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Council leader threatens to quit

QUESTIONS over the durability of Argyll and Bute Council's ruling 'fragile alliance' will be raised again this week with its leader set to stand down.

Oban councillor Roddy McCuish is set to confirm at next week's full meeting of the council for the Valentines Day budget that he is leaving the role he only took up in May. It is understood he will continue as a councillor.

While a popular figure within the council, it is thought disagreements within the alliance - consisting 13 SNP councillors, the three Argyll First members and four independent councillors - contributed to the decision.

Mr McCuish said: 'If it does happen it will happen on February 14. Whatever role I play in this administration I will continue to support it absolutely.'

The news comes in the same week as Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said his position

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Public campaign secures Mid Argyll Show future

**Shona Anderson, left, and
Karen Roberston rallied support
for the Mid Argyll Show last
summer, gaining more than
500 signatures on a petition.**

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THE FUTURE of the Mid Argyll Show looks to be safe as Argyll and Bute Council bowed to public pressure over the future use of the land at Kilmory Show Field.

The show was put in jeopardy in 2011 when the council identified the field as a potential site to build 200 homes in the draft local area plan.

However, the authority has now reversed the decision in the wake of a public outcry that saw 1,000 people sign up to a Facebook campaign and a further 500 sign a petition.

The council has now designated the land as an open space protection area, which will safeguard the show field for the lifetime of the new development plan.

The plan is still subject to a public consultation.

Sandy Taylor, the authority's lead councillor for planning and regulatory services, said the move would ensure the field could be used by the community as a whole in the future.

'The field is already bio-security certified, making it the right place for the show.'

'If the site remains free of housing development it opens the area up to various uses by the community such as a play park or sports field,' he said.

The Mid Argyll Show committee refused to comment on the matter when contacted by the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.



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Energy fund guide published

A GUIDE to help communities manage funds generated through renewable energy projects has been published by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

The guide contains advice on how communities can manage, invest and distribute money, ensuring the best possible use of the income.

The guide features case studies of successful organisations and how they have spent the money to benefit the whole community.

Case studies, including Gigha Heritage Trust, show communities have invested in jobs, play parks, housing and new businesses.

Award-winning coaching festival falls victim to council budget cuts

AN AWARD-winning coaching festival that trains hundreds of volunteers to roll out sports programmes in rural communities is the latest scheme to fall victim of Argyll and Bute Council's Budget cuts.

Coaching Champions, an event the council itself hails as a 'great success', could be scrapped in 2014 as councillors aim to save £21,000.

The 2013 event, which took place in Oban at the weekend, saw 460 volunteers

trained to coach sports such as swimming, hockey and racquet sports.

The proposal was described as 'incomprehensible' by opposition councillor Rory Colville.

'This event gained a London

Inspire Award in 2012 and the council papers acknowledge that it is a best practice example of coaching qualification development,' he said.

But Douglas Philand, lead councillor for sport, said 1,500 people had been trained

under the coaching champions scheme in the last six years.

'The ending of the Coaching Champions weekend will not stop sport growing in the area as the numbers who have been supported and trained would suggest,' he said.

Council leader threatens to quit

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within the administration could become untenable.

Mr Kelly said he might abstain from voting on the budget as proposals lack the detail needed to

make an informed decision.

'I have been told that I can abstain from voting and still be a member of the administration but whether or not that will be tenable I don't know,' Mr Kelly said.



Staff from NHS Highland Mid Argyll Locality receive the Healthy Working Lives Gold Award, from Derek Leslie, director of operations at Argyll and Bute CHP. 06_a06award01

Staff celebrate gaining Healthy Working Lives Gold Award

STAFF at the NHS Highland Mid Argyll Locality have been presented with the Healthy Working Lives Gold Award in recognition of their commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles in the work place.

To achieve the award staff took part in various health promotion activities, which included being given advice on topics like oral health and bowel cancer.

Workout

They also participated in a 'workout at work day' last June using stretch and tone classes and staff now have a corporate membership at the Mid Argyll Community Pool.

Presenting the award was Derek Leslie, director of operations at Argyll and Bute Community Health



Derek Leslie, director of operations at Argyll and Bute CHP presents Fiona Broderick, administration services manager of mental health with the Healthy Working Lives gold Award. 06_a06award02

Partnership (CHP) to Fiona Broderick, administration services manager of mental health.

Speaking of the achievement, Mr Leslie said: 'For Mid Argyll to get gold is quite the achievement.'

'Congratulations to the staff and hopefully the commitment and enthusiasm will continue.'

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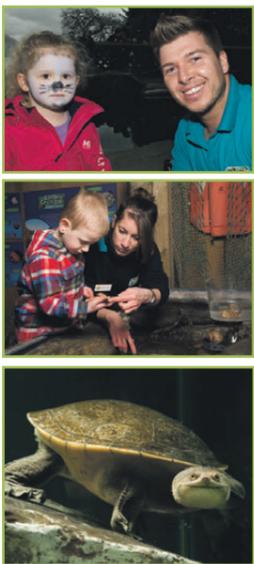
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Police files

TWO men, aged 25 and 34, were caught with cocaine last week after police stopped two cars on the A83 at Lochgilphead.

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A 58-YEAR-old man has been charged in connection with a series of thefts from Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

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A 51-YEAR-old man has been charged after being caught with cannabis by police officers in Inveraray on Friday.

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A COLLISION between a Vauxhall Coras and Lexus on the A83 near Dunderave Castle led to a 32 year old man being charged with alleged careless driving and alleged possession of cannabis. One driver sustained minor injuries as a result of the accident on February 1 at 2.35pm.

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POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an someone tried to break in to the youth hostel at Dalmally Road, Inveraray.

The attempt was made sometime between 4pm Wednesday, January 30 and 11.30am Saturday, February 2.

Anyone with information can contact the police on 01546 702200.

Phoenix gets noticeboard

LOCHGILPHEAD will finally have its own noticeboard after the council granted the Phoenix Project planning permission for one on the front green.

It will have four boards and eight faces displaying information for tourists as well as local community notices.

It will sit between the bus stop and public toilets.



The Arctic Penguin, which has been berthed at Inveraray pier for nearly two decades, could leave the Royal Burgh shore line if sold. 06_a06arctic01

Potential buyers eye up Royal Burgh's Arctic Penguin

ONE OF Inveraray's most famous landmarks could set sail from the Royal Burgh after the Arctic Penguin was put on the open market.

The ship, which has been berthed at Inveraray Pier since 1995, has gained interest from potential buyers in the south of England and the Clyde.

Closed

Once a popular tourist attraction on the shores of Loch Fyne, when it was home to the Maritime Museum, the boat was closed several years ago by owner Archie McArthur, as he was unable to sustain the business.

As the future of the landmark remains in doubt, Garret Corner, chairman of Inveraray Community Council said it would be a shame to see the landmark go.

'It has been there as long as I can remember,' he said.

History

'The boat has a lot of history and it would be nice to see something done with it and to make a successful business.'

'Unfortunately it is not the right environment.' Speaking to the Advertiser Mr McArthur said he was keen to work with the local community and other interested parties to

secure the future of the ship.

'I have no intention of re-opening it and there is no point in restoring it privately but I'm seriously open to suggestions,' he said. 'I am happy to listen to the community and work with them and move forward.'

Mr McArthur said he would consider leasing the Arctic Penguin out if the right offer came in.

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Lochgilphead group invited to Year of Natural Scotland launch

A LOCHGILPHEAD community group received a special invite to the official launch of the

Year of Natural Scotland in recognition of the work it does to care for the environment, landscape and wildlife.

Invited

Hugh Fife, co-ordinator of the Blarbuie Woodlands project, was invited to the event by Scottish National Heritage and the Scottish Government to talk to guests about the work carried out by the group in the woodlands opposite the Argyll and Bute Hospital and Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

The event, at the Scottish Parliament, was an opportunity for the charity that works with people using mental health services in the region to discuss their various projects.

Delighted

Speaking about the event, Hugh said: 'I'm delighted we were able to go along and not just talk about the wildlife and landscape but bring a human side to it as well.'



Hugh Fife of the Blarbuie Woodlands project in Lochgilphead was invited to the launch of the Year of Natural Scotland. Photo by Lorne Gill



Tarbet man Wayne Auton is one of five paramedics selected to crew Scotland's first charity-funded helicopter air ambulance.

Tarbet paramedic is flying high

A PARAMEDIC from Tarbet has been selected to crew Scotland's first charity-funded helicopter air ambulance.

Wayne Auton, a former Royal Marine, is to take to the air in the coming weeks as a paramedic with Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) for what he has described as his 'dream job'.

Wayne, who served as a paramedic with 45 Commando, said: 'SCCA appeals to the adventurous side of my nature but also continues my life's work as a

frontline paramedic dedicated to saving lives.

'I have seen the importance of the helicopter emergency medical service during my time in the military and it's really exciting to be involved with this new charity right from the start.

'I want to be part of the growth of charity air ambulance provision in Scotland and look forward to the challenges ahead.'

Wayne, is currently undergoing an intense training programme at the SCAA base in Perth. His heli-

copter training covers emergency procedures, flight protocols, navigation and flight dynamics.

Wayne will sit a written exam and simulated helicopter emergency medical service practical test at the end of his training before building up flying hours working with the Scottish Ambulance Service's two government-funded helicopter air ambulances.

He will take up his place on the SCAA helicopter in April when it becomes fully operational.

Upgrade of Vodafone masts is welcomed by Tarbert residents

THE DECISION by Vodafone to upgrade its masts to provide 3G coverage has been welcomed by frustrated residents in Tarbert.

Over the next 12 months, the operator will work to ensure a 3G signal will be available wherever a 2G signal is currently available, while an agreement to share masts with O2 should result in wider overall coverage across the area.

Residents in Tarbert were left in limbo last year when they had no Vodafone signal for a number of weeks and still face signal black

outs now.

Bob Chicken, of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, is happy to see the provider finally taking the necessary steps to improve the signal and standard of service.

Positive step

'I think this is a very positive step in the right direction, now all they need to do is sort out their customer service and they have cracked it,' he said.

'Hopefully they will now take responsibility for any problems with connection as they have had an appalling attitude to this community in the

past.'

In 2011 Ofcom published a report detailing 80,000 'not-spots' for signal throughout the UK. Argyll and Bute is one of the UK's worst areas for mobile phone reception, with 19.1 per cent of the geographic area having no reliable

coverage, third only to Highland and Angus Councils.

The work is being carried out as part of the UK Government's Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP), which set aside £150million to improve mobile reception across all areas of the UK.

Youth placements increase

THE NUMBER of young people in Mid Argyll moving from school into employment, education or training is increasing.

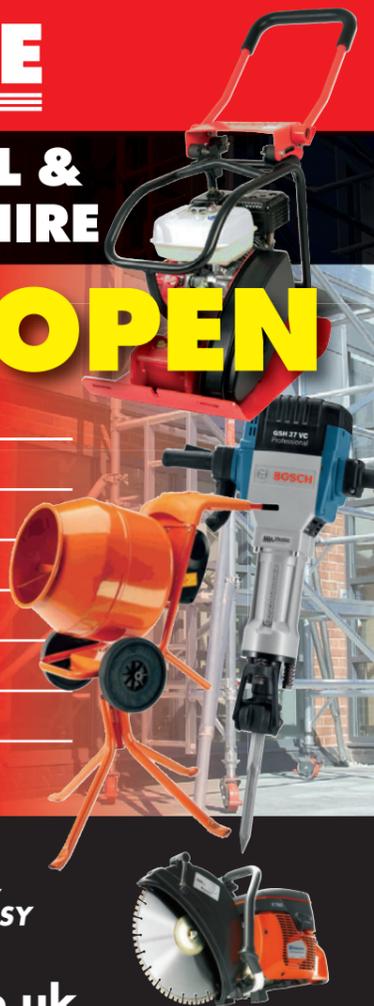
The latest school leaver destination figures for Argyll and Bute Skills Development Scotland revealed the number of teenagers getting places on learning or training programmes has increased to 90.1 per cent in the last year, which is above the national average.

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‘Crazy’ hair day as David loses his locks

A LOCHGILPHEAD man raised more than £400 for Cancer Research UK after having all his hair shaved off in recognition of loved ones who have been affected by the disease. David, or ‘Crazy’ as he is known to friends and family, went under the clippers in front of a large crowd in the Stag Hotel last Friday night. David has seen the devastating impact cancer can have on families

after his sister and close friends suffered from disease, so decided to do his bit to help.

Delighted

Speaking after the challenge David said he was delighted to have raised so much cash.

‘It is a brilliant cause,’ he said. ‘Thank you to all my friends and compatriots who donated to a very good cause.’

On the night, David went that little bit further and had his eye-

brows and moustache trimmed.

He even treated himself to a fake tan, completing a whole new look for the popular Mid Argyll man.

Thanks

Susan Craig, who helped organise the event, said: ‘Thank you

to Crazy for being such a great sport and to all the pubs who helped raise money, there has been so much community spirit it is brilliant.

‘People have been so generous with their donations we are truly touched, it was a fantastic night.’



David Cameron with Susan Craig after he had all his hair shaved off for Cancer Research UK. 06_a06hair07



Hairdresser Hazel Hunter, took her clippers to Lochgilphead resident David Cameron's long locks to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. 06_a06hair01

‘Too much emphasis on extra-curricular activities’ says Councillor Hall

AN ARGYLL and Bute councillor has claimed local schools place ‘too much emphasis on extra-curricular activities’.

Fred Hall said he believes pupils were suffering from a lack of focus on basic skills because schools were putting too much energy into things such as running pipe bands or trips.

Important

Speaking at a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council, he said: ‘Education is the most important portfolio this council has to deliver.

‘We have to prepare children for work and what I’d like to know is, with this focus on alternative qualifications, how are we doing preparing people with a basic grasp of English and mathematics for employment?’

Balanced

But Cleland Sneddon, the authority’s executive director responsible for education, said evidence suggested a balanced amount of extra-curricular activities helped young people’s development.



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THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser is delighted to hear the future of Mid Argyll Show looks bright after Argyll and Bute Council effectively safeguarded the future of the show field.

Although the proposals outlined in the draft area plan is still undergoing a consultation process, it is reassuring to see the council has listened to public opinion on the matter before making its proposals.

To lose such an asset as the show would be a disaster for the region, which is enjoyed by families and brings hundreds of people to the area.

But with more than 1,500 getting on board with the Save Mid Argyll Show campaign, it is clear public pressure prevailed.

The campaign shows what community spirit can do when the chips are down and the Advertiser hopes to see more communities get together in the future to stand up for what they feel is right.

It is hoped the council will continue this trend by listening to the views of locals as it prepares for its upcoming budget, with several council services facing an uncertain future.

People are likely to feel the cutbacks more than ever before unless residents stand up and fight for what they want safeguarded.

With the council having to shave £5.8million from its annual spend over the next seven years, many residents will appreciate tough decisions will have to be made.

However, that in itself is no reason for complacency and people should ensure they apply the appropriate pressure to the local authority to preserve essential services.

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Windfarm profit prediction optimistic

Sir,

The article on January 4 rightly celebrated the completion of the Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, however the predicted figure of £400,000 for the trust's share of profit was slightly optimistic.

We expect the income from our twelfth share to be near £100,000 per annum, although this will increase in the near future.

When this is combined with the £330,000 paid to the Allt Dearg Educational trust, the direct community benefit derived from the 10MW Allt Dearg farm equals the total benefit payments currently made by the eight existing commercial windfarms in Argyll—total 126MW capacity.

The real lesson of Allt Dearg is that when the local community makes the effort to get properly involved with wind energy projects, the local benefits are very much greater. Given the opportunities in Argyll, it would be wonderful if other rural communities could follow Ardrishaig's example and help set the dinner table rather than just rely on the modest crumbs that might fall from it.

Hamish Nicol,
Chairman, Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Objection

Sir,

Regarding your article on RES and the Freasdale

windfarm in a recent issue of the Advertiser.

On behalf of the many watersport enthusiasts, cyclists, joggers, walkers and not to mention golfers who recreate in or on West Loch Tarbert, I would like to say whilst I support windfarms in principal, I object to the proposed location of Freasdale windfarm.

As well as its current use as a sports recreational area, West Loch is an area of great scenic beauty and historical significance to national and international visitors to Mid Argyll.

Whilst many tourists choose the scenic route to Mid Argyll via Arran and Skipness, not to mention the route to Islay and Jura, many do not know this route is also part of two cycling routes of national and international importance, on which Freasdale will have a major visual impact.

These are the Sustrans cycling route 78 Campbeltown to Oban, and the Dutch cyclists Columba route from Skipness to Iona, promoted by volunteers at the Dutch holiday fair in Utrecht earlier this month.

Whilst I approve of the commitment of the windfarm builder, RES, to support the Kintyre Way by a donation of £30,000 over three years, I would like to point out these important omissions to their shortlist of good causes.

As well as the potential for further water sports development on the West Loch, I welcome reactions from all interested parties.

I should say the Kilberry Road, the B8024, is highly suitable for walkers and - in the absence of a recognised core path, via the alternative forestry commission tracks -

provides a logical extension to the Kintyre way.

So let's keep the windfarms out of the West Loch.

Jonathan Sheldrick
Resident at Dunmore

Help for cancer patients

Sir,

I am writing to let your readers know about changes that should make it fairer and easier for cancer patients to claim Employment Support Allowance (ESA).

New rules came into force on January 28 which should mean most people waiting for, receiving or recovering from cancer treatment should be entitled to ESA for as long as they need it.

Previously this was not the case and there may be some people who were refused or taken off ESA, who may now be entitled to the benefit.

Under the new rules most cancer patients should also be able to fill in a shorter claim form and have their chosen medical professional fill in a section confirming their inability to work, rather than have to go through a stressful medical assessment.

We would like to encourage anyone who has had a cancer diagnosis and thinks they might be eligible for ESA under the new rules to get in touch with one of our Macmillan benefits teams either over the phone or face to face.

To get advice or to be put in touch with a local team call 0808 808 0000 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/benefits.

Elspeth Atkinson
General Manager
Director of Macmillan Cancer Support in Scotland

Thanks

I owe a tremendous thanks to the Argyllshire Advertiser as it was through them I made a wonderful discovery - the Old Lochgilphead and Area Facebook Page.

I cannot describe what this has meant to me.

I thank Scott McPherson for his foresight as this has enabled me to find so much about those folk I was related to and the dearest people I met on my many many holidays with my mum, Mary Campbell, who was born there.

The values I learned have definitely played a huge part in shaping the person I am today. I will be forever grateful.

Wilma Robertson,
via Facebook



RESIDENTS in Mid Argyll took to Facebook to express their delight after Inveraray received nearly £1million to regenerate eight historic buildings.

For all the comments, see our Facebook page.

Ben Outterside: Fantastic. Will hopefully be great for the community and tourism.

Kathleen Cameron: At last! Not before time and a lot of effort. Just hope they will remember to spread the money around everyone!

Pat Lodge Masterman: It is becoming very grubby, a coat or two of white paint would make all the difference.

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Inveraray residents share their memories of the town's buildings

AS THE famous white-washed buildings of Inveraray prepare to have a £3million makeover, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* met with lifelong Royal Burgh residents, Rae McGregor and Flora Scott, who shared their memories behind the buildings that have shaped the lives of a generation.

Both Rae and Flora grew up in the Royal Burgh and have seen some of the focal buildings in Scotland's first planned town change throughout the years.

The women describe the Second World War as one of the most significant moments in the Royal Burghs history, as thousands of soldiers marched through the streets.

Archivist

Rae, whose love of the town saw her become an archivist for Inveraray Castle, said as a youngster it was an exciting time.

'What I don't think people realise is how many troops actually descended on the town during the war, there were thousands as it was an area of Combined Operations,' the 83-year-old said.

'It was quite an exciting time especially being nine or 10, when you walked to school there were soldiers with guns on every road and I would walk about quite the thing.'

As the troops descended on Inveraray in preparation of the D-Day landings and other oper-



Flora Scott said the redevelopment of the Relief Land tenement in the 1960's made a massive difference to the families living there.

ations, residents became concerned about the stability of the church steeple and vibrations may result in it falling down.

The decision was made to remove the steeple and rebuild it brick by brick after the war.

Rae said: 'They removed all the bricks so carefully and placed them in the old quarry so it could be rebuilt.'

'And they were all numbered but someone ran over them with a bulldozer destroying them all,' Flora added.

The skyline of the Roy-

al Burgh was changed forever as the steeple, which could be seen for miles, was never replaced.

Activity

As a teenager during the war, 87-year-old Flora lived in Furnace before moving to the Royal Burgh, she described the area as full of activity.

'There were always rumour King George VI and Churchill were staying at what is now the Loch Fyne Hotel, and even the King of Norway,' she said. 'You

were never sure but it was exciting.'

During the 50s, Flora moved into the Relief Land tenement, one of the eight buildings to benefit from Historic Scotland funding under its Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, with her husband Jim and her mother in law.

Bottom row

'We lived on the bottom row and there was a kitchen with a sink in the window, a bathroom and one bedroom. Some houses had two families and there was a wash-house out the back,' she said.

The tenement underwent a redevelopment in the 60s, to accommodate the changing lifestyles of families.

'Instead of being inside the steps were rebuilt outside, which made a massive difference,' she said. 'And the houses were made bigger so families weren't so cramped.'

As Inveraray prepares for another major redevelopment, both Flora and Rae, who now live in Chalmers Court Sheltered Housing, are looking forward to the changes.

'It will be nice to see the buildings redone, it will be a big change and hopefully a positive thing for the community,' Flora said.



Rae McGregor and Flora Scott met with the *Argyllshire Advertiser* to share their memories of the Royal Burgh, which included an elephant walking down the main street in the 1930s as the circus visited and the community gathering in 1937 to celebrate the Coronation of King George VI. 06_a06raeflora01



During the Second World War, rumours ran through the Royal Burgh that King George VI and Winston Churchill stayed in what is now Loch Fyne Hotel.



The Royal Burgh skyline before Inveraray Parish Church steeple was removed in the Second World War.

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Ross's trio delight at Inveraray

MUSIC lovers were delighted when the Ross MacPherson Trio performed as part of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Clubs 2013 programme.

The trio, made up of accordionist Ross, fiddler Calum MacPhail and drummer Donald John Campbell delighted the audience by playing many of their well-known tunes, which included a tribute to the late Duncan Mackay of Inveraray.

After the interval the group, who were supported by local artists

Fyne Folk, came back to give an entertaining performance for the entire second half, which included another fiddle solo from Calum.

Encore

As the last set came to an end, the audience demanded an encore and a lively set of jigs brought a great evening to a close.

Chairman, Niall Iain MacLean, thanked all the players for a superb night and the club looks forward to the welcome return of Dochie MacCallum and his Scottish Dance Band.



The Ross MacPherson Trio delighted the audience at Inveraray and District Accordion Fiddle Club as they performed their best known tunes.



Some of the most respected classical musicians around performed in Crear recording studio on Sunday evening with Malcolm Martineau.

Malcolm Martineau's Crear Masterclass

CLASSICAL musicians from around the world could be found hidden in one of the most remote areas in Argyll last week, as they took part in the world famous Malcolm Martineau's Crear Masterclass.

The masterclass, which is now in its sixth year, is unique in the fact it gives classically trained musicians who have graduated at least four years ago the opportunity to, live, work and record music together in the isolated studio at Crear.

The 12 artists, who range from sopranos, pianists to baritones, have the opportunity to work with Malcolm himself, one of the leading accompanists of his generation, who has travelled the world working with some of the greatest performers.

The highlight of the nine-day musical retreat was on Sunday evening when the musicians performed at the studio alongside Malcolm in front of

a small audience, of music tutors, academics and arts director for Crear Studio's Kate Lithgow.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* after the performance, Malcolm - who was celebrating his 53rd birthday - said: 'It's just a great opportunity for established musicians to get together in a peaceful and safe environment, exchange ideas and make music.'

'Just being here in this location is inspirational. Where else in the world would you be recording and suddenly see a golden eagle swooping down.'

Canadian soprano singer Simone Osborne was one of the musicians delighted to be in Scotland.

'It has been fantastic, working with all these talented musicians and the amazing Malcolm Martineau has been wonderful,' Simone said.

'Scotland is the most beautiful place, it's been an absolute privilege to be here.'

Brass Diversions to perform at Ardrishaig Hall

THE RENOWNED trio, which make up Brass Diversions, will be performing a variety of popular, familiar and original classical music pieces in Mid Argyll this month.

The trio, Antonio

Jimenez Marin on trumpet, pianist Christopher Baxter and trumpet player Tom Poulson, will take to the stage in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday, February 16 as part of the Mid Argyll Arts Association's 2013 programme.

The audience will be in for a treat, as they perform a variety of pieces by Astor Piazzolla's, Claude Debussy and John Adams.

The group, which was founded by Tom, a graduate from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2010, and Christopher, who has performed to audiences around the world, have been touring around venues in Scotland and can also be seen in Campbeltown on Friday, February 15.



Trumpet player, Tom Poulson one third of group Brass Diversions will be performing in Mid Argyll next week.



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Margin Call at Tarbert Film Club

MEMBERS and guests of Tarbert Film Club will be able to see Kevin Spacey and Jeremy Irons star in the 2011 thriller *Margin Call* next Saturday.

Set against the background of the 2008 financial crisis, the film is a stark and authentic portrayal of the financial

industry and its denizens as they confront the decisions that shape the future of the world.

The film follows key players at an investment firm during one perilous 24-hour period when an entry-level analyst unlocks information that could prove to be the downfall of the firm. A

roller-coaster ride ensues as decisions both financial and moral catapult the lives of all involved to the brink of disaster.

Margin Call, which received a four star review from The Telegraph, will be screened at Templar Arts and Leisure Centre next Saturday at 8pm.

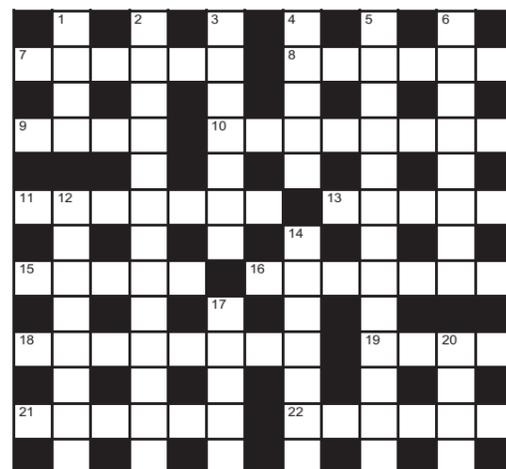
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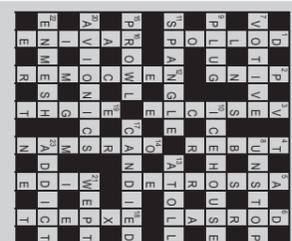
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- 8 Relation born of parents' siblings (6)
- 9 Loved one (4)
- 10 An unfavourable balance of currency (5,3)
- 11 Herbage (7)
- 13 The horizontal axis of a two-dimensional Cartesian coordinate system. (1-4)
- 15 Hot dish (5)
- 16 Skull (7)
- 18 Said in prayer (4,4)
- 19 Adjoin (4)
- 21 Edge (6)
- 22 Illicit cigarette (6)

Down

- 1 Soft wood (4)
- 2 Sounds like a sharp bone (8,5)
- 3 Puzzle (7)
- 4 Shoo away (5)
- 5 Too old for work (13)
- 6 Italian dish (8)
- 12 One who teaches (8)
- 14 Swiss cheese (7)
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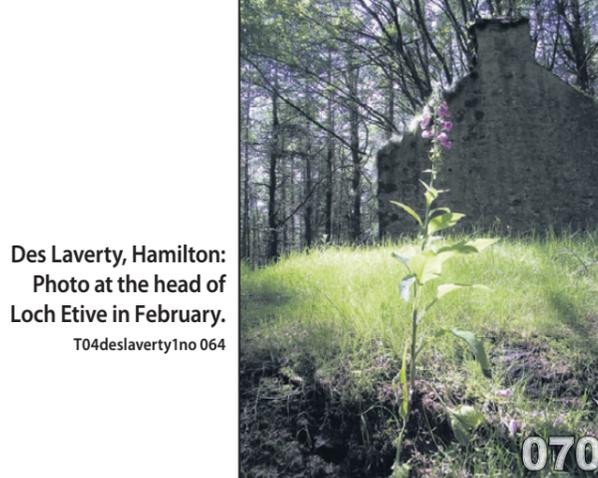
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Richard Hunt-Smith, Inveraray: Loch Fyne, Inveraray. I took this photograph whilst out walking. t06richardhunt1no



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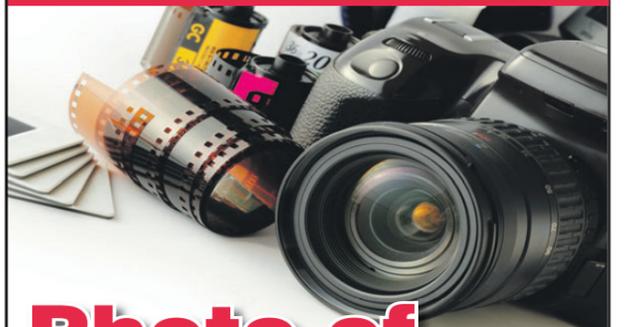


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Nearly half of call outs are false alarms

NEARLY half of all Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's call outs in Argyll and Bute are false alarms.

Local area commander, Jim Scott, told Argyll and Bute Council that some 44 per cent of

all the force's call outs were for unwanted fire alarm calls.

Some of those call outs were due to heat sensors fitted in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, he said, but he further insisted the force

would rather err on the side of caution.

Mr Scott divulged the statistics during a presentation at the authority last week, partly to discuss how the single Scottish fire service would operate after

coming into effect on April 1.

Telecare
Councillor Rory Colville asked if this coincided with the introduction of widespread telecare systems throughout the area.

Mr Scott said: 'We're very much supportive of telecare and some of our areas have seen very significant benefits.'

'The majority of fires in Scotland are as a result of cooking. Cooking is the biggest cause

of fire so we installed some heat detectors.'

Meanwhile, Mr Scott said an announcement was imminent on the appointment of new area commanders for the single Scottish fire and rescue service.

Correction after wrong age printed

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to apologise to Janette Eynon for wrongly misprinting her age in the January 25 issue.

Ms Eynon is in fact 50, not 54 and is not a pensioner.

Business Gateway Workshops in Argyll and Bute

Planning to start your own business?

Develop your ideas into a practical and effective plan to launch your business. Getting the marketing right for your business is crucial to its success. This workshop will help you to understand your competitors, identify your customers and understand the things you need to consider for effective marketing.

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February – 13/14, Lochgilphead

March – 5/6, Oban; 18/19, Campbeltown; 20/21, Helensburgh; 26/27, Rothesay

The "Practical Basic Book-keeping" workshop

Book-keeping is a core business skill, and, even if someone else does it for you, you still need to understand and value the process.

If you want to know the starting point for good record-keeping, this is the course for you. Those new to business and with little or no formal training in bookkeeping will particularly benefit.

February – 19, Dunoon

March – 1, Helensburgh; 12, Inveraray; 20, Oban

Introduction to social media for your business

This workshop is aimed at people that are very new to or still sceptical about the idea of using social media for their business.

Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of what social media is and what benefits there may be of using it for business
- Give delegates a chance to explore some of the basic technical aspects of well-known social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter)
- Show delegates how to get the most out of using social media and how to deal with negative feedback

The workshop will explain the principles behind what social media is, how it works and why it is so popular. It will explain how the "process" of social media allows it to be used for a wide variety of business objectives. It will discuss and explain a number of the most popular social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Blogger, etc.

February – 18, Mull; 21, Rothesay

March – 4, Inveraray; 7, Oban

Improve your business website performance

Aimed at small businesses that already have a website, whether this was built by a professional website designer or homemade, who feel that their website isn't producing the results that they expect, or needs refreshing. It is also suitable for people currently in the process of building or having a website built to make sure the end result is going to be successful. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills BUT basic PC skills are required.

Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of which factors are key to the success of a website
- Show delegates how these factors can be used to create a good design
- Give delegates examples of common mistakes made
- Provide delegates with a number of online sources that provide further good practice and advice

The course will discuss the 4 key success factors of website development: visibility, appearance, functionality and compatibility. It will cover issues including graphic design, layout, navigation, the online sales process, search engine optimisation, browser compatibility and site feedback.

February – 18, Mull; 21, Rothesay

March – 4, Inveraray; 7, Oban

Build your own business website

Aimed at small businesses looking to build their own business website. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills or experience but basic PC skills are required. The course will include some very basic online trading.

Course objectives:

- Introduce delegates to the basics of good website design
- Explain the various (online) tools available to build a website and how to choose the one best suited for the purpose
- Show delegates the kind of activities that are involved in building their own website using an online tool

Delegates will be introduced to the basic essentials of website design, how to make it findable as well as attractive and at the same time usable. The course will explain which tools are available and how to pick the one that would be best suited for the purpose. Delegates will learn a wide variety of skills using a simple online website building tool. These skills include working with text, images, colour and layout as well as managing pages (navigation) adding links and some simple functionality.

February – 19, Mull; 22, Rothesay

March – 5, Inveraray; 8, Oban

NEW Online trading essentials

Small businesses that are considering selling products or services, or taking bookings and payments online, but don't know where to start. This course is less suitable for people who are already trading online and are looking for detailed technical advice.

Course objectives:

- Explain the basic building blocks of an online trading site
- Discuss various options available to achieve an online shop or booking system
- Show various means of taking online payment
- Make delegates aware of the legislation in relation to online trading

The workshop will introduce delegates to the basics of online trading. It will look at the essential things needed in order to be able to take online orders or bookings, and how they can be achieved, including online payment such as PayPal. It will cover various means by which an online shop or booking system can be achieved, including using third party providers such as eBay, Amazon or Booking.com.

March – 6, Inveraray

Community kilts for kids scheme at Inveraray



Frances O'Hagan of Redshanks Kiltmakers measures up five-year-old Gregor King, who was the first child to hire one of the community kilts. 16_t05kilt02

A COLLECTION of unique kilts made in Inveraray will be hired out to local children to help parents overcome the cost of buying new.

Adorned with the Loch Fyne tartan, the kilts were donated to Furnace Primary School Gaelic Choir by the late Bernard O'Hagan, of Redshanks Kiltmakers, who made them especially for the school choir.

But following the retirement of teacher and conductor, Mary Gillies, the kilts went into storage and stayed at the school there until Bernard's widow, Frances, brought them back to Inveraray.

The kilts, which were designed by Mr O'Hagan and Islay kiltmaker Gordon Covell, will now be hired out from Red-

shanks for a nominal fee to the parents of children in the Inveraray and district area.

Frances' first customer on Sunday was Inveraray lad Gregor King. The son of Highland games legend and Inveraray games stalwart, Steven, the five-year-old's need for a kilt is clear.

Decided

Frances explained: 'The school said it had no use for the kilts, so I decided this was the best use for them.'

'Children like Gregor grow out of a kilt in a year, so it is a lot of money for them to buy a new one.'

'The kilts were for local children, so I only wanted to hire the community kilts to families in the local area.'

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SELF BUILD HOMES

A self-build home is the dream of many a home seeker unable to find just the right type of accommodation. Indeed for most people, the idea of being able to construct a home around their particular family and circumstances would be the perfect solution to many of life's problems.

Most such 'dreamers' dismiss the idea as impossible and carry on their search, or compromise with their choice. In fact an increasing number of people are succumbing to the urge to 'do it themselves' and although at one time, it would have been impossible without the requisite reserves of ready money, today building societies, banks and other financial institutions have come to terms with the idea and are favourably considering well thought out plans for self-build projects.

It is estimated some 20,000 or more people a year take the decision to build their own homes. Some naturally fall by the wayside and hand the unfinished project on to professional builders. These will be the people motivated more by enthusiasm than sense, who will have plunged into the project with little thought, hardly any preparation and next to no appreciation of the problems that lie ahead - because problems there undoubtedly will be. The successful majority however will have studied the idea, looked at the pitfalls, consulted professionals and listened to experts. They will also have assessed their own capabilities and made a conscious decision on how much of the work they will actually be able to do themselves. And as not even every professional builder will have all the skills necessary to finish a new house, so too will the self-builder need to contract out certain aspects of the project at various stages along the way.

It is worth remembering that building your own home doesn't necessarily mean actually doing all the work. Developers after all, build homes but never actually get their hands dirty.

They simply select the design, appoint the builders, provide the funding and supervise the work. The individual self-builder need do only as much of the work as he or she is able or inclined to do.

Anyone considering a self-build project should have an initial word with an architect, because only if they can supply well drawn up and sensibly conceived plans will they stand any chance of getting planning permission let alone the necessary funding.

Once land, survey, plans, permission and finance are organized, builders or other contractors must be appointed or materials located. Again the architect can be of enormous help as can the surveyor, and either will help supervise the work as it proceeds. And if you are doing the work yourself you will need the advice of a professional to keep you abreast of all the Bye Laws and building regulations you will have to observe.

Building your own home is enormously satisfying in so many ways. Not only do you have exactly the sort of accommodation your circumstances dictate, you also have the satisfaction of knowing what you have is almost unique. You can be sure the workmanship is of the very highest quality and you will be very sure the materials are the best you could buy for the job. There are other advantages too. When carrying out repairs and alterations, you will know where services run and how they enter the property. You will have made sure of the energy efficiency of the house as it was built and so will find it highly economical to live in. You will find that you will have paid far less for the quality of house you have built than you could have expected to have paid for one built more commercially. And, should the time come to move on, not only will your property be easier to sell, it will probably attract a comfortable premium as well, just the job for your next self-build project!

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Adding an extension to your home could be the solution to that problem of space shortage. It can happen in any family, no matter how small. Space may be required to accommodate a hobby or home-based business where a shed or the attic are neither suitable nor large enough. There are however, many pitfalls attached to even the smallest, most modest structure, so it's worth considering the whole idea really well before you begin to get excited.

The big thing about extensions is, they should be built properly, by reputable builders. They should also be built with full planning permission - if it's required. The rules on this are not quite as straightforward as you might suppose, so it's worth taking advice before you commence to build. A reputable builder should be able to advise you but if you are employing a surveyor to assess the viability of your plan,

or an architect to design the extension, either will be able to advise and will even apply for the planning permission on your behalf if necessary.

You do need to have the area to which the extension is to be attached, properly surveyed before you commit yourself to the idea of course. You don't want your extension to fall foul of the drainage system to start with, and there are other considerations too that could endanger the integrity of your house's structure. If you are considering an extension that might in any way, prove intrusive to your near neighbours, it would probably be as well to discuss it with them before you apply for planning permission. With reasonable give and take on either side, you could save yourself a whole lot of trouble, expense and heartache later on. You could find that a very tiny adjustment to your original plan would make the structure acceptable to even the fussiest neighbour.

on spatial limits.

Consider how you will heat the extension. It may not be possible to attach it to the end of your existing heating system, or if you do, it might result in your entire home being seriously under-heated. Best probably to consider a separate system? Don't ignore the problem of heating or you might find you have an extension that's virtually unusable in winter.

By the same token, if you are to have vast areas of glass, as in a conservatory, consider how you will add shade or, at the height of summer, you'll be able to bake bread in there but do precious little else.

Once building commences, do inform the building department at your local authority. Builders usually undertake to do this but, it's your responsibility as householder, and builders sometimes forget.

Inform your insurers at every stage of the project, what you plan, when the work commences and when it's finished, because it will alter the valuation and rebuilding costs of the property.

Finally, don't overlook security. If you have a sophisticated alarm system make sure the new extension is included into the circuit or, it will offer a safe haven for burglars who, having broken into the extension, will have the time and cover to work out how to break in to the rest!

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When you are considering the purchase of a house, you have to make a great many decisions. There are the matters of location, cost, size, style, etc. The most common decision however is, whether to buy a brand new home or to go for something older and lived-in.

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Of course you will be saved a great deal of time and trouble in that the new home will usually be already decorated. If you negotiated to buy at the right time, you will have had a big say in the colour schemes and materials used in the decor. You may have had other choices too, such as the type of appliances fitted in the kitchen, the colour of the bathroom suite, the lay-out of the garden. If carpets and curtains were included in the price, you may well have had a hand in choosing them too. Even if you hadn't the choice, the newly applied decor will generally have been chosen to complement pretty well every style of furnishing you can imagine.

With an older property you will naturally be taking over the decor ideas of previous owners. Carpets and curtains will often be included in the sale, though of course they will seldom be new. You will also be inheriting a fairly mature garden with a selection of bedding plants perhaps, shrubs and trees, already established. You can still move straight in but, you will probably want to make many changes.

And this is where the advantage of the old house comes to the fore. It does give you the opportunity to make changes and alterations that suit your ideas, your taste and your needs. You may well find you can buy an older house that is very suitable for a planned extension of specific style and dimension, whereas with a new house, it may be you would have to buy a very much larger house to give the same accommodation for a similar, over-all cost.

Older houses, built before such things as insulation and fuel savings were a big consideration, can be more difficult and expensive to heat and ventilate. New houses on the other hand, are built with the latest materials, use the latest technologies and are usually very energy efficient.

Character is often quoted as being the reason an older



property is chosen rather than new. However it is a matter of what you want. Each generation puts a degree of character and style into its buildings that is considered desirable. Today's houses have just as much character in their own way, as the houses of yesterday - it's just different. In any case, the stark styles of the 1950s and 60s have long gone from architects' drawing boards. Today's houses are attractive, warm and accommodating to look at. They have enough nooks and crannies within, to give that extra touch of style and surprise, that is the essence of good decor.

If you are on the move and looking to change your home, don't make too many hard and fast rules about the type of property you intend to buy. Keep an open mind at all times. Look at as many older properties as brand new. Weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each very carefully, before you decide to buy. You never really know when you are house hunting, how a particular property will affect you. Like love, and without rhyme or reason. Suffice it to know, when you see the house that's 'you', you'll know. And whether it's old or new, that is the house you must buy!



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Native bred cattle in demand at Stirling sale.

id Watson, Ardnacross, Peninver at 260p per kg for a Charolais.

Once again 27 per cent of the sale going south of the Border.

Native bred cattle sold to £1,140 for a 550kg Aberdeen Angus bul-

lock from Blairgorts, Buchlyvie, while White Shorthorn bullocks sold to £950 for a 480kg from No.5 Tomoig, Campbeltown.

Overall bullocks averaged 219p (+11p) and sold to 287p per kg for

two 195kg Limousins from Wester Whin, Slamannan and £1,205 for a 600kg Charolais from Shortrigg, Slamannan.

Heifers averaged 202p (+4p) and sold to 241p per kg for a 170kg Limousin from Keppoch, Kilberry, Tarbert and £1,240 for a 680kg Charolais from Auchenstarry, Kilsyth.

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'My name is Rachel Corrie' at the village hall

THE CRITICALLY acclaimed theatre production *My Name is Rachel Corrie* makes its way to Mid Argyll next week, as it goes on tour to mark the tenth anniversary of the 23-year-old's death.

The production is based on the journals and e-mails of Rachel, an American peace activist. She was killed by an Israeli military bulldozer in 2003 when she tried to protect the home of a Palestinian family.

The one-woman play has been brought to Craignish Village Hall by Mull Theatre Company, in association with RT Productions and Sphinx Theatre. It will

be staged on Tuesday, February 12 at 7.30pm.

The play was edited by actor Alan Rickman and Guardian editor Katherine Viner. It was a sell out success at the Citizen's Theatre in Glasgow in 2010.

CAIRNDOW

Childcare gets £500 from Co-op

CAIRNDOW Community Childcare received £500 from Inveraray Co-op store manager, Colin Campbell last week.

Inveraray Co-op has been raising money for Cairndow Community Childcare for the past nine months, with one brave member of staff enduring a sponsored leg wax.

Janet Riddoch, general assistant with the childcare organisation, said she was delighted to receive the money.

'We are so grateful to Inveraray Co-Op for raising such a fantastic amount,' she said. 'We now have the enjoyable task of deciding what equipment to buy with it.'

KILMARTIN

Busy few weeks for the museum

KILMARTIN House Museum has a busy few weeks ahead, with The Great Auks, the archaeology club for young people.

The youngsters will be joined by Laura Eagleson for a wildlife session on February 22.

This marks the start of one of many activities the group has planned for the year, which will include cooking in Iron Age in the museum garden.

The museum, which reopens on March 1, will

ACHANOISH



Founder of the Pelandaba Orphan Fund, Cindy MacDonald, has raised funds for the charity by selling scarves and jewellery made in Africa.

Taste of Africa evening to be held in Ormsary Hall

THE ANNUAL Taste of Africa planned for 2013 by Cindy MacDonald, founder of the Pelandaba Orphan Fund.

The event, which raises funds to go to school, will be held in Ormsary Hall tonight (Friday).

South Knapdale Church is hosting the event, which will include African themed food and a quiz.

The night is the first of many events

The cruise liner, which has had the Royal Seal of approval from Queen Elizabeth, will be stopping off at Portavadie Marina for an afternoon on March 3.

The marina is a stop on the ship's first cruise of 2013, which will see 50 guests sail Loch Fyne for two days, Scotland's longest and deepest sea loch.

SKIPNESS

Gaelic music at St Brendan's

A SPECIAL evening of Gaelic music and song will be held at St Brendan's Chapel tomorrow night (Saturday).

The event, which starts at 7.30pm, will feature performances by Anne Marie, Chelsea and Krystal McLean, accordionist Craig McKillop and pianist David McEwan.

CARRADALE

Date with a Dame at Carradale Hotel

RESIDENTS in Carradale can enjoy a special performance of *A Date with a Dame (Fifty Shades of Pink)* next week.

The show, written by Morag Stark, is currently touring the country and will stop off at Carradale Hotel on Saturday, February 16.

TIGHNABRUAICH

Cruise liner to stop off at Portavadie

LUXURY cruise liner the *Hebridean Princess* will be stopping off at Portavadie Marina next month.

be holding an exhibition of paintings and drawings, entitled *The Wilds of Argyll*. The exhibit will run from March 1 until May 31 and is just one of the events organised to celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland.

TROSSACHS

Bike challenge

NATIONAL park Loch Lomond and The Tros-

sachs will be host to another fundraising challenge in June as the Trossachs Ton bike ride gets underway.

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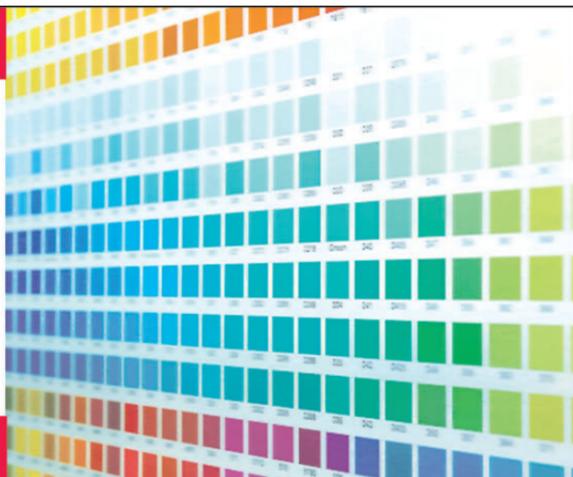
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Anyone wishing to make comments on the proposal should do so by writing to the above address by Thursday 14th March 2013.

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13/00195/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land East Of Glenbarr Primary School Glenbarr Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02248/PP	Installation of a system to collect and pump waste water from all pier square and workshop buildings owned by British Waterways to the mains sewer in the highway, including two pumping stations with associated pipework and one pumping station control kiosk	British Waterways Pier Square Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8DZ	Ardrishaig Area Office
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

DEATHS

CONVERY – Suddenly, at Mid Argyll Hospital, on February 3, 2013, Mr Dan Convery, aged 82 years, of 24 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilhead, beloved husband of Ann, much loved dad of Paul, Graham, Gavin and Gillian, adored papa of Duncan, Daniel, Paul, Shannon, Jackson and Brodie and cherished great grandfather. Funeral private.

MACDONALD – Ian. Peacefully at home, on February 3, 2013, Ian MacDonald, beloved husband of Ina Park, dearly loved father of Malcolm, Anne and John, dear father-in-law of Janice, adored papa of his seven grandchildren and his great granddaughter, and beloved brother of Anne. Funeral service was held in Kilcalmonell Parish Church, Clachan, on Thursday, February 7, followed by interment at Clachan Cemetery. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

WYLIE – Peacefully, after an illness bravely fought, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 3, 2013, Sandra Wylie, in her 68th year, 131 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, much loved mother of Bobby, Sandra and Gemma, mother-in-law of Eileen and Craig and a loving granny of Megan, Iain and Craig.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JENKINS – Ronald, Stephanie and Douglas wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love, sympathy, kindness and support given to us during this difficult time. Many thanks to family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for all the beautiful flowers, cards, telephone calls, home baking and thoughtful gestures received on our recent and very sad loss of Margaret. Sincere thanks to all the doctors and nurses who cared for Margaret over the years, and in particular the last few weeks of her illness. Thanks to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors, for their friendly and professional service and advice and guidance. We thank Rev David Carruthers for the very personal and comforting service and Rev Hilda Smith for her Bible reading. Our thanks to the Flower Shop, Lochgilhead for the lovely flowers and to Cairnbaan Hotel for the excellent purvey. We also wish to thank all who attended the services at Cardross Crematorium and Ardrishaig Parish Church, this was a great comfort to the family. The retiral collection for Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital was the perfect remembrance to Margaret's caring spirit. We wish to thank you for your generosity.

LEGROS – Agnes Hill and the family of the late Aline Legros, wish to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all medical staff involved in her care, to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout for his visits and comforting services, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional arrangements, Kenny at the Scotch Heather Shop for excellent floral tributes, George Hotel for catering and to her many friends, who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium and at the memorial service afterwards at Inveraray Parish Church. The sum in excess of £500, was collected for the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research.

LIVINGSTONE – Alistair and family would like to thank all friends, family and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the recent sad passing of Mary. Our thanks to local doctors and medical staff at Lorn and Islands for their care and attention of Mary. Grateful thanks to Rev Jeff McCormick for a personal and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to the Lochnell Arms Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

MACKINNON – Malcolm and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy shown during the recent sad loss of Inez. A special thank you to Tarbert ambulance staff and the nursing staff of Glenaray Ward of the Mid Argyll Hospital for their care and attention. Thanks to Stan Lupton for his efficient handling of the arrangements, to the West Loch Hotel for refreshments and to the Rev Bryson for a sympathetic service.

RAMSAY – The family of the late Lena Ramsay would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to staff at Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home for their care and support, Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism.

IN MEMORIAM

CARD – In loving memory of Mum, Annie, who died February 6, 2008. Memories are like threads of gold, They never tarnish or grow old.

- From family in Tarbert.
MACFARLANE – In memory of a loving brother and uncle, Angus, passed away February 10, 2011. A new year comes, another goes But the gates of memory never close.
- Sheena, John and family.

MILLS – For our mum, Margaret Mills, who passed away February 8, 2008. We miss your laugh, we miss your smile, Five years have passed, but all this while, We hold you deeply within our hearts, Wishing we never had to part, So very young, it was such a waste, And our biggest challenge we had to face, Losing our precious beautiful mum. Sleep tight, we love you. - Corinna and Lynda xxx.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dear brother, Donald, died February 6, 2003. I loved you dearly, More dearly than a spoken word can tell, Donald, I will always love you. - Sister Nan, East Kilbride.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th February 2013
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Kelvin Moller Clachan
10.50am Coffee 11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Mr Kelvin Moller Clachan
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 13th February 2013
10am Parents and Toddlers Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
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For Furniture Recycling Project call **01586 551547**
SCO14646

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 10th February 2013
Sunday before Lent
10.45am Family Communion
Wednesday 13th February 2013
Ash Wednesday
10.45am Holy Communion
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: **01586 551141**
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 10th February 2013
11.15am Morning Service
Rev. Catriona Hood
Fun Day Club in Hall
JAM in Church
Tuesday 12th February 2013
Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm
Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm
Wednesday 13th February 2013
Bible Study Fellowship Group
Ballywilline Farm 7.30pm
Everyone very welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11:00 am
with Sunday School
Tea & coffee after the service
Youth Group 7:30 - 9:00 pm
every Sunday (term-time only) at The Old Manse
Baby & Toddler Group 10:00 - 11:45 am
every Thursday (term-time)
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
For more information please visit our website
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SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th February
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.30am Sunday School
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
House Group 7pm
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 10 February - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochfyneside Church (Minard) at 10 am
Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Communion Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 10th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
(Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Monday, 11th February
Messy Church - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th February
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 14th February
Choir Practice - 7:30pm
Friday, 15th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 10th February 2013
11am Morning Service
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
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SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2013
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 10 February 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Deep calls unto deep - our spiritual potential"
Thursday 14 February 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 10 February
Tayvallich Church 10 am
Communion
Rev. Cliff Acklam
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Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome (SCO002876)

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 10th February 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am
Sunday School 11.45am
To be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Board and Session Meeting
Tuesday 12th February 7.30pm
Tarbert Free Church
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 10th February, 2013
Ford 11.30am.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC002121

GROWING IN GRACE
is an informal christian meeting held at 7.15pm every Thursday in the Meadows Pavilion Sports Hall, behind the creamery.
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Yachts on the horizon?

Fun Fours teams on the road to Kintyre

THREE teams from the Lochgilphead Red Star Youth team headed to Campbeltown astro turf on Sunday for an afternoon of seven a side football.

The three sides, which are part of the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, played against five teams from Campbel-

town and was the first time the youngest group of players, from Primary 4 played competitive seven aside football.

Making the trip once again was youngsters from Primary 5 and Primary 7, who will be welcoming the teams to Lochgilphead from Campbeltown in March.



The youngest group of players made their way to Campbeltown to compete in seven-aside football for the first time.

Argyll boys star for Dumbarton youths in historic win over Celtic

SIX young footballers from Argyll helped Dumbarton Football Club's pro-youth under 16/17 team defeat the youth side of SPL giants Glasgow Celtic in a friendly match at Barrowfield, Glasgow, last Sunday.

Ally McKerracher, Stuart Alexander and Connor Howe from Oban, Taynuilt's David Beaton, Donald McCullum from Campbeltown and Keir Whitefield from Lochgilphead were in the Dumbarton squad with David Beaton netting one of the goals in an historic 3-2 win.

This week's Scottish Amateur League fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, fifth round - Oban Saints v Burntisland; Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round - Centre v Campbeltown Pupils; Division 1A - Tarbert v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1B - Lochgilphead Red Star v Millerston Thistle.



Club lottery numbers

THERE were no winners of this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw this week with the numbers 8, 11, 17. The jackpot next week will be £200.

THE WINNER of this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery was M Craib who scooped £600 with the number 3, 5 and 15. The jackpot next week will be £100.

THE NUMBERS in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw were 2, 10 and 18. There was no winner and the jackpot will be £700 next week.



WIN

£300

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Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
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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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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:
J Martin, Burnside, Isle of Gigha and P Marlin, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown

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Golden Oldies defeat Young Guns for second year in a row

FOR THE second year running the oldies have triumphed in the annual Inveraray Shinty Club over 30s versus under 30s match, at The Winton.

A fine hat trick from Lewis Macnicol was not enough as Russell Mackinlay replied with four goals himself and the sensational Steven 'Spock' MacArthur scored the game-changing goal late in the second half.

Despite leading 2-1 at half time the young guns could not hold on and a disastrous 10 minute spell late in the game saw them conceding three goals in quick succession.

The pick of the bunch, Spock left two players for dead and buried his shot in the top corner of the helpless keeper's net.

The embarrassment was felt long

in to the night as the club celebrated at the annual dinner, prize giving and dance.

The awards on the night were: first team player of the year went to joint winner's Ruairidh Graham and Christopher Crawford. Top goal scorer: Garry Macpherson. Second team player of the year: Fraser Macnicol. Top goal scorer: Lewis Macnicol.

Awarded

Most improved player in the 2012 season was awarded to the Under 14 team, who won the development league.

The club would like to thank The Camans for providing the evening musical entertainment, the Argyll Hotel for hosting the event and to all who attended for making it a memorable night.



Stuart Robertson (black) and David Robertson compete in the annual shinty match, which saw the oldies triumph for the second year running. 06_a06shinty01



Right: Andrew Sinclair (black) and Ruairidh Graham battle it out in the annual over 30s v under 30s Inveraray Shinty Club match. 06_a06shinty05



John Smylie and Christopher Crawford two of the players competing in match. 06_shinty02

Dookers lose close game at home to East Kilbride

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the home side that played with a greater determination and desire and were now snapping into tackles, something that was missing from the first half.

With an hour gone, N McDougall replaced young McNaughton and his trickery on the ball started causing the visitors some problems. This led to a free kick which Prentice sent narrowly wide.

The home side were now pressing hard and sent captain C Martin into midfield to keep the EK playmaker at bay and at the same time giving Tarbert more possession.

Twice in quick succession the ball flashed across goal but nobody was at the back post to take advantage.

But moments later Nikki McDougall was tripped in the box and the referee immediately pointed to the spot.

David Ronald stepped up but his spot kick was at a nice height for the goalkeeper, who dived to his right and pushed the ball away for a corner.

The Dookers were rewarded for their effort though, with Martin heading in at the front post to give his team some hope.

Despite there being three minutes of injury time the Dookers could not get that all important equaliser.

Tarbert Gun Club hold winter league shoot

ANOTHER wet and windy day greeted a full house again for the February leg of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league.

Competitors were keen to increase their points tally with just their March shoot to go after today.

Conditions were difficult with a lot of targets sailing away in the wind, but it was the same for all the shooters.

The faster shots were getting on better. A change at the top of leader board saw the teenagers drop to second spot with John Paton's team replacing them, with only two targets in it.

Even closer to the dreaded wooden spoon, only one target separated the bottom two teams making for an interesting last shoot.

In the individual competition, John Paton won the down the line and Ally McDonnell the sporting.

And what about you Lynn? Not only helping her team into the top spot but also beating her dad again.

Results: Class A: 1 Ally McDonnell, 2 Brian Baird, 3 John Paton. Class B: 1 Niall Wilson, 2 Akram Khan, 3 Lynn MacDonall. Class C: 1 Ewan MacDonall, 2 Nicol Ferguson, 3 Archie MacGilp. Class D: 1 Scott MacAllister, 2 Michael Harvey, 3 Malcolm Holder. Class E: 1 Steven Laird, 2 David Duff and Donald Ferguson.

Teams: First: John Paton, Lynn MacDonall, Craig Samborek, Michael Harvey, Donald Ferguson.

Keith Cowan can teach us all a lesson

By David Sinclair

DESPITE all that I have said about Keith Cowan during the course of the winter, he can play golf.

His positive and enthusiastic approach to the game should be a lesson to all the players as Keith only sees what might be and he does not dwell on any setbacks that come his way.

The only problem is he is too positive and too enthusiastic. It is just as well he is not thinking of going into politics or he might be telling us the economy is fine, we were all in it together and that austerity was excellent.

The catering in the dungeon has improved dramatically since the days of burnt soup and burnt pies, with a variety of sandwiches and soup on offer as well as a large victoria sponge baked by Kirsty that was even jammier than John Downie's golf - that is a lot of jam.

Success

David Sinclair and Jim Hunter spent most of their round trying to out-drive Kenny Cameron.

They were successful on a couple of occasions, due more to their straight driving than distance, as Kenny put a ball in the loch at

the forth hole and put one in the canal at the eighth.

Ross was beaten to the main prize by Alec MacAulay but had the consolation of being nearest the pin at the seventh hole.

He was less grumpy than usual as he is saving up all his meanness for the final, which begins in three weeks.

The psychological warfare will most likely start next week with the higher handicappers, who have done well to make it to the final - being made to apologise for their good play and being told to play more like duffers in future.

Simon Taylor is very close to qualification but such is the quality of the scoring that he will need at least two good scores or it will be the duffers' derby with him.

Being a mature player Tommy Angus enjoys the benefits that come with age, free bus travel, the winter fuel allowance and playing off the first tee.

It is these concessions that allow him to indulge in his other passions such as Zumba, gymnastics and skydiving - which are not cheap but keep him young.

Results: 10 A Macaulay, 9 R Sinclair, 8 G Macdougall, 7 R Kennedy, 6 D Sinclair, 5 J Downie 4 K Cowan 3 T Angus 2 S Taylor 1 K Cameron

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Dookers pay the penalty!

**SAFL Division 1A
Tarbert 1
East Kilbride 2**



TARBERT were unlucky against East Kilbride AFC (EK) on Saturday afternoon as they failed to clinch an equaliser.

Player manager Prentice set his team up in a 4-5-1 formation, happy to give EK possession of the ball in their own half, hoping to break them down and hit them on the break.

The away side sat comfortably on the ball, enjoying lots of play with good interlinking for long periods of time, with the Dookers left chasing shadows. However Tarbert goalie Martin was not too troubled.

On the break the home side were enjoying some success only for the final ball to let them down and the visitors took the lead on the 25-minute mark when an EK midfielder managed to get the ball to the left-winger, who cut past Johnstone and scored in the top corner from 22 yards.

Despite Mark McCormack working like a trojan in midfield it was EK who were still on top on the game, on the half hour mark the Dookers reverted to a 4-4-2 formation with youngster Kyle Doull going up front to try to stop EK playing the ball out from the back.

EK went ahead on 35 minutes, after some good play on the right the central midfielder hit an unstoppable shot from 35 yards into the top corner.

Half Time 2-0.

The second half was much better from

Jamie Stuart takes on an East Kilbride defender

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