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## Canal clothes spark phone rant

A GOOD Samaritan says she was unable to report an incident to police because the old telephone number for the Lochgilphead office had been taken out of service.

The good Samaritan who tried to get through to the police office, after spotting a pile of clothes abandoned on the side of the Crinan Canal, was so frustrated by her efforts that she took to Facebook to write about on the situation.

Eventually the posts were removed when an off-duty civilian officer said there was no problem and people could get through at any time.

Lochgilphead police inspector Mark Stephen said the number residents were trying to get through to the office on was an old number. He said people should dial 101 and ask for the Lochgilphead office or a particular person.

Inspector Stephen, who is based in both Lochgilphead and Campbeltown, said: 'Don't rely on the local number as it may have been removed as all offices move over to the 101 number.'

### Police inspector says phone 101



The more open we are, the more people will work with us



Addressing problems about not being able to get through to officers, he said: 'I invite anyone who is concerned to come and see me.'

'One man from Ardrishaig came to see me last week and I was able to give him the information he needed to understand our policies and why we are working in the way that we are.'

'I am happy to do the same for any individuals or community groups.'

'My position is the more open we are, the more people will work with us. It's when we don't communicate that problems happen.'

Inspector Stephen wants to attend community council meetings throughout the area to address concerns.

Last week West Lochfyneside community council raised fears that crime numbers were falling because there were no officers on the 'beat' to detect problems.

Area commander Marlene Baillie said this was not the case. She said: 'I can confirm that we are not short of officers and have sufficient resources to cope with demand and recognised contingencies in place to access additional resources when required.'

'The public can access the police via the 101 number, attending at their local office during opening hours - 24 hours for Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Oban - or by emailing us.'

The clothes by the side of the canal are not part of any on-going investigation.



Pupils dressed up to enjoy an American-style diner and drive-through event they hosted at the joint campus. 08\_a05school01

### Hot Lochgilphead drive-through ticket serves up fiery guests

FOURTH year Lochgilphead high school pupils served up 80 meals at an American drive-through and diner night on Tuesday, including to an un-

expected guest - the fire brigade. Thankfully it was a false alarm for the firefighters as a result of a smoke alarm being set off. In the end everyone enjoyed burg-

ers and chips and a showing of Grease. Teacher Aileen McGarry said: 'We couldn't have done it without the help of John Fisher, chef at Kilmartin Hotel.'

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# Children help get road safety message across

CHILDREN in Argyll are helping to slow traffic down at their local schools.

A life-like figure of a young child wearing a reflective vest and holding a sign asking drivers to slow down as they pass their school has been used at Carradale primary school.

The sign has proved extremely effective

as drivers, when seeing the 'child' have immediately reduced their speed.

The risk of incidents involving children around schools has been a major concern highlighted by local communities.

An initiative aimed at improving road safety, particularly around schools, has been launched by

Police Scotland and BAM Nuttall, Siemens, Scottish and Southern Energy, Argyll and Bute Drive Safe and Criminal Justice.

The pilot project has been so successful that it is now being rolled out across Argyll and is due to be implemented from February 2015.

Area commander Marlene Baillie said: 'This is an excellent initiative, designed to slow drivers down as they travel past our schools.

'Often our focus is on enforcement to try and influence driver behaviour and prevent road traffic collisions but we are equally committed to educating and supporting any programmes which assist in reducing speeds, particularly around our local schools.'



Initiative aims to slow down traffic in Argyll. 08\_a05safety1

## Police files

A YOUNG woman, suspected of being in possession of herbal cannabis, is the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

The 19-year-old was stopped in a vehicle on Oban Road, Lochgilphead, at 9.25pm on Thursday January 22.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses or information after two yachts were stolen from Tarbert.

The yachts were in a driveway on Pier Road and are thought to have gone missing sometime between January 17 and 20. Anyone with information should contact Constable Frame by calling 101.

## Warning as storms expose poisonous plant



The Hemlock water dropwort plant is one of the UK's few poisonous plants.

A WARNING has been issued to parents and dog owners after one of the most poisonous plants in the UK has been exposed by storms in Argyll.

The roots of hemlock water dropwort, also known as poison parsnip, have been exposed by storms along the west coast's shoreline and rivers.

The Scottish Government, the charity Animal Concern Action Line (ACAL) and Argyll and Bute Council have come together to issue the warning after six dogs died in the Helensburgh area after eating the plant.

Heavy rain, river

spates and exceptionally high tides have eroded soil exposing the toxic roots and washing plants out of the ground.

A council spokesman said: 'Hemlock water dropwort occurs naturally on the shoreline.

'Ordinarily the roots, or tubers, are not exposed. During stormy weather the roots are disturbed and exposed.

'The council would advise the public to be vigilant whilst out walking their dogs and to be aware poisonous plants do grow wild in the UK.

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- All Primary Schools
- <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/preschool-education>
- Early Years Helpline noted below

Information leaflets will be available from Early Learning & Childcare Providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Early Years Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503).

Parents of eligible children should register at their preferred provider, taking along their child's birth certificate or passport, during week commencing 2nd Feb 2015 during the normal operational hours of the unit.

## Driver reported

FOLLOWING a road accident involving two vehicles on January 19, a man is the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

The 40-year-old has been reported for suspected careless driving in connection with the incident which happened at 6.20pm on the A83 near to Loch Fyne Oyster, Cairndow. No one was injured.

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## Carers give Eileen her life back

A PENSIONER who was in hospital with pneumonia says she has been given her life back by carers who have been supporting her in her own home.

Eileen Humphrey, who lives on the Inveraray Estate, was taken into hospital in October with pneumonia and for a while thought that she might not get back to Inveraray.

Eileen said: 'But my three carers have been marvellous.'

'You hear so many stories about people being stuck in hospital unable to come home.'

'If it wasn't for these three ladies I would still be in hospital or facing the prospect of moving into a nursing home.'

'Over the bad weather they have even walked down to see me. They keep my house warm and make sure that I am well cared for. I don't know what I would do without them really.'

### Treats

Eileen praised the community and shop keepers in Taynuilt and Inveraray who look out for her. She made special mention of staff at the George Hotel who bring her soup and 'treats'.

'This is a very caring community,' she said, 'Why would anyone want to be anywhere else?'

She came to Argyll 28 years ago with husband Ernie.

The couple moved from Norfolk and enjoyed life with their dogs on the estate.

Ernie passed away a number of years ago, and Eileen stayed in the house where they shared their life together, latterly with dog Chloe - who also passed away at the age of 13 last year.

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# Half way to life saving treatment

A DAUGHTER has raised £4,060 in a £10,000 campaign to fund her father's trip to China to receive life-saving treatment.

Kirsten MacNeill, 20, and her father Brian, 44, from Tarbert, have been diagnosed with hereditary spinocerebellar ataxia, a muscle wasting condition of the brain that affects speech, balance, vision and mobility.

In November, Brian and Kirsten launched a campaign to raise funds for him to go to China to receive treatment, in the form of a plate surgically fitted under his scalp, because the ground-

breaking treatment is not available freely on the NHS.

Kirsten said: 'My dad and his wife will record his progress on video. If it works, we will campaign for the NHS to support it in the UK.'

### Success rate

'Not only does the treatment have a high success rate for ataxia, but it helps Parkinson's Disease, multiple sclerosis and depression.'

Since her own diagnosis Kirsten has not experienced any symptoms but her dad's condition has worsened over the past three years and he needs full time care and support at home.



## Hoedown brings joy to Dochas

Strictly Lochgilphead dancers left and right, Alison Whitefield and Scott MacDonald took part in Lochgilphead's annual dancing competition to raise funds for the town's carers' centre. The couple, who danced salsa, country and western amongst other styles, skipped into the charity delighted to give the money over. The cheque for £500 was handed to Maggie McLaren, centre, of the Dochas Carer's Centre and the money has been earmarked for counselling services in the area.

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Kirsten inherited ataxia from her father Brian. Now the pair hope a new treatment can help tackle their illness.

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# Pontoons upgrade boost for Tarbert

TARBERT Harbour Authority is buoyant after being granted £500,000 to upgrade its summer pontoons and berthing.

The funding from the Scottish government's Coastal Communities fund will see additional facilities for larger boats and better disabled access at the harbour on Loch Fyne.

The project will in-

crease the number of visitors to the area and in turn grow the business around the pontoons.

The THA said the funding was 'wonderful' and looked forward to getting on and spending the money.

Announcing the money on Bute, Danny Alexander, chief secretary to the treasury, said:

'As someone who grew

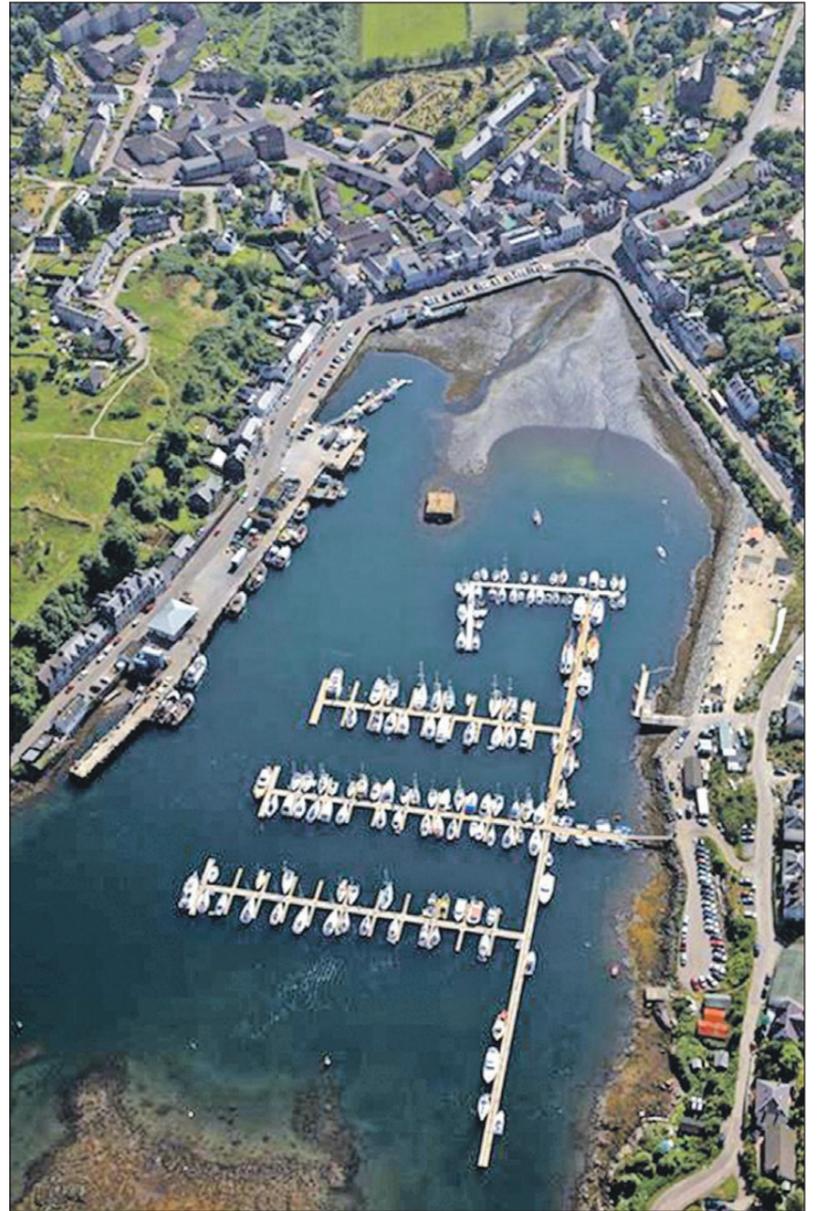
up on a small island, I know how much difference targeted investment can make to people's lives.

'The fund has already supported scores of coastal communities throughout Scotland.

'Overall, hundreds of communities across Scotland and the rest of the UK will benefit, creating jobs and making sure that some of

our most remote and fragile communities share in the economic recovery.'

Coastal Communities Minister Penny Mor-daunt said: 'These fantastic projects demonstrate the creativity, enterprise and passion needed to help seaside towns become year-round destinations that people are proud to live and work in.'



£500,000 investment in Tarbert Pontoons.

## Argyll and Bute has £9 million in general fund after £1m grant

Argyll and Bute Council is sitting on a £10 million general reserve fund, councillors were told at last week's full council meeting.

The money is set aside to be used to provide various services and is used as a fall-back for unforeseen costs.

Councillors agreed that £1

million of that cash was to be set aside for an infrastructure development project in the Oban area called the Lorn Arc, due to start in September.

Bruce West, head of finance, told councillors: 'The financial report for December shows that the balance is in excess of £10 million.

'This is in terms of the general fund after it has removed monies that have been ring-fenced in the single outcome agreement.

'Allocating £1 million will leave the fund with an amount in excess of £9 million.

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## Watching brief on polling stations

A WATCHING brief on polling station areas is to be undertaken by officers at Argyll and Bute council.

Charged by the Scottish government to carry out a review by February 2015 the local authority said it was not proposing any changes at this time.

In future it may con-

sider a change if, for example, there is a significant population increase or decrease in an area.

Douglas Hendry told Argyll and Bute council: 'Places and districts will be reviewed by the returning officer and if there is a change in circumstances I can draw your attention to any concerns.'

### Authority support for Argyll farmers

ARGYLL diary farmers facing a cut in the price of milk being bought wholesale from them and delays in payments have been backed by Argyll and Bute Council. Leader councillor Dick Walsh has written to Richard Lochhead, rural affairs minister, outlining concerns regarding delayed payments by co-operative First Milk. Bute councillor and dairy farmer Robert MacIntyre said: 'I'd like to thank the authority for the taking the current situation seriously.'

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## Time to break up the council, argues Argyll's MSP

ARGYLL and Bute Council could organise itself differently to allow people in rural areas and islands to manage themselves, and it could do it now according to the area's MSP, Michael Russell.

Claiming that the complex nature of local authorities meant people who don't live in larger areas miss out on accountability, Mr Russell said he wanted to see immediate change.

The former cabinet minister for education, said: 'Argyll and Bute only has 36 councillors to cover an area from the shores of the Clyde to the tip of the island of Coll.'

'Local authorities are now much more complex organisations.'

'The budget of Argyll and Bute council is around £250 million and the services it provides touch almost every part of our lives.'

'Yet, having said that, most people I meet know that something has gone missing from our relationship with the most immediate tier of government - and it's time to get it back.'

'That missing thing is accountability.'

'What if, as a start at least, Argyll and Bute transferred all local de-

isions to the area committees, including ones on provision and delivery of education and planning.

'Only strategic issues that effect the whole area should be made at Kilmory.

'The vast majority of officials should be transferred to the four areas - Helensburgh and Lomond, Cowal, Mid Argyll and Kintyre, Oban North and Lorn - which would function like the old burghs, making and carrying out decisions which directly affect the people who live there.'

'Community councils in the outlying parts could even take on some of those responsibilities.'

'I am sure the people of Mid Argyll, for example, would welcome the chance to make local government really local by looking out for themselves on their own island.'

'The criteria applied would be the principle which demands that decisions are usually made at the level closest to those affected by them.'

'There is nothing to stop Argyll and Bute organising itself in that way immediately.'

'Let's challenge those presently in power to do so.'

## Adult addiction contract review

A REVIEW will take place on a £1.4 million contract awarded in Argyll and Bute for adult alcohol and drug addiction services.

The Argyll and Bute multi-agency Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) awarded the contract to the Glasgow-based Addaction in November.

Concerns about the contract were raised shortly afterwards by Dumbarton MSP Jackie Baillie and backed by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

An Audit Scotland spokesman said: 'We will be conducting a review of the recent commissioning process undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. This will take into account concerns raised locally and will also consider the findings from any review work undertaken by Argyll and Bute Council. Work on the review is at an early stage and the findings will be made public.'

An ADP spokesman said: 'The focus of all organisations in the ADP Partnership is on delivering services that work for the people who need them, and that develop and improve wherever possible in the support they provide. We welcome the opportunity to work with Audit Scotland.'

# Survey reveals some Argyll exam results 'below average'



**MACLEOD Construction apprentice Fraser Campbell of Lochgilhead, a finalist in the James Birnie Award for craft excellence, pictured with his award which was presented at the Scottish parliament in December 2014. The awards are organised by the Scottish Building Apprenticeship and Training Council, part of the Building Federation.**

SENIOR pupils exam and test results in Argyll and Bute are 'below average', a national survey has revealed.

The 2014 results, revealed last week at a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council, showed many high schools' exam results were 'below' or 'significantly below' national averages.

The national results showed that in all areas, apart from the new Curriculum for Excellence externally-marked National Fives, pupils throughout Argyll performed poorly compared to pupils of a similar age across the country.

National Four tests, marked within schools, and National Fives have replaced Standard Grades and are studied in some schools over two years - usually third and fourth years - and others, like Oban High School, in just one year.

Lochgilhead pupils saw 128 pupils pass National Four exams - 81.5 per cent of all exam entries. The Scottish average was 93 per cent.

In Tarbert, National Fours were passed by 91.3 per cent of pupils but that was still below the 93 per cent Scottish average.

National Five examinations saw Tarbert High School pupils fair better than average with 70 of 80 exams sat receiving an A-C grade mark - taking it well above the Scottish average of 81.1 per cent.

Lochgilhead pupils didn't get on as well with a 80.4 per cent pass rate - slightly below the national average.

Higher grade pupils at Tarbert outperformed their Lochgilhead peers with 37 put forward for exams receiving an A-C grade result. Lochgilhead pu-

pils were still above the Scottish average of 77.1 percent at 78 per cent.

A report to the council by executive officer Cleland Sneddon said: 'In 2014 the performance of Argyll and Bute schools varied across national qualification measures.'

'In order to secure improvement for learners, the work of the education development and improvement service over the course of session 2014/ 2015 will take forward a programme of support and challenge with schools across the authority across a range of actions and measures.'

He added: 'The performance of Argyll and Bute schools in national examinations can significantly enhance or detract from the council's reputation and attractiveness as an area to work and live in.'

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People would be clear how to use the 101 line and how to ask for information. But not in the public sector. It has been taken for granted that people would simply slip over to the new number and understand why. It would seem like a simple solution to redirect all police office numbers to 101. Make it simple for people. Any other organisation would do this - because they want our business.

Hats off to Inspector Mark Stephen who wants people to drop in and see him or phone to get more information. Let's hope they can get through.

## Meaningful vision

JANE MacLeod is a well-respected woman in Argyll. Her vision for the area in 2020 in this week's Advertiser is heartfelt and meaningful. She has built a business here and raised her family here and has given her own time and energy to continue to strive for better things.

Her ideas on young people are particularly poignant. Giving them what they need here is hugely important for the area. Of course people will want to go away - but the argument about making this a place that is irresistible for all walks of life is important.

The AGM of the chamber of commerce in Lochgilphead in February will be interesting - to see what direction it intends to take. But with Jane at the helm, the future looks prosperous.

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## Another discussion group - not the way forward

Sir,  
With reference to the lead story of January 16, while of course in full agreement with the sentiment that more needs to be done to revive the fortunes of Lochgilphead, we are not so sure that yet another discussion group is the way forward at this time.

The Lochgilphead Phoenix Project liaised with Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce on the new initiative to develop a community Investment Plan for Mid Argyll. We believe all the local key stakeholders are involved.

We are involved in several local regeneration projects including the preservation of the Clock Lodge, on which we remain confident you will see significant works on this spring.

Please visit our website [lochgilpheadphoenixproject.wordpress.com](http://lochgilpheadphoenixproject.wordpress.com) if you wish to get involved.

**Malcolm Sinclair,**  
Secretary,  
Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

## Changes to stamp duty replacement

Sir,  
Changes made by the Scottish government to its planned stamp duty replacement have been partially welcomed by the Scottish Unionist and Conservatives.

Finance secretary John Swinney announced modifications to the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) following pressure by

the party and property sector. The level at which homebuyers will pay the eye-watering 10 per cent rate has been raised slightly from £250,000 to £325,000, while the initial threshold for paying any tax at all has been increased.

It means the SNP has accepted much of what our party suggested as a solution to its tax on aspiration. Tax cuts for Scotland of around £64 million by the chancellor of the exchequer George Osborne also allowed the Scottish Government more financial breathing space.

However, Mr Swinney has only used £53 million of the money freed up by Westminster, leaving an extra £11 million still to be passed on to taxpayers.

The Scottish Unionist and Conservatives have urged him to use that extra money to increase the amount at which the 10 per cent kicks in to somewhere higher than £325,000.

We need to ensure there is not a Scotland-only tax on aspiration that will only serve to damage the chances of many people in Argyll and Bute trying to get on the housing ladder.

These changes would not have happened without pressure from the Scottish Unionist and Conservatives and changes made by George Osborne.

It's hugely important that as Labour and the SNP try to out left one another they do not attack the ambitions of the people of Argyll and Bute.

**Alastair Redman**  
Unionist and Conservative candidate,  
Argyll and Bute.

## Unionists have no oil fund

Sir,  
Mr Redman makes many points with regard to the falling oil prices.

Unfortunately Mr Redman makes no mention of the fact that unionist parties who have governed from Westminster have no oil fund despite the revenue from the industry for 40 years.

What a difference the benefits of an oil fund would make in this recession.

The most vulnerable in our communities continue to bear the burden of the cuts inflicted by the Westminster coalition government.

Working families on low incomes have to ask for food from food banks in 2015, this is not the sign of a successful government.

Reduction in revenue from the oil industry adds to the continuing difficulty the Westminster Government has to service the ever-increasing debt and borrowing.

In May the people of Scotland will grasp the opportunity to make changes to the way we are governed from Westminster.

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

## Tremendous display of community spirit

Sir,  
It was my great pleasure to be involved in a tremendous display of community spirit over the festive period, resulting in the Christmas Day Lunch Gathering 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denise

Murdoch, senior operations manager at CarrGomm, who offered funding from CarrGomm's 'Catch The Dream' when the idea of this event was put to her.

Reverend Hilda of the Parish Church who, without hesitation, offered the use of the Parish church hall and Bees Barker, project manager of Community Contacts, who allowed me to use some of my work time to organise the event.

The donations from local businesses were very much appreciated; thank you Fergusons, Tesco, Cockles and the Co-op.

Finally, moved and heartfelt, I would like to pay tribute to the amazing response from the community.

Each and every bit of support and encouragement, donations of food, baking, clooty dumpling, gifts, money, time, advice, presence and skills was so greatly appreciated by the team and those whose Christmas Day became a positive, joyful experience, rather than an isolated day spent alone. Thank you all.

Going forward, many wish to see this event happening next year so discussions are underway around fundraising and organising.

If you wish to become involved in anyway, please contact Gillian Voinot, 30 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead 01546 606803.

**Amanda Scott,**  
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# Sledging banned on local golf course

SLEDGING fun that caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to a green on Lochgilphead Golf Course has led to the club's board issuing a reminder that the course is private ground.

One member of the club was so outraged and saddened by a 'lack of respect' from members of the public, who spent the day sledging and dropping litter on the fairway, that he resigned last week.

It has been estimated that up to £3,000 will be needed to repair the torn green on the course on an area that members themselves avoid playing on throughout the winter due to the sensitive nature of the ground.

David Sinclair, match

secretary of the club, said: 'We spend all winter avoiding playing on the greens in order not to damage them.

'Children don't realise that they are having fun at the expense of the club. The course was flagging and members have tried to put a lot of time and effort into the club particularly over the past couple of years, to make it a better course to play and it is selfish of people not to see that.'

Witnesses claimed there was a 'sea' of people standing and sledging in the area, which is just steps away from a row of houses. David also emphasised the dangers of sledging where it is unsafe.

He said: 'Children were seen sledging from the

top of the hill through a gap in the wall that isn't even a metre wide. It is up to adults to take it upon themselves to educate young people of the dangers and that it is a golf course and is meant for golfing on.

'I am not disputing that they can't have fun, I'm glad they did, but they have trashed a part of the course which will cost, when the money that will be used could have gone towards other things.'

While some members of the club admit that they have been guilty of sledging on the course in the past, they appreciate the money that people spend on memberships and that the money is used to maintain the course.



Sledge marks on the fairway and green at the third hole could cost up to £3,000 to repair. 08\_a05golf02



**Captain Keith Cowan supports the decision to warn off sledgers from the course.**

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# Kilmartin a 'unique and important' destination

PLANS for the rejuvenation of Kilmartin Museum were shared last week at a meeting with the community.

Ideas such as more car parking spaces, increased museum education space and storage space for unique artefacts were all discussed at the consultation held in the museum's cafe.

Architects Reiach and Hall presented updates to designs for the museum's proposed new building.

More than 40 people attended the event to hear presentations from architects, museum trust chairman Gordon Gray Stephens and museum director Sharon Webb.

Mr Gray Stephens explained the outcome of funding applications meant it had to look at a reduced cost of the overall design for a new building.

The community was reminded of the unique and important nature of Kilmartin Glen and the information the area can give to understanding

the past from the earth's earliest times.

It is hoped that as people become more aware of the special nature of the area more people will want to come and visit.

It was considered important that people were given the opportunity to see much of the collection which is currently held in near-capacity storage.

### Car park

A car park is being considered on land at the side of the road on the bend into Kilmartin on the Lochgilphead side of the town.

The car park would increase parking for the museum and the village - but would be for smaller vehicles only.

The spaces would be built on a nylon mesh structure, known as Geogrid, rather than a concrete car park with access into the village and the museum via steps and a ramp.

The plans for the buildings would see a

connectivity between the manse and the stables with walk ways between the various displays, office accommodation and education rooms.

Architects said the theme of the project would reflect the landscape and ensure there was a feeling of warmth and welcome for visitors. The community discussed the plans for an hour after the presentations and made comments which will inform future funding applications.

Kay Owen, development officer at Kilmartin Museum, said: 'We are really encouraged by the numbers of people who are turning out to our consultations and who support the proposed redevelopment project.'

'The previous suggested architectural scheme was well liked, however, the feedback we have received indicates that the suggested new scheme is even better.'

'The overflow car park proposal was generally well received and we will continue consulting with local residents to secure a satisfactory solution.'

'We received lots of positive feedback about the activities that a redeveloped Kilmartin Museum would be able to provide and we are particularly excited about the opportunities that could come from providing a temporary gallery, education and events space and accessible collection store.'



Above and below: Designs for Kilmartin Museum which were presented to the community.



## Canal to be key project

THE CRINAN Canal has been flagged up by Argyll and Bute council as a key piece of infrastructure to be developed in Mid Argyll, a meeting of councillors last Thursday heard.

Argyll and Bute Council's local development plan (LDP) makes provision for development along the canal to act as a destination for boats and visitors to the area.

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# 'Lunch Bunch' get the green light to continue this year

THE 'Lunch Bunch' Community Lunch get together has been given the go-ahead to continue throughout this year. A lack of suitable premises had threatened the continuation of the lunches which had been held in Lochgilphead Commu-

nity Centre for the past three years. A delay in booking the space to host the lunches, a project led by Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA), had resulted in the prospect of the group missing out.

Lynda Syed, Mid Argyll coordinator for AVA, said: 'We have now been able to book a suitable room in the community centre that will allow us to continue to host the Lunch Bunch throughout the year. 'Whilst there is a hot meal and

two courses on offer, it is really the social side of the get-together that is important. There is always a good atmosphere and everyone is welcome.' The lunches are held on the third Friday of every month between 12pm and 2pm.

# Booklet helps £1,000 annual castle costs

A BOOKLET recently published to boost funds to go towards the Tarbert Castle Maintenance project has been selling well according

to the castle's community trust members. During the Tarbert Castle Trust AGM recently it was reported that it costs £1,100

each year to look after the sheep, trim the rushes, spray weed growth and insure for public liability and volunteers' protection.

Robert McPhail, trust's secretary, said: 'The new castle booklet has sold well having paid for itself so far from the first print run.

### Generosity

'As we move into the visitor season we should make £300 by the time we need a reprint due to the generosity of Loch Fyne Gallery and Ian MacKintyre selling them for us with all funds raised coming to the castle. 'The trust has been able to invest £25,000 in a year term account

which should generate a little more interest than the current account but in today's financial climate we still need to regularly fundraise to support our objectives of maintaining the castle.' At the meeting it also emerged that Tarbert primary school has been using the community woodland 'several' times each week and using the space as an outdoor classroom. Senior pupils have been helping with litter control.



Tarbert Castle.

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## Deadline approaching

THE COUNTDOWN is on for people in Argyll and Bute to nominate young heroes for the Young Scot Awards 2015. Communities across Scotland are being urged to nominate an inspirational young person aged 11-26 years who has made a positive difference to the lives of others.

The 2015 awards mark the 10th annual Young Scot Awards with cate-

gories including community, cultural diversity, enterprise, unsung hero, volunteering, sport, entertainment and the arts.

Nominations for young people or groups can be submitted via [youngscotawards.com](http://youngscotawards.com) until midnight on February 27.

Winners will be announced at an award ceremony on April 30 at the Usher Hall in Edinburgh.

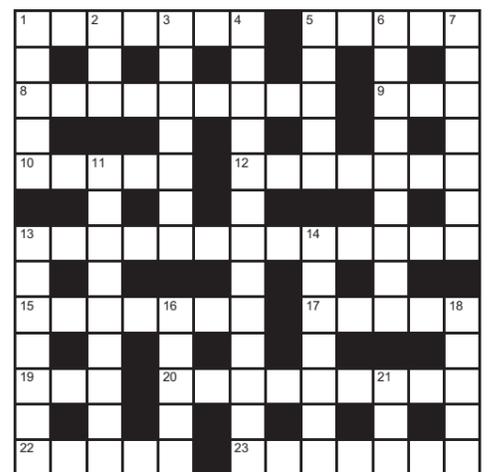
## Taynish nature reserve to the fore

TAYNISH National Nature Reserve (TNNR) is holding a consultation event on February 6 at Tayvallich Village Hall and a guided walk the following day.

Views are being sought on the future management plans for one of Scotland's most spectacular reserves. It is a chance to find out first hand from the reserve team what the plans are and help them shape the future.

The event will take place at Tayvallich Village hall from 7pm-9.30pm with the guided walk starting from the hall at 9.30am on February 7.

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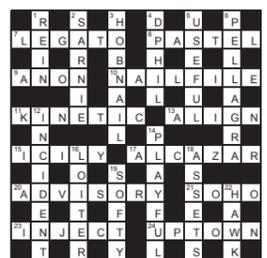
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- 17 Watery discharge (5)
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- 20 Ranking order (9)
- 22 Grant (5)
- 23 High pointed roof (7)

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- 5 Behemoth (5)
- 6 Know what one sees (9)
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- 11 Not normal (9)
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## Last week's solution



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Valentine's is a time to celebrate love and a personal touch will really show you care. Framed photographs are always a big hit and these days you can have an image printed on just about anything. Mouse mats, mugs, clothes, you name it, you can have something printed on it. Why not do things the old fashioned way and put a romantic photo inside a locket - traditionalists will appreciate the sentimental value.

Those lucky enough to be in the first exciting throws of a new relationship can struggle to choose a personal gift. If you don't yet know the recipient well enough to choose something unique, fragrances and chocolates go down well with both sexes.

Plenty of couples are happy with a Valentine's dinner at home but if you want to push the boat out most pubs and restaurants offer special menus or deals on the 14th.

If quality time is what you need romantic getaways are a perfect gift idea. A secluded B&B destination will offer tranquil walks and cosy fires or celebrate in style with dinner and a show in a nearby town or city.

Various surveys over the years have shown that men spend around double what women do on Valentine's gifts, so ladies it's time to splash the cash. If the man in your life is treating you to dinner, you could make sure you look your best for the occasion. Treating yourself to a haircut, manicure or facial will ensure your man is the envy of the restaurant when he walks in with you. Can't choose a treatment? A lot of salons will book you in for an entire morning or afternoon of pampering so make the most of what they have to offer.

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# Council do a U-turn on poster ban

A COMMITTEE decision to ban political posters from Argyll and Bute Council property has been overturned.

The local authority's deputy leader told the full council meeting last Thursday she wanted to maintain the 'status quo'.

The proposals, to stop election propaganda

posters from being put on lampposts and other sites, from the environmental and infrastructure committee were expected to be debated at the council meeting.

Opposition councillors met the U-turn with disbelief.

Helensburgh Councillor James Robb asked deputy leader council-

lor Ellen Morton's to repeat herself three times before he said: 'Specifically what recommendation are we talking about?'

Councillor Morton said: 'I am proposing that we note the recommendation but agree to maintain the status quo.'

Campaigners who made the trip to Kilmor-

ry to listen to the council debate laughed when they realised the ban was no longer being pushed through.

It is understood that, at a councillors' private meeting at the council's headquarters in Kilmorry on Monday, a number of administration councillors did not want the plans to go ahead.

## Revamp of gambling policy

CONCERNS raised by councillors about gambling debts has led to a review of gambling policies on fixed odds betting terminals (FOBT) in Argyll and Bute.

### Review

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday, it was decided to review guidelines to reduce the stakes - the amount of money people can gamble - on the

machines. There are 40 FOBT in Argyll attracting more than £9 million in business for owners.

An FOBT is a type of gaming machine, normally found in betting premises, which allows players to bet on the outcome of various games and events with fixed odds.

They are usually touch screen operated and cover a variety of games

from casino games such as roulette, poker and black Jack, to electronic slot games and virtual racing.

### Lobby

The council will now lobby the Scottish government on the matter and ask for more information on what powers the licensing committee can exert on betting shops that want to offer the machines.

## Appointment panel to select new head of finance

ARGYLL and Bute council has set up an appointment panel to select a new head of finance for the authority.

But SNP and opposition Councillor James Robb, of Helensburgh, asked at the full council meeting last Thursday why it had taken so long to search for a replacement.

Council officers said there was no undue delay in seeking to advertise the post and stringent measures were in place for the period of absence between employees.

Former head of strategic finance Bruce West announced his resignation in November last year and has since taken up a post with Argyll Community Housing Association.



POSTER GIRLS: Stacey Felgate and Rhona Dougall of Grassroots, a community group based in Oban, which had protested publicly at the committee's recommendation to ban political posters 16\_t04lampost01



There will be a review of gambling policy on fixed odds betting terminals

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# New criteria for wind farm applications

FROM May wind farm applications will need to prove there will be no 'adverse effects' from their construction.

Announcing the Local Development Plan (LDP) to councillors at a meeting of Argyll and Bute council, head planner Angus Gilmour said: 'We will support renewable energy developments where these are consistent with the principles of sustainable development and it can be adequately demonstrated that there would be no unacceptable significant

adverse effects including on local communities, natural and historic environments, landscape character and visual amenity. The proposals are also required to be compatible with adjacent land uses.'

The council has now developed a plan showing areas where wind farms are not acceptable, areas of significant protection and areas with potential for wind farm development. These can be viewed online or in libraries.

All applications for wind turbine developments will

be assessed against jobs, business and supply chain benefits, contributions to renewable energy targets and impact on communities and homes.

'The decision will include the impact of noise and shadow flicker, visual impacts alongside the effects on the natural heritage, including birds and impacts on carbon rich soils, using the carbon calculator.'

Applications of wind farms over a certain size will be reviewed by the Scottish government.



## Call for wild camping bylaws on Loch Lomond to be extended

THE CHIEF executive of Luss Estate is urging bosses at Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority to extend its camping bylaws to protect endangered species.

Simon Miller wants the islands on Loch Lomond to be included in the proposed extensions. At present, the bylaws are to be extended only to include parts of the west side of the loch.

Mr Miller said: 'These are environmentally delicate habitats of great national importance and

are amongst the most heavily designated and protected in Scotland, supposedly home to capercaillie, ospreys and otters, as well as ancient oak woodland.

'Given that there are reportedly fewer capercaillie in Scotland than there are Bengal tigers or snow leopards in the world, surely every effort must be made to protect even the smallest of populations?'

A spokeswoman for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park addressed the issue of the

capercaillie decline but didn't address the issue of extending the camping bylaw.

She said: 'The capercaillie has been in marked decline across Argyll and Perthshire for many years, which conservation experts put down to a combination of climate change, an increase in predators and deaths from collision with man-made obstacles such as deer fences, as well as disturbance from recreational activity.'

'Capercaillie thrived on the Loch Lomond islands as recently as the 1990s when recreational activity was also high, but there has been no evidence of the species in surveys carried out there over the last three years. Unless there is an improvement in the fortunes of the capercaillie in other parts of Scotland, we cannot reasonably expect a return to the national park.'

In 2011 the park won approval to ban wild camping in certain areas in the park between March and October.

The islands on Loch Lomond are Inchailloch, Inchmurrin, Inchconnachan, Inchfad, Inchtavannach and Inchlonaig.

## Argyll children will have three languages as part of their curriculum

CHILDREN in Argyll and Bute will soon have three languages as part of their basic schooling.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday, members agreed to promote a European style of teaching languages called one plus two.

The schools curriculum will now be designed to ensure that by 2020 every child will be learning two languages in addition to their own 'mother' tongue. It is planned to implement language education over a three-year timeline from 2014 to 2017.

## Councillor welcomed to first meeting

A COUNCILLOR from Kintyre was welcomed to Argyll and Bute council's chamber for the first time since being elected on December 11.

SNP councillor John Armour of Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown replaced John Semple, SNP, who stepped down last year.



Wild camping on Loch Lomond

## Schools may share head teachers

PRIMARY school head teachers in Argyll may be required to serve more than one school following a successful pilot in the area.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute council, councillors noted the advantages of shared headships and wanted to consider whether more such arrangements could be made.

It was explained that

while shared headships might not make substantial financial savings for the local authority, an experienced head teacher could be of benefit to a school community.

Councillors agreed that when future vacancies arise it would consider creating a shared headship rather than advertising for a stand-alone head teacher.

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# Action plan drawn up to help Argyll's dairy farmers

NFU Scotland met with hard-pressed dairy farmers from Kintyre on Monday to draw up an action plan for those affected by the dairy crisis.

It follows a meeting last week when dairy farmers from Argyll and the Islands and NFU Scotland met with cabinet secretary Richard Lochhead at the Scottish parliament.

The meeting in Campbeltown saw more than 50 local dairy farmers attending, along with representatives from Argyll and Bute Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Argyll and the Islands Agricultural Forum and First Milk.

A NFU spokeswoman said: 'To safeguard future production, a phased upgrade to Campbeltown Creamery - which produces the famous Mull of Kintyre cheddar - is seen as essential.

'Support from the Scottish government for the work as it progresses was thought to be vital with initial upgrading important to lower production costs and improve efficiency.

'The local First Milk liaison group will be expanded, and it is envisaged that this will encompass dairy farmers from Bute too.

'An extension to the discount on ferries,



NFU Scotland president talking to Kintyre farmers in Campbeltown on Monday.

which exists for hay, straw and livestock, to also include bulk milk for the islands of Bute and Gigha has been raised with Mr Lochhead.

'NFU Scotland will continue to lobby the Scottish government to take any measures it can to help make Campbeltown Creamery more economical.

'The need to have locally-branded Mull of Kintyre cheese being sold once again within local supermarkets was also discussed, and the union will lobby Tesco and the Co-operative on this matter, as well as pushing for the cheese to be promoted within the export market too.'

Kintyre farmers were also due to meet with Councillor Dick Walsh,

leader of Argyll and Bute Council, this week.

Nigel Miller, NFUS president, who attended the meeting in Campbeltown said: 'The meeting is a step into a wider collaborative effort which has brought in Argyll and Bute Council and HIE to support First Milk as it works with the Scottish government and the Argyll forum to secure cheese production and break into new markets.

'Reduced ferry charges could be a further lifeline for island producers as they continue to dig deep, not only to support their farm's production, but now also to find funds to invest in the First Milk business.

'This would help to strip out some of the costs faced by island

producers.

'Several work streams are being progressed, with milk producers now at the centre of that effort. The Kintyre brand and the producer base are key Scottish dairy assets.

'On farm there are tough times ahead but the will to open up investment in the creamery and marketing expertise; perhaps through partnership arrangements is building momentum.

'Delivering and keeping local dairy farmers at the centre of that process can give Argyll's milk production a secure and positive pool of producers which can also ensure dairy farms on the islands can contribute to a quality brand.'

# Union wants RET help for islands

NFU Scotland has called for a ferry tariff scheme to be extended to commercial vehicles in a bid to boost fragile island economies.

In its submission to Transport Scotland on freight ferry fares, the union has called on the Scottish government to reconsider the expansion of road equivalent tariff (RET) to commercial vehicles.

As well as benefiting island-based farmers and crofters - who are dependent on ferry services for hauling goods on and off the island - the union believes the biggest benefit would be to the long-term viability of the island's economy.

Gemma Thomson, NFU Scotland policy manager, said: 'The ferry service remains a lifeline for many farmers and crofters. It brings vital inputs such as fertiliser, feed, fuel and stock to the island and is the crucial link in getting a farm's produce

to the marketplace.

'The reality is that without an affordable service subject to suitable discounts, many farm-based businesses would be unviable. These farms and crofts provide employment, safeguard the landscape, and bring tourists to the islands.

'They are in most parts, the cornerstone of island life, and safeguarding them through affordable ferry charges will play a vital role in the ongoing fight against rural depopulation.

'We want Scottish government to reconsider the expansion of RET to commercial vehicles and not restrict it to non-commercial traffic, as is the current position.

'In the meantime, our island members would continue to value the commodity related discounts available. These help farming businesses to keep functioning and their removal would

devastate the rural economies in these fragile areas. Commodity related discounts for hay, straw, and livestock must continue and an extension of the discount to cover milk would also be of great assistance for those hard-pressed dairy farmers on the islands.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid has given his full backing to NFU Scotland.

He said: 'When RET was originally introduced it applied to commercial vehicles. In a scandalous U-turn, the SNP removed it from commercial vehicles.

'This has caused higher prices in island shops and higher charges for island businesses, making it harder for them to compete with those on the mainland. No wonder most of our islands are experiencing population decline. I call on the SNP to help our islands by extending RET to commercial vehicles.

'One in six of my constituents are islanders.'



Island-based farmers and crofters are dependent on ferry services for hauling goods on and off the island.

# Lochhead and Reid get behind dairy farmers

THE issue of falling dairy prices was added to the agenda for this week's EU Agriculture Council meeting at the behest of Scottish rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead.

His move followed meetings with dairy farmers in Argyll and Bute and Stirlingshire.

He said: 'I have repeatedly voiced my concerns

that recent falls in milk prices is potentially very damaging for the future of Scotland's hard-working dairy farmers and processors.

'It is vital that we do what we can to help the industry to respond, and encourage all those along the supply chain to play a positive and proactive role in helping the entire sector withstand

this bout of instability.

'The key here is that it is imperative that our farmers and processors should not be left at the mercy of the market, and work together to explore ways in which they can capture new market opportunities.

'I also spoke with Kate Allum, First Milk chief executive, and it was reassuring to be updated

on the co-operative's plans to ensure a profitable future for First Milk's members.

'I also made clear I am happy to consider any suggestions it has on what more the Scottish government and its agencies can do to offer support, now and in the months ahead.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid last week

urged the Government to help dairy farmers.

He also told the House of Commons that he wants to see the big supermarkets held to account for their pricing.

Mr Reid said: 'Dairy farmers in Argyll and Bute produce a very high quality product, but the falling price of milk is causing them and the entire British dairy indus-

try serious problems.

'Extending the scope of the Groceries Code Adjudicator to include dairy farmers is one action that could help.'

William Hague, leader of the House of Commons, said: 'Legislation should be introduced to allow the adjudicator to impose a financial penalty.'

Mr Reid said after-

wards: 'The present price levels are unsustainable and driving farmers ever closer to the brink of financial ruin.

'Argyll and Bute is home to some of the finest dairy herds in Scotland, built by generations of farming families, and their loss would be a severe blow to the local economy as well as to the UK national herd.'

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# Lambing focus



DOUBLE VISION: Skye lambs Gale and Storm were a shock to owner Philip MacAskill.

WITH the lambing season just around the corner, crofter Philip MacAskill had planned to have his 90 breeding ewes scanned at the beginning of February.

But the Skye man thought he had double vision when he came back home from Fort William, where he is working as a digger driver, to find a pair of twin ewe lambs already born.

The cross Texel lambs were born on January 15 during the recent stormy weather - fortunately their mother was kept indoors.

It was fitting then that the twins were named Gale and Storm.

Philip, from Earlish on Skye, said: 'I was working away from home, so I have all the sheep in-

side during the winter. 'If the twins had been born outside they wouldn't have made it.

'I just happened to walk into the shed one day and I heard the lambs shouting.

'I thought, "That can't be right".'

Philip grew up at Clachan Sands on North Uist before moving to Skye and has always been around livestock.

He began keeping his own sheep 15 years ago and breeds Texel cross, Cheviot cross and Zwartbles, a breed originating in Holland and first introduced to the UK in 1986.

Now aged 48, Philip says he has never seen lambs born as early in the year.

He said: 'I have always kept sheep, people

say it's a hobby but it's not, it's an addiction.

'But I have to admit these two took me by surprise.

'They are doing really well and I am 99 per cent sure I'm keeping them as stock because they are good lambs.

'The fact no-one had to handle them - the mother and the lambs went through the whole things themselves - tells me there is a fighting strain in them.'

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## Sheep farmers warned of incurable viral disease

VETS from Scotland's Rural College believe many commercial sheep flocks could be threatened by a rise in the incurable viral disease Maedi Visna (MV).

They warn that SRUC's testing has identified a worrying number of infected flocks, suggesting that infection is spreading throughout the sector.

'Farmers have started to heed our previous warnings about the disease,' says St Boswells based SRUC veterinary investigation officer Lynn Gibson. 'Commercial flocks from throughout the UK have taken the opportunity to screen their animals using the MV diagnostic test package.'

In most cases screening was performed in flocks where there were suspicions of MV infection

and in seven of the 31 of the flocks tested these suspicions proved to be correct.

The owners of six of these flocks had reported seeing signs including breathlessness in adult sheep, lameness and swollen joints. As signs of MV are not usually seen until around half the sheep in a flock are infected, SRUC vets believe it is likely these flocks have a high level of infection.

The name Maedi Visna derives from two Icelandic words describing the main clinical signs of pneumonia and wasting or ill-thrift. MV is a chronic disease caused by a retrovirus, introduced to the UK through imported animals. Contagious and difficult to diagnose it can lead to poor body condition; poorer fertility; in-

creased mastitis; smaller, weaker lambs and increased deaths. There is no cure or vaccine.

According to Lynn Gibson, MV has a long incubation period: 'Clinical signs can take years to develop by which time one single animal can have spread infection through the flock,' she said.

'The first indications of a problem can include an increase in barren ewes or the numbers of thinner sheep meaning more are being culled from the flock as unproductive.'

'Sheep never develop immunity to MV and with no effective treatment or cure the only option with heavily-infected flocks is to depopulate and restock from reliable sources.'

'We recommend any flock owners finding they

have ewes which have lost condition since tupping (mating) time should check for MV. It is something to take seriously, not ignore. Disease in sheep flocks reduces productivity and income in a sector already operating on narrow margins.'

SRUC recommends concerned flock masters should target test 12 older, thinner animals using the MV diagnostic test to indicate if losses are due to the disease. A similar approach should be taken to sheep showing ill-thrift or reacting badly to exercise.

## It's a double triple at Kildalloig Farm

A Kintyre show ewe class winner was quick to lamb again this year. The three-year-old Suffolk, kept at Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown had two males and a female early this month, making it a second year in a row for triplets. Jean McLachlan, owner of the Suffolk, said: 'It's fairly unusual for the mother to have triplets in successive years. It's my aim to breed the sheep up to Highland show material.'



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# 'We need to provide well-paid jobs to attract young people back'

Jane MacLeod is a Mid Argyll solicitor, company secretary to Lochgilphead-based construction company M&K MacLeod and is married to company joint-founder Murdo MacLeod. She is also interested in young enterprise and welfare issues.

The Advertiser asked her for her vision of Argyll in 2020

I am a solicitor and have been practising in Argyll and Bute since the late 1970s.

Nowadays solicitors tend to specialise but when I started work rural solicitors were very much general practitioners dealing with whatever work came through their door.

That has led to me having considerable experience in private and commercial conveyancing and liquor licensing but also having experience in family law.

I am regularly appointed as safeguarder to children in the Children's Hearing system and also as curator ad litem and reporting officer in adoption cases, permanence orders and adults with incapacity.

#### Vision for Argyll

I hope that there will be an emphasis on encouraging young people to live and work in Argyll. Argyll College and UHI provide excellent courses and I would like to think that Oban

could become a university town.

Too many employers find it difficult to train young people and have looked to the Scottish government to provide assistance to allow employers to train school leavers.

I am a great believer, however, in young people leaving their home town to obtain experience elsewhere and I think we, in Argyll and Bute, need to provide well paid jobs to attract our young people back, bringing with them their new families.

Jobs alone, however, are not sufficient. We need to ensure that we continue to provide good education, hospitals and social care in Argyll and Bute.

In 2015 we have a huge challenge to get to the 2020 we all aspire to.

#### Next six years

I think there will be considerable changes in my area of professional practice. Conveyancing

will remain with solicitors and I would like to think that we are already seeing signs of a slow but steady uptake in our property market.

In my role as chairwoman of Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau I am very proud of the fact that we have offices in Lochgilphead and Helensburgh and have created jobs for 12 people.

“Employers find it difficult to train young people”

My pride in the delivery of an excellent service is, however, tinged by regret for increasing need for the service, particularly, in the areas of debt and welfare advice.

At the moment CAB has a contract from the Scottish Legal Aid Board for the provision of debt advice and court representation. I anticipate the Scottish government and the Scottish Legal Aid board will divert legal aid funds to the advice network in the future as very few legal firms now provide civil legal aid.

#### Affordable homes

I would like to see the Scottish Government investing in and providing funds to build affordable homes in Argyll and Bute. The Help to Buy Scheme has been suc-

cessful although insufficient funds have been put into it.

Help to Buy, GRO grant and similar schemes have all been of considerable assistance in helping our young people buy their first home.

The majority of the Government's proposals are most welcome, particularly the Help to Buy scheme restricted to small developments.

However caution should be urged when it comes to land reform.

The government's ambition is to deal with land-owners who are stopping sustainable development.

In my experience, most land-owners welcome sustainable development and the barriers that are put up are not by land-owners but by the bureaucracy of planning, building control, procurement and the utility companies.

I am writing to the government minister to advise that our experience is not the reluctance of land-owners but bureaucracy.

I am also concerned about the impact on shooting estates of the removal of business rates exemption.

We have to remember that shooting estates employ gamekeepers, ghillies, housekeepers, students and bring wealthy tourists into the west coast and north of Scotland.

These are fragile areas where any reduction in tourism and increase in unemployment can be devastating.

#### Young Enterprise

I chair Young Enterprise in Argyll and Bute. It is an excellent scheme which allows



Jane MacLeod

senior pupils the opportunity to set up and run a business.

I know primary schools have, as part of the Curriculum for Excellence, had some enterprise education but I do not think there is enough enterprise education in the first four years of secondary education.

Enterprise education is particularly important in rural areas where there is a high level of self-employment.

It was good to hear at the economic summit in Dunoon that the Argyll and Bute Council now recognises the benefit of enterprise education but we must lobby it to ensure that it does not simply pay lip service to it.

At the moment, Young Enterprise area board has to raise its own funds as government funding for area boards no longer exists.

#### Islands

One area I would like to see improving is transport to and from

Argyll and Bute's islands.

The Scottish government pays a lot of attention to the island authorities but insufficient attention is paid to the fact that Argyll and Bute has so many inhabited islands, some with very poor ferry connections to the mainland.

The Road Equivalent Tariff has been successful but would be more successful if there were more ferries.

Once a ferry is fully booked nothing can be done for those turned away. The declining population of Tiree could be helped by better ferry and air links.

There are flights to Coll and Tiree from Oban on Mondays and Wednesdays.

If that could be increased to include Friday I think these islands would benefit.

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To assist in this, Argyll and Bute Council needs to complete the CHORD projects.

Communities need to work together to provide moorings, pontoons and shore-based facilities for visiting boats.

Tourism organisations need to work together to set high standards in our hotels and restaurants and at the heart of this will be young people.

As I have mentioned above, employers should be encouraged to train staff and, if necessary, given incentives to do so.

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**THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (FURNACE TO CUMLODDEN) (50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015**

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they propose to make the above Order under section 84(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will have the effect of imposing a 50 mph speed limit on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 201241, 699442), 1.242 kilometres or thereby south west of the extended centre line of the junction with the C36 Furnace Side Road to a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 200051, 698468), 130 metres or thereby south west of the point where it meets the extended western gable wall of Number 1 Cumlodden Cottages a distance of 1.558 kilometres or thereby. Full details of the proposal are contained in the Order which, together with a plan showing the length of road involved and a statement of the Scottish Ministers' reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined free of charge during normal business hours from 30th January 2015 until 27th February 2015 at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF and Furnace Village Shop, The Cross, Furnace, Inveraray PA32 8XN.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Director of Trunk Road and Bus Operations, c/o Liam McDaid, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF quoting reference NNW/A83/LMC by 27th February 2015.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at [www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders)

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**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in Room 2 of the Community Centre, Stewart Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6AT at 10.30a.m. Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

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, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

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**PLANNING**

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

| Ref No       | Proposal                                                                                                                                                    | Site Address                                                                                                           | Location of Plans         |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 15/00127/MFF | Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) comprising the siting of fourteen 100 metre circumference cages served by feed barge associated with adjacent site | Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 200M North of Existing Fish Farm Site Carradale Kibranan Sound Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |

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

| Ref No      | Proposal                                              | Site Address                                           | Location of Plans      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 15/00053/PP | Change of use of retail (class 1) to office (class 2) | 20 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8NE | Mid Argyll Area Office |

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

Planning Application Reference Number: 15/00127/MFF

Proposed Development at: Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 200M North of Existing Fish Farm Site Carradale Kibranan Sound Argyll and Bute

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) comprising the siting of fourteen 100 metre circumference cages served by feed barge associated with adjacent site.

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

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Matheson Consulting, Achnamara, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8PS at a cost of £40.00 (paper copy) and £5.00 (CD), including postage and packing

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

**ARGYLL AND BUTE BY-ELECTION**

**SOUTH KINTYRE WARD 11 DECEMBER 2014**

**RETURNS AND DECLARATIONS AS TO CANDIDATES' EXPENSES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Returns and Declarations as to Candidates' Election Expenses, including the accompanying documents, in respect of the above Election held on 11 December 2014 may be inspected at Argyll and Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT, between the hours of 10am and 4pm (Monday to Friday).

The fee payable for a copy of any such Return, Declaration or document shall be at the rate of 20p for each side of each page.

**SALLY LOUDON, Returning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT.**

January 2015

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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Email: [life@lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk](mailto:life@lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk)  
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with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS talking to the children at Glenbarr school about those amazing people who have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

We talked about the different ways in which we could work for peace.

We recognised the fact that peace actually begins with each one of us.

We looked at the ways in which children could be peace-makers.

We acknowledged the fact that the young people of today will be the ones who will decide about peace and war in the future.

The future is in their hands.

We made a peace tree and wrote messages on paper doves that the world would be filled with peace.

If only we could make this a reality: if only we could bring peace to the world.

Peace has to begin with respect, and we talked about the 'Kids for Peace in Jerusalem' project.

It brings together Christian, Muslim and Jewish youngsters to embrace what they have in common and respect that which is different.

Jesus took a child and put her on his lap and said that if we become like this child we will discover the secrets of the Kingdom of God.

I suspect the secrets of the Kingdom are to do with peace.

Peace is this intangible entity which is so elusive on earth.

We strive for it, yet it is like that elusive butterfly which is just beyond our grasp.

We look at the problems in our world and we despair: we look at the evil which stalks the earth and we are tempted to give up.

But how can we give up when we see hope shining in the eyes of our children?

How can we give up when we stand in wonder at the sunrise?

How can we give up when we see the kindness of God in each other?

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Minard Court painted by Fraser MacIver.

**Art classes to be held in latest building subject of local artist**

Artist Fraser MacIver has released his latest art work to coincide with the launch of his art classes.

The pen and ink wash painting of Minard Court is the tenth in a series of 12 set to feature in the newspaper, and the building has also been the venue for MacIver's Fyne Art Club for the past two years.

The open studio painting days continue under the new title of 'Fraser MacIver; Minard Court - open studio Painting Days' and started back on Wednesday.

Minard Court is a listed heritage building - offices of court and stable block - dating from the early nineteenth century built for Minard Castle, which

sits just south of it.

Fraser said: 'Minard Court shows the successful conversion of a beautiful heritage structure into a private residence; which it is today.'

'As a cultural art study venue, the building has great charm and inspirational ambience, along with close access to Loch Fyne and Minard Cas-

tle grounds, gardens and stunning vistas.'

The new block of painting days with Fraser MacIver are being held every second Wednesday from 10am until 4pm and his lifedrawing classes will be held every Thursday evening for 10 weeks. Call Fraser MacIver on 07795186698.

**STRACHUR**

**First dog training sessions in village**

A WOMAN will launch dog training classes in Strachur Village hall as part of a new project which she has high hopes for in Mid Argyll.

Grace Stewart has already held the classes in Arrochar and Ardrish-aig, which both received a strong response. The dog training class will be held weekly and is the first time such a service will be available to people, and their pets, in the village.

Grace said: 'I thought people across Mid Argyll could benefit from dog training classes, because at the moment people in the area could have to travel up to 40 miles to access them.'

The courses entail agility, obedience, diligence and ring craft (show performance) training and are on a modular basis, which means that pet owners can train at their own pace.

Grace added: 'Owners can pay on a week-to-week basis, so there is no pressure to commit to a block.'

The classes will be held every Monday evening at 8pm and are open to people of all ages and those with disabilities.

**CARRADALE**

**New year is looking up**

SADDELL and Carradale Parish Church Guild held its first meeting of the year in the village hall library on Tuesday, January 13.

The speaker was John

Ives from Southend who was giving a talk on astronomy, or as he put it 'what you see when you look outside'.

Despite rain hail and snow, 17 people went along to listen to him.

John gave a very passionate and informative talk that left members planning to gaze at the sky that night.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 3 at 2.30pm in the village hall library when guild member Eleanor Bennett is giving a floral art demonstration. Everyone is welcome.

**TARBERT**

**Groups to benefit from Hogmanay party**

COMMUNITY groups in Tarbert will benefit from more than £700

that was raised during the village's 2014 Hogmanay party.

Jane Johnson, organiser of the annual event announced which local groups would receive donations.

The new year party's venue, Tarbert Village Hall, will receive £600, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will share £75, a further £75 will go to Tarbert Bowling Club and £50 worth of prizes were raffled off at the village's senior citizen's Christmas dinner event.

**CLACHAN**

**Fun night with Fimo clay**

ZOE Weir, one of Clachan SWRI's newest members, demonstrated modelling with Fimo at the January meeting. Fimo is a clay sculpt-

ing form of fun art and Zoe had bought in different coloured blocks of Fimo to demonstrate the creative aspect of the arty product. She also brought various cutters and moulds for members to try out. They made some interesting and attractive items.

Zoe baked them to set the moulds, while members had tea. Afterwards the end results were passed around the room for members to admire each other's work.

Everyone enjoyed the evening.

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**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).

**BIRTHS**



**MORRAN** - Tommy and Emma are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Laila, born January 10, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for George and Catriona Conley and Tommy and Janette Morran. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and staff at RAH.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**MCARTHUR - SORENSEN**

Both families have pleasure in announcing the Christmas Eve engagement of Fiona, daughter of Lorna, Campbeltown and Malcolm, Homeston to Kyle, son of Kenneth and Linda, Big Sandy, Montana. An autumn wedding is planned.

**SILVER WEDDING**

**MCINTOSH - KERR** On February 3, 1990 at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown by the Rev. Charles Henderson, Walter Paul to Iona. Present address: Corryvreckan, Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**CAMERON** - Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on January 23, 2015, Helen Cameron (Ellen) in her 93rd year, formerly of 19b Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved best friend of the McKay and the Cook families. Service in The Salvation Army Citadel, on Friday January 30, 2015 at 1.30pm. 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 Salvation Army.

**DENSON** - Peacefully at home, Low Smerby Farm, Peninver, on January 22, 2015, Josephine Denson, in her 95th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Harry Denson and a much loved mother of Laurens, Sharon and Annette.

**EDWARDS** - Peacefully at home, on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, Eric Edwards, in his 80th year, beloved husband of the late Alice Edwards. Funeral private in Dumfermline today. A wonderful father to Gail and Alan and papa to Kris. He will be sorely missed by so many, especially Cynthia Butters.

**MACIVER** - On January 24, 2015, peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home Campbeltown, Jane (Jean) Maciver, in her 100th year, beloved wife of the late Dugald MacIver, much loved mother of Maureen and the late Billy, a dearly loved Nanny Boots and Great Gran. Funeral Service at Lochgilphead Baptist Church (today) Friday, January 30, at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flower only please, donations if desired for, Auchinlee Residential Home.

**MAY** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 25, 2015, Violet Margaret May, in her 96th year, formerly of Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearest aunt of Greta and Rena. Funeral Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 11am. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**MCCALLUM** - Neil McCallum dearly loved husband of Julia and devoted father of Derek, Gordon and Steven, passed away suddenly but peacefully on January 21, 2015 in his 81st year. He was a much loved granda of his seven grandchildren and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. His funeral took place in Glasgow and a retiring collection was taken for the RNLI in his memory.

**MCMILLAN** - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 22, 2015, Neil Graham McMillan, in his 92nd year, Inverlee, Peninver, formerly of Largibeg Farm, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Duncan, much loved father of James, Peter and Neil.

**MCPHEE** - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 24, 2015, Elizabeth MacKay (Betty), in her 82nd year, Killellan Lodge, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Duncan McPhee, much loved mother of James and Elizabeth, adored gran of Liam, Jade, Christopher, Chloe and Kyle and a dear mother-in-law.

**RAMSAY** - Peacefully at home, 6 Barochan Place, Campbeltown, with her family by her side, on January 23, 2015, Elizabeth Graham (Bessie), in her 94th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan Ramsay, much loved mother of Margaret and Duncan, loving granny of Donna and Gary and a loving and much loved great granny of Shannon and Traciemichelle.

**SEMPLE** - Peacefully at Ardfean Residential Home on January 26, 2015, Mary Gillon Semple, nee Henderson, aged 95 years, of Whitecraigs, Inveraray. Beloved wife of the late William Semple, loving mother of Peter, much respected mother in law of Mhairi, and adored granny of Patricia and Shona. A dear sister and aunt to all the family. Funeral Service will be held at Inveraray Parish Church, on Friday January 30, 2015, at 12 noon, thereafter to Glenshira Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Salvation Army and the British Legion, Inveraray.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BROWN** - Jacqueline, John and families would like to sincerely extend their grateful thanks to their family for all the love and support over the last few weeks, and also to friends and neighbours (old and new). Thanks to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, lovely cards, letters, beautiful flowers and phone calls following the sad loss of their dear mum, devoted gran and much loved and loving wee nana Elizabeth (Lizbeth). Thanking Dr Anderson and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance Service, Doctors and staff wards 3 & 9 Southern General Hospital, Glasgow for all their help and care. We will always be eternally grateful to the staff at the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow for their gracious kindness and dignified care given to our mum, Lizbeth. Our thanks are also extended to Rev. P Wallace for such a personal and very fitting tribute to Lizbeth. Thanks also to Mr D McEwan for the lovely comforting music at the church. Thanks to T. A Blair, Funeral Directors for their very professional service and to the Ardsheel Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who attended the church service and graveside to pay their respects. We would also like to express a special thank you to Mrs B Newlands for her friendship over the past two years. The collection at the Lorne and Lowland Church will be donated between the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign and the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow. The kindness and respect for our mum has been truly overwhelming and means so much to us. Thank you all.

**GRAHAM** - Sandra, Kenneth, Deirdre and their families extend their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following the loss of Flora. Appreciation and thanks to the Podiatry Team, Community Care Team, and all who cared for her in the Vascular Ward at Western Infirmary Glasgow and the Carr Gomm carers for their care to Flora at home. Thanks also to Rev Cliff Acklam, for his tribute and comforting service, Stan Lupton, Funeral Directors for professional services, Kilmartin Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who braved the elements to pay their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland raised £230.

**GRAHAM** - Douglas, Duncan and their families would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls following the loss of Mary, a dear mother, granny and great granny. The family's sincere gratitude is conveyed to the staff of Rosepark Nursing Home, Uddingston for the compassion and care given to Mary in the last three years of her life. The loving kindness and high standards of nursing care are qualities we feel privileged to have witnessed and will never forget. Thanks are also extended to Rev. David Carruthers. A comforting service from someone she regarded as a sincere and true friend. Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors are thanked for their caring and efficient

arrangements and finally, thanks to The Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead for their excellent hospitality. The retiral collection for Mary's Meals raised the sum of £300.

**LIVINGSTONE** - Russell, Avril and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad passing of Brian, in Australia. Grateful thanks to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring arrangements and to the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for fine purvey. Special thanks are extended to Mr Kenny Rowan, for his most personal tribute to Brian, which was a great reflection of Brian's life and character. Finally our thanks to all who attended at the Memorial Service to pay their respects, your kindness and support was greatly appreciated by us all. Retiral Collection raised over £250 for MS Arms Therapy.

**McSPORRAN** - The family of the late John McSporrnan, formerly of 7 Glenside, Campbeltown would like to thank everyone for all their enquiries and condolences.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of Helen (nee MacMillan) died January 28, 2014. Much loved Mum, Nannie, Daughter, Sister and Aunt. Forever in our thoughts. Family Middlesbrough and Ardrishaig.

**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. Memories are like stars that shine, They last until the end of time, We think about you every day And in our hearts you will always stay. Cathie and family xxxx

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always. From Anne, Stuart and family

**TART** - In loving memory of Michael Tart, a dear husband and father who died January 31, 2014. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you're always there. Your loving wife Julie and Patrick.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

  
**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
 Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
 10.45am Morning Prayer  
 All Welcome  
**Details of services are on the church door**  
**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
**The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
*"It is good to sing praises to our God"*  
 Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches**  
*Everyone Welcome*  
**Christ Church**  
 Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Sundays**  
 11.00 am Eucharist service  
 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins  
 & 11am Eucharist Service  
 Coffee & Cake follows the service  
**St Columba's, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin**  
 (SC031391)  
 1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service  
 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
 Scottish Prayer Book  
**All Saints, Inveraray**  
 (SC025646)  
 Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
 Father Simon Mackenzie  
 Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran  
 01546 602315

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**  
 Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
 Saturday 5pm  
 Fr. David Connor  
 01546 602380  
 All Welcome (SCO002876)

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
**Services 1st February 2015**  
 - all welcome!  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
 Charity No. SC016097  
 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
 Charity No. SC016665  
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
 Short service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 Morning Worship  
 Glassary 11.45 am  
 Rev. C. Acklam  
 All welcome  
 SC0 02121

  
**free church of scotland**  
 George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 11.15am Worship Service  
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie  
 11.15am Sunday School  
 2.30pm Café Church 'New beginnings'  
**Wednesday 4th February**  
 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
 2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café  
 All Welcome  
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.com  
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Sunday 1 February 2015**  
 11.00am  
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
 Speaker: Graham McLean "Rivers of Living Water"  
**Thursday 5 February 2015**  
 7.30pm  
 Praise, prayer & sharing  
 All Welcome

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:**  
 Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.  
 Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae  
 Minister: Rev. R Macleod  
 Prayer Time (fortnightly)  
 Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm  
 Ladies Bible Study 2pm  
 Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)  
 All welcome.

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
 Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 1 February**  
 Bellanoch Church 10 am  
 Morning Worship  
 Rev. C. Acklam  
**Tuesday 3 February**  
 Congregational Board  
 Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm  
**Thursday 5 February**  
 Messy Church 4 - 6 pm  
 Living Stones, Kilmartin  
 All welcome  
 Enquiries 01546 606926  
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 Tarbert Service 11.30am  
 Rev. Tommy Bryson  
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
 Telephone 01880 821012  
 Everyone very welcome  
 SC002622

  
**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Saturday 31st January**  
 10.00am - Midday  
**Every Tuesday**  
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
 All Welcome  
 www.lpchurch.co.uk  
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

  
**lochgilphead baptist church**  
 All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 11.00am  
 mainly music  
 Tuesday at 10am  
 Jumpstart  
 Friday from 10am  
 Scottish Charity SC05187

**Highland Parish Church**  
  
 SCO02493  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15 am and will be led by Matthew Ramsay  
**Badminton Club** meets Tuesday evening in Kirk Street Hall  
 Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm  
 Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm  
 Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 11.15 am Service  
 Creeche Triple C Next Generation  
 Rev. W Crossan  
**Tuesday 3rd February**  
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
 Boys' Brigade Church Hall  
 Anchor Boys 6pm  
 Junior Section 7.15pm  
**Wednesday 4th February**  
 Guild Coffee Morning  
 Church Hall 10-12noon  
**Thursday 5th February**  
 Choir 7.30pm  
**Friday 6th February**  
 Lunch Club 12noon New Hall

  
**The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps**  
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
 01586 552046  
**Sunday Services**  
 10.30am Morning Worship  
 Army Kidz  
 6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
 12.15pm Lunch Club  
 1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
**Thursday**  
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
 Lt. Mark Scoulding

  
**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 11.00am Family Service with Communion and crèche  
 Pastor Ross Ferguson  
**Wednesday 4th February**  
 10am Toddlers Group  
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
 For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson  
 01586 551200  
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
 SC014646

  
**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sunday Service**  
 11.00 am  
 with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
**Baby & Toddler Group**  
 10.00 - 11.45 am  
 every Thursday (term-time)  
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
 baptist union of scotland  
 Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland  
 SC043322

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## Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: West of Scotland Cup fourth round - Harestanes 3, Oban Saints 1; Jimmy Marshall Cup first round - Campbeltown Pupils 4, Dunoon Athletic 0; Lochgilphead Red Star 1, Haldane United 6; Coronation Cup first round - Rossvale v Tarbert postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Alba Thistle v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Paisley; Lochgilphead Red Star v Drumchapel Colts; Jimmy Marshall Trophy first round - Dunoon v Jamestown; Easthall Star v Oban Saints; Coronation Cup first round - Rossvale v Tarbert.

## Lottery numbers

TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers drawn this week were 6, 15 and 19. There were no winners, therefore next week's jackpot totals £400.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers drawn this week were 4, 15, 17. Liz Rieve won £500. The jackpot for next week will be £100.

The lottery numbers drawn this week for Kilmory Camanachd Club were 6, 7 and 9. There were no winners which means the jackpot will be £400 for next week's draw.

## Oban's newest shinty team starts training

OBAN'S newest shinty team has begun training at Oban high school on Monday nights.

Oban Lorn shinty club has also arranged pre-season friendlies against Ballachulish on February 7, Tayforth on February 14, Aberdour on February 21 and Glenorchy on February 28.

The club's under-14 players train from 7pm - 8pm and older players from 8pm - 9pm. Training for this week has been switched to tomorrow (Friday).



Club rowers have continued to take to the water in recent months and there have been 'fantastic, calm, sunny days'.

# Mid Argyll club raring to row

THIS year looks set to be 'the one' for Mid Argyll Coastal Rowing Club, after a rise in the number of members and plans for the rowers to enter competitions.

Last year was a successful one for the Ardrishaig-based club, which saw it train a

number of new members in four-man skiffs, as well as provide additional coxswain training to enable members to take a boat and crew to explore stretches of Argyll's fantastic coastline.

Club members are now hoping to raise funds for the cor-

rect safety and rowing equipment, to help them train for, and compete in, racing events this year.

### Viking festival

The club will also be taking part in the Viking Festival in Largs from August 29 to September 6.

Members have been making the most of the waters despite the winter weather.

Club member Sue Creech said: 'We've had some fantastic, calm, sunny days over the past few months and we had one of our skiffs out on Loch Fyne on Christmas Eve.'

To gain support from the community and to raise funds, the committee has organised a coffee morning in the North Hall in Ardrishaig on Saturday, January 31.

Contact club secretary Oly Hemmings on 01546 810218 for more information.

## Entries open for Mull of Kintyre triathlon

ENTRIES open on Sunday for this year's MOK Tri in Campbeltown on August 8.

The inaugural sprint triathlon last year was a low-key event which went well, now Campbeltown Running Club hopes to see more participants this summer. David Sinclair, one of the organisers, said: 'Last year's event was deliberately small and low key, as we wanted to see if we could pull it off.'

### Great success

'It really was a great success and following the feedback and sup-

port from competitors and the community, we hope to see even more



Campbeltown Running Club's Elaine McGeachy pictured on the 5km run leg last year.

people take part this year.'

The multi-sport event includes swimming 750m (30 lengths of the Aqualibrium pool), followed by a 21km cycle, and then a 5km run along the banks of Campbeltown Loch.

'It can be daunting to do all three disciplines, but with a few hours training each week its surprising how quickly your body will adapt and fitness increases,' added David.

'You don't have to be super-fit to complete the race. It's a good opportunity to carry the fitness from MOK Run through the summer months.'

### Swimming

'The biggest challenge for most people is the swim, so we hope to provide some coached swimming sessions in the run-up to the event.'

'There is also a team event for those that want a lesser challenge.'

Entries for MOK Tri will go live on [www.entrycentral.com](http://www.entrycentral.com) this Sunday with individual and team entries available. See Facebook/MOK-Tri for more details.



Steven MacBrayne with the best spur of the day. a05angling01 no

## Anglers find it hard going on Loch Etive

LOCH Etive failed to deliver for the five anglers who travelled to Taynuilt on Sunday.

The normally productive loch was as bleak as the weather with only 29 fish and two species recorded on the score sheet.

The morning started well with a reasonable sized spur for Steven MacBrayne, however, that proved to be the best of the day, with only a splattering of

small spurs and whiting making an appearance throughout the six hour event.

Jimmy Smith plugged away to rediscover his winning form and emerged top rod with 13 fish (46pts), followed by

Nikki Thompson with nine (32pts) and Steven MacBrayne in third place on 15pts for a catch of three.

Members are hoping that the loch will be fishing well for the club's February outing.



Last year's team winners Iain Graham, left, Sharon Gillies and Stuart McGeachy.

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# Tarbert's success is the goal for their peerless striker

TARBERT striker James Prentice certainly knows the way to goal.

Still only 29, he has netted 300 times in the colours of his beloved village club.

Now player-manager, he took over the reins in 2010, and admits it is a big responsibility, but he could not see his team leaderless.

Working for the family business J and D Prentice Shellfish, James told of his passion for Tarbert's amateur side and his unexpected role as player-manager.

He said: 'I'm enjoying management; it is a big commitment, one I only thought I would take on for a year or two. It's a big change from turning up as a teenager wondering how many minutes you'll get on the pitch.'

James began playing for Tarbert at 14, mak-

ing his first start against Hamilton AFC in August 2000.

The forward was a precocious talent and played for two seasons before embarking on a sports coaching course at Paisley Reid Kerr college, where he played football for the college's academy-style club.

Prentice then spent a season with Campbeltown Pupils AFC, where he gained valuable experience, but feels he never performed as well as he could.

### Best moment

Rejoining Tarbert in 2005, James became a team mainstay. He said helping them seal their first trophy in 2008 with the Coronation Cup after a 3-0 victory in Glasgow over Carlton YM from Paisley ranked as his best moment with the club.

He said: 'To win Tar-

bert's first trophy, play in a cup final, it was a brilliant night for everyone.'

'I ended up scoring twice and received a man of the match shield from the Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL). 'It was a big personal honour but taking a cup back to Tarbert was even more special.'

The following season, Tarbert were promoted from the non-premier division of the SAFL to the league's Premier Division Two, the third tier, another new achievement for the club.

James said: 'Winning a league title was brilliant; by that time we had a really strong team with a blend of youth and experience.'

James has played in the Argyll Select's annual match against the

SAFL on several occasions, managing to score against them in wins for Argyll in 2013 and 2014.

Despite netting a club record eight goals in one league game last year, James said he has adapted his game to become more of a team player.

### More selfish

'When I was younger I was more selfish but now I try to bring others into the game by holding up the ball,' he said.

'It doesn't matter who gets the goals, I'm only interested in seeing us progress after a strong 2014 when we made the Coronation Cup final again.'

'This season the aim has to be promotion. We have a group of committed players and some exciting youngsters being introduced to the team.'

Tarbert's top striker - James Prentice

## SPOT THE BALL

### THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2800

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
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 Tomiag Road  
 Cambeltown  
**A Conley**  
 Castle Acres  
 Cambeltown

#### All you have to do

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

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

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

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

#### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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## Crunch time for district bowls team



The Argyll and Bute Bowling Association men's team is facing a crisis.

THE ARGYLL and Bute Bowling Association gents team is facing a bleak future unless bowlers from across the county can commit themselves to the squad and the matches, organisers have said.

The associations has had a gents county bowling team since the mid 1960s, but as player numbers decline, the club is looking for more stability.

Bowler Andy Weir

said: 'Bowls in the county is in danger of suffering due to the lack of interest in its premier team and this article is intended as a rallying cry to all bowlers across the county to support the team this coming season.'

'It is recognised that the geography of the county makes it very difficult for bowlers, particularly from the Kintyre area, to support the county for sev-

en Saturdays in a row, as required by competitions such as the Hamilton trophy.

'Bowls Scotland is currently examining proposed changes for the Hamilton trophy, whereby the number of games is reduced.

'This would certainly go a long way to helping the team, however any changes will not be in effect for this coming season, therefore commitment is needed.'

The association's honorary secretary Keith Campbell will be holding a meeting this Monday, Friday 2, in Cowal Indoor Bowling Club in Dunoon at 7.30pm for

all bowlers with an interest in this subject.

Mr Weir continued: 'A decision will be made on whether the county will be able to go ahead and take part in this

year's competition.

'It is hoped that Bowls Scotland district councillor Bill Knox will be also be in attendance.

'It is understood that this time and location

will not suit those from further afield, however if enough players have indicated a commitment to Keith, a meeting is proposed to be held in Tarbert.'

## Feathers fly in secondary schools badminton championships

BUDDING badminton players took part in the annual Argyll and Bute secondary schools championship on Monday in Oban.

More than 30 competitors from Lochgilphead, Oban, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Hermitage battled against each other in singles, doubles and mixed doubles competitions separated into under-14, under-16 and under-19 age groups.

Amongst the prizewinners at the competition, held at Atlantis leisure centre, were Gregory McGeachy and Katie Todd from Lochgilphead, who won the under-14 mixed doubles. Gregory was also victorious in the under-14 boys doubles with partner Alistair Cupples.

### Excellent

Karen McQuorquadales, who is an Active Schools co-ordinator

for Argyll and Bute council, said: 'The competition was excellent, the players really gave it their all.'

### New friends

'For many, this will be their first taste of real competition, so this tournament gives them a great chance to play against other players from different schools in Argyll and Bute, and hopefully make some new friends at the same time.'



Pictured are the prizewinners from Monday's Argyll and Bute secondary schools badminton championships at Atlantis leisure centre in Oban.

## Young Mid Argyll Athletes compete in Glasgow

YOUNG athletes from Mid Argyll Athletic club travelled to the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Sunday, for the National under-12s Super teams competition.

The girls team of Jilly Lefebvre from Kilmichael Glassary, Carla Todd from Ardrishaig and Eilidh Cameron and Tilly Cunningham from Inveraray finished a respectable 23rd overall out of 52 teams from all parts of Scotland.

### Excelled

The boys team, comprising of Ben Maddox from Kilmartin, and Gregor Brown and Logan Allan from Ardrishaig, also excelled but were disadvantaged on the day without a fourth team member. Had they been at full strength, they would have hoped to have finished in the top 20 teams out of 48.

The boys contest was won by Central AC and the girls contest won by Giffnock North AC.



The competitors from Mid Argyll Athletic club at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow last Sunday

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