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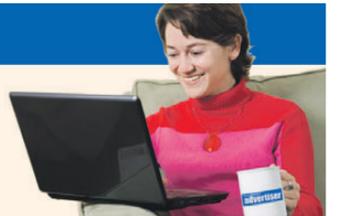
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Tarbert driver admits causing teenager's death

Car raced along winding country road at 110mph

A TARBERT driver who raced along a winding country road at 110mph killed a Lochgilphead teenage girl in a horror crash, a court was told last Friday.

James Neill, 35, of 45 Eastfield, admitted causing the death of his passenger Natasha Clark, 17, by driving dangerously and at excessive speed on August 20, 2012 on the A83 near to Erines Cottage, Erines, Tarbert.

'Stop pushing it'

Neill was repeatedly told to slow down and 'stop pushing it' by his passengers who noted that the speedometer was showing 110mph.

Motorist Davie Russell, who had been driving in the opposite direction, told police it was the fastest he had

ever seen a car travelling on that road. The High Court in Paisley heard that Neill lost control of his Honda Civic R as he drove towards Tarbert.

The powerful car, which has a top speed of 141mph, smashed into a rock at the side of the road trapping Natasha and her friend Sandra Harvey who were in the back seat. Neill and his friend Sean McGregor, who were in the front, only had minor injuries.

Miss Clark, a shop assistant at the Co-op in Lochgilphead, was airlifted to Glasgow Royal Infirmary but died the following day from multiple injuries. Miss Harvey suffered a broken leg and a suspected spinal injury.

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Inveraray minister bids farewell to his congregation

Reverend Louis Bezudenhout and his wife, Elsie, said farewell to the congregation at Inveraray Parish Church at a special service on Sunday. The service was followed by the re-dedication of the church following the completion of the six-month external refurbishment. For the full story turn to page 2. 06_a04inv02

Firefighters help out at car crash

FIREFIGHTERS rushed to help a motorist who became trapped after a crash on the Lochgilphead to Oban road last Friday.

The woman had to be cut free from her car which left the road four miles north of Kilmartin on the A816 at 8.15am.

The roof of the car was removed before the woman was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital, where her injuries were described as not life threatening.

The road was closed for two hours.

3G pitch fight gets a boost

THE FIGHT for a 3G all-weather football pitch in Lochgilphead received a boost this week as Argyll and Bute Council confirmed the town's 2G pitch may need to be replaced. The local authority has said a review of the pitch would be complete by the end of the month. See page 2 for the full story.

Soft play area and cafe

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Centre Association has ambitions to create a soft play area and community cafe in the Manse Brae building. See page 3.

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Advocate depute Tim Niven-Smith, prosecuting, said the two young women were flung about on the back seat as the accused sped along the road at excessive speeds.

'Miss Harvey looked at the speedometer and saw it was reading a speed of 110mph,' said Mr Niven-Smith. 'She saw that Natasha Clark looked frightened. She held Natasha's hand and closed her eyes.'

Neill lost control of the car as it entered a bend and it spun over to the side of the road and hit a huge boulder.

Mr Niven-Smith add-

ed: 'The speed was reduced by braking and the spinning motion of the car, but the car's speed at impact is estimated at being in excess of 70mph.'

Other cars stopped at the scene and one of the drivers called the emergency services and then helped a medical student to assist Natasha until paramedics arrived.

Judge Lord Stewart deferred sentence on Neill until next month for background reports and remanded him in custody.

Solicitor advocate Simon Whyte, representing Neill, will give his plea in mitigation then.

Review could lead to 2G pitch being replaced

THE FIGHT for a 3G all-weather football pitch in Lochgilphead received a boost this week as Argyll and Bute Council confirmed the town's 2G pitch may need to be replaced.

Peter Laing, a Mid Argyll football referee, submitted a petition urging the council to upgrade the Lochgilphead Joint Campus pitch to 3G surface earlier this year; it had more than 1,400 signatures.

Unlikely

But the local authority said it was unlikely the existing 2G pitch would be upgraded when it was still fit for purpose, estimating it would not need to be replaced for about two years.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council however told the Advertiser on Monday that ABC

Schools, the agency responsible for maintaining pitches at the joint campus, was conducting a review of the facility.

He said: 'On the basis that the surface may now need to be replaced, the matter of the specification of the pitch surface is now being considered by the council and particularly by the community and culture service, which has a direct interest in leisure and sport...together with the school in regard to the suitability of any proposed surface to enable continued delivery of the curriculum.'

The spokesman said the outcome of the review was expected before the end of the month when it, along with the petition, would be 'assessed' by council officials.

The news comes as a Freedom of Information request reveals that the 2G pitch has only been used on a handful of occasions in the last six months.

400 hours

Statistics show that between July 1, 2013 and January 15, 2014 the pitch has been used for 38.5 hours when its availability was around 400 hours. Of that, 30 hours was for football, four hours for hockey and 4.5 hours for shinty.

Mr Laing said the figures provided more support for the petition, adding: 'News of the review gives us reason to be optimistic but I think this will come down to what councillors think. I just hope they listen to the majority of people here [in Mid Argyll] and what they want.'

Human remains confirmed as those of missing student

THE HUMAN remains discovered in Arrochar earlier this month are those of missing student Yulia Solodyankina, Police Scotland has confirmed.

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

Yulia, 22, from Russia, was studying at Edinburgh University when she was reported missing on June 12 last year.

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

Aspokeswoman for Police Scotland said: 'Following further forensic examination and DNA testing, we can confirm the identity as that of Russian student, Yulia Solodyankina. There are no suspicious circumstances in connection with the death.'

Yulia's family has been informed.

Parish church re-dedicated



LITTLE Scott McLean donned his finest outfit for the re-dedication service of Inveraray Parish Church on Sunday afternoon.

The six-year-old joined the Duchess of Argyll, Argyll councillors and members of the congregation for the service, which comes after work to make the building wind and water tight was completed in December.

The service was an opportunity for people to say their final farewells to Reverend Louis Bezuidenhout and his wife, Elsie, who are leaving the Royal Burgh after five years.

The couple have moved to Moray, where Rev Bezuidenhout will serve the four small villages of Alvas and Burghead linked with Findhorn and Kinloss. 06_a04inv03

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Soft play area part of improvement plan

A SOFT play area is part of a £107,000 plan to improve Lochgilphead Community Centre as managers try to increase the number of people using the facility.

Lochgilphead Community Centre Association (LCCA), which is responsible for the management of the building, has unveiled a five-year plan to transform the centre into a modern day facility.

The plan includes turning one room into a soft play area and refurbishing the kitchen before leasing it to a third party as a cafe. The main hall would have a drop in IT

suite with four computers, a new seating area and vending machines.

The planned transformation comes after LCCA carried out a public survey to see how people would like to use the centre, which is owned by Argyll and Bute Council.

Jim Morrison, chairman of LCCA, said: 'People have been very positive about the plans. We want to provide a high quality service for the local community and maximise the use of the centre.'

'To move forward we really need more people on the committee.

We would like people to step forward to help, even if it is to form a sub group.'

To fund the project LCCA plans to apply for grants from various sources, which include the National Lottery, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Social Investment Scotland.

Jim added: 'The investment will allow the

centre to be profitable and any revenue would be reinvested into the centre giving more community benefits.'

Sandra Gascoigne, from Lochgilphead Community Council, said: 'I think the plans sound wonderful. Anything that makes sure people are using the community is marvellous.'

A83 Facebook page set up

A FACEBOOK page that aims to alert drivers to problems on the A83 has been set up.

People can join the A83 group and share information such as road faults, when they were reported, traffic information and road conditions or delays.

The group wants to become an essential source of information for people travelling the route.

Jacket stolen

A TWEED jacket was stolen from a white Ford C-Max car parked near to the Spar Shop in Inveraray. The coat was taken between 2pm and 2.30pm last Thursday, January 16. Anyone with information should contact police on 101.

Pianist Lorna Young, centre, violinist Niamh MacKaveney and trombone player Mathew Tanner were the young musicians who competed in the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll music competition on Tuesday. The contest was getting underway as the Advertiser went to press. For the results of the competition see next week's edition. 06_a04rot02

Cervical cancer screening week

NHS Highland is this week urging women to take part in cervical screening as Cervical Cancer Prevention week gets underway.

The health authority has also urged young women to get the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as HPV causes cervical cancer.

Monday marked the start of a week-long campaign raising awareness of measures which can be taken to help beat cervical cancer.

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Tarbert sex assaults man to do unpaid work

A TARBERT man convicted of seven charges of sexually assaulting two girls, aged 15 and 16, has been ordered to carry out 250 hours' unpaid work and put on the sex offenders' register for two years.

HGV lorry driver Alexander Martin, 59, of 33 Eastfield, had been found guilty after trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last month of committing the offences between April 2010 and August 2013.

Concern

Sentencing him last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told him: 'I have some concern that you continue to deny involvement in these offences.'

The charges included touching one girl's breasts and making sexual comments to her and touching both girls on the thighs and bottoms.

During the trial, the court heard how Martin used to 'pretend tickle' one of the girls at an address in Tarbert.

Giving evidence, the girl said that one occasion, when they had been rolling on the floor, he had been groping her breasts and legs when the girl's mother interrupted them. Martin jumped up and moved away and her mother noticed he had been aroused.

The girl, now 18, said Martin gave her several driving lessons before she turned 17 on private and unclassified roads. While teaching her, the girl explained he would 'massage the bottom of my leg because he said I felt tense and after a while he kept getting closer and closer to my upper thigh'.

The other girl, now 16, said the lorry driv-

er gave her driving lessons in his truck and car when she was 15. When he was in the driver's seat, he told her to sit between his legs to do the steering.

She said Martin then rubbed his hand between her inner thighs on at least two occasions.

Lying

Martin's defence agent, Lewis Kennedy QC, claimed at the trial that the girls were colluding and lying.

However, Sheriff Anderson QC said she found them credible and reliable and had been impressed by the way they gave evidence.

Last week Mr Kennedy QC, confirmed that his client was considering appealing the guilty verdict.

As part of his sentencing, Martin was also put on a supervision order for two years.



A minor landslip in the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful reduced the road to a single lane for nearly 24 hours.

Landslip reduces A83 to single lane

A MINOR landslip on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful resulted in the road being reduced to one lane for almost 24 hours.

Temporary traffic lights were put in place following the landslip last Wednesday and the road was reduced to one lane whilst BEAR Scot-

land removed the debris. The road was fully reopened by 4pm Thursday.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said that he has raised the latest landslip with the Scottish Government.

He said: 'With the amount of rain we have experienced lately, landslips are sadly to be expected, especially in this section of the road which is so renowned for them.'

'Any landslip is a cause for concern and while I am pleased the road was not closed to traffic, it is vital the road is repaired as soon as possible in order to keep this key trunk road fully open for business.'

He added: 'I will be asking the Transport Minister Keith Brown for his response to this closure and for an update on plans to prevent future closures or mitigate their impact.'

GRADUATION



Dr. David A. Ellis graduated from the University of Glasgow with a Ph.D in experimental psychology. Following a Research Fellowship at Lancaster University, David has recently accepted a Lectureship at the University of Lincoln. He is the son of Charlie and Sandra Ellis, Union Street, Lochgilphead and grandson of the late Alexies Mitchell and the late Ozzie and Jean Ellis, Ayrshire.

MAC Pool and Active Schools organise an Easter Camp

MAC Pool has joined forces with Argyll and Bute Active Schools to ensure youngsters stay entertained throughout the Easter break.

The two organisations created an Easter Camp, which is jam-packed with activities for children between the ages of 5 and 12.

Youngsters will spend the morning at Mid Argyll Sports Centre where they will take part in a host of sports such as football, tennis and athletics. In the afternoon the over eights will go to MAC Pool for Water Walkerz and Aquarun, while the under eights take part in activities such as arts and crafts.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools coordinator for Mid Argyll, said: 'The feedback we received from parents about the summer camp was really positive and we have used that feedback to make the camp even better this year.'

'We understand that the school holidays can be a difficult time for parents so we're offering a camp where children can learn and be active in a safe environment.'

Places at the Easter Camp are available on a half day, full day and week-long basis.

Anyone interested in registering their children for the camp can contact MAC Pool on 01546606676, hello@macpool.org.uk.

Threatening man is admonished

A TARBERT man who had a knife and behaved in abusing and threatening manner has been admonished.

Sentence had been deferred on Brian Anderson, 44, of 13 Oakfield, for a year after he admitted committing the offences in Oakfield on November 9, 2012.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Anderson had been of good behaviour since then, and he was admonished by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

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David up for top firefighting award

'I will be wearing the tartan down in London and flying the flag for the nation'

AN ARGYLL fireman has been included in a shortlist of five to find the UK's Fire Fighter of the Year.

David Millward, from Kilmelford, is the only Scot in the final of the prestigious Spirit of Fire Awards, organised by The Fire Fighters Charity.

The award recognises individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty - exceeding the expectations of their role.

The 58 year old said: 'I am really pleased to have been nominated for the award and shortlisted.'

'I was nominated by one of my colleagues at Kilmelford Fire Station.'

David has been crew commander at the station for 13 years, where he is in charge of 10 fire fighters and he has worked closely with The Fire Fighters Charity throughout his 23 years in the service.

Manual

He said: 'I was nominated for the award because I wrote the station management's manual for volunteer stations, which has had copies put around stations in the west area.'

'I also go out to see people who have applied for assistance with The Fire Fighters Charity, which helps retired fire fighters, families, support staff and widows.'

David is a com-



David Millward, crew commander at Kilmelford Fire Station, has been nominated for Fire Fighter of the Year at a prestigious awards ceremony. 06_a04david02

munity safety advocate, attending lunch clubs and community events throughout Argyll to raise awareness about fire hazards in the home.

The job, he said, is one that gives him a

huge amount of satisfaction and is one he always wanted to do.

'I had always fancied being a fire fighter,' he said. 'It seems so long ago since I began my career. It is great to do something for the com-

munity and it really is a great job and very satisfying. We are always looking to recruit volunteers for the service.'

David will find out if he is named Fire Fighter of the Year at the

ceremony at Westminster Park Plaza, London on May 16.

'I am really looking forward to it,' he said. 'I will be wearing the tartan down in London and flying the flag for the nation.'

Inveraray groups can apply for wind farm cash

COMMUNITY groups in Inveraray will be able to apply to the Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trust fund from February 3.

Applications are open to any groups within the royal burgh and applications must be submitted by March 10.

The money is generated from the nine turbine Clachan Flats Wind Farm, which has been in operation since 2009.

Members of Inveraray Community Council will discuss applications at their April meeting with the intention of releasing funds within a week of the meeting.

People who would like to find out more or register for a form can send a request to inveraray@btinternet.com

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NHS Highland offers new dietitians service

PEOPLE can now book an appointment with a dietitian as opposed to being referred to the service by their GP or nurse.

The self-referral system, launching on Monday, will allow people to go directly to dietitians, who can assess, diagnose and treat dietary and nutritional problems. Staff in the NHS Highland Dietetics Department will provide advice and support

on a wide range of conditions linked to diet including heart disease, diabetes, weight management, irritable bowel syndrome, Crohn's disease and food allergy and intolerance.

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Young Scot nominations

ARGYLL'S most inspirational young people are being sought for this year's Young Scot Awards.

Young stars

Young Scot, the national youth information and citizenship agency for Scotland, is searching for young stars who have made a big impact on their local communi-

ty. The awards are open to young people aged between 11 and 26 years, who have made a positive difference on the lives of others.

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3G pitch optimism

PLANS to upgrade Lochgilphead's all-weather pitch sound optimistic as Argyll and Bute Council confirms that the surface may well need to be replaced.

By the end of the month people will know if the surface does in fact need to be upgraded. The council didn't confirm that it was down to the 1,400 signatures which were submitted in a recent petition to upgrade the facility, but hopefully it will have some weight when councillors decided what steps to take next.

If ABC Schools, which is responsible for the pitch, confirms it needs to be replaced it will be time for people to sit down and really discuss the next course of action.

The statistics show that outwith school hours it has hardly been used. Why?

Is this because of the surface? Or are other factors involved?

It is time for the various clubs in the area to really sit down and decide what is best.

Replacing the pitch is going to cost a lot of money; let's make sure that people are going to use it.

But, of course the final decision is down to the council.

And, the major obstacle will no doubt be funding. A surface will cost around £150,000, while a complete overhaul to include flood lighting will be around the £600,000 mark.

Various funding options will have to be looked at, whether it is through SportsScotland or the pitch's users chipping in and/or the council offering up a slice of the cash. But, will the council have cash to spare in these tough times?

Almost half the Lochgilphead community signed the petition - it is time for the council to listen.

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Pricing of all-weather pitch in Argyll and Bute

Sir,
I am writing in regards to the Oban Community Pitch at Oban High School and the council's unrealistic pricing of it.

Firstly, I would like to say that the pitch is an excellent facility for Oban as many people, young and old, use it at nights and weekends for a variety of sports.

However, I have been bemused and disappointed by the running and cost of this facility compared to like-for-like facilities in Helensburgh and Campbeltown - the main concern is the rip-off, raw-deal prices we pay in Oban.

For a match in Oban we pay up to £120 for two hours, which is very expensive compared to Campbeltown and Helensburgh.

How can the council justify ripping off the people of Oban, particularly as the prices go under review each year and they agree that Oban people should pay more!

It's ridiculous and I bet there will be a few shocked and angry punters reading this.

We want answers and we want refunded for overpaying for a like-for-like facility that other areas of Argyll get at a discounted price.

Calum Fox,
Manager
Oban Athletic FC

Fish trap on Loch Gilp?

Sir,
Can anyone tell me anything

about a fish trap that was on Loch Gilp?

It can easily be seen by stopping, when the tide is low, at the Scottish Water lay-by, near Ardrishaig, and looking back on the Corran.

A clear line of seaweed can be seen stretching for some 500-plus yards. This is mostly caused by the weed growing on the top of the eroded posts, which are about 15 inches apart. These posts would originally be about 15 feet high and interwoven with brushwood to form the trap.

The only historical reference to it that I know of is in Inveraray papers from 1701, when four people were granted permission to build a fish trap which stretched to the point of Ardrishaig.

But this does not sound like the fish trap that I am referring to. My theory is that it was built alongside the centre of Ardrishaig, before Ardrishaig village was formed, and as Ardrishaig grew it was forced to move. This is when I think it went to its current position.

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History of Tarbert War Memorial

Sir,
I am attempting to find a historical society or other group which may be researching Tarbert Loch Fyne War Memorial for the WWI centenary this year.

We are doing this in Strathblane and one of the names on our memorial is also on the

Tarbert memorial, so we are seeking information on him.

He is John Dillon, a private in the RAMC. He was born in Strathblane but enlisted in Tarbert and died on February 12, 1916. If anyone is researching this could you pass my email address to them?

Pat Davy,
Strathblane,
pmd2010@live.co.uk.

Sign up for the 'maRAFon'

Sir,
As we all struggle to maintain our new year's resolutions to get fit in 2014, I thought I'd share news of a fantastic event being organised for the RAF Benevolent Fund. The 'maRAFon' will see elderly, injured and disabled RAF veterans and their families, friends and supporters, including myself, running, walking or rolling their own distance, to be collected into a single grand total over the Easter weekend, April 18 to 21.

If, like me, you watch the London Marathon every year and think it looks amazing but aren't as fit as you'd like to be, the maRAFon is for you. You can do it wherever you like, however you like - in groups, or individually, on a treadmill, on the way to work, or in the park.

It's a great way for young and old, disabled and able-bodied, fit and unfit to come together and have fun while raising money to support those who give, or have given, service to this country.

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Inveraray drivers pass with flying colours



Kayla Spiers, 17, passed her driving in Inveraray, which topped a list of places where young people pass their test.

INVERARAY has topped the list of the 50 best places in Scotland for young people to pass their driving test.

New figures have revealed that, statistically, young people are more likely to pass in the Royal Burgh than anywhere else across the nation.

Eight-seven per cent of people aged 17 to

25 years, who sat their test in Inveraray, have passed.

Robert Christie, a driving instructor with Catz-i.com, who teaches young people from Cowal and West Loch Fyne said: 'I suppose Inveraray has less stop junctions and roundabouts compared with cities and large towns.'

The figures also show

that people are twice as likely to pass their test in a rural area than in a city.

Travel

Mr Christie added: 'We have had a girl from Glasgow travel to Inveraray to sit her driving test after she failed a number of times in the city - and she passed.'

Strachur's Kayla Spiers passed her driving

test in the Royal Burgh last year.

The 17-year-old said: 'I thought it was alright sitting my driving test there, but it was quite busy with tourists.'

'I passed first time and was still quite nervous.'

Lochgilthead finished in fifth place with Campbeltown and Fort William also making the top 50.

Failing to abide by parking regulations could lead to £30 fine

DRIVERS who fail to abide by the parking regulations in Lochgilthead face being hit with a £30 fine as the local police say they are monitoring parking in the town.

Lochgilthead Police Station has received complaints about drivers who have abused the parking restrictions in Colchester Square and from the Baptist Church to Lloyds Chemist on Argyll Street.

The maximum time is half an hour between 8am and 8pm Monday to Saturday.

The two parking bays in Colchester Square designated for Blue Badge holders have the same waiting restriction, but parking is allowed for a maximum of two hours.

The restrictions allow businesses in retail or office premises in the vicinity to operate and gives customers the opportunity to park at or nearby the outlet or office they want to visit.

Community constable Richard Barrie said he was monitoring the situation after he was made aware employees in nearby office buildings were parking for extended periods of time during office hours.

He said: 'If yellow lines are painted next to the kerb there will be some form of parking restriction. Argyll and Bute Council has erected poles with information plates regarding the parking restrictions.'

'I would urge the public to use Lorne Street Car Park if they are parking a vehicle while at work and allow local businesses to operate.'

He added: 'I hope providing this information will spare drivers the annoyance of returning to their vehicle to find a ticket on the windscreen when a little courtesy by that driver would have avoided the fine in the first place. It couldn't be put fairer than that.'

Dinner 'Scandinavian style' as fundraiser planned for Viking festival

AN NORDIC-themed dinner dance will be held in Tarbert in the coming weeks as preparations continue for the first ever Loch Fyne Viking Festival.

The dinner dance, which will raise funds for the Nordic extravaganza, will be held on February 8 and will see dinner served 'Scandinavian style' at the Anchor Hotel.

A large smorgasbord

(a buffet) will be laid out for guests and feature fresh, Tarbert-landed seafood, local produce and carved meats.

Traditional Scots music will follow as Oban's young band, Ceol An Aire, takes to the stage, while other musicians will perform Nordic folk music. Men will later flex their muscles with a Tug of War and a Viking quiz and auction will also be held on the

night. All money raised from the event will help fund the running of the festival in June, when Tarbert will welcome Vikings from Norway for a celebration on both land and sea.

A website - www.tarberttraditionalboatsfestival.org.uk - and a dedicated Facebook page have been set up to allow people to keep up to date with plans for the festival.

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Bar None hits all the right notes

A COMMUNITY choir that was formed less than a year ago is looking to build on its success by increasing its repertoire and membership.

Bar None Community Choir, which formed last May, hit all the right notes last year with four well received public performances under its belt.

Musical directors Fiona Simpson and Stephen Povey worked with the choir to create a truly professional sound and hope to increase the number of songs in the song book this year.

Liz Perkins, chairwoman of the choir commit-

tee, said: 'We are staggered at how well the choir has progressed, with performances at the MS Fun on the Green, Lanterns Parade, Christ Church Christmas Fair and the Mini Mamafest.'

It will not just be all hard work for members, as Liz explains: 'Bar None is not just about singing, it's about fun. So we are organising several exciting social events in this year.'

People who enjoy singing - and good fun - can go along to the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead on Monday evening. For more information people can contact Liz Per-



Beth Carruthers is a volunteer with Scottish Natural Heritage and was on hand to share her experience with potential volunteers. 06_a04volunteers01

Volunteers sign up at Kilmartin Museum

DOZENS of people interested in the heritage and landscape of Mid Argyll have offered to volunteer with Kilmartin Museum and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The organisations hosted a volunteering information session at the museum last week where they revealed what opportunities were on offer.

The museum was keen to sign people up for its walking tours

throughout Kilmartin Glen, which proved to be a huge hit with visitors and locals last year.

People were also being signed up for the education team, museum office to support the archaeology team.

SNH was also keen to get people signed up to help assist with survey on the area's national nature reserves, which would include surveying the number of

butterflies. Beth Carruthers, SNH volunteer, was on hand to dish out advice to those who came along.

The Lochgilphead High School pupil is gaining valuable work experience before she applies to university to study geography.

The 17-year-old said: 'It is a really great experience and really good fun.'

'I would advise people to come and help out.'

Band can't compete due to lack of numbers

A LACK of numbers has meant that Inveraray and District Juvenile Pipe Band will not be able to compete at this year.

The 'wee' band, which was formed in 2005, has seen numbers drop this year as players head off to university and become too old to compete.

The band has enjoyed success under the watchful eye of Pipe Major Stuart Liddell, finishing fourth in the World Pipe Band competition, but no longer meets the required minimum of 12 members.

But secretary Jim McMillan said it was not the end for the band.

'This is often what happens with wee bands with a lack of young players coming through and once they reach 18 they cannot play anymore. Some are given the opportunity to play with the Grade One band,' he said. 'When the numbers increase we will be able to compete again. At the moment Stuart is still teaching youngsters in the area, which is what it really is all about.'

Crafters hold workshops

ANYONE can learn the art of basket weaving and felting at two workshops run by crafters next weekend.

Jane Allan will host a one-day workshop on traditional craft and basket making at Achnamara on Saturday.

Felt specialist Jae Ferguson will help people create Seascape Brooches using the technique of felting. The class will be held at Kilmartin Museum and students will follow the basic woollen felt process to make their own unique piece of felt.

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Alex Crawford, left, and Colin Clark enjoyed the party. 06_a04party01



Isobel Brodick, left, and Morag Bruce were among the 80 guests at the party. 06_a04party02

Fun and fine dining at senior citizens' party

MORE THAN 80 members of Tarbert turned up to the village hall for an evening of fine dining and live entertainment at the annual Senior Citizens' Party.

The guests, who were all residents in the 60 plus age group, were joined by invited guests from the community including Tarbert Academy head teacher Neil McKnight and the Rev Robert MacLeod.

Rev MacLeod has returned to the village after many years following his

calling outwith the village. He was recently welcomed back and re-installed as minister of Tarbert's Free Church.

Free transport, which was donated, was available to take the older folk to and from the event, which included a Christmas dinner, raffle and presentation of the Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award.

Rock 'n' roll tribute singer, guitarist and saxophonist Jesse Garron took to the stage, which he made his own.

Colin Hunter



Millicent Reid, left and Hilary MacDonald. 06_a04party04

Maxwell String Quartet wow Mid Argyll audience

An evening to remember at the council chambers

MUSIC lovers were treated to a beautiful performance by the gifted Maxwell String Quartet at the Kilmory Council Chamber on Saturday evening.

Classical Music Magazine described them as 'one of the front-runners in young chamber music groups' and it certainly lived up to that reputation.

Lively account

The programme contained three masterpieces in this genre and opened with a lively account of Haydn's String Quartet in D op.20 no.4 and subtitled Rose of Venice.

It was obvious from the opening bars that this was a group of musicians totally committed to the music and was a joy to behold.

The second offering was the String Quartet

in major composed by Ravel in 1903.

This was a complete contrast to the previous work. It was written in four movements and once more the players brought out every nuance in the score.

They played, sometimes, at the extremities of their instruments, produced shimmering string effects and together with a huge range of dynamic contrasts, they had the large audience of almost a hundred completely captivated and spell bound.

The evening concluded with a dramatic and stunning performance of Schubert's String Quartet in D minor subtitled 'death and the Maiden,' since all of its movements are related to Schubert's song of that name.

The slow movement is

a set of variations on the song itself.

It was composed in 1824 four years before his death in 1828 and the music is very dark and deeply moving.

This large scale chamber music work demanded exceptional control and the players were completely absorbed in their performance.

The quartet was given tremendous and prolonged applause at the conclusion of the evening and reformed to play as an encore - a delightful and most unusual, quirky Polka by Shostakovich, which again drew sustained applause from everyone.

This was an amazing evening to remember with performances that were not only outstanding, but exceptional and a musical treat.

Sheila McCallum

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INVERARAY

Can you help out in an emergency?

PEOPLE with skills and equipment that could help support Royal Burgh residents in an emergency are being urged to contact Inveraray Community Council.

The community council is one of many in Mid Argyll that is creating a community resilience plan, which will include the details of people who may be able to support local authorities in the event of bad weather, road closures and power cuts.

Keen to hear from people with 4X4 vehicles, generators, chainsaws and other tools, the community council would also like to know the names of people with first aid training.

Inveraray residents with the relevant skills and equipment should email inveraray@btin-

Flagpole on the Front Green

A FLAGPOLE may be erected on Inveraray Front Green if a com-

munity council plan gets the go ahead.

Members of the council have expressed an interest in installing a flagpole near the war memorial, which could be used to mark important dates in the calendar.

A request to install the flagpole has been submitted to the owner of Inveraray Front Green, Argyll Estates.

STRACHUR

Annual Burns Supper

THE ANNUAL Burns Supper in Strachur gets underway this evening (Friday) in Strathlachlan Community Centre at 7.30pm.

The traditional supper will see a three-course meal including cock-a-leekie soup, haggis and trifle served to more than 60 guests. A celebration of Scotland's national bard, the event will see a host of Burns' songs and poems performed.

TARBERT

First work party of the year

THE FIRST Tarbert Castle work party of the

KILMICHAEL



Window fabricator decides to call it a day

A KILMICHAEL man, who has retired from MacLeod Construction Ltd after 10 years' service, has been presented with a cheque and achievement certificate.

James Scott, who worked as a window fabricator, was presented with the award from company director Kenny MacLeod.

Also at the presentation were

Calum Eadie and Charlene Glencross, who have recently started with the company as trainee window fabricators.

They are two of approximately 18 trainees and apprentice-

es currently employed by MacLeod Construction throughout Argyll, with others working in trades such as joinery, roof tiling, cement works, administration and management.

year will be held next Saturday, February 1.

Workers will gather at the castle from 10am onwards when, weather permitting, they will be planting willow.

People who have access to willow are being urged to bring along cuttings which are normal-

ly in their first or second year's growth and about pencil-sized in diameter. The willow will be cut to about 30 to 40cms in length and pushed 15cm into the ground.

A variety of willow, including types suitable for basket-making, will be planted on the day.

To date 200 Alder, Rowan and Birch trees have been planted and volunteers at the castle are welcoming donations of all kinds of tree and plant seeds to further improve the woodland garden.

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ARDRISHAIG



NURSES and care assistants at Ardfenaig Care Home swapped their uniforms for costumes last week as they performed their annual pantomime. This year staff, together with 2 resident Betty McLean, staged a great performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone.

CLACHAN

Tasty treats at members' night

TWELVE members of Clachan SWRI arrived with something to share at the 'members' night'. Zoe Weir started the evening off by showing stones she had painted, and then gave members stones, paints and brushes to have a go for themselves.

Pat Dean gave a recipe for empire cake, and Paddy Alderson for tomato and orange soup.

Joyce Andrews described making apple butterscotch roll and toffee apple pudding and Jane McCallum had recipes for lemon mince-meat tarts and macaroon shortbread and brought

them for members to sample with their tea.

Jenny Sinclair had made a delicious chocolate cake and gave the recipe. Pauline Simson made smoked fish starters which were also enjoyed.

Jane Griffiths gave a long list of household hints from the internet.

Barbara Bell got members to make an origami bookmark and Louise Stanesby an origami Easter egg holder.

Jill Francis showed how to weave a bowl using rushes, and Lori and Gaia Silvan demonstrated circus skills like plate spinning and juggling.



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New advice for pregnant beef cows

EXPERTS from Scotland's Rural College are encouraging suckled calf producers to enhance the rations fed to their pregnant beef cows in the two to three weeks before they are due to calve.

Gavin Hill, SAC Consulting's beef specialist, said he has increasingly been asked about cows taking too long to calve and not getting on with the job of pushing the calf out.

'In some cases prolonged calvings can result in more calf deaths. The simple change to feeding we are recommending should help to overcome the problem at very little cost,' he said.

'The goal is to ensure that cows can effectively mobilise calcium from their body to allow the birth process to proceed

as naturally as possible.' SAC Consulting now recommend that higher levels of magnesium are fed to cows two to three weeks pre calving – for example by supplementing with an extra 30g per day of a high magnesium mineral (15 percent magnesium) along with the normal mineral they use.

This extra magnesium will help mobilise the cows' own body reserves of calcium, improving muscle tone in the womb and preventing prolonged calvings and the detrimental impact that has on the calf.

To implement the advice from the Consultants at Scotland's Rural College, producers need to know the expected calving date of their cows and group them accordingly.

This will allow the ad-

ditional magnesium to be targeted more accurately to only those animals in late pregnancy (for example by introducing them at a later date for groups of later calving cows).

Strongly urges

Predicted calving dates can only be determined by pregnancy diagnosis (unless AI has been used) and SAC Consulting strongly urges producers who have not already had their herd pregnancy diagnosed to do so as quickly as possible.

Pregnancy results so far suggest that the very cold late spring of 2013 has resulted in similar high numbers of barren cows as in the previous year.

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Ardrishaig teenager receives cash boost from wind farm

AN ARDRISHAIG teenager who hopes to work in a research laboratory is one step closer to making her dream come true thanks to funding from Allt Dearg Educational Trust.

Kathryn Merrilees received £1,000 from the trust to help her through her first year at The University of Strathclyde, where she is studying pharmacology and biochemistry.

Money

The 18-year-old used the money to cover the cost of university text books, travel expense and accommodation costs.

Kathryn said the money, which is made through the trust's share in Allt Dearg Communi-

ty Wind Farm, has eased the financial worries that come with studying at university.

She said: 'It has been a massive help and has made me feel a lot more comfortable whilst I'm studying. If my laptop breaks I know I will be able to fix it. I know the money is there too if I fall behind with my rent.'

The trust was set up to provide financial support to young people in Mid Argyll in further or higher education who live away from home.

Priority is given to young people who attended primary schools within close proximity of the wind farm, such as Ardrishaig and Ach-ahoish.

Kathryn, who was a pupil at Ardrishaig Primary School, said she has now settled into university life.

Hospital research

'So far it has been going well and I have two exams coming up and I'm studying for ones in May,' she said. 'I hope to go on to do a post graduate degree and work in a hospital research laboratory or research laboratory.'

Kathryn, who was one of 17 students to receive a slice of £30,000 that was handed out, will graduate from the university in 2017.

The trust hopes to administer its next batch of funding in time for the start of the academic year in September.



Thelma Green, Lochgilphead, in her role as Magnus Barefoot, 1953.

Vikings invaded Lochgilphead

MORE THAN 60 years ago Girl Guides from across Argyll invaded Lochgilphead to enact the journey of the Vikings to the West Loch.

Lochgilphead's Thelma Green played the leading role of Magnus Barefoot, King of Norway, who frequently invaded the UK.

Enactment

Thelma said: 'The Girl Guides gathered with their shields and long boat

in Kilmory Castle in 1953 and carried it the length of the ballroom to carry out the enactment.'

Later this year Tarbert's Viking past will once again be in the spotlight at The Loch Fyne Viking Festival, a five day extravaganza on land and sea.

The grand finale will be the re-enactment of the 1093 Magnus Barefoot longship portage between Tarbert's west and east lochs.

Skills Development Scotland supports 150 apprentices in Argyll and Bute

MORE than 150 people in Argyll and Bute have been supported to become Modern Apprentices (MA) and to take the next step on the career ladder by Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

The apprentices, who started their apprenticeships between April 1 and September 30 last year, are among the first 25,000 apprentices SDS has committed to sup-

porting this year. MAs are on offer in more than 80 different occupations and later this year businesses and individuals across the country will be celebrating Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2014 from May 19 to 23.

Biggest yet

The fourth annual event, to celebrate Scotland's apprentices and their employers, aims to be SDS's biggest yet.

It will see more employers, training providers, colleges and sector skills councils engaging in activities and events throughout the week to raise awareness of the programme.

Businesses that would like more information about taking on a MA or would like more information on any of SDS's range of initiatives can call the employers' help line on 0800 783 6000.

Parents warned about dangerous hats

PARENTS of young children are being warned about the dangers of cartoon character bobble hats, which have raised fears they could cause strangulation.

Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards officers have issued the warning after the colourful hats, which are styled like trademarked Hello Kitty and Minions from Despicable Me, failed a safety test.

The hats' design has two tiers, one which is a loop.

One tier goes through the other's loop, with bobbles on the end, but there is no mechanism on the end to disconnect meaning there is potential for strangulation.

The hats failed tests carried out by trading standards officers with Nottinghamshire Council, which alerted other councils throughout the UK.

Gaelic language centre formally opened

PEOPLE who would like to learn the Gaelic language can receive help and advice from a Gaelic language centre, which has been formally opened in Argyll.

Argyll and Bute Council's language centre Furan, which means 'a very warm welcome' was officially opened in Oban on Friday, January 17. Mike Russell, Argyll and Bute MSP and cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning, performed the opening.

Since the centre first opened its door last September, Duncan MacNeil, project co-ordinator, has set up regular workshops, introduced sessions bringing together older people who speak Gaelic and established Gaelic book bug sessions for children.

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Mary wins Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award for second time

'I'm delighted to receive the award again, and it's nice for my work to be recognised'

A WOMAN who has worked tirelessly for Tarbert Parish Church has become the first person to win the Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award twice.

Mary MacKellar, who first received the award in 2002, was presented with the commemorative shield at the Tarbert Seniors' Christmas Party.

She was nominated by the local community in recognition of her voluntary work in the village and the award acknowledges the number of nominations in her favour.

Mrs MacKellar has lived in the village for more than 60 years, and has worked tire-

lessly for Tarbert Parish Church and for other organisations in the village.

In all weathers, she can be found weeding around the front of the church and generally tending the church grounds, but that is only part of the story.

Raise funds

She also cuts, chops, and sells wood to raise funds for the church, and, to date, has raised well in excess of £6,000 for that cause.

Mrs MacKellar also has a son who lives locally, and a daughter who lives on the east coast.

Mrs MacKellar said: 'I got (the award) before, but I never for a



John Hunt presented Mary MacKellar with the Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award.

minute expected to get it a second time. I'm getting older, and don't do quite as much to help as I did in the past, but I'm delighted to re-

ceive the award again, and it's nice for my work to be recognised. I was very surprised.'

The presentation was made by John Hunt

on behalf of Tarbert Post Office proprietors Duncan and Elizabeth Henderson, who organise the award. Afterwards, Mrs MacKellar

was joined at the village hall party by one of her sons, who lives in Helensburgh, and by her granddaughter.

Colin Hunter

Scottish Beaver Trial talk

A SPECIAL talk on the Scottish Beaver Trial, which is currently being run in Knapdale Forest, will take place on Monday evening.

Simon Jones, manager of the project, will be at Kilmartin Museum and host the talk 'The Beaver in Scotland - What Next?'

He will discuss the history of the beavers in Scotland and what might be the future for this once native species.

The trial, which began in 2009, is in its final year and the results of the trial will help decide the future of the animals in the country.

The event begins at 7pm. For more information contact admin@kilmartin.org



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Duntrune Trekkers launch fundraising programme

A WHISKY bottle draw, Valentine's Day Dance, climb up Ben Nevis and art auction are all part of the mammoth fundraising programme organised by the Duntrune Trekkers.

The trio, Blair Johnston, Duncan McGregor and Campbell Wright, have a challenge planned for each month in the lead up to their trek up Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, in September.

Fundraising target

They want people to get involved as much as possible and help them reach their fundraising target of £12,000 by July.

The money they raise will be donated to three charities that are close to the hearts of Mid Argyll residents - Lochgilphead's MS Centre, Rainbow Valley and the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation (LCTF).

Blair, who is raising funds for Rainbow Valley, said: 'We have something for everyone, whether it is a coffee morning, a dance or physical challenge and we have a stall at Ardrishaig Gala Day. We want to appeal to everyone at all fitness levels too.'

The events' calendar kicks off this weekend with a single malt

whisky bottle draw. A bottle is in each village for people to try and win.

Overwhelmed

Duncan, who is supporting LCTF, said: 'We have been overwhelmed by the support we have already received. We hope people will get on board and help us raise money for three great causes.'

People who would like to find out more about the fundraising events and sign up to take part can visit the Duntrune Trekkers web page at <http://www.duntrunetrekkers.org>.

Lochgilphead rock band looking for new drummer

A LOCHGILPHEAD rock 'n' roll band is on the look out for a new drummer.

None the Wiser is searching for a drummer to replace Peter Gaskin, who is moving to Shetland.

The band, which was formed in 2012, has

built up a steady fan base and has performed to packed crowds across Mid Argyll.

Final time

Paul Convery, Dave Garner and Jo Smith will take to the stage for the final time with drummer Peter at The Lorne, Ardrishaig, next Friday.

Lead singer Jo said: 'We're looking for someone with a bit of talent and enthusiasm - and the ability to keep to the beat when the rest of us stray off course. We can even provide a kit if someone doesn't have their own. 'We'd need someone who's prepared to show

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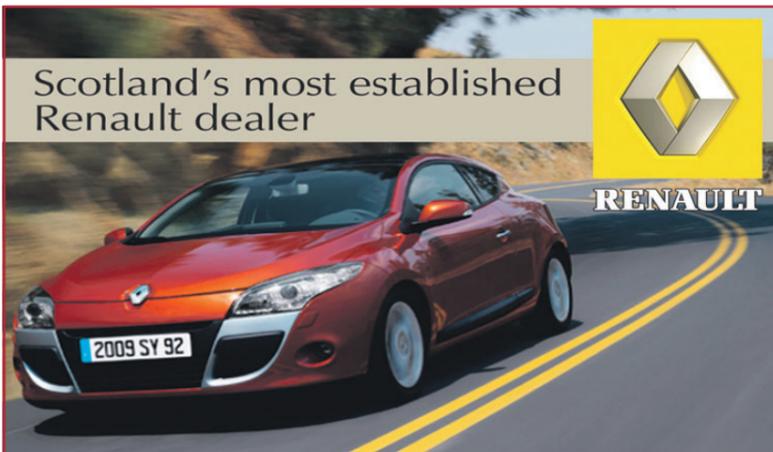
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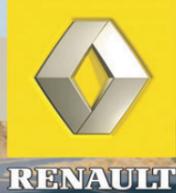
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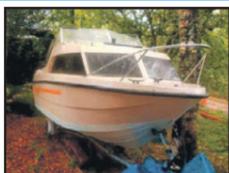
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Dacia celebrates record-breaking first UK anniversary



Dacia Duster scores hat-trick at Scottish Car of the Year awards

2013 might have been a turning point for the economy, but cost-conscious Brits, from all classes, continued to make their money work harder than ever. With old school 'value for money' sweeping the high street, 12 months ago, one fledgling brand, Dacia, embarked on its mission to shake up the UK car industry with its unique take on 'shockingly affordable' motoring.

And what a record-breaking year it's been. Western European buyers have been snapping up Dacias in their thousands for years. But, because of their stunning success, aside from 'I spy' Dacia spots in sunnier climes, like typical Brits, while the French and Germans, among others, eagerly filled their boots, we'd queued up patiently to see what all the fuss was about. All that changed on 17th January, as the Duster and Sandero burst onto the scene. Literally. On that day, the 'Dacia don't do frivolity. You Do The Maths' media campaign hit every media channel, and all main Dacia Retailers had their first Duster SUV and Sandero supermini demonstrator cars available.

Right up until launch, the word on the street and the internet was that there was no way the brand's bullish aim of offering a new supermini for 'significantly less than £7,000', let alone a spacious, family SUV for 'under £10,000' would stack up in the real world. Or, at least with them making a profit. Oh, how wrong they were. With customers queuing up at its showrooms in their droves, awards pouring in, plus two more new models up its sleeve for release later in the year, Dacia fast became the envy of many established rivals right from the start.

Much of it didn't come as a huge surprise to parent company, Renault. The Dacia brand, already the darling of the automotive industry, continues to ride the crest of a

wave. Bucking the trend in many countries with falling sales and ever-decreasing profit margins, it had cleverly carved out its own niche, filling a void left behind by other brands who had their hearts set on becoming more upmarket.

Of course, plenty of us had already seen Dacias and the brand's value phenomenon sweep across Europe and the Euromed. But, for most, aside from the inimitable James May's obsession with the brand, this was their first chance to see, touch and drive them for themselves.

The brand came to the UK with one mission. To shake up the long stagnant new and used UK car markets by offering 'shockingly affordable' vehicles with high levels of quality and unrivalled space and equipment for the money. A car from one class for the price of the one below if you like. Or, in the case of Duster, two below. And boy, did the Great British public grasp the concept. With both hands.

Amidst a publicity blitz in true 'break the rules' style at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in July 2012, surrounded by some of the finest supercars and most valuable classic cars the world has to offer, Dacia brazenly slapped 'from £8,995' decals on the side of its Duster SUV and set about offering the eager British public their first taste of what it had to offer. Less than hour into the event, unprecedented demand meant extra staff had to be drafted in to help on the stand and the waiting list grew longer and longer for those desperate to get behind the wheel.

While plenty of other car marques struggled, with a winning combination of attractive models, impressive quality and straightforward pricing, Dacia already

boasted 5,000 orders for its Duster SUV and Sandero within just eight weeks of them arriving in showrooms in January.

In April and May, it put the cat amongst the pigeons with two more milestones. First, it confirmed prices for its Volvo-estate load-rivalling Logan MCV (Maximum Capacity Vehicle). A steal from just £6,995, it continues to undercut anything close by thousands of pounds. Then in May, the chunky Sandero Stepway supermini crossover hit UK showrooms, from only £7,995.

And the success didn't end there. The brand immediately hit the awards trail, driving off with some of the most prestigious titles in the car industry. In its first year. Even before most had even seen one, Duster picked up the overall Scottish Car of the Year trophy, while its smaller sibling, Sandero followed up the SUV's success, by snaffling 'Best Budget Car' several months later. The new car buyers' bible, What Car?, wasn't slow to spot the brand's potential either. In only its launch month it honoured Sandero with 'Best Supermini under £12,000'. Among other noteworthy trophies throughout the year were several for Duster's 4x4 and towing abilities, including Caravan Club and Towcar, plus a hat-trick from Carbuyer.co.uk, including Car of the Year, for its 'sensational value'.

The omens aren't looking too shabby so far for Dacia in 2014 either. Funny that. Having sold more than 17,000 cars in 2013, with an ever-growing fanbase and four models available to tempt British buyers for the full year, it's setting its sights on smashing that figure this year.

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Here are some top tips from consumer group the HomeOwners Alliance:

1. Set a target to save for

Start by getting a clear idea of how much your new home will cost:

Check out the area you want to live in to get an idea of house prices and trends, and then remember to track it as prices are set to rise this year.

Ask a mortgage broker what they will lend and how much you need to save for a deposit. If it's a 90% mortgage then you know you'll need to put up the remaining 10 per cent in deposit. While you're there ask the broker about upfront fees.

Don't forget to add on legal fees and stamp duty as well and you'll have a total to aim for.

2. Start budgeting today

Now's the hard part. It's not a quick win and it involves sacrifice. But setting a budget and sticking to it is still one of the best ways to make sure you're not spending more than you earn and to identify possible savings.

Take the time to sit down and work out where your money is going. Prioritise what you really can't do without and what you may be able to sacrifice for 6 months. How much would this save you?

Look at your insurance policies and utility bills and use comparison websites to see if you can get them cheaper.

Consider getting cash out at the start of the week and making it last, rather than using your cards.

Treat your saving for a deposit like you would treat paying a bill. Set up a regular transfer or a standing order to your savings account.

Savings rates are at miserly lows so make sure

you scour the market for the best deals.

3. Stop renting

We all know the Catch-22: you can't save for your own place because all your money goes into renting. If you want to break this cycle, chances are you're going to have to compromise. Just 6-12 months of not renting and living on a budget could make a huge difference to your deposit.

Here are some options:

Move back with Mum and Dad

Assuming you didn't have a big row over Christmas, if your parents have the space and live near you then you're throwing money away not staying with them for a short time.

Move in with friends

Perhaps you have a friend in a similar situation with a spare room.

Shared houses

Getting a room in a shared house will be cheaper and give you the chance to save up.

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14/00020/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of heat source pump and formation of new vehicular access.	Land 68 Metres East of 2 Knockruan Way Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6TN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00065/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse.	Land West of Kilmichael Schoolhouse Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NR	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00076/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 10/01913/PPP - Site for erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank	Land North of Benview Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XG	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
14/00116/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage involving need for improved access and installation of septic tank	Plot 2 Land At Former Highland Heathers Ltd Achahoish Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PD	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00118/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage involving need for improved access and installation of septic tank	Plot 4 Land at Former Highland Heathers Ltd Achahoish Lochgilphead	Ardrishaig Area Office

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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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More and more people are relying on help from their parents to raise a deposit. And there are also options for those parents who want to help but don't want to hand over their savings.

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Interviews - do's and don'ts

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What to do:

- ✓ Dress smartly, look bright and attentive, and speak clearly and confidently. Don't forget that in the first few minutes only 7% of the interviewer's opinion of you is formed by what you say - the rest is judged on how you look, act and sound
- ✓ Find out where the venue is beforehand, how to get there and how long it takes
- ✓ Get your outfit ready the night before
- ✓ Find out what kind of interview it will be so you can prepare
- ✓ Examine the person specification and your CV/application form, and think about what type of questions they will ask you
- ✓ Prepare answers for the main questions - for example, why do you want the job, what are your strengths and weaknesses, what are the main tasks in this job?
- ✓ Make about three or four points in each answer
- ✓ Quote real examples of when you've used certain skills - just saying you've got a skill isn't enough

- ✓ Take your time when answering the questions: make sure you understand the question and take your time if you need to think
- ✓ Sell yourself: no one else is going to! Be positive about yourself and your experiences
- ✓ Prepare some questions to ask at the end of the interview - use it as an opportunity to find out more about the role and the company. (Don't ask about money or perks just yet!)
- ✓ When discussing salary, know your market worth and start by quoting a little higher than this
- ✓ Get feedback on your performance, whether you were successful or not
- ✓ Turn off your mobile phone: treat the interviewers with respect and give them your undivided attention
- ✓ Keep your answers focused on what you can do for the employer, not what they can do for you

What not to do:

- ✗ Don't be late
- ✗ Don't swear or use slang words
- ✗ Don't slouch in your seat or do anything that makes you look uninterested
- ✗ Don't smoke
- ✗ Don't lie: the interviewer may see through you. Even if you get the job, your employer can dismiss you if they find out that you have not been honest
- ✗ Don't let your nerves show too much; a few nerves are normal but extreme nerves will affect your performance. Use breathing techniques and try to remember that it's not a life and death situation - there are plenty of jobs out there!
- ✗ Don't be arrogant and assume you've got the job. Nothing turns off employers more than someone who is disrespectful and over-confident
- ✗ Don't discuss controversial topics such as religion, politics and gender relations
- ✗ Don't read from notes or your CV — you should be familiar enough with your own history to be able to talk about it unprompted
- ✗ Don't criticise former employers or colleagues. Interviewers may mark you down as a troublemaker and a gossip
- ✗ Don't argue with the interviewer, no matter what. Remember to keep things positive!

These rules apply for most jobs. However, employers in some industries can use more relaxed and informal interviewing techniques. In some creative fields (design and media for example) it may be expected that you turn up for the interview in casual clothes, as that is the dress code in the office. However, smart casual is better than very casual. If you're in any doubt, do some research on typical interview techniques in your line of work.

Above all, preparation is the key to performing well in interviews. Research the role and organisation, and prepare evidence and examples of your skills and competencies.



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I would like to thank Dr Norrie and his colleagues and all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for all their care and attention during my stay. Also family and friends for all their visits, cards and phone calls. I am now home. Thank you all very much.

THANK YOU
Robert and Bella would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts received following the birth of baby Molly. A special thank you to Campbeltown midwife team for looking after us so well.

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Thought for the Week

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EVEN on the wildest, wettest, most ghastly days, there is still something wonderful about walking along the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

The breakers roll in from America, gather momentum and finally crash on the Kintyre shore.

They have brought much debris with them and our beaches are littered with lots of strange objects.

The pups have to learn what is safe to play with and what is not, and this is not easy.

There must seem to be a certain lack of logic to them in our interpretation of safe.

Much of the beach itself has also disappeared and we have been forced up onto the sand dunes as the white foam circles our feet and threatens our safety.

The burns are full and raging, and what was once a summer trickle is now a fast flowing torrent.

Our landmarks have changed as great boulders have confiscated the beach for a while and the sea is in control.

The power of the ocean is ruthless and its force can crush rocks and unsuspecting boats without mercy.

And yet in the midst of the storm I have been astonished to watch a little Ringed Plover fly effortlessly above our heads.

She must weigh not much more than the lovely feathers which clothe her, yet she can face the gales and fly in the face of the storm.

The pups bark in protest that they cannot fly and chase her hopelessly to the shore's edge.

How does this tiny bundle of feathers overcome the force and fury of the elements?

I know people who are also flying in the face of their own personal storms and who are able to rise above the waves and winds which threaten to overwhelm them.

I can only run to the shore and watch them fly, and wonder how they do it.

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Mid Argyll couple experience the Mthunzi factor

A KILMICHAEL couple spent Christmas and New Year in a very different way to most Mid Argyll residents - travelling to Zambia to see the harrowing living conditions young people endure.

Theresa and David Sinclair travelled to a residential centre for vulnerable children in Lusaka West, Zambia, which is supported by the Argyll-based charity Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI).

The couple went to Zambia to see the boys who had stayed with them in their Kilmichael home during previous cultural exchanges, and to see for themselves how fundraising efforts in Scotland are benefiting the community in Zambia.

On their arrival at the Mthunzi Centre, Theresa and David instantly felt at home when they were welcomed by 30 young boys who had been anticipating their arrival.

Home that is, without the usual comforts that we in the west sometimes take for granted.

No hot water, chilled cold drinks, comfy seats, snacks, milk, and to David's horror - no biscuits.

A trip with social workers Chakwe and Ricky to meet some of the families who live in the community and are supported by the centre, soon put that into per-



Theresa, centre, and David Sinclair, right, travelled to Zambia to meet young people and families as part of their work with Argyll-based charity Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative.

spective.

David said: 'We went around 10 houses that were beside a tip, which would stretch as far as Lochgilphead to Ardrishaig.'

'When we got to number seven, Theresa started crying.'

He added: 'When I was there on the first day there were people sleeping in the gutter. You want to do something, but then you realise there are 30 people sleeping in gutters and you can't help them all.'

It was common among the families they visited for one adult to be responsible for supporting

seven or eight children - due to parental death or illness.

Three meals a day is very unusual for most children in Misis or Chikandano compounds.

Theresa and David delivered some educational workshops to the boys at the centre that were well received, including sex education, emotion awareness and moving on from education to the workplace.

All of the boys have a very strong focus on gaining the best education possible.

The fundraising efforts of MALI with-

in the Scottish community have enabled the boys and girls to have hope for a better future through education.

'You can't hand people things, you have got to enable them to be able to do something,' David said.

'A man who cycles 20 miles to get to work needs his bike. A patch to repair a puncture, which costs about 50p or a bicycle pump can mean the difference between work and hunger.'

Small things make a big difference: a spanner enables someone to use their skills, and good advice and encouragement are invaluable.

The couple travelled with a box of Christmas decorations - with festive and new year activities simple and joyful.

These included church services with great music and dance throughout, pass the parcel for about 100 young people in the Mthunzi centre hall and chicken and rice for dinner.

Theresa and David will be returning later in the year.

David said: 'Until then we will be focusing our efforts on working with everyone here in Mid Argyll and

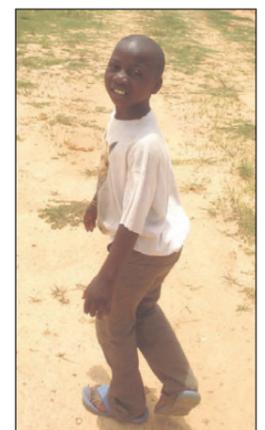
with the other members of the M.A.L.I. committee to continue fundraising for these kids' education. We'll also be raising awareness of the difficulties faced by our friends in Africa.'

Theresa added: 'Getting our secondary school at Mthunzi up and running is a big priority - we want to give them the best chance to reach their goals.'

MALI is running a family ceilidh in The Stag, Lochgilphead, on Friday, January 31, with donations at the door and donations can be made via JustGiving www.justgiving.com/mli



The couple delivered workshops to young people at the Mthunzi Centre.



Theresa and David visited youngsters like David Daka.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - GREEN - Linzi-Anne and Graham are delighted to announce the birth of Isla, born December 23, 2013 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Thanks to Campbeltown and RAH maternity units.

MCIVOR - On December 18, 2013, to James and Katrina, a beautiful daughter, Leah Isabella. First grandchild for Murdo and Moira, and fourth grandchild for James and Josephine. Thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

RAWSON - John and Lesley Cowan of Oatfield House, Campbeltown, are delighted to announce the birth of their second grandchild, Hector John Rawson, on January 16, 2014. Second child of Tom and Emma (née Cowan) Rawson, Dunbar, and brother to Fergus.

ENGAGEMENTS

YOUNG - CAMPBELL - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on January 5, 2014 of Gemma, eldest daughter of Robert and Christine, Furnace, to Neil, son of Norrie and the late Irene, Inverary.

DEATHS

ARMOUR - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on January 19, 2014, Archie Armour, in his 75th year, Killarow Cottage, Kilkenny, loving husband of Sheena, much loved father of Elizabeth and Archie and a much loved and loving papa of Danielle, Daniel, Eva, Matthew and Kathryn and a great grandfather of Mia. Service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, January 25 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Renal Unit, Vale of Leven Hospital and the Western Infirmary.

BLACK - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 18, 2014, Mary Smith Robinson (May), in her 95th year, Ardmore, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Black and a much loved mother of Catherine. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

CAMPBELL - Suddenly, but peacefully, in the dedicated care of Havencourt Care Home, Stonehaven on Friday, January 17, 2014, Colin Thomas, aged 68 years, very loved and special husband to Wendy and loving father to Magnus, Forbes and Vikki. Loved granddad, father-in-law, brother, cousin and friend to many. Funeral service at Aberdeen Crematorium (East Chapel) on Tuesday, January 28 at 10.50am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations may be given, if desired, to Diabetes UK.

LEESMOFFAT - Peacefully at home, Belmont, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, on January 21, 2014, Captain John Leesmoffat, in his 78th year, ever loving husband of Margaret Urquhart, dearly loved father of Elizabeth-Isla (Poppy), father-in-law of Daniel and a loving papa of Mathilda and Zephyr. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, January 27 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the RNLI.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at home, 28a Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on January 21, 2014, Isobel Wilson Robertson, in her 64th year, dearly beloved wife of Hamish McMillan, much loved mum of Richard and Susan and a loving granny of Andrew, Ryan and Lewis. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 12.00 noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of the District Nurses and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality. A cremation service will be held in Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 2.00pm.

MCSHANNON - Peacefully, at Airthrey Care Nursing Home, Airth on January 18, 2014, Mae, aged 88 years, beloved wife of the late John and loving mother to David and the late John. "Loved and remembered always".

SINCLAIR - Peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 19, 2014, Nicol Sinclair, in his 83rd year (former Deputy Headmaster of Lochgilhead High School), of 7 Highbank Park, Lochgilhead and formerly of Tarbert, beloved husband of Sheila, much loved father of Lilia, Peter, Anita, Duncan, Nicol and Fergus. Adored pappy to his nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, a dear brother of Iain, Flora and the late Nan and a loving uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and neighbour and valued former work colleague to many. A much respected and admired member of the local community. Faithful to his fellow brethren. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Thursday, January 23, 2014, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sorely missed.

STRANG - Suddenly, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on January 16, 2014, Elizabeth Sharp (Betty), in her 75th year, 7 Tosh's Park, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of Nicol Strang, much loved mum of Nicol and a loving granny of Anna and Maria.

THORNTON - Peacefully at home, Fasgadh, Kilmartin, on January 19, 2014, Arthur Michael (Mike) Thornton, in his 59th year, loving partner to Vivien, much loved brother of Duncan and John, and brother-in-law of Wendy and Liz. A dear uncle and friend to many. Formerly of Kilmartin Crafts. Funeral and interment at St Columba's, Potalloch, Kilmartin at 12.30pm, on Monday, January 27, 2014. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses and Marie Curie Nurs-

TONER - Peacefully, on January 18, 2014, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Joseph Toner (Joe), in his 84th year, a dearly loved father of Margaret, Marie, Jim and Joseph, loving grandfather of Verona, Sandie, Alasdair and Robert, great grandfather of Rose and Briony, cherished brother of Mary and a very good friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Donald MacDonald Funeral Parlour, Lochgilhead, today, Friday, January 24, at 10.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 1.15pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JOHNSON - The family of the late John (Iain) Johnson would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits and cards received during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Tarbert Medical Practice, Mid Argyll Hospital and all those who have cared for Iain over the years, to the Rev Robert MacLeod and to Matthew Ramsay of the Fishermen's Mission for their kind words, support and visits, to Stan Lupton and Kenny McGlynn for handling funeral arrangements with such kindness and diplomacy and to the Tarbert Hotel and staff for the catering. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to those who paid their last respects at Tarbert Free Church and at Carrick Cemetery, especially those who travelled a distance and for their generous donations, amounting to £400, for Marie Curie and Tarbert Nursing Aid.

KENNEDY - Anthony and Norma would like to thank all family and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of their mother, Dora. Thanks also to Father Stanislas for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism and the Ardsheel Hotel for the funeral tea. Finally, a large thank you for all donations received at the retiral collection.

LECKIE - Flora, Janne, Irene and families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards, flowers and visits following the loss of John, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Grateful thanks to staff at Lorn and Islands Hospital for their care, support and kindness and also to the staff at the Accident and Emergency of the Mid Argyll Hospital. Special thanks to the Reverend Thomas Bryson for his support and comforting words, and also to Stan Lupton for his professional services. Thanks also to the staff of the Tarbert Hotel for the excellent purvey and to all who attended the church service and graveside to pay their respects. The retiring collection for the Tarbert Parish Church Clock Fund raised £570.

PASCOE - The family of the late Neil Pascoe would like to thank all friends and relatives for their many kind expressions of support, cards, letters, flowers, phone calls and visits following the recent death of Neil. Grateful thanks to Dr Phillips, Dr Helliwell and district nurses. Our thanks to Rev Brooks for his support throughout and for the services at Kilchrenan and at Cardross, where his kind words were greatly appreciated. To Elspeth who fed us so well and to Stan Lupton who took care of funeral ar-

rangements, many thanks. We would like to express our appreciation to all at Kilchrenan Church for their support, and to all those who attended Kilchrenan and Cardross services, from both near and far, our heartfelt thanks. The retiring collection for St George's Fund for Sailors raised £500.

SELFRIDGE - Myra and her family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls following their recent sad loss of Fred. A heartfelt thanks goes to the staff at both Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley and Dr Jeremy Phillips and his team at the Mid Argyll Hospital for all the kind care and attention received from them. A huge thanks to Roddy, Fiona and the team from Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care and support during this difficult, sad time. Also, a massive thank you to Belinda Braithwaite from the Humanist Society Scotland for a heart-warming, personal, humorous tribute to Fred. A final thank you to everyone who travelled from far and wide to say a farewell to Fred at Cardross Crematorium. The Collection for the Black Watch and ICU Paisley raised £200.

IN MEMORIAMs

HARKNESS - In memory of Chris, a loving husband, dad and papa, who died January 20, 2000.

- From Ellen and family, **HARROGATE** - In loving memory of my husband, Norman, died January 22, 1991. Sad is my life without you Silent are the tears that fall Living my life without you Is the hardest part of all.

- Mary, **JENKINS** - "Death leaves a heartache no-one can heal; love leaves a memory no-one can steal."

In loving memory of Margaret, much missed wife and mother who passed away January 26, 2013. Forever in our thoughts.

JENKINS - Margaret, 1961 - 2013.

In loving memory of Margaret, who passed away on January 26, 2013.

We cannot bring the old days back, your smiles we cannot see,

We treasure now the memories of days that used to be. Always in our thoughts. - Love from Mum, Dad and family xxx.

KIANI-GOULD - In loving memory of Jackson and Ray. Loved with a love beyond all feeling, Missed with a grief beyond all tears. - Jean xxx.

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

SYM - In loving memory of a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Duncan, died January 21, 2013. Remembering you is easy We do it every day It's just the pain of losing you That never goes away.

- Love, Ailsa, Toby and family, at home and abroad.

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Friday 31st January
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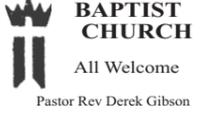
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Sunday 26th January 2014
 11.00am Morning Service
 At Lochgilhead Community Centre, Manse Brae
 Scottish Charity SC015187

LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2014
 11.00 am Worship Service
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Tarbert make their point with last gasp penalty

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SAFL Division 1A	

TARBERT travelled to Hamilton last Saturday and faced fellow strugglers Bothwell and Uddingston Albion for their first game of the new year.

The away side were without a host of first team regulars, either due to suspension or injury, giving youngsters Krawczyk and Campbell their chance at left and right back with MacIver and MacNaughton deputising as strikers.

The game was played on a very heavy park and it quickly turned into a scrappy affair as the surface deteriorated.

The Dookers tried to play the ball on the ground to open up the home defence and were caught out on the break to go a goal down after having the most of the early possession.

Tarbert then had their best period of the match until half time, playing some excellent football through midfield.

Some fine build up gave MacIver sight at goal, however his effort went just wide.

The Dookers equalised when midfielder McCormick picked the ball up and burst past three defenders before firing low into the bottom corner.

Tarbert should have gone ahead immediately after the start of the second half when Johnson created space for a shot, however he could only find the side netting.

They did, however, take the lead when a Doull corner found Stuart to volley home in style.

Tarbert suffered a blow when Albion



Youngsters take home the silverware

TROPHIES were handed out to youngsters in the under sevens category who had competed in the Mid Argyll Athletics Championship. The competition, which was held in Lochgilhead Joint Campus, saw dozens of young people from across the area turn up to compete in track, jump and throw events. Lochgilhead's Jodie Samson was the overall winner of the under sevens category, winning four of her five events.

were awarded a penalty. Up stepped the striker to send the keeper the wrong way and square the match once again.

The away side continued to press for a winner and MacIver went close yet again when his dipping shot curled just

wide. With seven minutes remaining Albion went ahead after another breakaway goal.

The Dookers looked

set to leave empty handed until their final attack saw MacIver brought down in the box when through on goal.

Blair was composed and fired the penalty low to the keeper's left to ensure the Dookers left with a point.

Lochfyneside secure first win of new year

LOCHFYNESIDE dominated their match against Firhill Football Club when they took to a muddy Furnace pitch for the first time in months.

The side settled into the game with the midfield quickly getting to grips with the difficult surface.

The opposition failed to create many chances and the home side were able to dominate in the centre and when they were exposed they were assisted by a defence, which stood strong against anything the away side could throw at them.

'Halfy' McDonald attacked every loose ball with gusto and was ably backed up by the rest of the home back line.

It came as no surprise that the home side

Lochfyneside	2
Firhill	1
West of Scotland AFL - Division One	

capped their dominance by opening the scoring deep into the first half when a square ball across goal was stroked into the net by the highly energetic left back McNicol.

This proved to be the only goal of the half and both teams went into the break happy to get a rest. The heavy surface was proving to be very energy sapping.

The second half kicked off and settled into the same pattern as the first with the home team controlling the midfield.

When they were exposed the back line were restricting the away side to long range efforts which were being

comfortably dealt with by Munro in the home goal.

Lochfyneside looked comfortable and composed, but the away side scored against the run of play when a speculative shot was deflected over the defence and was headed into the empty net by an onrushing forward.

The home side refused to let their heads drop and instead set about restoring their advantage.

They pressed forward at every opportunity and were rewarded for their ambition when the two attackers on the field Cameron and Finlayson dragged their defenders out of position to allow

McNicol, who was popping up all over, to fire a great low drive from the right side of the box past the despairing dive of the Firhill goalie.

Lochfyneside would like to thank Robbie Bell of Furnace CC for putting on hospitality for both teams after the match, also all who came to support the boys. The next game is against Third Lanark away in Glasgow tomorrow (Saturday).

Manager Jim Divers said: 'Lewis McNicol, was awarded Man of the Match, for his goals and also his overall performance, although young right back Wood was a strong contender as well.'

'I would like to thank all the boys who turned out and played so well on a difficult surface.'

James has Scott to be playing better

By: David Sinclair
AS A newcomer to winter golf, James Scott has not had much success so far.

Lost balls and broken confidence week after week but still he comes back for more punishment.

Then like a shaft of spring sunshine through the winter gloom he gets it right.

He didn't win but his two points must give him some hope.

Grant MacDougall hit the first shot of the day to four feet at the ninth for nearest the pin and just kept playing like that and his total was too good for the rest of the field.

Tommy Angus took a break from his performances in the west end - Lochnell St - to concentrate on his golf.

He was a magician with the putter on the back nine making the ball vanish on several occasions.

The wedge play of Keith Cowan was also magical but he would be tossed out of the magic circle as he cannot keep a secret and always insists on explaining, in detail, why he has hit such a good shot.

David Sinclair again kept on the dry ground as his African adventure has made him scared of the burn or other wet places. He imagined he saw a Hippo in the swamp at the ninth hole but it was only John Downie having a bad day.

Kenny Cameron and Alec MacAulay were abandoned by John and as a result they were finished one hour earlier

er than the other players and both had good scores, I think it was just a coincidence.

Raymond Flanagan bakes some wonderful cakes and he had called this week's batch 'fifteens' in memory of a score he had at the sixth hole during the summer.

Results: 10. G Macdougall, 9. A Macaulay, 8. T Angus, 7. K Cowan, 6. D Sinclair, 5. K. Cameron, 4. S Taylor, 3. C Rowan, 2. J Scott, 1. R Flanagan. Nearest the pin: D Sinclair and G MacDougall

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Lottery numbers

THIS week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery numbers were 2, 4 and 10. There were no winners and the jackpot next week will be £300.

There were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw with numbers 3, 8 and 14 drawn. Next week's jackpot will be £200.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 5, 13 and 18 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Kilbowie Union v Oban Saints postponed; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Centre 0; Dunoon v Shawlands, postponed; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Lochgilphead Red Star postponed; Division 1A - Tarbert v Bothwell and Uddingston Albion postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup 5th round - Giffnock North v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Paisley v Campbeltown Pupils; Shawlands v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division 1A - Tarbert v Millbeg Villa.

Tom selected to represent Scotland

AN ARDFERN sailing sensation is set to sail for Scotland next week at the Nations Championships in Strangford Lough, Northern Ireland.

Tom Graham, who is a member of Craignish Sailing Club, will compete in the championship on February 2 and 3 against teams from England, Ireland and Wales. The event marks the start of a busy spring for the 15 year old who has three months of intense sailing a head of him.

Tom will take part in high level racing at three British Qualifiers in the south of Eng-

land, followed by the Royal Yacht Association (RYA) National Youth Championships at Olympic sailing venue in Weymouth April.

Despite missing the last of the national ranking events last autumn because of a broken scaphoid bone, Tom achieved a ranking of seventh in Britain for under 16-year-old laser radial sailors last year.

The Lochgilphead High School pupil said: 'I am very grateful to the generosity of my sponsors. Without them I wouldn't be able to continue sailing at national level.'



Ardfern's Tom Graham will compete in the Nations Championships next week.

Sport panel members wanted

A SEARCH has begun to find passionate young people who can help influence and shape the future of sport in Scotland.

People are being urged to become part of the young people's sport panel, a national platform that represents the voice of young people throughout the country.

Launched in 2013 by SportScotland, led in partnership with Young Scot, this will be the second intake of sport panel members and nominations are now open. Being part of the sport panel provides members with the opportunity to play a key role in the future of Scottish sport.

As a voice for 14 to 25-year-olds, the panel will also focus on raising the profile of sport within this age group, including through the provision of online content, videos and blogs through Young Scot's national information portal www.youngscot.org.

To download an application form go to www.sportscotland.org.uk/yp-sapply

Lochgilphead Red Star Under 15s in eleven-goal thriller

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star Under 15s made a great start to 2014 in a 11-goal thriller against Milngavie, which saw a hat trick from Scott Souden.

From the kick-off Star went on the offensive and opened the scoring with a super strike from Keiran Moore.

Milngavie YFC	2
Lochgilphead Red Star	9
DFDL Under 15 League	

Aaron Whitefield added the second as he side stepped a defender and tucked the ball into the bottom corner beyond the Milngavie keeper. Scott Souden netted

number three in 29 minutes before Milngavie pulled a goal back four minutes later with a fierce angled shot from their striker. Souden completed his

hat-trick with a further two goals.

Milngavie started the second half strongly, but it was the visitors who increased their lead through Ryan Caskie and Dougie Ritchie. The home side did close the gap in the scoring following a mis-understanding in the visitors

defence.

In the closing stages Lorne MacFarlane curled an unstoppable shot just under the bar and Cammy Simpson netted to complete the scoring at 2-9.

Star return to Bearsden on Sunday to play Milngavie in the League Cup section.



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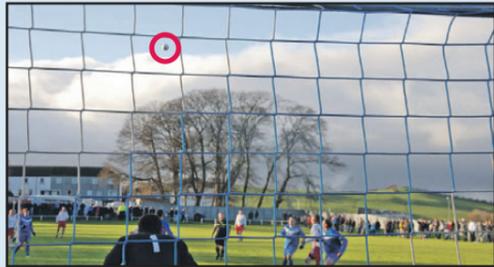
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Sailing news

Outstanding performances at sports hall athletics

Argyll finals at Oban's Atlantis Leisure centre in March

A NUMBER of young athletes put in outstanding performances at the weekend for this year's qualifying rounds for the Argyll Sports Hall Championship.

Organised by Mid Argyll Athletics Club, youngsters competed in track, throwing and jumping events in a bid to secure a place in the finals in Oban.

Lochgilthead Primary School pupil Kirsten Blair triumphed in the under nine age group, winning five of her seven events.

The Crinan youngster excelled in the running events where she recorded a time of 26.5 seconds in the three-lap race and 58.5 in the six-lap race.

Kirsten cleared the high jump at 1.03 metres to win, but only on fewer failures against Tayvallich's Iris MacMillan.

The girls were only a few centimetres below the long standing Argyll age record.

Speed bounce

Iris was second equal on overall points with Amy Anderson, from Glassary Primary School. Amy won the speed bounce with 60 jumps in 30 seconds.

Youngsters at the event in Lochgilthead Joint Campus continued to put in impressive performances.

Martha Payne, Lochgilthead Primary School, dominated in the under 11 age group winning six events and excelling in the standing triple jump with a 5.29

metres leap.

Erin Downie, from Lochgilthead, was the under 13 champion winning the shot putt and speed bounce. Runner-up Jodie Robertson won the high, long and triple jumps.

Chloe Fairman won the under 15 category, which included a distance of 6.44 metres in the standing triple jump.

Inveraray's Freya Corner and Olivia Kerr, from Ardrishaig, were evenly matched in the under 17s. Freya won four events including the high jump with 1.40 metres and Olivia won three events, which included 78 jumps in the speed bounce.

Champion

Logan Philips, from Ardrishaig, was the under 7 champion ahead of Dan Anderson, Glassary, and Callum Green, from Ardrishaig.

Ben Maddox, from Kilmartin, won the under nine contest with wins in the high jump and javelin, throwing 15 metres. Zander MacKenzie came second and James Campbell finished third.

Tayvallich's Alfie Smith triumphed in the under 11s a few points ahead of Lochgilthead's Jake Gillespie.

Alfie won the six-lap race in 50.7 secs and

won the high jump, javelin and speed bounce.

Jake won the three-lap race, long jump and standing triple jump leaping out to 5.50 metres well clear of second place.

One point ahead

Kilmartin's Joseph Harper was under 13 champion finishing one point ahead of Ardfern's Archie Spencer with Gregor McGeachy finishing in third.

Liam Scott, from Kilmichael, won the under 15 contest ahead of Kilmichael's Donald Ferguson with Theo Maddox, from Kilmartin, in third place.

Bill MacCallum, chairman of Mid Argyll Athletics Club, said: 'We wish to say a special thanks to all the competitors and parents who supported the competition.'

'The entry was very encouraging and reflected the large number of youngsters who have been attending the weekly Monday night training since the club started again in October.'

The Argyll final will be held at Atlantis Leisure, Oban, on Saturday, March 22. Qualifiers for the Argyll final will be advised by letter through the local club or their school in February.



Ardrishaig's Karis Kidd, 10, competed in the speed bounce at the Mid Argyll athletics championship. 06_a04ath02

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