



Mid Argyll Young Farmers vow to carry on despite funding cut

Clubs left reeling after Scottish Government slashes £66,000 grant

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ORGANISERS of the fledgling Mid Argyll Young Farmers Club remain defiant despite news that Scottish Government funding has been axed.

The Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC) announced this week that it has lost an annual grant of £66,000 from the Department for Children and Young People – amounting to a drop of 13 per cent in the association's annual income.

SAYFC chief executive, Penny Montgomery, said: 'We are disappointed that the Scottish Government has taken this decision to no longer support SAYFC.'

'The association offers a crucial network for many young people in rural Scotland as well as unique personal development opportunities.'

Charged with growing the association's activi-

ties across Argyll, SAYFC development manager, Jenny Baillie, was nonetheless in bullish mood.

She said: 'We are confident that development work to structure an Argyll district will continue as this is a crucial time to be raising our profile in the areas we don't currently cover and to increase membership.'

Members

The 'Young Farmers' is Scotland's largest rural youth organisation, with more than 3,500 members across Scotland.

In decades past the movement was strong in Argyll, with well-supported clubs in every part of the region.

As the number of farms has dwindled, particularly in areas dominated by hill farming, the Young Farmers also suffered.

Renewed interest in the Young Farmers around Argyll has led to a fresh campaign to broaden the association's appeal and membership.

In Mid Argyll, moves to revive the local Young Farmers' club has been wholeheartedly supported by the Mid Argyll branch of the National Farmers' Union (NFUS).

Branch chairman, John Semple said: 'We want to get behind the young farmers. If you look at the age of members in our own organisation, you realise that we need to encourage young people to get involved in farming.'

Ms Baillie continued: 'Clubs will continue their annual activities with the support of the association, helping to reduce rural isolation and increase individuals confidence and skills across Argyll.'

SAYFC government funding would have come from the £12 mil-



Stuck in the mud

There were frustrating hold-ups for drivers last Sunday as the A83 was closed for more than five hours during recovery of an overturned tanker near Lochgilphead. Our photograph shows a large crane lifting the tanker trailer from the ditch at 11.15am – the road reopened more than two hours later. Full story on page 3. @colincameron01

lion 'Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention and Adult Learning and Empowering Communities Fund'.

A government spokesperson said: 'We value the work of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs and are

committed to helping to increase opportunities for young farmers. Ministers will be inviting SAYF leaders to meet to discuss how the Scottish Government can help support their good work in light of the panel's decision in relation to their ap-

plication for youth work funding.'

Argyll and Bute MSP, Michael Russell, told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I am contacting the education minister who is responsible for this funding line to find out what has happened and to ask for a re-ex-

amination of the decision. Clearly the Young Farmers movement is important to Argyll and Bute and deserves public backing.'

'I think we need to find out what went wrong with the latest application so that we can find a way to fix the problem.'

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Big response to budget cuts consultation

A COUNCIL consultation on which services should be cut in next month's budget has led to one of the highest levels of response to a consultation of this kind.

Argyll and Bute Council confirmed that over 2,300 people replied to the 'Planning our Future' consultation, which closed on December 31.

Over 1,000 people replied to the consultation on-line;

more than 1,000 gave views via the council's citizens' panel; more than 300 responded through its third sector interface partners; more than 60 took time to attend focus groups; and more than 60 replied on paper copies of the survey. In addition, others chose to give their views via email or letter.

A council spokesman explained: 'Many people responded in full to the

savings options and questions presented. Others chose to give views on particular topics raised in the consultation, or put forward ideas for ways in which the council could make savings or transform its work to meet future financial challenges.'

Local authority leader, Councillor Dick Walsh, said: 'Thank you to everyone who took time to give us their views. There are difficult

decisions ahead. We want to work with our communities in reaching the right decisions so hearing the views of so many people is welcome.

'The need to make savings is long term. Transforming how we work is an on-going process.

'We therefore opened up a wide range of the council's work for views on what matters most to our communities and for

transformational ideas that would be acceptable to them.'

Findings from this consultation will be collated and reported in advance of the council budget meeting of February 11. They will be presented to the council's policy and resources committee of February 4 and made publicly available, on the council website, a week in advance of this committee meeting.

New ways to get public involved in budgeting

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Council discussed 'participatory budgeting' at a recent meeting.

Councillor Sandy Taylor led the discussion and showed videos on how this budgeting system has worked in terms of council cuts and allocating money to different pro-

jects in other areas. The meeting to work on participatory budgeting involves the public having more say in how money is spent and what needs prioritised.

Councillor Taylor said: 'It's about taking some power away from big organisations and giving local people the

chance to shape services.'

This form of budgeting often involves large events where the public can sit round the table and discuss the budget with people such as council officials.

Councillor Taylor explained: 'People have asked me what a 10 per cent cut will mean.

'In this situation they can sit across the table from someone like a senior social work official and find out what it will mean for them.'

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Lochgilphead Post Office is to be refurbished. (08_013postoffice1)

Lochgilphead Post Office refurbishment welcomed

THE POST Office in Lochgilphead is to shut for two weeks to be refurbished.

It will shut on February 3 at 5pm and will open newly modernised at 1pm on February 19.

Customers are being advised to visit their nearest post office in

Ardrishaig during the closure. Postmaster Findlay Campbell said: 'We're looking to get all the counters down the one wall.'

Decided
'I'll get the post office back up and running before anything else gets decided'.

Lochgilphead Community Council welcomed the news, saying it will allow customers a more modern service and should secure the future of the post office.

There will be a sale running until February 3 to clear the shop for refurbishment.

Police files Reckless conduct

A 23-YEAR-OLD man was arrested and charged with reckless and culpable conduct after a woman was allegedly hit with pellets shot from an air gun in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead.

The incident happened at 12.25am on Tuesday January 5. The woman suffered minor injuries.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Careless driving

A CAR allegedly hit another car while leaving a parking place in Harbour Street, Tarbert at 2.25pm on January 4.

The driver drove off and a 77-year-old man was traced. He was later charged with careless driving and failing to stop and report an incident.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Breaking glass

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a window of the Coriander Restaurant, Lochgilphead, was broken around 2.15am on January 6.

Fencing theft

AT SOME point between 4pm on December 23 and 10pm on December 30, 20 rolls of stock fence netting were stolen from the track leading to An Suidhe wind farm, Auchindrain.

Drugs charge

A CAR was stopped and searched on Pottaloch Street, Lochgilphead, at 9.45pm on January 9.

A 43-year-old was later charged with possession of cannabis with intent to sell.

The man was also charged with driving with defective brakes and lights. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Driving charge

ABOUT 2.35am on Sunday January 10 in Ardrishaig, a car was stopped for a routine check. The 47-year-old driver was later charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Death of Alasdair Chrystal

THE COMMUNITY of Inveraray was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Alasdair Chrystal on Tuesday this week.

One of nature's gentlemen, Alasdair was an enthusiastic supporter of many community organisations. He reserved a special place in his heart, though for Inveraray Highland Games, where he performed the role of games convener for many years with great pride.

Hydro

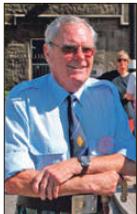
He worked for more than 30 years for Scottish Hydro Electric and served the community as a retained fireman.

In retirement he was kept busy with many interests, Highland games aside, including the Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion, and Inveraray and District Pipe Band.

When he wasn't involved with community groups, he liked nothing better than spending time fishing.

Alasdair passed away, aged 70, after a short illness at Mid Argyll Hospital on Tuesday January 12, surrounded by his family.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.



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The A83 trunk road was closed at Port Ann and Lochgilphead for more than five hours. 06_a03tanke08

Have your say on future of hall

PEOPLE in Inveraray are to have the chance to view new plans for one of the town's most neglected buildings.

Inveraray Community Hall, situated in a prominent central position in the Royal Burgh, has been lying unused and deteriorating for many years - but now a community group has plans to bring the building back to life.

Inveraray Community Company has been given funding to carry out an options appraisal of the building,

employing architect Simpson and Brown for this job. A consultation event on the future of the community hall will be held on Saturday January 23 at Inveraray Church Hall between 10am and 4pm. Architects drawings will be available to view and the architect and members of the Inveraray Community Company board will be there to answer your questions and hear views on the project.

Drivers stuck as stick-in-the-mud tanker removed

Road closed for more than five hours to lift lorry from ditch

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A ROAD tanker that lay in a ditch for almost a fortnight was finally removed last Sunday, closing the A83 for more than five hours.

The bogged-down lorry, however, proved more difficult to remove than first anticipated, leading to frustration for drivers caught up in road closures.

At the centre of the operation was a Scottish Water sludge tanker that left the road between Castleton and Achnaba, Inveraray-bound, on December 29 before coming to rest on its side in a ditch. The driver of the vehicle received minor injuries in the crash, and no-one else was hurt.

Plans to recover the vehicle in the days that followed were hampered by poor weather conditions and road closures at the Rest and be Thankful.

Organised by Scottish Water, the recovery operation was eventually able to take place, in heavy steady rain, on Sunday January

10. To allow a crane to lift the HGV from the ditch, a full trunk road closure was agreed and online traffic bulletins reported that it was hoped to reopen the road by mid-morning.

A spokesperson for trunk road operator, BEAR Scotland, explained: 'Following the setting out of the diversion routes and road closure between 6am and 8am, work to recover the vehicle started at first light as planned, with the road reopening under traffic control at 1:30pm, before being fully reopened at 2:30pm.'

Signposted diversions took drivers on an 80-mile detour via Oban. Among frustrated drivers stuck at the Lochgilphead-bound side of the closure were building contractors attempting to catch the Islay ferry and people travelling to work in Campbelltown.

At the other end, a Boys' Brigade party from Campbelltown was forced to abandon hopes of travelling to a pantomime in Glasgow as the road closure dragged on.

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Lochgilphead army hall floor caves in

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The Drill Hall in Lochgilphead, a venue for army cadet training, was extended at a cost of approximately £385,000 just five years ago and the dining/kitchen annex was constructed along with new accommodation.

It welcomes cadets from around the west of Scotland to stay for training camps and is also the only hall that is

suitable to hire for public events in Lochgilphead, aside from hotel function suites.

At the beginning of December 2015 a rotting floor at the entrance of the dining area led to its closure and postponement of cadet training weekends.

Brian McMillan, head of estates at Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Army Cadet Force headquarters in Dumbarton, said: 'The dining area has a sub-floor ventilation problem, which

mean the floor is rotting. One square foot of the floor actually caved in, but this happened just two weeks before Christmas and we haven't had time yet to fully assess the work it needs.

'It is disappointing that a building of its age is having such problems, but we are working with the builders to resolve the matter.'

The venue is open for use while the work is under way and is not expected to affect any future event bookings.



The dining and kitchen annex building sits across from the Drill Hall. 06_a02d4ff01

Citizen scientists sought to survey storm-lashed Scottish coastline

SCOTISH marine experts are appealing for an army of 'citizen scientists' to help measure the effects of this winter's severe storms on the nation's coastal creatures.

Heavier rainfall and rough seas, key indicators of climate change, may have severely affected some of Scotland's best known animals and plants on the rocky coast.

Now scientists at the Oban-based Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) want to train volunteers in monitoring and sampling coastal areas as part of Capturing Our Coast (CoCoast), the world's largest ever coastal citizen marine science project.

Anyone interested in becoming a CoCoast citizen scientist can register at www.captureourcoast.co.uk.

Dr Hannah Grist, the SAMS-based CoCoast project officer for Scotland, said: 'The beauty of this project is that people with no, or little, scientific background can work alongside academics to provide important data for environmentalists and governments, and ultimately play a part in how their local coastline is managed and protected.'

Tourist overnight charge to stop service cuts at council HQ

A HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP has suggested that Argyll and Bute Council should introduce a tax for tourists to save threatened council services.

Raise millions

John Finnie MSP proposed a Tourist Bed Tax - 'tiny' charge of £1 per night - would raise millions of pounds needed to offset cuts.

The proposal came as part of Mr Finnie's response to the council's public consultation on its cuts to service choices programme.

Mr Finnie said: 'I propose a Tourist Bed Tax to generate income. Argyll and Bute is an exceptionally beautiful part of Scotland which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors,

staying for a total of millions of nights per year. Even a tiny charge - for example, £1 per person per night - would deliver a very significant new revenue stream for the council without creating any disincentive to tourism.'

Criticised

In his submission, Mr Finnie also criticised the council for propos-

ing swinging cuts without establishing what the real impact on local people would be. He branded the council 'irresponsible' for proposing the large cuts to essential services.

He also warned that cuts to services like the Citizens'Advice Bureau may actually cost the area money in under-claimed benefits.

Third wettest year since 1930 ...

LAST year was the third wettest ever recorded at Benmore Garden weather station in Cowal, with rainfall being 34 inches higher than the average over the last 85 years. May had more than double the average rainfall for that month in 2015.

The spring and summer months of May to August were cooler than average but the September to December period was very mild, with above average temperatures.

The last five Decembers are in the top 10 wettest on record, with 511mm of rain falling during December. The single wettest day was December 29, when 61mm of rain fell.

The maximum temper-

ature for December was 3.2 degrees centigrade

above average, while the occurrence of air

frost was down by 70 per cent.



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Who is the Chieftain o' the Puddin' Race?

WITH Burns Night just around the corner, your Argyllshire Advertiser is set to make the lives of haggis enthusiasts that wee bit easier.

Ahead of the Bard's birthday on January 25, the question always crops up - which is the chieftain of the puddin' race?

The neeps are champ, the tatties are biled, but what is the best haggis to complete the plate?

The shops are filled with a bewildering array of this peculiarly Scottish delicacy, from traditional haggis with natural skin or plastic variations, to vegetarian options, to venison haggis, to microwaveable and even tinned offerings.

We thought we would put some of this range to the test, so we asked local butchers and re-



tailers if they would be willing to let us sample their haggis-related wares.

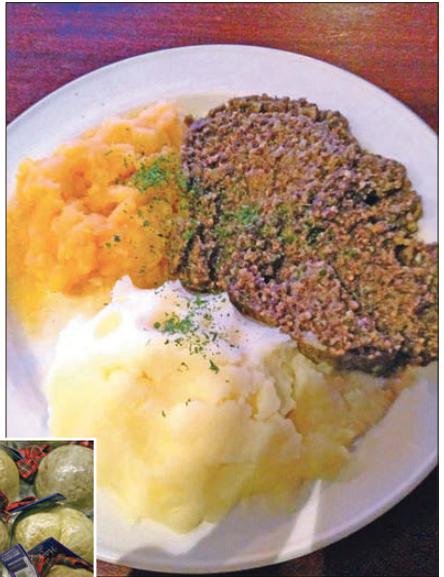
And who better to do a tasting on haggis but Inveraray Burns Club.

For a bit of fun ahead of Burns season, the Ad-

vertiser set up a blind tasting earlier this week at the Inveraray Inn, which kindly hosted the event and did the cooking.

Inveraray Burns Club members had a great time deciding on their favourites across a number of categories, including taste, texture and overall value for money.

Don't miss next week's Argyllshire Advertiser for the full results.



Haggis with the traditional accompaniment of tatties and neeps.



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Growing young farmers

THE REASONS for the Scottish Government's failure to support our Young Farmers clubs are not clear, but there is deep disappointment in the farming community at the decision.

Argyll is an area of widespread social and economic deprivation. In contrast to urban areas, where deprivation can be acute and clear for anyone to see - here in Argyll deprivation is less obvious; more chronic, difficult to identify and hard to define.

But it is there, caused by a number of factors including relatively low earnings, additional costs and lack of infrastructure. Add to this the dispersed, rural nature of the region and people - of all ages - can become isolated. This is where the Young Farmers often came in: giving rural young people the chance to meet up with their pals in a relaxed environment. The Young Farmers clubs locally are just getting re-established, and the loss of 13 per cent of the national association's income could hamper positive initiatives such as those in Argyll.

Thankfully there appears to be a real determination to keep pushing on with starting up the Mid Argyll club. And the really good news is that you don't even need to be a farmer to join.

A great loss

THERE are many people across Argyll and much further afield who will keenly feel the loss of Alasdair Chrystal.

He was a gentleman, in the true sense of the word, and a great supporter of Inveraray Games and of the whole community.

The sincere condolences of everyone at the Argyllshire Advertiser go to Alasdair's family and friends.

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Threat to shut Kilmony

Sir,
I wish a Happy New Year to all your readers.

The SNP's threat to shut Kilmony clearly make this a worrying time for everyone who works there or in businesses in Mid Argyll.

The SNP proposal in their council cuts briefing document to sack some Kilmony staff and transfer the rest to other towns would be devastating for the economy of Mid Argyll. Many local businesses would be forced to close due to the departure of their customers.

I appeal to the SNP - withdraw this dreadful proposal now and lift the threat of losing their job in 2016 from many Mid Argyll workers.

**Alan Reid,
Lib Dem candidate
for Argyll and Bute**

A regular political sermon

Sir,
I am relieved that I am not the only reader to be concerned by the regularity of Mr Redman's politically motivated letters as they appear in the Argyllshire Advertiser.

I appreciate that some weeks may be slow for letters but surely the editor should strike a balance, both politically and in the relevance of the topics, in deciding which letters are to be published, if indeed any.

Mr Redman had an opportunity, in May, to put his agenda before the people of Argyll and Bute and it was rejected by more than 85 per cent of those who voted. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to propose that the vast majority of Adver-

sir readers also rejected his agenda, yet they continue to be subjected to an almost weekly, probably unwelcome, political sermon by Mr Redman.

Perhaps a quota system for letters should be introduced for political candidates and their agents, based on their electoral popularity. Mr Redman could be allocated a generous eight letters per year with other candidates on a pro rata basis.

If this is insufficient for Mr Redman, or others, they would be free to publish and distribute newsletters at their own expense.

**Kevin MacKaveny,
West Loch Cottage,
Tarbert**

Note: The letters page is an open forum and we welcome letters from anyone of all political persuasions, as we do correspondence from those with no political viewpoint - Ed.

The value of youth work

Sir,
As we look towards the Holyrood elections this May, hundreds of young people across Scotland have been delivering a national call to action to politicians in their local constituencies, telling their own personal stories about how youth work has made a difference to their life.

We would like to thank the local MPs and MSPs across Argyll who have been involved in our ongoing campaign, and for their interest and support for local youth work services. We believe that if the attainment gap is to be closed for those most at risk from under achievement then a partnership between formal education and youth work at local level

is essential. This would ensure that a mix of learning styles and opportunities are available both inside and outside of school. This requires strategic investment and a greater policy emphasis on the value that youth work activity brings to young people and society. The youth work sector works with around 380,000 young people each week and has a key and valuable contribution to make.

Youth work needs financial investment. The youth work sector is experiencing a decline in core and project funding and cycles of short term funding make it difficult to plan and sustain services. YouthLink Scotland members tell us regularly that politicians and other professionals must place more value on youth work.

If we are really going to tackle the educational attainment gap then we need to realise not all young people respond to formal education. They need another path, another approach that engages them and keeps them on their learning journey.

A solid partnership with formal education would ensure that all our young people can learn in a way that inspires them.

**Jim Sweeney,
chief executive,
Youthlink Scotland**

Expert advice or older people

Sir,
After the long Christmas break with family, many people will be feeling refreshed and ready to return to work. Independent Age, the older people's charity, has already received a number of calls from concerned relatives of older people wor-

ried about how their mum, dad, elderly aunt or uncle are coping at home on their own after spending time with them during the festive period.

That's why we want to make sure your readers in Scotland know about the range of free 'Wise Guides' they can access which offer expert advice to older people, their families and carers. There are five guides in total and one of these is the 'Extra help at home' guide, which provides tips on how to live independently as an older person, including how to get help with everyday tasks such as shopping or finding a cleaner, how to find out what benefits you might be entitled to and how to make your home safer.

Alex Murray, a service assistant volunteer for the British Red Cross in Portsmouth, has told us that the Independent Age Wise Guides 'cover virtually everything a person should know when supporting older people' and they are 'immensely practical and easy to read, hugely valuable books'.

Anyone in Scotland can order a free copy of 'Extra help at home' or any of the other Independent Age Wise Guides by calling Freephone 0800 319 6789 or ordering online at www.independentage.org.

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BBC Alba goes behind the scenes at Inveraray Castle

A SERIES on BBC Alba delving into Scotland's great estates visited Inveraray Castle in the second programme of the series.

Scotland's Great Estates was screened last night, January 14, on BBC Alba and showed how the 13th Duke of

Argyll, Torquhil Campbell, and his family live on the estate.

The programme also told how the castle has played host to a variety of dignitaries including Mary Queen of Scots, Queen Victoria and American musical impresarios Lerner and

Loewe who wrote My Fair Lady on the grand piano in the drawing room.

The series will feature Kincardine Castle on January 21 and Rosslyn Estate on January 28.

If you missed the programme, check BBC iPlayer.



The event will start at Auchindrain.

Tourism group finds out what it's like to be a tourist

MEMBERS of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance and Inveraray Marketing Group will find out what it is like to be a tourist in the area as they enjoy the attractions Mid Argyll has to offer.

The Duke, the Judge and the People will see 20 people put themselves in their customer's shoes and have a day out.

It's hoped this will allow them to be better informed and talk first hand of what different attractions are like.

The event on January 21 will start with a mini-tour of Auchindrain township to see the new technology being used there.

Audio guides

Visitors will then go to Inveraray Jail to try the new audio guides and there will be photo opportunities.

Lunch will be at Brambles Café and Bistro, where there will be a chance to chat to others on the tour while enjoying a light lunch.

Finally, there will be a tour of Inveraray Castle.



The group will visit the armory at Inveraray Castle.



BBC Alba featured Inveraray Castle.



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The Dead Stations at Craignish

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The show includes live music, recorded audio, drama and animation to tell the story of what happens to a traveller who alights at a deserted train station in a forest.

First foray

The *Dead Stations* includes Mike Vass' first foray into song writing,

Sleepless and Eyes Fixed, which Mairi gives voice to.

Mike said: 'Mairi was the obvious choice for the songs and for this project. I love the tone, character and emotion that she conveys with her voice and with the fiddle.'

The show is in Craignish Village Hall at 3pm on February 28 and is followed by a song and is followed by a music workshop hosted by Mike and Mairi at 5.30pm.

Festivals to look for

THERE will be a wide range of festivals taking place around Argyll for the whole family to look forward to this year.

In Mid Argyll there will be several music festivals during the summer.

MAMAfest will return for its third year. It will take place in Lochgilphead and will continue to give a platform to talent from the area.

Best of the West will again take place in the grounds of Inveraray Castle, with bands as well as a selection of local food and crafts. The festival is very family friendly.

Daniel Gillespie from Skerryvore is currently busy organising not just the 'Three Music Festival', but also ObanLive. Following the success of the Skerryvore Decade concert in Oban last year, it was decided there was demand for an annual open-air concert in the town.

The Argyllshire's sister paper *The Oban Times* is media partner for the two-day event, which will be held on May 13 and 14 at Mossfield Park, Oban. Don't miss next week's *Oban Times*, when readers will be able

to take advantage of an Early Bird exclusive discount offer on tickets for the event, which go on sale on Friday January 23. In the first of many exclusive features, readers can collect a special *Oban Times* discount code, which will give the first 500 readers a 10% discount on tickets.

Tarbert will host something for everyone over the course of the year. There will be the Seafood Festival on July 2, which will see foodies gather in the town to try out fresh, local produce from Loch Fyne. There will also be the usual parade and live music.

Round off

To round off the summer there will be the Tarbert Music Festival, with Tarbert Book Festival taking place at the end of November.

For those who like their festivals with some competition the Mid Argyll Music Festival takes place on March 14 to 19. There will be competitions for all ages in different disciplines such as singing, and a variety of different instruments. If you know of any other festivals going on in the area let us know.



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Above: Peatbog Faeries headlined last year's Best of the West Festival. 08_a38Bowlfest9

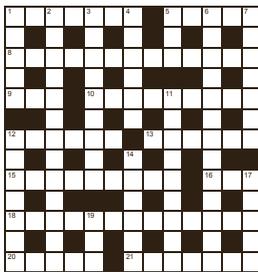


Left: Writer Linda Cracknell attended last year's Tarbert Book Festival. 08_a50book01



None the Wiser were one of many Argyll bands showcased at MAMAFest.
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ZamScotEd secondary school opens

ZAMSCOTED board members Marian Pallister and Theresa and David Sinclair are back from Zambia with news that the first phase of the Mid Argyll-based charity's secondary school, St Columba's, is open-

ing its doors to 80 pupils this month.

The charity - formerly the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative - has supported the education of vulnerable youngsters in Zambia for many years. That meant send-

ing children to schools all over the country because there was no secondary school in the area where the organisation was working.

Building a secondary school meant many more children who

qualified to go on to secondary school would benefit and, with the aid of match funding from Missio Scotland, ZamScotEd's plan is now coming to fruition.

The Zambian Government has allocated eight teachers to the school, which will be administered by Teresian Sisters, the charity's Zambian partners, and 80 Grade eight pupils.

Marian Pallister, founder and chairwoman of the organisation, said: 'The Sinclairs and I spent Christmas and New Year in Zambia working on last minute plans with the Teresian Sisters and meeting the community. Opening Grade eight is a wonderful start to 2016.'

David Sinclair explained: 'So many children weren't given the chance to go on to secondary school. It was great to see the com-



Pupils were excited to start at the new school.



The community celebrates the opening of the school.

munity so excited about their children being given this opportunity.'

The school, which is open to children of all faiths and none, will serve youngsters from four economically chal-

lenged communities. Theresa Sinclair, ZamScotEd vice chairwoman, said: 'There is a long way to go, but it was great to see the Scottish and Zambian flags flying on the front of this

lovely new building. We can only thank everyone in Mid Argyll and elsewhere in Scotland for their generosity in helping us achieve this and hope they'll stick with us to complete the job.'

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Union unveils new award in memory of farming stalwarts

TWO WELL-known Argyll farming characters will be remembered today as the local NFU Scotland branch launches a new award.

As members from across Argyll and the Islands meet in Tarbert on Friday January 15 for their regional board AGM, they will recognise the contribution of Mull farmers Bert Leitch and Lachlan Maclean, both of whom passed away last year.

Both were loyal and committed supporters of NFU Scotland, contributing hugely to the union's work locally and nationally over many years. They have both

been sorely missed following their sudden deaths in 2015.

Regional manager Lucy Sumson said: 'In recognition and in memory of Bert and Lachlan, the regional board would like to launch an annual award to be presented each year to either a NFUS member who has followed in their footsteps and given their time and effort to the work of the union in Argyll and the Islands region, or someone who has made a significant contribution to agriculture in the area.'

'The Stalwart Award' will be launched at this year's regional AGM,

with nominations being sought later in the year and the award presented to the first winner in 2016.'

The meeting will also see the appointment of a new chairman for the region, as John Semple from Mid Argyll steps down after five years' hard work on behalf of members in Argyll and the Islands.

An open discussion session in the afternoon will focus on a key policy issues.

The first will be the Scottish Government land reform bill, which is now going through parliament and will become law by the end

of March 2016. NFU Scotland has consulted widely with its members on this subject, but with government amendments to the bill expected, members will be updated on the current position and their views sought.

The second issue will be training and skills in agriculture and how this can best be provided in the Argyll and the Islands region, whether by encouraging young people to take up agriculture through the provision of modern apprenticeships, or training that existing farmers and crofters need.

Representatives from



Lachlan MacLean.



Bert Leitch.

industry training body Lantra and the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs will be at the meeting and will be keen to discuss with

members the work they will be doing in Argyll. NFU Scotland president Allan Bowie and chief executive Scott

Walker will be there to update members on any other policy issues or the campaigning and lobbying work of the union.

Suspected east coast disease outbreak sparks poultry warning

POULTRY keepers in Argyll are urged to be vigilant following a suspected low pathogenic avian influenza outbreak on a Fife poultry unit.

In the wake of similar outbreaks in Europe and the UK recently, Scottish poultry keepers will be well aware of the biosecurity measures they need to maintain and for greater disease vigilance to be put in place.

Scotland's Chief Veterinary Officer Sheila Voas said: 'We have taken immediate action to contain this case as part of our robust procedures for dealing swiftly with avian flu.'

'Evidence suggests this is a low severity form of the virus, however, we are taking action to ensure the disease does not spread or develop into a more severe form.'

'I would urge poultry keepers in the surrounding area to be vigilant

for any signs of disease and to ensure they are maintaining good biosecurity on their premises.'

NFU Scotland's vice president Andrew McCormick said: 'Given the number of cases of low pathogenic avian influenza seen across Europe and in the UK, often linked to migratory birds and wildfowl, this is a worrying but not unexpected outbreak.'

'It is welcome that, at the earliest opportunity, experts have reminded the public that the implications for human health and food safety are low. This is an animal health matter and one that all stakeholders are taking very seriously.'

'With the industry's well-rehearsed contingency plans now coming into force, the hope is this outbreak is quickly contained and the threat to other commercial poultry flocks is eliminated.'

'Biosecurity on all

poultry units must be maintained and, given the number of low pathogenic avian influenza cases being recorded across Europe, it is likely those high standards are already commonplace. High health is something that Scottish poultry producers have always taken great pride in.'

'However, it is worth reminding all poultry keepers - large and small - of the need for vigilance. Given the growing number of people keeping backyard hens, it is worth restating that Avian Influenza is a no-

tifiable disease and that all poultry keepers have an obligation to notify the authorities if they suspect disease.'

'Backyard hens can often be at higher risk because of their closer contact with wild birds.'

Scottish Government advice is that the risk to human health is considered very low and Food Standards Scotland has said there is no food safety risk for consumers.

Visit www.scotland.gov.uk/avianinfluenza for more information on the disease and biosecurity arrangements.



Anyone keeping poultry is asked to be vigilant.

1,200 cattle go through United Auctions sale ring

ON WEDNESDAY January 6 in Stirling, United Auctions sold 1,141 store cattle, 116 cast cows and forward cattle, plus 178 store sheep.

Bullocks (128) averaged 213.04 to 268.60 per kg for a 310kg Charolais cross from Taghlin and £1,270 for a 688kg Limousin cross from Holdhouse.

Black and white bullocks (57) - averaged 142.23p to 150.50p per kg for a 465kg British Friesian cross from Midhouse and £920 for a 594kg Holstein Friesian cross from Kewcastle.

Heifers (456) - averaged 208.57p to 251.60 per kg for a 310kg Charolais cross from Moor and £1,170 for a 696kg Limousin cross from Angus Lime Store.

Cast cows (116) - averaged 116.85p to 187p for a Limousin cross from Duchally and £1,350 for a Limousin cross from Greenhills.

Forward Cattle (13) - averaged 152.16p to 204p for a Limousin cross from Black O' Muir and £1,310 for a Limousin cross from Black O' Muir.

Cast cows (dairy) (19) - averaged 85.03p to 102.10p for a Montbeliard cross from Wester Thirids and £775 for a Montbeliard cross from Wester Thirids.

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196.20p; 651-700kgs - Holhouse £1,270, 184.60p
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OTM cows: Greenhills (Lim)

£1,350, Loanhead of Duchally 187p; Lanrick (CH) £1,270, 143.30p; Borden (AA) £1,250, Lanrick 147.60p; Traprain (Sim) £1,110, 140.40p
OTM Bulls: Meikle Carleish (AA) £1,000, 85.50p

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ENQUIRIES by the Argyllshire Advertiser about the activities of a ship operating last week in upper Loch Fyne have resulted in...well, not a lot of information. A quick scan of the internet revealed that the vessel, the SD Victoria, is operated by Serco Marine Services, described online as 'an operational unit within the UK central government division of Serco. The organisation operates 120 vessels from eight sites around the UK, delivering marine services to the Ministry of Defence.

The SD Victoria is an 83 metre long, sixteen-year-old offshore sup-

port vessel, with a gross tonnage of 3,522 tonnes. The ship lay off St Catherine's, opposite Inveraray, between Monday January 4 and Friday January 8, but what she was doing there was a mystery.

In response to our questions about the reason for Victoria's visit to these shores, a Serco spokesperson replied: 'Serco vessel, SD Victoria, is currently providing support to a military training exercise under contract to the UK Ministry of Defence.

'SD Victoria will be operating in and around the west coast of Scotland until the end of January 2016.'



Offshore support vessel SD Victoria visited Loch Fyne last week. Photo: Jan Haylett

Council proposal criticised by libraries organisation

THE CHARTERED Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) has expressed concern about the possible axing of school librarians in Argyll and Bute.

Responding to the council's proposed cuts to library services, the organisation said that while it realises the council has to make difficult decisions, it was 'extremely concerned' about the possible cuts to library management and urged a rethink.

In a statement it says the removal of school librarians will go against national initiatives and there is evidence showing a link between good school libraries and librarians and improved attainment.

There has been anger at the proposal, with a Facebook group, 'Supporters of Argyll and Bute School Libraries'



School, mobile and public libraries could be hit by funding cuts.

being set up. Current and past school pupils from the area have used it to praise their school librarians for helping them with their

studies and voiced their concerns.

Writer Alan Bissett has backed the campaign saying: 'Whole worlds of the imagination will

be lost to children, as they will have no-one to guide them through and encourage them to the book. I urge the council not to go with

what looks like an easy option.

'Young people need libraries and that libraries need librarians. The written word is simply too important to be neglected in this way.'

The School Library Association also commented, saying: 'It is very short-sighted to save money by cutting school librarians - the children and the teachers school librarians support will all be the losers if this happens.'

There is a petition addressed to all Argyll and Bute councillors on change.org which has more than 500 signatures and is still open.

CILIPS points out that islands such as Mull have only mobile library provision and removing this will mean people who find it difficult to get to the mainland will find it impossible to access a library.

'Nearly all responses' are opposed to council boundary changes

CONTROVERSIAL plans to drastically change council wards in Argyll and Bute have received a resounding thumbs down from local people.

Aimed at equal voter numbers in each ward, the proposals by the Scottish Boundary Commission would see the number of councillors in Argyll and Bute drop from 36 to 33.

To achieve this, Mid Argyll ward, with three councillors, would expand to take in places as far north as Bridge of Orchy.

At the same time, Ardrishaig, Tayvallich and Achnamara would be transferred to Kintyre.

Similar changes are proposed for other areas, with the Cowal ward to disappear. The ward would be largely replaced by one covering the Loch



Glenorchy - is it part of Mid Argyll? @_a0jglenorchy3

Lomond and Troscachs National Park boundary.

A consultation exercise between July and October resulted in 300 responses from the region, according to the commission, including four petitions with 542 signatures, and a further four responses covering multiple council areas.

In response to questions from the

Argyllshire Advertiser, a spokesperson for the Scottish Boundary Commission said: 'We are currently in the process of considering responses.

The commission intends to submit its recommendations to Scottish ministers in May 2016 and does not intend to make information on its

recommendations public in advance of that submission.'

In relation to the views expressed by Argyll and Bute respondents to the consultation, the spokesperson replied: 'Overall, I don't have exact figures to hand but can say that nearly all responses were in opposition to the proposals.'

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Jewellery manufacturers cast eyes over higher profits

A CARRADALE jewellery business is ringing in the changes in order to get the most profit from a casting company.

The owners of Jewellery Casting Scotland (JCS), which has traded successfully for 40 years, hope to show other Argyll and Bute businesses that further growth can be achieved. JCS was set up by Mike Hurst and his wife Trish initially as a jewellery manufacturer, before they took the decision to focus solely on casting earlier this year.

The company, supported by Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, has over 400 customers across the UK and Europe. It has invested tens of thousands of pounds in high tech machinery and now employs six members of staff.

Mike said: 'The secret to our success has been an entrepreneurial spir-

it, being proactive and investing time in our people. The remoteness of our workshop makes no difference, it is the quality of our work that counts first and foremost. Our team are properly trained so the standard is always fantastic.'

'In order to get our work and name known we have attended dozens of trade shows across the country as well as spending a lot on advertising in trade journals. Our top-notch web site is essential to generating business.'

'We had developed a successful jewellery production unit but it became clear that we should do our own casting and as production grew we became very skilful in this field.'

'Last year we made the decision to focus on casting as that is the side of the business which

was demonstrating the most growth and revenue.'

'But even a long established company needs to review its plans and it was discussions with Business Gateway which helped focus us on the future and to see the need for new ideas - such as using social media - in taking the company forward.'

Since concentrating on casting, the company has increased turnover and is looking to invest in more machinery next year.

Mike added: 'Running a business in this region means you have to be versatile and so we have taken advantage of opportunities.'

'Any business small or big can benefit from organisations such as Business Gateway.'

'With the right plan, help from Business

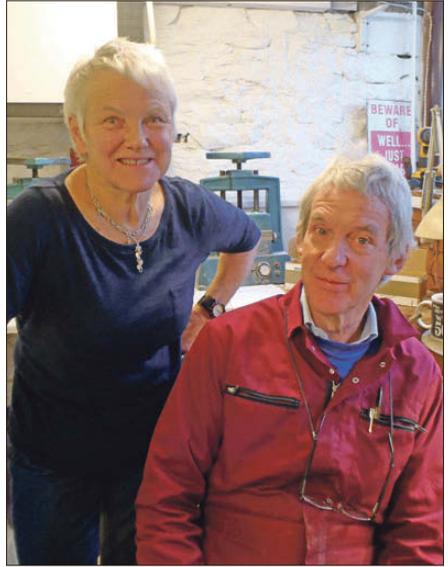
Gateway and an entrepreneurial spirit you can turn a one-man operation into something a lot larger.'

Barbara Halliday of Business Gateway said: 'Jewellery Casting Scotland is an example of a long standing rural business which has implemented new ideas and technology which in turn has made it more successful.'

'Mike and Trish have taken advantage of our one-to-one expert advice and have plans to attend our fully-funded workshops on areas they would like to learn more about.'

To find out more visit www.jewellerycastingscotland.com.

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business, call 01546 808 363 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute



Trish and Mike Hurst in their workshop.

New Business Gateway skills workshops to boost business

A PUBLIC relations maestro's free seminar might be just the thing to help make businesses stand out from the flock.



PR supremo Colin Kelly.

As 2016 starts Business Gateway Argyll and Bute wants small business owners to see if any free skills workshops could help them flourish.

A host of new workshops, including one titled: 'Get Your Business Noticed - PR on a Budget' by radio and television journalist Colin Kelly have been added to the range of training in Argyll and Bute.

That workshop in Ardrishaig on February 17 is about getting a business noticed without spending money.

It covers how to get a business featured in the media. Understanding

how the media works and finding the business stories that journalists will want to tell and how to make contact with media organisations to enjoy the benefits of free publicity.

Colin is best known for his work as a journalist presenting programmes at BBC Radio Scotland, STV, Real Radio and Radio Clyde. He has a journalism degree from Napier University and runs a media relations consultancy.

Colin works with individuals and businesses, helping them gain free, positive coverage in newspapers and on radio and television.

He has been a Business Gateway trainer since 2010 while he continues to operate as a freelance journalist and has a wealth of contacts in the Scottish media and beyond.

Profitability

On January 27, a new half-day 'Pricing for Profit' workshop is in Inveraray aimed at those looking to increase business profitability. It will help understand pricing strategies, how to review costs, know break-even points and manage profitability.

Alastair Kennedy of Lornal Ltd, will lead the workshop. Alastair, an Argyll resident, found

and ran his own food production business before starting Lornal Ltd, a specialist business consultancy, five years ago.

He has worked with Business Gateway across a number of regions, being involved with start-up and growth advice, training delivery and specialist marketing support for more than 600 businesses.

Jill Connel will run 'Developing your Business Skills' in Oban on February 2. It is aimed at those new to self-employment or looking to improve their business skills.

Jill has started and

grown a number of companies and is by any definition a 'serial entrepreneur'. Her first business idea achieved equity investment by Sir Tom Farmer CBE.

Jill has trained more than 10,000 individuals through business start-up and growth development.

There is a half day 'Practical basic book keeping' session in Lochgilphead on January 28. It covers book keeping, record-keeping and understanding financial information.

Other workshops in Oban include 'Marketing Your Business' on February 4, 'Introduc-

tion to Social Media' on February 9, 'Getting More from Social media' on February 10, 'Funding your Business' on February 11, 'Online Trading' on February 16 and 'Becoming an Employer' on February 18.

To book a place or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

The workshop programme is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the European Structural Funds 2014-20 Programme.

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As well as excellent news sense, the successful candidate must be an experienced sub-editor with a flair for design, headline writing and page layout, and be fully qualified (or have relevant time-served experience), with a sound knowledge of Scots law and the IPSO Code of Practice.

The ability to deputise for the editor and organise the newsroom is essential, as is the ability to work well under deadline pressure.

Candidates will have excellent communication skills, both verbal and written. They will be responsible for managing daily workflow, working with reporters to get the best content possible, providing clear briefings and feedback on content requirements.

They must be self-motivated, highly organised and able to take instruction as well as manage own workload efficiently.

An understanding of digital would be an advantage as the right candidate will be required to liaise with the editor on the digital strategy and ensure that content is promoted via an effective social media presence.

Above all, the new member of the team will be hard working, passionate about the role and have a positive attitude.

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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
15/03259/PP	Erection of windfarm comprising 9 no. wind turbines (maximum height 126.5 metres to blade tip) together with ancillary infrastructure including access tracks, forest roads, crane handstandings, meteorological monitoring mast, temporary construction compound, underground cabling, control building and substation	Allt Bhalua Windfarm Benfield West Land North Of The B8024 West of Invermil Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/03269/PP	Erection of boiler house and LPG storage compound	Campbeltown Creamery Withburn Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03262/PP	Erection of communications mast (retrospective)	Land North East of Garachy Farm Minard Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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
15/03194/IL	Display of a non illuminated fascia sign and two banner top features to face of elevation as advertisements	Unit 1 Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TP	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03290/IL	Display of 3 non illuminated signs	Brambles 2A Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TP	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03409/IL	Amendment to listed building consent 15/0158/IB/L to include fire rated glazed screens and doors, fire shutter and retention of existing escape routes from the main auditorium to meet Building Standard requirements. Installation of additional PVS, a condenser and gauding to plant room roof	15/0158/IB/L to include fire rated glazed screens and doors, fire shutter and retention of existing escape routes from the main auditorium to meet Building Standard requirements. Installation of additional PVS, a condenser and gauding to plant room roof	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03207/PP	Amendments to planning permission 14/02093/PP to include fire rated glazed screens and doors, fire shutter and retention of existing escape routes from the main auditorium to meet Building Standard requirements. Installation of additional PVS, a condenser and gauding to plant room roof	The Picture House 26 Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 8BU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18
Planning Application Reference Number: 15/03259/PP
Proposed development at: Allt Bhalua Windfarm, Benfield Wood, Land North Of The B8024 West Of Invermil, Argyll And Bute
Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by EDN relating to the planning application in respect of: Erection of windfarm comprising 9 no. wind turbines (maximum height 126.5 metres to blade tip) together with ancillary infrastructure including access tracks, forest roads, crane handstandings, meteorological monitoring mast, temporary construction compound, underground cabling, control building and substation.
A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RT and by logging on to the Council's Website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the Planning Application information system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.
Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Dr Kathryn Hanks, AECOM, 2 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AR at a cost of £10.00 (paper copy of the ES Non Technical Summary) and £15.00 (CD + full ES) including postage and packaging.
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, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RD
6 January 2016
Arlene Knox, Senior Planning Officer

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

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Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e-mail - SandyTaylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone: Tel: 01546 604184. He will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.
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Councillor Dominic MacMillan (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)
Councillor Donald MacMillan can be contacted by email - Donald.MacMillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone 01546 603222/ 07555 919109.
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I FIND the mornings so dark these gloomy winter days and I am missing all the Christmas lights that brightened up our world.

However, a great drama is unfolding in the pre-dawn sky throughout January.

By the end of this month, all five planets will appear simultaneously shortly before sunrise.

From around the world Jupiter can be seen rising in the east in the late evening, Mars rises next an hour or two after midnight and then Venus and Saturn climb high above the south east horizon about two-and-a-half hours before sunrise.

Finally Mercury will move from an evening to early morning sky from around January 20.

These five planets can then be seen together in the early morning sky for another month.

It is amazing to think that, since time immemorial, our ancestors looked at exactly the same constellations.

We know so much more now about the wonders of the night sky and the whole science of astronomy.

But I am sure there is just the same feeling of awe for us as there was for these early humans, as we gaze into the heavens on a clear, starry night.

On these gloomy winter mornings, we wait longingly for the light of the first streaks of dawn to banish the darkness.

We are a people who like to follow the light, to walk in the light and to bask in its warmth.

We hear in scripture of God's people who walked in spiritual darkness till the light of the world was revealed to them in the form of a human being.

Jesus came to bring light and love and hope to the lives of those who were in despair or trouble or grief.

There may still be times we have to walk in darkness, but he is there, like the early morning stars to guide us through these difficult times.

ADRISHAHIG

Piano trio in ADRISHAHIG

THE BEINN Airt Piano Trio will play in ADRISHAHIG Public Hall as part of the Mid Argyll Arts Association's (MAAA) series of classical concerts.

This is the first MAAA concert of 2016 and will take place tomorrow, January 16, earlier than usual at 3.30pm.

The trio is based in Glasgow and the three friends got together with the aim of 'playing the best classical music ever written'.

The concert costs £12, or £10 for concession. School pupils and students are free.

BELLOCHANTY

New Year funding boost for local charity

A DINNER and ceilidh at the Argyll Hotel raised £600 for a local charity.

This will allow the Mairi Sempie Fund to continue its work supporting people with cancer in rural areas as there are often extra costs associated with getting treatment. It also helps the hospitals that treat them and funds research.

Margaret Sinclair,

CAIRDOW



Jack and the Beanstalk at Cairndow Village Hall

HOPSCOTCH Theatre visited Cairndow, delighting young and old with its production of Jack and the Beanstalk.

The hour-long production on January 10 was full of jokes, songs and magic beans. It was suitable for all ages and refresh-

ments were available at the interval.

The event took place at Cairndow Village Hall and was hosted by Cairndow Childcare. Janet Riddoch from Cairndow Community Childcare said: 'It was a fantastic turnout, with families

from all over the area attending. We are really grateful to Cairndow Clachan Flats Windfarm Trust; without its financial support this great event would not be possible. This is the fourth year Hopscotch has come to Cairndow and they never fail to deliver.'

treasurer of the charity, said they were delighted to have such support in Kintyre as the charity was set up by the family of Mairi Sempie from Kintyre who died of cancer aged just 21.

Nick Fletcher from the Argyll Hotel said: 'We are delighted this

year's event brought in £600 for the Mairi Sempie Fund. We'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended and whose support made it possible to raise this sum. I'd also like to thank Numero Dix Hair Salon, Kintyre Shoe Company, Jim Martin

Supplies and others for donating prizes to the raffle which helped to boost the total. Thanks also to Ceilidh's Homet for providing the music which had nearly everyone stepping around the floor, whilst contributing to this important cause.'

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ENGAGEMENTS



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DEATHS

ARIES - Suddenly at his home, 7 Glenfye Park, Ardriahing, on December 24, 2015, Rodney (Ronnie) Aries, aged 67 years, (former Master Butcher, Tarbert), much loved father of Rodney, Caroline and Philip, adored papa. A good neighbour and dear friend. Funeral service was held in Tarbert Parish Church, on Thursday, January 14, 2016, followed by interment at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert. Sadly missed.

CLARK - Very peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on January 11, 2016, John Smellie Clark, in his 85th year, 8 Belfair Mhor Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Maureen Murray, much loved father of Elaine and the late Yvonne and a loving papa of Reuben, Maddy, Olivia and Harvey.

COWAN - Peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on December 24, 2015, Elizabeth Cowan, aged 80 years, of 9 Chalmers Court, Inveraray, much loved mother of Robbie, dear mother-in-law of Caroline and loving granny of Elise and Orla. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Glenishira Cemetery, Inveraray, on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

CUTLER - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 6, 2016, Brian Cutler, aged 60 years, of Roadmans Cottage, Ormsay, by Lochgilphead, much loved husband of Barbara, proud father of Lisa, grandfather of Sarah, and father-in-law of John. A dear brother, brother-in-law, cousin and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at Achaohish Parish Church, followed by interment at Ormsay Graveyard. Will be sadly missed.

MAGCILLARAY - Suddenly, on Friday, January 1, 2016, John Alexander MacGillivray, beloved husband of Elizabeth (McCallum), dear father, father-in-law, son-in-law and grandfather. Sorely missed.

MCLACHLAN - Peacefully, at Ashgrove Care Home, Dunoon, Frances (formerly of Ivy House, Inveraray), beloved wife of the late Archie, dearly loved mum of Douglas, Shiona, Fergus and Helen and a much loved granny and great granny. The funeral service will be held in Inveraray Parish Church, on Monday, January 18 at 11.00am, followed by interment in Kileven Cemetery, Craze, to which all are respectfully invited.

MCLEAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 7, 2016, Norman McLean, in his 83rd year, 13 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved brother of the late Margaret Colfield and a much loved uncle.

SMITH - On January 9, 2016, peacefully at Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, Norman Smith, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Rita, much loved brother of Brian and the late Edith, and a dear cousin of Moira. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Friday, January 22, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Argyll Animal Aid.

STEVENSON - Suddenly at home, 7 Wellpark, Kilkenny, on January 8, 2016, Margaret Grace Stevenson, in her 64th year, mother of Gregor, Kenneth and Lin. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 10.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN - Sheena, Andrew, Cassandra and family of the late Donald Brown would like to thank everyone for all their love, support, cards and expressions of sympathy during such a sad time. Sincere thanks to Dr Villalba, Dr Toledo, Kitty Millar (Macmillan Nurse) and district nurses. Thanks also to Rev W Crossan for such a lovely service, to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair, and to Ross Connor for the lovely piping at the graveside. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the service and graveside. The retinal collection raised £345.72 for Cancer Research and District Nurses.

GALBRAITH - The family of the late Colin Galbraith would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received following their sudden loss. Our grateful thanks to the carers who looked after Colin over the last few years and made his life more enjoyable. Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of Wards D and I, Lorn and Islands Hospital, and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their exceptional care given to Colin and also for the kindness shown to our family. Also, our grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements, and to the Grey Gull Inn for catering. We would like to thank all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects, your support was greatly appreciated. Retired and grateful for Chest Heart and Stroke raised £265.

MCLEAN - Ken, Ian and their families would like to thank relations, friends and neighbours for their support on the sad loss of their dad, father-in-law and grampa, David McLean, Kintyre Road. A special thank you to Rev Hilda Smith for the uplifting service and Donald MacDonal for all the funeral arrangements, also a huge thanks to all his carers who looked after him so well in his latter years. Our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £400 for the church funds. We will all miss him.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our precious son, Kenneth, died January 14, 2006.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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Glenaray and Inveraray
Prayer meeting 10.30am
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
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Next Generation Table Cloth Rev P Wallace
Sunday 19th January
Service 11.00am
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Action from the 2015 mixed doubles, featuring eventual winners Jane Scott and Gregor Campbell. 08.0068405

Badminton stars should shuttle to Kintyre

YOUNG badminton players are sure to have a smashing time at the Argyll and Bute Primary Badminton Championships next month.

The event, on Saturday February

6 between 11am and 4pm in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, is open to all P5, 6 and 7 pupils from across the county. Organiser Anne Little-son said: "This event, which has

been running for about ten years, is one of the few county level sporting events for primary school children held in Campbeltown.

It would be great to see more en-

trants from Oban and Mid Argyll.' Last year's boy's singles winner was P7 pupil Elliot Gemmill, from Carradale and in the girl's singles Jane Scott, a P6 player from

Campbeltown, was victorious. Entry forms are available from Active Schools co-ordinators or Anne Little-son at anne.littleson@btinternet.com

Lottery numbers

Kilmory Camanachd Club's winning lottery numbers were 2, 11 and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £700.

Tarbert Football Club's winning lottery numbers were 1, 15 and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £600.

Inveraray Shinty Club's winning lottery numbers were 12, 14 and 20. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £500.

Tarbert Gun Club holds first winter league team shoot

TARBERT gun club held its first meeting of the New Year recently when it held the January leg of the popular winter league team shoot.

Although it was a wet day, 48 hardy souls donned their oilskins to take part. Club president Brian Baird and his team mate Niall Wilson were on top form – Brian just pipping Niall for high gun – but more

importantly firing their way to the top of the league.

In the individuals, Ally McDonnell had a day he wants to forget as he allowed Brian and John Weir to close him down to a point of overall series high gun.

Is Lynn still beating her father Norman MacDonald? Of course, by a mile.

Results: Top Team

1 John Paton, Stewart MacAllister, Derek Ballyntyne, Bill Bidmead, Archie Currie, 2 Brian Baird, Niall Wilson, Archie MacGill, Stephen MacSparran, John Windard.

Class A
1 Brian Baird
2 Malcolm Gallagher
3 John Weir
Class B
1 Niall Wilson
2 Stewart MacAllister
3 Andy Peden
Class C
1 Lynn MacDonald
2 Jonathan Gargah
3 Andy Wilson

Class D
1 Lorne Harvey
2 Jack Campbell
3 Ian Currie
Class E
1 Archie Currie
2 Adam Currie
3 Matthew Peden

Submitted.



Tarbert Gun Club held its first shoot of 2016.

Shinty match officials workshops this weekend

A SERIES of workshops will take place across the country on Saturday January 16 to bring all match officials together prior to the start of the new shinty season.

These workshops form an important part of a wider programme of training and development being supported by the Camanachd Association during 2016 in line with the agreed Strategic Plan for Shinty.

The pre-season workshops will run from 11am until 1pm and take place simultaneously in Glasgow, Inveraray, Fort William and Inverness.

The workshops will provide an opportunity for officials to address a range of topics, including rule clari-

fication and interpretation, payments and administration, dealing with dissent, communication, training and development.

It is important that as many active officials - referees, goal judges and match assessors - as possible attend their nearest workshop.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed and lunch will be provided. The final agenda and venue details will be circulated.

As part of the campaign to recruit additional referees for Division Two in 2016, the workshops are also intended to provide an initial induction opportunity for new referees, with further training dates to be

confirmed prior to the new season starting.

An additional workshop specifically for match assessors will also be organised in February. If you are interested in refereeing in 2016 please contact Astie Cameron, CA Operations and Events Manager, at the earliest opportunity.

Email Astie.Cameron@shinty.com or telephone 01463 715931 or mobile 07912 731295.

Finally, following a vote by members at the recent AGM, the CA is pleased to confirm an increase in match fee (referees) and mileage rate for officials in 2016, rising from £30 to £35 and 40p to 45p respectively.



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Athletic Jilly to swim in national finals

A BUDDING young athlete has become the only Mid Argyll youth to compete in a national swimming showdown later this month.

Jilly Lefebvre, 11, qualified for Scottish Schools National Swimming Gala final, after being coached with Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) swimming club Dolphins.

The determined Lochgilphead primary 7 pu-

pil travelled to Campbelltown last month with a team of 15 swimmers from her club for the qualifier.

She said: 'I was really excited. I love the competitive atmosphere. I was shocked when I found out I was in the final. I didn't think I would get it because we were supposed to hear back by the end of December, so when my dad told me I was shocked.'

Jilly, from Kilmichael, will swim a 50 metre butterfly in the final of the championship, set to take place at Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow on January 30.

Hopeful Jilly said: 'I need to work on my stamina, but I am trying to have a positive attitude. Even to come in the top 10 would be great.'

Dolphin coach Arlene

Green said: 'We need to take her up to 60 metres, do lots of sprints and butterfly (fly). So that when she does the 50 it will be easy for her.'

The youngster only began swimming little more than a year ago and has come on with support from her club coach and its members.

Jilly said: 'I swim three times a week and come to Dolphins once a week. I've been swimming for a year and a bit and didn't really swim before that. Going to Dolphins has really brought me on.'

Arlene added: 'Jilly does work exceptionally hard and is very focused.'

'She is a good listener. We are hoping that this will mark the start of something more to come and hope that we have more swimmers qualifying next year.'

Jilly is involved with a range of sports clubs and also trains competitively in karate, running and gymnastics.



From left: Ronnie Robertson, Robin Clark, Alan Brown, Archie McBride, Derek Street and Tam Young.

First shoot sees Alan Brown win again

IN THE first shoot of the year for an Argyll gun club high scores were not a reflection of the weather condition on the day.

Members of Dunoon and District Clay Target Club (DDCTC) took part in a down-the-line competition on January 2 at the club's grounds.

While the weather was wet, damp and windy it was the second successful year in a row for Alan Brown who won the J E Jacobson Trophy.

He came out with a high score of 148 points out of a possible 150. However, he outdid himself this year by scoring 14 more points than he did in 2015.

The club welcomed 32 seniors on the day, three juniors and one lady.

John Morris, a member of DDCTC, said: 'It was a good turnout for the time of year, or any time of year. It

possibly reflects the availability of hot drinks and pies.'

The trophy comes from John Jacobson, who was American Serviceman stationed at the Holy Loch Depot Ship when he presented the trophy, which is traditionally the first open trophy shoot of the year.

John Morris added: 'Clay target shooting is a very well supported local sport and anybody who would like to try clay target shooting will be made most welcome to have a go by prior arrangement.'

Club contact details and fixtures can be found on the website www.dunoonanddistrict-ctc.com.

Archie McBride, from Dunoon, was the top junior with 142 points and also took home the £62 cash prize for the pool trap competition.



Arlene Green with Dave Danson, general manager of Dolphins sponsor Landcatch and Jilly Lefebvre. ©_06_s03swim01

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Guy shortlisted for yachting award

Craignish Boat Club stalwart is nominated in volunteer category

ONE OF the best-known people in Argyll boating circles has been shortlisted for the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland Annual Awards.

Nominated in the Volunteer of the Year category, sponsored by Clyde Challenger, is Guy Neville, the commodore, senior instructor and among other talents, builder of the new Craignish Boat Club in Ardfern.

The club was re-established at a new location and re-opened

in May 2014. The first year of the new club was very successful, growing in membership and in the diversity of water-based activities on offer.

Guy made significant steps to find a new site for the club and lead a project to build the club both in terms of sailing members but also in the actual construction of the facilities.

Monday night cadet numbers have grown steadily and with 44 cadets this represents more than 90 per cent of

the local primary school plus the majority of local high school kids.

It would be fair to say Guy fits all his spare time around volunteering for the club, from instruction and maintenance to leadership. The whole Neville family has been engaged in the project to some extent, which has had a great benefit for the local community.

The annual awards dinner will be taking place at the Glasgow Science Centre on Saturday January 23.



Guy Neville on the water.



Red Star defend. 08_a03redstar01



Both teams battle for the ball. 08_a03redstar08

Home defeat for Red Star

THE NEW year got off to the worst possible start for Red Star as they lost at home to Kings Park Rangers on Saturday.

To make matters worse Callum McGuinness was sent off for the second time this season and Luke Naisby was forced off with a broken hand.

The match was played on the 3G surface at Lochgilphead School and it was the visitors who looked to have benefited from the Christmas break as Red Star struggled throughout.

The opening goal came for Kings just after the 20-minute mark when the forward reacted quickest to finish on the volley after Kalache had attempted to punch clear from a corner.

It was 0-2 before the break as the visitors doubled their advantage when Star again failed to clear from a cross into the box and the Kings forward headed home. Star's best opportunities were from long range

efforts but they failed to test the keeper at the other end and were lucky not to be more than 0-2 down at the break. Star switched to a 3-5-2 formation at the start of the second half and were enjoying some better possession, however an already difficult task was made impossible when McGuinness was sent off for two bookings in as many minutes for a couple of rash tackles leaving the referee no option but to issue the red card.

The closest Star

came to pulling a goal back was through an excellent effort from a MacLean free kick but it was Kings who added to their tally with the winger finishing smartly after a nice passing move to round off a good performance from the visitors. It was a day to forget for Red Star who will have to improve drastically if they're to have any chance of avoiding a quick return to Premier Two next season. Red Star has no game tomorrow.

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