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Call to Lochgilphead to go it alone and plan better future



Calm in middle of roads chaos

SNOW, ice, winds, rain and even some sunshine bore down on Mid Argyll over the last week.

Reader Laura Gray, 38, from Lochgilphead, captured this scene of tranquillity near Mid Argyll hospital on

Tuesday afternoon. But in other places, there was road chaos - Police Scotland reported a number of cars off the road and witnesses saw a bus blocking the road on the A83, on Tuesday, near to the turn off to Dunoon.

On Wednesday and into Thursday conditions remained difficult with the local authority, emergency services and power companies working together to make sure the area was kept moving and with power.

A 'THINK Tank' to rejuvenate Lochgilphead has been shelved as Argyll and Bute council set up an authority-wide group.

The news comes as Lochgilphead community council (LCC) said no-one in the local authority was taking the future of the town seriously and it was time to go it alone.

An Argyll and Bute council spokesman confirmed the news. He said: 'Establishing a 'think tank' for Mid Argyll was an action outlined in our local economic development action plan, however, this has been superseded by the creation of the Argyll and Bute Sustainable Economic Forum, as announced at the economic summit in October.'

'The council is currently doing extensive research work in each of our administrative areas which is focused on economic profiling in

Community council wants residents to take action as 'think tank' is shelved

relation to skills development as well as developing promotional plans for each area.

'We will be working with key stakeholders in Mid Argyll who will feed into this key piece of work.'

'We are also in discussions with Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce on a focused action plan for the whole Mid Argyll area as well as our partners in Scottish Canals, which is seeking to unlock the huge development potential of the Crinan Canal.'

LCC now wants people in the town to start making plans for the town themselves and not wait for the council to do it.

Chairman Robert Millar said: 'We can't do this ourselves.'

'We need to speak with Heart of Argyll Tourism Association and the Chamber of Commerce to make sure something will happen.'

The community council discussed the loss of a place for visitors to pick up information about the wider area in the town.

Councillor Sandy Taylor said Lochgilphead needed to become a 'sticky place'.

Forward

He said: 'We need to put together plans of how we would like the town to go forward and go to the council with them.'

'At the moment people drive right through the town and don't think about stopping.'

'There is nothing to say 'stop here'. 'Tourists need to be

able to see what is on offer. If we were able to do something like re-route traffic through the town then more people could see the town.'

'Money to fit WiFi throughout the town of Helensburgh has been found and it would be good if we could find something similar for here.'

The community council also discussed using wind farm money to open a visitor information point in the town centre.

Community council member Norma MacLennan said: 'I am very concerned about the number of shops that are closing and I want to know if there is anything that can be done.'

Mr Millar was due to meet with Heart of Argyll tourism association to discuss a new opportunity for a visitor information point in the town as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press.



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The architects' view of the new Kilmartin museum.

New development for Kilmartin Museum

ARCHITECTS will present ideas on a new development at Kilmartin Museum.

The redevelopment of the museum will see millions invested in the project entitled Telling Scotland's Oldest Stories.

On the same evening, Wednesday January 21, a consultation

will be held to hear from the public what they see as priorities for the development.

Improve
The redevelopment project will improve the museum's exhibition and collection storage and education service.

Architects Reiach and Hall will

give a presentation on its proposed new scheme alongside an update on earlier consultations.

Museum staff will discuss the types of activities they hope to be able to carry out in the new building.

The meeting starts at 7pm in the museum cafe.

Loch Fyne Oysters launches Community Star award scheme

ARGYLL seafood producer Loch Fyne Oysters has launched the Community Star Thrower award scheme to celebrate the people of Argyll who have made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Honour
The awards will honour outstanding members of communities who have made a difference.

Martyn Paterson, divisional director at Loch

Fyne Oysters, said: 'From building reliable business relationships with local producers, recruiting talented employees from local areas and welcoming the friendly faces of the Argyll people time and time again to our restaurant, we have built valuable relationships with local communities.'

'The people of Argyll have helped make Loch Fyne Oysters the international success it is to-

day and now we want to give back to the community which has given us so much.'

Presented
Award winners will be picked every eight weeks and will be presented with a Star Thrower certificate and £50 of Loch Fyne vouchers.

Nominations must be submitted via email using the official form available on the Loch Fyne website.

Police files

Theft of quad bike

SOMETIME between 3.30pm on Friday January 2 and 11.30am on Monday January 5, a red coloured Honda TRX500 quad bike was stolen from Kintraw farm, Barbreck.

Enquiries are continuing and police are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101.

Driving offences

ABOUT 6pm on Tuesday January 6, in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, police stopped a van for a routine check.

Enquiries revealed that the driver, a 24-year-old man, was allegedly driving without insurance or

a MOT certificate and failing to comply with the conditions of a provisional licence.

The man is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Assault

ABOUT 0.30am on Thursday January 8, a woman was assaulted by a man at a house in Peddie Bank, Lochgilphead.

Enquiries are continuing and police are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101.

No insurance

ABOUT 9.10am on Saturday January 10, on the A816, near Kilmichael Glassary, police stopped a vehicle for a routine

check. Enquiries revealed that the driver, a 41-year-old man was allegedly driving without insurance and the owner of the vehicle, a 42-year-old woman, had allegedly allowed the man to drive her vehicle without insurance.

The man and the woman are now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Vandalism

SOMETIME between 2.30pm and 9pm on Sunday January 11, in the lane at the rear of Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a pipe from a heating oil tank was damaged which resulted in oil leaking from the tank.

A car was also scratched at the same place. Enquiries are continuing and police are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



A quad similar to the one stolen from Kintraw Farm.



The Self Directed Support Roadshow is coming to town



Please come along if you have any questions about Self Directed Support

This roadshow will help you if -

- you are getting social care support
- you are thinking of getting support
- you want to know what to do next

The roadshow will be at **Campbeltown Community Hospital Seminar Room on Wednesday 21 January 10am—12pm and 1pm-3pm** and at **Lochgilphead Community Centre Room 1 on Thursday 22 January**

If you are unable to attend or would like more information about Self-Directed Support, please contact us at: personalisation@argyll-bute.gov.uk or visit your local Social Work Office or telephone **01546 605517**

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Roadshow help with directed support

ROADSHOWS will answer questions about self directed support.

Since April 2014, Argyll and Bute council has been working to help people to have more choice and control over how support services are designed.

Self-directed support (SDS) places decision making in the hands of the individual and their family with help and guidance from social workers.

Help

Policy lead for adult care, councillor Dougie Philand, said: 'These roadshows will help everyone involved to understand the options available, including funding.'

The road show will be visiting Campbeltown Community Hospital, Seminar Room, Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on Wednesday, January 21, from 10am until 12pm and Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae, on Thursday, January 22, from 10am until 12pm and from 1pm until 3pm.

Saltire petition launched

A PETITION will be launched to fly a Saltire on the front green in Lochgilphead.

The decision, taken by Lochgilphead Community Council, wants the local authority to rethink its decision on only having the Union flag flown on Argyll and Bute council flagpoles.

But it may take up to six months before the decision can be discussed in the local authority, because of council rules.

Councillor Sandy Taylor explained to community councillors, on Monday night, that concerns had been raised within the local authority over flying the Saltire during the 2014 referendum, as many people had begun to view the flag



Community council member Gillian Voinot is part of a campaign to have a Saltire flown on the Front Green. 08_a03flag01

as a symbol for the nationalist campaign. Community councillors argued this was not the case. One member

said: 'I notice the Saltire was flown at half mast over the Christmas and New Year period. It would be good

to see it up there all the time.' Councillor Taylor explained the Saltire was raised to mourn the loss of people in the

Glasgow bin lorry tragedy. He said it hadn't been taken down earlier because there was no one to do the job over the holiday period.

Veteran councillor Donnie MacMilan said he didn't care what was on the flag pole.

He said: 'It could be a scull and cross bones for all I care - there are more important things on the agenda tonight. A petition is a good idea, then we can go back to the council with it.'

The community council agreed to write to the chief executive of the council and to ensure the matter was again highlighted. They will also launch an online and paper petition to have the matter discussed again by the local authority.

£3m to be invested in A83 next year

A TOTAL of £3million is to be invested by the Scottish Government in the A83 in the coming year.

Transport minister Derek Mackay made the announcement on Wednesday at the latest meeting of the A83 Task Force in Arrochar during an update on how work on the A83 route study is progressing.

The extra money will be used for landslide mitigation work in Glen Kinglas and at Strone Point corner.

The minister also asked for further work to be carried out into what extra measures could be used to ensure continuity of access to Argyll and Bute.

Blarbuie Woodland and Artmap join ranks to inspire new art

ARTISTS in Argyll will lead workshops in Lochgilphead on Monday as part of a new partnership between Artmap and Blarbuie Woodlands.

Artmap artists Lesley Burr and Inge Bos will give adults in the area the chance to be creative and learn more about the history of the hospital and the woodland. People are being

encouraged to get on board if they want to revisit an old hobby or learn new skills. The final pieces created over a number of sessions will be installed as part of the Blarbuie

Woodland Art Trail. The community art workshop will hold a drop in session at Lochgilphead community centre on Monday, January 19, from 12pm until 4pm.

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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 2014. 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 nominations forms for both awards should be sent in confidence to:

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

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Entries for both of the above to be received by 14th February 2015.

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The Silent Man

A DCI Daley short story by Denzil Meyrick - part 3

The snow had stopped. The bright winter sun sparkled on the white mantel that clothed roofs, fields and roads; almost an Alpine scene, as the large yellow helicopter soared into the air above Kinloch. The naval pilot chatted to Daley via the headset as they flew over the town. Those co-ordinating the search had been sceptical when Daley had first mooted the idea of looking for John Sweeney at Sorn Bay. However, with all hopes of finding the man



Denzil Meyrick

virtually dashed, and nothing else to go on, they had let the policeman follow his instinct. He looked down as a flock of sheep, a dirty cream colour against the white snow, scattered as the helicopter passed overhead. They made heavy progress through the thick snow, leaving pockmarked tracks in their wake. **Explained** 'Inspector Daley, look!' exclaimed the pilot, his voice tinny

through the headphones. 'There, smoke!' Sure enough, a thin line of black smoke spiralled up from a little shack below them, plain against the white ground. 'I can see footprints in the snow,' shouted Daley. 'Can we land here?'

The pilot brought the helicopter gently to the ground, its downdraft scattering snow into the air like another mini flurry. Daley, after being helped out of the aircraft, saw a small line of footprints that led away from the shack and over a small rise. He followed them, and on reaching the top caught his breath at the beauty of the scene before him. The vast Atlantic appeared almost motionless beneath sheer cliffs. And there, dwarfed under the huge sky, Daley could see a figure in the distance.

Gulls screaming He crunched through the thick snow, which was almost up to his knees, soaking his trousers. 'Mr Sweeney!' he shouted, the echo sending gulls screaming into the clear air. Closer now, Daley could see the man turn around, look at him for a heartbeat, then step nearer the edge of the cliff, facing back out to sea. 'John, please! Come on, let's get you back

into the warmth. We'll freeze out here.' The old man took another step forward, now only a few inches from oblivion.

Daley was struggling to think what to say to prevent John Sweeney taking his own life, when a small voice rang out behind him.

'Grampa, come with me!' shouted the little boy, out of the helicopter now, and wrapped up in a thick coat and hat, in his father's arms.

Wordlessly

The old man didn't move, and for a moment Daley thought he was about to step over the edge of the cliff. But, slowly, he turned. Daley could see his jaws working, as he opened and closed his mouth wordlessly, then shook his head.

'Grampa, please!' Calum wailed.

John Sweeney looked up again. 'Calum, my wee lad, you're so bonnie,' he said, as he sank to his knees in the thick snow.

The wee boy had wriggled free of his father's grip and was doing his best to plunge towards them, his hat fallen off in the snow and his hair seeming even more red against it. Daley scooped him up in his arms and took him across to his grandfather.

'Grampa,' said Calum, holding his hand out. 'I don't mind if Santa doesn't bring me a bike. Don't worry.'

Tears coursed down the old man's face as the little boy clung onto his grandfather.

'See, Daddy. Grampa does speak to me. I wasn't telling tales.' Calum beamed at his father.

Just as they were about to climb into the helicopter, John Sweeney stopped and turned to face the cliff once more.

'Maggie, I canna come with you, not now - one day, but not now.' He took a deep breath and hugged his grandson.

'Don't worry, Grampa,' said Calum, his face sincere. 'The girl with the red hair is waiting for you.'

Andrew Duncan looked, astonished, at the boy. 'He doesn't know anything about Maggie,' he said to the detective.

All Jim Daley could do was shrug his shoulders.

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MP calls for more BT staff so faults can be repaired in a reasonable time

'I am aware of people who haven't had a working telephone for over a month'

A DEMAND has been made for more British Telecom staff after a 'failure' to get people back online quickly after storms.

But BT said these are seen as the worst storms in 50 years and it is doing everything it can to get the services back up and running.

Alan Reid MP has written to the company to make sure it is fully staffed to meet the current crisis.

Mr Reid said: 'I am aware of people who haven't had a working telephone since the previous storm over a month ago, and now another storm has caused widespread damage.'

'BT must employ more engineers to be able to repair faults within a reasonable period.'

Fraser Rowberry, Openreach general manager for Scotland, said: 'We foresaw this weather coming so have mobilised our engineering teams in readiness. So far, we've drafted in 170 extra engineers from around the UK to join our 2,500-strong engineering workforce in Scotland. Everyone is working flat out, in some treacherous conditions – and our team is increasing daily.'

'We're concentrating resources on where the worst damage is but very few parts of Scotland are unscathed after a series of storms which one of our long-serving engineers describes

as the worst he has seen in nearly 50 years with BT.'

A spokesman for British Telecom said: 'We'd like to assure the public we're doing our best and everything possible to reach those affected as quickly as we can, given the ongoing weather conditions, and thank them for their patience and support.'

'Engineers working around the clock have restored services to more than 20 small BT exchanges in the Highlands and Islands hit by power cuts and radio transmission failures due to the severe storms.'

'Repair efforts continue but have been hampered by hurricane force winds up to 113mph, fallen trees and snow

blocking roads, ferry cancellations, flight cancellations, closed causeways and traffic restrictions. For instance, engineers are on standby to reach Tiree but both ferries and flights have been cancelled.'

'Fault reports on individual lines are currently much higher than usual in Argyll and the islands. Anyone with a fault needs to report it to their service provider.'

'They will then liaise directly with Openreach to get it fixed. Service providers can also help with practical measures such as line diversions.'

'Typically, BT's overhead lines carry services to only a small number of premises so each fault needs to be investigated individually.'

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Left behind

THE LOCHGILPHEAD 'Think Tank' was the one gem that came out of the population summit held in Dunoon last year that had Mid Argyll at its heart.

This was going to be the big thing about moving Lochgilphead into the frame for some serious support. Support like that seen in Oban, Dunoon, Campbeltown, Helensburgh and Rothesay.

It was hoped it would see rejuvenation in the many dire and difficult places in the town and see the area spring to life.

Like many towns, in the past people did not have the ability to transport themselves very far and so they all lived in the place where they earned the money.

In the case of Lochgilphead that would mean huge wealth would have been in the town.

Imagine the salaries of the council staff alongside those from the private and public sector being in the town.

But it hasn't happened has it? No, most people who earn the highest salaries in Kilmory don't live here. The same can be said for other large organisations.

There is very little wealth in this town, as in many towns, and lack of wealth brings with it lack of investment from the authorities.

An interesting debate is taking place nationally about the key indicators for development. One of those is said to be happiness and another is quality of life.

If these measurements were taken, places such as Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Inveraray would measure highly. It seems these measurements are just a pipe dream - the truth is Lochgilphead has been left behind by the authorities and it is time for people to make their own future.

It is the only way, because we will wait forever for anyone to take happiness seriously.

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Trying to trace the Plough Inn

Sir,
I am trying to trace The Plough Inn, Lochgilphead, in the 1880s.

Mary Currie was my great great aunt and she had the grocer's shop on Lochnell Street for many years. I have a pink jug with the inscription Mrs Currie, Plough Inn Lochgilphead, 188. I cannot find any trace of the Plough Inn and wondered if any readers could help? My great grandfather was Matthew Woodrow Carruthers who helped with the construction of the Free Church and any information on him would also be appreciated.

My email is gecarruthers@aol.com

**George Carruthers,
Great Yarmouth.**

Hate-filled attack

Sir,
The world is reeling from yet another intentional and hate-filled attack on the Jewish people at the kosher supermarket in Paris in which unsuspecting and innocent victims lost their lives to the world's oldest hatred, anti-semitism. To make things even worse, it was on the advent of the Jewish Sabbath which begins at sunset on Friday.

World leaders have condemned the hostage-taking in France and shown solidarity at this testing time, and that will give a modicum of encouragement whilst so many Jewish families will meet around their Shabbat tables to ponder over the latest deaths that were perpetrated just because the victims were Jews.

The Hebrew word from where

we get the English word 'Jew' is 'Yehudah' (Judah), which means 'praise'. The Jewish people have contributed greatly in the arenas of medicine, science and the arts, in banking and the world of commerce in wherever countries they settled. It is only fitting that we extol their virtues at a time when their very existence is being undermined by such targeted terrorist attacks.

We must in the democratic nations seek to always condemn and root out any vestiges of anti-semitism that raise their ugly heads in the communities where Jews live, worship and work.

The Christian nations take their Judeo-Christian traditions, laws and culture from the Bible and the history of the Hebrew people and we should acknowledge that by showing our gratitude and loudly condemning all anti-Jewish rhetoric and actions which must make families and individuals feel extremely vulnerable.

History attests that hatred and even murder of innocent Jews is not new, but it must not be tolerated in European countries where Christian values have been inextricably linked to Jewish ones for centuries and where the contribution of the Jews has been a real blessing.

May we wish 'shalom' or 'peace' to the families in Paris and to the extended Jewish community world-wide. We have a common bond with the Lord God of Israel.

Colin Nevin.

Superstitionists

Sir,
Thankfully, it's but a minute portion of the world's many believers in sky fairies of different shapes and sizes that takes

things as far as the gunmen in Paris today, so we should not blame the majority of peaceful superstitionists for the actions of the few.

As an atheist and secularist, I affirm the rights of superstitionists to be wrong whilst maintaining my right to point this out to them and others peacefully, with or without humour.

Superstitionists must, however, understand that respect is a two-way process.

**John Hein,
Edinburgh.**

Aurora Borealis

Sir
Regarding the mysterious lights seen in the sky by your reader, it is quite possible that he/she saw a display of the Aurora Borealis.

The University of Lancaster has a website which issues predictions of such an occurrence.

An amber alert was issued on January 7.

**Fred Davies,
Tarbert.**

International Servicemen and Women Day

Sir
Support those who look after us by saying 'thank you for your service to the world!'

International Servicemen and Women Day was started in 2013. The idea began as so many national and international colleagues were being killed in the line of duty.

At first it was known as International Memorial Day for police members. But seeing the support by not only police members the question was asked, how could we incorpo-

rate all service men and women?

It was then that the International Servicemen and Women Day for law enforcement, military, firefighters and emergency medical service was born.

In 2015 it is hoped each town would consider holding an event of its own on June 29. For more details please look at our website at servicemenday.wx.com.

**Teno Etsebeth,
Founder.**

Labour party putting bombs before bairns

Sir,
It appears that the Labour Party is in an absolute shambles.

On the same day as chastising the Scottish government for what it sees as a waste of £95 million in introducing free school meals for all primary one to three pupils in Scotland, Labour renews its support for the replacement of Trident, at a cost of £100 billion.

Free school meals will benefit 113,000 children, boosting health and attainment at school, vital support at a time when in-work poverty is rocketing.

It is indeed a bizarre situation when the Labour Party is happy to put bombs before bairns.

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Matters still 'not resolved' for Tinker's Heart



The Tinker's Heart as it is today.

A BATTLE for the future of the Tinker's Heart will see the travelling community go head-to-head with a landowner to secure its future.

The Tinker's Heart is a rare piece of travellers' history where weddings were performed over colourful quartz stones of important historic value at the entrance to Hell's Glen near Struchur.

A petition to secure and preserve the future of the stones has met with silence from the landowner Mrs Kate How.

Mrs How has written to the Scottish government which is conducting an investigation into ways to preserve the stones.

Mrs How wrote: 'I was assured that the matter of the Tinkers' Heart had been dropped.'

'As you are aware neither the Scottish parliament nor Argyll and Bute council feel that the site is of sufficient historical interest to merit a listing.'

'Furthermore it has been agreed by all parties that the land upon which the Tinkers' Heart is located belongs to Ardno Farm.'

'I can assure you that the site is well looked after and protected against cattle.'

'Furthermore there is a sign on the gate inviting passers-by to have a look. The gate will be unlocked.'

'I consider that enough has been done to ensure that everyone wishing to visit the Tinker's Heart can do so.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I am very concerned that Kate How seems to think this matter is resolved. It isn't.'

'There is a desperate need for action to improve access, signs and safety at the site, as well as preserve the monument itself.'

'Mrs How needs to accept that the travelling community have to be part of the process of change that is required and I would hope she will now co-operate with them and with the parliamentary committee in a series of actions that will take the matter forward.'

Jess Smith, writer and campaigner, whose forebears belonged to the area, told the petitions committee that there was much explaining to be done as to why some places were seen as important historically, while others were not.

'If the area was recog-

nised as a Scottish monument through the Scottish government and Historic Scotland then everyone concerned, and that covers the entire country, will be satisfied that those who make important decisions on our behalf make no comparisons between all of its peoples.'

Culture secretary Fiona Hyslop MSP said: 'Scheduling a monument would not automatically bring the benefits that the traveller community is seeking for the Tinker's Heart.'

'Scheduling sites and monuments does not affect land ownership.'



Jess Smith at the petitions committee.

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JULY



Tarbert Seafood Festival was the village's biggest success this year. Catriona MacNeill was crowned Seafood Queen.

AUGUST



Children enjoyed Lochgilphead's summer camp, after a new partnership was formed between Argyll and Bute Active Schools and the Mac Pool. It aimed to get youngsters active during the summer holidays and proved to be a success, having up to 30 children attend each day.

SEPTEMBER



A couple whose wedding cars let them down at the last minute were grateful when locals in Ardrishaig rallied round to help them transport 100 guests to Tarbert. In the end West Coast Motors stepped in.



When the Queen's baton came to Mid Argyll, James McLoughlin and Bill MacCallum were two of the bearers. The pair exchanged the baton atop the Dun-add Fort.



Inveraray Gala Day was yet another successful event for the town. Families turned out for the activities, which coincided with the fire station open day. 08_a321nvgd06

September saw primary one pupils settling in across the Scotland. Grace Norris was looking forward to being in school like big sister Eilidh.

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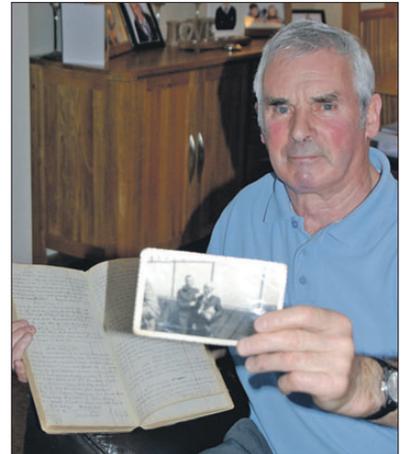
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OCTOBER



The Duntrune Trekkers finally completed their fundraising mission and successfully climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. The trio couldn't help but jump for joy in the end and the total of money raised has not yet been confirmed, but will be split equally between three charities.

NOVEMBER



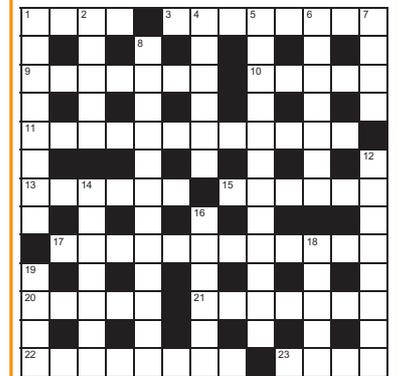
2014 marked the centenary of the first world war. Many residents of Mid Argyll opened up their memory boxes and let the Argyllshire Advertiser in. While reporting on such a delicate subject, the newspaper was grateful to those who came forward to share their stories.

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Inveraray shinty club picked up two awards. Ruairidh Graham was named south division two coach of the year and Fraser Watt, above right, was named south division two player of the year.

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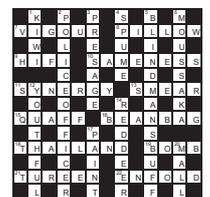


Lochgilhead's first Christmas Day lunch was held for people who are alone for the festivities. It turned out to be a big success and 50 people spent the afternoon together in the town's parish church.

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games. This year, through funding, we were able to get iPads for the children. They have enjoyed fun educational apps. We also made a calendar of children's photos taken around Tarbert. The Early Level has an established outdoor area designed specifically for the children and it is this year's aim to develop it further to establish a well-equipped area with lots of opportunity for 'outdoor learning' to take place. We cater for our children's individual needs in a bright, busy, secure and stimulating environment with experienced and committed staff who work in partnership with parents, carers, both in the school and in the wider community thus benefiting from many well-established links. We understand the value of prior learning and our aim is for the children to be enthusiastic and enquiring when they start progressing through the school.

Last summer the Pre 5s moved up into an Early Level classroom built specifically for them within the Primary department. Tarbert Academy is a successful 3-18 school. We believe that a nurturing environment is vital for children to learn and develop through structured play. "Play is the child's work" within the Early Level. The Early Level has an established outdoor area designed specifically for the children and it is this year's aim to develop it further to establish a well-equipped area with lots of opportunity for 'outdoor learning' to take place. We cater for our children's individual needs in a bright, busy, secure and stimulating environment with experienced and committed staff who work in partnership with parents, carers, both in the school and in the wider community thus benefiting from many well-established links. We understand the value of prior learning and our aim is for the children to be enthusiastic and enquiring when they start progressing through the school.

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Na Seudan Ùrwin to play on Danny Kyle Open Stage

A YOUNG all-female band from Tarbert, Na Seudan Ùr, have been offered a place on the Danny Kyle Open Stage at Celtic Connections this Saturday, January 17

The Danny Kyle Open Stage takes place at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and the girls will be playing a 20-minute slot between 5pm and 7pm.

Entrance is free so it's a great opportunity for people to see Na Seudan Ùr live. And for those who can't make it, each 'Open Stage' is also broadcast live on Celtic Music Radio 95 FM.

Na Seudan Ùr recently launched its first CD, Seunta. The CD is receiving rave reviews in this country and abroad and has already sold more than 500 copies.



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Mid Argyll drink driver numbers on the increase

'It is good to see a reduction in the total number of drink drivers'

DRIVERS in Mid Argyll have defied the national average after more people were caught drink driving over the festive period than last year.

The figures from Lochgilphead Police Office showed that three drivers were caught compared to just two in 2013.

Two of the three in 2014 were found to be 'well over' the old limit, discounting the fact the new lower limit was introduced on December 5.

Police inspector for Lochgilphead and Campbeltown Mark Stephen said: 'The other driver was over the new limit introduced on December 5 but would have been under the previous one. This driver was stopped for a speed-

ing offence in the early afternoon on the A83.'

However, inspector Stephen could not confirm where the drivers caught in the Lochgilphead area were from and acknowledged they may have been en route to the likes of Campbeltown or Oban.

Passing through

This means that although the disappointing figures reflect on Lochgilphead, it could be that motorists caught under the influence were passing through and are not from the town.

A total of eight drink drivers were caught in Argyll.

Statistics from Police Scotland showed 255 people stopped by officers in the final three weeks of December were under the influence

of drink or drugs. The figure for the same period in 2013 was 348.

The legal limit in Scotland is now 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, compared with the old limit of 80mg, which remains in England and Wales.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins, of Police Scotland, said: 'It is good to see a reduction in the total numbers of drink drivers.'

'The fact that 255 people have still chosen to do so, and put themselves and others needlessly at risk, is still entirely unacceptable.'

'There is no doubt the new limit is challenging people and we shall continue to reinforce the message, prevent deaths and collisions and make our roads safer.'

Safety council supports campaign to stop babies choking to death

ST JOHN'S Ambulance launches a new campaign today to inform parents about what to do if their baby starts choking.

With 80 per cent of parents not knowing what to do, The Chokeables is a campaign of videos, advice and first aid guides to equip parents with information about what to do in such an event.

Neal Stone, chief executive of the British Safety Council, explained why he is backing the campaign. 'We need to bring this campaign to the attention of as many people as possible and the British Safety Council is pleased to help promote The Chokeables. Unfortunately, babies will pick up things like pen tops and swallow them and get into trouble. Taking immediate action to stop choking is critical and the campaign describes simple procedures about what to do.'

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Culling wild animals effects more than the animal itself.

DEER are being treated as little more than vermin by organisations such as the Forestry (FCS) Commission Scotland and Scottish National Heritage (SNH), the Scottish Gamekeepers Association (SGA) claimed this week.

The SGA says the loss of deer to the Scottish landscape and economy will devastate the rural economy.

A spokesman for the SGA said: 'In certain areas, red deer are being culled to such a level that communities which are reliant on a sporting take for much-needed revenue are now suffering, and stalker and ghillie jobs are being lost.'

The SGA points to information from its members that in the west highlands they are unable to welcome their annual parties of overseas shooters as there is no longer enough stags to offer sustainable sport due to heavy and consistent culling on FCS ground.

This also affects accommodation providers, outfitters, garages,

restaurants, shops, game dealers and vehicle suppliers

A FCS spokesman said: 'Our cull represents less than five per cent of the Scottish deer population which in 2005 was estimated at around 667,000, and in 2011 was estimated at around 777,000.'

'We value wild deer as a key component of the environment and our work in this area aims to achieve healthy deer populations which are in balance with the woodland environment, natural resources and our own business objectives. Throughout our woodland creation and deer management policies we take into account key ecological factors such as soil and vegetation types, local wildlife and landscape characteristics.'

'We use a combination of culling and fencing to manage deer across the National Forest Estate, throughout the year, making appropriate use of night shooting and out of season authorisations, which are always agreed with SNH.'

'In carrying out our

deer management activities we consult regularly with stakeholders such as SNH, neighbouring land owners and the deer management sector. We adhere to industry best practice.

Robbie Kernahan, SNH's head of wildlife operations, said: 'With no natural predators, there are some parts of Scotland which have more deer than the habitat can sustain.'

'Culling deer is often the only way to protect crops, woodlands and designated natural areas, as well as to reduce road accidents.'

'Deer management helps support many fragile rural economies in Scotland and the number of deer culled has remained reasonably static in the past 20 or so years.'

'The demand for au-

thorisations to cull deer out of season and at night to prevent damage to the natural heritage, unenclosed woodland, or public safety has continued to rise over the last few years and this accounts for about 20 to 25 per cent of the annual cull. There are a number of reasons for this, including changes to deer distribution, changes to land use including agricultural practice, estab-

lishing new woodlands and the restructuring of existing plantations.

'There are about 50 deer management groups around Scotland which help estates manage deer more effectively together. We're working very closely with them across Scotland to protect biodiversity while maintaining sporting opportunities and protecting other economic interests.'

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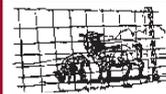
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MAC Pool: ma

Youth group aims to build confidence

A YOUTH group in Tarbert has become the latest to start using the MACPool with the aim to build children's confidence in the water. Heather Bellshaw is the project co-ordinator of Tarbert Youth Group and regular pool user. She said: I think it's important for young people to get out and enjoy activities. It's also good for their health, fitness and well-being. 'When we go swimming we are all together and having fun, it's gives

the kids something to look forward to every other week. 'The parents are also keen for them to come along to swimming sessions.' The youth sessions began in December and look set to run for a year. Heather, a keen swimmer, also hopes that they can continue beyond the year. She added: 'The kids live in a place that is surrounded by water and it's good for them to be confident in the water and able to look after themselves.'



Dolphins swimming club provides essential life s

A KILMICHAEL girl's confidence has soared thanks to children's swimming club at the MAC Pool. Dolphins is year-round club for young people aged nine up to 16. The classes, which are led by swimming teachers and assistant, teach children movement and breathing techniques. For three past year Gilly Lefebvre, 10, has been taking the lessons and her mum Lizzie expressed her pride in her daughter's newfound confidence since attending Dolphins.

Lizzie said: 'Gilly though she was a good swimmer until she started going to Dolphins. She has gotten ten times better, having gone from being able to swim just eight lengths to now swimming up to 80 during one session. Her confidence in the water is just amazing, she has come on leaps and bounds since. 'As a family we go surfing a lot, and are surrounded by water where we live, so knowing that she can swim gives me confidence that if she did find herself in danger she could get herself out of it.' The club runs junior and senior sessions and has a competitive element. Children often go on to compete in school swimming competitions and there is room to progress further. Roz Way is the senior Dolphins coach. She said: 'It is a serious swimming club, but the children are welcome to use it purely for fitness and to get better at swimming. It is providing them with life skills and they could end up going on to teach or life guard anywhere.



TAKING THE PLUNGE: Seniors and Juniors together Roz Way and Melanie Chmielewka.

Timetable 5th January to 5th April 2015		Mid Argyll Community Pool														
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Last entry 30 minutes before close of next session:	Mon			SCHOOL SWIMMING From 28th Jan	SCHOOL SWIMMING until 22nd Jan		LANE SWIMMING	PUBLIC SWIMMING				LEARN TO SWIM FOR ADULTS				
	Tues	EARLY BIRDS		SCHOOL SWIMMING				PUBLIC SWIMMING			LEARN TO SWIM with MACPool		PUBLIC SWIMMING	MAYDS GIRLS ON THE MOVE 4-8		
	Wed	EARLY BIRDS	PUBLIC SWIMMING	FIT FOR 50	PUBLIC SWIMMING			AQUANATAL	SCHOOL SWIMMING	PUBLIC SWIMMING	LEARN TO SWIM with MACPool		LADIES ONLY	PUBLIC SWIMMING		
	Thurs	EARLY BIRDS	OVER 50's	SCHOOL SWIMMING	HYDRO-THERAPY			PUBLIC SWIMMING	SCHOOL SWIMMING	PUBLIC SWIMMING	LEARN TO SWIM		Mid Argyll Dolphins	PUBLIC SWIMMING		
	Fri			PUBLIC SWIMMING				PUBLIC SWIMMING					TARBERT YOUTH GROUP	MAYDS BOYS IN ACTION 8-18		
	Sat		SWIM FIT	SWIM FIT	ADULT & CHILD LESSONS	LEARN TO SWIM			PUBLIC SWIMMING	FAMILY FUN	PUBLIC SWIMMING	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE		HEV		
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Hydrotherapy sessions are a hit



A WOMAN who beat breast cancer will attend the latest swimming class to be launched after she found confidence in the 'No Limits' classes which ran last year.

Hydrotherapy sessions launched last week at the MACPool will replace the No Limits class at the pool and Caroline Abernethy, from Tayvallich, want to tell people why it works for her.

After being treated for breast cancer in 2011 Caroline has been left with long term health problems.

She has lymphedema, a fluid condition of the arms and chest caused by the removal of lymph nodes during surgery, and now wears medical compression sleeves on her arms to reduce swelling.

She said: 'When I had breast cancer I had all the treatments; including chemotherapy and radiotherapy, which

left me with other health issues and chronic fatigue. I started swimming to get fitter and increase my energy, but I didn't have the courage to wear my sleeves and then I found the 'No Limits' class. Now I feel that I can wear them with confidence. The more that I exercise the more it helps the fatigue, but I get so tired. With this class I feel better that I can swim in a relaxed and supported environment.

'I just needed someone to show me what to do. Now I have my own routine, that's because the tutors have shown me what to do.'

Hydrotherapy sessions will run for 12-weeks and are led by Sally McLeod.

Caroline and her archaeologist husband Duncan moved from Glasgow to Tayvallich, after she took early retirement following her illness.

New members sought for rewarding role



A CURRENT board member from Mid Argyll Community Swimming pool is keen to remind people of the highs of helping to run the local enterprise smoothly.

Kim Ritchie has spoken out as it emerges that the board are seeking new members.

She has been volunteering as a board member for more than four years. Kim said: 'The pool is in a good place and we have an excellent management team, which means now the board can afford to take a back seat with the day-to-day running. I am particularly involved with customer services and staff development. I step in

to support the pool managers, but I am not that often involved, just on hand for a advice.

'Some years ago being a board member was really tough and it was a time demanding job, but the pool is being so well run now, thanks to a great team of staff.'

'Now as a board member we spend more time planning strategies and developments. It is more rewarding.'

Members of the MACPool board are particularly keen to draw in the attention of people who are financially or legally skilled.

For more information see below.

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Volunteers with customer service skills and some time to spare have a chat with Kirsty next time you're at the pool

MACPOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Mid Argyll Community Pool is a social enterprise enabling the community to swim and take part in sports, leisure and social activities in support of health and well-being. We deliver this through quality in our facilities, service and partnerships

Wheels turn smoothly for bike venture

A COUPLE who set up their own business hiring out electric bikes are now looking at ways to expand their venture after a successful first year.

Mary Ireson and Jamie Fisher launched Mull Electric Bikes last April allowing people to explore Mull and Iona in an environmentally-friendly way.

They have received support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service with their plans.

Over the winter Mary and Jamie are developing their package options and looking to grow in time for the summer season.

Mary said: 'Jamie is a fisherman and I was a youth worker but we both liked cycling and being outdoors.'

'While I was on maternity leave I was getting fed up not being able to cycle far with two children so my dad lent me his electric bike. Initial-

ly I was sceptical, but I was hooked once I had a go and realised I could cycle a good distance with the girls in the trailer.

'People were interested in the bike and we were looking at ways of combining our work with our family life. After we came up with the idea we did some test hires and consequently bought four new bikes and launched Mull Electric Bikes.

'The bikes offer an excellent yet cost effective way to tour the island and are more eco-friendly than driving.'

The couple have been thrilled with the positive reviews on Trip Advisor and Facebook and are delighted with how business has been going. The company recently featured on BBC1's Grand Tours of Scotland with host Paul Murton using one of the electric bikes to get around the island while filming.

A new base for the



Mary Ireson on an electric bike with a trailer.

company, situated close to three forestry trails, is planned and Jamie is completing his CY-TEC Bike Maintenance Training so he can maintain the bikes and offer out servicing and repairs for regular bikes.

Mary added: 'We will be moving to a new base in the middle of Derivaig which will allow people to visit us and try out the bikes before they hire.

Having premises means that eventually we can sell bikes too.

'Being located in the village will make us more visible and hopefully this means we can pick up passing traffic. We are developing other ideas including putting together cycle trips for groups with suggested routes and accommodation for the islands as well as further afield.

'One of the best things about going to Business Gateway was its start-up course which I found invaluable.

'It was great to learn the basics and talk through ideas with others who were also looking at starting a business.

'Our adviser helped us work on our business plan and projected figures and recently I com-

pleted the bookkeeping workshop which was another great help.'

Adviser Angela Vernel said: 'Mary and Jamie combined our workshops with one-to-one to advice to ensure they were in the best possible position to set up a business. Mull Electric Bikes is a fantastic addition to the island with potential to grow.'

'Meet the buyer' is coming to Kintyre

KINTYRE businesses are being encouraged to find out how they can benefit from a multi-million pound new school programme at a 'meet the buyer' event.

Argyll and Bute Council, in partnership with Hub North Scotland, is planning a new secondary school for Campbeltown, with the main contract for delivery of the new schools awarded by Hub North Scotland to Morrison Construction and opportunities for the area's companies to get involved either as sub-contractors or suppliers for the project.

Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'Our new schools will bring big benefits for our young people and our communities.'

'Through the 'meet the buyer events', we hope to extend these benefits and opportunities to the local business community, whose expertise, knowledge and capacity can play a part in a large-scale project.'

The meeting is to be held in Aqualibrium, Campbeltown, on Thursday January 22 between 1pm and 5pm.

Interested businesses can meet the Morrison Construction procurement team as well as representatives from the council, Business Gateway and industry body Construction Industry Training Board.

One-to-one sessions must be pre-booked at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CVDZPCZ> or visit www.morrisonconstruction.co.uk to find out more.

Preparing all businesses for the new year

WITH the festive celebrations over, now is the perfect time to set some New Year business resolutions - and get help from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway to keep them.

Whether you are a first-time entrepreneur looking to start a business or an experienced business owner looking to expand an existing venture, the Business Gateway team can help you get your business into shape.

Offer advice

It can also offer advice and support for those considering becoming self-employed.

Those with a growing business can also tap into some

expert help from a range of specialist advisers covering marketing, ecommerce, human resources and growth strategy development.

Advisers can also signpost other sources of help with particular issues such as manufacturing, exporting, intellectual property or tendering.

A wide range of free business skills workshops is available. These include business planning, marketing, basic practical bookkeeping, managing staff, improving marketing, customer care, getting more from your website and social media.

Business Gateway advisers can also flag up a range of

loan and grant funding initiatives.

The Business Gateway Plus Growth Grant is available until March and offers funding of 50 per cent of costs up to a maximum of £3,000. This fund is aimed at businesses trading above £70,000 with a specific growth project planned.

Loan funding

The West of Scotland Loan Fund can provide loan funding assistance of up to £100,000 for small and medium-sized growth businesses.

Start-Up Finance Scotland offers unsecured personal loan funding of £1,000 to £25,000 for business purposes,

to support new businesses which have been trading for less than 12 months or, in some circumstances, up to 24 months.

To find out more contact the local Business Gateway team which can also provide support with developing an application.

Business Gateway can also signpost sources of discretionary funding such as the SJ Noble Trust or the Prince's Trust Youth Business Scotland.

Business Gateway's website is packed with information relevant to both new start and growth businesses. The guides, event section and other

resources at www.bgateway.com will ensure that entrepreneurs across Argyll and Bute have all the information they need at their fingertips.

Advice and support

Adviser Angela Vernel said: 'Traditionally, figures show that the first few months of the year is a busy one for us as people consider making changes to their lifestyle, including setting up their own business and existing businesses prepare for the year ahead.'

Our services ensure new and existing entrepreneurs are given the advice and support they need to help run their venture successfully.'

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02537/PP	Upgrading of 1.2 km of existing temporary access tracks to permanent road, construction of approximately 3.3 km of new sections of permanent road and construction of four watercourse crossings.	Access Road Serving Crossaig Substation Crossaig Forest Skipness Argyll	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/02779/AMSC	Approval of conditions 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 relative to planning permission in principle reference 11/02334/PPP for the erection of 9 dwellinghouses and formation of new vehicular access	Land South West of Whitecraigs The Avenue Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
14/02829/PP	Erection of three wind turbines (maximum blade tip height of 135 metres) together with associated hardstandings, access tracks and other related infrastructure	Land 1.5km North of Blackmill Loch Adjacent to Consented A'Chruach Windfarm West of Minard Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02969/PP	Re-powering of Tangy windfarm comprising 16 turbines (125 metres high to blade tip), erection of control building, sub-station, 3 anemometer masts, formation of access tracks and ancillary development, including dismantling of Tangy I and Tangy II windfarms.	Tangy Windfarm and Land North Thereof Kilkenzie Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6GD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/02983/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of heat source pump and formation of new vehicular access.	Land 50 Metres East of 2 Knockran Way Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/03008/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 12/00127/PPP (Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse and formation of access road).	Land North West of Bayview Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02894/PP	Erection of canopy over front door	Top Flat Old Police House Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UD	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

Planning Application Reference Number: 14/02829/PP
 Proposed development at Land 1.5km North of Blackmill Loch, Adjacent to Consented A'Chruach Windfarm, West of Minard, Argyll and Bute
 Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by A'Chruach Phase 2 Wind Farm Limited (subsidiary of Infnis) relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of three wind turbines (maximum blade tip height of 135 metres) together with associated hardstandings, access tracks and other related infrastructure.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at the Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Additional copies of the Environmental Statement can be provided to third parties, subject to printing costs, details of which are available on request. A CD containing an electronic copy of the submission can also be purchased for a fee of £10.00. For further information please contact Mr Peter Lamb, Savills, Wessex House, Priors Walk, East Borough, Wimborne, BH21 1PB.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD.

Planning Application Reference Number: 14/02969/PP
 Proposed development at Tangy Windfarm and Land North Thereof, Kilkenzie, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute PA28 6GD

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by SSE Generation relating to the planning application in respect of Re-powering of Tangy windfarm comprising 16 turbines (125 metres high to blade tip), erection of control building, sub-station, 3 anemometer masts, formation of access tracks and ancillary development, including dismantling of Tangy I and Tangy II windfarms.

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Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Mr Noel Cummins, SSE, Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ at a cost of £450.00 (paper copy) and £100.00 (CD).

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Argyll and Bute Council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>
 The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

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Councillor Robin Currie (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)
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- Call in the professionals. Ask friends or relatives who have moved recently to recommend removal firms.
- Get at least three estimates from different firms and don't automatically accept the cheapest.
- Establish a written timetable with the removal firm and check the foreman has all the necessary details.
- Make sure the removal firm has a clear map showing how to find your new home.
- Ensure your possessions are insured for transit. Most removal firms provide such insurance. Check what it covers and whether there are exclusions. Remember that anything you pack yourself may not be covered by the removal firm's insurance. If you are planning to transport any precious items yourself, check that these are covered when in transit by your contents insurance.
- Hire professional cleaners to give your new place a thorough going over before you move in. Some removal firms will arrange to do this. This will make the whole move a more comfortable process.
- Before the big day, have a clear out. Valuable items that are no longer needed can be auctioned or sold to a dealer in second-hand furniture. Other items can be donated to charity shops or recycled.
- Get someone to look after the children for the day. The same goes for pets - or book them into kennels or a cattery. Make sure they have identity tags with their new address.
- Compile a fact file for the people who are moving into your property, such as instruction leaflets and service information for the heating system and appliances you're leaving, together with details of rubbish collection etc.
- Round up all the keys to your home, including those left with neighbours, nannies and relatives, and give them to your solicitor or estate agent.
- If the move is going to be spread over a couple of days, arrange accommodation and pack a bag for an overnight stop.
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The Scottish Salmon Company



Temporary Technical Systems Coordinator – Salmon Processing Plant Cairndow, Argyll

40 hours per week for a minimum of 4 months – Salary £20,000 pro rata
Ref: TSSC/Jan 15

As Technical Systems Coordinator you will analyse the site Quality Management System.

- Pull together all paper based processes from the Quality Management System for centre filing and logging, including for example SEPA reporting etc.
- Update the internal QMS document management system (QPulse)
- Analyse the interfaces between the Technical Department and Engineering/Processing functions.
- Make recommendations to improve communication processes and information flows.

The successful candidates must be Graduates interested in a career in Technical/Food Safety/Quality Management/Food Science/Microbiology degrees

Temporary Business Systems Coordinator – Salmon Processing Plant Cairndow, Argyll

40 hours per week for a minimum of 4 months – Salary £20,000 pro rata
Ref: BSSC/Jan 15

As Business Systems Coordinator you will analyse the site Business Management System.

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- Update the internal QMS document management system (QPulse) with all training records (across whole company).
- Audit all Maintenance, Hygiene, Purchasing, Supply Chain and Processing files and records.
- Make recommendations to improve communication processes and information flows.

The ideal candidates must be Graduates in Business/Operations Management Studies.

For an application form and job description for the above posts, please contact:

Angela Gibson, HR Officer,
The Scottish Salmon Company,
Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, PA26 8BH
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Deckhand/Farm Technician

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In addition the successful applicant will also be required to carry out duties including feeding, net changing and other general farm tasks, and be willing to work flexibly to meet the demands of the job. The position will require working a 40 hour week on any five out of seven days.

Applications are invited from individuals who have a positive approach to this type of work and who are competent swimmers. Experience is certainly an advantage although training will be provided. A current driving licence is essential.

If you feel you have the necessary skills for this post, please apply in writing enclosing copies of relevant certificates, no later than Friday 30th January 2015 to: Gillian Dempster, Human Resources Assistant, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.



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Pool Staff and Processing/Plant Maintenance Vacancies – Salmon Processing Plant Cairndow, Argyll
 Ref: 01/PS/15 Pool Staff
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As a result of an exciting growth and investments in new equipment and processes, we are delighted to be holding our recruitment drive for numerous additional staff across several departments at our Cairndow Processing Plant.

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For an application form and job description for the above posts, please contact:
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THIS month we will be treated to a wonderful astronomical display.

Venus and Mercury come out briefly after sunset; Mars lights up the early evening hours; Jupiter is out from mid-evening until dawn and Saturn is found in the predawn/dawn sky. All five visible planets can be seen in January.

Also in the sky till the end of January is the comet Lovejoy which can be seen near the tip of Orion's belt.

If you miss it this year you will have to wait another 8,000 years for its return, so maybe better catch it now.

It is amazing to think this comet can be seen all around the world and photos have been posted on the web from Singapore, Madrid, Hong Kong, Australia, North Carolina and the UK to name but a few.

There is a wonderful order in the night sky and it is quite remarkable to think we can predict something that will happen in 8,000 years.

I sometimes wonder just what the world will be like in even 80 years the way things are going.

Every day the news brings more stories of war, of terrorism, of disasters and we can easily sink into a feeling of despondency about it all.

How good to see world leaders united in Paris - walking with arms linked in solidarity against the forces that threaten us.

In the beginning God made order out of chaos, but sadly we are now living in a time where many choose chaos and confusion to violate that order.

We are a fragile planet and we are dependent upon each other.

We cannot afford the fragmentation that is eroding the order that God intended for his world.

The heavens declare the glory of God. Let us pray that his glory will also prevail on earth.

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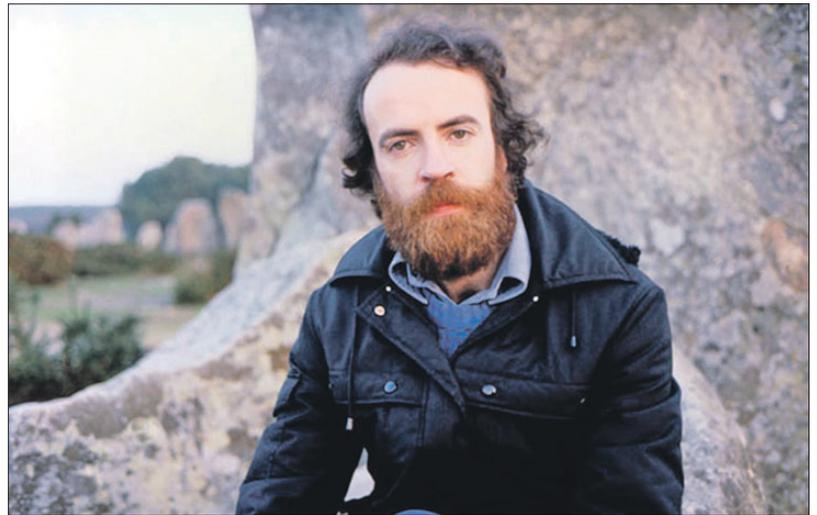
Glasgow's craic sees Bothy Boy on film

'THE Bothy Boy' details the life and musical career of Micheál Ó Domhnaill, a guitar player, singer, composer, arranger, producer and a member of the most influential traditional Irish group of all time, The Bothy Band.

The band regularly played in Mid Argyll. The film will be shown at Ceol's Craic at the CCA cinema. For more details contact ceolscriaic.org.

Community mini bus

THE community council is discussing the need for a community mini bus. Community groups are being asked to write to the community council explaining why a community mini bus would help them



Mícheál Ó Domhnaill.

and if they would use it. Send emails to Inveraray@btinternet.com

Burns Club

INVERARAY Burns Club is delighted to be

holding its annual and ever popular Burns Club Dinner on Saturday January 24 at the Argyll Hotel, Inveraray.

In what promises to be another fabulous

evening, entertainment starts at 7pm prompt.

Guest speakers this year are Ayrshire Burnsian Ian Farrell, Bruce Robertson and Jane McLeod from Loch-

gilphead. Inveraray's own Brian Spalding will address the haggis, with music and song from the wonderful Bletherskyte from Cumnock.

ARDFERN

Free hot food and drinks

A 'WELFARE van' offering free hot food and drinks was at Ardfern Yacht Centre after last week's storms.

The van, provided by Scottish Hydro Electric Power Division (SHEPD), saw most of the village at some point while power was down.

A thousand technical and support staff were mobilised ahead of the storm and despatched to rural areas where the storm was likely to cause the most damage.

Staff from SHEPD's sister company in England have also been working in Scotland to restore supplies. These numbers have been bolstered by external contractors.

DUNADD

Community council

DUNADD community council's chairman spoke of a renewed interest in the community council with attendance at meetings now between 20 and 30 people. He advised the Mid

Argyll Community Partnership meeting that there had been an extensive consultation exercise in the three villages, Kilmichael, Kilmartin and Ford and as a result the broadband issues were moving forward with the possibility of the community getting a say in where the green boxes for fibreoptic will be sited.

ARDRISHAIG

Replacement windows for hall

ARDRISHAIG community council's secretary told a meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership that a planning application had been lodged to replace the windows and heating in the North hall.

The hall was bought in September 2014.

KNAPDALE

Broadband and mobile phone coverage

COMMUNITY council convenor David Kent updated the Mid Argyll Community Partnership on the issues ex-

perienced in relation to broadband and mobile phone coverage.

He said he had been told that the area was not considered to be big enough to constitute the works required.

He advised of the frustration felt by the community in this regard. The chairman advised of a presentation at the last meeting of the community planning group and suggested that the

community council contact Campbell Cameron from Community Broadband Scotland in this regard.

Mr Kent said that a lack of funding is an issue.

WEST LOCHFYNE

Re-dedication of war memorial

COMMUNITY council secretary Leonard MacNeil addressed the Mid Argyll Community Partnership in relation to the re-dedication of the war memorial in Minard Hall.

He said that the service was conducted by the Rev MacLeod and that it had been well attended.

He advised of the grant from the Scottish Memorials Trust which had been topped up by the wind farm trust so that the work could be undertaken without having to be paid for by the community council.

He also spoke of the war memorial in Tullochgorm and advised of the state of disrepair he found there. He advised that the war memorial falls within the jurisdiction of the council and urged elected members to apply for a grant from the trust before the money runs out.



The war memorial at Minard.

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

BIRTHS

GRIFFIN - SHAW
 Ross and Laura are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Harrison, born November 23, 2014. A little brother for Bryce, Connor and Reece. Special thanks to all midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit.


MCMURCHY
 At the University Hospital, Singapore, on January 9, 2015, to Shaun and Rachael, a daughter, Rhona Elizabeth. First grandchild for a delighted Bruce and Jean McMurphy and Hugh and Connie Ferguson. First great grandchild for Archie and Pearl Kelly, and Bruce and Marion McMurphy.

ENGAGEMENTS

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


MCNAUGHTON - GILCHRIST
 Both families have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Seona, daughter of Sandy and Christine, to Graham, oldest son of Kevan and Jennifer.

MARRIAGES

KELLY - STEWART
 On January 2, 2015, at Polnoon Cottage, Eaglesham, by the Reverend Linda Stewart, Lucille, daughter of the late Betty and John Kelly, to Ewan, son of Martin and Reverend Linda Stewart. A really enjoyable day, with thanks to our families, especially Laura and Graham who made it all come together.

DEATHS
MACPHERSON - Ernie, in his 69th year, passed away very peacefully, at home with his family, beloved husband of Irene (Ilene) née Russell, much loved father to Laura and Douglas, adored papa to John and Calum and a dear father-in-law to Ronnie and Marina. Sorely missed. The funeral service will take place in Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow, on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 11.30am and thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery, Cairndow, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.
MCSPORRAN - John, peacefully on January 7, 2015, dearly loved husband of Chrissie, much loved and loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

IN MEMORIAM
ARMOUR - Treasured memories of Archie Armour, who passed away on January 19, 2014. A loving husband, dad and papa. Always in our thoughts. - Sheena and family.
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 space. Remembering you every day. - With all our love, Mum and Dad xxx.

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 x. - David and Anne.
MACMILLAN - In fond memory of Norman, who died on Friday, January 15, 2010. With sails brave set you crossed the bar, Your pilot did not fail. So westering on to that sweet place, Where peace and joy prevail. You are still the music. Ae fond kiss. - Kate.
WARDROP - On January 16, Robert, beloved husband, dad, granda and great granda. Miss you so much. - Love, Helen and family, at home and abroad.

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 Army Kidz 6.30pm 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 Scouilding

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Sundays
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 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service
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 (SC031391)
 1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
 Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray
 (SC025646)
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 Rev. C. Acklam
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Sunday Service
 11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Baby & Toddler Group
 10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)
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 "What is our inheritance in Jesus Christ?"
Thursday 22 January 2015 7.30pm
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 Second Sunday after the Epiphany
 10.45am Holy Communion
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 Rev. P Wallace
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 Boys' Brigade
 Anchor Boys 6pm
 Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 22nd January
 Choir 7.30pm
Friday 23rd January
 Lunch Club 12noon New Hall


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 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 18th January
 11.15am Worship Service
 Rev Iain McDonald
 11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 21st January
 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
 2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Cafe
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www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
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Highland Parish Church

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Sunday 18th January
 The service will be led by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Badminton Club - Tuesdays
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 Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
 Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm
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Drug users are being used as 'pawns' claims project manager

DRUG users are being used as 'pawns' in a multi-million addiction programme contract given to a London-based company, claims a project manager in Oban.

However Addaction said current providers were part of the problem - calling them 'unresponsive' to requests for help.

Nichola MacGillivray of Oban Addiction Support Information Service (OASIS) says the organisation coming in, Addaction, is not registered with the Care Commission to provide some of the services it is required under its

contract with Argyll and Bute's Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP).

Nichola, project manager of OASIS, said 'While we all fully understand the need for services to be delivered under the best deal for the ADP, we need to be aware that men and women who have serious addiction issues are being used as pawns for a lucrative contract.'

Best value

'People and their families deserve best value - we need to make sure that is delivered.'

A spokesman for Addaction said it had applied for the public

contract in the normal fashion and had not had any contact with the authority during the process of its application.

Addaction confirmed it is undergoing the registration required and is currently providing the services it can under its current care commission registration. It is understood that it can not provide housing advice as it is not registered to do so.

The spokesman continued: 'Addaction has access to offices in every part of Argyll and Bute making us accessible to all. In

addition we regularly work with people in a variety of settings including their own homes, community venues and GP practices'.

Concerns have been raised that there was a delay in service users handing over information.

The spokesman said: 'All services were approached to inform their service users about the new Addaction service, to obtain consent forms and supply the commissioners with names, addresses and contact details. To date services have in the main been unresponsive



New services are being offered by Addaction workers across Argyll and Bute.

to this request.' MSP Michael Russell has asked Audit Scotland to look at the issuing of the contract to Addaction.

He said: 'I remain very concerned about risks to local service users if the transfer takes place and there remain many

unanswered questions about the whole matter, as well as about the work of the ADP going back several years.'

Clydesdale Bank supports Garbhaig hydro scheme

A LOCHGILPHEAD-based renewable energy company is set to revitalise its portfolio of hydropower installations after receiving significant funding support from Clydesdale Bank.

CRF Hydro Power has switched to Clydesdale Bank to help support the redevelopment of its Garbhaig hydropower scheme.

The bank is providing £3.85m in new funding, as part of a multi-million pound package to enable CRF Hydro to establish a 2MW storage hydropower scheme at the site in Wester Ross.

The deal was completed by Adam Heslop, director for renewable energy at Clydesdale Bank - based at its business and

private banking centre in Edinburgh.

The Garbhaig hydro scheme was originally launched in 1997 and currently has a maximum output of 915KW. The redevelopment will see the power station move downhill and its generating capacity more than double to 2MW - enough to power approximately 1,800 homes.

Bank to reward community groups

COMMUNITY groups in Argyll and Bute are invited to enter an awards programme which could see them share a funding boost of £75,000 to make a real difference in their local area.

Clydesdale Bank's Spirit of the Community Awards - now in its third year - is open for applications. Clydesdale Bank will make donations to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations to recognise them going the extra mile. Groups are invited to enter the awards scheme under one of three categories: financial education; employability and environment.

For further information visit www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation or go into a Clydesdale Bank branch to receive an application form.

The closing date for applications is Friday March 6 and the winners will be announced in the summer.

Youth project to show two box office films in Lochgilphead

A YOUTH project will be showing two box office films in Lochgilphead this weekend.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) will show Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, which was a hit on the big screen late in 2014, and The Boxtrolls.

The turtle movie is a certificate 12 and is open to anyone aged 12 and over. Doors open at 5.45pm for a 6pm showing on Saturday January

17. The Boxtrolls, certificate PG, is for anyone aged six to 16 years old.

Doors open

Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2pm showing on

Sunday January 18. To book a seat for the showings go to www.facebook.com/midargylllyouthproject.lochgilphead or telephone 01546 603231.



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Magnus signs professional contract with Edinburgh

He started with Oban Lorne

RUGBY prospect Magnus Bradbury has secured a two-year professional contract with Edinburgh Rugby after his debut last October as an academy player.

The 19-year-old back-row player has been cutting his teeth at Boroughmuir this season but will turn professional on June 1 this year.

The 6ft 4in player, who hails from Bonawe, started his career at Oban Lorne and worked his way through the age grades for Glasgow, then Edinburgh

and Scotland and is in the Scotland under-20 squad for this year's Six Nations.

Magnus made his full pro team debut for Edinburgh, in the starting XV, in October's Guinness PRO12 fixture at the RDS against Leinster.

He said: 'It was a great experience and really opened my eyes to the intensity of the pro game. Training with the guys is one thing but that game was a snapshot of what a step up it is.'

'This is something I've been working towards for years and I just want to keep on pushing, training to the best of my ability and to keep on raising my game.'

Like all the academy players, Magnus has benefited from being mentored by a senior player in his position, in his case captain Mike Coman.

He said: 'Mike has definitely helped me. We discuss my game, how it's going and where I can improve.'

'Next season I really want to work hard to establish myself as a player and get as much game time as I can.'

Magnus has impressed in an Edinburgh jersey and has been rewarded with a professional contract. Photo: Scottish Rugby/SNS images

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Sports hall athletics at joint campus on Saturday

THE FIRST local area competition in sports hall athletics takes place this Sunday, January 18, at Lochgilphead joint campus. Competitors are reminded that events will start at 12 noon with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

This is the first of four local area competitions in Argyll with successful boys and girls qualifying to take part in the Argyll final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday March 21.

Sunday's competition caters for six age groups starting from under seven up to under 17 with seven different running, jumping and throwing events.

Everyone taking part will receive a medal and trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each age group.

An entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied and £5 for families of three or more.

This is an ideal opportunity for youngsters to come and try athletics for the first time taking part indoors in a warm and dry environment.

Lottery numbers

LAST week's Tarbert football club lottery numbers for January 5 were 7, 9 and 19. Flora Shaw won the £1,000.

This week's lottery numbers were 9, 15 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

Kilmory Camanachd Club weekly lottery drawn on January 5 had no winners with numbers 8, 16 and 20 so the jackpot was increased.

This week's numbers were 4, 11 and 13. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

There were no winners of Inveraray Shinty Club's weekly lottery. The numbers were 8, 15 and 17. The jackpot will be £400 next week.



Donald McCallum, in white, pictured playing for Dumbarton against Partick Thistle in July, made his competitive debut against Hearts last Saturday.

Two minutes to savour for Argyll footballer

Donald McCallum makes his Scottish football league debut for Dumbarton against Hearts

TWO minutes last Saturday will never be forgotten by young Campbeltown footballer Donald McCallum.

He gained his first experience of senior league football when he was brought on as a substitute for Dumbarton in the 90th minute of their clash against Hearts.

The 18-year-old told the Courier: 'I've never been so nervous in a football game as I was after assistant manager Guillaume Beuzelin called me over.'

'I knew then that I was going to get on. He ran

through the tactics and where I was playing, and I tried desperately to take it all in.'

Donald was kept waiting but was finally sent onto the pitch when SPFL Championship leaders Hearts already had the match sealed at 5-1.

Amazing

'It was an amazing experience even though it was all over in a flurry,' he said.

'I did manage a few touches on the ball.'

'I had the Hearts right-back Callum Paterson trying to tackle me. He

was huge, so I was glad to have kept possession.'

Despite impressing in pre-season friendlies against English League Two outfit Carlisle United and SPFL Premiership team Partick Thistle, and inclusion in squads for league matches against Alloa Athletic and Rangers, Donald was still surprised to be brought on last Saturday.

The former Campbeltown Grammar pupil lives in Glasgow and plays weekly with Dumbarton's under-20

development team. He added: 'You could see why Hearts are so far ahead at the top of the league. They are powerful across the pitch and their movement is brilliant.'

'I'm delighted to have made my competitive debut against them.'

Donald signed for Dumbarton FC in 2012 and has played for their under-17, under-19 and under-20s youth sides, having played for Campbeltown Pupils youth, Lochgilphead Red Star under-16s and Oban Saints youth

Ernie MacPherson, Inveraray and Strachur

THE CONDOLENCES of everyone in the shinty community is extended to the family of 'Big Ernie' MacPherson who passed away peacefully at home on January 7

A great shinty man and former Inveraray and Strachur captain.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon Athletic postponed; Lochgilphead Red Star v Haldane United postponed; Coronation Cup, first round - Rossvale v Tarbert; Premier Division - Oban Saints v Alba Thistle postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup fourth round - Harestanes v Oban Saints; Jimmy Marshall Cup first round - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon Athletic; Lochgilphead Red Star v Haldane United; Coronation Cup first round - Rossvale v Tarbert

Challenge match at Mossfield

THE ANNUAL shinty challenge match between Oban Camanachd and Oban Camanachd Veterans, due to take place at Mossfield last Saturday, was called off because of the weather.

The game has been re-arranged for this Saturday, 1pm throw-up.

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