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Tarbert Academy ranked fifth in Scotland for Higher results

Headteacher says school consistently produces good pass rates

By **EDEL KENEALY**
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HIGH achieving pupils in S6 at Tarbert Academy have helped rocket the school to fifth place in a national league table which rates schools based on students Higher results.

The academy, with 43 per cent of its S5 pupils gaining five Highers in 2013, was named in the top 10 best performing schools in Scotland.

The league table, compiled by a national newspaper using data from the Scottish Government, ranks state schools based on the percentage of the S4 roll who go on to pass five or more Highers in S5.

Tarbert Academy statistics show the school's

pass rate at Higher level in 2013 was more than three times the national average, where 13 per cent of students in Scotland gained five or more Highers in S5.

The average in Argyll and Bute is 13.1 per cent.

In August the *Advertiser* reported that three of Tarbert Academy's 15 S5 pupils were awarded A grades in their Highers. Twelve of those 15 students have continued their education into S6.

And while Tarbert's small school role can impact percentages, the school's headteacher Neil McKnight states the school has consistently

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'Oh yes she is!' - 'Oh no she isn't!'

THE GLASGOW Hopscotch Theatre Company arrived at Cairndow Village Hall on Sunday to entertain youngsters with their latest panto Cinderella. Invited to the village by Cairndow Community Childcare, Carol Piper Rafferty, left, and Wullie Brennan, caused much laughter among the dozens of families that turned out to enjoy an afternoon filled with song and jokes. Turn to page 5 for the full story. 06_a03panto02

All-weather pitch petition

ALMOST 1,500 people have now signed a petition calling on Argyll and Bute Council to install a 3G all-weather pitch in Lochgilphead.

More than 1,000 hand written signatures were submitted to the council as part of the petition in November but hundreds more have since pledged their support online and in writing.

Peter Laing, the man behind the campaign, has now passed the 1,434 signatures to the local authority.

Human remains

HUMAN remains discovered in Arrochar last Thursday could be those of missing student Yulia Solodyankina, Police Scotland has confirmed.

The remains were discovered by hill walkers in Succoth Forest, last Thursday afternoon, January 9.

For more on this story see page 3.

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Young Employee of the Year

A STONE mason apprentice has been named 'young employee of the year' by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll as it launches a new award in memory of a local businessman.

Connor Crawford, an apprentice with Historic Scotland, has been given the Ian McCartan award and a £250 cheque in recognition of his hard work.

The new award has been created in memory of the late Mr McCartan, who was a prominent member of the rotary club. The award has been sponsored by PPD Ltd, the family firm Ian founded which is now run by his sons, John and Stuart.

The rotary club invit-



Connor was presented with his award by Jean McCartan.

ed nominations for the award from local firms and after interviewing the shortlisted can-

didates, the interview panel decided Connor was the worthy winner of the inaugural award.

£20,000 play park to be built in Ardrishaig

Plans to upgrade football pitch continue

A NEW £20,000 play park to be built at the King George V park in Ardrishaig will not scupper plans to upgrade the existing football pitch, it has been confirmed.

Ardrishaig Community Trust, the group behind the project, says the installation will not hamper plans to improve drainage and upgrade the surface of the adjoining football pitch.

The play park, which has been funded by Ardrishaig ACTION Fund, will sit on waste land between the existing swings and village primary school.

Hamish Nicol from the trust said a decision was made to proceed with the play park as the necessary funding was in place.

He said: 'The project was further ahead than the plans for the pitch by about 18 months. If we put this in place Argyll and Bute Council has said it could be possible to move the play park at a later date if necessary.'

The park, which will see a roundabout, multi play unit, donkey and dolphin spring and tunnel installed next month, will be maintained by Argyll and Bute Council.

Meanwhile the King George's Field Improvement Group and Mid Argyll Youth Development Services are progressing with plans to improve the pitch and build a pavilion.

John Woods, from the group,

said members had already met with an architect about the improvements.

He said: 'We will probably have to get the architect to re-draw the initial ideas, which were very early drawings and designs. The architectural survey will be much more detailed this time.'

'I am optimistic about improving the pitch. Whether we upgrade to a 3G surface or improve the grass pitch will be down to the community.'

John said the group plans to meet after the play park has been installed to discuss the next stage of the project, which will include sourcing further funds to carry out the survey.

Tarbert Academy ranked fifth in Scotland for higher results

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ently produced strong results at Higher and Standard Grade level.

'We have small numbers so one pupil would represent a significant percentage. However we consistently produce excellent results and compare well with high achieving schools in Scotland, and that is not only on academic results but across the wider curriculum. We do add value to the education of our children.'



More than 40 per cent of Tarbert's S5 students gained five or more Highers in 2013. 06_a03academy01



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He added: 'It helps being a small school to establish good working relationships between staff and students. The teachers know them [students] well, they know how to get the best out of them.'

'We have excellent staff and children to work with.'

It is hoped students in the current S5 year group will also perform well in their Highers following impressive Standard Grade results.

In 2012 71 per cent of the S4 students gained five or more credits at level 5.

Affluent areas

The league table created by The Scotsman showed the highest performing schools, based on higher results at S5, were based in affluent areas, with Renfrewshire Council home to the top three schools - St Ninian's High School, Williamwood High School and Mearns Castle High School.

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Human remains found could be that of missing Russian student

Speculation it could be Suzanne Pilley quashed

HUMAN remains discovered in Arrochar last Thursday could be those of missing student Yulia Solodyankina, Police Scotland has confirmed.

The remains were discovered by hill walkers in Succoth Forest, in Arrochar, near the A83, on January 9.

Formerly identified

Police Scotland said on Tuesday it could be two weeks before the badly decomposed body was formally identified but confirmed the discovery

was being linked to the search for Ms Solodyankina.

Yulia, 22, was studying for a physics degree at Edinburgh University when she was reported missing on June 12 last year.

Boarded a bus

She was last seen at Buchanan Bus Station in Glasgow at around 4.55pm on Friday, June 7, from where it was believed she boarded a bus to Argyll or the Highlands - areas she had previously visited.

Inquiries about the student were made in Ardrishaig, Oban and Campbeltown at the time of her disappearance.

A spokeswoman for Police Scotland said: 'Formal identification has still to take place and further forensic examinations, including DNA tests, are to be carried out.'

'Enquiries are continuing and no further information is available at this time.'

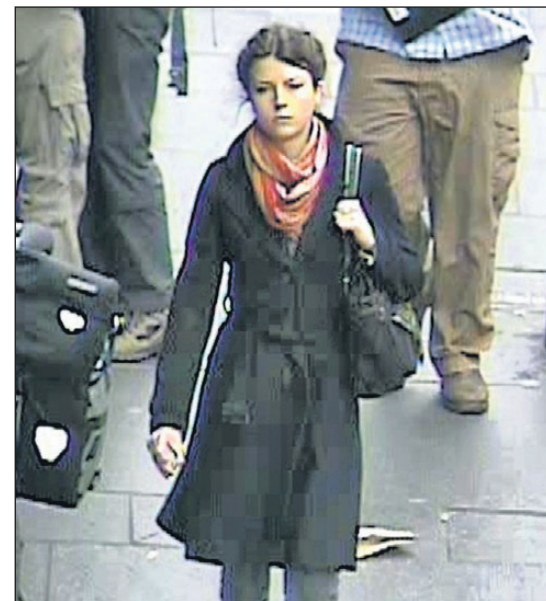
'However, there appear to be no suspicious circumstances

in connection with the death.'

Police Scotland had earlier confirmed that the remains did not belong to Edinburgh woman Suzanne Pilley, who disappeared in May 2010.

Convicted

Her former partner David Gilroy, who was convicted of her murder, was thought to have dumped her body somewhere around the Rest and Be Thankful, a few miles away from Arrochar where the remains were found last week.



The discovery of human remains in Arrochar is being linked to the disappearance of Russian student Yulia Solodyankina. She was last seen at a Glasgow bus station.

Daffodil appeal looking for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help give out daffodil pins as part of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal.

People would spend an hour handing out pins in return for donations this March.

All the money raised will be used to help terminally ill people in the area. Anyone who can donate their time can contact Claire Stuart-Paulin, community fundraiser for south west Scotland, on 01292 478 328 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil

Home Start opens a base in Tarbert

A CHARITY that supports young families throughout Mid Argyll has opened a base in Tarbert.

Home Start MAJK (Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay and Kintyre) recently opened the Tarbert office and employed a worker to support families in the village which have at least one child under the age of five.

The charity works by sending its volunteers to visit families for up to three hours per week, offering friendship, support and advice. Volunteers spend time with

both parents and children.

Eleanor Sloan, the new co-ordinator for Tarbert, said: 'It is a really informal service about friendship...it is about someone being there to help you.'

The charity, which helps families across Argyll and Bute, is currently recruiting volunteers.

Ms Sloan added: 'We are always looking for volunteers and the only requirement is that they have a child or have experience raising a child.'

Inveraray Pipe Band CDs flying off the shelves

COPIES of Inveraray and District Pipe Band's CD have been flying off shelves with 1,000 copies sold since it went on sale last month.

The Grade 1 pipe band released the double CD in December, which features its entire performance of its sell out pre-worlds Ascension concert last year.

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Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown

YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2013. Applications by letter or nomination form to 'Young Musician' are invited from young musicians in secondary school age, resident in South Kintyre or from other persons on their behalf, stating name, address, date of birth, telephone number and musical experience, with a short outline of why they should be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nomination forms for both awards should be sent in confidence to:

The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown
Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown PA28 6AB

Marking the envelope "Citizen of the Year" or "Young Musician of the Year"

Entries for both of the above to be received by 15th February 2014.

— Good Luck, Andy! —

Donald and all the staff at A G Barr Optometrists would like to wish Andy all the very best in his new position at Erskine Optometrists in Bridge of Allan.



Andy's last day is today, and after nearly nine years he is making the move back to the central belt. Andy started with us as a pre-registration Optometrist and after having completed his training, and passing all his exams first time, he decided to stay in the area and has become a well known and well liked part of the practice and community. He has made contributions to the piping scene and has been Pipe Major of the 'Sound of Kintyre Pipe' band for several years. Although Andy is leaving the practice, he is not leaving the area for a while. He and his wife Kirstine and their children Callum and Zoe are staying until the summer months, after which they will make the final move as a family.

So good luck Andy, thank you for all your excellent work, and we look forward to your many visits back to the area.

Teenage drivers banned

TWO TEENAGE drivers who almost caused a collision when they overtook two cars on the Lochgilphead to Cairnbaan road have been banned from driving.

Colin Sym and Shaun Thomson pled guilty to dangerous driving when they appeared at Dunoon Sheriff Court last Thursday. The pair, both aged 19, were drivers of a Vauxhall Corsa and a Honda Civic which were seen overtaking two cyclists and two other cars on the A816 on August 8, 2013. Their actions forced three south bound cars to brake to avoid an accident.

Sym, of 32 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and banned from driving for 15 months.

Thomson, of 10 MacKintosh Way, Lochgilphead, also received a 100-hour community pay back order and has been banned from driving for 12 months.

Duntrune Trekkers don walking boots for loved ones and charities



The Duntrune Trekkers - Blair Johnston, Duncan McGregor and Campbell Wright - take their name from the Lochgilphead High School clan.

Clan name will motivate Argyll men to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro

THREE Mid Argyll men have returned to their school sporting days and adopted a clan name in a bid to inspire and motivate them on their next sporting challenge.

The 'Duntrune Trekkers' - Blair Johnston, 36, Duncan McGregor, 34, and Campbell Wright, 42 - will this year climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania for charity.

The trekking group's name comes from its association with Lochgilphead High School where all three men were in Duntrune Clan; Duncan would like to remind people that they were not in the same year, however!

The trio have united to raise funds for three charities that have helped their loved ones through illness and hard times.

It is hoped £3,900 will be raised for Lochgilphead's MS Centre, Rainbow Valley and Laurie Currie Twilight Foundation when the men complete the 19,340ft climb to the summit in September.

Blair is raising funds for Rainbow Valley. He has chosen the charity in memory of his late father, Victor, who died from cancer in March last year.

Admitting his last mountain climb was Dunadd Fort, Blair has committed himself to a

tough training schedule in a bid to raise cash for the charity, which wants to build a sanctuary for people with cancer and their families.

The MS Centre will see funds boosted by British Army soldier Campbell.

His mother, Letty, who died in June 2008, had Multiple Sclerosis and used the centre until she moved to Glasgow.

Duncan has chosen to support the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation. His relative Vivienne Kerr suffers from vasculitis - a life threatening disease the charity aims to raise awareness of.

Duncan, who climbed to the summit of Mount Muhavura in Uganda in 2010, said: 'I'm sure with the right amount of training our fitness levels will get us to the top.'

'We will have many events planned throughout the year until the start of the seven-day trek in September, which we will make public via the Duntrune Trekkers website very soon and where everyone can also keep up to date with our weekly blog.'

'We are convinced there will be a challenge suited for everybody to take part in and enjoy.'

People can keep up to date with the planned events via the Duntrune Trekkers Facebook page.

Drink driving

TWO people have been charged with drink driving in the Tarbert area after failing roadside breath tests.

On Saturday evening, January 11, police received a complaint about the way a car was being driven on the A83 south of Tarbert. The car was stopped a short time later when the 45-year-old female driver failed a roadside breath test. She was charged with drink driving and dangerous driving.

In a second incident on Monday, January 13,

police officers stopped a pickup on the A83 in Tarbert. The driver, a man aged 39, also failed a breath test and was charged with drink driving.

Cannabis charge

A YOUNG man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged possession of cannabis after he was stopped and searched by police in Lochgilphead.

The 24-year-old was apparently found with the drug at 2.15pm on January 8 on Argyll Street.

Appointment bid to cut GP waiting times

PEOPLE living in Inveraray and Furnace will have to make an appointment to see their GP under a new pilot scheme that aims to cut waiting times.

NHS Highland this week confirmed residents of both villages will have to make an appointment to see the GP and nurse as opposed to the current 'drop-in' arrangement.

It is hoped the change will put to an end the average 55-minute wait to see a doctor.

The move to the appointment system is part of a pilot that will also see changes to the opening times of both surgeries. Instead of being opened all day, each surgery will now open for a half day, alternating between morning and afternoon shifts each day.

NHS Highland confirmed the pilot would run for three months after which time it will decide if the changes should be made permanent.

A spokesman for NHS Highland

said the start date for the pilot had not been set but that all patients would receive a letter about changes in the coming weeks.

He said: 'The majority of GP practices now offer an appointment system therefore the new system at Inveraray and Furnace will be more attractive to any incoming GP.'

The changes were welcomed by Inveraray Community Council as a positive step towards gaining a permanent GP to work in the royal burgh.

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Argyll marina runner up in awards

AN ARGYLL marina has been named runner up in the GJW Marina of the Year Awards 2014.

Portavadie Marina picked up the prestigious award, which is given to Gold Anchor accredited members of the Yacht Harbour Association.

The Tighnabruaich marina was recognised for its range of facilities, its commitment to good environmental practise and high level of personal service.

It had been nominated for the award by berth holders and visitors.

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Anchor Hotel holds firm to serve up last minute wedding dinner

THE ANCHOR Hotel in Tarbert delivered a wedding present with a difference recently, providing dinner for 25 people with only six hours' notice.

Ryan McHugh and Annie McKinney recently wed at Kintyre's Balnakeil House

but on the day of the wedding the chef they booked to cater for guests simply did not show up. Frantically phoning around local hoteliers, the pair spoke to James MacEachern, manager of the Anchor Hotel, and recently appointed head chef Robert Jackson, who

stepped in to save the day. Annie said: 'This wonderful hotel and its staff saved our wedding day. Thankfully James at the Anchor was willing to help and really did an amazing job. Everyone was so helpful and the food was brilliant - everything

was so nicely cooked and the staff were so friendly. 'We cannot thank James and the staff at The Anchor enough for rescuing our day and turning a negative into a huge positive.'

James said: 'The groom phoned us and explained what

had happened and asked if we could help. This was at 11am, we had three to four hours to do it. We put the menu together with local produce and what we had in stock and got fresh fish in. Everyone just had to work a lot quicker than usual.'



Alice Marks and Katie Wilson were just two youngsters to enjoy the panto. 06_a03panto01

Cairndow panto fun

THERE was plenty of fun and laughter in Cairndow when the Glasgow Hopscotch Theatre Company stopped off to entertain locals with its latest production.

Performing Cinderella, the company delighted a packed out audience in Cairndow Village Hall, which included families from Inveraray and Lochgoilhead.

Janet Riddoch, manager of Cairndow Community Childcare, which invited the company to the village, said: 'It is great to welcome the company back to the village. We would like to thank the Clachan Windfarm Trust for funding the event, without the financial support it would not have been possible.'



Heather Quinn, as Cinderella, with Prince Charming, played by Chris Alexander. 06_a03panto03

Loch Sween home to impressive coral-like seaweed

THE BIGGEST and best known example of an unusual habitat in the UK was found in Loch Sween, where large, impressive mounds of mud up to a metre high cover the seabed.

Formed by a marine animal known as the mud volcano worm, the mounds cover about 660 hectares and were recently discovered when marine surveys were carried out on the west coast of Scotland.

Researchers discovered the beds of mael, a hard coral-like seaweed, found in the tidal narrows of Loch Sween were among the richest examples of the habitat in Scotland.

The marine surveys were carried out in the loch, situated between Tayvallich and Achna-

mara, by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

Part of a wider research project across the west coast of Scotland, the results of the surveys will be used to inform decision makers about locations that could be made Marine Protected Areas (MPA).





Thirty-three sites around the coast of Scotland are being considered as possible MPAs by the Scottish Government, following a nationwide consultation earlier this year.

Other surveys were carried out around Orkney and the south of Arran.

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Wind farm cash question

A SECOND play park is to be built in Ardrishaig in a matter of months, thanks to the cash which has been generated through Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm.

Less than a year after the first pot of cash was made available to the community by Ardrishaig Community Trust, which owns part of the development, villagers are starting to see changes.

The village held its first Christmas lights switch on, which was a huge hit with people, Bayview Park has a new climbing frame and plans are underway for the King George V football pitch to be improved.

With £130,000 generated for the village in its first year thoughts are turning to the next stage of the regeneration of the village.

Exciting

Initial ideas have included painting buildings and giving Ardrishaig Public Hall a makeover - it is without a doubt an exciting time for the village.

With the money flowing in, other communities on Loch Fyne have started to notice.

And, with two proposed wind farm developments in the pipeline behind Ardrishaig it is easy to see how communities could be swayed by the community benefits packages on offer.

But, while the cash is certainly not to be sniffed at, it is vital community councils remain objective and look at the overall picture.

Does the benefit adequately compensate for any damage caused by the development of the wind farm?

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Alterations would spoil listed building setting

Sir,
In almost daily commutes over 30 years from Lochgilphead to Kilmory I have witnessed many dangerous overtaking manoeuvres approaching the Clock Lodge.

The thought of heavy commercial vehicles entering and exiting the proposed industrial estate adjacent to the Clock Lodge is scary, even with the contentious 30 mph speed limit.

To achieve safe sightlines would involve the removal of considerable length of stone wall and woodland.

This would spoil the setting of the Clock Lodge and breach the screening between the building and the modern buildings of Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Is this really how the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project aims to preserve the setting of a listed building?

**Colin Campbell,
Inverneill.**

Have your say on Clock Lodge restoration plans

Sir,
Could I remind your readers, who are no doubt interested in seeing the Clock Lodge restored as reported in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on January 3, that they can voice their support for the current proposal by commenting on the recently submitted planning application.

People who would like to show their support can

log onto Argyll and Bute Council's website and follow the planning application link.

**Malcolm Sinclair,
Secretary,
Lochgilphead Phoenix
Project, Charity SC041108.**

Surprising wind farm appeal decision

Sir,
A decision by developer Renewable Energy Systems (RES) to mount an appeal against the refused planning application for Freasdail Wind Farm is surprising given that the report to Argyll and Bute Council, advising refusal, was well argued and convincing.

I suspect the cost of mounting the appeal will be fairly marginal to RES when compared to the high cost already incurred by them in preparing the initial planning application.

Perhaps it is not so surprising then that the company may feel it has little to lose at this stage.

The worry now is that despite the issue being re-examined by an independent reporter the door has been opened for the Scottish Government to overturn the council's refusal - low carbon economy etc - even if the reporter concludes the council's decision was sound. This has happened elsewhere.

However, given council planners produced a well reasoned and damning report a change of decision in favour of the proposal would drive a cart and horse through the council's ability to exercise any form of proper planning

control in future applications. Such a precedent, if established, would create a planning free-for-all in this locality.

It is equally important, at this critical time, that locals seek assurance from their MSPs that they will strongly support the refusal and make the politicians in Edinburgh fully aware of this.

**Margaret Alston,
Hexham.**

Concerned at attack on traditional sporting estates

Sir,
The Scottish Countryside Alliance is saddened and somewhat concerned by the way in which the Scottish government and in particular Paul Wheelhouse, minister for environment and climate change, has used a BBC documentary to attack the traditional sporting estates model.

It is further concerned by the minister's pre-emption of the government's response in relation to the anticipated full report - this Spring - from the Land Reform Review Group. Speaking in 'BBC Scotland Investigates: The Men Who Own Scotland' Paul Wheelhouse MSP said the Scottish Parliament was 'on a journey' towards radical reform.

He said: 'I doubt anyone would design a system where you ended up with only 432 people owning half the private land....I wouldn't design a system where you ended up with such a concentration of wealth and ownership in such a small group.'

The independent Public and Corporate Economic Consultants (PACEC) study reported that Scotland generated £240 million pounds (GVA) from shooting and shooting related activities in 2004/5 and further reported that the sector supported 11,000 jobs.

PACEC has been commissioned to repeat the study in 2014 with significant indications of growth on the previous study.

I am unaware of many sectors in the UK, never mind Scotland, that can report growth in the wake of the country's greatest post war economic crisis; this growth can, in part, be accounted for by the sustained investment of those who own land and create employment.

To break up the sporting estates would only serve to reduce localised employment opportunities and the knock on economic downturn it will surely lead to.

We will continue to seek dialogue with the government and wherever possible contribute through our co-operation to make a difference to Scottish rural living through initiatives such as our Routes to Rural Employment (R2RE) rather than focus on outdated class generated arguments.

**Jamie Stewart,
Director Scottish Countryside Alliance.**

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Artist Jane Smith speaks about her love of Mid Argyll in the film and how that inspires her much-sought-after artwork.

Film on the natural beauty of Mid Argyll

A HUSBAND and wife at the forefront of wildlife art and film in Scotland have teamed up with a tourism group to highlight the natural beauty of Mid Argyll.

Jane and Mark Smith, from Tayvallich, have made a film about the natural landscape and wildlife of Knapdale, Kilmartin Glen and the Crinan Canal.

The three-minute film, made by Mark, sees Artmap Argyll artist Jane

speak about how the Argyll countryside inspires her work.

A partnership project with the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), the film celebrates Mid Argyll following the Year of Natural Scotland.

Live close

Andrew Wilson, chairman of HoATA, said: 'I live close to Jane, who was elected to the Society of Wildlife Artists in 2013, and her husband,

Mark, the well-known wildlife cameraman who recently featured in the BBC series Wild Cameramen at Work - who is also famous for having filmed the first footage of a snow leopard hunting. A quick chat with them proved we had the perfect combination for capturing the natural essence of the heARTof-ARGYLL.

'Mark and Jane gave their time to achieve this terrific visual experi-

ence. We would wish to thank them very deeply; the film is a beautiful piece of work.'

Teamed up

The film, released on YouTube over the festive period, has been viewed by 2,000 people. It comes after artist group Artmap Argyll teamed up with HoATA to create the heARTof-ARGYLL initiative, which uses art projects to draw visitors to the area.

Rotary Club will host Young Musician competition

THE Rotary Club of Mid Argyll will showcase the best young musical talent in the area when it hosts this year's Young Musician competition.

The event, which takes place on January 21 at Lochgilphead Parish Church, will see six students from both Lochgilphead and Tarbert schools perform either a vocal or instrumental piece before a panel of judges.

The young musicians who hit the right notes will win an £80 cash prize and secure a place in the Rotary District final. Then musicians will be selected to perform at the national final in Truro, Cornwall.

All funds raised at the event, which starts at 7.15pm, will be donated to the local branch of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MP challenged to answer 50 questions on the referendum

AN MP has been challenged by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell to answer 50 questions on this year's Scottish referendum debate and the consequences of a 'no' vote.

Alan Reid MP has been posed the questions in a bid to clarify what a 'no' vote means for residents in Argyll and Bute.

Mr Russell claims that residents want more information on matters about Scotland's budget, families, health and defence.

MAC Pool could be tourism hub for 2014

'The pool has parking and good opening hours'

THE TOURISM portal previously situated in Fyne Tackle in Lochgilphead could be situated at MAC Pool this year.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), which works with Argyll and Bute Council and VisitScotland in boosting tourism in Mid Argyll, said the pool has expressed an interest in providing the tourism service.

Launched in 2011, the interactive portal sat in Fyne Tackle until October. Providing videos, podcasts, walking guides and general information on local attractions, it was introduced after

VisitScotland closed its tourism office in 2009.

Carron Tobin of HoATA said: 'There is no way that it [a tourism portal] won't be in place for the tourism season. The question is where.'

'We know the pool is keen to have it there. People have asked, is it right to move it away from the main street but the pool has parking and good opening hours.'

'The reality is there are few shops on the main street that can give over the amount of floor space needed.'

'The main thing for me is signage; if there is proper signage in place

it won't matter if it's off the main street.'

Carron said a meeting would take place between HoATA, the owners of the portal, Argyll and Bute Council and VisitScotland soon to decide on where the portal will sit in 2014.

A big year for Scottish tourism, 2014 is the Year of the Home Coming, the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup.

Expressions of interest are still being sought from those wishing to host the tourism portal. Notes of interest should be emailed to heartofargyll@gmail.com.

MOKrun half marathon and 10k places snapped up in only 36 hours

PLACES in the 2014 Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k races were snapped up in 36 hours.

A mammoth 900 places were made available for this year's MOK run, 100 more than the previous year, but all places were booked up in less than two days.

MOK entries have been argued as the most sought after in the UK's road and trail calendar, with the half marathon named by Runner's World as the UK's top half marathon for the last four years. Last year around 200 MOK competitors were from Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

Volunteers urged to join Argyll Advocacy Service

PEOPLE keen to help those with disabilities and mental health problems have their voices heard are being urged to join the Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service.

Independent from social work, advocates help people make informed choices and often help people uphold their rights and challenge decisions.

'Fairfae' hold first concert

TARBERT Ladies Choir 'Fairfae' held its first concert on Sunday, December 15, in Tarbert Village Hall when a festive programme entertained a large audience.

There were solos by Genesis Manao and Anne Curny as well as performances by Na Seudan and Tarbert Primary School singing group.

A total of £391 was raised for the senior citizens' Christmas dinner and the Philippines disaster fund.

New members welcome

'Fairfae' has been running since February 2013 and new members are most welcome. Contact Paula McLean on 01586-830252 or paulamclean@btconnect.com

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John Gleeson was the first to use the history society's new equipment as he gave his talk on St. Conan's Kirk. 06_a02hist01

Wind farm grant provides state-of-the-art equipment for history society

CLEAR images of St Conan's Kirk were beamed around Inveraray's Nicol Hall last week as the January meeting of the local history society got underway.

John Gleeson, the restoration architect for St Conan's Kirk, was the guest speaker at the Inveraray and District Historical Society meeting and was the first to benefit from the group's new laptop, screen and projector.

State of the art

The society purchased the state-of-the-art equipment after receiving a grant from the An Suidhe Windfarm Fund.

Mr Gleeson used the equipment to its full benefit, showing pictures which documented the restoration of the kirk which sits on the edge of Loch Awe.

The meeting heard the building is in need of further works to ensure its survival and the audience was made aware of the Friends of St Conan's Kirk group which collects donations for the repairs.

The history society will hold its AGM this year in St Conan's Kirk at 7.30 pm on May 20.

Vikings to raid Loch Fyne villages as first Nordic festival gets underway

Magnus Barefot's 1093 portage of a Viking longship re-enacted

A NEW festival which celebrates Tarbert's Viking past will take place in June as a five-day long extravaganza is planned on land and sea.

The Loch Fyne Viking Festival will see Nordic events held in villages around Loch Fyne before a grand finale of the re-enactment of the 1093 Magnus Barefot longship portage between Tarbert's west and east lochs.

The first part of mainland Scotland invaded by Vikings, Tarbert will be transformed into a Viking Village on June 25 when it welcomes a host of Vikings from Norway and Scotland, as well as archers from Northern Ireland.

The visitors will help Tarbert Vikings to invade their neighbouring villages on the Loch Fyne coast.

Preparations for a mass raid of Cairndow, Inveraray and Ardrishaig are already underway as the organisers of the festival have started building their own Nordic longship.

It will be used to raid Fyne Ales brewery and kidnap a dignitary from Inveraray, while each of the villages invaded will be tasked with creating their own homage to the Vikings of 1093.

Great spectacle

The men behind the festival - Hans Kok, Phil Robertson, Mike Harty, Jim Paterson and Andy Peden - are hoping the event, which will run alongside Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, will be a great spectacle for locals and visitors alike.

Hans said: 'We expect we will have a group of around 40 volunteer Vikings to row the long-

ship in turns. We also expect that around 15 to 20 boats will accompany the longship up the loch during the raids.

'For the re-enactment of Magnus Barfot's portage of the longship from the West Loch to the East Loch there will be a parade with flags and specially composed music. Volunteers will pull the longship from west to east, first to the Co-op corner where it will be formally named and then launched at the ferry slip.'

Running from June 25 to 30, the Viking Festival will incorporate the third Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival. More than 40 traditional boats from across the UK will berth at Tarbert Harbour where people can view the boats and take part in a number of fun activities.



Phil Robertson and Mike Harty discuss the building of the longship.

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A brave group of volunteers headed into Auchindrain Township in search of ghosts to raise cash for Lochgilhead's MS Centre. 06_a03ms06



Volunteers used a ouija board to 'make contact' with the dead. 06_a03ms07



Michelle Ross, Stephanie King and Ashleigh Scarff. 06_a03ms03



Armed with torches Gayleen Prior, Donna and Shaun Harvey brought in the old new year. 06_a03ms02

Ghost hunters at Auchindrain

A BRAVE group of volunteers spent a chilly Saturday evening searching for ghosts and ringing in the old Scottish new year at Auchindrain Township Museum - all in the name of charity.

With the moon shining down and the tem-

perature dipping below freezing, conditions were perfect for the 22 ghost hunters who were joined on their quest by psychic Gayle Bennett.

Armed with a ouija board and electromagnetic meter the group, which was raising funds for Lochgilhead's MS Centre, spent the evening in Bella's cottage.

Bella was a herbal healer in the township and it was not long before the group 'made contact' with her.

Claire Cameron, outreach worker at the MS Centre, said: 'Everyone had an excellent night and Bella came through. We were asking her lots of questions and there was lots of activity on the ouija board as well.

'We welcomed in the new year at one cottage on the museum and then first footed Bella's house.'

The event is the fourth ghost hunt organised by the MS Centre, which has raised a more than £7,000.



Claire Cameron, outreach worker MS Centre, searched for activity using an electromagnetic meter. 06_a03ms05



Lochgilhead's David and Hazel MacInnes at Bella's cottage. 06_a03ms04

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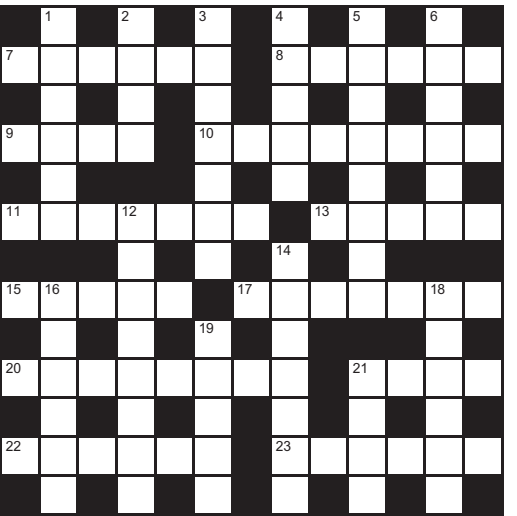
Having survived the beginning of their unexpected journey, the Company continues East, encountering along the way the skin-changer Beorn and a swarm of giant Spiders in the treacherous forest of Mirkwood. After escaping capture by the dangerous Wood-elves, the Dwarves journey to Lake-town, and finally to the Lonely Mountain itself, where they must face the greatest danger of all — a creature more terrifying than any other, one which will test not only the depth of their courage but the limits of their friendship and the wisdom of the journey itself — the Dragon Smaug.

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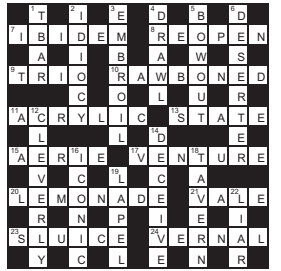
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Last week's solution



CAIRNDOW

Family ceilidh in village hall

PEOPLE can dance the night away at a family ceilidh in Cairndow Village Hall next month.

Strachur Band will perform at the event on Saturday, February 8 and there will be a raffle, bar and refreshments on sale. The dance starts at 7pm.

KILMARTIN

Looking for new choir members

VOLUNTEERS who like to sing are being sought to join Kilmartin Museum's Community Choir.

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The choir will make a public performance at Temple Wood on the evening of Saturday, March 22.

People who are interested in joining can contact Julia Hamilton on julia@kilmartin.org

INVERARAY

Community council to launch newsletter

THE ROYAL Burgh could soon be home to its own newspaper as Inveraray Community Council announces plans to launch a newsletter. Hoping to publish its first edition in March, the community council is currently seeking writers, photographers and people with computers skills to help.

It is hoped the newsletter will keep residents up to date with community council projects, as well as other developments within the burgh.

People who would like to contribute to the newsletter should email inveraray@btinternet.com.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Secret Santa at Christmas party

MEMBERS of the Lochgilphead SWRI gathered at the community centre last month for their Christmas party night.

Everyone contributed dishes to the wonderful buffet which was enjoyed by everyone, while the secret Santa ended the meal on a high note.

To round off the evening a Christmas sing-along was organised by Debbie Munro.

The next meeting will be in the form of Zumba night and will be held on Tuesday, January 21, at 7.30pm in the community centre.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to join the WRI.

Women who would like more information about the Lochgilphead group, or those who need transport, please call Jan Williams on 01546 886288.

BBC wildlife photographer is the guest at Ford SWRI

MORE than 50 people packed into the Living Stones Centre in Kilmartin recently as Ford SWRI enticed BBC Wildlife photographer John Aitchison to their meeting to talk about his incredible experiences photographing wildlife all over the world.

John, together with video footage and photographs, ensured the audience was spellbound for an hour.

John is well known for being one of the cameramen who created the popular Hebrides: Islands on the Edge series, featured on the BBC last year. More recently he has been working with Disney Nature on a project following bears in Alaska.

Liz Malcolm, Ford Rural president, presented John with a bottle of Jura Malt and two Arran hats, hand-knitted



Ford rural president Liz Malcolm thanked wildlife photographer John Aitchison for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the group.

by Mavis Yuill, to help him keep warm on his Arctic journeys. A total of £85 was also raised for John's chosen charity, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The monthly competition was aptly a wildlife photograph con-

test, which John kindly judged. First was Marie McPhee, second Pat Holt and third Peggy McIntyre.

The February meeting of the institute will be a night for sharing memories as ladies will be encouraged to bring photos

of themselves as youngsters and old items of interest with a story to tell the group

The meeting, which will include a pancake competition held in memory of Sheena Carmichael, will take place at Ford Hall on February 4 at 7.30pm.

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Politicians fight for farmers' votes

OPPOSING politicians are claiming they are winning the hearts and minds of farmers in the Scottish independence debate.

A new poll by The Scottish Farmer shows that 47 percent of respondents will vote Yes in the Scottish independence referendum.

The poll follows another Scottish Farmer one in November which

showed that 74 percent of respondents believed they were more likely to vote Yes in next year's independence referendum after Defra's convergence decision.

Highlands and Islands SNP MSP Mike MacKenzie this week welcomed the latest results.

He said: 'This is a great poll result which shows that farmers are leading the way in the

movement towards a Yes vote in the referendum on September 18, with more and more farmers moving towards voting Yes.

Bad deal

'Scotland's farmers and our rural communities have had a particularly bad deal from Westminster - independence offers a much better alternative.'

'Westminster just

doesn't understand the needs of our rural communities, and as a result they are massively disadvantaged on a range of issues.

'If Scotland was already a member state it would have benefited from EU rules that all member states reach average payments of €196 per hectare by 2019. That translates to an extra €1 billion of support coming to Scotland over the Common Agricultural Policy convergence period. Instead Westminster ministers have negotiated Scotland to the bottom of the CAP funding league.'

'The economic vitality of our rural communities is underpinned by our agricultural industries and the food and drink processing and



Highlands and Islands MSP Mike MacKenzie said he was happy with the results of polls in The Scottish Farmer. 08_c03farm01

distribution sectors that derive from them, yet Scottish farmers are hindered as they do not receive their due share of EU Common Agricultural payments.

'It's becoming increasingly clear that a Yes vote is needed for Scotland's rural communities.'

However, LibDem MEP George Lyon said that a survey in October sent out to all Scottish

businesses in receipt of single farm payments showed that 72 percent of replies said Scotland should remain in the UK. Of 16,000 surveys sent out, 1,846 were returned.

Mr Lyon said: 'If you look at the real positives we get from the UK market, from our place in Europe and trade links overseas, I believe it is clear our farmers can achieve more as part of

the UK family. 'Scottish farmers benefit from free access to a big home market an membership of the EU with key opt-outs on the Euro as part of the UK.'

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Prime hoggets and cast ewes on sale at Caledonian Marts, Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had on offer 1,247 prime hoggets and 520 cast ewes and tups for sale on Tuesday, January 7.

Prime hoggets (1,247) sold to 231p for 40kg Beltex's from JG & K Graham, Easterton and to £99.50 (twice) for 48kg Beltex's from J B Guthrie, Cuilburn and 46kg Beltex's from DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill to average 190.68p (+2.35p on the week).

Leading prices: Belt - 229p Easterton, £97.50 Cuilburn; Belt x - 227p Rowantree Hill, £96 Easter Ochtermuthill; Cont - 225p Newbigging Farm,

£95.50 Rowantree Hill; Tex - 202p MeikleSeggie, £97 Straid Farms Ltd; Tex x - 201p Wester Kelt Farm, £93.50 Bowshiel; Suff - £191p Dollarbank; £92 Harelaw Farm; Suff x - 188p Newton Farm, £91.50 Leuchars Lodge; Chev - 199p, £79 Greenland Farm; BF - 189p, £75.50 Rowantree Hill; Cross - 193p, £81 Kin-nighallen; Mule - 185p Glenalmond Estate, £78 Easterton Farm.

Also forward were 520 cast ewes and tups.

Export ewes, 224 averaged £51.16 selling to £70 for Cheviots from R Downie, Newton.

Leading prices: Chev - £62 Roseneath; Chev x - £60 Pyetree Cottage; BF - £54 Roseneath Home

Farm; BF x - £52 Dalchir-la. Heavy ewes, 250 averaged £71.90 (+£5.26) selling to £109 for Texels from S Greenhill, Leuchars Lodge.

Leading prices: Belt x - £107 & £100 Cuilburn; Suff - £98 Harelaw; Tex - £94 Beannie; HB - £92 Newton; Tex x - £91 Riverview; Char - £86 Greenraig; Mule - £70 Hillcroft; Cross - £69 Beannie.

Tups, 46 averaged £71.73 (-£10.95) selling to £125 for BFL from W Adam & Son, Shankhead.

Leading prices: BFL - £124 West Kirkton; Tex - £112 Beannie; Suff - £109 Wester Kelt; Cross - £109 Beannie; Char - £105 Shankhead; BF - £59 Beannie.

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Scotland's Global Empire: a Chronicle of Great Scots

Including those from Argyll and Bute

HEROES past and present from Argyll and Bute are being celebrated in a new book, written by a former journalist.

Jock Gallagher was a programme head at the BBC for more than 20 years before setting up his own production company. He has spent the last five years compiling his chronicle of lesser-known great Scots.

Scotland's Global Empire: a Chronicle of Great Scots catalogues nearly one thousand individuals – with many Argyll folk among them. These include Victoria Cross winners, physicians and an ultrasound pioneer. Below are details of just a few of those selected:

Archie Carmichael, from Appin, was univer-



Jock Gallagher, author of Scotland's Global Empire: a Chronicle of Great Scots.

sally known as 'kind-hearted Carmichael' because of a generous trait that was so strong it led him to being locked up in his own jail for 20 months for refusing to help loan sharks.

After emigrating to South Carolina, he was elected sheriff for his

first four-year term in 1841 at a time when the United States were suffering a savage economic depression.

Debt was widespread and all too many people, unable to raise money through the banks, resorted to borrowing from loan sharks.

Sheriff Carmichael was deeply concerned that his local community would be overwhelmed by the financial catastrophe. He point blank refused to execute recovery orders and nor would he allow the repossession of homesteads.

Unfortunately, the money men made their money talk. They claimed the law was on their side, that borrowing arrangements had been entered into voluntarily and that it was

the sheriff's duty to help them.

The magistrates agreed and when he still refused to comply, Carmichael was sent to jail – his own – for 20 months.

He completed his sentence and then his term of office. The system didn't allow him to seek re-election until four years later but when he did, his badge was overwhelmingly restored.

Lieutenant Colonel John McNeill, from Colonsay, had served in the Bengal Infantry but had transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment to serve in the Waikato-Hauhau campaign during the Maori War in New Zealand.

He won his VC on 30 March 1864 after returning to battle to rescue a comrade while being fired upon. He was later promoted to major general, knighted and served as equerry to Queen Victoria for 27 years. He died at St James's Palace in 1904. His VC is privately owned.

Lorne Campbell, of Airds, took a commission with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders while he was still at Oxford University.

At the outbreak of World War II he went to France, where his bravery won him the DSO in 1940. It was in the attack on Wadi Akarit (Tunisia) that he won the VC on 6 April 1943.

The citation reads: 'The battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell had to break through an enemy minefield and anti-tank ditch in order to form a bridgehead.

'The battalion formed up in darkness and then attacked at an angle. This difficult operation was successfully completed and at least 600 prisoners taken'.

A Scottish physician



Magnus McFarlane Barrow with some of the children Mary's Meals helps in Haiti.

who linked health to the environment was Dr Lionel Chalmers, born in Campbeltown, 1715-1777. He practised in Charleston, South Carolina, for more than 40 years and he fought the ignorance and fears of his patients as relentlessly as he fought disease.

He had taken his medical degrees in Edinburgh before emigrating in 1735. In Charleston, he combined general practice with extensive research.

When he died, they named a street after him but he would almost certainly have been more appreciative of the tribute paid by the town mayor: 'He left behind him the name of a skilful, humane physician.'

Brigadier Colin Gubbins, from Mull, was a veteran of the Great War (World War I), in which he had won the Military Cross, and had served as an intelligence officer with William Ironside in Russia and in the Anglo-Irish war.

With his experience and insights into the nature of guerrilla warfare, he was the perfect choice for director of operations and training to help nationals in oppressed countries – including France – free themselves.

Colin Gubbins sent more than 470 agents, including 39 women, into France. They are said to have had an average survival time of just three months. Many of the 200 who never returned were said to have been executed on the direct orders of Hitler.

After the war Brigadier Gubbins was knighted and published Resistance Movements in the War (1948).

Taken from Campbeltown to America

by his parents when he was a lively five-year-old, Hugh Brackenridge, 1748-1816, grew up to be a classic frontier citizen in the tough environs of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was an educational pioneer and founded an academy that later became Pittsburgh University.

He was also an army chaplain, a Supreme Court judge, politician, journalist and writer. Despite an early background of self-education, he was head of a free school when he was



Lieutenant Colonel John McNeill.

15 and won a place at what is now Princeton University when he was 19.

Accolades don't come much grander than Outstanding Young Person of the World in 2005, the title accorded Magnus Macfarlane Barrow, born Dalmally 1968, for his work in helping to feed the world's hungry children through his charity, Mary's Meals.

The award came from the global network Junior Chamber International and Magnus is one of only a small group of Britons to receive it.

Mary's Meals creates feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where hunger and poverty also prevent children from gaining an education.

To underline his

achievement he was also named the Sunday Mail's Unsung Hero of 2006, Rotary Club International twice gave him its top honour, the Paul Harris Award, he was named CNN's Hero of 2010, and he was awarded an OBE in the 2011 New Year Honours.

His story begins at the height of the Balkan conflict in 1992. Moved by the plight of ordinary people, Magnus (then 25) and his brother Fergus organised a local collection of blankets and food in Argyll, packed everything into an old Jeep and drove it to Bosnia.

When they got home, they discovered a shed on the family fish farm had been pressed into service to store more and more donations. Magnus decided to take a gap year so he could deliver the gifts.

But they just kept coming so he abandoned his plans to join the family business and instead created the charity, then called Scottish International Relief.

His next expedition took him – in the footsteps of David Livingstone – to Blantyre in Malawi, where he was so distressed by the impact of hunger and poverty on the country's children that he decided to sharpen his focus.

One child told him what he hoped for in life was 'to have enough to eat and to go to school one day'. He immediately set up a temporary feeding station and was soon serving 300 meals a day.

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Pupils in the S4 administration and IT class are preparing to open a pop up restaurant.

Students plan pop up restaurant

HAGGIS, Scottish salmon, cock-a-leekie soup and other Scottish culinary delights are on the menu of a pop up restaurant organised by pupils at Lochgilphead High School.

Diners at Tousey Tikes in the school will be able to feast on a three-course meal that has been designed and prepared by stu-

dents on the S4 administration and IT class.

The restaurant will be open for one night only on January 28 with more than 50 people expected to attend.

The pupils were challenged to organise an event as part of their coursework and have spent the term costing materials, or-

ganising tables, cutlery and coming up with the menu.

Helping the students plan the menu is John Fisher, head chef at Kilmartin Hotel.

Class teacher Aileen McGarry said: 'The invitations went out this week to staff, pupils and parents. On the night there will be six students helping in the kitchen and six at

the front of house.'

Miss McGarry added: 'They have contacted businesses to ask for help with items such as crockery, but have had trouble finding around 60 chairs. If anyone could help or provide chair cover that would be great.'

All money raised at the event will be donated to the Lochgilphead MS Centre.

Inverneill wind farm to be renamed and turbines moved

'We plan to look at the turbines which are most visually intrusive'

A PROPOSED wind farm near Inverneill will have its name changed and turbines moved as energy giant E-ON listens to the concerns of nearby residents.

The energy provider plans to change the name of Inverneill wind farm in the next month after residents said they did not want their homes to be associated with the development.

Public consultation

The decisions comes after a public consultation in November, which revealed families could be faced with the 19-turbine wind farm within 750 metres of their homes.

Concerns raised about the close proximity of

the wind farm to homes has resulted in E-ON re-considering the position of four turbines.

At a meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council Emma Clark, senior project developer at E-ON, said: 'There was missed feedback on the turbines and three or four that were quite intrusive. What we have done since then is increase the landscape and visual area. We plan to look at the turbines which are most visually intrusive.'

Ms Clark added: 'We intend to change the name of the project. If you type Inverneill into a search engine it comes up with the windfarm development, which is

good for us but not so great for the people who live nearby.

'Most of the properties don't look toward the wind farm so why should you type it [Inverneill] in and be associated to the wind farm.'

Focus

The next stage of the project will not specifically focus on how the wind farm will look.

Ms Clark said: 'We will be looking at when we plan to deliver the turbines and put together a traffic management plan.'

E-ON plans to hold a community liaison meeting in February and submit a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council in May.

Armed Forces Day

PREPERATIONS for this year's Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day are underway, which will mark the 100th anniversary of World War I.

People are being asked to share their memories, letters, photographs or newspaper clippings or items related to the war.

The items will be displayed in a marquee on Lochgilphead's Front Green as part of the event, which will be held on June 21.

Anyone who would like to share their items can contact the committee's secretary Betty Rhoddick on e.rhoddick@btinternet.com

Sponsorship

LOCHGILPHEAD

Community Council has sponsored two competitions at this year's Mid Argyll Music Festival.

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The nursery also recently celebrated their 3rd Eco Scotland Green Flag, with the children of all ages getting involved with everything from planting to recycling.

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Contacts: Please telephone 01880 820269 to make arrangements should you wish to visit the unit.

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An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by The Mount Stuart Trust for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Colintraive Hydro Scheme, By Colintraive, Argyll namely:

Description of Controlled Activity	Waters Affected	National Grid Reference
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SEPA considers the above controlled activities may have an impact on the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays). Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at:

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- assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
- apply and have regard to relevant legislation.

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13/02819/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 10/01493/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works)	Land South West of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
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13/02823/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 11/00119/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse including demolition of agricultural building)	Land 750m North East of Camus Na Gaul Clachan Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
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The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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Carr Gomm has opportunities for Relief Support Assistants across Argyll & Bute based in the following areas: Helensburgh, Dunoon, Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Oban, Rothesay, as well as the Isle of Mull and Isle of Islay. If you are flexible and looking to work on an ad-hoc basis, we would love to hear from you, regardless of how many hours you can spare.

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This book begins at the hill at Dunadd, where the early kings of Scotland were crowned and when Argyll was the political heart of our nation.

It then invites us to walk the pilgrimage through the glens of Kilmartin and Knapdale and follow in the footsteps of our early ancestors.

I have been on pilgrimage on Iona and in the Holy Land and some of the best moments have been in sharing the company of other pilgrims on the same journey.

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I thought it was such a simple concept, yet said so much.

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Reverend Louis Bezuidenhout will deliver his final service on Sunday after five years at Inveraray Parish Church. 06_a03church01

Fyne Reverend says farewell after five years

'It has been truly inspirational to live in an area that is so scenic and beautiful'

A REVEREND who captures the beauty of Loch Fyne through his camera lens will deliver his final service on Sunday at Inveraray Parish Church.

Reverend Louis Bezuidenhout, who is from South Africa, has served the congregation for the past five years and has become a popular character within the community.

Along with serving the congregation, which includes Cumloddan, Lochfyneside and Lochgair churches, the minister spends much of his spare time armed with his camera, photographing the area.

He said: 'I am going to miss the scenery and lovely view over the loch every day. I usually try to take a shot at sunrise. I really enjoy painting as well. It has been truly inspirational to live in an area that is so scenic and beautiful.'

Moving to the country in 1999, Rev Bezuidenhout had his first taste

of life in Argyll when he served in Campbeltown, before moving to Dumfries. It was in 2009 that he chose to move back to the area, with his wife Elsie, to fill the vacancy at Inveraray Parish Church.

The couple set up home in the Manse, which over looks Loch Fyne.

He has become known throughout the area for his love of photography and often shares his passion with locals at talks or events. But, it is not just the scenery Rev Bezuidenhout has come to love. I have come to appreciate the musical talents of the local adults and children. We have got a great choir at Cumloddan,' he said.

'At Inveraray Highland Games I was convenor

for the pipe band, which I really enjoyed and have done every year since I came here.'

His next home will be in Moray, where he will serve the four small villages of Alvas and Burghead, linked with Findhorn and Kinloss.

While he is looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead he said he would miss the people on West Loch Fyne, who have become his friends and an inspiration. I think my highlight of being here is probably the fact it is a very small group of people we are working with - particularly the elderly and most senior members,' he said.

'It is amazing to see what elderly people can still do. They are perhaps elderly by years, but are young at heart. I have made very good friends here and we would love to come back to this area again.'

This Sunday will see Rev Bezuidenhout deliver his last service and



Rev Bezuidenhout often gets up early to capture the sun rising on Loch Fyne.

it will include the rededication of Inveraray Parish Church.

It comes after work, costing £300,000, to make the building wind and water tight were completed in December.

The project to restore the building was launched one year after Rev Bezuidenhout arrived and saw the community rally together to raise £20,000 for the project.

The completion of the church and the service, he said, marks the perfect end to his time in Inveraray.

'It is a sense of relief to see it completed and to see the church looking like this is great. Cumloddan, which also had work done to it by the congregation, and Inveraray are both beautiful. It was a small group of committed people who helped get the project going,' he said.

'Many people raised funds and I'm so very grateful to everybody. We did get grants, but

it would not have been possible without the co-operation of the entire community.'

The service will also provide an opportunity for friends and colleagues to say their final goodbyes.

Niall Iain MacLean, who has been session clerk at the church for ten years, said Rev Bezuidenhout will be greatly missed.

'For me personally it has been a delightful experience to work along with him and I am going to miss him greatly,' Mr MacLean said. 'No one knows the amount of work he has done to help preserve the church for another 50 years.'

The successor to the parish is still unknown, but minister Robin MacKenzie from Strachur Parish Church will act as interim. Everyone is invited to attend the service on Sunday that will begin at 11.30am and will be followed by a buffet in the church hall.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O Lord, supported me' (Psalm 94:18).

ENGAGEMENTS



GRUMOLI-GILCHRIST

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 25, 2013, of Shaun, eldest son of Paul and Margaret Grumoli, to Gloria, eldest daughter of Gloria and the late Leonard Gilchrist.

SINCLAIR - ROPER - Both families are happy to announce the engagement of Alan, son of Peter and Margaret, Glenbarr, to Dawn, daughter of Brian and Shirley, Bonnybridge.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MARTIN - HARVEY - At Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on January 17, 1964, by the (late) Rev J Hood, Billy to Margaret. Present address, Dunaverty, Nant Drive, Oban.

DEATHS

DUNN - Peacefully at home, on Sunday, January 12, 2014, Agnes, beloved wife of the late Richard, loving mother to Nan, Christine and Jean and dear granny of Andrew and Caroline. For funeral service details please contact Caladh Funeral Services on 01369 707000. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Crossroads.

FRASER - At St Michael's Hospital, Linlithgow on January 3, 2014, Alex Fraser (Shand), son of the late Alexander and Helen Fraser, loving husband of the late Elizabeth and a dear brother and uncle.

JOHNSON - On January 10, 2014, peacefully at home, John (Iain) Johnson, in his 86th year, beloved husband of the late Nancy, much loved father of John and Alison, dear father-in-law of Barbara, dearly loved grandad of Shaun and David and cherished brother of Margie. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on January 14, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

KENNEDY - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 10, 2014, Dora Grumoli, in her 92nd year, 8 Royal Avenue Mansions, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Tony Kennedy, much loved mother of Anthony and Norma, loving nona of Ant, Iain, David, Jack, Rose and Olivia and great granny of Tayler and Conner. RIP.

MACLEAN - Peacefully at home, on January 15, 2014, Hector 'The Hydro' Maclean, aged 83 years, of Fort William, beloved husband of Daphne and the late May, much loved dad of Nancy and Martin and father-in-law of Gordon and Anne, adored grampa of Rhiannon and Sarah, also a dear 'grandad' to Molly. Funeral Service on Monday, January 20 at 7.00pm in the Duncansburgh MacIntosh Parish Church, The Parade, Fort William, to be followed by a committal service on Tuesday, January 21 at 11.30am in Inverness Crematorium. All welcome to attend. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support and the MS Society may be given at the services or forwarded to John McLellan & Co, Funeral Directors, Dudley Road, Fort William, PH33 6BA.

MCFARLANE - Peacefully, on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Ardnahein Hotel For The Elderly (Dunoon), Donald, loving husband of Anna, a much loved dad to Mary and Donnie and a loving papa. Will be sadly missed by all. The funeral service will be held at Sandbank Parish Church on Tuesday, January 21 at 11.30am and thereafter to Cowal Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited.

SHAW - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 12, 2014, Elizabeth McIntyre (Betty), in her 77th year, formerly of Broad Street, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late John Shaw and a much loved mother of John Shaw.

SMART - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 12, 2014, Elizabeth Donnan Walker (Betty), in her 91st year, formerly of Cara View, Tayinloan, dearly beloved wife of the late John Smart and a much loved mother and grandmother. Service in A'Chleit Parish Church, on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown.

SMITH - Suddenly at home, 6 Sealand, Peninver, on January 11, 2014, Dorothy Emma Smith (Dot), in her 76th year, dearly beloved wife of Ken Smith, much loved mum of Heather, Carol and Kenneth, a loving granny of Lisa, Kelly, Gillian, Tania, Michelle, Aiden, Laura, Douglas and Kelly, and a much loved great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

DOUGLAS - The family of the late Alexander (Alec) Douglas would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to close friends and neighbours for all their kindness. Thanks

also to all medical staff involved in Alec's care and to doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for kind care and attention received. Grateful thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for his visits and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Stag Hotel for catering, and to all who attended at church and graveside.

GALBRAITH - Agnes, Carolyn and Peter would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of their mother and grandmother, Jessie. Thanks also to Rev Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism and the Seafield Hotel for the funeral tea. Finally, a large thank you for all donations received at the retiral collection. The sum of £1204 was raised for the MS Society.

MACKAY - Pat and all the family of the late Lorne Mackay would like to thank family and friends, the Ardfern community and beyond for their overwhelming kindness and support during this sad time. Cards, letters, flowers and the many thoughtful gifts of food and wonderful home baking were greatly appreciated. A huge thanks to Roddy, Fiona and the team from Donald Macdonald Funeral Directors for their support throughout. Also thanks to Belinda Braithwaite from the Humanist Society Scotland for a fantastic memorial service. A big thank you to Scott and Nicolas, two very talented pipers, who really lifted our spirits on the day. The catering provided by Bruce and the team at the Smiddy and the bar service from Jonathan Coggans' at Craignish Village Hall was extremely appreciated. Also thanks to John Sinclair for helping with the music and to Simon Bevan and Chris Fox for their uplifting tributes. Thanks from the family to the boys for their discreet and caring operational services at Kilvaree. A final thank you to everyone who travelled from far and wide to say a farewell to Lorne. The retiral collection for Clober Farm Spinal Injuries and Marie Curie Cancer Care raised £900.

SINCLAIR - The family of the late Emily Sinclair would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to the Mid Argyll Dementia and Home Care teams for all their help and care, also Naomi and Tanya, Tarbert district nurses, Ardfenaig Care Home and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital who were all so kind in caring for Emily. Special thanks to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting and uplifting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for caring and professional services, Tarbert Hotel for providing a lovely purvey and finally,

to all who attended at church and graveside, our heartfelt thanks to you all. The collection for Tarbert Nursing Aid raised £225.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our beloved son, Kenneth, who died so tragically on January 14, 2006.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by we miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No-one can ever fill your vacant place.
- Remembering you every day, with all our love, Mum and Dad xxx.

CAMPBELL - To a special wee brother and big uncle, Kenneth.
Miss you every day, Kenneth
Love you lots xxx.
- Donna, James, Christopher, Chloe and Kyle xx.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear brother, Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006.

My brother, my friend
Thinking of you every day
Missing you.
- David and Anne.

MACLELLAN - Treasured memories of our parents and grandparents, Norman, who died January 10, 1990, and Isabella, who died January 17, 2008.

Sadly missed by Norma, Alex, boys, Alister and family.

MACLEOD - In loving memory of our dearly loved son, Douglas, who was accidentally drowned at the Marina, Largs, on January 13, 2007.

The call was sudden, the shock severe
To lose a son we loved so dear
As thoughts drift back, as they often do
We cherish memories we have of you.

MUIR - Treasured memories of a dear mum, gran and great gran, Bessie, died January 22, 2011.
The years pass by, but memories stay
Loved and remembered every day.

- Love, Jean, Jessie and family.
SYM - In loving memory of a loving husband, dad and granda, Duncan, who died January 21, 2013.
'Today, tomorrow, our whole lives through, we will always love and remember you'.
Cherished memories.
- Catherine, Garry, Lorna, Graham, Katie and families xxx.

CHURCH NOTICES

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 19 January
Bellanoch Church 11:30 am Morning Worship
Rev. Cliff Acklam

Thursday 23 January
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm Tayvallich Hall

All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SCO002876)

TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 19th January 2014
Tarbert Service 11.45am
to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev. Tommy Bryson

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SCO002622

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 19th January
11.15am Rev. A. McIvor
Sunday School in Church

Tuesday 21st January
Badminton
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686
Sunday 19th January
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Burroughs

Tuesday 21st January
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm

Thursday 23rd January
Prayer meeting 4.00pm
Choir practice 7.30pm

Friday 24th January
Lunch Club 12.00 noon



George Street,
Campbeltown

Sunday 19th January
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev Norman Mackay

Friday 31st January
6.30pm Christianity Explored
Course

All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11:00 am
with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
10:00 - 11:45 am
Every Thursday

We meet at the Guide Hall,
Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

Campbeltown Community Church
is a member of the Baptist Union
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SCO43322

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow,
Campbeltown

Sunday 19th January 2014
11.15am Family Communion
with crèche

Mr Bobby Holden, Ardrishaig
Coffee from 10.45am

Wednesday 22nd January 2014
10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group
7.30pm Christianity Explored -
The Christianity Explored
course gives you time and space
to think through who Jesus is and
why it matters.
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www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646



LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2014

11.00 am Worship Service
SATURDAY 25th JANUARY 2014

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome

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Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 19th January
Second Sunday after Epiphany
10.45am Holy Communion

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Kilmartin
and Ford
Parish
Church**

Sunday 19th January
Morning Worship
Glassary 10.00am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
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Scottish Episcopal Churches
Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilhead
Eucharist service Sundays
11 am

St Columba's,
Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am

3rd Sunday of the month
3.00pm
Scottish Prayer Book
Father Simon Mackenzie

Priest in Charge of the
charges of Mid Argyll &
Arran
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SCO13787

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Services 19 January -
all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside
and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
10am Cumlodden Church
(Short Service and Social)

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665
11.30am Inveraray Church
(Re-dedication of the Church
and Social)

For Funeral Directors Blair,
MacDonald & Lupton please
turn to page 22.

Argyll and Bute Council to review pitch hire charges

Mid Argyll clubs pay double the fee paid in Helensburgh

CHARGES for 2G and 3G sports pitches throughout Argyll are being reconsidered by the local authority after it was revealed Mid Argyll sports clubs are paying double the fees charged in Helensburgh.

Despite having only a second generation (2G) surface, clubs in Lochgilphead are charged £46.10 - more than their Helensburgh neighbours who play on a better sur-

face. The cost of hiring a 3G pitch in Helensburgh is £23 per hour and at the Aqualibrium in Campbeltown £47.90 per hour.

In Oban the all-weather pitch is £56.25 per hour including changing facilities.

Meanwhile as Lochgilphead maintains its fight to have a 3G pitch installed at the joint campus, Red Star pays £67.90 for senior match-

es at Ropework Park, including changing facilities, and £33.90 for each match played by the junior teams.

Argyll and Bute Council now says it will review the charges for the 2G and 3G pitches but claims fees across the county are below the Scottish average.

Dougie Moore, chairman of Red Star Football Club, has joined his counterparts at Oban

Athletic and Oban Saints in calling for pitch hire prices to be brought in line with those at Helensburgh.

He said: 'All of the Argyll pitches should be the same price throughout and not varying as they currently are. Helensburgh are paying a smaller fee for a 3G pitch whilst all Mid Argyll clubs, including ourselves, the soccer centre, athletics, shin-

ty and other users of the 2G, are paying more for using an inferior surface. We would most certainly welcome a review as to the costing as this is the biggest drain on any sports club's funds.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Currently there is no common charging policy in the council's fees and charges schedule for the six all-weather pitches in the county.

'The current charging arrangements have developed historically on a case-by-case basis related to local circumstances - the basis on which each individual facility was developed and the charging arrangements which were in operation at the time the pitch opened. 'The community letting processes and charges are currently under review.'

£2,000 grant to fund Argyll athletics competitions

MID ARGYLL Athletics Club has secured a £2,000 grant ahead of its annual indoor athletics competition on Sunday.

The 2014 Communities Lottery Grant will help fund the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championships and the area competitions across Argyll over the next three months.

The money will be used to hire sports halls and cover the cost of transporting equipment to competitions in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Mull and Oban.

The first area competition takes place in Mid

Argyll Sports Centre at midday on Sunday and organisers are keen to see dozens of children - including those who are new to the sport - take part in the event.

There will be trophies for the overall winners in each age group and awards for all competitors taking part.

Final

Successful athletes will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final which will see them compete against other qualifying athletes from the area competitions.

The final will take place at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on March 22.

Sports trust meeting

A SECOND meeting to reform Mid Argyll Sports Trust will be held on Thursday, January 23.

The meeting, which will see a new committee elected to represent all sports in the area, will get underway at 7.30pm at Lochgilphead

Community Centre. It is hoped there will be a large turn out at the meeting after sports clubs expressed a strong need for partnership working at the first meeting held in November. Everyone with an interest in sport in Mid Argyll is invited to attend.



Red Star under 14s back in action

Red Star's under 14s were back in action on Saturday as they hosted league leaders Baljaffray at Ropework Park. The boys put in a solid performance but conceded two goals in each half as they went down 4-0 in the DFDL fixture. The under 15s were due to play Ardencaple at home on Sunday but the two games on Saturday made the pitch unplayable and a sixth under 15s game of the season was postponed. The under 17s had a free week and will return to action next Saturday. 06_a03red02

Shooters battle tricky conditions in first shoot of year

THE FIRST shoot of 2014 and the third shoot of the Tarbert Gun Club Winter league saw more than 50 shooters battle strong winds and heavy rain to shatter their targets.

Many shooters struggled with the conditions but the teams that competed earlier in the day seemed to fair better, with some decent scores recorded.

John Paton won the Down the Line Shoot, breaking all 25 targets, while Bob McColl did the same in the Sporting Shoot and was named High Gun for the day.

Andrew MacDonald's team were top of the day and have gone into first place overall.

Results: Class A: 1 Bob McColl, 2 John Paton, 3 Niall Wilson. Class B: 1 Stewart MacAllister, 2 David Thorburn, 3 Lynn MacDonald and Ronald Jenkins. Class C: 1 Hugh McLean, 2 Andy Wilson, 3 Archie MacGilp sr. Class D: 1 Ian Winnard, 2 Malcolm Holder, 3 Michael Harvey. Class E: 1 Malcolm Weaver, 2 James McLean, 3 Ian Currie and Scott Robertson. Teams: 1 Andrew MacDonald, Alasdair MacCallum, Hugh McLean, Shaun Johnson and James McLean, 2 Bob McColl, Ronald Jenkins, Craig Samborek, Kyle McKellar and Malcolm Weaver.

Debut goal but defeat for Lochfyneside

LOCHFYNESIDE suffered a 4-1 defeat against Third Lanark in Glasgow on Saturday.

The team's goal came from Campbell Henderson on his debut performance for the first division side.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Lochfyneside will play Furhill at home - weather permitting - with a 2pm kick off.

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Cowan shows flair when it really matters

By David Sinclair
KEITH Cowan has bought a new wedge from Eric and said, during this week's Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league match, that it is the best £20 he has ever spent. The spin it puts on the ball is incredible and on several occasions last weekend he spun the ball further back than his starting position, which is not good for his score but looks really cool. David Sinclair found the fairways well as he had prior experience of

the beasts that live in the long grass, following his trip to Africa and did not want any more ants messing with his handicap. Cammy Gibb did not play a bad hole but he was still beaten by Simon Taylor. Simon is desperate to cut his handicap but will have to wait until the summer when he will have the chance to reduce his handicap down to the same level as most of the other players. Until then he should just enjoy his time being

a front runner. Dougie Moore is just as big a bandit as Simon but as he is a new player his handicap will be reduced, or chopped, by the impartial handicap committee, otherwise known as Ross Sinclair. Grant and Dougie went to sudden death in the battle of the bandits, with Dougie winning easily. Results: 10. S Taylor, 9. C Gibb, 8. D Moore, 7. R Sinclair, 6. D Sinclair, 5. G MacDougall. Nearest the pin: G MacDougall and R Sinclair.



Steven MacBrayne with a 6lb 1oz Spurdog caught at Loch Etive on Saturday.

Steven spurred on at Loch Etive

FAIR weather set the scene for the five anglers from Loch Fyne SAC who travelled to Loch Etive on Saturday to compete for the annual Non-League Trophy. Spurdogs were the first species to come aboard Ronnie Campbell's Laura Dawn II, bringing with them valuable points. It proved to be a good day for fishing with whiting, Isd and thornback ray

adding to the tally. At the end of a sunny but chilly day, 75 fish comprising of four species were landed with the eventual winner, Gary Sinclair, claiming an impressive 28 spurs to take the trophy. Nikki Thompson took runner-up spot, followed by Steven MacBrayne in third position. The next league outing at Loch Etive will be held on February 8.

Lottery numbers

THE numbers in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery were 10, 11 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot next week will be £200.

Margaret Johnson won £300 in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week with numbers 4, 10 and 16 drawn. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

There were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw, with numbers 2, 4 and 18 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup - 5th round - Dennistoun Vale 0, Oban Saints 1; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Rutherglen 1; Rolls Royce EK 2, Dunoon 1; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic 5, Glencastle Sparta 2; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star 1, Port Glasgow 4; Division 1A Tarbert v Eaglesham 'B' postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Kilbowie Union v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Centre; Dunoon v Shawlands; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division 1A - Tarbert v Bothwell and Uddingston Albion.

Shout out for Roddy on American TV

A LOCHGILPHEAD man who supports the Seattle Seahawks received a shout out on American TV this week. Roddy MacDonald responded when viewers on Fox News were asked where the 12th

man for the side's match against New Orleans Saints would be watching from on Saturday. **Attention** It was the small Argyll town that attracted the attention of the newsroom with the presenter

highlighting the town on a map. The Seahawks went on to win Saturday's match against the Saints and now stand within one game of the Superbowl Final, which will take place next month.



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JACKPOT

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Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
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**Cowan shows
flair when it
really matters**

Poor start to 2014 for Lochgilphead team

**Star reduced to
10 men after 20
minutes**

Lochgilphead Red Star	1
Port Glasgow	4
SAFL Premier Division 2	

RED STAR played their first game of 2014 on Saturday but it turned out to be a day to forget for the Lochgilphead side as they conceded four goals to Port Glasgow Amateurs on a very muddy Ropework Park.

The game did not start well for Star as the visitors opened the scoring after 15 minutes when the Port attacker rose well to head home from a corner to make it 0-1.

An already difficult task was made even harder five minutes later when Alderson received a straight red card. The midfielder caught his opponent's leg as he lunged for the ball; there were few complaints from the home side.

Star were up against it but could have been level when the ball broke to Morrison in the box. The Port keeper, however, made a good save to deny the winger.

It was the visitors who grabbed a vital second goal on the half time mark as some slack play by Star in midfield allowed the Port midfielder to release the number nine, who finished neatly past McCulloch to make it 0-2 at the break.

Into the second half and the pitch continued to cut up badly so there was very little in the way of good passing moves on show.

The extra man was starting to tell as the visitors created several chances but the score remained 0-2 after 75 minutes.

Star threw themselves a lifeline when Keen, just on as a sub, reacted quickest in the box to Naisby's knockdown and was able to poke his shot under the Port keeper to make it 1-2.

Star were pressing for the equaliser but it was the visitors who made the game safe in the final five minutes with a further two goals of their own to secure a deserved win.

Manager Allan Weir dubbed Saturday's match 'Star's worst performance of the season', stating the team would need to show more discipline tomorrow (Saturday) when they play at home to Goldenhill.



Star forward Innes Meikle maintains possession of the ball against a strong Port Glasgow defence,

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