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Inside this week

Valentine's day special



Super dad cop delivers baby son at home

Sergeant takes little Euan into protective custody

POLICE sergeant Davie Scott was called to an emergency with a difference last Wednesday as he was forced to deliver his baby boy at home.

Davie, who lives in Inveraray, was recalled to duty when his son was born 35 minutes after wife Nicola went into labour.

He took little Euan into protective custody when he arrived at 8.35pm, nine days early and weighing 8lbs 13oz.

Davie said: 'At 8pm Nicola said to me you had better call the midwife. We were going for a home birth so as soon as you feel

it starting you call the midwife and so I did. Our other home births were fine but Euan had other ideas and after about 20 minutes it was apparent that he was coming.

'I thought I am going to have to deliver him.

'I had actually done some research before because of where we live and the distance between us and the hospital... I'm so thankful I did; within half an hour he had arrived.'

Davie had been talked through the birth by an ambulance operator, while paramedics and the midwives, travelling from Lochgilphead, were

there within minutes of the birth. He added: 'There was no time to panic, he was coming and there was nothing we could do about it. Nicola did great, she did it all herself.'

Describing Davie as the 'hero', Nicola said: 'I was doing hypnobirthing and it made a huge difference, I didn't think I would be quite so calm.

'I am so grateful to the 999 operator and midwives from Lochgilphead, they really are second to none.'

Euan is brother to Lewis, 15, Abby, five, and Jessica, two.



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Craignish people to get say in house allocation

PEOPLE living in Craignish will play a major role in deciding who will live in the six new affordable homes to be built in Ardfern this year.

Fyne Homes, the social landlord building the affordable homes on the Lower Glebe, has said people in area will be charged with establishing the Local Letting Initiative (LLI) which governs how the homes are allocated.

A LLI can ensure people living in a specific area in standard accommodation are awarded more points on the Home Argyll housing register, thereby putting them to the top of the list.

Fyne Homes was due to host a public meeting in Craignish Village Hall on Wednesday evening, as the *Advertiser* went to press, in a bid to set out the parameters of the LLI.

Jan Brown of Craignish Community Company C3 said: 'There's huge concern still about

where the houses are going to the built and that local people aren't going to get them. Hopefully this meeting will allay people's fears.

'The LLI was one of the conditions of the planning permission but we need to establish with them what the word local means. Local, is that all of Argyll and Bute?'

But Marie Bowie of Fyne Homes said: 'I want them to tell me what is local. The LLI will be drawn up in consultation with the community. If they tell us it's Ardfern, a small area of Ardfern, or the wider Craignish area we can implement that.'

Planning permission for the controversial lower glebe development was granted in November alongside permission for four private homes on larger plots adjacent to the Fyne Homes development.

The local development plan said only affordable homes could be built on the glebe.



Opening the new Macmillan Cancer Support ward at Oban's Lorn and Islands Hospital are, from left, Macmillan's Scottish director Dr Elspeth Atkinson, councillor Elaine Robertson and Veronica Kennedy, NHS Highland's locality manager. 15_t05macmillan1

Doors open on new cancer support room

A NEW Macmillan Cancer Support room at Oban, Lorn and Isles Hospital is set to provide a drastic improvement for chemotherapy patients.

Opened in the former Cruachan Ward, the room has been fitted out to seat seven patients in comfortable chairs, with the hospital also opening a specialist on-site pharmacy.

The room will be some comfort to Mid Argyll patients who receive chemotherapy at the Oban hospital.

It has been jointly

funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and NHS Highland.

Treatments

The ward, which can also cater for haematology and other speciality treatments, was officially opened by councillor Elaine Robertson on Monday, who described it as

a 'warm and caring' environment.

She added: 'To have this facility here is fantastic as it means cancer patients don't have to travel to Glasgow for treatment.'

'It's also a tribute to the dedication of the staff to create this terrific atmosphere.'

Kilmichael Glassary reader wins bumper jackpot

A BUMPER Spot the Ball jackpot of £2,750 has been won this week.

John MacVean, from Kilmichael Glassary, admitted he was in shock after being told his marked cross had won him the cash prize.

The 43-year-old, who works at Jewson's yard in Lochgilphead, plays the competition every week.

Outboard engine stolen

AN OUTBOARD engine was stolen from a rib which was being kept within the boatyard of Argyll Caravan Park, Inveraray.

The Mariner 4 stroke, 6 horsepower motor was taken some time between December 2, 2013, and Wednesday January 22.

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Alcohol abuse 'wake-up call'

FIGURES that show alcohol abuse costs Argyll and Bute's services an estimated £28m per year have been described as a 'wake-up call' by an Argyll and Bute councillor.

Councillor Roddy McCuish has presented the figures, produced by Alcohol Focus Scotland for 2010/11, to his colleagues. They showed an estimated £27.98m alcohol abuse cost to the area in health services, social care, crime and productivity.

In Argyll and Bute the overall cost of alcohol related harm per person is £314.

However, the Argyll and Bute figure was around the average cost for Scotland, and dwarfed by the worst affected - and much larger - area, Glasgow city, at £365m.

Councillor McCuish said: 'This is certainly a wake up call. I was horrified when I saw these figures.'

'I am 100 per cent convinced that one of the main reasons for alcohol abuse is cheap

alcohol. Although minimum pricing is by no means the silver bullet it will go a long way to help limit the dangers and damage irresponsible drinking does.'

John Woods from Community Action Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig (CALA), an organisation that aims to reduce alcohol related harm in the area, said: 'The £314 per person figure is something we have been highlighting in our campaigns. People do get surprised when that figure is read out to them. There is a lot of harm taking place and it's not just about picking people up off the street, it's the long-term damage that's being done.'

Argyll's greatest costs came in crime and productive capacity - both more than £10m per year. Drink driving in the county accounted for £15,550 of the crime cost.

A full breakdown of the hidden costs of alcohol abuse is available at alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk.

Retired teacher, 100, traces former pupil in USA



Evie was delighted make contact with her former pupil.

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Pair plan to keep in touch following phone call

A 100-YEAR-OLD retired teacher who spent many years of her life in Mid Argyll has just traced and made contact with a former pupil, now 87 and living in New York.

Miss Edith 'Evie' Strath, who now lives at Abbeyfield House, Carradale, recently asked staff if an old pupil was still alive and could be traced in New York.

Alistair Reid, emigrated to New York, after university, and took up a job with the New Yorker magazine where he eventually became a senior executive. He also became a prolific author of books.

Stuart Irvine, treasurer in Abbeyfield, emailed

the magazine and was very surprised to receive confirmation that Alistair, although retired many years ago, was alive and well and living in midtown New York.

Mr Irvine added: 'The reply gave his telephone number and that led to a 20-minute conversation between Miss Strath and Mr Reid.'

'They plan to keep in contact despite Miss Strath being blind and somewhat deaf.'

'We used a speaker phone to help them converse.'

Miss Strath was often in single teacher schools in the Highland and Islands and spent many years in Lochgilphead and Minard.

Drivers crash on icy A83 road

TWO MOTORISTS escaped injury last Thursday as icy conditions on the A83 caused two accidents between Lochgilphead and Inveraray.

One car left the road at Ardcastle, near Lochgair, and a second car

apparently skidded on the road in Minard at 3.30pm; it partially blocked the road for a short time.

Council staff gritted the west Loch Fyne stretch of road following the incidents.

MSP welcomes drink harm cash

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP Mike MacKenzie has this week welcomed a Scotch Whisky Association announcement that it is to allocate £500,000 over five years to help tackle alcohol-related harm.

The Scotch Whisky Action Fund will

support and develop projects and initiatives delivering interventions to tackle harm among young people aged 18 and under, families affected by alcohol misuse and communities suffering as a result of irresponsible or excessive consumption of alcohol.

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Garrick is named dementia champion

A NURSE at Lochgilphead's Argyll and Bute Hospital has been named a dementia champion by NHS Highland.

Staff nurse Garrick McCann was one of 10 healthcare professionals to graduate as a dementia champion at a special

reception in Edinburgh last week.

Dementia champions are frontline workers who ensure that people with dementia get the support they need when admitted to hospital.

Ruth Mantle, Alzheimer Scotland dementia

nurse consultant, said: 'We realise that admission into hospital can be a stressful experience for some people, particularly if they have dementia, and we need to work closely with them, their families and staff to ensure that they are treat-

ed with dignity and that their independence and wishes are respected.

The dementia champions play a key role in supporting NHS Highland to achieve this.'

An estimated 4,000 people in the Highlands have dementia.

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Available to study part-time from May and full-time from August, these new care courses will offer employers and the workforce greater transferability, flexibility and employability options.

The new qualifications - a SSSC registration requirement for workers in the care field - have been developed from the merger of the existing Health and Social Care and Children's Care, Learning and Development SVQ awards. The new courses will additionally consider specialist areas particularly relevant to social services today including cyber bullying, dementia and learning disability.

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Matthew Tanner was presented with a certificate and an £80 cheque by judge Philip Bowden Smith.

Matthew is Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year

A POPULAR face on the brass band scene in Argyll was named the 2014 winner of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll Young Musician competition.

Mathew Tanner, a multiple winner of the brass competition at Mid Argyll Music Festival, was selected by a panel of judges as the champion.

The trombone player, who fought off competition from Lochgilphead's Lorna Young on piano and Tarbert Academy pianist Niamh MacKaveney, will now represent the area in the West of Scotland competition.

The teenager from Slockavullin also

received an £80 cheque for his efforts.

Held in public for the first time, at Lochgilphead Parish Church, the young musician competition saw a wealth of visitors turn out to support the talented teenagers.

Tongue twisting

Entertainment was also provided by Kay Hunter, whose recitations were impressively tongue twisting, and by John Holt who played his accordion.

A collection at the event also raised £112.50 for the Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care group.

Council agrees plan to get back to business

ARGYLL and Bute councillors have agreed a 33 point plan to tackle the political instability and leadership problems that have plagued the local authority for the last 18 months.

The plan is a response to a damning report published by the Accounts Commission in October last year.

The local authorities watchdog said the council's ability to set and maintain a clear strategic direction was at risk and could, in time, negatively affect public services. The report highlighted 'a culture of mistrust at Kilmory'.

But at a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday, mem-

bers agreed to undertake training to remind them of the behaviour expected in public office.

Councillors agreed to refresh their Standards Commission training, adhere to a revised code of conduct and receive further guidance on how to identify and report unacceptable behaviour from fellow councillors and officers. A commitment not to release confidential information to the media was also a key action.

New political arrangements to ensure the effective planning and scrutiny of council policies was also included in the action plan, which will be submitted to the Accounts Commission

for approval in the coming weeks.

Dick Walsh, leader of Argyll and Bute Council said: 'This is the first time in the history of local government in Argyll that an important national scrutiny body has decided that it's appropriate to carry out a statutory report into the behaviour of this council.'

'The commission made it clear we were not fit for purpose.'

Urging councillors to support the new political arrangements proposed for governing the council, Mr Walsh added: 'We know where we are going, we are not going to ignore the important issues we face.'

Three committees to make all the decisions at Kilmory

'A poor substitute for the previous inclusive and accountable democracy'

DECISIONS affecting services provided by Argyll and Bute Council will now be made by executive committees, as the local authority introduces a new system of government.

At the full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday, councillors agreed a new management structure, where all council businesses will be dealt with by three committees.

There will be a Policy and Resources Committee, covering human resources, strategic projects and finance; a Community Services Committee, overseeing culture, education, social work, housing and health and an Environment, Develop-

ment and Infrastructure Committee responsible for amenity services and roads. The new system does not allow all councillors to vote on every proposal, as previously done through full council meetings; the full council will now meet once every two months.

Area committees have also been given more financial decision making powers and will absorb the responsibilities of the local CHORD Project Boards.

Dick Walsh, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said the new arrangement addresses problems raised by the Accounts Commission, which last year slammed the authority for its 'lack of political leader-

ship'. He said: 'We have moved on with a new and inclusive committee structure which will provide a strong, stable administration. We have established a robust political management structure and a comprehensive action plan which will support further improvements.'

But SNP councillor James Robb said implementing the executive committee structure would cost £250,000.

He said: 'Divisive and expensive executive committees are a poor substitute for the previous inclusive and accountable democracy. The challenge process is fixed so it can't be triggered by the opposition SNP.'



Students taste pop-up restaurant success

STUDENTS at Lochgilhead High School looked dapper as they acted as professional waiters at a plush restaurant on Tuesday evening.

The S4 pupils had successfully launched their own pop-up restaurant, serving up the finest Scottish cuisine.

About 50 diners turned out to Tousey Tikes restaurant, set up in

the main hall of Lochgilhead Joint Campus, and tucked into a three-course meal.

The menu, featuring haggis, Scottish salmon and cock-a-leekie soup, was designed and prepared by students of the S4 administration and IT class under the guidance of John Fisher, head chef at Kilmartin Hotel.

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Man charged with assault

POLICE were called to a bar in Inveraray last Friday night after reports a woman had been assaulted by her partner.

The man, aged 29, was charged with assault, breach of the peace and vandalism. He was detained by police over the weekend and was due to appear in court on Monday.

Tighnabruaich lifeboat called 13 times

TIGHNABRUAICH lifeboat was launched 13 times in 2013, rescuing 23 people who got into danger in waters in and around the Loch Fyne coastline.

The figures were revealed this week by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which last year rescued more than 8,000 people around Britain.

In Tighnabruaich, the lifeboat's crew of volunteers spent more than 60 hours at sea, helping those in need.

Russian student's family voices thanks for support

THE FAMILY of Yulia Solodyankina, the Russian student whose remains were found in Arrochar, have thanked those who assisted in the search for their daughter.

Yulia, 22, was reported missing in Edinburgh in June 2013 and a significant police investigation was undertaken to find her. Inquiries about the student were made in Ardrishaig, Oban and Campbeltown as she was believed to have boarded a bus to Argyll or the Highlands around the time of her disappearance.

On January 9, Yulia's remains were discov-

ered by hill walkers in Succoth Forest.

In a statement issued via Police Scotland, Yulia's mother Ekaterina and father Dimitri said: 'We would like to express our gratitude to the police officers in Edinburgh, Argyll, and all across Scotland, the Consulate General of Russia in Edinburgh, staff of Edinburgh University, all Yulia's friends and everyone who was helping us for what they have been doing since disappearance of our daughter Yulia in June 2013. This support and assistance made it easier for us to cope with our loss.'

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Councillors are in the wrong job

IT IS astounding this week to see that Argyll and Bute councillors have been given a nine point plan in a bid to address their 'behaviour'.

At a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday, councillors agreed a 33-point action plan to address the concerns of the Accounts Commission, which last year said the local authority lacked political leadership.

It went further to say there was a 'culture of mistrust at Kilmory' and that much of the strain at the council 'centres on the behaviour of individuals'.

Almost one third of the points on this action plan refer to the standards of councillors. It sets out seminars and training courses to ensure councillors are 'refreshed' on the behaviour expected by the Standards Commission while holding public office.

But why is it that councillors are so unaware of how to behave in their day-to-day job as an elected representative? Surely much of it is common sense.

While the Standards Commission will be concerned with councillors behaviour in respect to their roles on committees such as planning, etc, a large element of the council's code of conduct, like many other workplaces, is purely to behave as a decent person.

If councillors cannot behave with good manners and be respectful of others, irrespective of their political persuasion, they are in the wrong job.

With the next council election only two years away it will be interesting to see how councillors behave when they are seeking our votes.

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3G all-weather pitch not just for football

Sir,
Your article in last week's edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser mentioned a '3G all-weather football pitch'.

This may mislead people into thinking that a 3G pitch would only be used for football and that no other sports could be played on this surface.

In fact, a 3G surface would be more safe for virtually all sports, not just football.

The cushion the surface would provide makes it safer for people in the event of a fall, and also provides better support for knees and other joints.

At present, the local rugby club cannot use the surface at the Joint Campus because it provides no cushion.

A 3G or 4G surface would allow the rugby club to train there. Shinty players could also train on a 3G pitch in a safer manner, knowing the pitch would provide a better grip for moulded boots and trainers.

There is no doubt that a new 3G surface, which is what the vast majority of the Lochgilthead public want, would allow any sport to be played in a safer manner than at present. Provided the correct footwear is worn, athletes could also train there, with the surface providing a far better grip for them. Improving the standard of sport in Mid Argyll, in a safer manner, and encouraging more people to use the pitch, is the reason I started the 3G pitch campaign.

Argyll and Bute Council must now deliver it for the

benefit of the community. Peter Laing,
Campaign organiser, Lochgilthead 3G Petition.

Tarbert Senior Citizens Dinner

Sir,
I was delighted to attend the Tarbert Senior Citizens Dinner.

The committee work tirelessly each year to ensure guests are welcomed, have a wonderful meal and are entertained to a very high standard.

I appreciate the work that goes into organising an event of this scale and it is particularly warming to see young people giving of their spare time to help out.

Thank you again to everyone involved in making such a success of the evening.

Anne Horn, Councillor, Ward 2, Kintyre and the Islands.

Welcome relief for beleaguered energy consumers

Sir,
News that the European Commission has decided to bow to reality and scrap binding EU-wide renewable energy targets from 2020 should come as a welcome relief to the many millions of beleaguered energy consumers here in Britain who have borne the burden of subsidising expensive, inefficient and nearly entirely useless renewable energy technologies like wind.

No doubt British industry will also be breathing a sigh of relief and looking forward

to competing again on an even playing field against their competitors from Asia and America.

It's a shame that it has taken the commission this long to realise its error in committing to these foolish targets in the first place. We must hope that the tide is now turning against the dominant green energy orthodoxy in Europe and towards a more sensible approach to meeting our energy needs.

The fact that the commission has also published guidelines for the exploitation of shale gas is also encouraging and demonstrates clearly that they realise the huge gains for Europe in creating jobs, slashing gas prices and cutting CO2 emissions.

Flexibility is key in the fight against climate change and it is heartening to see the Commission finally recognise this.

Struan Stevenson, MEP, The European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels.

RVS appeal

Sir,
As Britain braces itself for yet more plunging temperatures, gale force winds, ice and flooding, older people's charity Royal Voluntary Service, is calling on the public to make sure their older friends, family and neighbours have everything they need to stay safe and well.

Severe weather can have a devastating effect on the health and safety of older people, so it's vital that friends, family and neighbours check in on older people in their town and offer to help where they can. Simple things like making

sure older people have enough food in the house and offering someone a lift to a doctor's appointment or to the shops can make a huge difference during the inclement weather.

Royal Voluntary Service volunteers will continue to provide services in the local area through the bad weather, as well as assisting the emergency services team by offering refreshments and comfort to people affected by the storms, floods and power cuts.

David McCullough, Chief Executive, Royal Voluntary Service.

Consider a vegan diet

Sir,
Anyone who has not already made their New Year resolution may wish to consider adopting a vegan diet.

Not only will it mean that no animals are harmed to produce the food they eat, but it is also very good for human health as vegans suffer less from cardiovascular disease, obesity and certain types of cancer. It's the ideal way to counteract the gluttony of Christmas.

I would also urge anyone who has pledged to give more to charity to choose only those that do not conduct tests on animals.

A list of these, as well as information on going vegan, can be requested by calling Animal Aid on 01732 364546.

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Dalavich house blaze couple thank fellow residents for all their help

Home destroyed following lightning strike

A COUPLE whose house burned down after a suspected lightning strike have praised the efforts of fellow Dalavich residents in helping to save their possessions.

Paul and Leanne Jurk had only built Dalavich Cottage five years ago and were left distraught as it burned down last Saturday at 10am during a thunderstorm, which also knocked out electricity and phone lines in the area.

Twice

Paul said every appliance in the house shot out of the electricity sockets and then he

could smell the smoke. He added that the lightning appeared to strike the house twice.

The two doctors, who took early retirement to move to Dalavich, managed to retrieve their dog and their car and drive to safety.

Phoned

In the meantime, another Dalavich resident phoned for the fire service.

Appliances from Oban, Lochgilphead, Kilmelford and Ardfern were mobilised but by the time they arrived most of the villagers had already turned up to help save what belongings they could.



Firefighters attempt to get the fire under control.

The couple praised fellow residents, who did what they could to

help. Leanne added: 'I cannot thank them enough.'

The fire crews left the scene at 5pm, having doused the fire and

ensured the fire had not spread. Paul and Leanne have been giv-

en temporary accommodation in the village.

Lochgilphead apprentice shortlisted for top award

A YOUNG apprentice from Lochgilphead has become the first person from the town to be shortlisted for Lantra's Aquaculture Learner of the Year Award.

Andrew Cunningham, 20, an aquaculture apprentice with the Scottish Salmon Company, has been nominated for the award which aims to celebrate young talent within the industry.

The modern apprentice, who is completing a SVQ Level 2 in Aquaculture Fin Fish, will attend an awards ceremony on March 6, where the winner of the award will be revealed.

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New education management system introduced at Argyll and Bute Council

A NEW education management system, supported by 85 per cent of head teachers, has been introduced at Argyll and Bute Council.

But the structure, which has been debated by councillors for months, does not achieve the £190,000 in savings required by the education department.

Management option 3b, consisting of a head of service, three education managers, eight education officers, an educational psychology team, three education support officers and a communication and engagement officer, was agreed at a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday.

The decision came after council officials had proposed option 3a be adopted. It would see

three less education support officers and a saving of £190,000.

Bill Crossan, the Church of Scotland representative at Argyll and Bute Council and former head teacher of Campbeltown Grammar, had earlier slammed the council's attempts to slash the education budget.

Agreed

He said: 'What has been agreed is in keeping with what were keen to see achieved back in September. I'm quite content that this is the right decision.'

'As to the savings I

believe the only way in which an effective management system is achieved is if proper investment is made in it. If it [savings] is less than desired that is something that we will have to accept. Investment in education is always worthwhile and I hope they seek savings elsewhere.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said the 'unrealised savings' of about £130,000 would be addressed as part of the budget process. The council budget will be revealed in February.

NHS24 phone reminder

PEOPLE attending hospital appointments in Mid Argyll will from Monday onwards receive a reminder of the appointment from NHS24.

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Lochgilphead SWRI meet

MEMBERS of Lochgilphead SWRI deviated from their plans for a Zumba night at the January meeting and instead discussed competition entries for the annual Argyll Federation WRI Show.

The event, which sees ladies from across the county compete in a range of categories, will this year take place in the Corran Halls, Oban, on April 19.

January competition winners: Draught excluder: Gold: Jenny Campbell; Cookery, low calorie pudding: Gold: Lizzie Scott and Mary Campbell, Silver: Elasaïd Mackay and Debbie Munro.

The next meeting of Lochgilphead SWRI is Wednesday, February 19.

'Ridiculously' talented pipers to play Tayvallich gig

Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson perform tracks from latest album



Ross was a big hit with Tayvallich audiences when he performed in the village in the spring of 2013 with the very popular Charlie McKerron.

TWO PIPERS recently dubbed 'ridiculously talented' will next week delight music lovers when they perform in Tayvallich Village Hall.

Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson, two of the best contemporary pipers in Scotland, will take to the stage on Friday, February 8, backed by guitarist Ali Hutton.

The trio has fast become one of the most talked about combinations on the Scottish music circuit, having created a sound that is bursting with emotion and energy. The band's performances, which in-

clude a vibrant mix of new and original compositions along with traditional tunes, have also won critical acclaim.

'Ridiculously talented' was the Glasgow Herald's verdict of the trio.

Two of the foremost talents in contemporary Celtic piping, Scotland's Ross Ainslie and Tyrone-born Jarlath Henderson first met back in 2003 at the William Kennedy Piping Festival in Armagh.

After taking their time to hone and perfect their unique partnership of Scottish bagpipes and Irish uilleann pipes, each also playing a variety of whistles, the pair exploded onto the scene in 2009 with debut album, Partners in Crime.

Taking a couple of years off, Radio 2 musician of the year award nominee Ross performed with Salsa Celtica, The Treacherous Orchestra and Dougie Maclean, while Jarlath became a doctor.

But with new album Air-Fix now released, the pair are back on the

road doing what they do best.

The Tayvallich gig will see the pipers perform some of the tracks of the album, which was recorded in a live setting over a four-day run in Gorbals Sound Studios, Glasgow.

Featuring nine tracks, the album showcases the pair's talent on pipes and whistle and for the first time Jarlath's vocal talents. The Tyrone man sings on two songs: Gerry Rafferty's Look Over the Hill and Far Away and Paddy Casey's Anyone Who's Yet to Come.'

The Tayvallich concert will begin at 7.30pm.



Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson will perform tracks from their second album Air-Fix.

Noel Coward's renowned Blithe Spirit to be staged in Inveraray

THEATRE lovers in Inveraray will be treated to a unique performance of a classic play next week as a group of friends stage their first production.

Next Saturday, February 8, will see Noel Coward's renowned Blithe Spirit performed by a group of Royal Burgh friends, who wanted to create an evening of entertainment for their community.

Blithe Spirit, written in 1941,

tells the story of unfortunate writer Charles Condomine, who engages the help of a medium, Madame Arcati, to provide material for his next book.

However things do not go quite to plan and Coward spins a tale full of humour, love, intrigue and drama, especially when Madame Arcati is let lose on the dinner guests and events take unforeseen turns.

An usual production, the comic play will be staged in the style of an old-fashioned radio play, with the audience invited to watch the actors as they send the production out into the ether.

Graham Dickie, one of the men behind the production, said the group of friends decided to rehearse the play over the winter.

He said: 'Performed by lo-

cal people, with such diverse backgrounds as a prison guide, mod winner, head teacher, equity member, record-holding racing driver, chef, professional pianist, director, piper and a complete novice to the stage, the play recreates the power of radio and imagination to draw you into an exciting tale.'

The play will be staged at Inveraray Church Hall at 7.30pm.

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Kintyre District

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Campbeltown Grammar School
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Wed: Mid Argyll Drama Club: The Tea Dance by Margaret Bower
Peninver Juniors: Domby-Dom by Nick Warburton
Lochgilphead Drama Club: Who is Millbank Milly? By Leon Papall

Prices: £7 per night (Season £12)
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The YDance students impressed with their performances at the end of their six-hour workshop.

YDance hosts six-hour workshop in Lochgilphead

THIRTEEN teenagers have overcome the first hurdle to becoming qualified dance instructors after impressing teachers at a gruelling dance workshop in Lochgilphead.

The 13 girls, pupils at Lochgilphead High School and Tarbert Academy, last week took part in a YDance workshop for S3 to S6 students.

The national dance organisation for young people aged

three to 21 in Scotland, YDance hosted a six-hour dance workshop, where the girls were put through their paces and challenged to learn a range of routines.

The girls learned two dances on the day - a street dance and a contemporary dance - and later performed them in front of an audience.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools co-ordinator for Mid

Argyll, said: 'The girls worked incredibly hard and it showed in their performances at the end.'

'The Ydance instructors told me they were really impressed by the energy and enthusiasm the girls showed throughout the day and that they would be delighted to return to Lochgilphead next year.'

Following the success of the workshop, 12 of the 13 girls

have signed up for a YDance leadership course, which when completed will make the girls qualified dance instructors. It is hoped they will then deliver dance classes to primary pupils throughout Mid Argyll.

YDance works through key partnerships in education, culture, health and sport to increase participation in dance, while developing talent and education.

Music festival launches website

MID ARGYLL Music Festival has launched its own website so people can keep up to date with plans for the 2014 event, scheduled for March 17 to 22.

The website - midargyllmusicfestival.webeden.co.uk - features relevant paperwork and forms for competitors, as well as pictures documenting the success of the festival in the past three years.

It is hoped, in time, the website will also include a directory of people, clubs and societies involved in music in Mid Argyll. The directory will hold the contact details of music teachers, choirs, bands and others with music equipment and facilities.

Children's disco for MS funds

TWO GIRLS from Mid Argyll showed their support for a local charity by hosting a children's disco.

Luna Martin and Nicola Ellis, both aged 16, organised the party for P6 and P7 youngsters in a bid to raise funds for the MS Centre.

Explaining the inspiration behind the event, Luna said: 'We decided we would do something for our own communi-

ty. We knew what the MS Centre stands for, the basics of what the MS Centre does and we knew that it was always in need of money.'

The girls, students of Lochgilphead High School, drew up posters for their event, found a venue at the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, sourced music and lighting and prepared a host of games for the children.



Organisers of the children's disco Luna Martin (right) and Nicola Ellis. 06_a05party01



Mark MacFarlane, 13, and David Hatton, 16, showed their support for the fundraiser. 06_a05party03



Megan Davies, 11, from Tayvallich, decorated the balloons. 06_a05party02

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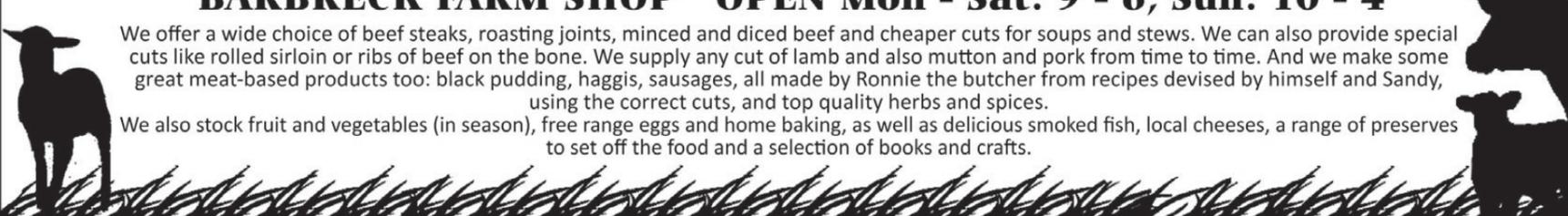
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Breeding Boer goats at Kintyre Farm



There are five female and one male goat kids at the farm. 20_c05goats02

MARY Turner stands with her new enterprise, a flock of Boer goats, which will graze on the scrub land at Kildalloig Farm. She hopes that the goats will gradually reduce the scrub and also become a profitable diversification for the farm.

The goats were mated in August and recently kidded, with five female kids and one male kid born.

They have been living inside the polytunnels at the farm since September, but Mary says they will be heading outside on the hill for the summer.

She said: 'We will castrate and sell the male goats as meat and the female goats will keep breeding. That's the plan.' 20_c05goats01

Free helpline steers farmers through transportation issues

NFU Scotland members are continuing to take advantage of a free helpline set up recently to give advice about vehicle and transportation issues.

The dedicated number and email address, run by Linlithgow farmer Jamie Smart, has received more than 30 calls and emails since it began.

It allows members to get advice and ask questions on the rules and regulations they must abide by for vehicles, tractors and trailers.

Queries have ranged from speed limits for tractors and age restrictions for drivers to trailer weight advice and Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) for drivers – the latter attracting the highest number of calls.

Many members have contacted Jamie on the back of a seminar held in partnership with Po-

lice Scotland and the Vehicles and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) in Aberdeen at the end of November.

It is hoped further workshops will be held across the rest of the country in this year.

More calls

Mr Smart, branch chairman for the Bathgate and West Calder region and who has been involved with NFU Scotland's legal and technical committee for 12 years, said: 'Calls have been mostly on driver CPC, tractor speeds and driver ages, but as the spring comes around I expect to receive more calls about vehicle widths and notifications to the police.'

'Transportation is at the core of farming. We need to haul inputs onto our farms, use vehicles in everyday farming operations and then get our goods to market. This advice line will help

our members to negotiate the legislative minefield that surrounds transport.

'I hope to be able to provide members with the information they require to operate their vehicles and machinery in accordance with legislation. This information is often difficult to find elsewhere as it is such a specialist area.'

'I also hope to be able to develop partnerships with regulatory bodies such as VOSA and Police Scotland so that we can work together to find solutions to some of the more difficult issues.'

'If members want to speak to me for help or advice they can phone me on 07733 136424 or email me at agrivehelp@nfus.org.uk'

'Please remember to have your NFU Scotland membership number to hand when you call the helpline or contact me through the email address.'

Market Reports

Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 593 store cattle and 13 young bulls at its Stirling sale on Monday January 20.

Bullocks – 269 averaged 243p per kilo to 312p per kilo for six 205 kilo Limousins from Wester Whin, Slamannan and to £1,300 for a 630kg Aberdeen Angus from Bowridge, Carlisle.

Heifers 295 averaged 224p per kilo to 272p per kilo for two 395 kilo Limousins from Mains of Burnbank, Blairdrummond and to £1,340 for a 665kg Simmental from Brisbane Glen Estates, North Drummingill, West Kilbride.

Bulls 13 averaged 218p per kilo to 260p per kilo for three 215 kilo Limousins from Myothill Mains, Denny and to £1,320 for a 560kg from Mains of Burnbank.

Caledonian Marts

had forward 972 store hoggets and feeding ewes. All classes of lambs sharper on the week and more could have been sold to sellers advantage.

Store lambs – 721 sold to £86 for Beltex's from JG & K Graham, Easterton.

Ewe lambs – 124 sold to £70 for Texels from Marshall Farming Co, Borlick

Feeding ewes – 125 sold to £84 for Beltex's from Marshall Farming Co, Borlick.

Gimmers in-lamb – six sold to £180 for Texels from D Cochrane, Markethill.

Leading prices: hoggets:

Cross - £80 Morenish; Belt - £75 Easter-ton; Tex - £75 Baluskie; Suff x - £74.50 Balliemartin; Cont - £73 East Fordell; Suff - £73 Eor-rabus; Mule - £70 East Fordell; BF - £49 Glenturret Estates.

Ewe hoggets: Zwar-bles - £70 Eastfield; BF -

£38.50 Glenturret; Chev - £38 Culcreuch Hill;

Gimmers: scanned twins - £180 Markethill; scanned singles - £165 Markethill.

Feeding ewes: Tex - £70 Wester Culbowie; Cont - £68 Borlick; Chev - £65 Kilbride; BF - £56 Eor-rabus.

Caledonian Marts Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts had forward 1,108 Store, Breeding and Feeding Sheep and 15 Cattle at its Oban sale on Tuesday, January 21.

Blackface hoggets sold to £56 from J & J McPherson, Ballie-meanoch, Dalmally.

Suffolk hoggets to £55 from A McColl, Ballie-mackillichan, Lismore.

Texel hoggets to £61 from Campbell, Fidden, Mull.

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HAVING extra hands is what helps Kildalloig Farm get through its busy lambing season each year.

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The bluefaced Leicesters are already inside the polytunnels, being fed on good quality sheep feed in varying quantities and with varying levels of protein depending on how many lambs they are each expecting. The level of feed also goes down slightly just before they give birth so the lambs do not get too big. John McLachlan, farm manager, said they had been scanned and it was expected they would have one set of quads and a mixture of triplets, twins and singles. He said: 'There should be 59 lambs in four days. We try to

lamb the bluefaced Leicesters before the main flock starts lambing in April.' While the blackface ewes are brought inside to lamb, then put back outside on the hill usually a day later, the bluefaced Leicesters receive a bit more care and attention. John said: 'They stay inside for a bit longer. We ensure that each lamb gets 100ml of colostrum within the first 6 hours. Bluefaced Leicester lambs do not have the same insulated coats as the blackfaces so the new born lambs are sometimes put under a heatlamp if the weather is very cold.'

It is a busy and relentless time, as there can be 500 ewes inside at once, depending on the weather, and 70 lambs born a day for a fortnight. To keep everything running smoothly, and ensure the shed is covered 24 hours a day, Mary Turner, who runs the farm in partnership with husband Joe, gets extra people in to help. She usually employs experienced agricultural students from New Zealand who are keen to get farming experience in the UK, with each taking a day or a night shift in the shed, while any young people

in the area who want to learn about farming are invited to lend a hand. Mary's granddaughter, Rosie Cannon, 7, also helps out. She is always very keen to help lamb the sheep and according to John, 'tells everybody how to do it'. Any lambs needing an extra bit of care, including pets, are looked after by Mary, who bottle feeds them until a suitable foster mother is found. This ensures a successful lambing season each year. John said: 'Keep the ewes in good condition. That's the secret.'



The bluefaced Leicester ewes at Killdalloig Farm which will start lambing in February.
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Gemma Geddis, John Watt snr and John Watt jnr enjoyed their Burns Supper in front of the Scottish national flag. 06_a05bur01



Joe and Cath Macfarlane were amongst the diners that tucked into haggis, neaps and tatties. 06_a05bur03



Neil MacCallum, owners of the Frigate Hotel John and Marion Atkinson and piper John Hunt raised a 'toast' to Rabbie Burns. 06_a05bur07

Burns Supper with a twist in Tarbert

ONE OF the first independent Burns Suppers to be held in Tarbert for some years got under way in the Islay Frigate Hotel on Saturday.

Residents turned out to raise a toast to Scotland's national baird and tucked into a traditional meal of haggis, neaps and tatties.

Organised by new hotel owners, Marion and John Atkinson, the event enjoyed a contemporary twist to the traditional Burns Supper.

Onzie

Celebrating popular culture, the celebrations saw the Holy Willie prayer delivered by a guest in a

onezie and an 'See You Jimmy' hat. He had swapped the traditional candle for a can of Irn Bru, while other guests opted for traditional tartan and kilts.

After the food, music, traditional and contemporary, was provided by Tarbert musician Alex McPhee.



Michelle Wilson and Stacey McLean were served Irn Bru as part of the 'modern' Burns Supper. 06_a05bur06



Stella and Alan Hynes turned out for Tarbert's Burns supper. 06_a05bur02



Jenny Macfarlane and Betty Rintoul represented Tarbert's senior citizens at the event. 06_a05bur05



Iain MacLachlan, John Atkinson and Neil MacCallum dressed for the occasion. 06_a05bur04

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Scottish Beaver Trial named best conservation project in Britain

'I am thrilled that the team and all those associated with the project are being recognised in this way'

THE SCOTTISH Beaver Trial has been named Britain's Best Conservation Project as it enters its last four months of activity at Knapdale Forest.

The beaver trail, which reintroduced beavers to the wild in 2009, won the conservation award at the 2013 BBC Countryfile Magazine Awards.

A partnership between the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland and Scottish Wildlife Trust, the Scottish Beaver Trial saw experts monitor four beaver families after their release in Knapdale Forest.

Simon Jones, project manager for the Scot-

tish Beaver Trial, said: 'This is amazing recognition for the project and its conservation value. The team's devotion to the trial, including raising awareness of the ecological benefits of beavers, has been tireless over the past five years.'

Simon Milne, chief executive of the Scottish Wildlife Trust, said: 'Over the past five years, everyone involved in the trial has worked extraordinarily hard to ensure this project has the best chance of success.'

'I am thrilled that the team and all those associated with the project are being recognised in this way. It



Four beaver families were released into Knapdale Forest in 2009, to which a number of kits have been born. Photograph: Phillip Rice.

is good to be appreciated – not least for those who spent countless dark nights up to their knees in cold water monitoring be-

avers!' The five-year scientific study of the Eurasian beavers and their impact on the local environment will finish

in May this year. The results of the study, which also examines the impact beavers have on tourism and surrounding commu-

nities, will then be reviewed by the Scottish Government. It will then make its decision on the future of beavers in Scotland.

Dangerous driving

A 53-YEAR-old man has been charged with dangerous driving after being accused of tail-gating a car between Lochgilphead and Kilninver last Thursday, January 16, before overtaking on a narrow stretch of road.

He then allegedly overtook on the B844 towards Easdale, forcing the other driver off the road.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Beach clean

BEACH lovers in Mid Argyll are this week being urged to visit their favourite part of the coast and help clean it up.

The high winds, lashing rain and storm waves that ravished the Argyll coast over the festive period have left many beaches strewn with litter.

Now the Marine Conservation Society is urging people to don their gloves and get cleaning. The charity said these efforts will ensure the survival of wildlife, who often eat plastic washed up on shores.

2,000 year-old necklace owned by Noble family put up for auction

Antiques owned by the late Ardkinglas laird sold

A 2,000-year-old necklace owned by the late Simon John Noble, laird of Ardkinglas Estate, was put up for sale at an auction last week.

The necklace was part of a collection of Mr Noble's much-loved Egyptian, Roman and Greek jewellery, which was to be auctioned in Edinburgh but it failed to meet its guide price; it had been valued at £1,200 to £1,800.

Aquatic theme

The necklace, with engraved fish detailing, like so many items in the auction, including dishes and figurines, had an aquatic theme, reflecting the interests of Mr Noble, the founder of Loch Fyne Oysters.

Theo Burrell, antiques specialist at Lyon &



Necklace dating back some 2,000 years fails to sell at auction.

Turnbull, the company auctioning the collection, said: 'This is surely one of the many interesting things from the collection of the late Simon John Noble and is one

of my favourite items in the sale.

'For a piece with such age it is unbelievable that the item still looks so current and wearable. I think as an ornament or

round someone's neck it would be an interesting talking point in anyone's home. It is remarkable that something which is over 2,000 years old can be found at auction at £1,200-£1,800.'

Inherited

Johnny Noble, as he was known, inherited his father's estate in 1972 when it was running at a loss and he was forced to think creatively in order to turn things around.

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Primary school holds a Burns Supper

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CARRADALE

Yes campaign meeting attracts big audience

THE GROWING interest in the independence referendum was reflected in there being standing room only at Carradale Village Hall last week for a Yes campaign meeting. The meeting, chaired by councillor Anne Horne, was addressed by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell and Professor Allan MacInnes of Strathclyde University. Taxation, education, the economy, the EU, bedroom tax and child-care were some of the issues discussed during a lively question and answer session. Ron Wilson, of Yes Scotland - Kintyre, said: 'People are rightly looking for as much information as they can in advance of the referendum. That is why we are running these village meetings to enable folk to engage with the issues.'

Inveraray man honoured at Burns Supper

A ROYAL Burgh man who helped establish Inveraray Burns Club was honoured last week when the club gathered to celebrate the 255th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. Jim McCulloch, former manager of Argyll Caravan Park, was awarded with an honorary presidency of the club in recognition of his tireless efforts to promote Robert Burns and his works. The award was handed over by current Inveraray Burns Club president Kenny Stark. Jim and Kenny were amongst the 80 members and guests of the club who gathered at the Argyll Hotel on Saturday for a traditional Burns Supper. The Selkirk Grace was

INVERARAY



More than 80 members and guests of Inveraray Burns Club enjoyed an evening of good food and entertainment.

said by Fr Simon McKenzie, while Pamela Spalding delivered an enthusiastic Address to the Haggis; the Immortal Memory was read by Chic Scott, past president of Cumbernauld Burns Club, and a rendition of Holy Willie's prayer was conducted by past president Jim McMillan. There was a very hu-

morous Toast to the Lassies by Jim Morrison of Lochgilphead and an equally humorous reply by his wife Ruth. A recital of To A Louse by Chic Scott, together with a selection of rousing songs by the group Bletherskyte, ensured everyone had a most memorable experience.



Kenny Stark, left, awarded Jim McCulloch with an honorary presidency of Inveraray Burns Club on the bard's birthday.

TARBERT

Toyota Dream Car Art Competition

TWO STUDENTS from Tarbert Academy have been named winners in this year's Toyota Dream Car Art Competition.

Isacc Stanesby's drawing of his dream car saw him named the winner of the 12 to 15 years category, receiving a Kindle Fire and a cheque for £200 to put towards school funds. Jack Faulkner was third in the same age category and received a £20 Amazon vouch-

er for his efforts. The boys' work, submitted to the Helensburgh Toyota dealership, will now be entered into the UK-wide competition. If judges are impressed the boys could be entered into a worldwide competition, where the prize includes a trip to Japan.

CLACHAN

Cinderella

MAGIC, romance and giggles galore are in the air at Clachan this weekend with Clachan Calamities' production of the hilarious family pantomime, Cinderella. Cast members have been working on the panto since the autumn, rehearsing, creating fantastic sets and props, spectacular costumes. Morvern Paisley, from Whitehouse, who plays Cinderella, said: 'It's hard work, but fantastic fun too! The audience's reactions really make it all worthwhile.' Clachan Calamities is a vibrant pantomime group based in the Kintyre village. There are over 40 members, who vary in age from three years old to retired pensioners, while some members come weekly rehearsals from as far afield as Campbeltown and Ardrishaig. The performances begin in Clachan Village Hall, today (Friday) at 7:30pm and the second tomorrow (Saturday).

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in the Committee Room 1, Kilmory, Lochgilphead at 11.00a.m. - Wednesday 5th February, 2014

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday 27th January 2014, Argyll and Bute Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 71 (2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 made the above mentioned Order.

Copies of the Order as made and of the accompanying plan, have been deposited at the offices of:

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The effect of the Order is stated in the Notice in the Edinburgh Gazette issue 27336 on page 3046 and the Argyllshire Advertiser/Campbeltown Courier dated 6th December 2014.

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THANKS

Neil Mclellan would like to thank all family and friends for the cards and gifts received for his 70th birthday. Also to all who helped organise a great party.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I AM in between Burns' Suppers and will be attending my third tomorrow night.

However, my favourite is always the one the children of Glenbarr school invite us to share with them.

From the youngest to the oldest I am amazed at how well the youngsters can deliver the poems, entertain us with great musical ability and generally enchant us with their many gifts.

I can imagine there will be many fine Immortal Memories in future years as these young folk grow up.

It's interesting that there are so many wonderful poets, and especially such gifted English poets like Wordsworth, Keats, Shelley and so we could go on.

However, there is only one who is celebrated around the world with such love and respect, and that is our own Rabbie Burns.

We know that Rabbie had many faults, as so did he, but he was a man of love and passion – and compassion.

We remember him because he actually said something.

He was a man with a vision, a man who longed for the day when 'man to man the world o'er shall brithers be for a' that'.

If only we could realise this dream; if only we could grasp it for ourselves today – if only.

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Holocaust Memorial Day

By Ellie Donald and Olivia Kerr

MONDAY marked Holocaust Memorial Day, where communities across the world are asked to come together to remember those affected by genocide.

Since the theme for 2014's Holocaust Memorial Day is 'Journeys', S3 students at Lochgilphead High School decided to use the Kindertransport, where Jewish children were removed from their families and sent to safety in Britain, as the focus for their presentation to P7 and S2 students in the campus.

The special assembly began in near total darkness providing a fitting atmosphere for Leon Bilton, S5, and his violin as he welcomed stu-

dents by playing the theme from Schindler's List.

S3 students, Sean Smyth, James Jackson, Kieran Moore, Alexander Feeney, Aidan MacVicar, Hannah MacDonald, Cally Joynson, Kizzy Catterwell and Katie McNiven, told the stories of Bob and Ann, two children taken from their families and sent to Britain as part of the Kindertransport – they never saw their families again.

Aidan then recited the Pastor Niemoller poem First they came.

P7 students at the assembly were clearly affected by what they heard.

Donald Bremner said: 'We have heard about the Nazis in Germany but the Kindertransport



Fifth-year student Leon Bilton played the theme tune from Schindler's List.

was new to us. I can't imagine being taken from my mum and dad like that. I hope we can do something similar in

high school, as we liked how the S3s made their presentation.'

S3 students studied the Holocaust in PSE

lessons and were challenged to think about the role individuals each play in the lives of others.

Tarbert girls' 'harrowing' visit to Auschwitz



Rose Richmond and Hannah Prill, students of Tarbert Academy, with their Lessons from Auschwitz artwork. 06_a05aush02

AS THE world marked Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday two students from Tarbert Academy spoke about their recent visit to Auschwitz and the lessons they learned from the 'harrowing' visit.

Rose Richmond and Hannah Prill were selected by the Holocaust Educational Trust to be part of a group of students from the west coast of Scotland to visit the concentration camp, where it is estimated 1.1 million Jews were killed.

Rose, 17, and Hannah, 16, spent Monday afternoon sharing their experiences with fellow pupils at a special assembly.

Rose said: 'The sheer scale of Auschwitz Birkenau - also known as Auschwitz two - is terrifying, mind-numbing and unbelievable all at once. It stretches as far as the eye can see.'

'The gas chamber at Auschwitz one, the first chamber which is still standing was one of the hardest places to see.'

Rose and Hannah spent time viewing the mounds and mounds of clothes, suitcases, belongings and even human hair that was snatched from the Jews when they arrived at Auschwitz.

Rose added: 'What I find difficult to explain to people is what the hair, and the shoes, and the pots and the shoe polish, represent. Each is someone's personal and unique belonging. It's what made each of the 1.1 million people who died at Auschwitz human, and it is this humanity that the Nazis were determined to destroy.'

Indeed the main lesson the girls took from their time with the Holocaust Educational Trust was that each of the six million people killed were individuals with their own personalities.

The girls have used this message to inform their Lessons from Auschwitz artwork, which will hang in the school as a constant reminder of their visit and the valuable lessons all people can take from the Holocaust.

The art work features the handprints of many individuals within the Tarbert community alongside the phrase: 'When we understand where prejudice leads; we can stop it in its tracks.'

Rose added: 'Small acts of kindness everyday, as opposed to small acts of prejudice, that's the message.'

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MACINNES - CAMPBELL - Neil and Janette, by Rev James W Hood, on January 31, 1964 at Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

MACKAY - On January 28, 2014, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Ian MacKay (former seaman), in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Jean Johnstone and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Monday, February 3 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection, if desired, for Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

MACLULLICH - Peacefully at Eader Glinn, Oban on January 22, 2014, in his 85th year, Archie, eldest son of the late Donald and Mary MacLulich, Acharonich, Barbreck, by Lochgilphead, brother of the late Mary, Alec, Stewart and Frank and uncle of Maimie, Buddy and Alan. Cremation took place on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Cardross Crematorium followed by a memorial service in Craignish Parish Church.

VAN DOME - A graveside service will be held for the late Wendy Van Dome, in Kilkerran Cemetery, on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

SMART - The family of the late Mrs Elizabeth Smart would like to express their thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kindness following their sad loss. Thanks also to Rev David Thom for comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services, the Argyll Hotel, Bellochintyre for the funeral tea and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Finally, a large thank you for all donations received at the retiral collection, the sum of £465 was raised for Auchlinlee.

SMITH - Ken, Heather, Carol, Kenneth and families would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, phone calls, hospitality and overwhelming kindness and support given to them following the very sad loss of Dot, cherished wife, mum, gran and great gran. Our thanks to Rev Burroughs for his support and comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism and care shown to us and

the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea. A final thank you to everyone who attended at church and graveside. The retiral collection for Kidney Research raised £494.

STRANG - Nicol and family would like to thank all neighbours, friends and family for all their support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of a much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Betty was a very self-effacing lady who would have been very touched by all the cards, floral tributes and to all those who attended her service. Thanks also to the staff of Lorne and Isles Hospital and Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Thanks to Blair's funeral services for their kindness and the staff of Carradale Hotel for the catering. Special thanks to Rev Steve Fulcher for conducting the service and for his kind words of comfort. "Safe in the arms of Jesus".

IN MEMORIAMS

MITCHELL - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father, father-in-law and grandpa, Jimmy (the butcher) who passed away so suddenly, but peacefully, on January 29, 1991.

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Twenty children have signed up to the after school tennis club at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Game, set and match in a week for first Mid Argyll tennis club

THE FIRST tennis club in Mid Argyll is at full capacity just one week after opening its doors.

The Mid Argyll after school tennis club for P4-7 pupils has already attracted 20 youngsters, aged between eight and 12, to

the sport. The children, a mix of regular players and complete novices, are being taught by qualified tennis coaches Richard Sloan and Mid Argyll Active Schools coordinator Innes Paterson, with the support of

volunteers Dinah MacKay and Josh Coates. Innes said: 'We have been blown away by the interest in the club, the class was fully subscribed within days of opening for bookings. 'We viewed this as a trial but it

has already been so successful we will definitely be carrying it on into the summer. We are already looking forward to the better weather and getting outside to play on the full size courts.'

BADMINTON

Mid Argyll and Kintyre struggle in cup

THE ARGYLL Cup badminton championship was contested in Dunoon last weekend but the Mid Argyll and Kintyre team came bottom of the scoreboard.

It was Dunoon that dominated the competition, taking home the spoils in both the A and C Team categories.

Oban players secured second place in both competitions, while the combined team of Mid Argyll and Kintyre was third.

The competition saw the badminton players compete in pairs, accruing points for their respective teams with every win.



Adults spent Sunday morning learning how to capsize safely.

Kayakers paddle into 2014 at pool

Volunteers prepare for coaching qualifications

KAYAKERS in Mid Argyll have been seeking shelter in MAC Pool recently as they aim to boost their skills before taking to the high seas in summer.

Members of Mid Argyll Water Sports have been developing their skills and confidence in the pool, practising skills such as capsizing under the watchful eye of kayak instructors and lifeguards.

Peter Hogbin of sports club said: 'We have two very experienced kayak instructors Dave McBride and Andy Craven; they have been leading these sessions in

the pool. Some people are incredibly nervous so getting some experience in a safe environment is good for them.

'The idea is to move on, once people are comfortable, into colder water, so when the weather warms up we will move to the canal.'

Abilities

People between the ages of eight and 80 have taken up kayaking with Mid Argyll Water Sports, which caters for a range of abilities.

The pool sessions have also proved a good opportunity for volunteers to hone their coaching skills after

completing a kayaking course last year. The volunteers will this spring complete the British Canoe Union UKCC level one certificate, which will enable them to teach basic skills to paddlers in any type of paddle sport craft.

The level one coach can plan, deliver, and review short coaching sessions, deliver taster sessions and can work with paddlers at any stage of development.

Outdoor kayak sessions will get underway in Ardrishaig on April 23, while sailing coaching starts on April 25.

Mid Argyll athletics competition results

Under 7 Girls: 1 Jodie Sansom, Lochgilphead, 19pts; 2 Catriona Johnstone, Lochgilphead, 16pts; 3 Kiera Harding, Lochgilphead, 10pts. Under 9 Girls: 1 Kirsten Blair, Lochgilphead, 26pts; 2 Amy Anderson, Glassary, 13pts and Iris MacMillan, Tayvallich, 13pts; 4 Hannah Young, Lochgilphead, 7pts; 5 Darcy Curran, Glassary, 3pts and Drew Buckley, Tayvallich, pts.

Under 11 Girls: 1 Martha Payne, Lochgilphead, 24pts; 2 Megan Danson, Lochgilphead, 18pts; 3 Karis Kidd, Ardrishaig, 11pts; 4 Jilly Lefebure, Glassary, 10pts; 5 Ellie Simpson, Lochgilphead, 7pts; 6 Katie MacKay,

Inveraray. Under 13 Girls: 1 Erin Downie, Lochgilphead HS, 22pts; 2 Jodie Robertson, Lochgilphead HS, 20pts; 3 Rachael Johnstone, Lochgilphead P, 12pts and Chloe MacKinnon, Lochgilphead HS, 12pts; 5 Rowan MacIntyre, Lochgilphead HS, 4pts.

Under 15 Girls: 1 Chloe Fairman, Lochgilphead, 27pts; 2 Katie Luxmore, Lochgilphead, 20pts; 3 Cara Gorman, Tarbert, 16pts. Under 17 Girls: 1 Freya Corner, Lochgilphead, 25pts; 2 Olivia Kerr, Lochgilphead, 24pts. Under 7 boys: 1 Logan Phillips, Ardrishaig, 16pts, 2 Dan Anderson, Glassary, 12pts; 3 Callum Green, Ardrishaig, 11pts; 4 Sam Anderson, Glassary, 3pts. Under 9 Boys: 1 Ben Maddox, Kilmartin, 18pts; 2 Zander MacKenzie, Lochgilphead, 12pts; 3 James Campbell, Ardrishaig, 115pts; 4 Logan Allan, Ardrishaig, 9pts; 5 Murray MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 75pts; 6 Kyle Danson, Lochgilphead, 6pts. Under 11 Boys: 1 Alfie Smith, Tayvallich, 25pts, 2 Jake Gillespie, Lochgilphead, 22pts; 3 Calum MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 13pts; 4 Arran Robertson, Ardrishaig, 5pts; 5 Jock Spencer, Craignish, 3pts; 6 Gregor Brown, Ardrishaig, 2pts.

Under 13 Boys: 1 Joseph Harper, Lochgilphead HS, 20pts; 2 Archie Spencer, Lochgilphead HS, 19pts; 3 Gregor McGeachy, Lochgilphead HS, 18pts; 4 Shaun Doy, Lochgilphead HS, 7pts; 5 Felix Maddox, Lochgilphead HS, 5pts; 6 Craig Millar, Lochgilphead P, 2pts. Under 15 Boys: 1 Liam Scott, Lochgilphead, 27pts; 2 Donald Ferguson, Lochgilphead, 215pts; 3 Theo Maddox, Lochgilphead, 145pts. Under 17 Boys: 1 Josh Coates, Lochgilphead.



Youngsters were all smiles as they took part in throwing, jumping and running competitions.

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Lochgilphead Red Star on lookout for a new manager

A NEW manager is being sought to train Lochgilphead Red Star.

Allan Weir, who has been heading up the senior side since 2008, will retire as manager in May, at the end of the 2013/14 season.

Allan has seen many successes during his five-year tenure, most notably helping Red Star lift the Coronation Cup in 2011 and securing the team's promotion to Premier Division two in 2013. This season is the first time the team has played at such a high level in amateur football.

Chairman of Red Star Dougie Moore said the club was seeking a manager that could help the team continue its recent successes.

He said: 'A well established amateur club, Red Star has an excellent pathway for youth footballers coming through from the Soccer Centre and Red Star youth teams.'

'All interested parties please email the Red Star committee on moore4@sky.com.'



Last year Lesley McFayden smashed the women's record for the Crinan Puffer by six minutes. The Inveraray women completed the run in 51 minutes and 12 seconds. 06_a17puffer07

Feathers fly at badminton competition

LOCHGILPHEAD High School played host to the MAKI schools badminton competition last week but failed to gain a share of the spoils, as their Campbeltown rivals dominated the event.

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) competition for S1 to S3 saw students compete in single and mixed double matches in a bid to win points for their schools.

In total 44 students from Lochgilphead High, Tarbert Academy,

Campbeltown Grammar and Islay High lifted their racquets for the occasion.

It was however only Campbeltown that lifted awards on the day, overcoming stiff competition from other schools.

In the S1 competition, Campbeltown pipped Lochgilphead and the students from the Wee Toon were also victorious in the S2 competition. In the S3 category Campbeltown finished ahead of second place Islay, despite a strong

showing from the islanders.

When all scores were calculated it was a comfortable win for Campbeltown in the overall school competition, meaning they returned to the Kintyre peninsula with all four trophies. Argyll and Bute Active schools would like to thank the sports leaders from Lochgilphead High School, who did a fantastic job of officiating, time-keeping and recording scores throughout the day.

Crinan Puffer 8.5 entries open shortly

ENTRIES for Mid Argyll's renowned race, the Crinan Puffer 8.5, are to open in the coming weeks.

This year's event will take place on April 27.

One of the most popular events in the Scottish running

calendar, the race sees competitors run the length of the canal, from Ardrishaig to Crinan.

Matthew Watkiss, from the organising committee, said: 'For those who aren't going to run it, we are always looking out for volunteers to help

with marshalling and other on-the-day duties. Last year we had loads of JogScotland folk helping out, making the event a great success.'

For more information see the Scottish Sea Farms Crinan Puffer 8.5 Facebook page.



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Young Aaron Sloan was all smiles as he got to grips with his kayak during a coaching session in MAC Pool on Sunday. Erin and fellow members of Mid Argyll Water Sports practised skills such as paddling and capsizing under the watchful eye of instructor Dave McBride. For more on this story see page 26.

Clubs urged to get behind sports trust

SPORTS clubs are being urged to get behind the newly formed Mid Argyll Sports Trust as it sets out a vision for improving the sporting environment for all in the area.

The trust was formally restarted at a meeting in November after sports clubs expressed an interest in joining an organisation that would provide a collective voice for sports bodies in Mid Argyll.

From Ardfern in the

north, Tarbert in the south and Inveraray in the west, the sports trust aims to represent sports clubs of all sizes within this catchment area.

At the first formal meeting of the trust last week, sports people set out the potential benefits of joining the trust, with a focus on the advantages of partnership working:

It is envisaged the sports trust could organise first aid training and child protection courses,

as opposed to each club organising these courses on an individual and more costly basis; further emphasis was placed on finance and funding, with the sports trust aiming to attract large-scale funding which could be administered to member sports clubs; the trust will also aim to act as a lobbying group, ensuring the views of Mid Argyll sports people and clubs are heard by key decision makers, organ-

isations such as sportscotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor Douglas Philand, who chaired the meeting said: 'I would urge sports clubs to come together and become members of Mid Argyll Sports Trust. It will enable clubs to work together and support one another to maintain and develop sport within the Mid Argyll area.'

'A collective voice when applying for funding, or addressing issues

of concern, would be mutually beneficial to all clubs.'

An annual general meeting (AGM) for Mid Argyll Sports Trust will be held on February 27 when it is hoped sports clubs will sign up. The annual membership fee for clubs with less than 20 members is £5 and for those with more than 20 members £10.

Members of the trust will have the opportunity to vote on how the £22,000 in exist-

ing sports trust funds is spent.

Membership forms and more information can be obtained by emailing Bill MacCallum on w_maccallum@hotmail.com.

Star concedes home advantage

RED STAR'S league game against Dunoon Athletic was cancelled on Saturday as heavy rain made the Dunoon pitch unplayable.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Red Star return to league duty and travel to play Goldenhill for the second time this season. The match was supposed to be a home fixture but, with the Ropework park unlikely to be playable, the Lochgilphead side have chosen to give up home advantage in order to proceed with the game.

Star have struggled on recent visits to Goldenhill but will be looking for a positive performance tomorrow.

Lottery numbers

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery, with numbers 3, 8 and 16 drawn. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

Tarbert Football Lottery numbers this week were 8, 14 and 17.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 12, 14 and 15. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

SAFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup 4th round - Giffnock North v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Eaglesham; Rolls Royce EK v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Goldenhill v Lochgilphead Red Star; Port Glasgow v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1A - Tarbert v Rossvale.

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