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Barrier call as second vehicle blown off Rest road by gales

HISTORY repeated itself at the Rest and be Thankful last Friday as a terrified motorist had her car blown off the road beside a deep loch at the same place where a tourist coach suffered a similar fate in 2015.

Reflecting on her ordeal, Maureen Johnston has called for crash barriers to be installed in the area.

The 47-year-old senior nurse was travelling back to Dunoon after a shift at a Clydebank hospital. At 2am on Friday January 13 she approached the top of the Rest and hit a blizzard.

Maureen recalled: 'The wind kept pushing me across the road. There was no mobile signal and no other vehicles. A severe cross-wind gust pushed my stationary car over the embankment. It came to rest at an angle with the wind battering

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**I feared
the car
would
roll**

my driver's side so severely I could not open car door.

'I jumped out the passenger door as I feared the car would roll. I crouched at the rear for shelter and hoped someone would pass.'

After around 15 minutes a gritter arrived. The driver radioed police and officers took Maureen home at 4am.

She is now calling for investment in this stretch of road.

'I do feel it was my lucky Friday 13th,' she said. 'But why is there no crash barrier

er here given the proximity of road and Loch Restil? The A83 is, after all, the major arterial route for Argyll and the west.'

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'We have road signs warning of high winds at the top of the Rest and be Thankful as well as a wind gauge. However, our teams will continue to monitor the area.'

'A Met Office weather warning for high winds was in place on Thursday and Friday last week, and our teams were on high alert to deal with any issues brought in by the inclement weather. After spotting a car in difficulty early Friday morning near the Rest and be Thankful, one of our spreader drivers stopped and went to help and we're

pleased that the motorist made it home safely.

'Trunk road safety is of the utmost importance to us and all of our routes are reviewed each year, along with our client Transport Scotland, to see if further improvements are required.'

A long-standing campaigner for improvements at the Rest is Argyll and Bute councillor Dougie Philand.

He told the *Advertiser*: 'This demonstrates another danger on the road that requires investment to make right. This is now the second time this has happened and, for the safety of the travelling public, issues like this must be included in the overall investment on the road. I do believe it is clear the A83 still requires significant investment to make it a permanently safe route for Argyll and Bute.'

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Maureen's car perched precariously above Loch Restil after the storm.



Flashback to March 2015 and the coach, carrying 52 passengers, which rolled at exactly the same place.

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Sound of Jura fish farm fears

CAMPAIGNERS are concerned about a proposed fish farm on the Sound of Jura.

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This farming stalwart star

THE FIRST winner of the Argyll and the Isles 'stalwart' award is announced.

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Music and song in Mid Argyll

MID Argyll Music Festival organisers reveal what is in store.

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Burns for beginners

A BEGINNER'S view of the bard – and a haggis surprise.

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Tarbert Citizen of the Year

A SURPRISED Tarbert resident was named village citizen of the year at a late Christmas celebration.

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Engineers tackle lightning damage

EAGLE-eyed readers contacted the *Advertiser* after spotting an unusually large number of BT Openreach vans beside the A83 at Castleton, near Lochgilphead, last Thursday, January 12.

In response to inquiries by this newspaper, a BT spokesman said: 'Openreach engineers were replacing a section of underground cable at Castleton after it had been damaged by lightning, affecting service to around a dozen end-users.'

'Locally-based engineers were backed up by six from outwith Argyll who had been on standby to help repair storm damage in the Lochgilphead area.'

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'Hiring apprentices is vital' – Jane MacLeod.

Thumbs up to apprenticeships

NINE out of ten employers who hired apprentices would recommend it to their industry, a survey has revealed.

Ahead of Scottish Apprenticeship Week in March, Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce has thrown its

weight behind a push to encourage employers to take on apprentices.

The recent survey of businesses which had hired apprentices also showed that three-quarters said that apprentices improved productivity.

Businesses in Scotland employed a record number of apprentices last year as more than 25,500 young people got the chance to work, learn and earn.

Last year there were 333 new modern apprenticeship starts in Argyll and Bute.

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce secretary Jane MacLeod said: 'Local employers hiring apprentices is vital to developing the young workforce and crucial for employers to make sure they have the right skills for the future. We encourage all employers, no matter their size, to

consider the benefits apprenticeships could bring to their business.

'There's no better time than Scottish Apprenticeship Week to find out more about work-based learning.'

Organised by Skills Development Scotland (SDS), Scottish Apprenticeship Week will run between March 6 and 10.

SDS head of operations for north Scotland Anthony Standing said: 'If you are an employer looking to build a skilled, motivated workforce through apprenticeships, SDS can offer advice and support in person and via

our www.apprenticeships.scot website.'

Skills Development Scotland pays a contribution towards the cost of training apprentices on behalf of the Scottish Government.

New foundation apprenticeships mean young people can also now start a modern apprenticeship at school while graduate level apprenticeships provide employees with work-based learning opportunities to degree level.

Find out more at www.apprenticeships.scot, where employers can also post vacancies for free.

Tarbert man pleads guilty to three porn charges

A TARBERT man admitted possessing and distributing gay porn pictures involving children as young as five when he appeared on indictment at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Andrew Crichton Robertson, aged 45, of Bruce Hill, Tarbert, pleaded guilty last Thursday to three charges – first, that between April 22, 2012, and March 21, 2016, he had taken or permitted to be taken indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs

of children; a further charge of possession; and that on September 26, 2015, he distributed indecent photographs of children.

Sheriff Shelagh McCall placed Robertson on the sex offenders' register but deferred sentence until a criminal justice social work report has been made.

Earlier, the procurator fiscal said that Robertson had no previous convictions before giving lurid details of the computer images.

He added that when

questioned by police, Robertson said a laptop would contain indecent images of children for his own sexual gratification.

More than 100 still photographs were found and nearly 200 movies, including one lasting six minutes.

Robertson confirmed that a user known by the name AndyLfstt was in fact himself, and that on Skype and in chats he had explicitly encouraged children to join him on a web connection.

Police files

Theft of BMX

A BLACK Voodoo BMX bike was stolen from the back garden of a house at Creag Ghlas, Cairnbaan, sometime between Saturday January 7 and Saturday January 14.

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses.

Street assault

POLICE are investigating after an altercation between two men allegedly occurred at around 5.10pm on Wednesday January 11, in The Roding, Campbeltown.

Expired licence

ON THURSDAY January 12, at 11.20pm, in Millknowe, Campbeltown, a driver was stopped

for a routine check. Checks revealed the vehicle did not have a current excise licence and the driver, a 59-year-old man, will be the subject of a report to DVLA.

Theft warning

AFTER stealing a small quantity of confectionery from a shop in Longrow, Campbeltown, on Saturday January 14 at 3pm, a man, aged 35, was traced by police and issued with a recorded police warning.

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Concerned members of Lochgilhead and District Angling Club with Mark Smith and Richard Luxmoore. 08_a03anglin-gAGM01

Fish farm concerns raised

CAMPAIGNERS have raised concern over a proposed fish farm in the Sound of Jura, off the north Knapdale coast.

Kames Fish Farming Limited (KFF) has applied to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for a Controlled Activities Regulations licence, with plans to open a new fish farm at Dounie.

The proposed plan for a 12-cage salmon or trout farm has, however, been a cause of concern for some.

Letters of objection have been lodged over fears that any new fish farm in the Loch Sunart and the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area could have a detrimental impact on endangered skate that live within this area and the wild salmon and sea trout that breed in the River Add.

William Goudy, secretary of Craignish Restoration Of Marine And Coastal Habitats, said: 'Open net salmon farming is known to cause significant pollution of the marine environment due to uneaten food, faecal matter and chemical residues entering the water. And we are concerned about the impact this will have on the Add estuary.'

During a presentation about the proposal, at the Lochgilhead and

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District Angling Club AGM on Tuesday January 17, Mark Smith and Richard Luxmoore expressed their concerns that the uneaten food and waste from the farm would fall down and pollute a skate habitat in a deep trench, on the edge of the proposed site.

As the site is on the main migration route for fish into the River Add there is worry that escaped salmon will breed with wild salmon, weakening the gene pool. And that the farmed fish will pass on parasites and disease to the wild fish.

Stuart Cannon of KFF commented: 'The Dounie site has been selected from several potential locations following extensive scientific site surveys, and we consider it offers the best operational conditions with the least impact.'

'To achieve a top quality product for our customers, preserving the quality of the environment in which we operate is essential.'

Mr Cannon explained that 'fish farming installations are designed and selected to withstand the site specific conditions' and that

Marine Scotland Science considers the company's containment protocols as part of the planning application process, as well as monitoring operational sites, to minimise the risk of escapes from farmed sites.

As part of the surveys undergone ahead of this SEPA application, KFF has also approached a marine consultancy service to produce a report on sea lice dispersal.

Mr Cannon said: 'Scientific data was used to predict dispersal of any potential sea lice larvae in the area. Although the report is not yet finalised, it indicates that this risk is

low.' If SEPA approves the licence application, KFF will then submit a planning application, including an environmental statement, to Argyll and Bute Council for consideration.



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Last reunion chance for Aden and Borneo Argylls

WERE you in Aden along with 'Mad Mitch' – Lieutenant Colonel Colin Campbell Mitchell – in 1967?

Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell led the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the Crater district of Aden in a bid to recapture it from nationalist insurgents.

A special reunion is planned for later this year for veterans of the Aden campaign, as well as those who fought in Borneo.

The Argylls deployed to Borneo on three tours of six months each, between 1964 and 1966, in defence of the Federation of Malaysia.

The Borneo/Aden

50th Anniversary Reunion is being held in Stirling, centred on the castle, between Friday June 30 and Sunday July 2, with the main event happening on the Saturday.

If you served in either of these campaigns, or know of someone who did, this is likely to be the last such reunion event, according to the organisers.

For more information, email Betty Rhodick on e.rhodick@btinternet.com or Jim Bain on jbain664@btinternet.com.

Jim Bain can also be contacted by post at 9 Carrongrove Avenue, Carron, Falkirk, FK2 8NG.

Council launches new education blueprint

ARGYLL and Bute Council has launched an education strategy document designed to meet national guidelines.

The strategy, entitled *Our Children, Their Future*, has six main objectives:

- Raise educational attainment and achievement for everyone.
- Use performance information to secure improvement for children and young people.
- Ensure children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.
- Equip young people to secure and sustain positive destinations and achieve success in life.
- Strengthen high quality partnership working and community engagement.
- Strengthen leadership at all levels.

Speaking at the official launch at Tarbert Academy earlier this week, policy lead for education and life-



Tarbert's Primary School captains look over the new strategy document.

long learning, Councillor Rory Colville said: 'The Scottish education system is going through a period of significant change and the expectations of staff working with young people has never been greater. Our Children, Their Future makes our strategy clear to realise

the national visions for Scottish education but also our local visions for our young people.

'Our aspiration is to ensure that Argyll and Bute is the best place in Scotland for our children to grow. Our vision is that together we will realise, equality excellence and

ambition. This starts from the work we do with families before a child is born all the way through to making sure our young people move on to positive destinations at the end of their school career.

'The strategy belongs to those whose education we provide, to

the families that support them and to our staff who have the joy and privilege of being such a critical part of those children and young people's lives. We will ensure that we involve pupils, families and staff in reviewing and monitoring our strategy.'



Did you serve in Aden, above, or Borneo?

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Shocked Sybil recognised with first stalwart farm award

ONE OF the most recognisable and best-loved figures in Scottish farming has been given the first Argyll and the Isles 'stalwart' award, recognising her contribution to agriculture over many years.

In the manner of presenters at many a TV award show over the years, John Semple tried his best to avoid identifying the winner until late in his introduction, but knew it would be in vain.

The past NFUS regional chairman merely had to mention Dalmally Mart in the first couple of minutes of his speech, and the penny dropped among the assembled union membership in Tar-

bert's Stonefield Castle Hotel.

As for the worthy winner, the redoubtable Sybil MacPherson, she covered her face in shock at the knowledge that she would be the first to receive an award in memory of two other farming figures she knew so well.

The new Argyll and the Isles Stalwart quach is in memory of Mull farmers Bert Leitch and Lachlan Maclean, who sadly died in 2015. They were each staunch members of the union, and local NFUS members made the decision last year to establish the annual award in their memory.

Farming at Brack-

ley, near Dalmally, Sybil has been a driving force behind hill farming in the region. She and husband George featured in the first series of the BBC's successful *This Farming Life* which showed to millions the trials, tribulations and beauty of farming on the West Coast.

Hard-working

Sybil currently chairs NFU Scotland's Lorn branch and has a seat on the union's Less Favoured Areas committee. She is also a hard-working chairwoman of the National Sheep Association's Scottish region.

A supporter of the co-op Argyll Hill Lamb, few have done more

to promote the quality and taste of lamb produced from the region's hills and mountains.

Lachlan's son Jamie made the trip to Tarbert with his uncle Donald to present the award.

Jamie said: 'Dad would be just delighted to see Sybil getting this award. She was never off the phone to him organising this and that, whether to do with the union or sheep meetings, and they got on really well.'

'The award couldn't have gone to a better person.'

A modest Sybil said: 'I'm just so shocked. No way did I think I was going to get this award, but I knew



Sybil receives the quach from Jamie MacLean. 06_a03sybil01

Bert and Lachlan so well and this means so much to me.'

She reserved a special word for her husband: 'It's George who stays and does the work at home to let me go to all over the place.

And we wouldn't have done *This Farming Life* if George hadn't encouraged me against my will.'

'He was right in doing that, because I think the programme has helped people

understand what we do. She added: 'Thank you very much to the union, and for as long as I am able, I will work to keep Argyll agriculture in the forefront of people's minds.'



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Travel further west and the major road serving Argyll is being left behind. We are fobbed off with the cheapest option to 'mitigate' (whatever that means) the landslide risk with a few fences at the Rest worth a total of £10 million over four years.

The latest incident involving Mother Nature at the Rest is no surprise, because it is a wild and potentially dangerous place, and the road infrastructure is no longer up to our climate challenges.

We need to shout louder, to be bolder in our approaches to government.

Just when is the A83 being dualled?

The Argyll and Bute Economic Forum announced last week that 'a permanent solution is absolutely required' for the A83 at the Rest. The Scottish Government is beginning a review of the national transport strategy, and we must be at the centre of this – not an afterthought.

In the meantime, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* is supporting Dougie Philand's Scottish Parliament petition to improve the A83 at the Rest. You can demonstrate your support for the cause by picking up your vehicle stickers at the *Argyllshire Advertiser* offices in Lochgilphead or at the *Campbeltown Courier*.

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Work needed to halt A83 flooding

Sir,
I contacted BEAR Scotland last summer, and again recently, to support the letter in the *Advertiser* two weeks ago, which called for urgent action to improve the A83 at Erines.

This part of the A83 was difficult enough to drive on before the flooding, due to the width of the road. Two large vehicles passing side by side require good skill from the drivers to avoid a collision.

Since the trees were removed from the bank, the area floods more easily. Whatever the reason, for the sake of people's safety, this situation cannot continue and the road must be widened to create a single carriageway for large vehicles to pass by safely, and to solve effectively the issue of flooding on the road. Motorists are wary of driving through flooding, due to the possible depth of the water and the damage it can do to their vehicles.

If this requires for the hillside to be blasted in a similar way to what happened in 1998 near Erines, then this should be done – even if it requires a temporary closure. Failing this, at the very least, passing places need to be created and the drainage improved but this may be difficult unless the bank can be taken away.

Plans may already be in place to improve this part of the road but can I ask

for any such plans to be brought forward to be acted upon as soon as possible by the authorities?

**Peter Laing,
Lochgilphead.**

Resolution runs to conquer strokes

Sir,
The Stroke Association is encouraging people to make a new year pledge by signing up to a 5k or 10k Resolution Run at 10.30am on March 19 at Glasgow Green.

The event is one of 31 fundraising Resolution Runs taking place across the UK this spring. The runs provide the perfect motivation to get in shape after Christmas, while helping to raise vital funds to conquer stroke.

A Resolution Run is exactly that – a resolution for the new year that counts. It is the ideal event if you want to get more active in 2017, while having fun. Our runs are held all across the UK and you can choose your distance from 5k or 10k. Our events are open to all ages and abilities, and participants can run, jog or walk the routes.

We'll also provide a full training guide to help keep Resolution Runners on track every step of the way. By training and taking part in the runs, you'll be helping to reduce your own risk of stroke while raising awareness and money to support those already affected by the condition.

At least half of strokes

could be prevented if people made simple lifestyle changes, such as keeping blood pressure under control, eating healthily and taking regular exercise. The money raised through the Resolution Run in Glasgow will help the Stroke Association to fund vital research and support people affected by stroke across Scotland.

The entry fee is just £15 and all runners receive a technical running T-shirt and medal. For more information, visit www.stroke.org.uk/resolution, email resolution@stroke.org.uk or call 0300 330 0740.

**Kirsty Scott,
community and events
fundraising manager,
Stroke Association
in Scotland.**

Thanks from Easy Club members

Sir,
The Easy Club held a very successful and enjoyable musical coffee morning at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall on Saturday January 14, and the club would like to thank all the people who attended and contributed, and thank and praise the small army of helpers and bakers – May, Sandy, AnneMarie, Anne, Cathie, Morag and Cathy, and the musicians Miles, Stephen, Grant and Kevin. Money raised will help the club to hold more music shows and workshops.

**Hugh Fife,
The Easy Club,
c/o Lochgilphead
Resource Centre.**

'Mishandling' of the NHS by SNP

Sir,
The SNP is spending nearly £80 million a year using private hospitals for the NHS.

This is despite assurances the spending would drop and repeated rhetoric criticising the private health-care industry. It shows the SNP is incapable of running the NHS and, while the independent sector is valuable, the Scottish Government should at least admit as much.

It has also emerged that the Scottish Government will be three years late in delivering four trauma centres. It has become increasingly apparent that the SNP has no idea what the project will even end up costing. This is the latest blow for the scheme, which was meant to be up and running last year.

This truly shows the chaos of the project, and the SNP's mishandling of the NHS more widely. Once again we are shown that the SNP cannot be trusted with our NHS.

**Alastair Redman,
Isle of Islay.**

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Guest judges Arlene Scott and Leanne Yuill announce the winners.

Pupils make all the right moves in annual dance contest

PUPILS from Tarbert Academy put their dancing shoes on for the school's annual Golden Boot dance competition. All for fun, the school's houses competed against each other to win the trophy on Thursday December 22. After almost two hours of great Scottish dancing, Laggan were pronounced victorious, closely followed by Carrack and Garval. A PE teacher said: 'The event would not have been possible without the help of house captains, staff volunteers, Tony the janitor, Angela and Iain the technicians, and, finally, our surprise guest judges, Leanne and Arlene. 'A big thanks to you all for making it a success.'



Emma Clark proudly shows off the trophy after Laggan win.

Eco group hosts fundraising coffee morning

ARDRISHAIG Church Eco Group will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for the Tearfund toilet twinning scheme, which sponsors the building of toilets in developing countries.

Jean Hodgson, of the Ardrishaig Church Eco Group, said: 'Lack of access to clean water and proper sanitation traps people in poverty. Their health suffers and the prospect of developing economically remains far out of reach.'

'Large numbers of the populations in developing countries do not have access to proper hygiene facilities. They have

nowhere clean or safe to use as a toilet - so have to use outside spaces.

'Consequently, their health suffers, which, in turn, limits their ability to work or study - leaving them constantly at risk, in poverty and unable to support themselves or their families.'

Education in good hygiene is given alongside the newly-built toilets and immediately families can begin to benefit because of better control of diseases.

Through the scheme, it costs just £60 to build a new toilet and wash-room in a rural com-

munity family home, in many parts of Africa, South America and the Indian sub-continent. For £240, a school in a similar area could have a toilet block constructed.

In order to support this worthwhile cause, the Ardrishaig Church Eco Group will be holding its coffee morning on Saturday January 21, from 10am-12pm, in the North Hall, Ardrishaig.

Delicious home baking will be on offer and, if that is not enough sweet treats, there will be more to buy and take home from the cake stall. Entry costs £2.50.

GRADUATION



KIRSTIE SIMPSON recently graduated from Abertay University, Dundee with a BSc in Forensic Science. Kirstie is the daughter of Wallace and Susan Simpson of Cairnbaan.

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Tremendous treat for Ardrishaig audience

THE AUDIENCE in a packed Ardrishaig Public Hall was treated to an afternoon of mesmerizing music as Mid Argyll Arts Association welcomed the Bardic Trio.

The trio, made up of Scottish tenor Jamie MacDougall, Matthew McAllister on guitar and harpist Sharron Griffiths, have been together since 2013.

Jamie has been the 'nation's voice' for classical music on Radio Scotland since

2001. He regularly presents for Radio 3 and for 15 years has anchored BBC Proms in the Park.

He continues to enjoy a busy singing career which takes him around the world, working with some of the world's top orchestras.

Welsh born harpist Sharron Griffiths is also in great demand as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician.

She is a member of several successful

chamber ensembles and regularly works with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Scottish Opera and many more.

Talented

The third member of the trio is widely regarded as one of the most exciting and talented classical guitarists in Europe.

Matthew McAllister has been delighting audiences worldwide for well over a decade. He has performed at major venues across the world, from Amsterdam to Mexico City.

Performing on Saturday January 14, the afternoon began with Jamie, accompanied by Matthew and Sharron, singing from the Robert Burns Songbook.

Matthew then played Farewell to Stromness, a piece originally for piano and voice, written by Peter Maxwell Davies.

This was followed by music from a Welsh songbook with Sharron playing Watching the Wheat by John Thomas - the true story of the tragic love affair of Wil Hopcyn and Ann Thomas.



Bardic Trio: Sharron Griffiths, Jamie MacDougall and Matthew McAllister.

Matthew, on guitar, then played the traditional Clychau Aberdyfi and Jamie sang the beautiful lullaby Suo Gan in Welsh and English, before reading an excerpt from Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood, as the harp

and guitar played in the background.

Following the interval, the trio entertained with music from an Irish songbook.

The afternoon concluded with Jamie again singing from Robert Burns' Song-

book accompanied by Sharron and Matthew.

With rapturous applause from the audience, bringing the trio back in to the spotlight for a second bow, the afternoon was brought to a close, much to the audience's dismay.

Go green, get fit

AFTER reading about new year resolutions last week in the *Advertiser*, maybe you have been inspired to exercise more and get fit this year.

Here to help you, Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd will be hosting an open day to show off its Green Gym.

The well-equipped, outdoor gym in Lochgilhead is the ideal place for you if you are interested in gentle outdoor exercise that will help improve your general health and fitness.

Physiotherapists and other staff will be on hand to help show you how the gym equipment works and give you a better understanding of what each exercise does for you.

Everyone is welcome to the open day from 10am to 1pm on Thursday January 26.

Musical Mid Argyll

ORGANISATION of the 38th Mid Argyll Music Festival is well under way and entries are now open.

The festival syllabus, providing information about the various classes, is now available and entries are open until Tuesday January 31.

After feedback on last year's festival, the committee has decided to reinstate piping classes to its syllabus, fitting them into a busy programme

that already includes the always entertaining primary school action songs, vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles, verse speaking classes and the fiercely competitive band competition.

Specialist adjudicators this year are Margaret Tomlinson for speech and John Foster and Michael Hancock for music.

The festival will run from Monday March 20 until Saturday March 25 and, once



Pupils from Tarbert P1 and early level class enjoyed performing a Peter Rabbit action song last year. 06_a13mamf11

again, is set to showcase some of the best talent around Argyll.

The syllabus and entry forms can be found on the Mid Argyll Mu-

sic Festival website www.midargyllmusicfestival.webeden.co.uk

Infinis A'Chruach Community Fund Logo Design Competition

Infinis A'Chruach Community Fund is looking for local residents from Lochgilhead, West Loch Fyne or Dunadd, to design a logo to promote the Fund. No matter your age, anyone who has an artistic flair is eligible to enter.

You can create a logo individually or collectively with others. The key thing is the winning design symbolises the Fund and the communities it supports.

The winning logo will be used on all future fund material and will be unveiled at an event to mark the opening of the wind farm in 2017.

Design submissions should be emailed to communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk. The deadline for submissions is 28th February, 2017. The A'Chruach Community Panel will draw up a shortlist and residents will be invited to choose their favourite design.



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Skiff refit gets pupils involved

A DECADE after she was built with the help of Tarbert school pupils, a replica fishing skiff is once again offering youngsters the chance to learn traditional skills.

In 2007, volunteers were awarded a lottery grant under the Young Roots initiative to build a replica Loch Fyne skiff.

With the help of school pupils, mainly from Tarbert Academy, the project was completed with 36 youngsters learning traditional boatbuilding skills and local fishing heritage. The Princes Royal visited the project and the *Wee Dooker* was blessed in her presence.

A decade on, the skiff now needs a little TLC and has been taken out of the water and housed in Tarbert Lochfyne Yacht Club.

Maintenance of the wooden boat has now been taken on by the Ring Net Heritage Trust, which keeps the ring net fishing boat

Shemaron. The trust will be working with Tarbert Academy and the yacht club to involve children in the refit. The skills of timber boat work, rigging and copper riveting will once again be introduced to a younger generation.

Neil McKnight, Tarbert Academy head teacher, said: 'I am delighted the young people of Tarbert Academy have this further opportunity to learn new skills and learn a bit more about the history of Tarbert.'

Ring Net Heritage Trust chairman Chris Malkin said: 'We believe this is an important project which will raise the profile of *Wee Dooker* and *Shemaron* and help build awareness of their important position in local heritage.'

'The trust sees this as a first step in developing a programme of local community engagement and we look forward to future projects.'

Design a new picnic area and win a prize

BUDDING designers are being asked to 'use their loaf' to create a public leisure space in Lochgilhead.

An award of £10,000 through the Tesco Bags of Help scheme – using money raised from the supermarket's 5p bag charge – has allowed Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd to go ahead with a special project.

Located at Blarbuie community woodland, the plan is to create a picnic area around the octagon space and

the enterprise company wants community groups to come up with the design.

Any local group or school can enter. The design should incorporate the seven picnic benches and eight pieces of timber-constructed adventure playground equipment that will be available.

The aim is to create an accessible picnic and children's play area with a woodland theme.

Wildlife-friendly features such as bird feed-

ers and squirrel runs may also score well in the judging process.

So why not enter the picnic area competition?



How your group can enter

The competition opened to entries on Monday January 16 and will close at noon on Monday February 13.

To enter on behalf of your organisation or school, email your design to grace.madeod@btinternet.com or pete.creech@virgin.net.

Alternatively, hand your paper design in at Argyll and Bute Hospital reception.

Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd is offering a

£100 prize for the winning group and two runner-up prizes of £25 each.

Anyone seeking to enter is encouraged to visit and assess the site in plenty of time to submit their design before the closing date.

The Blarbuie picnic area competition is run under the sole control of Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd and the board of directors of this organisation will have the final say on winners.



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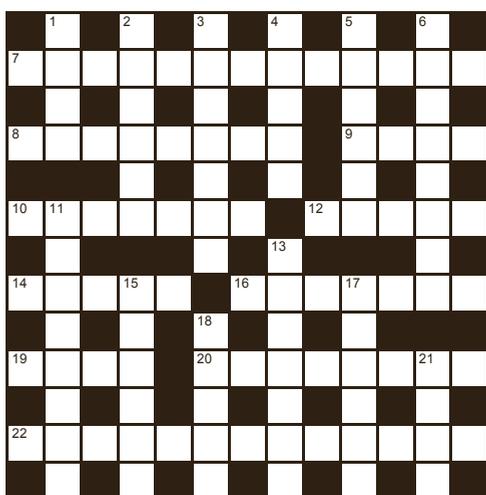
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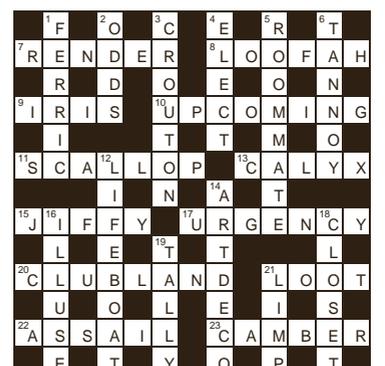
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Check all machinery

It's incredibly important that any and all of your essential



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hill land, Iain, along with partner Claire, have 1,000 breeding ewes comprising of mostly Che-

viot, with around 300 Blackface. All ewes are put to Cheviot tups, with Iain trying to use as many home-bred tups produced by the in-bye stud flock as he can. 'I like to use home-bred tups on the hill ewes as I feel they are already acclimatised to the weather and their performance does not drop,' says Iain.

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start feeding forage booster to the in-bye ewes when he first got the buckets home at the end of August.

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'The condition of the in-bye ewes improved drastically with them producing more milk than previous years. This has saved our labour time, with very few lambs

lost, needing suckled or bottled and ewes are fit enough to mother their offspring with lambs appearing more vigorous at birth,' he continues.

Improved results kept coming after weaning at Torloisk. Iain's 2016 overall price for his in-bye wedder lambs, sold at Caledonian Marts, Oban, was £48 for an average weight of 27kg, up £12 from the previous year, while 30 of the best male in-bye lambs were kept entire for use on the hill ewes. 'It was the same buyer we had buy our lambs, so we hope they will see improved finishing results from this year's lambs and continue to buy from us in the future,' says Iain.

After the success of 2016's lambing, Iain has decided to continue using Harbro's Energyze range and has started feeding the in-bye ewes as well as the hill ewes, with the aim to get the same improved performance figures from the hill ewes in 2017.

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Whatever your plans and ambitions, a Business Gateway adviser can help by highlighting any relevant support available.

This could be by identifying sources of funding, making useful connections, introducing specialist sources of advice or linking businesses with a mentor. The funding landscape changes regularly and a Business Gateway adviser can help keep local businesses up to date about what is available to them. New loan funds have recently become available to micro businesses, as well as grant funding for businesses with growth ambitions and the Business Gateway team is happy to explain what these funds can cover and how to apply.

To find out how Business Gateway could help your business, call the local team on 01546 604555.

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Farmer's new business fuels success

A CAMPBELTOWN farmer has set up a new business producing biomass fuel and livestock bedding from unwanted wood.

David Ralston launched Rhoin Wood Renewables with support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, recycling waste wood which can then be used for animal bedding, livery yards, gardens, pathways or play areas.

Gaining his waste carrier, storage and processing licences from SEPA, David approached CS Wind to remove the dozens of wooden pallets from its factory.

The wood waste is cleaned and processed to remove any nails or contaminants before it is turned into woodchips.

David said: 'I've

worked in agriculture for many years but always for other people. I wanted to do a job that would allow me to spend time on our farm and look after our livestock.

'Last year I was asked if I could help with removing some wooden pallets and that's when I had the idea for Rhoin Wood Renewables. I was interested in the renewable energy aspect but also felt it was a good business idea as it would help companies cut costs and solve a waste problem.

'I've picked up good work via word of mouth which has allowed me to stockpile bags of woodchips, which is great. I've also started selling to livery yards and farms as it is not only a cheaper alternative but is an easy to main-



David Ralston with some of his woodchip products.

tain, absorbent and all-weather surface.' David hopes to build a reputation as a supplier of a good quality product with the capacity to modify to satisfy the needs of his customers.

With aims to expand geographically, David is hoping to increase the selling part of his business by targeting building mer-

chants and other organisations and businesses that would benefit from using his product.

He added: 'I'm now set up with the equipment I need so this year I'll be focusing on getting our name out there and building relationships with those sectors that would be best served by using our wood biomass fuel

and woodchips. Business Gateway has been advising and supporting me throughout this journey and the help I've had from my adviser Donald has been great.

'He has reassured me when I've needed it and given me options on how to take Rhoin Wood Renewables forward. He's also asked

me the questions I had to think about before I could create an effective business plan that would guide me as I developed the business.'

Donald Melville, Business Adviser, Business Gateway Argyll and Bute said: 'We have supported David since he came to us with his idea and we will be advising and helping him as Rhoin Wood Renewables develops.

'Our one-to-one advice can help any business get to grips with what is needed to set up and run a successful venture. David was just one of many who has benefited from our services, learning essential skills that will help him go forward.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your business, call 01546 808363 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute

New year workshops for small businesses

BUSINESS Gateway Argyll and Bute is encouraging business owners to take advantage of free business skills workshops in Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Campbeltown over the coming weeks.

Anyone thinking about starting their own business should sign up for the 'Business Start-up' workshop on February 7 and 8 in Lochgilphead to help develop their ideas into a practical and effective plan.

Run by an experienced Business Gateway adviser, the one-and-a-half day workshop covers market-

ing, planning and finance.

Business owners wanting to improve their current marketing activity should attend the 'Marketing your Business' workshop in Inveraray on February 8.

This will help review the impact of current activity, better understand markets, customers and competitors, strengthen your unique selling points and develop the right marketing mix for your goals and budget.

This workshop will be delivered for Business Gateway by Alistair Kennedy of Lornal Ltd.

Alistair has more than 30

years of experience in domestic and export markets and runs his own consultancy.

Aimed at those new to marketing their business, a 'Reaching More Customers' workshop will be held in Inveraray on February 16.

Marketing

This one-day workshop gives a practical insight into basic marketing tactics, including setting your pricing, choosing where to sell, how to reach your customers and how to make an impact at trade fairs and events.

This workshop will be de-

livered for Business Gateway by Jack Redpath of Redpath Marketing. Jack is a chartered marketer who enjoys working with small businesses to help them develop marketing skills.

The 'Pricing for Profit' course in Inveraray on February 22 is aimed at anyone wanting to improve their business profitability.

It covers the range of pricing strategies available, how to review costs, identify true break-even points and how to manage profitability. This trainer for the workshop is Alistair Kennedy.

Running in Campbeltown on February 22 is the popular half-day 'Practical Basic Book keeping' workshop.

Those new to business and with little or no formal training in book-keeping will particularly benefit from this workshop, which covers the starting point for good record-keeping and understanding financial information.

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

Get the best from your business with help from Business Gateway.

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For Families Living & Loving Life in Argyll & Bute & beyond!

Happy New Year from the FAB Guide TEAM!

Your FAB Guide (FAB meaning, Families in Argyll and Beyond!) forms an integral part of the Oban Times as a special pull-out and keep supplement, once every 3 months. You will find tonnes of great information on local clubs, groups, activities and events that you tell us you have found to be so useful. We are delighted to now include Lochaber, with a run-down of all the sporting, social and fitness clubs in the area that we can find. Please do let us know if you run a club or group for children and their parents or guardians – we want to help you spread the word far and wide.

This issue focuses on Childcare Choices. This special feature gives parents and guardians a greater insight into the range of Early Learning & Childcare Centres in their area so that they are better equipped to decide with ELC is best for their child. Children born between the 1 March 2013 and 28 February 2015

are entitled to a funded Early Learning and Childcare place. The registration period is week commencing 13th February in the Highland Council region and 20th February in the Argyll & Bute region. Parents have all of this week to register their child at the ELC of their choice with their local Council. See pages 8-11 of this supplement for more information.

There's so much on your doorstep – we hope you enjoy reading and learning more about the activities on offer for your youngsters! Keep up with us on Facebook (The Fab Guide) or get in touch via email with your stories and events: sdunstaff-nage@obantimes.co.uk

If you have a business that you would like to feature in the next issue of The FAB Guide, please contact Stephanie on 01631 568000 or email her at the address shown above. Booking deadline Friday 24th March for the Easter issue.



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Oban Groups, Clubs & Associations

Some of the activities listed below are term time only - please check ahead

Activity Type	Age Range PP = Pre Primary	Venue	Day TT = Term Time	Time	Contact
SOFT PLAY					
Atlantis Leisure	0-Primary	Dalriach Road, Oban	Every Day	From 10am Weekdays, 9am Weekends	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Go Bananas	0-8 yrs	Bridge Café, Oban	Every Day	10am-3pm	Tel: 01631 566697/www.bridgecafeoban.co.uk
BABY & TODDLER GROUPS					
Appin Croileagan Tennis Hut	0-PP	Kinlochlaich Garden Centre	Thurs	1.30pm-3.30pm	Tel: 07990 585087
Benderloch Baby & Toddler Group	0-PP	Victory Hall, Benderloch	Tues	10am-12pm	Tel: Sarah Hunt 07745 259153
Bookbug Sessions	All ages	Library, Albany St, Oban	Thurs TT	9.30am & 11am	Tel: 01631 571444
Born to Move	4-5/6-7/ 8-12 yrs	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Tues/Thurs TT	1.30pm/4pm/5pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Toddler Group	0-PP	Seil Village Hall	Tues	10am-12pm	Tel: 01852 300062
Connel Toddlers	0-PP	Church Hall, Connel	Mon TT	9.30am-11.30am	Tel: 01631 710862
Craignish Parent & Toddler Group	0-PP	Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern	Wed TT	12pm-2pm	Tel: 01852 500245
Dalmally Tea and Tots	0-PP	Church Hall	Wed TT	10am-12pm	Tel: 01838 200535
Dunbeg Parent & Toddler Group	0-PP	Dunbeg School	Wed TT	10am-11.30am	Tel: 01631 564781
Furan Bookbug (Gaelic)	All ages	Furan Gaelic Centre, Corran Halls, Oban	Sat	10.30am	Tel: 01631 567886
Kilchrenan Child Friendly Coffee Morning	0-PP	Village Hall	Mon TT	10.30am-12.30pm	Tel: 01866 833233
Kilmelford Mother & Toddlers	0-PP	Village Hall	Wed	1.30pm-3pm	Tel: 01852 200271
Mini Movers	Parent & Toddler/3-5 yrs	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Fri TT	1pm-1.45pm/2pm-2.45pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Noah's Ark Playgroup	0-PP	Baptist Church, Shore St, Oban	Tues & Thurs TT	10.00am - 11.30am/10.00am - 11.30am starting 25th August	Tel: 01631 567010
Parent Carers Group	Parents of children with a disability	Go Bananas, Bridge Café	First Tues of the month	10am-12pm	Tel: 01631 564422
Oban Infant Feeding Support Group	For new mums	Bridge Café, Oban	Mon TT	10am-12pm	Tel: 07798 724932
Parent & Toddler Swim Group	0-PP	Atlantis Leisure	Wed TT	1pm-2.30pm contact us	Tel: 01631 566800
Adult and Baby Swim Class	0-PP	Atlantis Leisure	Wed	1pm drop in	Tel: 01631 566800
Rhythmic Rascals	0-PP	St Modan's Church Hall, Benderloch	Wed TT	10.30am-12pm	Tel: Sarah Hunt 07745 259153
Soroba Young Families Respite Crèche	0-3 yrs	Scalpay Terrace, Soroba Rd	Mon & Fri TT	9.15am-11.30am	www.sorobayoungfamilygroup.com
Soroba Young Families Stay-n-Play	0-PP	Scalpay Terrace, Soroba Rd	Tues & Thurs TT	9.15am-11.30am	www.sorobayoungfamilygroup.com
Soroba Young Families Intergenerational Group, Exploratory Play	All ages	Scalpay Terrace, Soroba Rd, Oban	Wed TT	9.15am-11.30am	www.sorobayoungfamilygroup.com
Soroba Young Families Nursery Care	2-3 yrs	Scalpay Terrace, Soroba Rd, Oban	Mon to Friday	12.20pm-3.30pm	www.sorobayoungfamilygroup.com
Soroba Young Families Ante Pre-school	3-4 yrs	Scalpay Terrace, Soroba Rd, Oban	Mon to Friday	12.20pm-3.30pm	www.sorobayoungfamilygroup.com
Soroba Young Families Pre-school	4-5 yrs	Scalpay Terrace, Soroba Rd, Oban	Mon to Friday	8.35am-11.40am	www.sorobayoungfamilygroup.com
St. Columba's Early Year's Group	0-PP	St Columba's Primary School, Primary Campus, Soroba Rd, Oban, PA34 5BS	Wed TT	1.40pm-3.10pm	Tel: 01631 568090
Taynuilt Play Group	0-PP	Village Hall	Tues TT	10am-2pm	Tel: 01866 822024
Toy Cupboard (Gaelic)	0-PP	The Undercroft, Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban	Tue TT	1.30pm-3.30pm	FB: ObanToyCupboard
Toy Cupboard (Toy Library)	All ages	The Undercroft, Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban	Wed TT	10am-12am	FB: ObanToyCupboard
Toy Cupboard (Toy Library)	All ages	Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban	Fri (All Year)	10am-12pm	FB: ObanToyCupboard
ACTIVITIES					
Archery	10 yrs+	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Fri TT	5.30pm-7.30pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Born to Move	4-5 yrs/6-7 yrs/8-12 yrs	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Tues/Thurs	1.45pm/4pm/5pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Mixed Activities - Freestyle Friday	S1-S6	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Fri TT	7.30pm-9.30pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
ATHLETICS					
Athletics	8yrs+	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wed TT	5pm-6pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Mini Athletics	P1-P3	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wed/Fri TT	4pm-5pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
CLIMBING					
Climb Cube	S1 to S6/P2 to P4/P5 to P7	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Tue/Wed/Thur	4pm-5pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
DANCE					
Ballet	PP	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Sat	10.30am-11.15am	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Ballet	Primary	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Sat	11.15am-12pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Ballet	Adult	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Sat	12pm-1.30pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	5-7 yrs/10 yrs +	Oban High School	Mon	6pm-7pm/7pm-8.30pm	www.balletwest.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	2-5 yrs	First Steps Nursery	Wed	10.15am-11.15am	www.balletwest.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	2-5 yrs/7-10 yrs	Oban High School	Wed	6pm-7pm/7pm-8pm	www.balletwest.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	5-7 yrs/7 yrs +	Taynuilt Primary School	Tues	3.45pm-4.45pm/4.45pm-5.45pm	www.balletwest.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	2-5 yrs	Oban High School	Mon	4.50pm-5.50pm	www.balletwest.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	10 yrs+	Oban High School	Wed	7pm-8.30pm	www.balletwest.co.uk
Ballet @ Ballet West	2-4 yrs	Connel Village Hall	Tues	2pm-3pm	www.balletwest.co.uk
Highland Dancing	PP/Primary	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Mon TT	4pm-4.45pm/4.45pm-5.30pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Hip Hop	P4-P7/P1-P3	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wed/Thurs TT	4pm-5pm/4pm-4.45pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
FOOTBALL					
Oban Saints	born 2001-2003/2001/2002-2004	Oban High School Community Pitch	Mon/Thurs/Fri	5pm-7pm/6pm-8pm/6pm-7pm	Robbie Johnston 07795 550478
Primary Sunday League	Email for Details	email for Details	Sun	Email for Details	stuartmacdonald1966@gmail.com
Football	P1-P3/P4-P7	Atlantis Leisure	Mon & Thurs/Tues TT	Both 4pm-5pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Little Dribblers	Under 5	Atlantis Leisure	Mon/Tues TT	1pm-1.45pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
GOLF					
Golf (Offers GolfClub Programme 8 - 18 yrs)	8-18 yrs	Dalmally Golf Club	Phone for details	Phone for details	janetbuchanan567@btinternet.com Golf Club: 07867318583
Golf (Offers GolfClub Programme 8 - 18 yrs)	8-18 yrs	Inverary Golf Club	Mon	6pm-8pm	Derek McCulloch 01499 302325
Golf (Offers GolfClub Programme 8 - 18 yrs)	7 yrs+	Seil Golf Club, Balvicar, Isle of Seil	Phone for details	Phone for details	Mary Phillips 01852 300475
Golf (Offers GolfClub Programme 8 - 18 yrs)	8-18 yrs	Taynuilt Golf Club	Phone for details	Phone for details	Hugh Nicolson 07802714476
Golf (Junior Section - no ClubGolf Programme at present)	8-18 yrs	Tobermory Golf Club	Phone for details	Phone for details	Gordon Chalmers: 01688 302741
HOCKEY					
Oban Hockey Club	P5-P7	Oban High School	Thurs	5pm-6pm	www.obanhockeyclub.co.uk
HORSE RIDING					
Achnalarig Riding Stables (Includes Riding for The Disabled Facilities)	4+ yrs/Adults	Glencruitten, Oban	Daily	Call for details Tel: 07748 708141	
Lettershuna Riding Centre	4+ yrs/Adults	Lettershuna Lodge, Appin	Daily	10.30 onwards	Tel: 01631 730227
MARTIAL ARTS					
IKKU Scotland - Caledonia Kyokushin	Up to 14 yrs/Adults	Soroba Lane, Oban	Thurs	6pm-7pm/7pm-8.30pm	Tel: Shihan Iain Rodger 07584 166542
RUGBY					
Mini-Rugby	5+ yrs	Oban Rugby Club	Wed	6pm	Tel: 01631 570481/07917529240
SHINTY					
Oban Camanachd	Under 14's	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Thurs	6pm-7pm	Steven Sloss / FB: ObanCamanachdClub
Oban Camanachd	Under 17's	Oban High School	Tues	6pm-7pm	David McCuish / FB: ObanCamanachdClub
SWIMMING					
Swimming Lessons with Atlantis Leisure	All age groups	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Mon - Saturday	Ring for details	Register at reception or ring 01631 566800
Adult and Child	18 mths-PP	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wed/Thurs	Ring for details	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Otters/Otters Lifesavers/Otters Amateur	5+	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Mon-Fri & Sun/Tues/Thurs	6.30am-8am & 5pm-6pm/5pm-8pm/4.30pm-9.30pm	islalewis@hotmail.co.uk
Swimming (Adult and Baby)	0-18 mths	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wed	1pm-1.30pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
TENNIS					
Mini Tennis	P1-P3	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Mon TT	5pm-6pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Tennis	P4-P7	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wednesday TT	4pm-5pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
Volleyball	16+	Oban High School	Thurs TT	6pm-8pm	www.atlantisleisure.co.uk
SOCIAL GROUPS/CLUBS					
Air Cadets	12-17 yrs	Tweeddale St, Oban	Wed	7pm-9.30pm	Ryan Cook 07596 385203
Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	5-7 yrs/7-10 yrs/10-18 yrs	Guide Hall, Soroba Rd, Oban/North Connel Village Hall	Various Nights TT	email for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Beavers	6-8yrs	Mull & Oban/North Connel	Wed/Mon	Call for details	Tel: 01866 844160 email: carol@carolthomas.co.uk
Cubs	8-10 yrs Boys	Mull/Oban/North Connel	Fri/Wed/Mon	Call for details	As Above
Scouts	10-14 yrs Boys	Mull/Oban & North Connel	Thurs/Mon	Call for details	As Above
Boys' Brigade Anchors	5-7 yrs Boys	Oban Congregational Church	Fri	6pm-7pm	Tel: 07881 935561
Boys' Brigade Juniors	8-10 yrs Boys	Oban Congregational Church	Fri	7.15pm-8.30pm	Tel: 07881 935561
Boy's Brigade Juniors	P7-S3	Oban Congregational Church	Fri	7pm-9pm	Tel: 07881 935561
Sea Cadets	10-18 yrs	Tweeddale St, Oban	Thurs	6.40pm-9.00pm	Tel: 07995 161126
Argyll Youth Theatre	From 7 yrs	Oban Masonic Hall	Wed	6pm-8pm	Tel: Gwyneth 01631 562120
Little Phoenix Film Club	3 yrs+	Oban Phoenix Cinema	Sat	check cinema for details	Tel: 01631 562905
Oban Fencing Club	Adults/High School	Oban High School	Thurs	6pm-7.30pm	Tel: 01866 822770
Archery	Adult/over 10yrs child	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Fri 5wk course	5.30pm-7.30pm	01631 566800
Freestyle Friday	S1 to S2	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Fri TT	7.30pm-9.30pm	01631 566800
Cricket	P6 to High School	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Sun	12pm-1pm	01631 566800
Mini Movers	Parent and Toddler	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Fri	1pm-1.45pm/2pm-2.45pm	01631 566800
Teen Gym	S1 to S6	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Mon-Fri	4pm-5.30pm	01631 566800
Born to Move	5yrs-7yrs	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Tue	4pm-5pm	01631 566800
Highland Dancing	Primary School	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Tue	5pm-6pm	01631 566800
Pre-school Games	Pre-school	Atlantis Leisure, Oban	Wed	2pm-2.45pm	01631 566800
HEALTHY EATING					
Weight Watchers	Adults	Great Western Hotel, Oban	Mon	5.30pm-7pm	Just turn up
Slimming World	Adults	COS Centre, Glencruitten Rd, Oban	Thurs	10.30am & 5.30pm	Tel: Gillian 07796 040803

Fàilte gu Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Welcome to Lochaber Gaelic Primary School

Have you ever considered the benefits of your child learning two languages?

Why Gaelic? Quite simply, two languages are better than one.

*Research has shown that, on average, people with two languages possess better cognitive and language skills than those who have only one language.

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guages. If you have been immersed in two languages from a young age, research demonstrates that you will be better at multi-tasking than those who have been exposed to only one language.

There is also the advantage of improved job prospects. In Scotland there are a number of different Gaelic careers you can undertake or opportunities for you to use Gaelic in your work. From teaching to crofting, Gaelic is both a language of work and a language that can work for you.

Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar runs a number of Gaelic



Have you ever considered the benefits of your child learning two languages?

Pàrant is Pàiste

Mother and Toddlers Group
Meet every Wednesday at BSGLA
Contact Margaret Mulholland
on 01463 703690

Cròileagan Grianach

2 year old playgroup
Open every morning from
9.30am until 11.30am.
Contact Anna MacRae on 01397709724

Interested in finding out more about the Gaelic Medium Journey?

Come for a tour of our lovely school. Speak to our staff members and ask current parents about their experiences. Our handbooks are available on our website.



P1 Enrolment Week -
w/c 30th January 2017
Nursery Enrolment Week -
w/c 13th February 2017

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Cròileagan Grianach - 2 year old playgroup is open every morning from 9.30am until 11.30am. Contact Anna MacRae on 01397 709724

Interested in finding out more about the Gaelic Medium Journey? Come for a tour of our lovely school and speak to our staff members, pupils and parents about their experiences. Our handbooks are available on our website. Please note! P1 Enrolment Week is week commencing 30th January 2017
Nursery Enrolment Week is week com-

mencing 13th February 2017

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*Research information taken from Bòrd na Gàidhlig - www.gaidhlig.org.uk

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Lochaber Groups, Clubs & Associations

Some of the activities listed below are term time only - please check ahead

Activity Type	Age Range PP = Pre Primary	Venue	Day TT = Term Time	Time	Contact
Extra curricular sport & activity - Active Schools	School children	Various	Daily	Various	Bridget Thomas 01397 700927
SOFT PLAY					
Spectrum Soft Play	Under 12's	The Nevis Centre	Daily	10am - 6pm	01397 700707 http://www.neviscentre.co.uk
BABY & TODDLER GROUPS					
Jelly Tots Parents and Children freechurch.org - T: 01397 704434.	0-3 yrs	Kilmallie Free Church	Tues/Thurs TT	10am - 11.30am	Anna MacRae E: anna.macrae@kilmallie.org
Kilmallie Parent & Toddlers	0-3 yrs	Kilmallie Village Hall	Mon	10am	
Nature Nippers org.uk	Under 5's	Glencoe Visitor Centre	First Fri of every month	1.15pm - 2.15pm	01855 811307 or email glencoe_events@nts.org.uk
Arisaig Toddler Group	Under 5's	Astley Hall, Arisaig	Wed	10am-12pm	
Invergarry Toddler Group	Under 5's	Glengarry Village Hall	Fri	10am-11.30am	
Kilchoan Toddler Group	Under 5's	Community Centre, Kilchoan	Tues	1pm-3pm	
Kinlochleven Toddler Group	Under 5's	Leven Centre, Kinlochleven	Fri	9.30am-11.30am	
Lochaline Toddler Group	Under 5's	Village Hall, Lochaline	Thurs	1pm-3pm	
Mallaig & Morar Under 5's	Under 5's	Community Centre, Mallaig	Tues	10am-12pm	
Spean Bridge Toddler Group	Under 5's	Community Centre, Spean Bridge	Tues	9.30am-11.30am	
Strontian Toddler Group	Under 5's	High School, Strontian	Wed & Fri	10am-12pm	
Fort William Library	All ages	Airds Crossing, High St, Fort William	Daily	Mon-Sat from 10am	01397 703552
West Highland Museum	P1 upwards	Cameron Square	Saturday Club	11am - 12noon	01397 702169
SWIMMING					
Swimming Lessons	Junior	Lochaber Leisure Centre	Mon-Fri	Various	01397 704359
SOCIAL AND SPORT					
Lochaber Sea Cadets	10&11 years	Cadet Centre, Croft Road, FW	Thurs	7pm - 9pm	Derrick Warner 07584 096787
Lochaber Sea Cadets	12-18 years	Cadet Centre, Croft Road, FW	Tues	7pm - 9.30pm	Derrick Warner 07584 096787
Lochaber Air Cadets	13+	Croft Road, Fort William	Mon & Fri	7pm	01397 703565
Lochaber Artistic Roller Skating	All ages	Nevis Centre	Sun (starting Feb)	1pm-4pm	Frieda Alexander 01855 811642
Lochaber Street League	8-16 years	Claggan Park, Fort William	Tues & Thurs	Starts July 2017	Check Facebook for updates
Lochaber Yacht Club co.uk	Junior Under 18	Achintore Rd, Fort William	Club Night: Thurs	7pm	01397 706307 / sec@lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk
Lochaber Phoenix Boxing Club	Under 16's	Unit 20, Ben Nevis Industrial Estate	Mon-Thurs	5.15pm-6.45pm	Niall Clark 07477 150100
West Highland Wheelers	Juniors	Meet: Pinemarten Café, Nevis Range	Sat	10am	Fiona Beattie / whwclubbemail@gmail.com
Nevis Range Ski Club snowsports.nevisrange.co.uk / 01397 705825	All ages (min 7 for ski and 9 snowboarders)		Gondola Base Station, Nevis Range	Daily	10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm
Nevis Range Ski Club www.scottishskiclub.org.uk	All ages (min 7 for ski and 9 snowboarders)		Gondola Base Station, Nevis Range	Weekend 5-week courses	Enquire - book in advance Book via
Lochaber Rugby Club	P3 - S2	Clubhouse, Banavie	Sat	10am-11.30am	01397 772672 / www.lochaberrfc.co.uk
Lochaber Rugby Club	Girls P3 +	Clubhouse, Banavie	Thurs	7pm-9pm	01397 772672 / www.lochaberrfc.co.uk
Lochaber Rugby Club	U.17 Boys	Clubhouse, Banavie	Thurs	7pm-9pm	01397 772672 / www.lochaberrfc.co.uk
Three Wise Monkeys indoor Climbing	All ages	Fassifern Road, Fort William	Mon-Sun	7am-10pm	01397 600200 / threewisemonkeys.com

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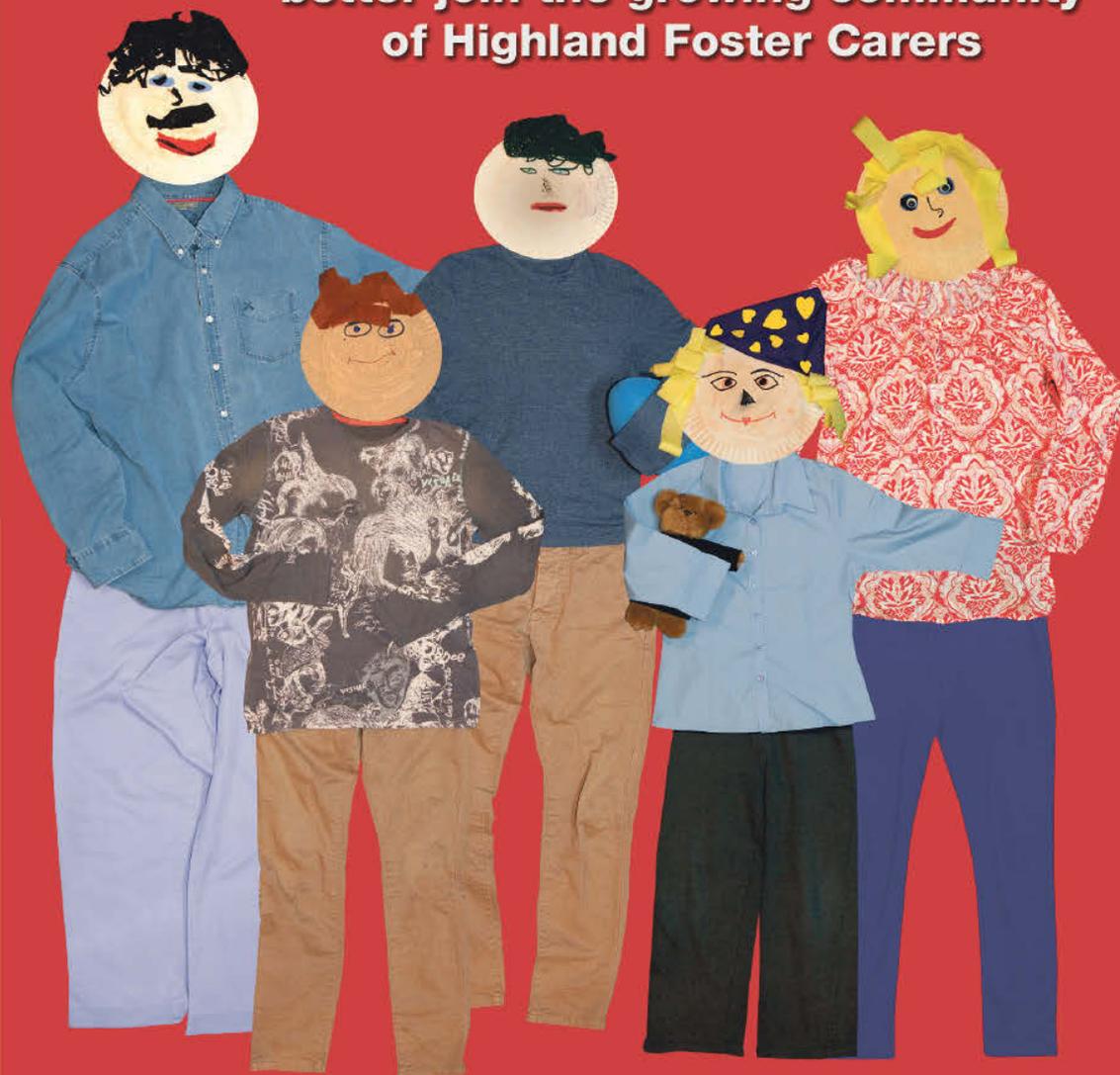
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Lochgilphead & District Groups, Clubs and Associations

Some of the activities listed below are term time only - please check ahead

Activity Type	Age Range PP = Pre Primary	Venue	Day TT = Term Time	Time	Contact
BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS					
Ardishaig Parent & Toddler Group	0-PP	North Church Hall	Mon/Thurs	10am-11.30am/1.30pm-3pm	Email: ardrishaigtoddlers@hotmail.co.uk
Bookbug	0-PP	Lochgilphead Library	Fri	9.30am-10.15am & 11am-11.45am	Email: fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk
Bookbug	0-PP	Campbeltown Library (within Aqualibrium)	Tues TT	2pm	Tel: 01586 555435
Bumps, Babies & Toddlers	0-PP	Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, Union Street	Tues TT	1pm-3pm	Tel: 01546 602238
Campbeltown Comm Church Baby & Toddlers campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk	0-PP	Guide Hall	Thurs TT	10am-11.45am	Emily/Anne: toddlers@
Fyne Families & Toy Library	0-PP	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Wed	10am-12pm	fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk
Jumpstart	0-PP	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Fri	10am-11.30am	Tel: Alison 01546 600175
mainly music	0-PP	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Tues TT	10.15am onwards	As Above
Toy Library	0+	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Fri TT	10am-11.30am (TT)	FB: ElfStoryToyLibrary
SOCIAL CLUBS/GROUPS					
Rainbows (Girl Guiding)	5-7yrs	South Church Hall Ardrishaig	Wed	call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Rainbows (Girl Guiding)	5-7 yrs	Community Centre, Lochgilphead	Mon	Call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Brownies (Girl Guiding)	7-10 yrs	Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, Union Street	Wed	Call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Girl Guides	10-14 yrs	Community Centre, Lochgilphead	Mon	Call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Beavers	6-8 yrs	Lochgilphead/Campbeltown/Southend	call for details	Various	Tel: Beth Atkin 01369 701226/07876 615418
Cubs	8-10 yrs	Lochgilphead/Campbeltown/Southend	Tues/Thurs/call for details	Various	As above
Scouts	10-14 yrs	Lochgilphead/Campbeltown/Southend	Tues/call for details	Various	As above
Explorers	14-18 yrs	Lochgilphead/Campbeltown/Southend	Tues/call for details	Various	As above
Sea Cadets	Junior 8-12 yrs	Hazelburn Business Park	Monday	Check Dates Enquire	5pm-6.45pm Tel: 01546 600175 Tel: 01586 550177
Lochgilphead After School Club (LASC)	P1-P7	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Mon-Fri	3.15pm-5.45pm (TT)	Tel: 01546 606885
Mid Argyll Community Dancers	All ages	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Mon/Tue/Wed	after school	Tel: 01866 844271
Fit for 50	50 plus	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Mon	10am-11am	Tel: 01546 606676
Girl Guides	10-14yrs	Campbeltown Guide Hall	Mon	Call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
MARTIAL ARTS					
IKKU Scotland - Caledonia Kyokushin (practical)	14 yr+	Mid-Argyll Sports Centre	Mon	7pm-8pm	Shihan Iain Rodger 07584 166542
IKKU Scotland - Caledonia Kyokushinkai	8-14 yrs/14+	Mid-Argyll Sports Centre	Wed	7pm-8pm/8pm-9pm	Shihan Iain Rodger 07584 166542
MUSIC & DANCE					
Mid Argyll Youth Chorus	Ask for details	Ardishaig Public Hall	Tuesday (new members enrol 1st Sept)	7pm-9pm	Tel: Fiona 07788 251038
MINI RUGBY & RUGBY					
	6-11 yrs/S1-S2, U16 & U18	Kintyre/Campbeltown Rugby Club, Meadows, Campbeltown		Sat mornings & Wed	Sat: 11am-12.30pm, Wed 6pm (seniors) Tel: John Forster 07764 456588/01586 552502
SWIMMING					
Public Swimming	all ages	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Every day, mainly from 1pm	check weekly timetable	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Lane Swimming	general swimming	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Mon-Fri	12pm-1pm/11am-12pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Adult Swim Fit	Adults	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Thur/Sat	7pm-8pm/8am-10am	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Learn to Swim	P1+	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Tue, Wed & Thurs	4pm-6pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Learn to Swim	P1+ and Adults	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Sat	10am-12pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Family Fun Sessions	All Ages	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Sat/Sun	12pm-1pm/11am-12pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
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Aqua Natal	Mums-to-be	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Wed	1pm-2pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Fit for 50	50+	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Mon/Thurs	10am-11am/9am-10am	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Earlybirds	Adults	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Tues/Wed/Thurs	Tues/Thurs, 7am-9am, Wed 8am-9am	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Ladies Only	Women	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Wed	6pm-7pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
MAYDS girls	8-18yrs	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Tues	7pm-8pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
MAYDS boys	8-18yrs	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Fri	6.30pm-7.30pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Mid Argyll Dolphins	8-18yrs	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Thurs	5pm-7pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Hydrotherapy	general	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Thurs	11am-12pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Tarbert Youth Group	11yrs-18yrs	Old Post Office, 1 Kintyre Place, Tarbert	Tues/Fri	7pm-9pm	Tel: 01880 820077 Heather Belshaw
Outreach Tayinloan	11yrs-18yrs	Tayinloan Village Hall	every 2nd Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	Tel: 01880 820077 Heather Belshaw
Private Lessons	All Ages	Aqualibrium, Campbeltown	Wed/Thurs/Fri	4pm & 4.30pm	Tel: 01586 551212
Rookies	P1+	Aqualibrium, Campbeltown	Thurs	5pm-6pm	Tel: 01586 551212
Argyll Adventure	4+ yrs/Adults	Inveraray	Daily		Tel: 01499 302611
Crosshill Training & Trekking	All ages	Peninver, Campbeltown	Tues & Thurs - Sun	10am-5pm	Tel: 01586 551791
HEALTHY EATING					
Slimming World	Adults and Teens	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Mon	5.30pm & 7.30pm	Tel: Rhona 07880 878906

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Tarbert Academy – every child's interest at heart...



Our school is committed to providing appropriate opportunities for the development of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural values through both the ethos and the curriculum. This is undertaken in partnership with parents and takes account of the individual needs of pupils and the views of parents.

Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

Tarbert Academy Early Level Class was set up in August 2014 and is thriving as an engaging environment that supports the learning and development of all children from 3-6 years old. The class is going from strength to strength; this year becoming a finalist for a merit award for 'quality improvement in early years'. Set in a purpose-built classroom within the Primary department of a successful 3-18 school, the Early Level Class is a place where children are active participants in learning and play is valued as

'a child's work'. The Early Level learning environment encompasses both indoor and outdoor areas, which are carefully planned and designed with the child's needs and interests at its heart. The setting is designed to both support and challenge, with experienced and committed practitioners working together to ensure all children are meeting their developmental milestones and are engaged in learning. Our staff value the importance of knowing each child as an individual, ensuring the environment allows children to express their wants, needs and interests. Tarbert Academy aims for transition throughout the 3-18 school to be as smooth as possible, with experiences in the Early Level Class allowing preschoolers to work in close partnership with Primary Ones who can model and scaffold learning for their younger peers.

Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

Parents/carers interested in bringing their children to join the early level class are welcome to visit at any time.

Please Telephone 01880 820269.
Head Teacher – Neil McKnight

If your child turns 3 between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018 you are invited to register them for their FREE early learning and childcare place at a local nursery. Here we have featured some of the best... Registration week commences 13th February in the Highland Council region and 20th February in the Argyll & Bute region

Riverside Rascals

Riverside Rascals offers high quality childcare which shapes the foundations for children's life-long learning in a warm, caring environment that reflects inclusion for all. Its team of

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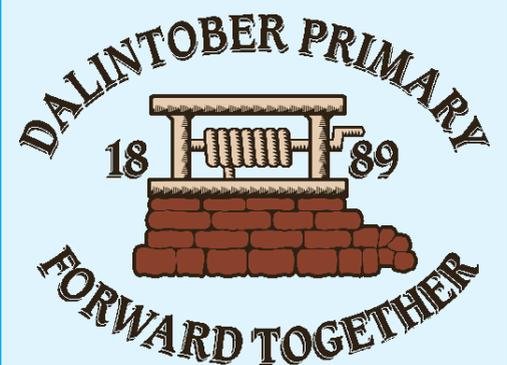


Dalintober ELC

Dalintober ELC is situated within Dalintober Primary School, Campbeltown and caters for pre-school children from aged three to five years. Morning - 8.50 a.m to 12pm - and afternoon – 12.15 pm to 3.25 pm - at Dalintober we provide a happy,

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areas of interest within the community. We always strive to ensure that all children are stimulated and motivated within their learning. We use the outdoor environment on a daily basis, providing fun and engaging activities for everyone to enjoy.



Dalintober ELC

Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown
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Please contact Mrs S Martin on
01586 552053

CAMPBELTOWN NURSERY CENTRE - supporting a successful transition to Primary School



If your child turns three between 1st March 2017 and 28th Feb 2018 you are invited to register them for their **FREE** Early Learning and Childcare Place at Campbeltown Nursery Centre.

You can choose to register your child for 5 FREE weekly sessions. Either a morning or an afternoon space, or a combination of both if preferred.

Morning Sessions: Monday to Friday; 8:50am until 12noon
Afternoon Sessions: Monday to Friday; 12:30pm until 3:40pm.

- We work in close partnership with Meadows Under Fives to provide quality all day care.
- A lunch club is available for children to attend prior to their afternoon nursery space or following their morning space.

If you have any questions or would like further information with regards registering your child at Campbeltown Nursery Centre please contact Fiona Graham at Campbeltown Nursery Centre on 01586 552397 or by e-mailing fiona.graham2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.



Campbeltown Nursery Centre offers free quality early learning and childcare for all children from 3 years until they commence primary school. The Centre benefits from hosting Meadows Under Fives within the building which enables children to access all day care as they can attend sessions at both, along with the lunch club if required.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre follows Curriculum for Excellence and offers a range of fun learning activities which supports children's holistic development. The nursery has an excellent outdoor provision which enables children to participate in a range of fun outdoor learning opportunities through courses such as the mud kitchen and the

bug hotel. Campbeltown Nursery Centre works hard to ensure a successful transition takes place from Nursery to Primary School, regardless of school choice. Although Campbeltown Nursery Centre works in very close partnership with Castlehill Primary School they also work well with all local primary schools to support successful

transitions to school meaning parents can make their decisions on school at a later date. Campbeltown Nursery Centre uses various toolkits to track, monitor and plan for children's learning and has recently revamped their PE Programme which incorporates opportunities for children to participate in a range of sports such as

football, swimming, gymnastics and golf. Registration Week at Campbeltown Nursery takes place week commencing Monday 20th February. Parents and Carers are welcome to pop in anytime throughout the week to complete a registration form or for a look round and to find out more information.



Lochgilphead Primary School Pre-5 Unit

Lochgilphead Primary School Pre-5 Unit provides a happy, caring and stimulating environment. We benefit from custom built facilities that provide extensive opportunities for both indoor and outdoor play. All staff are qualified and very experienced in the delivery of the early years' curriculum, providing

children with well-planned and exciting experiences. Children regularly visit Kilmory Woods for Forest School activities enabling them to learn about the environment and develop a range of skills. The Pre-5 Unit has close links with Primary 1 thus offering an enhanced transition process into Primary education.



Lochgilphead Primary School Pre-5 Unit

Open Days

Wednesday 1st February, 10am - 11am

Friday 3rd February, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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Children and staff of Oban's 1st Steps Day Nursery filled over 40 shoeboxes with essential and luxury items to send to people in need last Christmas, all gathered in the nursery's new extension

Oban's 1st Steps Day Nursery

Oban 1st Steps nursery is a safe, happy, caring and stimulating environment, where all the staff want the

best for the children and parents. It has been described as a 'little paradise' where every detail has been thought about

to make sure every child has the best possible start in life. In our loving, caring environment, our children are listened

to, respected and valued. At Oban 1st Steps we believe that the chance to learn is all around us and every

child should grow in their own unique way exploring their own abilities without limitations and that is why our indoor and outdoor learning environments are specially designed to inspire. In the established mature garden children can play, be active and

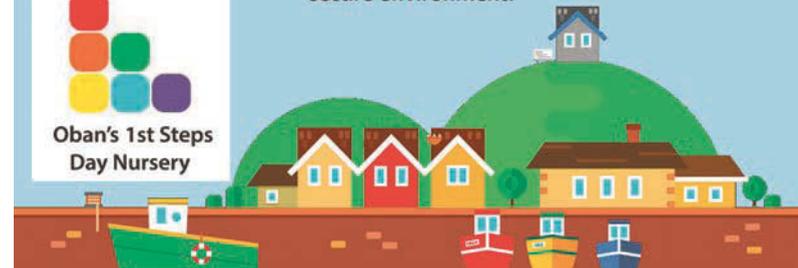
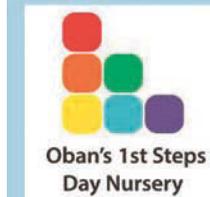
grow their own plants, fruit and vegetables. Children are then able to prepare some of their own produce and taste it. Oban 1st Steps Nursery is committed to providing nutritious healthy meals for children in a setting that allows them to share meal times

together, including breakfast, lunch and tea daily. **Our new hub is now fully open** and we have increased to a 59 place setting. All children, including Babies and Tweenies, can now be offered half day sessions - please call for further information.

Oban 1st Steps Nursery is committed to offering a service where every child matters, and that their time spent with us is a seamless extension of home that allows all children to develop their full potential.

Our nursery is on a hill overlooking the picturesque bay of Oban in an attractively renovated building that was opened as a School in 1888. We are registered for the provision of full day care and early learning childcare for up to 59 children aged 3 months to 5 years old.

The children spend their day under the guidance of our qualified and caring nursery practitioners, in a happy and secure environment.



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Badden Farm Nursery



Set in a lovely open rural location on the outskirts of Lochgilphead Badden Farm Nursery caters for children from birth to 5 years of age. The nursery is fully commissioned for Pre-school education and our fully trained and highly professional staff team have created a

warm, welcoming and safe environment for the children to enjoy stimulating learning experiences through play while accessing fully the curriculum for excellence. We offer the children the Forest Schools experience with our lovely natural wooded play area for the children to explore

and develop their independence and consideration for others while leaning for themselves to assess safe risk taking. The Forest Schools area also boasts a Fire Hut complete with a 'child safe' open fire where the children are offered different experiences

from simple science to cooking lessons. The nursery staff were particularly delighted to be chosen as finalists in both of the categories we entered in the Scotland wide Nursery of the Year competition run by Nursery Management Today. A real achievement and acknowledgement of the hard work and

very high standards the staff aspire to. We warmly welcome and encourage parental involvement with the nursery in all areas, and especially with all our Eco and Forest school endeavours. We would be delighted to welcome parents and families to come and see for themselves the very special and highly

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Dr Luca Piroddi BDS (Bologna, Italy)

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House purchase lending up five per cent in November

On an unadjusted basis, in November:

- Home-owners borrowed £11bn for house purchases, up five per cent month-on-month and two per cent year-on-year. They took out 60,800 loans, up five per cent on October and up 0.2 per cent on November 2015.
- First-time buyers borrowed £4.7bn, up four per cent on October and nine per cent on November last year. This equated to 30,100 loans, up five per cent month-on-month and eight per cent year-on-year.
- Home movers borrowed £6.3bn, up seven per cent on a month ago but down five per cent compared to a year ago. This represented 30,700 loans, up six per cent month-on-month but down six per cent on November 2015.
- Remortgage activity totalled £5.8bn, down five per cent on October but up 14 per cent compared to a year ago. This came to 34,700 loans, unchanged month-on-month but up 13 per cent compared to a year ago.
- Landlords borrowed £3.2bn, up 10 per cent month-on-month but down nine per cent year-on-year. This came to 21,000 loans in total, up 13 per cent compared to October but down 10 per cent compared to November 2015.

The Council for Mortgage Lenders (CML) now publishes seasonally adjusted monthly data, alongside the normal unadjusted data. This makes it easier to spot underlying trends.

Paul Smee, director general of the CML, commented: 'November lending reflected stable market conditions. Overall, 2016 did not match recent years in terms of house purchase lending growth, but lending remained resilient through regulatory and political change and aspirations for home-ownership remain

strong in the UK. Our forecasts for 2017 may be less bullish than a year ago, as economic uncertainty weighs on the market, but we still predict 1.2 m transactions and a slight increase in gross lending to £248bn.

'Buy-to-let lending, driven by remortgage activity, saw its strongest monthly lending level since the stamp duty changes on second properties introduced last April. Despite this, we expect buy-to-let lending levels in both 2016 and 2017 to prove lower than their 2015 recent peak as further tax changes take effect.'

Home-owner house purchase lending

The proportion of household income used to service capital and interest rates reached another historic low this month for both first-time buyers and home movers at 17.5 per cent.

Affordability metrics for first-time buyers saw the typical loan size increase from £133,400 in October to £134,200 in November. The average household income remained unchanged month-on-month at £40,000. This meant the income multiple went from 3.56 to 3.54.

The average amount borrowed by home movers in the UK decreased to £171,000 in November from £172,000 in October, while the average home mover household income decreased slightly to £54,800 from £54,900. The income multiple for the average home mover went from 3.26 to 3.27.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, in contrast to the non-seasonally adjusted figures, the number of loans to first-time buyers declined month-on-month, but still increased year-on-year. The volume of home mover loans in November declined both month-on-month and year-on-year on a seasonally adjusted basis. Buy-to-let and remortgage activity remained relatively similar on a seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted basis.

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

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/03276/PPP	Demolition of church, site for the erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Parish Church Minard Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YQ	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/02757/LIB	External redecoration of walls and windows/ door surrounds and recovering of decorative canopies incorporating signage	The Square Peg 5-17 Colchester Square Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LH	Mid Argyll Area Office

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Argyll Estates have submitted a Masterplan to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2015 - Strategic Masterplan Area MAST 1/5 (mixed use/village expansion/housing/business/retail/community facilities) - Addendum re. Phase 2 housing development to the framework plan of the developing masterplan.

A copy of the Masterplan (reference 13/02860/MPLAN) may be inspected Monday to Friday during normal opening times at Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute or at Inveraray Post Office or by logging on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representation to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute before the 10th February 2017.



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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

THE A82 TRUNK ROAD HOME ON THE LOCH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20A AND 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that they have determined that their proposal to resurface a 1000 metres stretch of the A82 trunk road which has become worn is-

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(b) is a relevant project within the meaning of Sections 20A(9) and 55A(7) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the said Directive but that having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive it should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require the publication of an Environmental Statement.

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A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers
Transport Scotland, Buchanan House,
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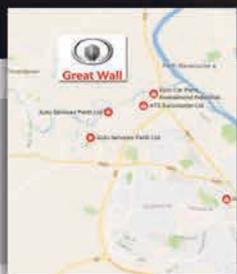
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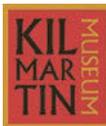


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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden



I AM reading a book titled *Canoeing the Mountains*.

A strange title, I'm sure you will agree, but it is an interesting and challenging book.

It is a book about church leadership in the 21st century. The author claims: 'The one quality that matters most to the fate of the church in the 21st century is adaptability.'

Basically, it states that ministers today are being trained for a world that is fast disappearing.

So, as the title implies, if we are to climb new mountains, we require skills which are different from those we needed in the past.

The Christian journey has always been one of pilgrimage. We have journeyed in faith into uncharted territory since the beginning of time.

We walk on well-worn paths where others have travelled before, but we also carve new paths for our own personal journey.

Someone who travelled that wonderful pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela said: 'Wanderer, there is no road, the road is made by walking.'

The road is made by walking. I think this is a good thought for us today.

We can read books and tie our brains in knots trying to find a solution for the place of the church of tomorrow.

We can wonder how we can do things differently to make the church more relevant.

We can often despair and sometimes rejoice on our journey.

But let us remember that the road is made by walking. Let us walk the road together, the uncharted road, the unknown road, the rocky road, the road full of potholes, but the road that is ours.

We are not just on any road.
We are people on the way, and of the way.

INVERARAY

Champions return to Celtic Connections

THE POPULAR Celtic Connections festival is under way and this year's line-up features an Argyll band.

The current Grade One champion of champions, Inveraray and District Pipe Band are set to grace the stage on Saturday January 28, at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, alongside Breton pipe band favourites, Bagad Kemper.

Following the success their outstanding 'Ascension' performance at the festival three years ago the band are 'delighted to be invited to perform at Celtic Connections again' and tickets are already selling fast.

For more information visit the Celtic Connections website.

KILMARTIN

Mesolithic to medieval

AN EVENING talk at Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, will give guests an unusual glance at the re-



The band and supporting performers at the fabulous 2013 'Ascension' concert.

sults of some recent archaeological excavations in Argyll.

Held on Thursday February 9 from 7pm, the talk by Dr Clare Ellis will include intriguing information about the Mesolithic site of Carsaig, medieval Lismore, a previously unknown prehistoric site on Iona and many more.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Mental health training course

A FREE course is being offered across Argyll to help give people a better understanding of mental health.

The course will be offered in Lochgilphead on Monday February 6, from 9.30am-noon

in Lorn Room, Argyll and Bute Hospital.

During the course you will develop an understanding of mental health issues, learn how to recognise and react when people show signs of mental distress or illness, and what to do if you are worried about someone.

The course will also teach those attending what the effects of mental health are on children whose parents suffer from mental health problems, and the impact that stigma and discrimination have on those who suffer from mental health problems.

For more information about the course content, email Audrey Forrest: audrey@acumenetwork.org. The

course will also be offered in Dunoon on Thursday January 26; Helensburgh on Tuesday January 31 and in Oban on Monday February 13.

To book a place contact Fiona Barrie by calling 01436 655076 or emailing fiona.barrie1@nhs.net.

LOCHGAIR

Falling tree removed

A FALLING tree suspended over the A83 just north of Lochgair, at the Glashan bends, has been removed.

Temporary traffic lights were put in place before and during the removal of the tree.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'Our teams reported a partially fallen tree on the A83 near Lochgair on Monday afternoon (January 16).

'Forestry Commission Scotland attended to the tree on Tuesday afternoon and the area has since been made safe and the temporary traffic management removed.'

And then, O what a glorious sight, Warm-reekin, rich!

WITH Burns Night being marked across the globe, we would love to know how you are celebrating here in Argyll.

If you are tucking into your haggis, neeps and tatties or having a dance, take a photo and share it with us. Or you might want to give our special Burns supper recipe on page 34 a go and show us the tasty results.

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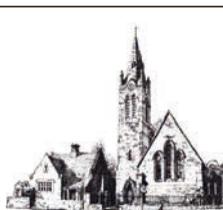
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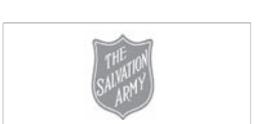
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



BUCHANAN

Craig and Victoria are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Ivy Kathleen, on January 11, 2017, at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. A granddaughter for Joe and Maureen, Hertford Heath, and Ian and Brenda, Ochiltree, Carradale.



MCPHERSON - ARMOUR

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MARRIAGES

MAGUIRE CRAWFORD - On December 28, 2016, at Dunblane, Malcolm to Lynn. A lovely day.

DEATHS

CRAWFORD - Elisabeth Adam Crawford (Ardrihaig), aged 80, at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 16, 2017, much loved sister of Robert, sister-in-law of Barbara, aunt of Magnus, cousin of Anne and Rona and friend of many. Body donated for medical research. Special thanks to the staff of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, for care and attention during the last weeks of her life.

DUNCAN - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 13, 2017, John McKay Duncan (Iain), in his 80th year, 83 Roothing, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Marjorie Duncan and a much loved father of the late John. Service will be held in St Kieran's Episcopal Church, on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

KEITH - On January 15, 2017, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Alexander (Alex) Keith, in

his 91st year, beloved husband of the late Agnes Crawford, much loved mother of Helen, Senga, Jim and Alison, a dearly loved father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa. Funeral service at Cumlodden Church Furnace, on Monday, January 23, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Macmillan Palliative Care Unit at Mid Argyll Hospital.

MACLEAN - Alice "Bunty" Tate, beloved wife of the late Captain Ian MacFarlane Lamont MacLean, formerly of Lochgair and Ross-on-Wye, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at Hereford County Hospital. The funeral will take place at The Forest of Dean Crematorium, on Wednesday, January 25 at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the RNLI, may be sent to: C/o William Bevan Funeral Directors, 16 Old Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye HR9 5JG. Telephone number 01989 562092.

WILSON - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, surrounded by his family, on January 15, 2017, Alexander Frew Pollock Wilson (Alex), in his 70th year, Woodlea, Ardmacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Marlyn, much loved dad of Gail and Alan, adored grandad of Sophia and Grace and a loving brother and uncle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAHAM - The family of the late Margaret Graham would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind support at this time. Special thanks to all who were involved in Margaret's care over the years, enabling Malcolm to continue to care for Margaret at home, which was her dearest wish. The staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital were wonderful with Margaret when she had to be admitted in her final days. A special thank you to Reverend Robert Macleod and his congregation for the warmth of their

support and for the heartfelt service. Much thanks to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for the professional services provided, to The Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering, to Iain Campbell for his superb piping and to all who attended at the church and graveside. The retiring collection for Marie Curie raised £840.

GREENLEES - Elizabeth, Bobby and family would like to thank most sincerely all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their expressions of sympathy and support shown after the sad loss of Betty. Thanks to Rev Philip Wallace for his comforting service, to David Gardner for the lovely music and to the Argyll Hotel for the catering. Sincere thanks to all the staff at Kintyre Nursing Home for the excellent care shown to their mum over the last few months. Special thanks to Kenneth, Rhys and David Blair for their professional service, and to Kenneth for fulfilling their Mum's last wish. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who paid their respects at the church and graveside, and who kindly donated to Alzheimer Scotland, for which a large amount was collected.

JOHNSTONE - Agnes and her daughters would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of Archie. Special thanks to my son-in-law, Richard, and a special thank you to Ian and John for being there. Also to the paramedics, helicopter crew, Dr Lazarus and the staff at the Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks to Rev Crossan for the lovely service, to everyone who attended the church and graveside, to Argyll Bakeries for the purvey and to Stronvaar Bowling Club for the hospitality. The retiring collection raised £1,507.78 for the British Heart Foundation, Kintyre Locality.

KERR - Peter, Kenneth, Helen and families would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls and cards received

following the very sad loss of Douglas. Special thanks to the nursing staff of Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and also to Campbeltown Hospital. Our thanks also to Rev Wallace for a comforting service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for caring funeral arrangements and to everyone who attended church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Alzheimer Scotland raised £508.

MACBRAYNE - Colin, Flora, Jane, Robert and Marie would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following the passing of their son and brother, Colin. Special thanks to Campbeltown and Oban healthcare staff for the care they gave Colin. Thanks also to Rev Crossan for his comforting service, to T A Blair, Funeral Directors and to staff at the Ardshiel Hotel. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £630 for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MCCALLUM - Matty, Agnes, Jim, Marie and families would like to thank everyone for all the telephone calls, visits, cards, flowers and baking received after their sad loss of James. Sincere thanks to Dr Lazarus and all nursing staff who took such good care of James. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their excellent professional services, to Matthew Ramsay for his comforting service, which was much appreciated, also to Katrina for the music and to the Argyll Hotel for the lovely purvey. Finally, thank you to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for the Highland Parish Church raised £979.95.

MCKINLAY - With grateful acceptance of the loss of their mum, Elizabeth Agnes Barbour, Elspeth and Moira, along with their families, would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the support and kindness shown to them at this poignant time.

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IN MEMORIAM

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our dear daddy, Alexander MacKinlay, who passed away on January 25, 2016. How I wish that I could say, I'll go and see my Dad today, To sit and talk with him a while, To hear his voice and see his smile. Loved and remembered always. We love you to the moon and back. - Love, your girls, Caitlyn and Chloe, and your boy, Greg.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander MacKinlay who died, January 25, 2016. We thought of you today, But that is nothing new, We thought of you yesterday, And will tomorrow too, And will think of you in silence, And make no outward show, For what it meant to lose you, Only those who love you know, Remembering you is easy, We do it every day, It's the heartache of losing you, That will never go away. - Mum, Jock, Peter and Aly.

MACKINLAY - One year on. Your presence I miss, Our memories I treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. - Your beloved partner, Lisa.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander MacKinlay who died, January 25, 2016. It doesn't need a special day, To bring you to our mind, For days without a thought of you, Are very hard to find. - Heather, Iain and the boys.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our nephew Alec (Elder), died January 25, 2016. Gone but not forgotten. - Uncle Angus and Auntie Margaret.

MCLELLAN - Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000. Mum, it's seventeen years since you were taken away, But you're loved and remembered every day.

- Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

MCMILLAN - In memory of our dad, John (Jackie), died January 22, 2016. The memories you gave us are with us every day. - Thomas, Mary, Jackalene and families.

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Burns and a' that

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A DAY I have previously associated more with a friend's birthday than with the work of Robbie Burns is fast approaching.

It is a day I have celebrated, not because of his work but because I love haggis.

While at university

in Hastings, I forced friends to celebrate with me, just so I could laugh as they fearfully faced feasting on a foreign creature, that I, in their minds, had single-handedly hunted on the hills during a recent trip home.

But when they asked

what was the point of it all, the only answer I could give was: 'Well, y'know ... it's Burns and a' that.'

So why is it that Robert Burns is a name we are brought up with – a name that is so familiar, recognised and celebrated, yet seems to mean so little to younger generations these days?

I may be able to sing you *Auld Lang Syne* from memory or recognise the odd line of his poetry – without knowing it was his – but what could I tell you about the man himself?

It would appear the majority of my Burns knowledge has been gifted to me through folk music – some of my favourite renditions being sung by Eddi Reader and The Corries – but I doubt very much I would have remembered they were Rabbie's words before writing this.

While researching Burns for this week's *Advertiser*, I was surprised to see how current he still is.

His poetry discusses social and political issues still relevant today, making me question why we seem to have come so far but not far enough over hundreds of years.

Take for instance *A Man's A Man For A' That*. The entire poem, verse to verse, discusses that wealth, appearances and social class are not how a person's character should be judged and determined. Yet, still, these



Rachel reads up on Burns.06_a03burns01

are things people put above honesty, integrity and loyalty today.

Two lines in particular from this famous piece have got me thinking – possibly in too literal a sense but still a point I imagine Burns would have gladly rattled people with:

The coward slave – we pass him by

We dare be poor for a' that!

Say hello

How often do you pass by someone and think nothing of them? A beggar, someone who maybe just needs a hand or a little company? How often do you pass them by without a second thought? Maybe we all should be doing more, maybe just stopping to even say hello.

Now, I am not a man-hating, bra-burning feminist – or, please, by any means, pick some other stereotypes – but I do believe in equality and was amazed to see Burns' support the feminist movement through the verses of *The Rights of Women*.

In a time when few men took women's place in society seriously, it was surprising to read lines of support, raising the issues of equality and respect for women.

Burns did not shy a way from discussing the treatment of women:

There was, indeed, in far less polish'd days, A time, when rough rude man had naughty ways, Would swagger,

swear, get drunk, kick up a riot,

Nay even thus invade a lady's quiet.

But this is not something of the past. We only have to switch on the TV or go online to see yet more sexist views and to hear of the inequality between genders. It is a worldwide issue to this day.

From what I can tell, Burns was a man of life experience and had a talent for putting himself into another's shoes. And if that is all we take from his words – a sense of understanding of others – I think, that would be good enough for Burns.

And if all I have done is made you have a think about society today, that is good enough for me.

The life of Robert Burns

ROBERT Burns was born on January 25, 1759, in Alloway, Ayrshire. At his home in Dumfries, he died just 37 years later, leaving behind him a legacy of poetry and songs that have been appreciated ever since.

His parents, William Burnes[s] and Agnes Broun, were poor tenant farmers but despite their money struggles ensured that their seven children – of which Burns was the eldest – were given the oppor-



Robert Burns.

tunity to read and learn.

Aged 15, Burns wrote his first love poem but it was not until 1786, at the age of 27, he rose to fame, when his first collection of poetry – including *To a Louse*, *To a Mouse*

and *The Cotter's Saturday Night* – was published.

The father of 12 (recorded) children – nine with his wife Jean Armour – never forgot his roots and his writing often reflected this, dealing with issues affecting the poorer classes and highlighted the need for social equality.

Inspiration also came from his various relationships with the fairer sex, as well as from and his political views which can be seen in *A Man's A Man For A' That*.

Chieftain of the puddin' race gets a Portavadie makeover



HAGGIS, tatties and champit neeps are the traditional fare at a Burns Supper.

Plain, simple and delicious when done well.

But if you want to try something a little more ambitious for Burns Night this year, why not have a go at this delicious recipe, supplied courtesy of Liam Murphy, executive chef at Portavadie marina and spa on the shores of Loch Fyne.

Braised shin of beef, haggis ravioli, salt-baked swede and puree, mash potato bon bon, and Portavadie malt whisky jus.

Serves 10

Ingredients:

Braised beef shin

3k beef shin

Two carrots

Half stick celery

20g fresh rosemary

20g fresh thyme

One litre red wine

Half bulb of garlic

Two large onions

Haggis ravioli

500g haggis

Three free range eggs

300g double zero

pasta flour

Salt-baked swede

One large swede

Five egg whites

300g salt

500ml water

500g strong white

flour

Potato croquette

Seasoned mash

potato 500 grams

Flour/Egg/panko

bread crumbs

Curly kale

A couple of blanched kale leaves (plenty of salted boiling water to blanch)

Portavadie whisky sauce

300ml fresh veal jus

100 ml Portavadie

whisky

Beef shin

Cut the beef shin into large chunks 3-4 inches, colour with vegetables and herbs till golden brown in pre-heated

pan. De-glaze the pan with the red wine, pour the red wine over the beef and vegetables and top up with water till just covered. Cook at 130c for four hours in a pre-heated oven. When cooked, remove the beef from the liquid and remove any excess fat or sinew while flaking the meat. Reduce the liquor down to a sticky glaze mix before adding 200ml (reserve the remaining sauce for plating) through the beef and roll tight into three-inch-wide cylinders with cling film and set in the fridge. Cut into four-inch cylinders and shape then

reheat in a pre-heated oven 180c for 12 minutes.

Ravioli

Put the double zero flour and eggs into a food processor, blend to a paste then work with your hands till smooth. Rest for 30 minutes. Put the pasta dough through a pasta machine starting at the thickest setting to the thinnest, cut out into discs and fill with the haggis. Cook for five minutes in boiling water.

Salt-baked swede

Mix the flour, salt, egg whites and water till a dough forms. Roll

out thinly and cover the whole unpeeled swede, making sure there are no air bubbles. Cook at 180c for 1hr 20 minutes Allow to cool. Break open the pastry and peel the swede, cut into six lengthways and slice across to form thick triangles. Colour in a pan with butter.

Potato croquette

Season the mashed potato with butter and salt, roll into balls and chill. Run the potato balls first through the flour then the beaten eggs finally the bread crumbs. Deep fry at 180c for five minutes.

Portavadie whisky jus

In a hot pan put the whisky and flambé till any alcohol is cooked off, add the veal jus glaze over the reheated beef shin. Garnish with curly kale.

Serve and enjoy – after the Selkirk Grace, of course.



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Not such a silent night at Tarbert Christmas dinner



Jack Campbell and Pat Davidson toast the evening ahead. 06_a03tarbxmas05



Val and Douglas Robertson relax ahead of the meal. 06_a03tarbxmas04

THEY dressed in their glad rags for the annual Tarbert Senior Citizens annual Christmas dinner.

Volunteers made out-of-season festive preparations at Tarbert Village Hall, setting it up for 80 people last Friday evening. The dinner, run for the past 40 years, is aimed at people over the age of 60 who live within a five-mile radius of Tarbert.

Secretary Brenda Galbraith said: 'We are very fortunate as Tarbert has a great community spirit. We receive a lot of donations from local shops, pubs and hotels and from some of our guests on the night to show their appreciation. Even the taxi service is provided free of charge.'



All smiles - Ann and Alex Horn. 06_a03tarbxmas06



John and Elma Macdonald enjoy the evening. 06_a03tarbxmas07



A proud Kenny, clutching his trophy for Tarbert Citizen of the Year, with his wife Liz.

KENNY MacNab has been named Tarbert Citizen of the Year.

The announcement was made at the senior citizens Christmas dinner after weeks of voting around the village.

Kenny was awarded an MBE last year for services to the Scottish fishing industry.

Among his various charity exploits have been a trek across the Great Wall of China a couple of years ago and last year's Himalayan trek - both in aid of the Fishermen's Mission. He also jumped out of an plane and learned to tap dance before putting on a show in the village hall in aid of research into Parkinson's disease and Myasthenia.

Recently he also helped Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust by using his fishing boat to take sandbags round to the White Shore to repair pathways.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3800

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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

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

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

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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**Athletics
opportunity for
budding Bolts
and fledgling
Farahs**

YOUNG athletes are invited to take part in Mid Argyll Athletic Club's indoor competition this weekend.

Held in the games hall and gymnasium at Lochgilphead Joint Campus this Sunday, January 22, the competition starts at noon, with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

There will be various running, jumping and throwing events for six age groups starting at under-seven up to under-17 with age qualification as on September 1 last year.

Medals will be awarded to all competitors, with trophies for individual winners in each age category. Successful athletes will qualify to compete in the Argyll final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 19.

There is an extra incentive for under-12 boys and girls as after Sunday's competition teams will be selected to take part in the under-12 Superteams event at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Sunday February 5.

This Sunday's competition is an ideal opportunity for young boys and girls to come along and try athletics for the first time in a dry and warm environment.

Mid Argyll man shortlisted for a top yachting award

A MID Argyll man has been shortlisted for a prestigious yachting award.

Alasdair Young, aged 28, is in the running for the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland coach of the year award. Connected with Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club, Alasdair said that finding out he had been nominated and shortlisted was 'exciting and a huge compliment'.

He continued: 'I have been working as a coach for nearly 12 years at various levels and to even be associated with some of

the past winners of the award is amazing.

'I like being a coach because I get to interact with others who are similarly minded and get to help young sailors progressing on their sailing career.

'I particularly enjoy helping grow their confidence in their own ability and then have them realise they are good sailors.

'I currently coach academies and occasionally with clubs, as my new career restricts my ability to have a regular commitment, but I hope that once I have settled into my

job I can join a club and contribute there as well as continue with academies and potentially class associations.'

The fourth RYA Scotland annual awards dinner will be held on Saturday January 28 at Glasgow Science Centre.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Helensburgh's sailing hero Luke Patience. Luke has had an inspirational journey within the 470 class and the audience will hear what makes him so passionate about the sport.



Alasdair in his element coaching young sailors.

McPhie to the four in Star victory

FOR THE first time in several years, Red Star welcomed Carlton to Lochgilphead last Saturday and got themselves back on track after the previous weekend's disappointment at Broomhill.

With a big squad to choose from, manager Moore altered the system to a 3-5-2 formation, with John Kennedy returning to the side to partner fellow defenders Ali Provan and Kyle Selfridge.

It was no surprise when the home side took the lead after 10 minutes.

Youngster Ciaran McPhie picked the ball up on the left flank before cutting inside past two Carlton defenders to place the ball into the bottom corner.

The hosts continued to press as the first half progressed, playing nice football, but once again were guilty

Lochgilphead Red Star	4
Carlton YM	2
SAFL Premier Division 2A	

of passing up excellent chances.

Star could have been made to rue their missed chances before the break as Carlton went close on a couple of rare attacks.

The hosts started the second half as they had the first and added to their tally early on. It came from a nice passing move which started at the back and made its way through the midfield to Kieran Moore, who played a through pass into Ciaran McPhie who slotted the ball past the Carlton keeper to double his and Star's tally at 2-0.

It was another through pass which sent Rab Docherty clear into the box after

an hour, but his surging run was brought to a halt by the despairing lunge of the keeper resulting in a penalty kick and a yellow card for the goalkeeper.

Unfortunately this also ended Docherty's afternoon as the Star top scorer was forced off with a dislocated shoulder.

In Docherty's absence it was young McPhie who stepped up and despite the keeper getting a foot to the ball, he was unable to keep the kick out and Star went 3-0 up as McPhie secured his hat trick.

To their credit Carlton, who had won their previous two league games, didn't give up and capitalised on a

rare mistake from the Star defence to make the score 3-1. The glimmer was soon extinguished, though, as Star once again established a three-goal lead straight from kick-off when McPhie netted his fourth goal of the game.

The hosts were perhaps guilty of stepping off the gas towards the end of the match and were punished as Carlton scored from a free kick late on to make the final score 4-2.

Tomorrow, Saturday, Red Star take on Cambria at home in the fifth round of the West of Scotland Cup in what will be another tough cup tie.

A place in the last 16 beckons for the winners.

The match kicks off at 1.30pm and will either be played at the Ropework or the Joint Campus 3G.

Sports club lottery draws

NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 6, 10 and 15. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £800.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw produced a winner, A Smyth, who won the £400 jackpot. The winning numbers were 1, 9 and 17 and next week's prize will be £100.

In the Tarbert Football Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 4 and 13. The £100 jackpot was won by Allan Blair and next week's jackpot will be £100.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils 0, Oban Saints 4; Premier 2A – Lochgilphead Red Star 4, Carlton YM 2; Premier 2B – Tarbert v FC Argyll, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, fifth round – Lochgilphead Red Star v Cambria; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Port Glasgow OBU v Oban Saints; Premier Division 2B – Claremont v Tarbert.

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