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## Argyll health services facing funding abyss of £22 million

SOCIAL care and health services in Argyll face a £22 million funding gap over the next two years – described by a Mid Argyll councillor as a ‘financial precipice’.

The local governing body for health and social care, Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB) revealed last week that it must make savings of £16.3 million for 2017/18 and a further £5.7 million for 2018-19 from its annual budget of £256 million.

Christina West, chief officer for the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said: ‘The need to find savings of this scale is due to a range of factors including increasing demands on health and social care services, the effects of inflation and the estimated level of funding from our partner bodies,

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NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council.’

Mrs West emphasised changes in approach, away from ‘reactive emergency-based services’ such as those provided in hospitals to ‘community-based services which focus on prevention, early intervention and helping people make better lifestyle choices’.

IJB bosses will also look at reducing waste and better use of digital technology. Plans are also being drawn up to ‘rationalise’ the number of buildings used.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand, a former mental health nurse, said: ‘We are on the edge of a precipice. Services are stretched as it is and when you think the IJB is considering changes to Thompson Court

on Bute, Struan Lodge in Dunoon, Auchinlee in Campbeltown and the Oban general hospital, I don’t think the community has the infrastructure to support what is already being proposed, let alone a further £22 million of savings.

‘Staff are working increasingly hard with less support and resources to provide a service and I am therefore fearful for the robustness of services in the future.’

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell told the *Advertiser*: ‘I find the explanations of the situation from the IJB unconvincing. The local authority and IJB have been funded according to agreed formulae and they should be agreeing on transfers of money that al-

low services to be delivered. I want to see a clear, open, simple explanation of what the issues are and the options. They have never offered that to me as the local member, let alone the local public.’

Tarbert-based councillor Anne Horn stressed the anxiety caused to communities over threats to care homes, adding: ‘The lack of community engagement to identify the needs of our residents is an additional concern.’

Mrs Horne concluded: ‘Savings could be made from much less use of agency workers throughout the service, and using a combined information system would save costs and time for staff who have to report to several systems. I do believe this is a priority that must be addressed with urgency.’



### Adventurer Mark Wild About Argyll

Adventurer Mark Beaumont got crowds Wild About Argyll at a glitzy launch party, with a flavour of Argyll. 08\_a05WAA01

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# Special award

A SPECIAL constable from Islay has received an award for her hard work and commitment to her community.

SPC Jacqueline Ross, who is based at Bowmore, has almost 11 years of service to the communities of Islay and Jura.

She was named special constable of the year at the second Scottish Policing Excellence Awards which took place last Friday at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan.

Jacqueline volunteers her free time to assist officers, often at short notice – with her local knowledge at times proving invaluable.

She said: 'I wanted to join the police when I was younger but wasn't tall enough and so when the opportunity to become a special constable came up, I jumped at it.'

'Over the years I've been involved in lots of different incidents ranging

from road traffic collisions to standing by crime scenes.

'I also regularly attend community events to assist officers when they need me. There is a fantastic community spirit here and I love being a part of that and being able to help people.'

She added: 'Winning this award means so much to me and I hope it encourages other people to sign up to be special constables. It's very worthwhile and a great experience.'

Divisional commander for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire, Chief Superintendent Grant Manders, said: 'Jacqueline has given up so much of her free time over the years to assist officers and her community and I am delighted that she has been recognised for her outstanding commitment. Her assistance is invaluable to the officers and local people of Islay and Jura.'



Jacqueline receives her award from Justice Secretary Michael Matheson.

## Debt worries grow

THERE has been a big increase in the number of people in Argyll seeking debt advice.

Figures from Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) reveal a 400 per cent rise since 2012 in the number of inquiries concerning council tax arrears, while fuel debt inquiries more than doubled over the same period.

In its latest newsletter, the charity states: 'People are

struggling with essential everyday costs.'

While overdraft and credit card concerns appear to have eased, the charity continues: 'The worrying trend is the rise in the number of people with debt for priorities such as rent, council tax and fuel bills.'

Argyll and Bute CAB has offices in Lochgilhead, Helensburgh and Dunoon, with outreach clinics in Oban and Campbeltown.

## Police files

### Man charged

A 31-YEAR-OLD man was stopped at 1.20pm on Sunday January 22 while allegedly speeding on the A83 near Lochgilhead joint campus.

The driver was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drugs found

AT 3PM on Monday January 23, on the A83 at Inveraray, a vehicle was stopped and searched by police.

A 22-year-old woman was charged with possession of cannabis and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Boat stolen

THE THEFT of a boat

from Port Ann has been reported to police.

It is believed the boat was removed some time between September 2016 and Sunday January 22. The boat is described as a 12-foot green fibreglass fishing boat. Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

### Disturbance

POLICE attended Burns Brae, Lochgilhead, at 2.50am on Saturday January 28 after reports of a disturbance.

A 20-year-old was arrested and charged with various public order offences. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drink driving

AT 1.50AM on Sunday

January 29, police officers stopped a vehicle in Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead.

Following police inquiries, a man aged 43 was arrested for drink driving. He was detained in custody for a court appearance. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Oil theft

ON TUESDAY January 24, police received a report of the theft of heating oil from a house in Bruichladich, Islay.

The theft occurred sometime between Saturday January 14 and Tuesday January 24.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

Householders are ad-

vised by police to review the security of their properties, in particular, external fuel tanks.

### Careless driving

AT 3.50PM on Saturday January 14, a cyclist on the A846 near Bowmore, Islay, was passed by a cream-coloured vehicle which allegedly failed to adjust its speed or road position and thereby caused danger to the cyclist.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to the incident.

### Lights taken

LIGHTING equipment was stolen from an agricultural shed on Killean Estate, Tayinloan, sometime between Sunday January 1 and Wednesday January 25. Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

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### Getting to grips with dog fouling

A PLAN to name and shame those failing to pay fixed penalties for dog fouling has been scrapped by Argyll and Bute Council. After receiving internal legal advice, councillors were told 'shaming' cannot be made part of the council's policy.

Councillor Robin Currie said: 'I am disappointed we cannot name and shame. Dog fouling is completely unacceptable and is a problem that has to be taken seriously, not just by the council but by the government.'

### Museum seeks Argyll knowledge

KILMARTIN Museum is seeking your views on a research framework, which hopes to bring a better understanding of Argyll.

Dr Sharon Webb, museum director and curator, said: 'There is a lot we don't know and many things that we'd like to find out about Argyll's past.'

The consultation is open until Friday February 10 and further information can be found on Kilmartin Museum's Facebook page and website [www.kilmartin.org](http://www.kilmartin.org).

# Ellie marches to show solidarity

A BAN on people from Muslim-majority countries entering the United States sparked protests around the world – and at least one young person from Mid Argyll was among marchers in Glasgow making their voice heard.

The 90-day period of restrictions was im-

posed by new US President Donald Trump last week amid rancour and demonstrations in his own country. Protest marches were held across Scotland and, in Glasgow, 18-year-old student Ellie Donald from Achahoish was there with her friend Muteea Arif. Ellie told the

*Advertiser:* 'I was really excited to be a part of it. I had been reading the news about the travel ban and how it felt to me like a ban on Muslims. I wanted to show support and solidarity against Trump and his ideals.'

Muteea added: 'The people were so passionate. I will remember the unity and solidarity. I will remember how everyone was chanting and cheering to show Trump and the world we will not stand for any dehumanisation of the minorities.'

The US president imposed the order as a temporary measure while the new administration comes up with a longer-term immigration policy.



A photograph of the demonstration, taken by Ellie Donald.



Muteea, left, and Ellie at the march.

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## To Westminster and beyond

THE CASE for locating the UK's first spaceport near Campbeltown has been given a parliamentary boost.

A Westminster reception, hosted by MP for Argyll and Bute Brendan O'Hara on Tuesday January 24, was attended by leading players in the aerospace industry and MPs.

The group heard Mr O'Hara, Tom Miller, of Discover Space UK, and Councillor Aileen

Morton make compelling cases that Machrihanish is the best of the government's shortlisted locations.

It was also announced that UK space science and technology firms QinetiQ and Telespazio VEGA UK have agreed to work with Discover Space UK to investigate the potential for the horizontal launch spaceport at Machrihanish.

Councillor Morton, Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil's policy lead for sustainable economic growth, said: 'The commitment from leading aerospace companies to help develop the business case for Campbeltown is another significant step forward.'

'The former airbase has real strengths. It has clear airspace and is close to an existing route to space, while the three-kilometre runway meets all the licence criteria.'



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- All Primary Schools
- <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/early-years>
- 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).

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# Inveraray celebrates Burns night

THERE might have been an unconventional entrance for the haggis at the Inveraray Burns Supper, but the evening proved to be a great success.

An unavoidable delay to the piper for the evening meant Alex McCallum on penny whistle and Allan McMillan on guitar were pressed into haggis-piping service. Alex and Allan, from Ayrshire, make up the folk duo Bletherskyte, and they continued to entertain with Burns songs throughout the evening.



Replying on behalf of the lassies, Jane McKay.

At the Inveraray Inn on Saturday January 28, 60 members and friends of Inveraray Burns Club gathered to celebrate the 258th birthday of Scotland's

National Bard Robert Burns.

The haggis was ceremonially carried in by Sam Mulira, originally from Uganda but living in London, who had travelled north to experience his first Burns Supper and who wore the kilt for the first time.

Graeme McMillan from Inveraray addressed the haggis for the first time, reciting the Chieftain o' the Puddin' Race.

Retired Church of Scotland minister Brian Wilkinson from Tainuilt is an original member of the club and recited Burns' own grace, before the company enjoyed an excellent repast.

#### Toasted

In keeping with tradition, Her Majesty the Queen was toasted by Sue Campbell and then the evening's entertainment began.

World champion piper Stuart Liddell, fresh from performing at Celtic Connections in Glasgow earlier that day, enthralled the audience with a display



Burns club members and guests enjoyed a fine night at the Inveraray Inn. Photographs: Sinclair Images.

of world-class piping. The Immortal Memory was proposed by past president Kenny Stark.

He stressed the value Burns placed on being independent, politically and personally, as well as his humanity to all human beings.

Allan McMillan toasted the lassies and Jane McKay from Inveraray, who had been called upon at the last minute, replied in fine style.

Recitations were given by Hamish Thomson from Milngavie, who recited 'Scotch Drink', and local minister Rev Roderick

Campbell who recited old favourite 'The Cottar's Saturday Night'.

The poem is an epic piece in which Burns described the scene at home on a Saturday night when the week's toil comes to an end and the family prepare to celebrate the Sabbath the following day.

#### Delight

In the 19th century it was a favourite at all Burns suppers and it was delight to hear it recited in such a fine manner.

This year's Burns Supper was a little changed from recent years, in that all

of those participating were club members - meeting one of the aims of the club, which is to encourage members to read the life and work of Robert Burns.

#### Singing

The evening, which was chaired by newly-elected president Sylvia Stark, closed in the traditional manner, with the entire company singing 'The Star of Rabbie Burns' and 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Inveraray Burns Club welcomes new members. For more information, email [cronies@inveraray-burnsclub.org.uk](mailto:cronies@inveraray-burnsclub.org.uk).



Rev Roderick Campbell recites 'The Cottars Saturday Night'.



Sam Mulira delivers the haggis for the waiting Graeme McMillan to address.

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# Dancing with the Bard in Tarbert

TARBERT Scottish Country Dance Club celebrated Burns night in fine style with a Burns Supper.

The dancers celebrated in Tar-

bert Village Hall, with the haggis piped in by John Hunt, who also did the address.

### Danced

A feast of haggis, neeps and

tatties was provided by group members who later danced away the evening to a variety of tunes appropriate to Robbie Burns.



Hornpipes, jigs, strathspeys and reels were played in honour of Burns.



The haggis is piped in by John Hunt.

# Primary pupils celebrate Burns and Scotland

TO MARK Burns Day, Lochgilphead Primary School held a special Scots afternoon.

After being piped through the school by Christopher McCartan, accompanied by drummer Alfie Campbell, pupils and adults were entertained with a range of Scots music and dance from all the classes.

The afternoon finished with the whole school dancing a Virginia Reel and singing Auld Lang Syne.

Christopher and Alfie prepare to lead the parade through the school.



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### Marital difficulties

It comes as little surprise to hear that the body created through an arranged marriage between Argyll and Bute Council and the NHS is facing financial problems.

Rumours of a cash shortfall have been growing in volume for the past year. Health and social care are complex areas when taken individually. Bring them together and it is little wonder there are difficulties. Add to that the ingrained practices of two public bodies forced together in this way, mix into this a prolonged recession and an increasingly elderly population in Argyll, and you have a recipe for a £22 million gap over two years.

If a financial solution cannot be found, we may see moves for a divorce.

Meantime, it looks like the emphasis will increasingly be on 'care at home' and on making sure we don't get ill in the first place.

### And the good news

There is clear ambition in the glamorous launch of Wild About Argyll.

It is fantastic to witness a self-confidence so often lacking in Argyll folk. We are entitled to feel proud of our rich culture, great food and drink, and stunning landscapes.

More power to the campaign's elbow and well done to Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative for pulling it all together.

### Standing up

With US President Donald Trump courting controversy across the pond, it is heartening to hear of young people like Ellie Donald who are willing to stand up for their beliefs. Well done.

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### Youth charity is best kept 'sea'-cret

Sir,  
Youth charity Sea Cadets is encouraging young people and adults to see how they can get involved this February. We are urging 10- to 17-year-olds seeking adventure, and adults interested in volunteering, to contact their local unit to find out more about the amazing opportunities available.

Young people at Sea Cadets enjoy activities from dinghy sailing to catering, and have the opportunity to experience offshore voyages or travel abroad to meet cadets from other countries. Nationally-accredited courses, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, are also available.

This would not be possible without our amazing 9,000 volunteers but we need more. You could make more of your free time by showing cadets how to sail, powerboat, kayak or windsurf, or by managing budgets or fundraising for your local unit.

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and boost your own CV while helping young people realise their full potential.

Please spread the message on social media this February by using the hashtag #BestKeptSecret.

You can find your nearest Sea Cadet unit at [www.sea-cadets.org/find-your-nearest-unit](http://www.sea-cadets.org/find-your-nearest-unit).

**Captain Phil Russell**  
RN, Sea Cadets.

### Let HIE get back to work immediately

Sir,  
Countless individuals have warned the SNP about the threats to economic development if the party continues with its plans to subsume HIE into a national body – and now parliament has made its view clear.

The SNP should listen to local communities, and now parliament, and scrap these ill-thought-through proposals.

HIE has done great work for decades across the Highlands and Islands and, during the debate, members from all parties highlighted the positive work they have done.

All this begs the question as to why the SNP wants to change it by merging HIE with three other bodies into a national organisation.

The benefit of having HIE based in the region is vital to ensure that it can continue to promote local solutions to local circumstances.

Scottish Conservatives believe these plans for HIE centralisation should be shelved and now parliament has given the same message.

It's time for the Scottish Government and SNP politicians to ditch the proposals and let HIE get back to work it does across the Highlands and Islands.

**Douglas Ross,**  
MSP,  
Scottish  
Conservatives.

### Islay broadband upgrade urged

Sir,  
The broadband petition that I put together in 2016 got more than 266 signatures and I have been campaigning heavily since 2012 for better broadband for Islay and the rest of the Kintyre and Islands ward.

This latest upgrade rolled out across Islay is more

than welcome and shows that putting pressure on BT for better internet services can get real results. I'd like to thank the local press for helping raise this matter and for helping to bring our broadband problems to the attention of BT and the various government departments that help promote faster broadband speed.

**Alastair Redman,**  
Islay.

## Your chance to make a difference

HARDLY a week goes by in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* letters page without a reader or two offering their opinion of either Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll and Bute councillors – or both.

We all have our view on how the council should run the services that matter to us, and on ways the operational efficiency within the region's biggest employer could be improved.

The chance is coming up shortly for those with an opinion to make a real difference and stand for election to Argyll and Bute Council.

The next council elections will take place on May 4, 2017.

If you are interested in standing, find out more at [www.localcouncillor.scot](http://www.localcouncillor.scot). The council has also produced a candidate guide for potential candidates in Argyll and Bute.

Before standing, you must be officially nominated, and nomination packs will be available from February 28. The period for lodging nominations runs from Tuesday March 14 until Wednesday March 29.

More information on the election process will be released by Argyll and Bute Council in the coming weeks.

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Inveraray and District Pipe Band delighted a packed audience at Celtic Connections in Glasgow. Photograph: The Piping Times/College of Piping.

# Inveraray Pipe Band goes to town

by RACHEL CARRUTHERS  
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THERE was a buzz of anticipation as the audience - largely from Argyll - gathered in the foyer of Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Inveraray and District Pipe Band was playing as part of Celtic Connections and there was a real sense of pride.

First to take the stage at the afternoon concert on Saturday January 28 was Bagad Kemper, one of the oldest Breton pipe bands.

At times the sound levels weren't quite right and the bombard - an oboe-like instrument - sometimes drowned out the singers. But that did not stop this award-winning band from giving it their all.

## Enthusiasm

They performed with great enthusiasm and singing collaborators Marthe Vassallo and Sylvain Girault were determined to get the audience to join in.

Then, with great excitement, Inveraray born and bred fear an tigh James Beaton introduced Inveraray and District Pipe Band.

Teasing the audience, band members took their time coming on but, after a second introduction and as encouraging cheers of

'Inverara!' ran round the crowd, they finally took to the stage, making their presence known with an atmospheric drone from the pipes.

The band entertained with full band arrangements, solos, small ensembles and, on occasion, accompaniment with a guitar, keyboard, double bass and mandolin.

Introducing a set of 2/4 marches - *Carra-dale Bay* and *Father John McMillan* - Pipe Major Stuart Liddell joked with the audience: 'If you would like to take your partners for a Canadian barn dance' and you could see many itching to - if only there had been space.

Band members were almost dancing along as they got in the swing of things and seemed completely unfazed, showing exactly why they are the reigning pipe band champion of champions.

With neon green sticks, it was hard not to notice the mesmerising flourishes from the tenor drum players and you could not help but join in with the rhythmic head bobbing the snare drum players and bass drum player Mark

Stark were demonstrating.

Alasdair Henderson's slight tuning issues provided a little comedy as he disappeared off stage before his solo, leaving Stuart Liddell to ask if there were any requests from the audience and a sudden change to the set list had members who had snuck off rushing back on stage to join in.

Rounding off its performance with its *Thunderhead* set of 9/8 jigs, the audience was clapping along and dancing in their

seats and after taking a bow the band began to make its exit.

But before they all made it off stage, James Beaton was asking the audience if they would like to hear more.

The crowd cheered and the band was quick to turn on its heels, much to the audience's delight.

The drums began, the pipes gradually joined in before the accompaniment added to the crescendo of instruments for an effortless encore of *Mason's Apron and Skye*.

## GRADUATION



### HEATHER GORMAN

Recently graduated from the Open University with a BA with honours in Early Years Education. Heather is the daughter of Johnny and Margaret Andrew, Isle of Gigha, and mum of proud daughters, Judy and Cara. She is at present a Childcare and Education Worker at Rhunahaorine Primary School.

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The toe-tapping Archie MacAllister Trio.

## Snow fails to put accordion club off

MEETING for the opening night of 2017, Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club chairman Niall Iain MacLean welcomed a surprisingly good crowd, despite the earlier threat of snow.

In the Inveraray Inn on Wednesday January 11, Fyne Folk got the evening under way with renditions of Highland Wedding and a Burns medley by Jake MacKay, Sally Hall and Alex John MacLeod on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on

keyboard. Colin Sutcliffe, on melodeon, played a couple of sets, including Kate Martins Waltz.

This was followed by Jake on moothie and Agnes on keyboard with a couple of toe-tapping sets.

Guest artistes were the ever popular MacAllister brothers from Campbeltown - Archie on fiddle and Alex on accordion - joined by Ally Murray from Oban on drums, making up an all-Argyll ensemble. They delight-

ed the audience with a great selection of sets, including some with Archie taking the lead on fiddle and giving it 'laldy', as only he can.

Jake and Agnes opened the second half with sing-a-long of Gaelic waltzes and a set of reels. The Archie MacAllister Trio played for the remainder of the evening, finishing with a set of reels - or so the audience thought.

A superb encore from Archie, ably backed by Alex and Ally, truly wound up the evening and resulted in thunderous applause from the crowd.

The chairman thanked all the artistes for a great night and next week the club welcomes, for the first time, Alan Small on accordion and 2006 Glenfiddich Fiddle Champion Gemma Donald.

# Skerryvore headline at Gig in the Goil

TO MARK Argyll Holiday's 50th birthday, the holiday park operator is pulling out all the stops to make Gig in the Goil 2017 a spectacular family event.

### Musical talent

The Lochgoilhead music festival will take place from Friday May 5 to Sunday May 7 and feature a host of musical talent, including acoustic, contemporary and traditional artists from around the country.

A selection of local

food and drink will be on offer and there will be plenty activities to keep the little ones entertained over the weekend event at Argyll Holiday's Drimsynie Estate.

The event will take place across various venues throughout the weekend, against the backdrop of Argyll's stunning countryside.

### Main stage

The main stage will be located at the popular Drimsynie House Hotel and will feature a

headline set from multi award-winning Skerryvore.

Formed in Tiree, the band attracts large crowds across the world and were recently crowned Live Band of the Year at the Scottish Traditional Music Awards.

### Acoustic sets

A host of solo acts from across Scotland will perform intimate acoustic sets in the cosy Fireside Bar and a selection of indie acts and ones to watch will

be taking to The Castle Lounge, also located in Drimsynie House Hotel.

Skerryvore will be joined by a host of local indie groups and Scottish folk bands, including Tide Lines and 2016 Dance Band of the Year, Trail West.

Tickets went on sale Friday January 27 and are available from [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk)

Ticket discounts are available to those booking accommodation for the weekend.



Tide Lines are returning to Gig in the Goil.

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# Design a new picnic area and win a prize



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

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



**Blarbuie Woodland is to have a new picnic area – and you could design it.**

Located at Blarbuie community woodland, the plan is to create a picnic area around the octagon space and the enterprise company wants community groups to come up with the design. Any local group or school can enter.

The design should incorporate the seven picnic benches and eight pieces of tim-

**The competition opened to entries on Monday January 16 and will close at noon on Monday February 13.**  
**To enter on behalf of your organisation or school, email your design to [grace.macleod@btinternet.com](mailto:grace.macleod@btinternet.com) or [pete.creech@virgin.net](mailto:pete.creech@virgin.net).**  
**Alternatively, hand your paper design in at Argyll and Bute Hospital reception.**  
**Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd is offering a**



## How your group can enter

**£100 prize for the winning group and two runner-up prizes of £25 each.**  
**Anyone seeking to enter is encouraged to visit and assess the site in plenty of time to submit their design before the closing date.**  
**The Blarbuie picnic area competition is run under the sole control of Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd and the board of directors of this organisation will have the final say on winners.**

ber-constructed adventure playground equipment that will be available.

The aim is to create an accessible picnic and children's play

area with a woodland theme.

Wildlife-friendly features such as bird feeders and squirrel runs

may also score well in the judging process.

So get designing and enter the picnic area competition.



## Easier to make music with Tarbert's Fèis

**ANYONE** booking places on Fèisan Tairbeirt's next workshops can now do so using Fèisan Tairbeirt's new website.

The website contains everything you need to know about Fèisan Tairbeirt as well as all the upcoming workshop dates and other events including a family ceilidh and coffee morning. It is also possible to order Fèis an Tairbeirt T-shirts and hoodies online.

Fèisan Tairbeirt's chairwoman Alison McBride commented: 'It's great we are able to offer participants online booking and

payment for the follow-on workshops and Fèis Day. It makes it so much easier for everyone.'

With limited places for the next workshop on Saturday February 18, organisers recommend people register as soon as possible.

There are follow-on workshops on fiddle, guitar, clarsach, whistle, percussion, accordion and keyboard for 8 to 18-year-olds in the morning and for adults in the afternoon. As always, complete beginners are welcome.

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For more information, contact [feisantairbeirt@gmail.com](mailto:feisantairbeirt@gmail.com).

**Young musicians having fun at a previous Fèisan Tairbeirt workshop.**

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**A Monster Calls (12A)** Sat 11, 4.30pm / 108 mins  
 Spectacular drama based on the award-winning children's fantasy novel by Patrick Ness.

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**Monster Trucks (PG)** Sun 12, 12:00pm / 105 mins  
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**Passengers (12A)** Sun 12, 2.30pm / 116 mins  
 On a routine journey through space to a new home, two passengers, sleeping in suspended animation, are awakened 90 years too early when their ship malfunctions. Jennifer Lawrence & Chris Pratt.

**La La Land (12A)** Sun 12, 5.30pm / 128 mins  
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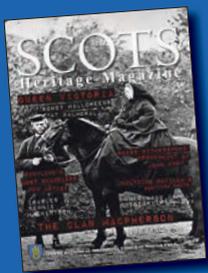
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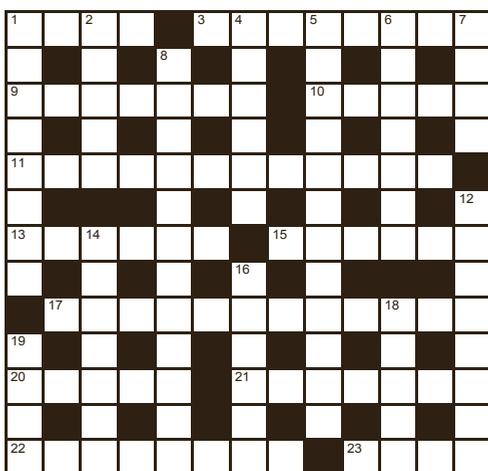
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- 15 Served between the starter and main (6)
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- 20 Copy (5)
- 21 Radio frequency (7)
- 22 Not cold now (6,2)
- 23 Intelligence (4)

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- 7 Bank claim (4)
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- 12 Crudeness (8)
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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION





Jane MacLeod enjoys the Loch Fyne oysters that were on offer. 08\_a05WAA02



Skerryvore debuting new single *Live Forever*. 08\_a05WAA06



Mark Beaumont told tales from his adventures, including a stage appearance at ButeFest. 08\_a05WAA04



Piece of the pie: Henry Jagielko, director of Portavadie Marina; Bridgeen Mullen, Portavadie Marina's head of sales and marketing; Carol Jagielko, director of Portavadie Marina; and Iain Jurgensen, general manager at Portavide Marina; tuck into the Portvadi Marina-sponsored pies. 08\_a05WAA08

# Argyll invades Glasgow

WITH more than 325 people registered for the evening, and a gaggle of excited Beaumont fans chancing it at the door, it was going to be a packed out Oran Mór for the launch of a new campaign promoting Argyll. Wild About Argyll is

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a year-long marketing campaign led by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) centred on celebrity extreme sportsman Mark Beaumont's recent 12-day adventure across Argyll and the Isles. The launch event, on Tuesday January 31 in Glasgow, was a celebration of Argyll. Canapés from Food from Argyll were served, there was beer tasting from Fyne Ales, Bute Brew and Islay Ales and music from Argyll bands Skerryvore, Tide

Lines and members of Trail West. Portavadie Marina sponsored a winter warmer punch, served on arrival, with hot pies at the end of the evening. Calum Ross, AITC director and owner of Loch Melfort Hotel, kicked off proceedings, instantly getting the crowd involved: 'Who has travelled from Argyll?' he asked and hands were raised. 'Who lives in Argyll?' was the next question and a cheer went up.

'Who has never even visited Argyll?' Silence. 'No one is brave enough to admit that in this room,' he joked. He continued: 'Glasgow is on Argyll's doorstep. Glasgow is Argyll's city and Argyll is Glasgow's playground.' And this was demonstrated throughout the evening. Mark Beaumont took to the stage to tell of his first-hand experience of Argyll's trails and adventure activities, from running and wild swimming to horse riding and quad biking.

Skerryvore offered a new single they had recorded while on tour in America, and it was not long before *Live Forever* became the theme tune for the campaign. The evening ended with the first public performance of the single and Skerryvore encouraging the audience to get Wild About Argyll and join in. The accompanying music video will feature Wild About Argyll footage. Mark Beaumont said: 'It was tough. I won't get much sympathy considering how much fun it all was but it was tough. It was fantastic to get back to Argyll and it has been amazing to be part of something so positive.'

## What they said

**Daniel and Martin Gillespie from Skerryvore:** 'It's amazing for Argyll and tonight just shows the reach of it. 'It will only attract more people to come and experience what Argyll has to offer.'

**Councillor Michael Breslin:** 'Argyll is obviously connected to Glasgow and it is important this is realised. 'This is opening up an important and large market for Argyll, which is brilliant to see.'

**Lynn Jones, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative:** 'What a fantastic evening. And the videos show you don't have to be Mark Beaumont to enjoy Argyll.'

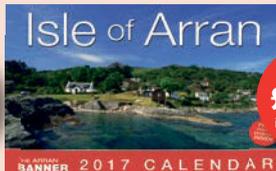
**Councillor Aileen Morton:** 'This will really raise Argyll's profile. And what a brilliant way to show people can just be in Argyll and active without going very far. 'Argyll really is on Glasgow's doorstep.'

**Councillor Bruce Marshall:** 'This has been a super event. Incredible publicity for Argyll and Bute. AITC has been absolutely fantastic for Argyll. 'The council has helped with funding over the past three years and I only hope they see fit to continue.'

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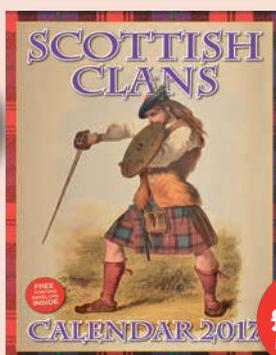


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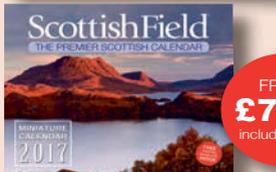
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# New generation is game for the future

AS THE country's farmers grow older, a report has revealed the huge untapped potential of the younger generation.

The study, by NatWest and The Royal Bank of Scotland, claims millennial farmers are facing serious, unnecessary challenges. As the number of young people entering agriculture continues to fall, those already in the sector are struggling to grow and diversify their farms. The report calls for rapid action to ensure a more joined-up approach from governments and a more flexible finance framework.

### Study

Entitled 'Harvesting

the future for young farmers', the report is based on a study of more than 500 young and potential new entrant farmers in Britain.

It reveals key obstacles to entering and succeeding in the industry, including:

- ❑ 'Dead man's shoes' syndrome - limited succession opportunities.

- ❑ Inability to embrace new farming models such as share farming.

- ❑ Access to funding and varying levels of business skills advice.

Despite these challenges, the report suggests almost 20,000 new diversification projects could be delivered by young

farmers, generating £11,900 in additional income per farm. Ian Burrow, Head of Agriculture at NatWest and the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: 'Millennial farmers are a high tech, high-skilled, highly-motivated group who hold a realistic picture of farming in their

heads and want a career on the land. They are, however, seriously constrained in a number of ways. With Brexit further heightening these challenges and increasing uncertainty, it is important we act now. Unless additional investment is secured, it is unlikely the economic potential



Young farmers must be given the chance to show their potential, claims a new report.

these young people hold will be unlocked. Banks, government, families and communities need to come together to ensure today's young farmers receive support.'

## Helium balloons and lanterns banned on council property

ARGYLL and Bute Council has become the latest Scottish local authority to ban the use of sky lanterns and helium balloons from its property in a bid to protect farmland and livestock.

A motion to the full

council last Thursday by Councillor Bruce Marshall, who farms in Cowal, was agreed with no debate by fellow members.

In a statement, the National Farmers' Union Scotland said: 'Well

done and thank you to Argyll and Bute Council, which has become the latest local authority to ban the use of sky lanterns and helium balloons following efforts by NFU Scotland in recent months.'

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# 'Rural' membership up after 'rural' is dropped from the title

AFTER one of the most turbulent periods in its history, the Scottish Women's Institutes organisation 'still has a role to play' in its centenary year.

There was uproar and dissent across the country when it was announced that the word 'rural' was to be dropped from the SWRI, making it the SWI. Since the very institutes themselves were referred to as 'the Rural' all over the nation, this went down like a lead balloon with many members.

But the people leading the SWI announced this week that membership numbers are on the up as it targets a new generation of Scottish women.

Scottish Women's Institutes boosted its membership by 300 in the past year, after decades of declining numbers and, according to national chairman Christine Hutton, this shows that the SWI is still as relevant now as it was when it was formed 100 years ago.

Christine said: 'Back in 1917, our organi-

sation was formed to bring women together, with a vision to welcome every woman in Scotland to join us.

'We have remained a constant in Scottish life ever since and are here to educate, to share, to campaign, to learn, to socialise, to build a community and, of course, to have fun.

'The centenary is a great chance for us to remind people who we are and what we have to offer modern women in Scotland.'

New-style meetings reflecting a wider

range of interests and held at flexible times and in venues such as pubs and coffee shops have been introduced in the past two years, while the word 'rural' was dropped from the organisation's title in a bid to become relevant to women living in towns and cities as well as country areas.

There are currently 16,001 members attending 716 institutes in 32 federation areas and, as well as cake decorating, embroidery techniques and floral art, meetings are just

as likely to feature gin tasting, life drawing, upcycling and ukulele playing.

Throughout 2017, there will be a range of events and gatherings to mark the milestone year, including the SWI's own version of T in The Park – tea parties which will take place in each federation area on the same date, Sunday July 2.

And, in a further sign of the times, all you need to do to find out more is visit the Scottish Women's Institutes Facebook page.



SWI national chairman, Christine Hutton.

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## Woodland workout at Blarbuie

ON SUCH a cold day there was no better way to warm up than to try out some outdoor gym equipment.

It may have been a sunny dry day on Thursday January 26, as Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd held their outdoor gym open day but the polar continental air was certainly making itself felt.

Occupational therapists and physiotherapists were on hand to demonstrate to users the various piece of gym equipment that are dotted up the Blarbuie woodland trail, by Mid Argyll Hospital. And it was not long before everyone was warmed up.

The well equipped, outdoor gym is the ideal place for those who are interested in gentle exercise that will help improve your overall health and fitness.



Hospital chaplain Raymond Deans is given a demonstration on the arm trainer by occupational therapist Camilla Leslie. 08\_Blarbuie02



Alison McGrory and Carrie Hill try out the leg press equipment.

08\_Blarbuie04

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'THE CURRENCY of kindness' was a phrase brought to me by a kind friend this week and it embraced my present experience.

On Sunday morning, I was on my way to Crianlarich where I was going to lead worship but, instead, I ended up in Mid Argyll hospital with a cracked sternum and damaged back muscles.

My car hit a diesel spill, spun out of control and landed in a ditch with a tree through the window.

It was the most terrifying experience I've ever had and I thank God no-one else was involved.

But the kindness of people has completely overwhelmed me. From strangers at the scene, my own loved ones, the ambulance crew, the police, the hospital staff and friends who immediately came to hospital to see me, I have been greatly blessed.

With texts and calls of concern, meals prepared, the currency of kindness has known no limit.

But what is this currency measured in? Well it has no monetary value whatsoever. It doesn't rise and fall with the stock market.

This inherent kindness in people cannot actually be measured, but it certainly can be felt and seen. It's like a blanket.

It is invested in small actions that bring an interest rate beyond price.

Kindness and concern cross all boundaries and are eternal.

So to everyone who helped me on Sunday and have supported me since 'thank you' seems inadequate, but I am so grateful.

There are two people I could not follow up to thank.

Their names are George and Lee. If these heroes of the road are reading this, bless you for all the comfort you gave me at the scene.

## DUNOON

### Cutting edge technology

DUNOON school pupils will be able to access cutting-edge digital technology thanks to a Scottish Government-funded scheme.

The Digital Xtra fund has awarded £150,000 to ten digital initiatives aimed at engaging and inspiring Scotland's next generation of digital makers. Sums of up to £25,000 were awarded to support extra-curricular computing science projects.

Among those getting cash is Argyll and Bute Council, which will establish a digital learning hub in Dunoon where a variety of coding clubs and workshops will be held, offering access to the latest digital technology including drones, programmable Lego, robotics and Raspberry Pi computers.

## CRAIGNISH

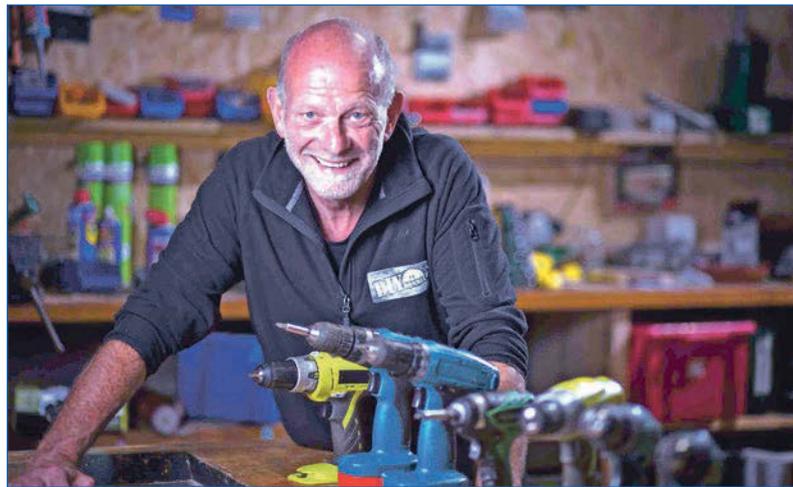
### Beach clean early warning

THE ANNUAL community beach clean will start at Kintraw on Sunday April 23 and finish with the Craobh beach clean on Sunday May 14.

Volunteers can look forward to enjoying a tempting barbecue at Kintraw for their efforts to improve the environment, while at Craobh the Lord of the Isles will offer soup and sandwiches to hungry helpers.

More details to follow.

## CRAOBH HAVEN



Donnie MacLeod in his workshop.

## Donnie Dotaman's back

Gaelic TV personality Donnie 'Dotaman' MacLeod returns with another series on BBC ALBA, showcasing his DIY skills.

### New house

In the new series, Donnie heads to Craobh Haven where he follows a new house being built, lending a hand wherever required in jobs

from screeding the concrete foundations to fixing slates on the roof.

Outside and inside, Donnie will be learning about new materials and brushing up on his skills.

The third series of DIY with Donnie/DIY le Donnie will be broadcast on BBC ALBA starting on Thursday February 16 at 9pm.

## TIGHNABRUAICH

## Players on stage for panto fun

THERE will be a chance to enjoy panto fun as Tighnabruaich Players stage a colourful production of Snow White.

### Fun

So don't be grumpy, get yourself along to Kames Community

Hall tonight or tomorrow night (Friday and Saturday February 3/4) and have fun.

The show on both evenings starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available at Kames and Tighnabruaich post offices.

It's not easy being one of Snow White's dwarfs.

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

**BIRTHS**



**MCCORKINDALE - GILCHRIST**

Ronald and Angela are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Lara, on December 28, 2016 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A baby sister for Kyle, first granddaughter for Archie and Jackie, Macharrioch Farm, Southend and second granddaughter for Gloria and the late Leonard Gilchrist, Campbeltown.



**STEVENSON**

Jamie is delighted to announce the birth of his little sister, Sophie Gillian, born January 1, 2017. Special thanks to all midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and RAH, Paisley. A lovely start to the new year for all the family.

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL**

Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 26, 2017, John Campbell (Jock), in his 76th year, Keepers Cottage, Kilkenzie, much loved partner of Jean, dearly loved brother of Belle, Mary and the late Bessie and a loving uncle and great uncle.

**CRANSTON** - Peacefully at her home, 39 McIntyre Terrace, Lochgilphead on January 27, 2017, Mrs Annie (Nan) Cranston, aged 86 years, beloved wife of the late David Cranston (former postman), much loved mother of Stewart and the late Elaine and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead on February 1, 2017, followed by a private cremation service. Sadly missed.

**HILL** - Peacefully, at Adamson Hospital, Cupar, on January 31, 2017, Douglas, dearly loved and best pal of Tina, dear dad and father-in-law of Catriona and David and much loved papa of Katie and James.

**MILLAR** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 25, 2017, James Gillies Millar, in his 97th year, formerly of Kilkivan Farm, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Finlayson, dear dad of Bobby, Elizabeth and the late Anne and a loving grandpa and great grandpa.

**MORANS** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 31, 2017, Robina McLellan Hart (Bena), in her 83rd year, 18 Millers Park, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Crawford Morans, much loved Mammy of Margaret and Jan, loving Nana to Cole, Jett and Eden and beloved sister of Jean, Neil, Elizabeth and the late Duncan. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 12.00 noon, 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 Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**MACVEAN** - Alasdair and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, visits, phone calls, baking and flowers received following the recent sad passing of Betty. Our grateful thanks to local ambulance services, doctors, nursing and care staff at Glenaray Ward, and district nurses for their care and attention. Special thanks to Betty's home carers who have shown great kindness, care and consideration at all times. Thank you to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and professional arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £450 for Alzheimer Scotland.

**WILSON** - Marlyn and family deeply appreciate, and will always hold in grateful remembrance, the kindness and support shown to us on the sad occasion of our great loss of Alex. Thanks also to Rev Philip Wallace for a fitting service. A sincere word of thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys for their professionalism and guidance, to the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey and to all who attended church and graveside.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**SOUDEN** - In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, who died February 4, 2007.

This day is remembered and quietly kept.

No words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law Martin and John, grandson Graeme and great granddaughter Ava.

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
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Charity Number SC001002  
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Tayvallich Church  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Sunday 5th February 2017**  
Skipness Service 10am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Mr Matthew Ramsay  
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**Sunday 5th February 2017**  
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Charity No. SC016097  
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Morning Service  
in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
ALL WELCOME

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 5th February**  
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Speaker this week -  
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**Tuesday 7th February**  
at 7.30pm  
Praise and Sharing  
May The Lord bless you and  
keep you this week  
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*Highland Parish Church*



SCO02493  
**Sunday 5th February 2017**  
Our service will be conducted by  
Rev David Carruthers  
and will be held in the church at  
11.15am  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number  
SCO11686  
**Sunday 5th February**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
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Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 7th February**  
Tiny Tots New Hall  
9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Company Section  
New Hall 7.00pm  
**Wednesday 8th February**  
Guild Coffee Morning  
Church Hall  
10.00am - 12noon  
**Thursday 9th February**  
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**Friday 10th February**  
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Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
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Family Communion Service at 11.00am  
John Ives, Southend will be the speaker  
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**Wednesday 8th February**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
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10.45am  
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**Saturday 4th February**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
**Sunday 5th February**  
11.15am Worship Service  
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**Wednesday 8th February**  
12.30pm  
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**Sunday Service**  
11am with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
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6.30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Every Sunday (term time only)  
**mainly music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
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## Look out for Robbie on the telly

A YOUNG Tarbert rugby player will have a prominent role at tomorrow's Six Nations opener at Murrayfield.

Mid Argyll Rugby Club player Robbie Herd, aged 12, has been selected as a mascot for the Scotland team in their match against Ireland.

Speaking earlier this week, Robbie's dad Stuart said: 'To say he's looking forward to it is an understatement. He is as high as a kite about it but, to be honest, so am I.'

Read all about Robbie's Murrayfield adventure in next week's edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.



## Training closes swimming pool

MID ARGYLL Community Pool in Lochgilphead will be closed today, Friday February 3, from 4pm until 6pm for lifeguard training.

For more information on everything the swimming pool can offer, visit [macpool.org.uk](http://macpool.org.uk) or call 01546 606676.



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Under seven years champion Ethan Kerr from Tighnabruaich takes on the triple jump, an event which he won. 06\_a04athletic01

LAST week's edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* featured a full report on the Mid Argyll round of the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics competition, held on Sunday January 22 at Lochgilphead joint campus.

A complete list of results from the day is published below.

All the athletes listed qualify to compete in the all-Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 19.

Under seven girls.

1 Nell Houston, Ardrishaig, 19.5 points; 2 Scarlet Spears, Inveraray, 19 points; 3 Charlotte Dale, Ardrishaig, 11.5 points; 4 Lena Bakali, Inveraray, 9 points.

Under nine girls.

1 Jorja MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 20.5 points; 2 Sara Bakali, Inveraray, 14.5 points; 3 Jemma MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 13 points; 4 Eleanor Dale, Ardrishaig, 9 points; 5 Beth Johnstone, Tarbert, 4 points; 6 = Catriona Johnstone, Lochgilp-

## INDOOR ATHLETICS

head, and Jodie Allan, Ardrishaig, 3 points.

Under 11 girls.

1 Rose MacCallum, Kilmartin, 23 points; 2 Holly Gilthorpe, Lochgilphead, 15 points; 3 Kyra Robertson, Ardrishaig, 13 points; 4 Maisie Gilmour, Ardrishaig, 11 points; 5 Erin Naisby, Inveraray, 8 points.

Under 13 girls.

1 Kirstin Blair, Lochgilphead, 21 points; 2 Amy Anderson, Lochgilphead, 20 points; 3 Eilidh Cameron, Inveraray, 16 points; 4 Izzy Crawford, Lochgilphead, 10 points.

Under 15 girls.

1 Jodie Robertson, Lochgilphead.

Under 17 girls.

1 Chloe Fairman, Lochgilphead.

Under seven boys.

1 Ethan Kerr, Tighnabruaich, 16 points; 2 =

Cameron Gilmour, Ardrishaig, and Luke McVicar, Tighnabruaich, 14 points; 4 Joseph Brown, Tarbert, 9 points.

Under nine boys.

1 Keiran Blair, Tarbert, 20 points; 2 Roan McVicar, Tighnabruaich, 19.5 points; 3 George Suter, Tarbert, 13 points; 4 Sam Gillespie, Lochgilphead, 10.5 points; 5 Cole Houston, Ardrishaig, 6 points.

Under 11 boys.

1 Murray MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 26 points; 2 Callum Green, Ardrishaig, 18 points; 3 Joe Anderson, Glassary, 15 points; 4 Sam Anderson, Glassary, 11 points.

Under 13 boys.

1 Logan Allan, Ardrishaig.

Under 15 boys.

1 Jake Gillespie, Lochgilphead, 26 points; 2 Shaun Doy, Lochgilphead, 23 points.

Under 17 boys.

1 Donald Ferguson, Lochgilphead.

# Alasdair crowned sailing coach of the year



Mid Argyll sailor Alasdair Young accepts his award in Glasgow.

THE SAILING community from around Scotland gathered to recognise the achievements of Scotland's volunteers, coaches, instructors, officials, clubs and performance sailors.

The theme was very much one of 'family' at last Saturday's RYA Scotland awards, emphasising the support network that enables the range of activity represented across the 10 award categories.

Among the highlights at the event, held at Glasgow Science Cen-

tre, was the coach of the year accolade handed to Alasdair Young from Tarbert for his creative coaching techniques with class academics and in clubs.

### Amazing

Alasdair said: 'I have been working as a coach for nearly 12 years now at varying levels, and to even be associated with some of the past winners of the award, let alone to win, is an amazing compliment.'

The volunteer of the year award went to Billy Fortieth of Oban

Sailing Club for his lifelong dedication to support both the club and the local RNLI.

'I am very touched to receive this award and simply enjoy helping others to enjoy the beautiful waters around Oban,' said Billy.

The instructor of year accolade was given to Team 15 Windsurfing instructor Calum Nicol.

His enthusiasm at club level or at the annual Tiree Wave Camps played a big part in his recognition.

He said: 'Thanks to all the instructors who I have worked with as I have taken all the successful techniques into my own sessions, so they deserve this award as well.'

Ewan MacPherson, vice-chairman of RYA Scotland, said: 'Congratulations to all the winners and nominees.'

### Delighted

'We are delighted to hear about what they have been doing over the past year and we are sure it is a small example of what is going on across the country.'

# East Enders dump the Dookers

**Tarbert** **1**  
**East End United** **2**  
**SAFL Premier Division 2B**

DESPITE some magnificent saves, an error by Tarbert's goalie, caught out of the box, gave East End the winner.

Both sides seemed to struggle on a slippery Cil Andries, well-soaked by Friday night and Saturday morning's heavy

cloudbursts, which had stopped just before kick off.

**Chances**

In the first half, Dookers had plenty of chances but saw their efforts go wide or over the bar.

East End forced a number of corners early on but were un-

able to make the breakthrough thanks to Chris Selfridge's work between the sticks and some smart clearances off the line.

The play was hard and brutal without being overly aggressive but neither side scored and at the break it was 0-0.

Five minutes into the second half, Tarbert's Blair Mckay scored to put the home side in the lead. It was not to



East End clear off the line from a Tarbert first half corner. 25\_c05tarbert04



Andy Guy had his work cut out on the left. 25\_c05tarbert13

last and moments later a bitterly disputed hand ball led to a penalty. Selfridge dived the right way, but could not quite get his hands to the ball.

Five minutes later,

Selfridge was caught out of the box and tackled by an East End striker who went on to roll the ball gently into the net for what became the winning goal.

Tarbert renewed the

pressure but their efforts went unrewarded and Dookers saw the game slip away.

Afterwards a spokesman said it was difficult at the bottom of the league and soul de-

stroying for the players who had put in an outstanding effort to go away with nothing again.

Tarbert are away to FC Argyle this Saturday, February 4.

## SPOT THE BALL

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## Lorenzo brings home bronze medal



Lorenzo in action.

LORENZO Chiavarini returned from Miami with a bronze medal in his hand and his Olympic dreams looking closer.

The Mid Argyll raised sailor navigated to fifth place in the Laser class medal race on Sunday January 29, edging compatriot and two-time world champion Nick Thompson off the third step of the podium by just one point.

Competing in the



On the podium with gold medal winner, Jean Baptiste Bernaz and Pavlos Kontides, who took silver. Photos: Jesus Renedo/Sailing Energy/World Sailing

first world cup regatta of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games cycle, Lorenzo and his fellow British sailors left Mi-

ami with a six-medal haul between them.

### World rankings

Before winning bronze and accumu-

lating extra points, Lorenzo was fifth in the world rankings.

The World Cup Series continues in April

in Hyeres, south of France, and the final will be sailed in Santander, north of Spain, in June.

### Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Oban Saints 6, Ferguslie Star 1; Premier Division 1 – Alba Thistle 4, Dunoon 1; Premier Division 2A – Rossvale 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 2; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert 1, East End United 2. This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round – Tarbolton v Oban Saints; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Duncanrig v Dunoon; Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Lochgilphead Red Star v East Kilbride; Premier Division 2B – FC Argyre v Tarbert.

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## Taynuilt all the way for shinty's oldest cup

FOR THE third successive year, a Taynuilt-based project consultant will sponsor shinty's oldest senior competition.

The Glasgow Celtic Society Cup, first contested in 1879, will once again be supported by Gregor Cameron Consultancy Ltd.

Announcing the sponsorship deal, the Glasgow Celtic Society also revealed that the Celtic Cup final will be held on Saturday June 24 at Taynuilt Sports Hub.

Glasgow Celtic Society chairman, John MacLeod, said: 'We are thrilled that Gregor Cameron has further invested in our

competition for this year. He has been an avid supporter of our game and has shown real commitment to the competition and the Taynuilt Sports Hub in the past two years. I would like to thank him for his support and we are delighted to be working with him for another year.'

'I am absolutely delighted to continue our alliance with this fantastic competition,' said Gregor Cameron.

He added: 'This will be our third year of involvement and we are all looking forward to returning to the Taynuilt Sports Hub this June. The past two cup finals have provided fans with

exciting shinty encounters and I am sure this year will provide more of the same.'

In the cup draw, the trophy holders and 31-time Celtic Cup winners Kyles Athletic will take on Kilmory or Taynuilt in the quarter finals.

John MacLeod said: 'This year's draw has thrown up some exciting ties, which I am sure all teams will be looking forward to. Last year's final was exciting for all shinty fans and Taynuilt provided excellent facilities, so we are delighted to return there for what we hope will be another memorable shinty match.'

### First round (Saturday March 25)

Glenorchy v Ballachulish  
Tayforth v Colglen  
Bute v Oban Celtic  
Kilmory v Taynuilt

### Semi-finals

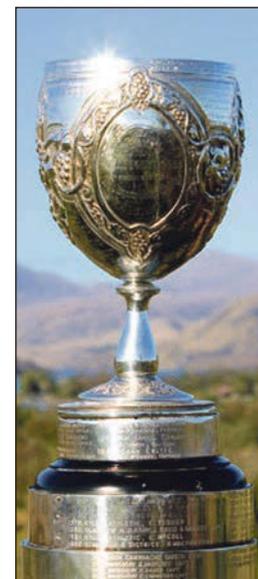
Kyles Athletic/Kilmory/Taynuilt v Glasgow Mid Argyll/Glenorchy/Balachulish  
Bute/Oban Celtic/Inveraray v Tayforth/Colglen/Oban Camanachd

### Final

Kyles Athletic/Kilmory/Taynuilt/Glasgow Mid Argyll/Glenorchy/Balachulish v Bute/Oban Celtic/Inveraray/Tayforth/Colglen/Oban Camanachd

### Quarter-final

Tayforth/Colglen v Oban Camanachd  
Glasgow Mid Argyll v Glenorchy/Balachulish  
Bute/Oban Celtic v Inveraray  
Kyles Athletic v Kilmory/Taynuilt



The Glasgow Celtic Society Cup - first contested in 1879.

### Sports club lottery draws

THE NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 8, 13 and 17. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £1,000.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw produced no winner. The winning numbers were 5, 13 and 17 and next week's prize will be £300.

In the Tarbert Football Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 13 and 18. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £300.

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