

**MCNAUGHTON - CONNELLY**

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**MURPHY - GARTON**

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MARRIAGES

HOGG - COLVILLE - Both families are happy to announce the marriage of Lewis Fraser, elder son of Mr and Mrs W F Hogg, Brechin, and Lucy Emma, second daughter of Mrs E M Colville, Campbeltown, at Balbirnie House, Fife, on January 4, 2014.

DEATHS

KELLY - Suddenly, Allt-na-Tigh, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, on December 30, 2013, Fen Kelly, in his 71st year, devoted husband of Hazel Allan, much loved father of Reid and loving granddad of Clyde and Harris.

LECKIE - On January 2, 2014, peacefully, at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, John, in his 88th year, beloved husband of Flora, much loved father of Janne and Irene, a dearly loved Pap, great Pap and a dear brother and uncle. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church (today) Friday, January 10 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for Tarbert Parish Church Clock Fund.

MACKAY - Suddenly, on December 28, 2013, Lorne Graeme Mackay, aged 47 years, of 24 Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead (formerly of L & A Mackay Ltd), beloved son of Pat and the late Matthew Mackay (Corramore, Ardfern), much loved father of Anne-Marie and Laura and father-in-law of Ryan. Cherished brother of Orville and Adrian, dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and respected work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, today, Friday, January 10, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilvaree Cemetery, Ardfern. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered at service.

ROBB - Christopher Andrew "Tiff", retired farrier, died in Royal Alexandra Hospital, on January 2, 2014, aged 75. Tiff is survived by Peta, his wife of 51 years, three children, their partners and seven grandchildren, also his brother Alasdair and family. A family only cremation will be followed by a celebration of his life at Carloona Lodge, Inveraray, at 5.00pm on Monday, January 13. All friends and neighbours welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LAMBIE - George, John, Christina and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, cards and flowers received following the very sad loss of their mum, Jessie. Grateful thanks to Dr Helliwell and all GPs

for their care and kindness to Jessie. Thanks to the district nurses, ICT, Marie Curie nurses, Glenaray Ward and Accident and Emergency staff, social work and Argyll Home Care for their care and support to the family and especially to Christina over the past months. Special thanks to Charles and Joan Haycock for all their support. Our thanks are also extended to the Rev Hilda Smith for a personal and comforting service, to Roddy and staff of MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services and to the Stag Hotel for their excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection for Marie Curie and Mid Argyll Hospital raised over £600.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACKINNON - In loving memory of our mum, Margaret, died January 6, 2011 and a dear dad, Alasdair, died April 9, 2007. Always in our hearts.

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- Ae fond kiss, Kate.

MCLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest nana, we miss you so much and think of you always.

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- Rene, Flora and Carolin xxx.

TURNER - In loving memory of our grandson, Jonathan, died January 10, 2008.

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- From Gran and Papa, Tarbert.

TURNER - (Jo Jo) Jonathan, January 10, 2008.

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Forever in our hearts

Never forgotten.

- Love, Uncle Colin, Aunty Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

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with Marilyn Sheddell

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Brave souls from across Mid Argyll joined residents from Ormsary for their annual dip in the sea on New Year's day. People of all ages donned their swimming suits and wet suits for their first swim of 2014.

Tennis club launches in Mid Argyll

TENNIS is making a return to Mid Argyll thanks to the enthusiasm of a local doctor and Argyll and Bute Active Schools.

Doctor Richard Sloan, a long-time player of tennis and qualified sports coach, is to launch a new after-school tennis club next week.

The tennis club for pupils in P4-7 starts on Tuesday, January 21,

and Dr Sloan is looking to encourage as many young people as possible to try the sport.

Coaching

Whether a beginner looking to learn the basics of the game, or a more experienced player hoping to improve racquet skills, coaching at the club will be specific to each participant's needs.

It is hoped the club,

if successful, will grow and open up to a wider range of ages.

The tennis club launches alongside other Mid Argyll clubs, which offer after-school sports coaching such as badminton, football and table tennis to all primary school children in Mid Argyll.

All sessions, which have limited spaces available, are delivered

at Mid Argyll Sports Centre. For those interested in joining a club, forms can be obtained from Mid Argyll Sports Centre and all Mid Argyll primary schools.

People interested in volunteering at any sports club can email Innes Paterson, Mid Argyll Active Schools coordinator, at innes.paterson@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Cairnbaan bowlers hope to climb the league

CAIRNBAAN Bowling Club is currently sitting in third place in the Lorn Carpet Bowling League.

The Mid Argyll side sits eight points behind league leaders Benderloch and six points behind the second placed Kilmore team, which has 26 points.

Cairnbaan has, however, two games in hand over the league leaders and so may climb the league table in the coming weeks.

Lorn Carpet Bowling League:

	P	Pts
Benderloch	5	28
Kilmore	4	26
Cairnbaan	3	20
North Connel	5	18
Connel	4	12
Easdale	4	12
Taynuilt	4	4

The hardy bunch are back

By John Downie

ROSS Sinclair made a strong come back in the Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league when the golfers picked up their clubs following the Christmas break.

The renowned 'crab-bit' Ross won Sunday's match with an excellent score and just beat Kenny Cameron on a count back. The pair both had a nearest the pin, with Ross going close at the seventh and Kenny at the ninth.

In third place was John MacDougal, again with new clubs, and it will become a race for the league players to buy them from him when he sells them in two weeks time for £29.99!

Alex MacAulay was in fourth place, the banjo playing Colin Rowan was fifth as he continues to produce a solid performance each week, while Francis Curran, came in sixth.

Donald Carmichael was seventh but said if he did not leave half of his clubs scattered all over the course he would have done better.

Lee Hardman had a 'hard' game but it was suggested he should use both hands to swing the club instead of using one hand on his roll-ups whilst swinging.

Next it was John Downie and all the luck John gets is bad luck so he came in second last again.

Keith 'awesome' Cowan, who normally plays on a different course to the rest of the Sunday league, took the last point. He says his next paperback is entitled 'How to nearly bring your game up to his awesome standard'.

There were three singles matches played. Lee beat Keith, Raymond 'Adonis' Flanagan beat James 'the hay-maker' Scott and John the golfer beat Simon 'scaffie' Taylor.

Results: 10. R Sinclair, 9. K Cameron, 8. Grant MacDougal, 7. A MacAulay, 6. C Rowan, 5. Francis Curran, 4. L Hardman, 3. D Carmichael, 2. J Downie, 1. K Cowan.

Mid Argyll holds indoor athletics competition

Final will be held in Oban on March 22

A COMPETITION which will see the best young athletes in Mid Argyll qualify for a place in the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championship will be held this month.

The Mid Argyll Indoor Athletics Competition will be held on January 19 and allow youngsters to compete in running, jumping and throwing activities.

The competition represents an exciting time for Mid Argyll Athletics Club as it is the

first contest the club has hosted since it reformed last year. More than 80 young people between the ages of 8 and 17 signed up to the club when it reformed and it is hoped the majority will take to sports hall athletics this month and demonstrate the progress they have made in training.

Bill MacCallum from the club said: 'This winter marks the 20th anniversary since sports hall athletics was first intro-

duced in Argyll. Over the 20 years many of the young athletes taking part have gone on to win Scottish national age group titles both indoors and outdoors.

'This year should be special for sport in Scotland with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and hopefully the young people of Argyll will respond by getting active early in 2014.'

The athletics championship final, which will include an under 7s age group for the first time, will be held in Oban on March 22 following qualifying rounds in Mid Argyll, Kintyre, North Lorn and Mull.

The Mid Argyll event will begin at Mid Argyll Sports Centre at 11.30am.

Scottish Amateur FL fixtures

ARGYLL'S amateur football teams get back to action after the festive break with the following fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup - 5th round Dennistoun Vale v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Rutherglen; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v Port Glasgow; Division 1A Tarbert v Eaglesham 'B'



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All smiles after finishing the Marcothon, Iain MacNicol and Richard Barrie.

Police officers complete the Marcothon Challenge

TWO POLICE officers jogged every day in December to clock up more than 200km and complete the Marcothon Challenge.

Iain MacNicol and Richard Barrie, well known on the Mid Argyll running circuit, ran through horrific weather every day to complete the challenge

which requires people to run three miles or for 25 minutes every day for the month of December. The duo, who completed the challenge on New Year's Eve with friends, said the biggest challenge was finding the time to run every day in what is typically the busiest month of the year.

Join up with jogscotland

PEOPLE hoping to get fit or improve their running ability in the New Year are being urged to join their local jogscotland group.

Mid Argyll and Inveraray jogscotland groups are launching the beginners walk to jog programme next week and are urging all those who want to get active in 2014 to join.

The beginners block in Inveraray will begin on Tuesday, January 14, at 6pm, while the Mid Argyll group, which operates in Lochgilphead, will start on Thursday, January 16 at 6.30pm.

Intermediate and advanced running sessions are held in Inveraray on Thursday at 7pm and in Lochgilphead on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

Every jogscotland sessions last for one hour and costs £1. The Mid Argyll group meets at MAC Pool and the Inveraray group at the shelter shed at Inveraray Primary School.



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It has been a difficult season for Tarbert AFC as experienced players move on and young players are welcomed into the squad. 06_a42tarbert01

Tarbert hoping for more success

Dookers stretched to the limit with injuries, suspensions and absence

THE 2013/14 season has been a mixed bag for Tarbert AFC with the small squad being stretched to the limit through injuries, suspensions and work commitments.

The team lost several experienced players at the close of last season because of work commitments, while younger members of the squad have been handed the opportunity to stake a claim for a first team spot and gain much needed experience against streetwise opposition.

The team enjoyed a

good workout pre-season by taking part in the Oban Athletic Tournament, where the team secured two wins, including one against local rivals Red Star.

With Cil Andres out of action until November all the league fixtures were away games for Tarbert and they managed to secure four points from the first two games.

Any chance of this positive run continuing ended however when the Dookers endured a heavy loss against league leaders Drumchapel - a team that will be battling against Fer-

guslie to lift the Division 1A league title.

Ferguslie also inflicted a heavy loss on Tarbert, alongside Eaglesham and Inverkip.

But it has not been all bad news this season, with the team picking up three points away to Rossvale and setting a new Tarbert record by crushing the home side 14-0.

Manager James Prennance also set a personal goal record by becoming the first Tarbert player to score seven goals in one game; the previous record being six which he jointly held

with former player John McGregor.

Tarbert are, like their Argyll rivals Red Star, out of the Scottish and west of Scotland cups, but are looking forward to the Coronation Cup, in which they have a good record.

Manager James said: 'Perhaps these early cup exits will be a blessing in disguise and allow us to concentrate on the league. We have had some poor defeats but we are more than capable of pushing on and hopefully finishing third in the league. Drumchapel and Ferguslie will take the

top two places.'

'The Coronation Cup will start for Tarbert in the New Year and having won this cup in the recent past, and losing the semi-final on penalties last season, we will be looking to advance to the further rounds.'

He added: 'On behalf of the team I would like to thank the Tarbert Hotel and Tarbert Shellfish for their continued sponsorship this season, as well as our supporters who brave the elements to provide great backing to the team every week. It is all appreciated by the players.'

Scottish Amateur Football League - Division 1A							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eaglesham 'B'	12	10	0	2	62	17	30
Drumchapel AC	9	9	0	0	41	7	27
Ferguslie Star	6	6	0	0	35	5	18
Millerston Thistle	11	5	2	4	35	32	17
Inverkip Thistle	13	4	3	6	28	53	15
Roseshill Star	9	4	1	4	29	34	13
Shawlands FP 'B'	12	3	3	6	33	52	12
Both & Udd Albion	12	2	4	6	26	35	10
Tarbert	8	2	1	5	23	19	7
Millbeg Villa	6	1	1	4	18	32	4
Rossdale	10	0	1	9	9	62	1

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