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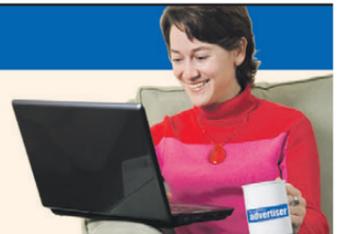
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Scottish Canals sets sail with £1m to transform village into gateway



Scottish Canals wants to transform the Crinan Canal into a tourist attraction on a par with Edinburgh Castle.

Regeneration plan for Ardrishaig and Crinan

ARDRISHAIG is set to benefit from more than £1 million in investment as Scottish Canals outlines plans to transform the village into 'the sailors' gateway to Scotland'.

Steve Dunlop, chief executive officer of Scottish Canals, was in Ardrishaig on Tuesday and told people the village had the potential to become a cultural, heritage and tourism hub of Argyll.

Attraction

Speaking at a meeting of Ardrishaig Community Council, Mr Dunlop said Scottish Canals aimed to promote the Crinan Canal as a tourist attraction on a par with Edinburgh Castle.

Explaining the water authority was focused on getting tourists to the canal and spending more money, Mr Dunlop said:

'The Crinan Canal is as important as Edinburgh Castle so we are taking this very seriously. More than 2,000 boats went through the canal to Mull last year. What we have to do is find a way to slow them down.'

'A typical sailor will spend between £120 to £180 in the area. What we want to do is get them to stay here for longer - that money will come down into Ardrishaig.'

Scottish Canals' long-term plans will also see a mass programme of regeneration for Ardrishaig and wider Crinan Canal area.

Mr Dunlop said a memorandum of agreement with Argyll and Bute Council, confirming a commitment to invest in the plan, was due to be signed in the coming weeks.

Initial ideas for regeneration include building a heritage centre, yacht chandlery and kiosk at Ardrishaig Pier to welcome visitors.

The Gleaner oil site, meanwhile, will be vacated in December and offer further opportunities for development.

Mr Dunlop added: 'We have a vision to safeguard the past and build on the future.'

'It is about having a strong community to make this happen and it is going to make a really big difference here.'

Scottish Canals' investment would, Mr Dunlop argues, also bring in capital from private enterprise, government and charitable funding. This, he said, would help make Scottish Canals' vision a reality.

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'Looked after' children have their say

'LOOKED after' young people in Argyll made their voices heard when they spoke to councillors about their wants and needs for the future.

The young people spoke up at the first meeting of the local authority's Corporate Parenting Board, which is charged with ensuring 'looked after' children have the best chances in life.

Teens, invited to sit on the board, told councillors about everyday problems such as internet access and driving lessons, as well as important issues associated with children in care.

The Corporate Parenting Board aims to ensure young people's views are used to improve council services.

King George V Park on the move

Play equipment relocated to allow upgrade to go ahead

THE £20,000 play park planned for Ardrishaig's King George V Park could be moved to a new location, as community groups pledge to work together on a wider regeneration project.

Ardrishaig Community Trust, the organisation behind the play park, has said it will consider moving the play equip-

ment to the village primary school should Argyll and Bute Council agree.

Agreement

The trust had originally signed a council agreement stating the play equipment would sit alongside the existing swings, with the local authority charged with maintaining it.

The potential move comes as Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) announced plans to build a sports pavilion in the same location as the play park.

Its plan was to fix the drainage problem at the park, upgrade the football pitch, build a pavilion and possibly in-

stall a skate park. John Woods, who chairs the King George V Park sub-committee of Ardrishaig Community Council, said a solution would have to be reached before the equipment is delivered this month.

He said: 'We are hopeful that an agreement on the move can be reached with the coun-

cil but we have to accept that it might not be. For one reason or another it might come unstuck and we don't want to delay the installation of the play equipment for too long.'

Talks

Meanwhile MAYDS is currently in talks with Argyll and Bute Council, the care takers of

King George V, to gain community ownership of the park.

Fiona Kalache, manager of the service, said: 'No funder will give you money without the land being transferred to you first.'

'We need a land transfer or a 25-year lease with the council to further our plans.'

Ancestry taster session at library

PEOPLE who want to find out more about their ancestry can take advantage of free one-to-one taster sessions at Lochgilhead Library.

The sessions will help people learn more about the Scotland's People website, which holds more than 90 million records, including births, deaths and marriages. Anyone interested in going along to the session on Wednesday February 19 must contact the library on 01546 602072 to book a slot.



Lochgilhead's warm welcome for Rotary guests

Nan McCreadie, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and District Governor Richard Lees paid a visit to Lochgilhead last week to meet members of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll. They were welcomed by club president Jane MacArthur, right, to the Stag Hotel, where a special reception was held for the two guests. 06_a06rotary02

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The drop-in cafe will open in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall on Wednesday February 12 and run every Wednesday thereafter.

Open from 10am to 4pm, the cafe will offer a variety of hot drinks and home baking throughout the day and light lunches such as homemade soup, toasties, and baked potatoes at lunchtime.

It is hoped the cafe will provide a warm and friendly environment to Lochgilphead folk whether they are regular church goers or not.

People barred from pubs and shops in first year of Mid Argyll Pubwatch



Susan Craig from the family-run Stag Hotel is a regular behind the bar. Like her mother, June, Susan is a strong supporter of Mid Argyll Pubwatch.

A SCHEME launched a year ago to tackle antisocial behaviour, vandalism and violence caused by excessive drinking has been described as a success.

Started in January 2013, Mid Argyll Pubwatch sees publicans and alcohol retailers collectively ban people from bars and shops when that person has behaved badly.

Ten licensed premises and alcohol retailers in Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Cairnbaan and Inveraray signed up to the project and have barred several people.

Together the licensees decide on how long the ban should last.

Speaking on behalf of the group, June Craig, owner of Lochgilphead's Stag Hotel, said: 'It has proved to be very effective. As a group we are interested in protecting the community from people who don't know how to conduct themselves under the influ-

'We are interested in protecting the community'

ence of alcohol.' The pubwatch committee recently decided to extend the ban of a 36 year old man who was originally barred for one year, but allegedly caused damage to equipment in a bar.

Mrs Craig added: 'Despite the person apologising for the incident it does not change the fact that the lesson has not been learned. People are trying to make a living and vandalism cannot be tolerated.'

A 33-year-old man

noon procurator fiscal.

Last week the Advertiser reported that alcohol abuse in Argyll and Bute cost the taxpayer £27.98m million a year, the equivalent of £314 per person living in the area.

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Plans to redevelop Mid Argyll Swimming Pool moving forward

CONSULTANTS have been appointed to draw up a plan of how MAC Pool could be transformed into a state of the art community facility.

MACEL (Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd), the board of volunteers responsible for the pool, has appointed Edinburgh firm Ekos to do a feasibility study.

Public meeting

The appointment comes two months after the pool hosted a public meeting where locals were asked for their ide-

as on how the pool could be developed.

With confirmation that the pool could be extended, ideas ranged from a soft play area, to climbing wall, to a sauna and steam room.

Stuart Owen, manager of MACPool, said the feasibility study will reveal what improvements are achievable within the available space and how much each option would cost.

He said: 'We appointed Ekos as they specialise in social enterprise and regeneration.

'We have applied to the Big Lottery Fund for a grant [£9,480] to cover the cost of the feasibility study and we are hopeful we will get that in April.'

Benefit

Explaining the feasibility study would involve a lot of community consultation, Stuart added: 'During this process we will be speaking to people, community representatives and community leaders to find out what would benefit Mid Argyll and how we can make the pool fit for

purpose for the next 20 years.

'If we don't develop we will struggle to survive. The pool stood still for a short while and that is when we got into a bit of trouble.'

It is hoped the study will get underway in early May and it will take about 10 weeks to complete, before a final report is written.

In the interim, plans are underway to improve the toilets and changing areas and to replace the sand filter which keeps the water clean.



Patrick Feeney, left, and Ryan McCraig presented George Bradley, lifeboat operations manager at Campbeltown with a cheque for £559.

Lochgilphead High School raise funds for the RNLI

MEMBERS of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) were presented with a cheque for £560, which was raised by pupils at Lochgilphead High School.

Teenagers completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards recently organised a coffee morning and non-uniform day at the joint campus to raise funds for the charity.

The money will be put towards general funds and used to provide training for crew members.

George Bradley, lifeboat operations manager at Campbeltown RNLI station, said: 'It is a fantastic amount

for the students to raise. They are required to carry out a volunteering activity as part of the awards programme so chose to do a coffee morning. We cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

'They have been an absolute joy to work with and have done an amazing job.'

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards the students also travelled to Campbeltown to find out how the RNLI operates. They have been learning about staying safe in the water, making 999 calls and how to spot dangers in the water.

Fundraising for Fairtrade Fortnight

PEOPLE are being encouraged to come up with fundraising events as part of Fairtrade Fortnight, which will run from February 24 to March 9.

Organised by the Co-operative Group, individuals or groups can apply for a special Join In Fairtrade Fortnight toolkit, which contains a film about Fairtrade, a quiz, an information booklet, a poster, and some stickers.

To apply for a pack call 0800 088 4862 or visit www.co-operative.coop/fairtrade/campaign-toolkit.

Donate blood

PEOPLE are being invited to donate blood when the mobile donating team comes to Lochgilphead this month.

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service will be at Lochgilphead Community Centre on Wednesday, February 28.

New or regular donors can attend from 2.30pm to 3.45pm or from 5.15pm to 7.30pm.

Police searching for vandals who damaged cars

POLICE are searching for vandals who damaged a number of vehicles parked within the Forest Enterprise premises, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead.

Number plates of the vehicles were tampered with between 7pm last Thursday evening and 7am the following morning.

Be vigilant

HOME owners in rural areas are being reminded to remain vigilant after an attempted break-in in Ford.

Thieves attempted to force open a window of a property between 1am and 9.30am last Saturday morning.

Police are urging all Mid Argyll residents to report any suspicious activity immediately to police on telephone number 101.

Allt Rubha Wind Farm Public Exhibition

Formerly Inverneill Wind Farm

We're changing the name of our proposed Inverneill Wind Farm to Allt Rubha Wind Farm and holding another Public Exhibition.

Following our first round of Public Exhibitions back in November, we've made some changes to the project and would like to give you another opportunity to see our proposals and share your views with us.

If you have feedback, please make sure you give it to us before Monday 10 March 2014 so we can consider it in the design.

Location: Ardrishaig Public Hall
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The proposed Allt Rubha Wind Farm is located 3 miles south of Ardrishaig. Please note that feedback given at the exhibition, are not representations to Argyll and Bute Council. Once we submit our application you'll have the opportunity to make a formal representation directly to Argyll and Bute Council.



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Sex crimes on the increase

...but violent crime and disorder are down

SEXUAL crimes and indecent assaults in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands (MAKI) area have jumped by more than 65 per cent in the last year.

But Police Scotland say the drastic increase is down to the number of people now reporting historical cases of abuse.

The extent of the problem was revealed last week when Police Scotland published the MAKI crime statistics for 2013.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie said the incidents are mainly domestic-related and follow a number of high-profile media cases.

She said: 'The rise in sexual crimes and offences is always a concern but having looked at it in detail I am satisfied that there are no patterns or risks to the wider community.'

Reports of violent crime and disorder are however down on 2012.

Serious assaults, robberies and attempted murder are down by 50 per cent, common as-

sault charges have fallen by 7.8 per cent and reports of anti social behaviour and disorder are down by more than 40 per cent.

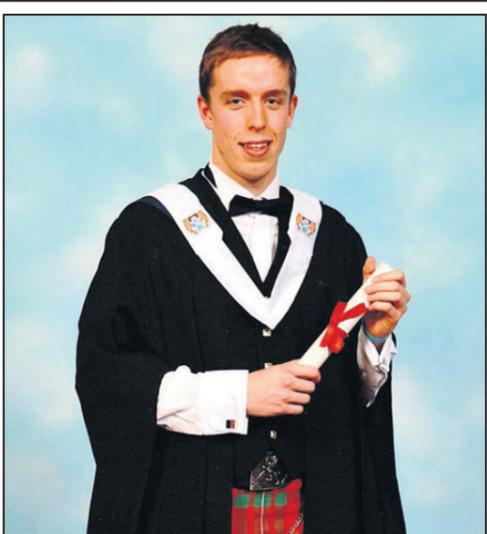
There has been a slight increase in domestic violence.

Drug dealing remains a concern for police - with 18 people charged with supplying drugs in 2013 - as does thefts from rural and commercial properties.

Chief Inspector Baillie added: 'The crime statistics present a very positive picture of an area which is generally low in violent crime, disorder and anti social behaviour. Detections remain high and this is in part due to the level of investigation and scrutiny that formulates part of every enquiry. However this is also very much due to our vigilant and cooperative communities.'

'I remain grateful to the public for their continued support and assistance, allowing us to be more effective at keeping people safe across the MAKI area.'

GRADUATION



Callum MacGregor, age 21, recently graduated from City of Glasgow College with an HND in Fitness, Health and Exercise. He is the son of Duncan and Yvonne MacGregor, Shetland and the grandson of Betty and the late Jimmy MacGregor, Carradale.

Kilmichael Glassary man wins £2,750 Spot the Ball jackpot

JOHN MacVean showed he had a good grasp of the beautiful game as he swooped the £2,750 jackpot in the Argyllshire Advertiser's Spot the Ball competition.

John, who admits to not being much of a sportsman, has been playing the weekly competition for about two years.

He said: 'I have won £25 here and there but never a big amount like this. I definitely enter when the prize money goes up a lot.'

'The last couple of weeks I noticed the ball was up high in the sky, so I aimed high and got it.'

John, who has worked in the yard at Jewson's in Lochgilphead for 25 years, says he has not yet decided how to spend his winnings.

The 43-year-old, from Kilmichael Glassary, said: 'I have nothing planned yet but I might go on holiday, maybe somewhere away from the rain.'



John, an avid player of the Spot the Ball Competition, is £2,750 richer this week. 06_a05spot02

Duntrune Trekkers organise Valentine's Day dance

THREE men trekking Mount Kilimanjaro for charity are getting romantic this week in an attempt to boost their fundraising coffers.

The Duntrune Trekkers, Duncan McGregor, Blair Johnston and Campbell Wright, have organised a Valentine's Day dance in Ardrishaig Hall.

Headlining the event will be singer Chris Small, winner of ITV's Star for a Night.

A disco will also be held for primary school youngsters before the adults event, with doors opening at 6pm.

All money raised from the events will go towards the Duntrune Trekkers charities - Rainbow Valley, Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation and MS Centre Lochgilphead.

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NEWS of hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of investment in villages and facilities in Mid Argyll hopefully signals a boost in the fortunes of the area.

After several businesses on Lochgilphead high street closed or threatened to close in recent months, it is encouraging to see social enterprises and charities this week outlining proposals to make Mid Argyll more prosperous.

Scottish Canals has outlined its commitment to boosting the economy in Ardrishaig and Crinan Canal area; Ardrishaig Community Trust is this month building a play park; Mid Argyll Youth Development Services plans to improve the King George V Park; MAC Pool has embarked on a redevelopment programme and Lochgilphead Community Centre Association has outlined plans for a soft play and community cafe.

While all this is to be welcomed, it is blatantly obvious there is a serious risk of several groups attempting to achieve the same things.

For example, in the public consultations, many done by admirable community volunteers, a soft play area and skate park come up again and again. Wouldn't it be worthwhile for all these organisations to create one masterplan?

This would allow people to identify which organisation is best placed to take particular projects forward; there could be collective applications to funders and, instead of competing for cash and support, the organisations could work together to achieve an overall aim.

While a project of this scale would take years to achieve it is certainly one that would be worthwhile and one that could unite Loch Fyne communities.

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What defines decency?

Sir,
According to your editorial on councillors' behaviour, decency would be a matter of common sense. I wonder, if sense were common would we have such problems? What defines decency? There is a proverb: 'Every way of a man is right in his own eyes'. It's easy to judge, but without objective standards to judge by, it's just opinion.

God gave us 10 commandments, let's examine ourselves: Have we ever lied? Have we ever stolen? Have we ever taken the Lord's name in vain? If so, aren't we liars, thieves and blasphemers? God knows our thoughts, seeing lust as adultery, hatred as murder. His standard is perfection. Imagine you die tonight, would God find you innocent or guilty? Please listen to your conscience. Would you go to heaven or hell?

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Repent and trust in Jesus today, you may not have tomorrow.
Colin Brailsford, Mid Argyll.

Time for Richard Lochhead to act

Sir,
With the vast majority of responses to the Marine Protected Areas consultation in favour of them, it is now time for the Scottish Government to act.

Consultations are not referenda or elections but they are part of the democratic process and the weight of public opinion behind MPAs must be acknowledged.

Very few respondents are against MPAs but those that are seem to think they have a veto on marine policy. Now is the hour for Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the environment, to show real leadership. It is not good enough to sit on the fence until the independence referendum is over. Scotland's people deserve healthy and productive seas which genuinely support all coastal communities.

COAST's legal advice is that Mr Lochhead needs to balance the interests of all marine stakeholders within his remit of encouraging sustainable development.

These include tourism, recreational sea angling and both the mobile and static fishing sectors.

For too long his department has been biased in favour of bottom dredging and trawling.

The scientific consensus is that these methods are destructive and unsustainable. The current process is just irrational.

There seems to be no proper basis for all the architecture of government supporting the

use of the public fishery in this way.

Surely the cabinet secretary will see sense and implement lasting reforms, without going through the expense and trauma of a thorough analysis of the mismanagement of the Clyde fishery in the courts.

COAST is neutral on independence and is non party political, however, we will hold our Government and politicians to account for their management of Scotland's seas.

Community Of Arran Seabed Trust.

Plenty to celebrate

Sir,
2013 was a year of celebration but also a year in which The Boys' Brigade achieved a great deal.

The year marked the 130th anniversary of the brigade and while times have certainly changed since Sir William Alexander Smith founded the organisation, our aims remain the same – to provide opportunities for young people to learn, make friends, enjoy new experiences and learn about the Christian faith.

It's our ability to adapt and evolve that has kept us relevant to Scotland's young people and has resulted in a resurgence in membership, with more than 20,000 young people taking part in our 450 companies each week.

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We could not have achieved this without the help of thousands of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support our work.

We look to further increase membership while ensuring the organisation remains relevant to the needs of our young people through our progressive programme of events and activities.

Bill Stevenson, Director, Scotland, The Boys' Brigade, Carronvale House, Larbert.

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Laura Findlay, Social wellbeing development officer.

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Police seek yellow van that drove through red light

THE DRIVER of a distinct yellow Ford transit van is being sought by police after driving through a red light and almost causing a collision on the A83.

The motorist allegedly drove through the contra flow system - designed to keep road workers safe - at 3pm, on January 22, forcing a fellow motorist off the road.

The driver of the red Nissan van landed in a ditch and suffered minor injuries. He was later taken to hospital in Paisley.

The Ford van continued driving south towards Inveraray following the incident, which took place near the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident, or anyone who saw the van on the A83 on January 22, to contact them on 101.

Resurfacing work on the A83

RESURFACING work is to be carried-out on the A83, three miles north of Arrochar at Honeymoon Bridge, for two weeks from Monday, February 17.

Traffic will be managed using a 10mph convoy system to maintain the safety of the travelling public and workforce. A 30mph speed restriction will be in place outwith working hours as road users will be driving over a temporary road surface.

Correction

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to clarify that John and Marion Atkinson are not owners of the Islay Frigate Hotel, as stated in last week's paper.

Mr and Mrs Atkinson are lease holders of the premises.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Cameron Bell, three, served up a delicious bowl of fresh fruit to his mum Pamela Booth as part of Lochgilphead Primary School's Pre 5 Unit health week. Finn McCallum, one, tucked into the bowl of fruit and learnt about the importance of healthy eating. Youngsters from the Pre 5 Unit welcomed their parents to the classroom to tell them about their healthy week, which included them jogging, running and learning about nutritional foods. 06_a06health01

Police tackle commercial theft head on

Road checks proving successful in detecting criminals targeting area

POLICE in Mid Argyll have said they are tackling agricultural, marine and commercial theft head on following the arrest of a man in connection with thefts in the area.

In the early hours of Friday, January 24, police stopped a white Peugeot van on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, and believe to have recovered outboard engines, tools and red diesel stolen in Mid Argyll.

The 21-year-old driver of the van, from England, was detained in custody charged with motoring offences and reset of outboard engines following an ap-

pearance at Dunoon Sheriff Court on Monday, January 27.

He was due to appear again on Tuesday.

A spokesman for Police Scotland said: 'The van and contents were seized by police and enquiries are continuing in an effort to confirm the ownership of the vehicle and outboard motors.'

'Police would urge any boat owner who has had a similar outboard motor stolen to contact police as soon as possible on telephone number 101.'

Other boat owners, businesses and farmers are also being urged to check their property for missing diesel, tools and

marine equipment.

The arrest comes as Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, who heads up policing in Mid Argyll, confirmed rural theft increased in 2013.

Stating Argyll is vulnerable to 'travelling criminals', Chief Inspector Baillie said road checks were proving successful in detecting criminals targeting the area.

She said: 'There is extensive work currently ongoing on the back of this success to identify these individuals and the vehicles they are using in an effort to target their activities across the whole of Argyll and Bute.'

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The project received Ofgem approval in 2013 and works have commenced at the new Crossaig substation. We will present details of the project and construction programme at a public information event:

Carradale Hotel

Tuesday 18 February 2014, 4pm – 8pm

The event will provide members of the public with the opportunity to understand the three main components of the project and talk to our project team, who will be on hand to answer questions.

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Mid Argyll Arts Association welcomes top pianist

LEADING British pianist William Howard will showcase his musical talents to a Mid Argyll audience next weekend.

The pianist has enjoyed a career that has taken him to more than 40 countries, including guesting with chamber ensembles and instrumentalists, and regular touring with the Schubert Ensemble of London - Britain's leading group for piano and strings and winners of the Royal Philharmonic Society Award for Best Chamber Ensemble.

Performing under the invitation of the Mid Argyll Arts Association, music lovers can expect to hear a wide range of works from all areas of the piano repertoire from Bach to the present day, with a special emphasis on the romantic era.

Mr Howard, who can be heard on more than 30 CDs, has a particular love of the works of Schubert, Chopin, Schumann and Fauré.



Pianist William Howard will perform at Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Photograph by Hanya Chlala.

He has built a large repertoire of works by Czech composers, including Dussek, Sme-

tana, Dvořák, Fibich, Vítěslav Novák, Josef Suk, Janáček, Martinu, Petr Eben, Pavel

Novák and others. The pianist will perform in Ardrishaig Public Hall on February 15.

Cowal Highland Gathering to bring back 'fun'

ORGANISERS of the Cowal Gathering, which was last year stripped of its status as a 'major' pipe band competition, have said they are 'bringing fun' back to the Dunoon event.

Ronnie Cairns, chairman of the Cowal Highland Gathering committee, has said the event will remain a highlight on the piping calendar despite its recent difficulties.

The Cowal Pipe Band Championships, part of the gathering, is the world's oldest pipe band championship. But it

was stripped of its 'major' status in 2013 by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association.

Mr Cairns said: 'We are working closely with the Glasgow and West of Scotland Pipe Band Association in a bid to enhance the pipe band competition and bring the fun back for the many hundreds of pipe bandmen and women from all over the world who come to compete here.'

'We've taken on board suggestions made by both competitors and spectators, and we also

have a few other ideas up our sleeve to ensure that the 2014 Cowal Highland Gathering will once again prove to be one of Scotland's top family events.'

Organisers breathed a sigh of relief last week when Argyll and Bute Council agreed to maintain its funding support of £68,205.

A service level agreement had been agreed between the Gathering committee and the local authority but it had been based on the event's success as a 'major' pipe band championship.

Straight Story at Tarbert Film Club

AN OSCAR nominated movie based on the real life story of a man, who travels 300 miles on a lawnmower to see his brother, will be screened at Tarbert Film Club tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Directed by Dav-

id Lynch, The Straight Story is based upon the real life tale of Alvin Straight, an elderly man living in America's Mid West who finds out his estranged brother is seriously ill.

Shot in 1999, the film earned an Oscar nom-

ination for lead actor, Richard Farnsworth.

People can view the trailer and read reviews of the movie at the Tarbert Film Club web site.

The film will be screened at 8pm in the Templars Hall, Tarbert.

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Sisters Martha, Ellen and Mary Moir, centre, with eight-year-old Anya Gritten. 06_a06mal103

Ceilidh raises £507 for MALI

FAMILIES put on their best dancing shoes and took to the dance floor for a family ceilidh in aid of the Mthunzi and Liland Initiative (MALI) at the weekend.

Music on the night was provided by Archie McAllister who had adults and youngsters

up on their feet to dance the night away in The Stag Hotel, Lochgilhead.

The Gay Gordons, Dashing White Sergeant and St Bernard's Waltz were all on the evening's set list.

The event raised £507.84 for the Argyll-based charity, which

helps to support the education of vulnerable young people in Zambia.

New school

The money will be put towards funds for building a new secondary school at the charity's Mthunzi Centre.

Marian Pallister, founder of

the charity, said: 'We are absolutely over the moon at how much we have raised. We must thank everyone who was involved in organising the event.'

'To raise so much money at the end of January is brilliant. We are overwhelmed by people's generosity.'



Alex Fincher, one, enjoyed the night with his parents Iseabal and Simon. 06_a06mal105



Ardrihaig's Patricia and Peter Ward. 06_a06mal104

Packed house for popular Archie McAllister Trio

INVERARAY and District Accordion Fiddle Club's new year got off to a great start with a packed house for guest artistes the Archie McAllister Trio.

The trio of Archie on fiddle, his brother Alex on accordion and Ian 'Stretch' MacFadyen, from the Isle of Mull, on drums performed two great sets.

Archie and Alex are no strangers to the club and have been guest artistes many times over the last 22 years.

Delighted

People travelled from as far as Ayrshire to watch the trio perform and the audience was left delighted when Archie performed an amazing solo.

Also performing on the

evening was Fyne Folk, which included a set by Lochgilhead's Mairi Voinot, making her first visit to the club.

The fiddle player was accompanied by Jake MacKay on 'moothie' and played a varied selection of songs, which were enjoyed by the crowd.

Niall Iain MacLean, chairman of the club,



The Archie McAllister Trio performed to a packed out crowd at Inveraray and District Accordion Fiddle Club.

thanked all the artistes for a superb night and the Archie McAllister Trio brought the evening to a close with a much

demanding encore.

Next week the club welcomes back the Ian Muir Trio from Prestwick.

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SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Last Vegas. Billy (Michael Douglas), Paddy (Robert De Niro), Archie (Morgan Freeman) and Sam (Kevin Kline) have been best friends since childhood. So when Billy, the group's sworn bachelor, finally proposes to his thirty-something (of course) girlfriend, the four head to Las Vegas with a plan to stop acting their age and relive their glory days. However, upon arriving, the four quickly realize that the decades have transformed Sin City and tested their friendship in ways they never imagined. The Rat Pack may have once played the Sands and Cirque du Soleil may now rule the Strip, but it's these four who are taking over Vegas.

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Market Reports

Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 239 live cattle at their weekly primestock sale in Stirling last Thursday, comprising 114 Bulls and Heifers, 12 Young Bulls, 10 OTM Clean and 103 Cast Cows and Bulls. Sixty-seven bullocks averaged 216.5p per kilo and sold to 245.5p per kilo (twice), both heavy Limousin from Brockwoodlees Farm, Canonbie or to £1,628 per head for 775kg Charolais, Cuptree Farm, Thornhill. Forty-seven heifers averaged 215p per kilo and sold to 243p per kilo (twice), heavy Limousin Learielaw Farm, Broxburn and Wester Thomaston Farm, Banknock or to £1,637 per head for 675kg Aberdeen Angus, Wester Thomaston. Twenty-eight butchers cattle sold in excess of 230p per kilo to average 245p per kilo and sold to 241.5p per kg, 630kg Limousin Bullock, Easter Mye Farm, Buchlyvie. Twelve young bulls sold to 230.5p per kilo, for a 740kg British Blue or £1,702 per head, Greenbank Farm, Carluke. Ten OTM clean cattle sold to 232.5p per kg for 525kg British Blue Heifer Todhall Farm, Cupar or to £1354 per head for 640kg Limousin Heifer Wester Thomaston. Also forward were 113 Cast Cows, Bulls and OTM Cattle. Limousin cow sold to £1,295 from M/s Kerr Bankhead Farm. Friesian cow sold to 106p per kilo or £835 from M/s Steel, Broughmore. Limousin Bull sold to 136p per kilo or £1,475 M/s Kerr, East Cairnbeig. Dairy cows average 90.2p per kg and beef cows average 115.1p per kg.

Leading Prices:
Cows: Lim- 148p, £1295 Bankhead, 195p £1255 Wester Borland; Sim- 141p £1255 East Cairnbeig, 130p £1015 Glenrigg; BB- £1155 East Cairnbeig, £975 Eorabus; Char- 137p £1125 Eorabus; Fri- 106p £835 Broughmore.
Cast Bulls: Lim- 136p £1475 East Cairnbeig; AA- £1175 East Manuel; Sim- £1135 West Broughmore.
Under 48: BB- 233p £1220 Todhall; Lim- 227p £1540 West Thomaston.

CALEDONIAN Marts had

on offer 1,754 prime hoggets and 850 cast ewes and tups at its Stirling sale on Tuesday, January 28. Prime Hoggets averaged 180.45p (-13.39p on the week) selling to 238p from DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill. SQQ Hoggets 1274 averaged 185.08 (-11.3p on the week). Heavy ewes averaged £64.44 and sold to a top of £97.50 for Texels from Mr J A Norval, Tullygarth Farm. Light ewes averaged £51.50 from R Downie, Newton of Crathie. Tups sold to a top of £96.50 for a texel from Mr R Downie, Newton of Crathie. Leading Prices p per kilo and £ per head: Belt - £101 & £100 Easter Ochtermuthill, 216p MeikleSeggie; Tex - £95.50 & £95 Letter, 209p Ballinloan; Cont - £95 Drumloch and Easter Buchlyvie, 216p Drumloch; Tex x - £95 & 209p Grange of Lindores; Chev - £94 & 194p Ballinloan; Belt x - £94 & 212p Lochend; Suff - £88 & 200p Newton; Mule - £82.50 Coulshill, 184p Glenalmond Farms Ltd; BF - £78.50 Dyke, 182p Newton Farm. Leading Prices: Ewes: Tex - £95.50 Letter; Suff - £90.50 Newton; Cont - £90.50 Easter Coates; Suff x - £86.50 Newton; BFL - £83.50 Finmount; Chev - £83.50 Ballinloan; Mule - £62.50 Wharlawhill; BF - £50.50 Hilltop, £48.50 Drumnessie. Tups: Tex - £88.50 Newton,

£86.50 Culdees, £83.50 Drumeldric; BF - £58.50 Bank.

United Auctions Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 1,100 store cattle and 658 store sheep at its Stirling sale on Wednesday, January 29. Bulls averaged 229.03p (+3.69p) to 287.90p per kg for a 198kg BBX from East Drumlembie and £1480 for a 678kg CHX from Deerpark Farms. Heifers averaged 215.26 (-2.91p) to 244.30p per kg for a 479kg LimX from Carslae and £1240 for a 680kg AAX from Victoria. B & W Bulls averaged 165.80p (+9.76p) to 205.00p per kg for a 502kg BFX from Knockrivoch and £1070 for a 502kg BFX from Knockrivoch. Young Bulls averaged 212.98p to 254.40p per kg for a 338kg SimX from Nether Pratis and £1060 for a 556kg SimX from Kerryfern. Forward Cattle averaged 167.75p to 204.40p per kg for a LimX from Carslae and £1550 for a SimX from Graystale. Cast Cows averaged 114.43p to 198.70p per kg for a LimX from Quixwood and £1390 for a LimX from Quixwood. Bulls: Up to 250kgs - Townhead £590, East Drumlembie 287.90p 251-300kgs; Upper samieston £840, 279.10p; 301-350kgs; Upper Samieston £900, Fleminghill 276.30p; 351-400kgs; Birkenhead £1010,

255.10p 401-450kgs South Kirklane £1160, Gilmour Farms 261.20p 451-500kgs Holehouse £1175, Feoch 250.00p; 501-550kgs Gasland £1300, 241.20p; 551-600kgs Holehouse £1340, Deerpark Farms 227.80p 601-650kgs Victoria £1310, 216.90p; 651-700kgs; Deerpark Farms £1480, 218.30p; 701kgs +; Victoria £1240, 168.90p. Heifers: Up to 250kgs; East Drumlembie £570, 232.70p 251-300kgs Upper Samieston £700, 235.70p; 301-350kgs Feoch £800, Hilltown of Ballindean 235.10p 351-400kgs Gasland £880, 228.60p 401-450kgs South Oldwhat £1000, Hartwood 237.10p 451-500kgs Carslae £1170, 244.30p 501-550kgs Deerpark farms £1180, 220.10p 551-600kgs; Inchgall £1180, 205.90p 601-650kgs; Byreholm £1180, 192.20p 651-700kgs; Victoria £1240, 182.40p. Young Bulls: 301-650kgs; Nether Pratis £860, 254.40p 351-400kgs; Crosshouse £835, 234.60p 401-450kgs; Cleeves £880, Angel row 212.90p 451-500kgs; Craigrigg Cottage £970, 208.20p 501-550kgs; Kerryfern £1020, 196.20p 551-

600kgs; Kerryfern £1060, 190.60p. OTM Cows: Traprian (AA) £1270, Quixwood 191.60p; Traprian (BSH) £1230, 147.50p; Carslae (BRB) £1190, 164.40p; Lethangie (CH) £1290, West Muirhouse 151.30p; Quixwood (Lim) £1390, 198.70p; Quixwood (Sim) £1155, 186.90p; Quixwood (SH) £1185, 191.70p; Quixwood (Stab) £1090, 139.00p. OTM Bulls: Glenkirlie (Lim) £1290 146.30p.

UNITED Auctions sold 5,015 prime sheep including 3,267 lambs and 1,748 ewes and rams at its Stirling sale last Thursday. Lambs: Easter Buchlyvie (SuffX) £92; Dalbrack (TexX) £94; Northfield (Char) £81; Doune Farms (BTex) £95; Gartincaber (Mule) £83; Wardhead (Chev) £87.50; Cadogan Est (BF) £79 Ewes: Penston (Suff) £71.50; 7 Glentyon Avenue (TexX) £85.50; Fornaught (Char) £72.50; Northfield (BTex) £88.50; Penston (Mule) £62.50; Gladhouse Cottage (Chev) £76.50; Upper Kidston (BF) £53.50; Nether Blairmaud (X) £86.50; Balthayock (Lleyen) £60.00; Nether Blairmaud (HB) £68.50; Lilyburn (BFL) £67.50. Rams: Lilyburn (Suff) £98; Longcarse (BFL) £85.50.

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Gavin Small, seven, on the hoola hoop.
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Cakes, coffee and games at Lochgilphead Joint Campus

Students hosted a fun day for youngsters

SCHOOL books were swapped for cakes, coffee and games at Lochgilphead Joint Campus courtesy of S3 students.

The S3 Skills Work Class organised a variety of activities last week for pupils at the school as part of their event management module.

Students hosted a fun day for youngsters from the Pre 5 Unit, P1 and

P2 classes, which included face painting, musical corners and beat the keeper.

Stir in the kitchen

Pupils and staff caused a stir in the kitchen for the Great Bake Off with the fruits of their labour served up at a coffee morning last Friday.

The £252 raised from the coffee morning will given to the Fair Trade Foundation.



Little Louise Pendreigh, left, was just one of the youngsters to get their face painted by classroom assistant Gillian Tierney. 06_a06fun03

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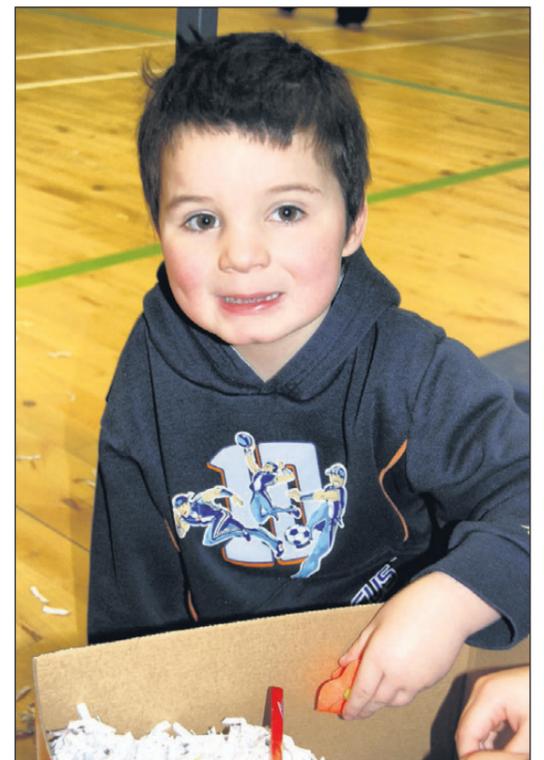
Pupils from Lochgilphead High School served up cakes and coffee to hungry students and staff at a coffee morning. 06_a06fun15



Martha Moir, Libby Nelson and Zoe Stewart had a shot at the basketball hoop. 06_a06fun02



Gracie MacDonald, left, and Louise Pendreigh, danced the morning away as they played musical corners. 06_a06fun10



Nathan Williamson, four, searched for prizes in the mystery box. 06_a06fun12

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Dutch interested in taking their holidays in Argyll

More needs to be done to boost business abroad

DUTCH holiday makers are showing an interest in travelling to Argyll but more needs to be done to win their business, according to caravan park owner.

Jonathan Sheldrick, who runs Port Ban Holiday Park, has said there was a great deal of interest in Argyll when he attended the Dutch Holiday Fair last month.

Attending the event, with the support of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), Jonathan spent a week promoting Argyll, its attractions and businesses to the Dutch tourism in-

dustry and public.

He said: 'The first Dutch booking as a result of the fair has been made and we are confident that more will follow.'

Interested

'Many folk wanted to do a tour of Scotland, especially if it was their first time to visit. Some people with campervans were of course interested in campsites and others were more interested B&Bs and hotel tours.'

But Jonathan said more needed to be done to promote Argyll and Scotland as a top destination.

'Sadly, despite the fact that all major tourist destinations were represented and the Irish tourist board being there in force with some English counties, VisitScotland declined to take part, choosing to rely on the internet and the home market,' Jonathan said.

'I will certainly be putting pressure on them [VisitScotland] to go next year.'

More than 115,000 people attended the week-long holiday fair, with one day dedicated to trade and those in the hospitality sector.



A piper attracted both young and old to the Argyll and the Isles stand.

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Raise a glass to new website

A NEW website with tips and recommendations on buying wine has been launched by Lochgilhead's independent wine retailer Fyne Wines.

The business, owned by Stuart Campbell, has launched fynewines.com where Stuart shares his personal recommendations and highlights the shop's deals of the week. Stuart, who opened the Lorne Street business in November, also hopes to

begin selling his wines, beers and spirits online in the next year.

Valuable skills

'I attended a Business Gateway workshop on building your own website which has allowed me to have an online presence,' Stuart said. 'I picked up valuable skills in website development and also in social media, which I hope will have a long-term positive effect on my business.'

He added: 'The shop

is going really well... I've been trying to offer something a bit different but affordable, such as drinks from regions like Romania and Hungary. I've found some delicious wines that aren't well known and hope to continue this.'

Stuart worked with the award-winning Royal Mile Whiskies for several years and helped to open the company's Drinkmonger wine shop in Pitlochry.

Tide has definitely turned for Argyll cruise ship company

A CRUISE company is experiencing a turn in the tide this year as it enjoys the best forward sales since it began 10 years ago.

The Majestic Line, a small cruise company based in Sandbank, near Dunoon, has seen its advanced bookings for 2014 rise by 30 per cent compared to the same time

last year. More than 75 per cent of the company's 2014 bookings have been taken three months before the start of the tourism season, with 30 per cent of those bookings repeat guests.

Bookings for 2015 are also up, with two new 13-night cruises sold out.

Cushla Thoms, the Majestic

Line's general manager, said: 'Like the majority of the high-end Scottish tourism sector, we have struggled over the past three years of economic restraint to maintain our profitability, but during the past six months we have experienced a definite change for the better.'

'People are gaining in con-

fidence and spending their money on a quality experience; for us the tide has definitely turned.'

Potential investors

The family-owned company is also seeing interest from potential investors.

The Majestic Line was in the process of introducing three vessels to its two-boat

fleet just as the recession began to bite in 2009 and funding sources vanished. But the company says there is now increasing interest from private investors who see a profitable and buoyant market.

The Majestic Line's cruises sail out of Oban from April to October to the Argyll islands and Hebrides.

Three Argyll businesses win European funding

THREE businesses have been successful in winning European funding earmarked to help Argyll businesses grow and expand.

The Business Gateway Plus programme, launched at the end of last year, can provide 50 per cent of the costs of expansion, up to £3,000.

The money can be used for capital equipment, marketing costs or other costs directly supporting business growth.

To be eligible for the grant, businesses must have a turnover above £70,000 and be projecting turnover growth within the next three years.

There are enough funds remaining to support a further 20 businesses' growth plans. For more information call Business Gateway on 01546 605459.

Argyll has best hotel in Scotland

ARGYLL is home to the best hotel in Scotland, according to travel website TripAdvisor.

Ardgartan Hotel, situated in Argyll Forest Park, has been named Scotland's top hotel as part of TripAdvisor's Travellers Choice Awards 2014.

The family-run hotel, owned by Lochs & Glens Holidays, came out on top of a poll for customer satisfaction in Scotland.

Based solely on the reviews and comments from travellers, the poll also ranked Ardgartan Hotel 16th in the UK.

Open especially to Lochs & Glens holidaymakers, the hotel's views of the Arrochar Alps and woodland made it particularly popular with tourists.

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Bright future for forest

KILFINAN Community Forest Company (KCFC) has secured a £50,000 loan as it attempts to clear Kilfinan Forest of rhododendron and open up new areas of woodland for community use.

The programme of rhododendron ponticum removal will enable more land to be unlocked for public access, uncover potential heritage sites, such as a curling rink and the Kilfinan Way, and allow for more efficient timber harvesting.

It is hoped these activities will generate vital income for KCFC and create and sustain local jobs.

The cash injection from Social Investment Scotland comes in the form of a bridging loan, allowing KCFC to start work on site immediately, while waiting for funding from Scotland Rural Development Programme.

William McAllan, director at KCFC, said: 'We aim to be financially self-sustainable within the next year or so and it is forest enterpris-

es such as our sawmill, wood fuel sales and hydro energy scheme which will enable us to do that. In turn, this financial sustainability will mean we can create jobs and support long term local employment without the need to rely on government grants. The rhododendron project is an important step in achieving that goal.'

KCFC has developed a range of projects including a timber processing yard and a wood fuel business in Tighnabruach, which have helped to create new jobs, volunteering and training opportunities for the local community.

ARDFERN

Curtain up on village panto

CRAIGNISH residents and school children will take to the stage for the annual Ardfern village panto, which will tell the incredible story of Peter Pan.

Sure to be filled with fun and laughter, the show will run for two nights on February 21 and 22 at Craignish Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm.



Ed Laughton, from Ardrishaig Community Council, laid a wreath at the village war memorial in November, which is set to undergo a £6,000 makeover. 06_a46rem09

New railings planned for war memorial

ARDRISHAIG

NEW HAND railings are part of a £6,000 plan to improve Ardrishaig War Memorial as part of the 100th anniversary of World War One.

Ardrishaig War Memorial Group unveiled its plan to residents at Ardrishaig Community Council meeting on

Tuesday. The design, which was drawn up by local architect Joe Kerr, will include a new footpath, removing trees, restoring the names of soldiers and cleaning the monument.

The group hopes to have as much of the work carried out by Remembrance Day this year, but hopes to have the project completed by 2018. To finance the project the group, which is a sub-committee of Ardrishaig Community Council, has applied

to the Ardrishaig Action fund. Janet Laughton, from the memorial group, said: 'What we want to do is restore the memorial to its former glory. It will be done in stages and we really hope to improve access so people can reach it more easily.'

INVERARAY

WHISKY lovers can taste a sample of their favourite tippie and help raise cash for the Inveraray and District Branch of the Royal British Legion next month.

Jim Irvine, from leading malt specialists Gordon and MacPhail, will deliver the whisky tasting on Saturday, March 1, at the George Hotel, Inveraray. Mr Irvine will be showcasing the Benromach range, alongside a few more unusual drinks. The event will begin at 7.30pm.

WEST LOCH FYNE

FAMILIES living in Minard, Furnace and Inveraray are being sought to host Oxford University students undertaking work experience at Auchindrain Museum this summer.

Two students from the university will be taking part in the Oxford International Internship Programme, which sends students all over the world to gain career and life experience.

Auchindrain Museum won a bid to host the students and is now seeking support for them when they arrive

in June. Bob Clarke from the museum said: 'We need to find host families that can provide accommodation for students, ideally within the Furnace or Inveraray area. We are talking about 19-to-20-year-olds who are coming to a strange place, to a culture that is probably unfamiliar to them... they need support and friendship. Ideally we are looking for a family, couple, or individual with a spare room. They cannot pay rent but will contribute to a kitty and buy their own food.'

Describing the students as 'great kids to have around', Bob added: 'These are people from outside the area who could in the long-term be a great advert for Scotland and Argyll.'

Pipe band coffee morning

MEMBERS of Mid Argyll Pipe Band will host a coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday).

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Whatever type of buyer you are, first take stock of what kind of vehicle you'll be needing this year.

Take a note of your requirements. Is the car just for you or a family? Is the car for fun or practical use - or do you need something that doubles up as a work vehicle?

Even consider range, power and cost of driving. Would an electric vehicle suit you if you're a short haul commuter? Perhaps you need to tow and need the extra oomph in torque and horsepower. Long range economy is worth looking at as well.

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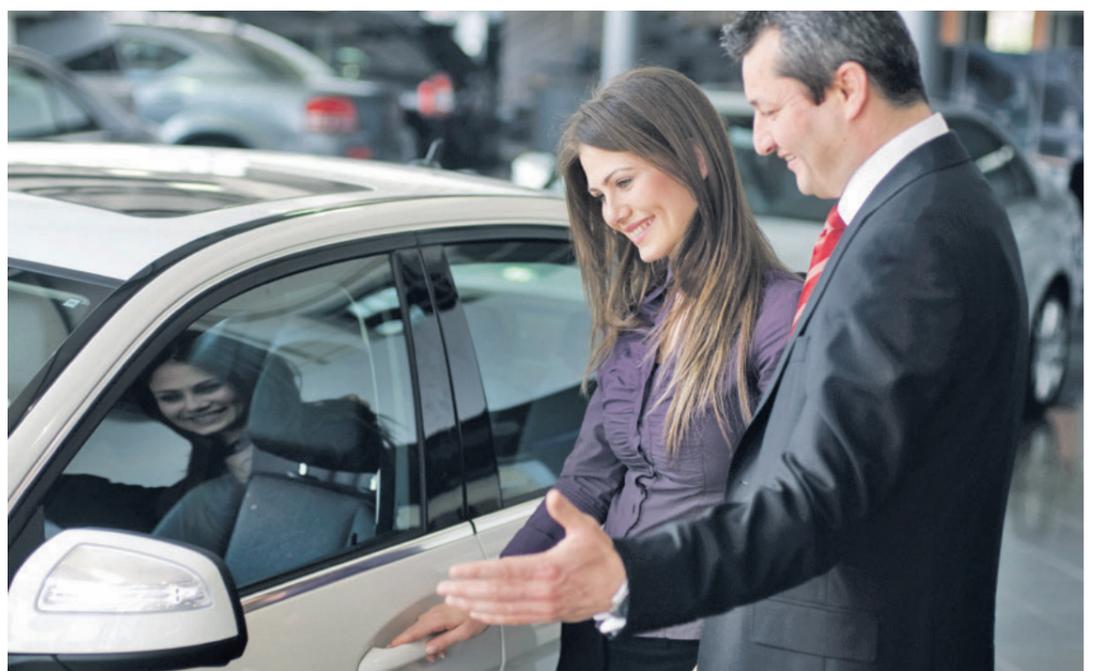
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The new 14 plate comes into effect at the end of the month and now is the perfect time to start looking at what your options are.

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That should help whittle down the list of manufacturers and models you would consider to just a few.

For new registrations, you'll most likely be presented with a range of facelifts and new models.

Both have their merits, so don't automatically be put off by one or the other.

Facelifts are always a popular choice, most usually applied to the most successful models in recent years and designers are doing more than ever to ensure their cars have a freshness and

character all of their own to make upgrading not just an option, but extremely tempting.

While some might just give the trim a revamp, others may have decided to completely redesign the bodywork and the interior equipment. It's worth having a look at what's changed, even if you think you're familiar with the model.

Better still, you'll know more or less what to expect from the car. It will be tried and tested

and any quirks or problems that can sometimes be found in new ranges will most likely have been eliminated.

You will miss out on all the latest technology and innovations though - that is where the new models will get your blood shifting.

As with most industries which rely on technol-

ogy, developments in motoring have been rapid in recent years, with more and more driver aids and comforts being available than ever before.

These innovations are set to continue and look out this year for models with the latest gadgets, including cars that reverse-park themselves, advanced heads up displays, 4G connectivity for on-board computers and built in WiFi for mobile devices.

More constructively, many will offer vital weight reductions on old models, meaning more range and efficiency - something that is becoming ever more important in this era of the ever-rising price at the pump.

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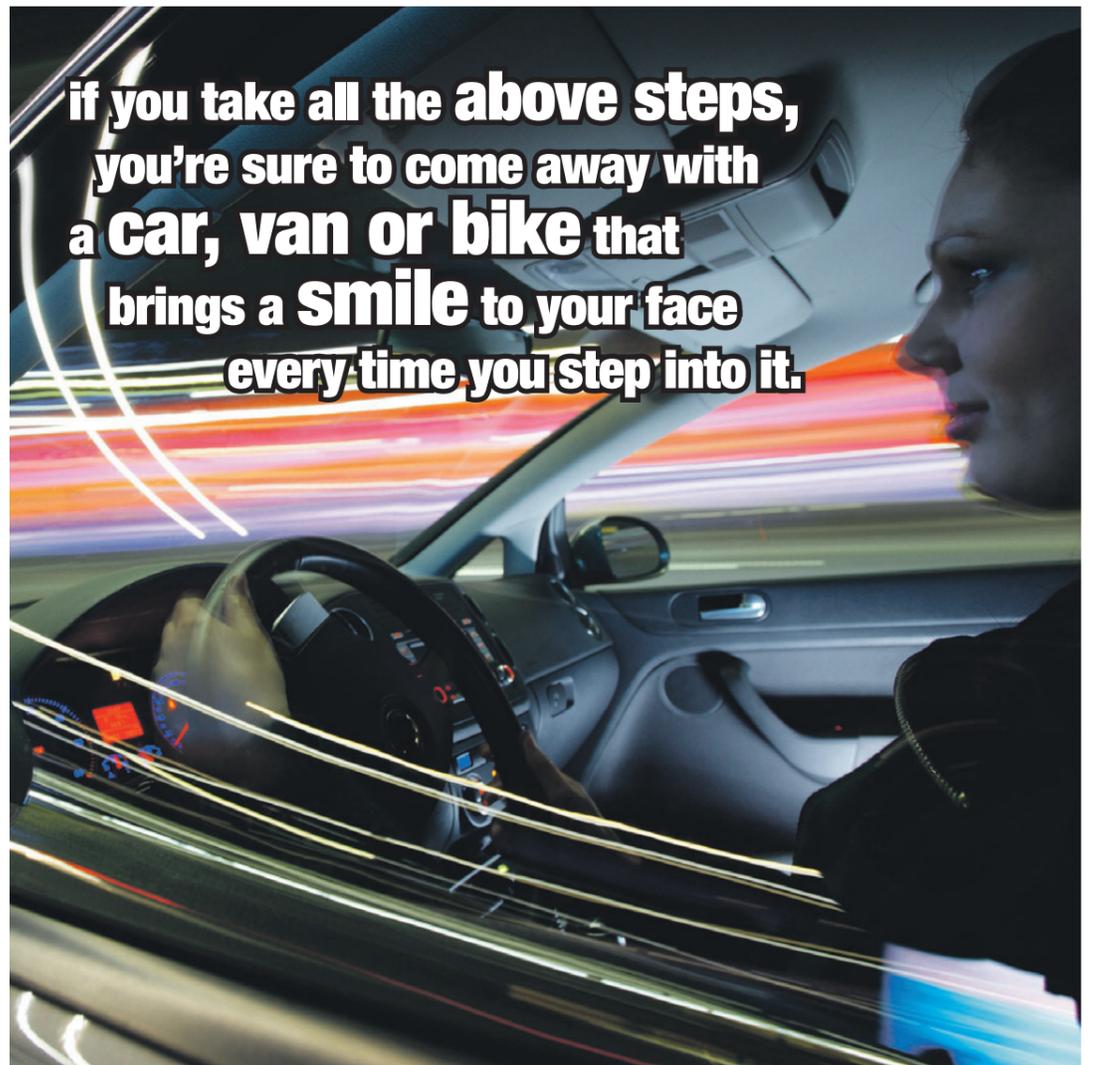
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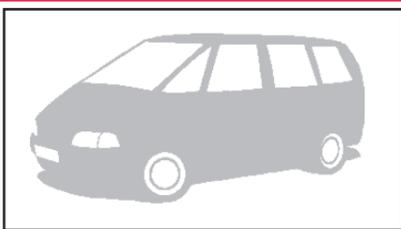


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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00033/PPP	Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse	Land North of Tayvallich Primary School Tayvallich Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00149/PP	Formation of slipway and associated works	Land Adjacent to Car Park Shore Road Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Holt Leisure Parks have submitted a Masterplan (Planning Reference 14/00222/MPLAN) to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Housing Allocations H-AL 12/9, 12/10, 12/11, and 12/12 as designated by the adopted Argyll and Bute Local Plan (2009), (and also identified as Potential Areas PDA 3006 and 3012 in the proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (Feb 2013)) - Masterplan proposals for mixed use tourism/housing/business development in association with planning application 12/02819/PPP (for the development of the erection of three dwellinghouses and retrospective site levels).

A copy of the Masterplan, together with the associated documents and the related planning permission may be inspected Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, at the Sub Post Office Ardfern during normal opening times and by logging on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX before the 28th February 2014. Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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People can share their experiences and evidence via www.housingandwellbeing.org. The site asks housing bodies, residents' organisations, housing associations and local authorities to provide details of local housing projects that go beyond bricks and mortar and contribute to the broader wellbeing of an area.

The evidence received will feed into the commission's work to consider and make recommendations on national housing priorities and policies to foster and sustain wellbeing for the public. This work comes at a time when many commentators believe there is a serious lack of affordable housing and too much poor quality housing which could adversely affect the life chances of many people across Scotland.

Robert Black, chair of the Housing and Wellbeing Commission, said: 'We are inviting communities and local organisations across Scotland to share their experience on how housing initiatives can be used to help improve wellbeing.'

'The evidence they share on their experiences will enable us to identify examples of good practice and key issues which we will need to consider in drawing conclusions and recommendations on how best to improve wellbeing through better housing.'



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If you no longer enjoy the day-to-day activities in your job, it might be that you've been in this type of role too long and you need a new challenge. Moving to a different department within your organisation, or to a different employer might solve the problem.

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If you decide you do want to re-train, you'll have to decide how to go about it. If you've got financial commitments you may prefer to stay in your current job and do a part-time or flexible course.

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If you're looking for a better fit with your family life, a change of job isn't always necessary.

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Lacey is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her little brother Rico born 12th January 2014. First grandson for Jim and Ailsa. Big Thank You to Karen McAlpine and Donna for all your care on the day x



THANK YOU

I was overwhelmed by the emotional support and financial backing I received during my 28 day challenge. With money still coming in, in excess of £1,500 is likely to be raised for Cancer Research.

Thank you all so much.
Ronnie

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I LOVE the image of God as the great seamstress knitting us together in our mother's womb.

It is wonderful to think of God crafting us and weaving us into his creation.

We are familiar with knitting here, for knitting and weaving have been a tradition in these parts for centuries, and each island had a particular identification that made it special.

Harris Tweed, Arran sweaters, and much local knitwear tell the story of centuries of learned skills passed from generation to generation.

Today there is an extension of this story in what is known as the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The shawl is made with thoughtfulness and care. The making of the shawl begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl and upon completion a final blessing is offered before it is sent on its way.

How lovely in this day and age of mass produced products to have something specially made just for us.

Blessings are prayed into every stitch.

Many go to folk who are ill, some to people who are bereaved; some little squares go to soldiers on the front line to wear inside their helmets.

Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive God:

'They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

'Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles...'

Across the world people are knitting with love, making a pattern of hope and weaving a dream for the future.

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Piper Jamie Baxter led the top table into start the evening's celebrations. 06_a06burns01

Celebrating the life of Robbie Burns

A CELEBRATION of the life of Robbie Burns was a jubilant affair for Lochgilphead residents who gathered to mark the occasion in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

Residents turned out in force to mark the occasion, which include a traditional supper of haggis, neeps and tatties.

Piper Jamie Baxter led the top table to their seats and piped in the haggis, which was addressed by Ardrishaig's James Quarton, who was a hit with the audience.

The town's 19th Burns Supper was the first in the newly refurbished church hall and included music from Jim Morrison, John Holt and Morag Cupples.



Margie Kailleen, left, Ishbel MacArthur and Mary MacDonald celebrated Robbie Burns night at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall. 06_a06burns08

Search is on for Della

A FAMILY has made a heartfelt plea for help to trace their much-loved dog.

The three-year-old English pointer bitch with distinctive white and black markings ran off into the forest eight miles north of Carradale in November.

Despite searching many miles of forest since then, putting up posters and running Facebook appeals, the dog has still not been traced.

Rose Richmond, 17, of Sperasaig House, Cour Estate, north of Carradale, said: 'The sheer land mass in Kintyre makes it impossible to search everywhere.'

'Della was just three

years old and very fit and healthy when she disappeared.

'We are now convinced that someone has picked her up, perhaps if she appeared on a road in Kintyre.

'We would like to let everyone know she is not an abandoned animal but a very much loved family pet who is missed greatly.

'We are hoping someone will get in touch with us about Della.

'It's been really hard on us all wondering what has become of her. 'She was in the garden and took off after a deer.

'She had done that before and eventual-

ly found her way home many hours later.

'We heard just before New Year's Day that a dog fitting her description had been seen alone

on Lochgilphead Golf Course on Christmas Day and we searched there as well.'

Rose can be contacted on 07771880057.



Della, with her distinctive black and white markings, has been missing since November.

Council launches new mobile phone app

PEOPLE will find it easier to communicate with Argyll and Bute Council as the local authority launches a new mobile phone app.

The new app offers quick access to the council, allowing residents to report problems.

It will let people upload photographs and the app has a map facility to help pinpoint the precise location of a reported problem.

The app, which will provide information about service disruptions to schools, roads or waste collections, is available free to download from Google Play Store and iTunes.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS

CONNELLY - Darren and Mairi (née Cameron) are delighted to announce the birth of Lewis, on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at The Princess Royal Hospital, Glasgow.

EMILSSON - SMITH - Cameron and Lovisa are delighted to announce the birth of Kolby John, born January 5, 2014. First grandchild for Margaret (Wilkie) Emilsson and first great grandchild for Barbara Wilkie.

MCSPORRAN - MCEWAN - Daniel and Chloe are delighted to announce the birth of Denver Jay Callum, on January 15, 2014 at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. A lovely wee grandson for Ian and Tracy.

ENGAGEMENTS



BAIN - MACDOUGALL Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, at New Year, of Christopher, son of Jim and Lorna, Pulpit Rock, Oban, and Helen, second daughter of John and Jessie, Isleview, Muasdale.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

STEWART - MITCHELL - Having managed to squabble through another ten years together, Agnes and Allister recently reached their golden wedding. Murder is now no longer on the cards, since they have decided that "Ye're as weel wi' the de'il ye ken".

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Suddenly at home, 231 Fabian Road, Eston, Middlesbrough, on January 28, 2014, Helen Dawson MacMillan, in her 59th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie MacMillan Campbell, much loved mother of Stephanie and Donna, loving nannie of Andrew and Rebecca, dearly loved daughter of Margaret and the late Donnie MacMillan, a loving sister of Irene and Gordon, sister-in-law to Willie and aunt to Sheila and Fiona. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Friday, February 7 at 11.00am. The interment service will take place in Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown on Friday, February 7 at 1.00pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

JOHN - Brian Joseph, passed away after a short illness, peacefully at home, on February 2, 2014, much loved husband of Mary and father of Lorna, Brian and Andrew. Formerly of Lanark and Edinburgh. Funeral service to be held at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, at 10.00am on Friday, February 7, 2014 and thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support.

MCCANNELL - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on February 4, 2014, Archibald McCannell, in his 80th year, Dalsersf, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Elizabeth, Munro and Hazel and a loving father-in-law and grandfather. Service in the home, at the above address, on Saturday, February 8 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

TART - Peacefully at home, The Croft, Isle of Gigha, on January 31, 2014, Michael Richard Tart (Mick), in his 79th year, dearly beloved husband of Audrey, much loved father of Patrick and Julie, loving and much loved grandfather of Emma and Mark and a dearly loved great grandfather.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ARMOUR - Sheena, Elizabeth, Archie and all the family wish to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and support shown to them in their recent loss of Archie, a cherished husband, dad and papa. Our thanks also to Rev Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional service and to the Ardsheel Hotel for the funeral tea. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who paid respects at the church and for the very generous donation of £1835.87, which will be passed to the renal units at the Vale of Leven Hospital and Western Infirmary, in appreciation of the support provided in Archie's care for the past few years.

BLACK - Catherine would like to thank friends for their support at the loss of her mother and for the many cards, phone calls, baking, flowers and visits. Thanks for the care shown by Dr Villalba, Dr Bhimani and the nursing staff and ambulance teams. Thanks also to Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficiency at this sad time, and the Ardsheel Hotel.

CAMPBELL - Wendy and family would like to thank all relatives, neighbours, former colleagues and many friends for their much appreciated cards, letters, flowers and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Colin Thomas. Special thanks also to the doctors and staff (especially doctors Johnston and McLaughlin) at Stonehaven Medical Group, staff at Kincardine Community Hospital, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and Havencourt Care Home for their dedicated care to Colin and support to the family over the past days, months and years. Thanks to James McDonald Funeral Directors, especially Kathy and Lee, Murray and staff at the Station Hotel and most especially to Matthew Ramsay for his support and very personal, humorous and comforting service. The very generous sum of £570 collected after the service will be donated to Diabetes UK and The Fishermen's Mission.

LEESMOFFAT - Margaret, Poppy and Daniel Moller would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful kind people for cards, flowers and baking when John died. Thanks to Dr Anderson, Dr Villalba and all hospital staff, district nurses and Kintyre Care Home, Crossroads and Carr Gomm staff for all the love and support to us all. Thanks be to God for giving me the strength to care for John, I am so grateful for that always.

MACKAY - The relatives of the late Ian MacKay would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the district nurses, Enable staff and Melissa for all their care and kindness; to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Glenaray Ward raised £120.

MACLULLICH - Archie's niece and nephews would like to thank close family and friends for kind expressions of sympathy and support throughout our uncle's illness and sad loss. Special thanks to Tanya, his carer in Eader Glinn, and to Mary Gardiner and all the staff at the care home for their fantastic care and devotion to Archie and for all the support they have given us as a family. Thanks to the Rev Walter Ritchie for his comforting service both at the crematorium and later at Craignish Church. Thanks also to D MacDonald, Funeral Directors for their professional and efficient services and to the Galley of Lorne for the purvey. A final thanks to all who paid their last respects at the memorial service and who kindly donated £230 to Eader Glinn Comfort Fund.

MCMILLAN - Hamish, Richard, Susan and families would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy since their sad loss of Isobel. Thanks to the Rev P Burroughs for his support and comforting services, at both church and crematorium, to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for their care and professionalism, to the Ardsheel Hotel for excellent purvey and to Catherine Black for her beautiful organ playing. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, Maggie and all the nursing staff for their continued care, kindness and support and to all who paid their respects at the church and Clydebank Crematorium. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses and District Nurses, Kintyre Locality raised £1,138.41.

SINCLAIR - Sheila and all the family would like to thank everyone, neighbours, friends and relatives for kindness, which was in abundance. Thank to doctors, nurses and carers for all their kind attention. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service and to Ardrishaig Parish Church. Our thanks also to Roddy and staff for a first class professional service; to the local police for showing such respect to Nicol and to the Stag

Hotel for excellent purvey. The retiring collection has raised £1,400 for Marie Curie and District Nurses.

THORNTON - Vivien, Duncan, John and their families would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits following the sad loss of Mike. Our grateful thanks to Dr Phillips, all GPs and health centre staff, district nurses, Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses, the staff of Glenaray Ward, occupational and physiotherapists and all staff at the Beatson, Glasgow for their constant support and care, so very much appreciated. Our thanks also to Father Simon Mackenzie for his caring service, Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their support and care and Kilmartin Hotel for looking after us so well after Mike's service. The retiral collection for Marie Curie and MacMillan nurses raised £600.

IN MEMORIAMS

CARD - In loving memory of a dear mum, Annie, died February 6, 2008. Thinking of you every day. - Lilyanne, Neil, Alastair, Isla and Kyle.

HOULDSWORTH - Elma. In loving memory of a dear wife and mum, died February 9, 2013. Loved and remembered every day. - Jimmy, Dianne and Sandra.

MCKILLOP - In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie, who passed away on February 9, 2011. In life I loved you dearly In death I love you still In my heart you had a place No one could ever fill. - Husband, Davie.

MILLS - Treasured memories of our beautiful mum, Margaret, who sadly passed away on February 8, 2008. Loved and missed every day, but now you're high, running wild among all the stars above. - Love, Corrinna and Lynda xxx.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my dear brother, Donald, died February 6, 2006. Thinking of you today, Donald, I will always love you. - Sister, Nan.

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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
9th February 2014 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am

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Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

Monthly Gaelic Service
Lochgair Church at 3 pm

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11:00 am with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group 10:00 - 11:45 am Every Thursday
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 9th February 11.00am Sunday School 12.45pm Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Thursday 13th February 12 noon Prayer & Bible Study
Friday 14th February 6.30pm Christianity Explored Course
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2014 11.00 am Worship Service
SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2014 10.00 am Guild Coffee Morning
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 9 February 2014 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham Mclean "The Fountain of Life"
Thursday 13 February 2014 7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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Sunday 9th February
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10.45am Holy Communion
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 9th February 2014 11.15am Family Communion with Commissioning of Ross and Miriam Ferguson
Preacher - Mr Ross Ferguson MA
Coffee from 10.45am
Wednesday 12th February 2014 10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group 7.30pm Bible Study
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Eden Gardening Club (Please bring lunch)
Sunday Services 10.30am Morning Worship Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 9th February 11.15am Rev. A. McIvor
Sunday School in Church
Tuesday 11th February Badminton
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 9th February Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Burroughs
Tuesday 11th February Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 13th February Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 14th February Lunch Club 12.00 noon

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 9th February 2014 11.00am Morning Service
Messy Church 12th February 2014 From 5pm
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
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TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 9th February 2014
Tarbert Service 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson
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Tuesday 11th February 7.30pm in Tarbert Free Church
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 9th February Morning Worship
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Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service
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Just one goal again separated two closely matched sides when Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 11s welcomed Lochgilphead Red Star 2002s to the town's 3G Pitch on Kinloch Green on Sunday. The home side secured a 6-5 victory to counter their 4-3 loss in the teams' first match. Goal of the day was an impressive offering from Campbeltown's Matthew Lamont.

Josh makes the feathers fly at schools badminton

A FOURTH year pupil at Lochgilphead High School put in an impressive performance on the badminton court to win the under 16 Argyll Schools Badminton Championships.

Josh Coates lifted both the under 16 singles and doubles titles at the championships, held at Lochgilphead Joint Campus last week.

The 15-year-old overcame one of Campbeltown Grammar's dom-

inant players, Declan Wilson, in the singles contest and joined Aaron Whitefield to defeat Dunoon's Neil Lamont and Stuart Adams in the doubles.

Fellow pupils Ashley Gorrie and Elizabeth MacEachern, also competing in the under 16 competition, were runners up in the final, losing out to Elizabeth Stirling and Isla McGarry from Dunoon Grammar. The under 16 category

was the only age group where the Lochgilphead students impressed in a competition that was dominated by Campbeltown Grammar and Dunoon Grammar.

Just one week after the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands (MAKI) badminton competition, the schools championship saw Campbeltown Grammar maintain its winning streak.

In the under 14 category the Kintyre school

secured the winner and runner-up positions in the girls, boys, doubles and mixed doubles competitions. A further four runner-up spots and a win in the under 19 mixed doubles meant Campbeltown Grammar was the most successful school at the championships.

Josh and Aaron, along with all the Argyll winners, have qualified to take part in the national schools championships

Campbeltown hosts badminton championships

MORE than 30 competitors from primary schools across Argyll and Bute took part in the area badminton championships held last Satur-

day in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Pupils travelled from Arrochar, Dunoon, Oban and Rothesay to participate against local play-

ers. The games were keenly contested and at the end of a successful day the following awards were presented by Neil John MacPhail, who is actively involved in badminton in Campbeltown.

Girls' singles winner - Niamh Evans (Dunoon), runner-up Jane Scott (Campbeltown).

Boys' singles winner - Elliot Gemmill (Campbeltown), runner-up Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr).

Girls' doubles winners - Iona Campbell and

Jessica Lang (Campbeltown), runners-up Niamh Evans (Dunoon) and Jennifer McMurchy (Campbeltown)

Boys' doubles winners - Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr) and Elliot Gemmill (Campbeltown), runners-up Adam Guy (Rothesay) and Gavin Thorpe (Oban).

Mixed doubles winners - Mary Thomson and Archie McKellar (Campbeltown), runners-up Ayla Kormucu (Dunoon) and Adam Guy (Rothesay).



Ally McDonnell's team won their first shoot of the season. From left: Malcolm Holder, Buddy Peterson, Alasdair McDonnell and Akram Khan.

Big shots at Tarbert Gun Club

THE PENULTIMATE shoot of the Tarbert Gun Club winter league got under way on Sunday, with bad weather again hampering scores.

There was a strong turn out for the shoot, with club members hoping to gain a few extra points as the league draws to a close.

The shoot was the first win of the season for Ally McDonnell's team but they are still far short of the top two performing squads.

Andrew MacDonald and his boys remain in the lead in the team shoot, closely followed by Bob McColl's team, who narrowed the gap to a couple of targets at the weekend.

Campbeltown shooter Stewart MacAllister was top shooter in the

Down the Line shoot while Ally topped the leader board in the sporting shoot and was named High Gun for the day.

Results: Class A: 1 Ally McDonnell, 2 Bob McColl and Andrew MacDonald; Class B: 1 Archie MacGilp Jnr 2 Stewart MacAllister, 3 Ronald Jenkins; Class C: 1 Hugh McLean, 2 Andy Wilson, 3 Craig Samborek; Class D: 1 Malcolm Holder, 2 Roy Laird, 3 Ian Winnard; Class E: 1 James McLean, 2 Mal Weaver, 3 Robert Campbell and Scott Robertson; Teams: 1 Ally McDonnell, Akram Khan, Malcolm Holder and Buddy Peterson, 2 Bob McColl, Ronald Jenkins, Craig Samborek and Mal Weaver.

Bad weather no handicap for MacAulay in Lochgilphead winter league

LAST weekend's poor weather did not hamper Alec MacAulay's performance on the fairways, as he emerged the winner in the latest round of the Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league.

It was an impressive performance from Alec, who achieved a score that would have beaten more than half the field without using his handicap at all.

Results: 10. A MacAulay, 9. R Sinclair, 8. D Moore, 7. A Law, 6. D Carmichael, 5. D Sinclair, 4. C Rowan, 3. R Flanagan, 2. K Cowan.

Youngsters compete at the Emirates Arena

EIGHT youngsters from Mid Argyll Athletics Club had the chance to 'try out' the Emirates Arena ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

The young athletes were at the Glasgow arena on Saturday to compete in the Scottish Superteams competition for under 12s, which saw 101 boys' and girls' teams compete in running, throwing and jumping sports.

The boys' team - Jake Gillespie, Gregor Brown, Jock Spencer and Ben Maddox - performed really well on the day to gain a middle

of the table 24th place.

Jake had a great day, running 9.60 seconds in the 60metres, jumping 3.07metres in the long jump, followed by an impressive 5.51metre throw in the shot putt.

He followed this with a fast last leg in the relay to make up several places.

Jock also excelled in the long jump with 3.17metres.

The girls' team was Megan Danson, Karis Kidd, Jilly Lefebure and Amy Anderson and they finished in 38th place.

Megan excelled in the shot putt, with a

4.51metre, throw and ran a great last leg in the 4 x 200metres relay.

Bill MacCallum of Mid Argyll Sports Club said: 'This was a team event and well done to all four girls and four boys.'

'Hopefully this will just be the start of many national competitions that our club members will take part in.'

Fourteen older athletes - in the under 14, 16 and 18 age categories - will have the opportunity to compete in the Emirates Arena on February 15 and 16 in a national competition.



Members of the Mid Argyll Athletics Club under 12 'superteam'.

Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with numbers 8, 14 and 16 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £500.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 5, 15 and 17. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

Numbers 7, 9 and 13 were drawn in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

SAFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup 5th round - EK Whitehill v Campbeltown Pupils; 6th round - Oban Saints v Thorn Athletic; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v East Kilbride; Easthall Star v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division 1A - Millerston Thistle v Tarbert.

Athletic club holds extra training night

AN ADDITIONAL training night for senior members of Mid Argyll Athletics Club has begun on Thursday evenings.

The club, which reformed last year after a short break, has seen its membership rocket recently and has arranged more training to meet demand.

The Thursday sessions, which began last night, will run weekly at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and are for members of high school age, but may include some talented P7 pupils.

The extra training night will also be an opportunity for new volunteers to progress their education as coaches.

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Membership temporarily suspended

ROCKETING membership of Mid Argyll Athletics Club has forced the group to suspend membership of its primary coaching sessions.

The club has 'reluctantly' taken the decision to close to new members as it aims to effectively coach the existing large numbers that turn out for training on Monday evenings.

But Bill MacCallum from the club said it was a short-term measure and that coaches are already seeking a solution.

He said: 'The closure to new starts is only temporary and may just be for a few weeks.'

Lochfyneside on their travels

LOCHFYNESIDE will be in league action tomorrow (Saturday) when they travel to play Minorities Youth Foundation.

The West of Scotland Amateur Football first division side hope to make the trip to Glasgow with a full squad following a lack of players in recent weeks.

The side has seven games left to play this season and manager Jim Divers said the team plans to complete the season, before deciding whether or not to fold the club.

'We had a good turn out at training this week and a number of new boys turned up, so hopefully they will commit and see out the season,' he said. 'We will then hold a meeting to see the situation with the club.'

Shinty training

SHINTY training for Mid Argyll youngsters will recommence on February 20.

The coaching sessions for children in P1 to P7 run every Thursday evening between 6pm and 7pm on the 2G pitch at Lochgilhead Joint Campus.



Jamie has been putting athletes through their paces in his new role as West of Scotland athletic coach for Snow Sport Scotland.

Mid Argyll man training future Olympic hopefuls

AN ARDRISHAIG man has been charged with training some of Scotland's future Olympic hopefuls in his new job.

Jamie Scott, a former Lochgilhead High School pupil, has recently been appointed West of Scotland athletic coach for Snow Sport Scotland.

Improving

Working with members of the Scottish ski team and national youth skiers, Jamie is tasked with

improving the overall fitness of the skiers.

The job comes after the 29-year-old opened his own business, vitaminJfitness, in West Dunbartonshire, where he works with the athletes such as Kyle Wise, the current British Snowboard Champion.

Jamie, who studied health and fitness at North Glasgow College, said: 'I got the job after an old lecturer put me in contact with the head

of Snow Sport Scotland and I had an interview with them.

Absolute best

'Working with athletes is fantastic as they really want to learn as much as possible. They want to be the absolute best and always want to learn more.'

'I work with Kyle, who has become a full time snowboarder, one on one and developed a plan that suits him.'

Despite not having tak-

en up snow sports himself, Jamie said it does not stop him from helping athletes reach their full potential.

'I tried skiing once and it was an absolute disaster, but with my job it doesn't matter. What I am doing is training athletes, improving their fitness - it doesn't matter so much about the sport,' he said.

Public

When he is not working with top athletes

Jamie works with members of the public.

'What I really want to do is educate people and teach them that being healthy is not hard,' he

said. 'It does require regular activity and healthy eating, but it is not all or nothing. You can relax and have a glass of wine or that burger.'

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