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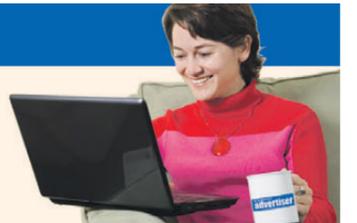
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## MBE for volunteer firefighter

'THE perfect end to a big year,' was the way a Lochgilphead fire service worker described hearing the news he would be on the New Year Honours List.

David Millward heard the news in early December but had to keep tight lipped throughout the festive period until HM The Queen's awards were officially announced.

Being given an MBE, Member of the British Empire medal, was the icing on the cake at the end of a hugely important year for the popular volunteer firefighter.

David, who lives in Kilmelford, was nominated for an Our Hero award with the Daily Record, short listed for firefighter of the Year in the Spirit of Fire Awards in London and was given a Braveheart award alongside Gareth Strang by the then first minister Alex Salmond.

David was given the medal for serving as a volunteer with the Scottish fire service for more than 24 years and charity work with bone marrow register the



David Millward is 'delighted' to be receiving an MBE. 08\_a02david01

Anthony Nolan Trust and the Fire Fighters Charity.

The volunteer crew commander of Kilmelford fire station will be presented with his medal at Buckingham Palace

later this year. He said: 'I'm pleased and delighted. It was a perfect end to a big year. I found out at the start of December so it was really hard not telling my family. I was so relieved when

I could tell them.' He added: 'I want to say a huge thank you to the person who filled in the application form and for all of the support I have received from the fire service and others over the years.'

## Publicans plan how to pull in non-drinkers

RURAL pubs being hit by the introduction of the lower drink driving limit are looking at ways to entice clientele back through the doors.

The zero tolerance drink driving law is making people think twice about drinking any alcohol and driving.

While people used to take a pint of beer or a glass of wine and drive, reports from publicans and officials from all over Mid Argyll show that the majority of people have simply stopped taking the risk of drinking and driving.

Drink driving offending figures have been slashed, with some police stations reporting no offences.

Publicans have already noticed a difference in people's drinking habits.

One hotel owner joked that more women now seemed to be driving home.

Plans to stock shelves

## Owners' innovative ideas to entice people to country pubs

with a better variety of non-alcoholic beers and wines are already underway in some pubs in Tarbert and Lochgilphead.

Lynne Furneaux, manager of the Tarbert Hotel, said: 'This year has not been as busy as last year. The new limit will have most definitely had an effect on pubs, particularly in more rural areas outwith the village.'

'At the moment we stock non-alcoholic beers, but are seeking to get more brands and wine.'

'The driving limit hasn't changed much - but it is now so low that people are not willing to risk it and they are better

off not drinking at all.'

Richard Pate at the Kilmartin Hotel said: 'We have local people who would pop in for a pint that do not come in for one now, because there is a zero tolerance.'

'I have been talking to our local suppliers and have asked them if it would be possible to produce a weaker beer for us to sell in our bar.'

'That's something that will be discussed further with them. It would help people to feel like they are having a drink and keep them socially involved.'

'But, at the moment, we've been concentrating on getting Christmas and New Year out the road first.'

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## Some pupils may miss out on free school meals

FREE school meals may be the pinnacle of the government's healthy reforms for infants.

But pupils at some rural schools will miss out on the plan - and instead be given £2 per day to have a lunch provided at home.

The news came as the majority of primary one, two and three pupils

throughout the country this week started getting a hot meal every day.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute council last year, it was decided to provide meals at local hotels if there was no school kitchen available.

However, some schools have been left wanting as there are no hotels open in the vicinity of the schools.

Despite protests from parents to the local authority, councillors decided that fitting kitchens in schools would be too pricey and therefore parents would be given £2 per day as an alternative. Parents are instead being asked to provide a meal at home.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said parents would be reimbursed at a rate of £2 per day in line with those children entitled to free school meals.

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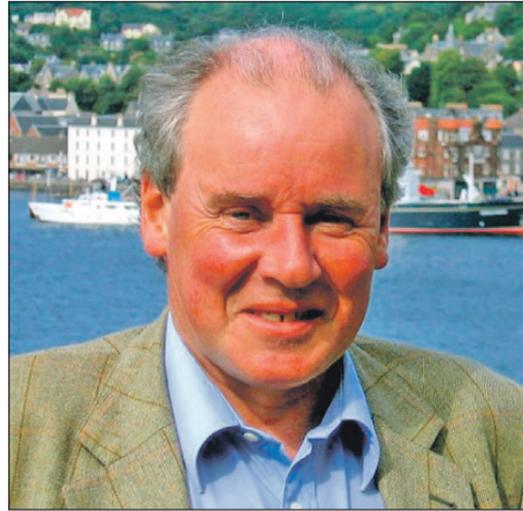
## Scottish Parliament to discuss 'alarming' population decline in Argyll and Bute

THE 'ALARMING' population decline in Argyll and Bute is due to be discussed in the Scottish parliament.

The motion has been raised by Highlands and Islands list MSP Jamie McGrigor after the population summit held in Dunoon in October 2014.

Thursday, January 22 has been set aside as a date for the debate, although the final decision on when - or indeed whether - the subject will be discussed won't be taken until closer to the time.

Mr McGrigor said: 'I am keen that the issue of Argyll and Bute's alarming projected population decline remains very much on the national and local political agenda as we enter the new year.



Jamie McGrigor, MSP

'If I am able to have this debate there are many issues I want to raise, with transport infrastructure being one of the key ones. I also would hope that along with other MSPs I would be able to highlight some of the fan-

tastic qualities Argyll and Bute has to offer residents, tourists and businesses alike.'

So far the motion has attracted the support of eight Conservative MSPs along with five from the SNP and two from Labour.

## Police files:

### Drug offence

IN THE early hours of Thursday January 1, police spoke to a 24-year-old man in Kilmartin.

The man was detained, searched and was suspected to be in possession of herbal cannabis and cocaine. The man is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

### Assault arrest

DURING the late afternoon on Thursday January 1, a woman was assaulted at a house in Lochgilphead.

Subsequently a 30-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of assault.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Woman arrested

DURING the evening of Thursday January 1, a man was assaulted at a house in Lochgilphead. A 50-year-old woman was later arrested on suspicion of assault.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Careless driving

ON the night of Friday January 2 a car collided with a stationary police vehicle at the scene of a crash on the A83 near Achnaba, Lochgilphead.

Minor damage was caused to both vehicles and the 59-year-old driver of the car is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal on suspicion of careless driving.

### Drink driver

SHORTLY after midnight on Saturday January 3 in Paltalloch Street, Lochgilphead, a car was stopped by police officers and a 53-year-old man who was driving was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Assault

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an assault on a man in a flat on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead in the early hours of Saturday January 3.

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## Views sought on autism services

AUTISM is high on the agenda for NHS Highland and it wants services developed to meet the needs of sufferers and their families.

The health board has published an online survey to get views and ideas to support and develop services for people with autism.

NHS Highland is committed to enhancing the profile of autistic spectrum conditions and, critically, to improving the support services provided to autistic adults and their parents/ carers.

NHS Highland has a number of partners, including The Highland Council, Job Centre Plus, Autism Rights Group Highland (ARGH), the National Autistic Society Scotland (NAS), carers groups and autism initiatives, that have been working together as a network to improve and develop services for people with autism.

NHS Highland manager Jean-Pierre Siczek said: 'Taking five minutes to complete this survey will help ensure that we can continue to deliver the best services we can for people with autism and their families in NHS Highland.'

The survey can be accessed at: [www.surveymonkey.com/MDRC9W3](http://www.surveymonkey.com/MDRC9W3) until January 31.

# Fuel prices set to fall for rural customers

HEATING oil prices should fall for users in Mid Argyll - two of the area's suppliers have confirmed.

Both Certas Energy, parent company of Scottish Fuels, and Gleaner Oil say benefits in the reduction of wholesale crude oil will be passed on to customers.

The news comes after Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid raised the matter in Westminster.

Energy secretary Ed Davey told Mr Reid that he should expect a reduction in heating oil fuel prices.

Mr Reid explained: 'The price of wholesale oil has been coming down quite dramatically in recent weeks.'

'This opens up the prospect of lower prices, particularly for people living off the grid.'

A spokeswoman for Certas Energy said: 'The cost of home heating oil has dropped below the four-year average in the UK.'

'In Argyll, Certas Energy can confirm that the average price our customers pay (per litre) has fallen, tracking the fall in the wholesale price of heating oil



Alan Reid MP called for cheaper heating oil prices in parliament.

(kerosene). 'Wholesale prices for all Certas Energy oil derived products track the movements in the daily international market price (as quoted by Platts).'

A spokeswoman for Gleaner Oil said: 'Gleaner Oil is committed to supply fuel in a competitive, safe and environmentally friendly manner.'

'High heating oil costs do not benefit either our customers

or our company, so we welcome the fall in the cost of crude oil and the resulting reduction in fuel prices to our customers.'

## Development funding applications

SCOTLAND'S rural development programme will open to applications in early 2015.

The Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) 2015-2020 will support Scottish farming, food production, rural communities and the environment.

Although the SRDP is still subject to final European approval,

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Chloe McChesney, an Argyll UHI student who is on placement at the group, and two-year-old Harris Gallagher McWhirter. 08\_atots02

## Toddling back for some fun

TODDLERS returned to their weekly group at Lochgilphead Community Centre after the festive break.

Fyne Families held its first toddler group of 2015 on Wednesday morning, and the Argyllshire Advertiser caught up with staff as the first session got underway.

Christina Sinclair, staff member, said: 'We ended on such a high last year and we hope to continue growing the group this year.'

'The children are

comfortable here. They know it's their own space.

'We want people to know that there is no

need to register for a place for children.

'We offer a drop in service where all are welcome.'



Christopher Stewart, nine months old, enjoyed the fun in the baby corner. 08\_atots03

## Views sought on crofting homes

A SCHEME to help crofters improve their homes is set to change.

A consultation announced by the Scottish government will see interested parties asked how the fund should be distributed.

The Croft House Grant Scheme (CHGS) provides financial assistance to improve and maintain crofter housing, with the purpose of attracting and retaining the population in the Highlands and islands region.

MSP Michael Russell welcomed the news.

He said: 'Crofting is vital to communities, the economy and the environment in Scotland's remote areas, and generated estimated revenue of almost £86 million last year.'

'The legal requirement for crofters to have to live on or close to their croft can present challenges in terms of availability and quality of suitable housing.'

'For the consultation to be successful, it is imperative that those with an interest in the crofting community respond with their views.'

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**Parents urged to get active with their youngsters**

A CHILDREN'S charity is calling on parents of Mid Argyll to get outside and be active with their youngsters this new year.

Action for Children has launched the second part of a national campaign to encourage parents to spend more time with their children.

The campaign will be culminated in a sponsored walk, 'Giant Wiggle', this March, in which schools, nurseries, play and youth groups are being urged to take part in to raise cash for the charity.

For more information go to [actionforchildren.org.uk](http://actionforchildren.org.uk)



**Tarbert shore ring mystery baffles residents**

Strange rings on the shore at Tarbert are proving a mystery for residents. Jim Paterson from the village has been looking for ideas to what they could be. Jelly fish, foam, mating, a 'very large duck', flaties or shore crabs have all been given as suggestions for what has made the strange patterns on the beach in front of the Co-op. To date no one has come up with a solution.

**New group for parents with special needs children**

THIS year will see the launch of a new activity group for parents with children who have special needs in Lochgilphead.

The group will be run by Mid Argyll Youth Development Service (MAYDS), leading youth and community development charity, and aims to provide parents with a source of support.

Parent who would like to get together for a chat and a coffee,

while allowing them to make contact with other parents who understand the challenges and rewards of having a child with special needs.

The group will run on a weekly drop-in basis at the youth centre on the town's Union Street.

Anyone who may be interested in going along to the group, who has ideas for it or would like to be otherwise involved is being urged to contact Fiona Kalache via email [fiona@mayds.org.uk](mailto:fiona@mayds.org.uk).

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**Meet and munch at Kilberry**

THE FIRST Kilberry meet and munch of 2015 will place on Tuesday at Kilberry Church.

John Campbell, owner of Kilberry Castle, will be delivering his talk

on 'Beekeeping for 50 years' to an audience.

People are required to take a plate of finger food to share at the event. John will start his talk at 12.30pm.



Beekeeping will be in the spotlight at the first Kilberry meet and munch meeting of 2015.

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## Hats off to creative rural publicans

NOT DRINKING and driving is the right thing. There is no one person that can disagree with that.

Being a witness to the carnage caused by a car accident only goes to show that being behind the wheel of a vehicle takes every ounce of concentration possible.

But, there are associated problems with systemic change in the drink driving laws that politicians in the bustling central belt of Scotland don't often think about.

Remember when smoking in public places was banned? The death of the pub was announced and many got out their black ties to commiserate.

It didn't happen - but it certainly tightened the belts of rural pubs.

Here is yet another challenge to rural businesses.

Some would say that constraint makes people and communities creative. Having a pub without customers will make you creative indeed.

So it is hats off to the publicans who are trying to have lighter ales and wines produced, or are increasing their range of soft drinks, or indeed who are encouraging more people to nominate designated drivers.

The rural and village pub is vital to the economy of our tourist area.

While things might go well for several weeks of the year, there is no doubt they might suffer when it is off season. Every single pint, half pint and glass of wine would count towards a successful business.

Isn't it about time our politicians thought about the impact of their laws on our communities - and put solutions in place for problems that may arise because of the change?

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## Disastrous policing in Argyll

Sir,  
Unusually, I find myself in agreement with MSPs Dave Stewart and John Finney regarding their concerns over the police service we now receive in Argyll.

I can go even further than the politicians and say that I believe that both Strathclyde Police and The Police Service of Scotland, or 'Police Scotland' as they would prefer to be known as, have been absolutely disastrous for policing in Argyll.

What we presently have in policing looks increasingly more like an army of occupation that a bona fide service to the people who pay for it.

Our parents and grandparents fought two world wars to keep us free and we have a duty not to dishonour their sacrifice and to speak out against any attempt to take our freedoms from us.

So, I am saying that what we need in Argyll is to return to local control over our policing, where local police officers take their instructions from the people of Argyll and can be held to account for their actions by the people of Argyll. And would there be anything at all unreasonable about that?

The last thing we, as opposed to politicians and police careerists, need is more centralising or divisional merging where all the big decisions are taken by people living in 'a different world' and where no one really has to take responsibility for policing in 'our world'.

If enough of us in Argyll insist on proper, socially responsible and democratically controlled policing in Argyll we

will get it. For we are the ones who pay the piper and who can call the tune.

**Arthur McFarlane,  
Mount Pleasant,  
Tarbert.**

## Campaigning hard

Sir,  
All across Argyll and Bute I have been campaigning hard for the need to bring about real change in the this constituency in the next election in 2015 and I'm very pleased to say that myself and our Unionist and Conservative party are getting a fantastic response on the doorstep and on the streets.

We have seen a large surge in our members both during and since the referendum with many new members and activists coming from the Lib-Dems and the SNP with a disproportionately large amount coming from the Labour ranks as we are increasingly seen as the first choice of the Unionist voter in Argyll and Bute.

Also the economic progress of our economy both locally and UK wide have been a fantastic as our economy has grown faster than any other major advanced nation, there are more people in work than ever before.

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The Unionist and Conservative party will be working harder than ever in to reach out to areas of this constituency that have in the past eluded us but not any-more. It's time for the right kind of change in Argyll and Bute.

**Alastair Redman,  
Unionist and Conservative  
candidate,  
Argyll and Bute.**

## Small businesses must flourish and grow

Sir,  
2014 was a momentous year for Scotland, not least because the economy appears to have turned the corner, and despite a slight wobble at the end of the year, we can look forward to 2015 with some confidence. However, we are not out of the woods yet.

The recovery remains fragile and we must pull out all the stops to help businesses, and especially small businesses, flourish and grow.

Let's start by reducing the heavy regulatory and tax burdens on small businesses. It's also time for the rates system to become more transparent, fair and relevant, and we must simplify taxes, reform energy markets and make banking more competitive. The voice of small, local employers must also be heard in the debate about vocational education reform.

Finally, let's recognise that our businesses are essential to the health of our communities and give them the support they deserve.

**Rory MacKail,  
Chairman, Argyll and Isles  
Branch,  
Federation of Small  
Businesses.**

## Something strange in the sky

Sir  
Many reading this may think me slightly potty, but as a university graduate and rational thinker on the most part, I saw some thing that I could not identify from my home in the Meadows last week.

It was of a cigar shape and hovered above the Cairnbaan Hotel for a number of minutes before zipping off into the sky.

It had lights that flashed on and off and it seemed to me to make a slight whooshing noise as it moved.

I am not at all used to telling such fanciful stories but I wonder if readers of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* can either give a rational explanation for the object, or indeed put my wife's mind at rest, that they also saw something strange in the sky about Lochgilphead and Cairnbaan.

**Name and address supplied.**

## Act on damp homes

Sir,  
I have yet to find one rented property in Mid Argyll that is not riddled with damp and mildew.

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Dr Hugo van Woerden.

# NHS Highland appoints new director of public health

A NEW director of public health and health policy has been appointed by NHS Highland.

Dr Hugo van Woerden, 51, director of innovation and development in Public Health Wales, will take up the post on February 1, succeeding Dr Margaret Somerville, who has retired.

The new director has strong Highland connections, having attended Inverness Royal Academy and having practised as a GP in Mallaig from 1993-1998. His father, two sisters and brother all live in Inverness.

Dr van Woerden has worked as a consultant in public health medicine in Scotland, England and Wales. Roles in recent years have included deputy medical director for the Welsh Health Specialised Ser-

vices Committee and director of health and healthcare improvement in Public Health Wales.

### Looking forward

In his current role, as director of innovation and development in Public Health Wales, Dr van Woerden said: 'I am really looking forward to coming back to Inverness and working for NHS Highland. I have kept in touch with former colleagues in the Highlands over the years and I know I am

joining NHS Highland at an exciting juncture.

'I am particularly looking forward to the joint working that's involved in the integration in Highland of health and adult social care, and I know NHS Highland has a particularly innovative healthcare improvement agenda.'

NHS Highland's previous director of public health and health policy, Dr Margaret Somerville, retired after almost five years in the post.

## Isla and Jack are top names

THE top names for boys and girls in Argyll and Bute have been revealed.

Isla tops the girls' names with Jack for boys.

Other top names for girls are Sophie, Ava, Charlotte, Jessica and Lucy with Amber, Amelia, Grace, Lola, Olivia and Sophia.

Popular boys' names include Alexander, James, Jamie, Andrew, Charlie, Ethan, Hamish, Harris and Kyle.

## Teaching council officers to write better reports

A COURSE to teach councillor officers to write better reports has been won by a company from Fife.

Focussed on Learning Limited won the contract, valued at £750 per day, to provide a series of one-day training courses in six locations between December 2014 and June 2015 and from September - June on a yearly basis.

The number of days

required and dates will be agreed in April each year.

The course will teach council employees to write 'clearly, correctly and confidently.'

### Wide range

Courses will be delivered to a wide range of council employees across the Argyll and Bute area including Lochgilphead, Oban, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Helensburgh and Islay.

## Models are no joke

POWERFUL toy drones and model helicopters could cause power cuts, according to the company that operates the electricity network.

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) is concerned that if not used properly, flying toys could cause problems for its electricity network.

SHEPD is urging newbie pilots to steer a course away from its substations and overhead lines.

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# Review of the Year - Ja

## JANUARY



Police sergeant Davie Scott, of Inveraray, made the front page after he delivered his son at home. Baby Euan was born just 35 minutes after Davie's wife Nicola went in to labour. a06\_a05euan01



Ghost hunters brought in the bells at Auchindrain Township Museum, where they made contact with a dead herbal healer in her former home, namesake Bella's Cottage. They raised more than £7,000 for Lochgilphead's MS Centre. 06\_a03ms07

## FEBRUARY

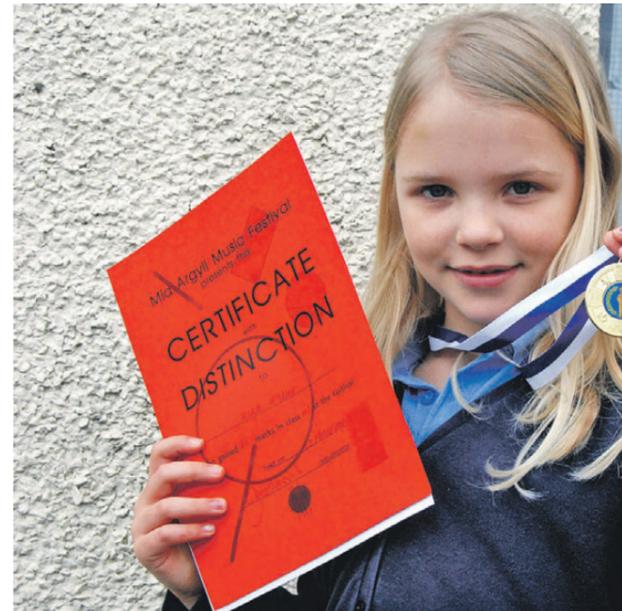


The Duntrune Trekkers became a household name after they embarked on fundraising journey that would take them to the height of Kilimanjaro. The pictures above were from the fundraising launch disco. 06\_a08disco06

## MARCH



Youngsters from Inveraray primary school's shinty team after winning a Fair Play award, to recognise the juniors.



At the 35th Mid Argyll Music Festival, little Ella Mackenzie from Mackenzie Primary School, was the recipient of the first place medal and speaking solo competition for children in primary four.

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# January to June

## APRIL



am celebrated with a game  
ors' sportsmanship. 06\_a10inv01



This was the moment three pupils from Lochgilhead high school were given the news that they had been selected to bear the Queen's baton in Mid Argyll for the Commonwealth Games 2014. Megan Yuill, Emily Brown and Ryan McCuaig were over the moon.



Red Star under 9 player Zander MacKenzie, eight, was pictured with Sky Sports football critic Alan McInally. The TV star presented the youngster with a golden ball after he wowed referees with a goal at the ESL International Tournament.

## MAY



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Councillor Anne Horn walked on fire to help raise money for the MS Society in Lochgilhead. The fundraiser raised enough to hire a nurse specialist to care for people with Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis. 06\_a20fire13



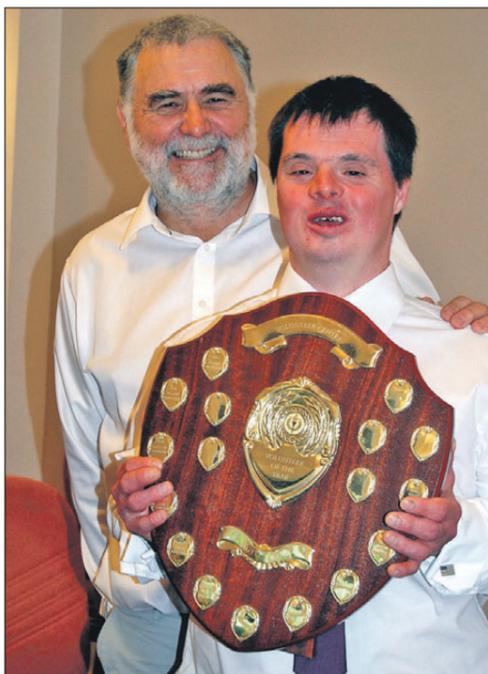
This was the moment Red Star goalie Luke 'Oz' Kalache had his 20-year-old pony tail cut off for charity. He agreed to go through with it if the Rainbow Valley fundraiser, held in May, exceeded its £2,000 target.

## JUNE



Lochgilhead's Clock Lodge became a focal point throughout 2014 when retailer Harbro was granted planning permission to bring the derelict building back to life. It is also set to team up with community development group, the Phoenix Project, to turn some of the indoor space into a community hub. The project has yet to take off. 06\_a43clock03

Colin Reid was 'so happy' after winning the Individual Volunteer of the Year award at Argyll Voluntary Action's annual ceremony in June. Colin dedicates his time to working at Argyll and Bute's nature reserves, including Auchindrain Museum and Tainish Nature Reserve. He was nominated by Scottish Natural Heritage's Alan Martin. 06\_a25vol03

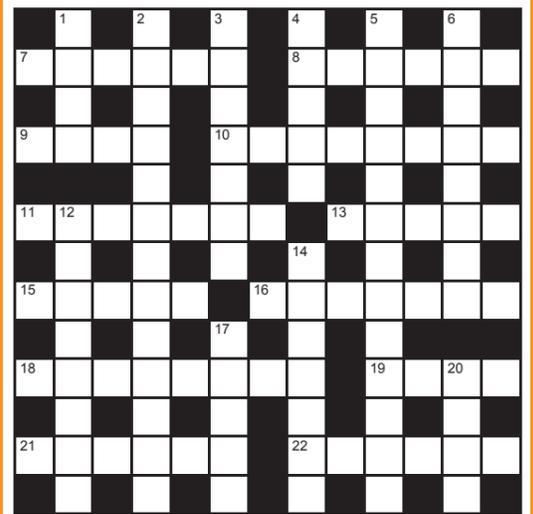


## Quiz Answers

LAST week The Argyllshire Advertiser posed a number of tough quiz questions about 2014.

- Answers
1. Kintyre, January 2014
  2. Scott MacDonald and Alison Whitehead
  3. Tarbert Academy
  4. David Adams McGilp
  5. Disgrace, a pencil, scabby
  6. Michael Russell
  7. £8,500
  8. Great Wall of China
  9. Glasgow School of Art
  10. Stuart Liddell
  11. Brian Dickie and John Montgomery
  12. Lochgilhead pool, Lochgilhead high school, Inveraray Castle and Inveraray Pier
  13. Argyll is open for business
  14. Dick Walsh (Cowal) Ellen Morton (Helensburgh)
  15. MacColls
  16. American Herring Gull
  17. Inveraray Shinty Club
  18. Jan Brown
  19. Inveraray Castle
  20. 0:8
  21. Carra Mackenzie
  22. Inveraray and District Pipe Band.
  23. Kilmory versus Lochside Rovers. 2:0.
  24. Scott Rider
  25. Ducks or diving birds
  26. 66
  27. 22
  28. Frances Macdonald and Ross Ryan
  29. Martha Payne
  30. Fiona MacDonald

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



- | Across                      | Down  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 7 Force (6)                 | 1 Green fruit (4)                                       |
| 8 Type of talk? (6)         | 2 Man of law (6,7)                                      |
| 9 LP player (2-2)           | 3 Foreshadow (7)  |
| 10 Uniformity (8)           | 4 Foam (5)  |
| 11 Benefits of a merger (7) | 5 Game of catching (9,4)                                |
| 13 Spread (5)               | 6 Aubergine dish (8)                                    |
| 15 Drink heartily (5)       | 12 Childlike (8)  |
| 16 Soft squidgy seat (7)    | 14 Animal with a white tail also a Canadian river (3,4) |
| 18 Used to be Siam (8)      | 17 Cover with colour (5)                                |
| 19 Fail miserably (4)       | 20 American shopping centre (4)                         |
| 21 Deep dish (6)            |   |
| 22 Wrap up (6)              |   |

Last week's solution



### Cut energy bills through home energy check

POWER To The People Kintyre is offering a free home energy check service for households in Kintyre to help make their properties more energy efficient - and thereby cut bills.

A spokeswoman for the Campbeltown-based group said: 'Whatever the household income, there may be support available.'

### Site helps beat the bullies

A WEBSITE for people who feel they're bullied at work has been launched by public sector workers union UNISON.

Tobie (Tackling Oppressive Behaviour in Employment) had more than 600 'visits' over the festive period.

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### Candidate calls for pothole fund

THOUSANDS of pounds in compensation has been paid to motorists because of damage caused by potholes on roads.

A Freedom of Information (FOI) request from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party to all local authorities has revealed that a total of £23,587.04 has been paid out in compensation by Argyll and Bute Council to motorists between 2009 to 2014.

Islay's Alastair Redman, Conservative prospective candidate in Argyll for the UK General Election, said: 'A pothole fund would be a major step forward in helping councils to finally get our roads up to a better standard to benefit motorists across Argyll and Bute.'

# Support will be given on welfare changes

'More community learning tutors have been recruited and laptops made available for people to use'

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute affected by welfare reform will be able to get more help in dealing with the changes to their benefits through a new support service.

Argyll and Bute Council, working with other organisations, is running one of two Scottish trial schemes to help people prepare for the introduction of the Universal Credit benefit.

Universal Credit will see changes in the way claims and payments are handled - it has to be

claimed and managed online.

Instead of receiving a number of different benefits - for example Job Seekers Allowance and Housing Benefit - people will receive one payment, made monthly in arrears.

Those who make claims will need some computer skills, internet access and a bank account in order to receive their money.

To cope with these changes, some people may also need IT sup-

port, budget and money management advice - and the universal support delivered locally scheme will help to provide this across Argyll and Bute.

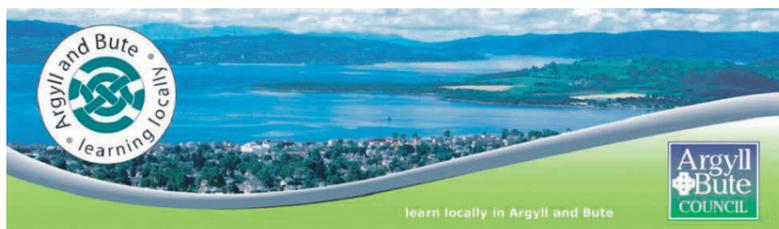
#### Liaise

A council spokeswoman said: 'We will liaise with registered social landlords, the Department for Work and Pensions, NHS Highland and organisations like Citizens Advice Bureau to reach a wide range of people who may need support ahead of the in-

troductory of Universal Credit.

'Where broadband coverage is challenging, or where people cannot travel easily to a main town to use computers in libraries or job centres, the council has changed its IT infrastructure in other premises like school buildings so that they can be used for training courses.

'More community learning tutors have been recruited and laptops made available for



### Adult Learning Classes Mid Argyll

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<b>Next Steps in Computing</b> Using the Internet and building computer skills. 10 week course. FREE	Thursday 10-12p.m.	22/01/15	02/04/15	Lochgilphead Library
<b>Next Steps 2 in Computing -</b> Using social media and digital photography. 10 week course. FREE	Tuesday 2-4p.m.	20/01/15	31/03/15	Lochgilphead Library
<b>IT Drop In</b> Support for job seekers and those with IT queries. FREE	Wednesday 10-12p.m.	21/01/15	01/04/15	Lochgilphead Library
<b>The Workshop</b> Support and IT access for job seekers and claimants of benefits. FREE	Friday 10-12p.m.	09/01/15	Continuous	Lochgilphead Community Centre
<b>ESOL</b> Conversational English for speakers of other languages. FREE	Monday 2-3.30p.m.	19/01/15	30/03/15	Lochgilphead Community Centre
<b>Yoga Drop In -</b> Help yourself to relax and feel fitter. FREE	Tuesday 10.45-11.45p.m.	20/01/15	31/03/15	Lochgilphead Community Centre
<b>Design and Plant a Herb Garden</b> Theory and practise of growing herbs for horticultural and culinary use. FREE	TBC	March		Lochgilphead Community Centre and Kilmory Gardens
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<b>Upcycling and Sewing skills</b> Become more crafty and use materials you already possess. FREE	TBC	February		Lochgilphead Community Centre
<b>Introduction to Welding</b> Practical welding and health and safety. Equipment provided. Cost £46.00. Fee waivers apply	Tuesday 7-9p.m.	February		Kilmory Construction Centre
<b>Inveraray: Computing for Beginners -</b> Introduction to computers. FREE	Wednesday 10-12p.m.	21/01/15	01/03/15	Inveraray Conference Centre. (Behind Primary School)

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# People dying due to lack of care home places or care at home provision

## £307,500 granted to tackle bed blocking

'DISTRESSING' statistics show that almost 100 people have died in west coast hospitals over the last four years while waiting to be discharged to home.

Official bed blocking statistics show that patients who are clinically ready to leave hospital wards, where no further treatment can be given or is required, were unable to do so because of a care crisis.

Patients living in rural areas or with complex needs are less likely to be discharged from hospital, according to statistics from the Scottish government. Bed blocking figures from NHS Scotland Information Division Scotland

show 33 people died in west coast and Highland hospitals in 2012-13 because a shortage of care home places or care at home provision meant they couldn't be moved.

In 2013-14 there were 47 cases and 17 in the first three months of 2014-2015.

NHS Highland was recently granted an extra £307,500 from the Scottish government to tackle bed blocking.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid is calling for closer working between the Scottish government and local councils to ensure people can be moved from hospitals.

He said: 'These distressing statistics show that hundreds of people

in Scotland every year are spending their final days in busy hospital wards when they should be in a more peaceful setting.

'People who are terminally ill and for whom a hospital can't offer any further treatment must be afforded the peace and dignity of ending their days in their own home, the home of a relative or friend, or a care home, where they can be with friends and family.'

'The Scottish government and local councils must get together and ensure that proper support is always made available to people who have been judged as ready to leave hospital,

so that they can spend the remainder of their lives in a more appropriate setting.'

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'There are increasing pressures year-on-year linked to our ageing population which means we have had to systematically change the way we deliver services.'

'This is important in our reasoning in our move towards integrating health and social care services in Argyll and Bute.'

'Alongside this we are increasing our ability to provide greater community services and working with partners, third parties and the independent sector.'



## Hogmanay celebrations in Oban

THE ORGANISERS of Hogmanay in Oban say that a higher number of people than last year made their way from Mid-Argyll to the town for its event. Revellers were treated to a wide range of musical talent including local bands and a country and western band from Helensburgh.

## Reid focuses his anger on DVLA

CONFUSION continues within the DVLA over visual field examinations required for elderly people renewing their driving licences on health grounds.

The tests were carried out by local opticians until last year when the DVLA signed a national contract awarding all the work to Specsavers.

### Lengthy journeys

However, that left residents in Mid Argyll and Kintyre facing a five-hour round trip to Oban and

elderly on Islay tackling lengthy journeys costing £200.

Despite an outcry by local and national politicians, the matter remains unresolved.

Agreements have been sought to have the screening tests sub-contracted by Specsavers to opticians in remote areas but long and complicated contracts - running to 150 pages - have further delayed the process.

This week, Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The

DVLA was seriously at fault for signing the Specsavers contract without first ensuring every part of the country was covered.

### Pressure

'I've already complained about this in parliament and will keep up pressure on the DVLA until the contracts with local opticians are actually signed and implemented.'

'It is totally unacceptable to force drivers to travel to Oban or Dumbarton for their eye tests.'

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# new year, new you?



## Make a resolution that lasts

**N**EW YEAR'S day will have set in train for many the introduction of some rules and regulations. Known as resolutions these are acts of self improvement or a desire to start acting differently from New Year's Day.

Almost 50 per cent of the population make resolutions with 60

per cent of those people believing they will keep their oaths.

However, recent research has shown that fewer than 20 per cent have kept resolutions for longer than a month. One way to succeed is to take a little bit of help that is on offer.

Leading psychologists tell us that those with the best chance

of success for keeping resolutions are those who tell people about them and seek support.

A 2007 study by Richard Wiseman from the University of Bristol in-

volving 3,000 people showed men achieved their goal 22 per cent more often when they engaged in goal setting.

Setting small measurable goals such as,

a pound a week, instead of saying lose weight, while women succeeded 10 per cent more when they made their goals public and got support from friends.

### Small Woods management events this spring

**Argyll Small Woods Cooperative** was set up in 2014 to support and encourage small scale woodland management in Argyll. Membership is open to woodland owners and workers whose primary purpose is to generate sustainable income from small woodlands.

The **Cooperative** is running a series of knowledge sharing and training events in 2015 focussing on small scale woodland management, covering how to access suitable equipment, network of contractors suitable for this type of work, potential markets for produce and providing advice and training.

#### Monitor Farm woods – we've looked at the farm – what about the farm woods?

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Glenbarr farms, Kintyre. Free**

This event will introduce participants to the management options for conifer plantations, shelterbelts and native woodland.

#### Hardwood assessment – Dunollie estate

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Oban bay Hotel and Dunollie Estate. Free**

This event will introduce participants to the process of inspecting and grading hardwood timber, methods of sale and how to access the market.

#### 5 day NPTC - Maintenance, Cross-cutting & Felling Small Trees

**Date: 9-13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Subsidised cost £400.00**

#### 2 day Lantra Maintenance and cross cut chainsaw course

**Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February. Subsidised cost £115.00**

#### Glencaigs Farm - Woodland Planning – the basics

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Glencaigs farm, Kintyre. Free**

This event will introduce participants to small woodland planning covering thinning regime, stability, inventory and putting a forest plan together.

#### Glencaigs Farm. Thinning for wood fuel

**Date 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Glencaigs farm, Kintyre. Free**

This event will demonstrate the process involved in thinning a plantation for wood fuel. The event will take participants through planning for thinning and demonstrate the process of manual felling and extraction using small scale harvesting machinery.

**If you would like to book a place on an event or would like more information on joining the Argyll Small Woods Cooperative – contact:**

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**Happy 21st Alan**



Lots of love Mum,  
 Louise, Kat and Kevin,  
 Rachael and Elena xxx

**Looking for the Last Will & Testament**

For Mr. Iain Hill (John), formerly of The Bothy, Cour, Carradale, By Campbeltown, Argyll. Born August 20, 1938, Died November 27, 2014 @ Oban Hospital, Scotland. Predeceased by wife Gwenda Ruth Hill 1996 in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada where Mrs Hill resided prior to her death.

Please e-mail family member in Canada at: [charted@bell.net](mailto:charted@bell.net)

**MRS HETTY DAVIDSON**  
 of 2 Ross Crescent,  
 Lochgilhead

would like to wish her family, friends and her carers a belated Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**LOOK WHO IS 40!**

Happy birthday **NUDGE** from all your many friends.

**BUDDY & FLORA**

would like to thank family and friends for the enjoyable Golden Wedding Party.

Thank you to all who attended for cards and gifts received.



**Happy 21st to EWE GREIG!**

Lots of love & Kisses xxx

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**

**CAMPBELL - FULTON** Heather and Rory are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their second son, Isaac Rory Fulton on December 18, 2014 at Ayrshire Maternity Unit. A wee brother for Noah and another grandson for Lorraine and Rosie and Murdoch.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**CONLEY - RONALD** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Sandra, youngest daughter of William and Elizabeth to Archie, only son of John and Isobel at the Bells on January 1, 2015.

**MARTIN - STEELE** - Both families have please in announcing the engagement of Kirsty, daughter of David and Morag, to Alan, son of Eorsie and Billy, Renfrew.

**MCCRORY-LEISHMAN** - Jennifer and Tommy take great pleasure in announcing the engagement on Christmas Day of their youngest daughter Michelle Rosemarie to Ryan, elder son of Eileen and Brian. Both families are absolutely delighted. Love and congratulations xx

**MARRIAGES**

**BEATON - STEWART** - On 29th December 2014, at House for an Art Lover, Glasgow, Kenny, younger son of Norman and Maureen, Mid-Argyll, to Pamela, only daughter of George and Liz, Gartcosh. A very happy day.

**DEATHS**

**BROWN** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Wednesday December 31, 2014, Iain Alexander McInnes Brown, in his 62nd year, dearly beloved son of the late Danny and May Brown, much loved brother of the late Campbell, a loving and much loved uncle and loving long time friend of Mhairi Rowan, Lochgilhead.

**FYFE** - Marcus David Theodore died peacefully on January 4, 2015, aged 67, in Edinburgh. Much loved brother of Miranda, uncle and great uncle. Friend to many. Private cremation, memorial party in late February.

**HARVEY** - Peacefully in Southport Hospital, on December 27, 2014, William Harvey, in his 87th year, 23 Kenilworth Road, Southport, dearly beloved son of the late Willie and Violet Harvey, Coalhill, Drumlemble, loving husband of Denise and father of Leonard and Michael. A Memorial Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday January 16, 2015 at 1.00pm. To which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

**LAMONT** - Suddenly at his home, 6 Manse Brae, Lochgilhead, on December 23, 2014, Norrie Lamont, aged 60 years. Beloved son of the late Tom and Cathie Lamont. A dear cousin to all the family. A good friend and much respected work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**MCVICAR** - Peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital on Saturday, January 3, 2015, Margaret McSparran, in her 90th year, formerly of Lorne Campbell court, Campbeltown and Burnbank, Drumlemble, dearly beloved wife of the late John McVicar, much loved mother of David and Margaret, loving nan of David, John and Kelly and loving great gran of John Paul, Shannon, Iona, John William and Alanna Grace.

**TAYLOR** - Suddenly, while on holiday, on December 26, 2014, Nicholas (Nick) Taylor, aged 54 years, of 7 Rowan Park, Lochgilhead. Beloved son of Mary and the late Thomas. Much loved Dad of Sarah, Graham and Emma, and adored Grandpa of Alyce. Husband of Carol Sansom. Cherished brother of David, Anne, Michael and Robert. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend, dear neighbour and work colleague to many. Funeral Service will be held at Lochgilhead Parish Church on Tuesday 13th January 2015, at 11am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

**TOWNSLEY** - Peacefully at Kingsgate Care Home, East Kilbride, on January 1, 2015, Bridget Townsley, in her 76th year, formerly of Mill Street, Campbeltown, beloved wife of George McCall Townsley, much loved mother of George, John, Mairi, Maureen, Brian and the late Yvonne and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother.

**VONHOF** - On December 26, 2014 at Kettering General Hospital, A&E department, Siegmund Vonhof, aged 74 years. Dearly beloved husband of Ann McLean, much loved father of Natasha, loving Opa to Lyla, Farron & Iona. Also greatly missed by Natasha's partner Darryl. Private family service to be followed by a service of thanksgiving at a later date.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**COOK** - Anne, Fiona and families would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of their dear mum, gran and great gran. The family's sincerest gratitude is conveyed to past and present staff from NHS Highland Community Nursing Team, Enable Scotland, Argyll and Bute Homecare and Carr Gomm for the dedicated care and kindness provided to May over the past 4 years. Very special thanks to Rev. Gary McIntyre for a most personal and comforting funeral service and to Stan Lupton for his dignified professional

services. Thanks also to the Tontine Hotel, Greenock for the funeral tea. The collection at Greenock Crematorium for Alzheimer Scotland raised £420.

**MACKINNON** - The family of the late Christina MacKinnon would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to the Rev. Steve Fulcher for his sincere and comforting service, to Alasdair Blair for his professional service and to Carradale Hotel for excellent catering. Also thanks to Dr. Elder and the staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**MCLEAN** - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest Nana, we miss you so much and think of you always - love Senga, Sean & Millie and Maureen, Eddie & family xxx Precious memories of our dear Mum - forever in our hearts, Rene, Flora and Carolin xxx

**TURNER** - In loving memory of our grandson, Jonathan, died January 10, 2008. Today, tomorrow, our whole life through, We will always love and remember you. From Gran Tottie, Tarbert.

**TURNER** - Jonathan (JoJo) January 10, 2008. No longer in our lives to share

But in our hearts you're always there. With all our love Uncle Colin, Auntie Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx

**WAREHAM** - In loving memory of John (Jake) Wareham, who died on January 4, 2012. Gone but not forgotten. Peggy and family.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**lochgilhead baptist church**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
Sunday 11th January 2015 11.00am  
Mainly music Tuesday at 10am  
Jumpstart Friday 9th January From 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
Sunday 11th January  
The service will be held in the Church at 11.15 am  
And will be led by Mr Matthew Ramsay  
All young folk will be welcome to join the Sunday Club  
Which meets during the service.  
Badminton Club meets on Tuesday in Kirk Street Hall  
Primary 1 - Primary 5: 6.30-7.30  
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30  
Everyone very welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**  
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead (SC013787)  
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service  
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)  
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book  
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)  
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
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Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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Fr. David Connor 01546 602380  
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**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 11th January 2015 - all welcome!**  
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Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm.  
Ceud mile fàilte

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 11th January  
Sunday Worship Glassary 11.45 am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
A new loop hearing system has been installed.  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Sunday 11th January 11.15 am Service  
Creche Triple C Next Generation Rev. P Wallace  
Monday 12th January Guild 7.30pm New Hall  
Tuesday 13th January Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys 6pm Junior Section 7.15pm  
Thursday 15th January Choir 7.30pm  
Friday 16th January Lunch Club 12noon New Hall

**The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps**  
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046  
Sunday Services 10.30am Advent Morning Worship Army Kidz 6.30pm Advent Evening Worship  
Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League  
Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

**LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2015**  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
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Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe All Welcome  
www.lpchurch.co.uk  
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Kilberry Service 2pm  
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Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 11 January  
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Morning Worship Rev. C. Acklam  
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www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
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Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean "Great Expectations!"  
Thursday 15 January 2015 7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:  
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Ladies Bible Study 2pm  
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)  
All welcome.

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 11th January  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
10.45am Holy Communion  
All Welcome  
Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 11th January 2015  
11am Family Service with Communion with crèche  
Mr John Ives, Southend  
Wednesday 14th January  
10am Toddlers Group  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
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## INVERARAY

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE is a line from the song Neil Diamond wrote after reading the beautiful poem, 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' which I think of at this time of year.

It is this: 'Be – as a page that aches for a word which speaks on a theme that is timeless'.

A new year is a bit like an empty page as we open our diaries and calendars and wait for them to fill up with all sorts of engagements and commitments.

For now the coming year holds its own secrets and some will bring joy, and no doubt there will be sadness too.

There will be many words spoken in the coming year and some will please us and some will not.

We will hear much rhetoric in the months before the General Election and our minds will be crammed with figures and statistics from all sides. Words can hurt or heal, they can wound or mend. They can be said without thought, or they can be said after much careful consideration.

I often look at our collies and think that they are not far from words in the manner in which they communicate.

But words are reserved for the human animal alone and we can achieve much with them. In fact we could change the world with the right words

As the empty page aches for a word, so too the world longs for the words of peace and love to become the theme that is timeless.

'Blessed are the peacemakers,' Jesus said.

'The pen is mightier than the sword,' wrote Edward Bulwer.

If only the peacemakers could write the words on the new page of this year.

If only we could resolve conflict with the pen and not the sword.

God's word became flesh in Jesus.

That is the theme that is timeless.

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Fiona Corner, Helen MacIntyre, Linda Leyland and Fiona McCallum.

## Pedal club gets off to a good start

A CYCLING group has proved to be popular following its launch on Sunday.

Fyne Pedallers first session saw eight women between the ages of 18 and 50 take part. It has been set up by Inveraray's jogsotland and aims to pro-

vide an alternative exercise to walking and running.

Fiona Corner, jogsotland organiser, said: 'We started off by going over basic maintenance checks and how to change a tyre. The group will also go over this again for new-

comers. We then set off on an eight-mile group cycle.

'The purpose of the group is to encourage people who don't want to go out running to take up another sport or for people who are nervous about getting back into cycling on their own,

or those who just want to get reacquainted with cycling.

'It is not about time trials and competitions.'

The group is open to anyone over 14. An adult must accompany under 16s. For more details call Fiona 01499 302160.

### STRACHUR

#### Pantomime

ALADDIN Trouble, was performed by Strachur primary school in the Memorial Hall.

This traditional pantomime was the result of collaboration between the school and local drama club.

Congratulations to all the children and thanks to Sheena and Kirsty Dowse, plus their helpers.

#### Poppy appeal

STRACHUR'S Poppy Appeal raised the sum of £278.

A special thanks is due to Thelma Gordon who knitted poppies, which made the grand total of £93.

#### Snow White sketch

STRACHUR guild was entertained at its Christmas tea last month with

a Snow White sketch, when Douglas McHugh gave a masterly performance as Snow White, complete with swinging black locks.

Other members of the cast, too shy to be mentioned, gave excellent portrayals of the rest of the characters.

Next month the guild has Ian McCrorie speaking on the MacBrayne story, 2 pm, Monday January 12 in the new hall.

### BUTE

#### Calum's Cabin

TEAMS of five are being sought by Argyll's respite home for children.

Calum's Cabin is a holiday retreat on the Isle of Bute for children suffering from cancer to come with their families, to spend quality time together and make irreplaceable memories. This year the charity is

asking people to set off in teams of five for the annual Kiltwalk in various cities around Scotland.

To register look at [www.calumscabin.com](http://www.calumscabin.com) <https://www.facebook.com/>

### FURNACE

#### Guild holds bring and buy sale

THE LAST Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild meeting of 2014 took the form of a bring and buy sale, followed by carols.

The sale raised £112, which will be used for guild funds.

Members then chose their favourite festive carols to sing after the sale.

#### New clerk

IN LIGHT of John Orr resigning from his position as session clerk of Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Parish Churches,

a new clerk has been appointed.

Alison Hay is set to take up the role this January.

Lynda Syed of Furnace said: 'John and Sandra both served the church faithfully during the years they lived in the parish. As well as being an elder, John was a most valuable member of the church choir. We thank them both for their service and wish them well in the future.'

### DUNOON

#### Recycle and regift Christmas presents

A LEADING UK charity is urging people in Dunoon to recycle and re-gift Christmas presents to help bring festive cheer to vulnerable children throughout 2015.

Barnardo's Scotland is appealing for people to

donate duplicate and unwanted gifts to its shop in the town, so they can be sold to raise funds in the year ahead.

Martin Crewe, director of Barnardo's Scotland, said: 'We've all received a gift at Christmas that's not suitable, such as the wrong size clothing or two of the same items. By donating any unusable or duplicate Christmas presents to our shops you will not only be re-gifting, but also helping Scotland's most disadvantaged children. Every penny raised in our shops plays a vital part in ensuring we continue to support these children.'

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# Support being sought for new shooting club in Mid Argyll

A MID Argyll man is urging people to come forward in support of his plan to set up a shooting club in Mid Argyll.

Shoot Mid Argyll is a project founded by Graham Love of Ardrishaig and it is set to bring 10m Air Rifle Target Shooting to the area.

The sport was highlighted during the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games as an international competitive sport and Mr Love says there is no reason why it cannot come to Mid Argyll.

### Plug a gap

Mr Love has over 30 years in the UK target shooting scene at club and county level and

he aims to plug a gap in sports provision in Mid Argyll.

He said: 'I moved to Mid Argyll last summer and while there are lots of leisure activities on the doorstep there is no provision locally for target shooting.'

### Developed

'The nearest facility is a private range in Macrahanish. While this is great, I'd like to see something developed a bit closer to home.'

'Ten-metre air rifle shooting is an Olympic and Commonwealth discipline and is relatively easy to establish on a temporary range within an existing hall facility.'

'I'm asking anyone with an interest in the

project to come forward to help establish the sport in Mid Argyll.'

The indoor sport is a year-round activity and is accessible to men and women of all ages and those with disabilities.

He is appealing to anyone aged 18 to 80 who is keen to learn a new skill or rediscover target shooting as a sport to get involved.

Shoot Mid Argyll has already gained support from the Scottish Target Shooting Federation and Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

To get involved and support the project go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/3F339WF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3F339WF). Or email [shootmidargyll@gmail.com](mailto:shootmidargyll@gmail.com).



Graham Love with a Walther 10m Match Air Rifle.

## Club lottery numbers

THIS week's Kilmory Camanchd Club's lottery draw numbers were 9, 13 and 14. The winner of the £100 jackpot was J. Crawford. Next week's prize money will be £100.

There were no winners of this week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw. The numbers were 1, 15, 16. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

Tarbert Football Club Lottery numbers for last week were 3, 8 and 17. There were no winners, which means next week's jackpot is £1,000 and it must be scooped up.

## Charity match

A FOOTBALL tournament that took place in South Kintyre raised £350 for charity.

Veterans from Tarbert AFC and Campbeltown combined players to compete in a four-team tournament set up to raise funds for the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign.

Darren McGillvary, tournament organiser, said: 'A special thanks to Tarbert's players for making the journey.'

# SPOT THE BALL

## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2650

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

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 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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Support  
sought for  
new shooting  
club

## First shoot of 2015 season sees Bob McColl's team take first place again

TARBERT Gun Club held their first competition of the new year last Sunday.

The shoot was also the January leg of the winter league, in which Bob

McColl's squad won the team round to increase their lead in the league, which brought them to three in a row.

Ally McDonnell was the top shot

for the day and Campbeltown's Stewart MacAllister won the sporting section.

**No wind**

There were no moans about the

weather this time and no wind to blame for the missing targets.

Generally scoring was lower than it usually is - it must have been the festive season hangovers.



Runners up team; Kyle MacKellar, John Weir, Jennifer Campbell, Bill Bidmead and Stewart McAllister.

## Dash for MOKrun entries is over in hours

ENTERING the Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon was about speed not endurance last Friday, as a record 1,000 spaces were snapped up in a matter of hours.

The annual run's tenth edition, which takes place on Sunday, May 24, saw an overwhelming demand for the 1,000 available slots, and will feature distance athletes from across the UK as well as home favourites such as former half marathon winner Kenny Campbell from Southend and last year's 10K winner Matthew Turner from Tangy.

The event has been voted the most scenic in the UK by Runners World magazine readers on multiple occasions for its unique setting; the half-marathon features a beach run and the 10K takes runners around the historic Campbeltown Loch.

## SAFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round - Campbeltown pupils v Dunoon Athletic; Lochgilphead Red Star v Haldane United; Coronation Cup, first round - Rossvale v Tarbert; Premier Division - Oban Saints v Alba Thisle.

## Sports hall athletics competition schedule announced for 2015

SPORTS hall athletics will once again be promoted in Argyll this winter with the first competition for the Mid Argyll area being held at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Sunday January 18.

The competition will be the first of four local area events being held and is promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

The next local area competition is in Oban

on Saturday, January 31 and the venue is the Atlantis Leisure centre.

The Mull competition is to be held at Tobermory High School on Saturday, February 21 followed by the Kintyre competition on Sunday, March 8 at Campbeltown Grammar School.

### Invited

Successful qualifiers from the four local area competitions will be invited to take part in the

Argyll final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday, March 21.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events bringing the excitement of track and field athletics indoors in a warm and dry environment.

This winter marks the 21st anniversary since first introduced in Argyll using sports centres,

schools and town halls.

Many of the young athletes taking part over the years have gone on to win Scottish national age group titles both indoors and outdoors.

### Reminded

Athletes are reminded that the Lochgilphead contest on Sunday, January 18 starts at 12 noon with entries taken from 11.30am.

There will be awards for the overall winners

in each age category and medals for all competitors.

Age groups start at under seven, then under nine, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17. Age is taken as on September 1, 2014 and the entry fee is £2 per competitor.

Organisers have introduced an under seven category at all the local area competitions but there will be few-

er events for this age group.

There will also be an under-seven competition at the Argyll final in March.

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