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Pair bring splash of colour to MS Centre sale

Little Sophie MacIvor found the perfect hair piece at the table top sale in Lochgilphead on Sunday, earning the same red locks as mum Helen Rhodick. The pair were amongst a wealth of people to sell handmade goods, bric-a-brac and books at the town's MS Centre. Helping to raise cash for the centre, stall holders paid a fee for their retail space.

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Mid Argyll heroin numbers confirmed

Lochgilphead nurse starts prescribing methadone

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are taking heroin, NHS Highland has confirmed in the same week it reveals a Lochgilphead nurse has been trained to prescribe methadone.

The health authority says 10 Mid Argyll residents have, in the last three years, been referred to the addictions service because of a dependency on an injecting drug, with the majority being heroin users.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said it had no current plans to launch a methadone clinic in Mid Argyll, but added:

EXCLUSIVE: By EDEL KENEALY
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'There are no current plans to commence this service in Lochgilphead. However if the need arose to prescribe to an already established client the nurse prescriber would be in a position to do so.'

The nurse prescriber has been working as an addictions nurse at Argyll and Bute Hospital for two years and recently completed a course, which allows her to prescribe methadone. The spokesman added:

'The nurse prescriber works across Mid Argyll, Kintyre, and Oban, so is based at the most central point. When appointed the nurse was not a prescriber, so the location of the post was not based on the need to prescribe.'

'The nurse will provide the full range of addictions specialist nurse interventions including psycho-social support.'

Peter Garrett, manager
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New deputy manager for MAC Pool

MAC Pool has appointed a new deputy manager to help run the social enterprise. Matt Walsh, from Australia, will share the deputy role with Kirsty Young who has been in post for several months. Matt has special responsibility for technical and maintenance matters at the pool and will be integral to the pool's refurbishment plans this year.

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Artists Lesley Burr and Margaret Ker are surrounded by a host of props which will be used to inspire people at workshops. 06_a07art01

Chance to Get creative at Green Art Project workshops

PEOPLE of all ages are being encouraged to get arty throughout the mid term break while learning more about the area and the creatures that live in it. The Green Art Project will see artists offer free workshops where both young and old can create a masterpiece inspired by the wildlife habitats surrounding the Crinan Canal. Focusing on themes such as the sea, woodland and villages, the workshops run from Thursday to Sunday at Pier Square, Ardrishaig.

Art works can be created in a number of mediums - mono printing, stone carving, metal embossing, silk painting, glass painting, sketching and mosaics - all under the expert guidance of Mid Argyll artists. Works produced as part of the project will be photographed to inspire designs for colourful lamp post banners that will be put up in Ardrishaig. The Green Art Project is a partnership between the HeART of Argyll, Artmap Argyll and Scottish Canals.

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Methadone clinic ushered in 'by stealth', claims councillor

Methadone prescribed in Kintyre for first time

A METHADONE clinic in Campbeltown has been ushered in via the back door, according to a councillor. An addictions nurse prescribed methadone for the first time in Campbeltown on February 3 but GPs, the Kintyre addiction counselling service and the public were not informed. Argyll and Bute councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The community has been cheated. We were assured nothing would be imposed on us that we were not happy with, that there

'It is very underhand and the people of Campbeltown are going to be furious about this'

would be consultation. Now, suddenly a service is up and running by stealth. It is very underhand and the people of Campbeltown are going to be furious about this.' 'It is totally disrespectful to them. I've been deeply dissatisfied with NHS Highland's handling of this issue from the beginning.' There are currently six

people living in Kintyre that are receiving methadone, with upwards of 40 known heroin users. **Travel** Previously people had to travel to Dumbarton to receive a methadone prescription, while NHS Highland has, for the past three years, been attempting to introduce a methadone clinic in Campbeltown amidst public outcry. Gar-

ry Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'It has been our intention to get this service up and running for some time and I am delighted it has eventually started. This is exactly the same service that is operating in practically every community in Scotland so I am sure there will be no significant issues by introducing it to Campbeltown.'

Mid Argyll heroin numbers confirmed

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of Ardrishaig's Encompass, a counselling service for people with addiction, said he was 'not surprised' that people were taking heroin in Mid Argyll. But he said: 'Ten cases in three years, you would find that in any

community in the UK. I have never said we do not have heroin users here, I have said we do not have a heroin problem. **Streets** 'A problem is when addicts and users are noticeable on the streets, when there are people dealing,

when crime is involved. Users go to Glasgow for their supply or elsewhere and come back and use it within the confines of their own settings.' Methadone was prescribed for the first time in Kintyre on February 3.

Cancer charity pays out £26,000 in grants

CANCER patients in Argyll and Bute are relying on grants given out by Macmillan Cancer Support to help with the financial impact of the disease.

The charity paid out over £26,000 in grants to cancer patients in the county last year. This helped 80 patients to pay fuel bills, buy clothing, a bed and costs for travelling to and from hospital.

Research by Macmillan found that four in five people in Scotland are, on average, £420 a month worse off as a result of a cancer diagnosis, due to a reduced income and increased expenses.

Man charged with knife possession

A MAN was charged with being in possession of a knife when police were dealing with an incident last Thursday in Tarbert.

The 39-year-old was allegedly found with a Stanley knife at 3pm on the Campbeltown Road when he was searched by police, who were dealing with an incident in the village.

The man was not able to provide a reason for carrying the blade and was later charged.

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Welfare problems debated by councillors

'Bedroom' tax payments for those in hardship

ANYONE who is unable to pay the 'bedroom tax' in Argyll and Bute will have it paid for them - if councillors agree a range of measures to counter the affects of welfare reform.

The proposal, due to be debated by councillors yesterday (Thursday), is part of a £1 million scheme to tackle welfare problems in Argyll. It comes as the Department of Work and

Pensions and the Scottish Government boosts funding to rural councils, allowing them to pay the 'bedroom tax' for residents who, because of their rural location, are unable to move to a smaller property.

But Argyll and Bute Council proposes only paying out to those who cannot afford the loss of benefit.

A paper, due before councillors as the *Advertiser* went to press, stated: 'Some local authorities have decided to meet claims from anyone affected by the under-occupancy restrictions irrespective of whether this causes any degree of hardship.'

'We have not awarded any claims to those classed as being in low hardship as these tenants appear able to meet the shortfall in their housing benefit from existing resources. The proposal would make better use of the funds available and mitigate some of the other adverse impacts of welfare reform.'

Money left over in the fund would instead be used to pay for a six-point plan aimed at lifting people out of poverty and mounting debt.

The plan includes: Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) to people experiencing medium and high levels of hardship as result of the bedroom tax; a tenants' incentive to move scheme; a credit union for better lending services; leaflets on seeking support; IT classes; and more care workers.



Successful trainees Sam Thomas, Alan Campbell, Peter Creech and Colin Campbell.

Blarbuie Woodland qualifications

VOLUNTEERS with Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise recently gained a valuable qualification that will help them maintain the Lochgilhead woodland.

Trainees Sam Thomas, Alan Campbell, Peter Creech and Colin Campbell were put through their paces before receiving their LANTRA certification for chain-

saw crosscutting, felling techniques and saw maintenance.

The men's training will soon be put to good use as damage caused by storms over the past few years has led to a backlog of clearance and repair work at the woodland.

Jon Belton, chairman of the social enterprise, said: 'Being able to complete these tasks in-house

will assist the trainees in terms of both self-confidence and employability and help save us time and money.'

Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd seeks to improve the mental and physical health of people in Mid Argyll and improve access to the woodland for the enjoyment of everyone.

Footpath upgrade

THE FOOTPATH that runs adjacent to the old ambulance depot in Lochgilhead is to be adopted by Argyll and Bute Council.

The 65-metre path between Hospital Road and the former gates of Lochgilhead High School is owned by Fyne Homes and construction company M & K MacLeod.

Fyne Homes will fund street lights and M & K MacLeod will remove the railings, while the council will resurface the walkway at a cost of £3,500. No date has been set for the work.

Fact File

* The 'bedroom tax' cuts a person's housing benefit if they are deemed to be living in a home with more bedrooms than they need.

* Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has 452 tenants affected by the 'bedroom tax', 125 are in rent arrears because of it.

* As of January 31, Argyll and Bute Council had received 930 applications for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP), many as a result of the 'bedroom tax'.

* The majority of people affected by the benefits cut have now received a DHP.

* Since the 'bedroom tax' was introduced in April 2013, the council has spent £225,000 making up the shortfall in housing benefit.



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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.

Further information on the proposal can be obtained from our website or by contacting our Corporate Affairs (Networks) department, as follows:-

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Community council satisfied new homes in Ardfern will go to local residents



Budding high school chefs boost MS Centre funds

54 students at Lochgilphead High School handed over a cheque for £470 to the town's MS Centre after successfully launching a pop-up restaurant. The teenagers donated the profits of their Tousey Tikes restaurant to the centre as a thanks to their mentor, chef John Fisher. John has been a long-time supporter of the MS Centre, undertaking several fundraising challenges in the last three years. 06_a06tusk01

ONLY people living on the Craignish Peninsula and in poor accommodation are likely to be awarded one of the new houses being built by Fyne Homes in Ardfern.

The news comes as people on the peninsula met with Fyne Homes to establish the terms of the Local Letting Initiative (LLI), which will govern how the Lower Glebe houses are allocated.

A LLI is often set up in areas where there is a chronic shortage of quality housing. It works by ensuring people living in a specific area in substandard accommodation are awarded more points on the Home Argyll housing register, thereby putting them to the top of the list.

Following the public meeting, Tony Gill, from Craignish

Community Council, said the most important thing for residents was that the houses went to people already living in the area. He said it was likely the homeless and people with a Craignish postcode, living in substandard accommodation, would be prioritised under the LLI. Mr Gill said: 'We were asked what we considered to be local and we said within the community council area.'

'What is important is that the homes do not go to people living in the likes of Dunoon or Lochgilphead.'

He added: 'I think the community council as a whole was satisfied.'

At the public meeting a working group, featuring Fyne Homes staff and Craignish residents, was established; it will continue to set up the LLI as a partnership.

Ardrishaig play park site confirmed

THE £20,000 play park to be built in Ardrishaig will be situated alongside the swings in the King George V Park, it has been confirmed.

The announcement comes as Argyll and Bute Council said it would not allow the play equipment to sit on land bordering Ardrishaig Primary School.

Last week the Advertiser reported on a proposal to move the play park closer to the school, ensuring children could use the facility during their play time; it would also free up more space for other facilities at the park.

Ardrishaig Community Trust, the group behind the play park, had earlier

signed an agreement with Argyll and Bute Council, the care takers of the King George V Park.

Maintenance

It stated where the play equipment would sit and confirmed the council would be responsible for park maintenance.

On Tuesday evening in an email to Douglas Phi-

land, a council officer said: 'I can confirm we will not be changing our position at this time. The play area will go ahead as planned in the current position to the timescale we have set.'

The play equipment which includes a roundabout, spring toys and a slide, is due to arrive in Ardrishaig any day.

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New Post Office venue in Tarbert means longer opening hours

THE POST office in Tarbert is on the move - which will mean much longer opening hours. It is being relocated from The Rest on Campbeltown Road to newly refurbished premises in Woods Newsagents on Harbour Street, where it will be open seven days a week from Tuesday, March 4. Post Office products and services will available during shop opening hours, 7am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday and 7.30am to 4pm on Sundays.

Modernisation
A Post Office spokeswoman said: 'The move is part of major modernisation programme across the Post Office network designed to make it easier for customers to do business, through longer opening hours and modern open-plan environments.' The Post Office, now independent from Royal Mail, is the largest retail network in the UK, with more than 11,500 branches. It is also one of the fastest growing financial services companies and is developing its online and telephony services.



Chris Floyd taking the three Tarbert Academy students through various manoeuvres near the Ardrishaig sea lock.

Tarbert teenagers take the helm in powerboat qualification

THREE teenagers keen to pursue a career in the fishing industry have been given a helping hand by a charity and water sports club. The youngsters, students at Tarbert Academy, have been training for a boating qualification under the watchful eye of Chris Floyd, an instructor hired by Mid Argyll Water Sports. **Powerboat** Patrick Cupples, Aaron Johnstone and Ruaridh MacArthur have under-

taken the Royal Yachting Association level two powerboat course thanks to funding from a Mid Argyll Youth Development Services' (MAYDS) employability scheme. Fiona Kalache, MAYDS manager, said: 'It is really important for young people to gain qualifications prior to seeking work. 'These young men will look forward to a bright future in the fishing industry.'

Update on Crossaig and Carradale subsea cable to be held

AN UPDATE on the works to build a sub sea cable between Crossaig and Hunterston will be held in Carradale on Tuesday, February 18. Scottish Hydro Electric (SHE) has already begun building the new electricity substation at Crossaig, while works to replace the existing overhead line between

Crossaig and Carradale and the subsea cable are progressing. An update on the works and a construction schedule for all three projects will be available at the open event, which runs from 4pm to 8pm. The works will make the electricity supply in Kintyre more secure.

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Yacht centre, café and restaurant for Ardrishaig

Scottish Canals reveals more on regeneration plans

A NEW yacht chandlery, café and restaurant will open in Ardrishaig within the next two years, Scottish Canals has said. The water authority last week announced plans to invest £1 million in Ardrishaig and wider Crinan Canal area in a bid to make it 'the sailor's gateway to Scotland'. This week Scottish Canals said that a business it has already dubbed the 'Yot Spot' will open by 2015, as it reveals more details about the planned regeneration of Ardrishaig. A spokesman said: 'There are some big projects on the horizon.'

These include the renovation of historic Crinan Bridge House, refurbishment of Dunardry Bridge and establishment of the Yot Spot. This will be a business offering a range of services from boat brokerage and yacht chandlery to a café and restaurant. '2014 and 2015 will see Scottish Canals invest more than £1 million building for the future and safeguarding the heritage of Britain's most beautiful shortcut,' he said. It is understood that the Crinan Bridge House will be converted into self catering flats this year, while Scottish Canals says it is keen

to support the community implement small projects such as painting buildings and 'tidying up' the area. Scottish Canals spends around £875,000 every year on general maintenance and staff. He added: 'Scottish Canals' annual investment not only helps to transform areas around the waterway, but helps to lever in additional spend from other partners.' 'We find that our annual spend generates approximately £1 million in additional development; creating jobs and bringing economic growth and prosperity to the communities around the Crinan Canal.'

Landcatch narrowly misses out on top scientific award

ORMSARY-based fish farm and aquaculture company Landcatch has narrowly missed out on a prestigious scientific award. The company was nominated with Edinburgh University's Roslin Institute in the commercial collaboration section of the Scottish Enterprise Annual Life Sciences Awards. Landcatch and the Roslin Institute were nominated for work they have undertaken which

helps identify fish that are resistant to the Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis virus (IPN), which is a significant problem to the global salmon industry. The fish which are resistant to the virus are now being used as part of breeding programmes in Landcatch fish farms in Scotland and Chile. The business made the shortlisted four companies for the award but narrowly missed out on first place to SME Open-

Brolly, which has been working in partnership with NHS Highland. Dr Alan Tinch, director of genetics at Landcatch, said: 'Being shortlisted for this prestigious honour is exciting and is a tribute to the continuing hard work and dedication shown by the teams at Landcatch and Roslin which are constantly pushing scientific boundaries to find natural improvements to salmon breeding programmes.'

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REID - THOMPSON
Alan, son of John and Pam Reid, married Helen, daughter of Steve and Joan Thompson at the Piersland House Hotel, Troon on August 30, 2013. A wonderful day was had by all.

GRADUATION



Stacey Dunn graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Midwifery. Stacey is the daughter of Les and Senga and the granddaughter of Les and Yvonne Dunn (Essex) and the late John and Agnes McKerral. She will shortly be taking up a position at Tameside Hospital, Manchester.

A83 resurfacing work planned

MORE than 900 metres of the A83 south of Tarbert will be resurfaced next month. The two-week work programme will begin south of Corranbuie, between Tarbert and Kennacraig, on March 2. Costing £171,000, the works will be carried out between 9.15pm and 5am from Sunday nights to Friday mornings to minimise the impact on

daytime and weekend traffic. The road will be closed during the works but staff will monitor traffic queues and allow vehicles to pass through the works approximately every hour, when safe. A 30mph speed limit will be in place outwith the working hours to ensure vehicles can pass over the temporary surface.

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Equality in the health service?

THE NEWS that there are heroin users in Mid Argyll and a nurse has now been given the responsibility of prescribing Methadone may be a shock to some residents.

But, the biggest shock is NHS Highland's justification for launching the service - to ensure equality in the health service for all.

Is this the same health authority that has reduced the number of ambulances on call in Mid Argyll, proposed to cut out of hours x-ray services, cannot offer scans to pregnant women in Argyll and has no dialysis service in the county?

Before Methadone was prescribed in Campbeltown, people had to travel to Dumbarton to get their prescription.

But why is this seen as some great hardship?

Every day people from Mid Argyll get on buses and into cars for a five-hour round trip to hospital in Glasgow.

Often this is people with MS, cancer, the elderly and people undergoing operations.

Too often we are told NHS Highland can't afford to deliver services and facilities in our home towns. But how much has it spent attempting to establish a Methadone clinic in Campbeltown?

No doubt it has cost thousands.

Surely NHS Highland should be investing their time, resources and finances into bringing the most basic of services to Mid Argyll, services that the vast majority of us need.

Only then will there truly be equality of service here.

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Appeal for lights on new path

Sir,
Please could someone look into installing some lights along the new path which runs from McIntyre Terrace to Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

I contacted Argyll and Bute Council's amenity and services department in Lochgilphhead on October 29, 2013 to ask for someone to consider this.

For safety reasons, I believe Argyll and Bute Council must install some kind of lighting - even if it is four-foot lights every 10 metres or so.

With another winter almost passed, hopefully, now is the time for the local authority to do this job. The path is well used but it is nonsense for the path not to have some kind of lighting.

It is more than three months since I have asked for this to be considered by the council, something must be done.

Peter Laing, Lochgilphhead.

Coisir Og Dhail Riata curry night thanks

Sir,
On behalf of Coisir Og Dhail Riata, I would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support on Friday night at our Curry Quiz Night, at The George Hotel, Inveraray.

The amazing sum of £608 was raised by the generosity of everyone there.

We would like to thank Chris Clark from the hotel, for the lovely curry and the team of merry people who did all the quizzing.

This money will go towards

taking the choir to Mods in Islay and the National Mod in Inverness. Moran Thainghe
Lena Ferguson, Secretary,
Coisir Og Dhail Riata.

Thanks

Sir,
On behalf of myself and my wife, I would like to express sincere appreciation to the many motorists who stopped to enquire as to our wellbeing when our car was involved in a collision with a stag at the Rest and Be Thankful two weeks ago.

Fortunately we were not injured although the stag was killed and the car extensively damaged as the result of the impact. To the many car drivers, lorry drivers, passing ambulance crews and snow plough driver, many thanks indeed for your concern.

Phillip White, Achnacreebeag, North Connel.

Development cash welcomed

Sir,
The news that Argyll and Bute Council has been given the go-ahead to borrow £18.9m to kick-start development of the Oban-Dunstaffnage/Dunbeg-Connel-Barcaldine area - the Lorn Arc - is welcome and gives hope of economic uplift, an increase in local employment, a reversal of population decline and, through these, a clear rationale for maintenance of community services.

Worrying, however, is that most of the development is planned north of Oban whilst provision of everyday services - shopping, secondary school, ferry terminal, hospital, industrial area - all lie

south. The extra traffic that comes with economic expansion will further swell the often unending stream of vehicles squeezing through George Street en route for schools, supermarkets, ferries and hospital.

Because it is a bottle-neck, Oban will choke even more than it already does, so reducing the amenity of residents and the pleasure of visiting tourists.

Surprisingly, there is no analysis of the increased traffic burden in the case made for Tax Incremental Financing of £18.9m submitted to the Scottish Government by Argyll and Bute Council.

Yet, the document is built around multiple cases for traffic access and flows to Dunbeg, Dunstaffnage, Oban Airport and the Barcaldine industrial park.

Given that there appear to be no plans for a supermarket at Dunbeg, the development of 800 residential units here guarantees, by itself, longer and more persistent traffic queues in Oban's George Street.

Our elected representatives and our council planners need urgently to think through the knock-ons of Lorn Arc development and formulate ways and means of mitigating the inevitable exacerbation of Oban's traffic problem.

Ian Reid, Oban.

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This week on Facebook we asked: Do you think the proposed £20,000 play park for Ardrishaig should stay in King George V Park or

move to within the grounds of Ardrishaig Primary School?

Pasqua Faccenda: As a parent of two boys who attend Ardrishaig Primary School, who attended the parent consultation meeting on King George V Park in November, the situation of where the play park would be was thoroughly discussed. The play park will have two entrances, one for school children and one for public, and will be open throughout the day, beneficial for school children and public use.

Christine Brown: If the money is there to upgrade the park and give the kids a good set of swings, slide and roundabout, and a bit for toddlers too, then just get on with it.

Debbie MacLachlan: Keep the park where it is. Upgrade it there and keep it the way it always has been...The school could have its own park if fundraising was done. There is no need to move a park to benefit a school when the money was raised/given to upgrade the original park facilities. Yes, I have a child in the school, so I am not against the school in any way. I feel the park should stay where it has been for many years.

Alison Whitefield: As a Lochgilphhead resident I am not sure if I qualify to comment, but my understanding is that the proposed move of the play park is to allow the upgrading of the grass pitch and the provision of changing facilities. Surely Ardrishaig should grab the opportunity to increase facilities for all residents, rather than replace like with like and then regret a missed opportunity.

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King's Mid Argyll connection could boost tourism

KING Arthur and Merlin could be about to provide a multi-million pound boost to Mid Argyll's tourism market.

After years of speaking to different councillors, historian and advocate Adam Ardrey from Glasgow has finally been asked by a councillor to prepare a business case as to how he thinks the area could benefit from the legends he says originate from the Dunadd.

In his book, *Finding Merlin*, published in 2007, Mr Ardrey sets out why he thinks King Arthur was in fact Arthur MacAedan, a Scot, whose most famous battle was at Dunadd and who was buried in Iona - also known as Avalon.

In his books, Mr Ardrey argues that Dunadd, near Kilmartin, is where Arthur pulled the sword from the stone as part of a succession ceremony in 574 AD.

Now, fresh from releasing his second book,

Finding Arthur, Mr Ardrey is hoping he will finally be able to persuade councillors at Kilmory that the legend is worth caring about - and making capital from.

Vivan Dance, the new lead councillor for strategic tourism, is the first councillor to take him seriously, Mr Ardrey says.

'I've been writing to the council for four years about this; to lots of different people. Then I got Vivien and she eventually asked me to write a business case to see if they wanted to take it further.

'This should have happened four years ago.'

Councillor Dance says she's not making any pre-judgement on how likely Mr Ardrey's case is, but has admitted laying claim to Arthur is an 'appealing' prospect.

She said: 'If we can latch onto something that brings people into Argyll, then why not? It's up to Adam to present the case for it.'



Historian Adam Ardrey, inset, believes that Dunadd, near Kilmartin, is where Arthur pulled the sword from the stone as part of a succession ceremony in 574 AD. 06_a22dunaddfor01

Next phase of work on Rest due to start

THE NEXT phase of landslide mitigation works are due to start on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful this month, according to Scottish transport minister Keith Brown.

Studies are now also under way at three other areas of the road - Glen Kinglas, Cairndow and Loch Shira - as Transport Scotland aims to provide these locations with a similar level of risk reduction to that at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, tabled a question at the Scottish Parliament asking Mr Brown for an update on works to the road. Mr McGrigor said: 'I welcome the minis-

ter's update and look forward to the planned mitigation works being put in place as quickly as possible.

Susceptible

'It is important that action is taken along all areas of the A83 which might be susceptible to landslips, given we saw the closure of the road at Kinglas last October.

'I will continue to press the Scottish Government to ensure they make the prevention and mitigation of landslides on the A83 a transport priority given the crucial importance of this route to the people and economy of Argyll and Bute.'

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Craignish celebrates opera milestone

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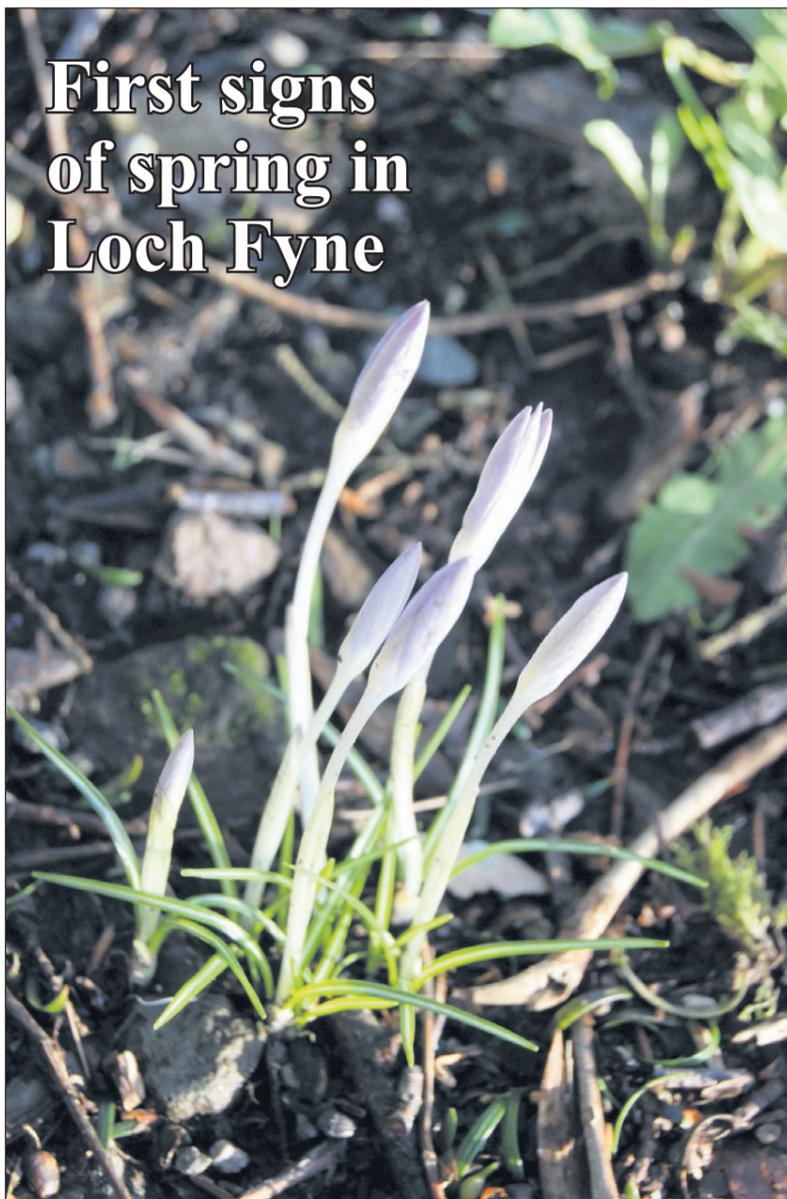
Opera Highlights features music from some of the world's most popular operas, as well as lesser known gems taken from the operatic archives.

The programme for the tour will feature a wealth of epic love stories as imagined by some of the world's most brilliant composers and writers.

Showcased

Performed by four talented young singers and a pianist, the programme includes Arias from Porgy and Bess, Faust and Manon, which will be showcased alongside the works of Tchaikovsky, Heuberger and Massenet.

The quintet will be performing at Craignish Village Hall on February 27, as part of a tour to bring opera to remote and rural areas.



First signs of spring in Loch Fyne

The first signs of spring have finally arrived on Loch Fyne as the first flowers begin to bloom. With one of the windiest and wettest winters on record Lochgilhead residents were finally treated to a touch of sunshine last week. 06_a07flower02

Festival marks new chapter for Kilmartin Museum

FOUR authors will descend on Kilmartin Museum this month as they share the secrets of their success at the museum's first literary festival.

Mandy Haggith, Margaret Elphinstone, Marian Pallister and Patsy Dyer have all signed up for the event which will run from February 21 to 23.

Book enthusiasts will have the opportunity to meet the authors, listen to readings and even get some hints and tips on writing their own novel.

Mid Argyll author and former journalist Marian Pallister will open the festival with a talk based on her works. Marian, who is current-

ly researching her eighth novel, will reflect on her work which delves into the people, plants, legends, historical facts and geology of Argyll and its islands.

Insight

The event will see Margaret Elphinstone, who sets her fiction in a range of historical periods, run a workshop giving an insight into how to create a historical novel.

Mandy Haggith, who writes in a number of genres, will read and discuss her latest novel Bear Witness. The book explores a fictional future Scotland, post-independence in which the main character takes on

the challenge of trying to reintroduce bears.

Local horticulturist, organic gardener, writer and storyteller Patsy Dyer will round off the weekend's events.

Patsy, who is inspired by her love of ethnobotany will regale her audience with stories from around the world providing intriguing plant creation myths, plant secrets and lore, spiced up with one or two of her own published floral poems.

The Literary Festival, funded by Creative Scotland, is catered to people aged 16 and above and booking is essential for all workshops and events.

Get writing for competition

BUDDING authors are being urged to submit their work into a writing competition that will run alongside the first Kilmartin Museum Literary Festival.

Open to anyone over the age of 16, the competition asks writers to create a short story of up to 1,000 words

under the theme of My Kilmartin. A shortlist of entries will be put forward to judges Margaret Elphinstone and Mandy Haggith, who will decide the overall winner.

The closing date for entries is Friday March 21; the winner will receive a £30 cash prize.

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Tove Gray-Stephens, originally from Norway, sang a song from her homeland at the event. 06_a07vik09



A Norwegian folk dance similar to the conga proved a hit with the Dookers. 06_a07vik14

Two cultures are better than one

TWO CULTURES were celebrated in Tarbert on Saturday night as a fundraiser for the first ever Loch Fyne Viking Festival got underway.

The Nordic-themed event saw Tarbert folk celebrate their Viking past as they partied 'Scandinavian style' in the village's Anchor Hotel.

Dookers tucked into seafood and carved meats, served up on large smorgasbord (a buffet), while taking part in a Viking-themed quiz. But participants proved they need to brush up a bit on their history before the main event.

Guests later took to the floor to perform some

Norwegian and Scots folk dances, as musicians Susan Rhodes, Hilary MacDonald and Malcolm MacNiven performed alongside Oban ceilidh band Ceol an Aire.

Money raised from the event will be used to help

run the Viking festival in June, when Tarbert welcomes Vikings from Norway for a celebration on both land and sea. People can keep up to date with plans for the festival at website www.tarberttraditionalboatsfestival.org.uk.



Susan Rhodes was one of the musicians to perform at the event. 06_a07vik11



Oban band Ceol an Aire, including, from left, Ruairidh Morrison, Angus MacColl, Ewan MacDonald and Malcolm Clark provided the music for the Scots ceilidh. 06_a07vik05



Hans Kok, Andy Peden, Phil Robertson, Mike Harty and Jim Paterson are the men behind the first Loch Fyne Viking Festival. 06_a07vik15



Emma Kok and Emma Clark demonstrated the Norwegian folk dances to a captivated audience. 06_a07vik07

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Five hundred farmers say cheese



Cheese from First Milk's Creamery in Campbeltown was on the menu for 500 farmers and agricultural delegates this week. 08_c46creamery01

CHEESE from Kintyre was offered at a top dinner for more than 500 Scottish farmers and agriculture delegates.

Four of NFU Scotland's farming regions pulled together to provide the fantastic fare served up at the union's annual dinner in St Andrews on Monday - marking the end of the union's centenary celebrations.

The union's annual event provides a fitting showcase for food and drink production.

The beef, pork, potatoes, vegetables, cheese and confectionery on offer all came from union members and were crafted into a stunning one-off menu to be prepared by the host chef at the Fairmont Hotel.

This year, the food was sourced from Forth and Clyde, Lothian and Borders, Argyll and the Islands (First Milk's Creamery in Campbeltown) and Orkney and Shetland.

The Kintyre cheese was served with hot beetroot chutney.

Gauntlet

The menu throws down the gauntlet to Highland, East Central, Ayrshire, North East and Dumfries and Galloway regions when they source the food for the 2015 event.

Scott Walker, NFU Scotland chief executive, said: 'The fantastic menu prepared for our annual dinner provided a fitting tribute at the end of what has been a very special year.'

'More than ever, Scotland's farmers rightly see themselves at the heart of Scotland's successful food and drink sector and this event continues to provide them with a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work that goes in from the farm all the way to the plate.'

'The menu reflects that our integrated industry also benefits from the work of co-operatives and those involved in the processing and manufacturing of our produce and the part they play in growing our reputation as a land of food and drink.'

Value

'It also reflects our need to add value and remain efficient across the whole food chain.'

Stirling Caledonian Marts report

STIRLING Caledonian Marts sold 440 store cattle and 24 young bulls on Monday.

Bullocks, 227, averaged 237p to 274p per kilo for three 215kg Limousins from Wester Whin, Slamannan and £1,530 gross for a 660kg Limousin from Martnaham Mains, Dalrymple.

Heifers, 213, averaged 228p to 269p per kilo for four 340kg Limousins from Glenhead, Falkirk and £1,200 gross for a 570kg Charolais from Martnaham Mains.

Bulls, 24, averaged 215p to 258p per kilo for two 240kg Blonde d'Aquitaine from Droystone, Tarbolton and £730 gross for eight 345kg Aberdeen Angus from Homeston, Campbeltown.

Leading prices bullocks, £ per head: 0-250kgs - £655 Wester Whin; 251-300kgs - £760 Spouthead; 301-350kgs - £870 Knockdaw; 351-400kgs - £985 Rievloch; 401-450kgs - £1175 Hilton of Beath; 451-500kgs - £1170 Gillandersland; 501-550kgs - £1260 Hilton of Beath; 551-600kgs - £1250

Droystone; 601-650kgs - £1350 Droystone; 651-700kgs - £1530 Martnaham Mains.

Heifers: 0-250kgs - £650 Hopestead; 251-300kgs - £750 Balcachie; 301-350kgs - £915 Glenhead; 351-400kgs - £975 High Kilphin; 401-450kgs - £1010 East Kerse; 451-500kgs - £1,080 Linfairn; 501-550kgs - £1,110 High Kilphin; 551-600kgs - £1,200 Martnaham Mains.

Bulls

Young Bulls: 0-250kgs - £620 Droystone; 251-300kgs - £550 Robertsonlane; 301-350kgs - £730 Homeston.

Leading Prices Bullocks, p per kilo: 0-250kgs - 274p Wester Whin; 251-300kgs - 269p Hopestead; 301-

350kgs - 258p Camregan; 351-400kgs - 249p Rievloch; 401-450kgs - 270p Hilton of Beath; 451-500kgs - 244p Gillandersland; 501-550kgs - 242p Hilton of Beath; 551-600kgs - 215p Droystone; 601-650kgs - 216p Droystone; 651-700kgs - 232p Martnaham Mains.

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Homeston. Caledonian Marts had forward 696 store hoggets and feeding ewes.

Store hoggets, 610, averaged £61.48 (+12p on the week, +£24.86 on the year) selling to £84 for Suffolks from W J Nisbet, Bogside.

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Tea tasting goes down a treat at Kilmartin

TEA TASTING was on the curriculum for pupils at Kilmartin Primary School who have been learning about the Commonwealth.

The children sampled Earl Grey, Asmani, Punjana and Scottish Blend tea, to learn more about the popular drink.

As part of the project pupils have learnt more about the history of the Commonwealth, which has included looking at slavery. Head teacher Ms Fiona Johnson said: 'The tea tasting was absolutely fantastic. There was no milk or sugar mixed with them so the children got a real taste of the flavours. The Punjana tea was not popular as it had a real metallic taste to it.'

Advertiser backs school newspaper competition

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser is delighted to support a competition to find the best print or online 'newspaper' produced by high school pupils.

High schools across Scotland can submit entries for the Scottish School Media Awards, held in June.

The Argyllshire Advertiser, part of

Wyvex Media Ltd which is sponsoring the best newspaper category, is encouraging schools across Argyll and the islands to take up the challenge.

Careers

The awards aim to encourage young people into careers in publishing and the creative industries, particularly pupils who

have an interest in writing, photography, design and business.

Organised by Menzies Distribution, the awards also aim to support the Curriculum for Excellence by building confidence and showing how different school subjects can come together as part of a wider learning experience.

Entries

Pupils have until Wednesday April 30 to submit their entries, with the IMPRESS judging panel looking for pupil-led projects that have evidence of strong content and commercial thinking.

Should local schools require assistance, The Argyllshire Advertiser would be delighted to welcome pupils into the office to see newspaper production in action.

Categories

The awards will include 14 categories covering news writing, commercial strategy, design and layout, photography, sport writing and individual awards.

Winners will be invited to a special awards ceremony to be held in Edinburgh on Friday, June 13.

For more information and to register, visit impressscotland.co.uk.



Tree planting at Ardrishaig

PUPILS, staff and volunteers from Ardrishaig Primary School braved the elements to plant more than 80 trees in the school grounds.

The school planted the mixed native species trees, which had been donated by local businesses, as part of their ongoing Eco-schools programme.

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Smiles all round as youngsters open special fortune cookies

There were smiles all round as pupils from Kilmartin Primary School opened fortune cookies to celebrate the Chinese New Year. To mark the occasion each pupil investigated their Chinese animal and what it represents.

Ardrishaig pupils celebrate Burns night in style

CHILDREN and staff at Ardrishaig Primary School celebrated the life and works of Robert Burns in style.

Ann McMillan piped in a delicious and stunningly presented haggis that had been prepared by Mrs Houston and staff in the kitchen.

P7's Aidan Kerr addressed the haggis using the bard's own words before the whole school

recited the Selkirk Grace and tucked in with gusto. Staff and pupils then spent the afternoon dancing, singing and playing music.

Ceilidh

Ali Floyd had taught all of the children a variety of ceilidh dances, which they then performed.

There were poetry readings from Rowan Taylor, P6, Cam-

eron Garrett, P7, and Roddy Carroll, P7, as well as songs from various choirs in the school and two sublime pieces of fiddle music performed by Sylvie Lawson, P6. Olivia Veitch in P1 performed an amazing Highland 'Sword Dance' that earned a rousing ovation.

Jay Helbert said: 'The bard would have been proud.'



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Furnace Primary School pupils celebrate their third Green Flag.



Furnace celebrates third Green Flag

FROGS were the theme of the day when Furnace Primary School pupils celebrated winning their third Eco-schools Green Flag.

The youngsters decided to host a frog-themed party to celebrate their achievement as their school mascot is Frankie Frog.

Pupils played leap frog, sang 'frog' songs, and made frogs from fondant icing to sit on chocolate logs.

The school received its third flag thanks to the ongoing eco work by pupils at the school.

Parents joined the party at 3pm to watch the flag being raised in the

school garden by Rhona McKenzie, the school cook, P1's Jessica Wallace and P7's Danni Evans.

Ms McKenzie was asked to do the honours after helping the children in the school garden. The flag raising was followed by tea, cakes and frogs on logs.

Glassary Primary School visits Lochgilhead Library

SCHOOL books were left behind as Glassary Primary School pupils headed to Lochgilhead Library to learn about how people in the community help them.

The P1 to P3 youngsters were given a tour of the library to find out how it was organised and what the librarians have to do.

Pupils had a turn behind the desk, checking in, returning books and scanning new ones out.

Police

As part of their citizenship topic youngsters also received a visit from community police officer Richard Barrie. He told them about his job, showed them the equipment he carries and let the pupils see his police van.

The school will also welcome Sandra Howarth, the school nurse, as part of the project.



Adam wins Burns Recitation Competition

THE WINNER of the annual Burns Recitation Competition was Furnace Primary School's Adam McFarlane, who wowed judges with eight verses of To a Mouse.

The competition sees pupils from Furnace, Minard and Inveraray Primary Schools recite verses of the Robbie Burns poem in groups.

But 10-year-old Adam, who loves to learn poetry, stood up on his own to perform the poem and amazed the panel of judges from Inveraray Burns Club.

Adam was presented with the Inveraray Burns Club Shield.

The shield was first

won by Mark Stark, who was sitting on the judging panel this year.

Inveraray pupils also walked away with prizes with P6's Brodie and P7's Iona named the school's best performers.

They each received books filled with Robbie Burns poems.

All the pupils taking part in the competition received a certificate from Inveraray Burns Club. The prize giving was followed by a mini Burns supper, which was prepared by Inveraray's P6 class.

The supper included cock-a-leekie soup, oatcakes with haggis, dumplings and shortbread.

Samba expert brings Copacabana Beach spirit to Ardrishaig

THE SPIRIT of Copacabana Beach arrived in Ardrishaig Primary School thanks to Primary 5/6 and Primary 7 pupils.

Samba expert Stephen McNally recently stopped by the school to

teach the children the art of Samba drumming. Head teacher Jay Helbert said: 'It is a fantastic way for children to learn team-work, rhythm and it helps build on the already strong sense of school spirit.'

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Schools asked to support this year's Sport Relief

Organiser of this year's Sports Relief are calling on schools and nurseries in Mid Argyll to get active and help raise lots of money for the charity.

This year's event will take place on Friday, March 21 and schools are being asked to come up with fun and active ways to raise money.

Schools can request a School

Fundraising Resource Pack, which contains material to help organise events.

All the money raised from the event will help people living tough lives in Scotland, across the UK and in the world's poorest countries.

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Furnace Primary School's Adam McFarlane was the winner of the annual Burns Recitation Competition.

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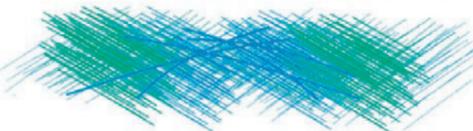
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Half of UK householders think it's cheaper to leave the home heating on all day at low temperature

Half (50 per cent) of all UK householders think it's cheaper to leave their home heating on all day than turning the heating on or off and up or down when required.

This finding is part of an energy saving mythbusting survey commissioned by the Energy Saving Trust as part of the recent Big Energy Saving Week, which highlights the perceptions of the UK public and how they don't always match the reality of the energy saving action or statement.

The survey was carried out to a sample of 2,067 online adults in the UK aged 16-75 last month.

Other findings from the Ipsos MORI survey include:

-  30 per cent that think screensavers on computers save energy.
-  Almost half (45 per cent) think switched-off electrical appliances don't use electricity when they're plugged in at the mains.
-  Nearly half (48 per cent) agreed that it's a hassle to change energy suppliers.
-  Two thirds (66 per cent) of people think that more heat is lost through the roof of their home than the walls – however for the majority of properties the walls will actually lose more heat.

These are:

-  **Turn it off** – Make sure you turn your lights, appliances and chargers off when you're not using them. Appliances can safely be turned off at the plug without upsetting their systems.
-  **Turn it down** – Many households have their central heating set higher than they need, with turning your room thermostat down by one degree and see if you are still at a comfortable temperature will make additional savings to your heating bill.
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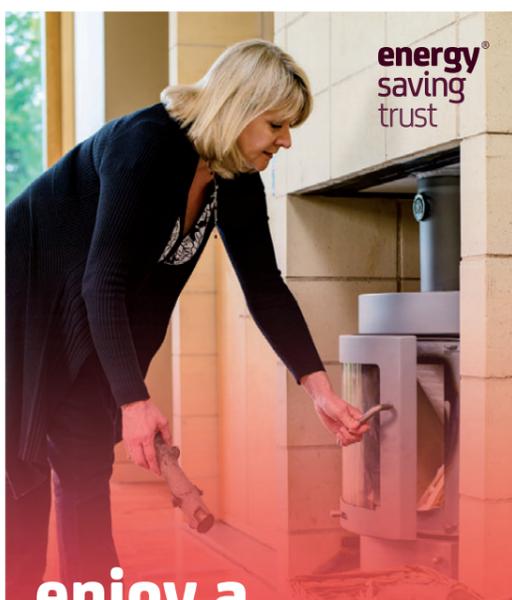
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Alcohol action group a success

Pubwatch and teacher training included in two-year project

A TWO year project that has aimed to tackle alcohol misuse in Mid Argyll has been described as a success by Alcohol Focus Scotland (AFS).

Co-ordinated by AFS, Community Action Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig (CALA) has seen a number of initiatives launched in a bid to identify and solve alcohol issues.

This has included Mid Argyll Pubwatch, bags to warn about buying alcohol for under age drinkers, teacher training in primary schools and a number of alcohol free events.

To carry out the project AFS has worked with a number of local groups, which has included publicans, Ardrishaig based

Encompass and Mid Argyll Youth Services.

At an event in Ardrishaig last week that marked the end of the project Laura Maho, programme leader for AFS, said: 'The biggest success has been that it has brought all the different local community groups together under one blanket to work together, rather than apart.'

'We hope that this will continue now that the programme has come to an end.'

When the programme was launched in 2012 a consultation was carried out within the community, which revealed drink driving and violence caused by alcohol were people's biggest concerns.

Mrs Maho said CALA had brought the attention of alcohol misuse to the forefront of people's minds.

'Before the project alcohol did not have a face and was not something that was in people's conscience.'

'Now when people are planning community events or activities the thought is very much there,' she said. 'The Ardrishaig Christmas lights switch on was an alcohol free event for example.'

She added: 'I think the project has been a start and the feedback today, from a lot of community members, are thinking about alcohol in ways they wouldn't have before.'

Debate to tackle Mid Argyll's declining population

Workshops designed to halt mass exodus

A QUESTION time style debate to discuss ways of halting the mass exodus of people from Argyll is to be held in Tarbert Academy on Tuesday evening.

The event will see leading figures from Argyll and Bute Council, Police Scotland, NHS Highland and the business community discuss ways of reversing the county's declining population.

Organised by Argyll and Bute Council's community planning partnership, the public debate coincides with a workshop and open discussion which will be

held in the school earlier in the day.

Both events will focus on six main areas: Education, economy, health, young people, stronger communities and infrastructure.

Priority

Barry McEwan, chairman of Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) management committee, said: 'Tackling population decline is our number one priority.'

'Argyll and Bute's economic success over the next ten years will be built on a growing population.'

'I would really urge

people to come along to these local events. We want to hear people's views on this critical issue.'

The ideas generated at the events will influence local area plans and will be put before officials attending a high level population summit to be held later in 2014. The CPP proposals will then be agreed with the Scottish Government.

Argyll and Bute's population has declined by more than 3,000 in the last two years to 88,166. In Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands the population fell by 792 to 20,951.



Caroline Church, national communities co-ordinator for Alcohol Focus Scotland, with John Woods, from Ardrishaig based Encompass.

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Windfarm developer E.ON renames Mid Argyll project following public pressure

THE NAME of a proposed 19-turbine wind farm has been changed after people in Inverneill said the hamlet was becoming synonymous with the development.

E.ON, the company behind the project has confirmed the once Inverneill Wind Farm has been renamed Allt Rubha, the name of a watercourse on the site.

The announcement comes as E.ON prepares to host another public meeting on the wind farm, where more detailed drawings will be available.

Emma Clark, senior project developer at E.ON, said: 'The upcoming public exhibition will be a great opportunity for local people to view the plans in more detail and share their opinions with us before we submit final planning proposals. As responsible developers, we want to allow the views of residents to be considered fully throughout the development process of this wind farm.'

The public exhibition will be held between 4pm and 8pm on Monday at Ardrishaig Public Hall.



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Rural event first for Argyll

ARGYLL is to host Scotland's first Rural Parliament in November this year.

The inaugural parliament will open in Oban on November 6 and run for three days.

It will bring community leaders and politicians together in bid to boost understanding of the issues facing rural communities and agree actions to address key problems.

The Oban parliament will also be an opportunity for the wider Argyll area to showcase its finest local produce, talent and community projects to the delegates.

Man arrested following noise complaint

POLICE called to a disturbance on Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, arrested a man for an alleged breach of the peace.

The 33-year-old was arrested after the police responded to a noise complaint in the early hours of last Friday morning.

Police station counter opening hours cut

REDUCED hours at public counters in police stations across Scotland will come into effect on March 1.

Argyll's towns remain largely unaffected; Oban, Dunoon, Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Rothesay will continue to be open 24/7.

However, Police Scotland had already confirmed there would be no public counter provision at Bowmore, Islay, Tobermory on Mull and Garelochhead.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00062/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access	Garden Ground of Corie Lodge Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
14/00115/PP	Erection of detached building to form cattery building	10 Killeonan Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00196/PP	Demolition of existing workshop, erection of dwellinghouse and installation of sewage treatment plant	Rhudle Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QE	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00197/LIB	Demolition of workshop	Rhudle Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QE	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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ScottishPower Renewables hereby gives notice of a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) to be undertaken in advance of the submission of a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council for a prospective development comprising 19 wind turbines at Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3, north of Campbeltown on the Kintyre peninsula.

Further information in respect of the prospective development may be obtained by contacting ScottishPower Renewables:

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Two public events which will include a presentation of the prospective development and an opportunity for public discussion with ScottishPower Renewables are to be held at:

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Any persons wishing to submit comments should submit these to ScottishPower Renewables at the Public Information Days, or in writing up to 21 days after the events (18th March 2014).

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Location	Latitude	Longitude
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Cable Corridor		
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3	N 55° 17.741'	W 5° 48.627'
4	N 55° 18.024'	W 5° 48.554'
5	N 55° 17.974'	W 5° 47.998'
6	N 55° 17.895'	W 5° 47.634'
Landfall location		
1	N 55° 17.927'	W 5° 47.709'

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at the Burnet Building, St. John Street, Campbeltown.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



ONE of my favourite TV programmes is 'Call the Midwife'.

Last Sunday there was a very sad episode in which a tragic accident claimed the life of the sweetheart of one of the young midwives.

Used to bringing new life into the world, Jenny was now faced with the grim reality of facing death in all its chill coldness. The pain of losing the young man she hoped to marry was almost unbearable.

His death was sudden and there had been a small disagreement between them just before he died, which compounded Jenny's grief.

Angry with God, Jenny told one of the older nuns that she did not know where to find God in the horror of this event.

The old nun gently told Jenny: 'God is not in the event, but in the response to the event.'

I have thought about this a lot since then, and recognise that these are indeed wise

words. We all respond differently to the tragic events in our lives, but what we do have in common is that we all go through them.

We can be part of the response in the tragic events of other people's lives and walk with them in the shadows as well as the sunshine.

Today is St Valentine's Day and there will be lots of declarations of love made today.

Some will last a while and some may last forever.

For those of you who might not receive a Valentine card this morning, remember that God's love is wrapped around you every single day. This is forever love.

Many people say that it's hard to believe in God in the face of so much evil, but it is the survival of love in a suffering world which points positively to God, not the presence of evil which denies him.

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The Ashfield Primary School rocket.

Jacob Adair, P7, had a great time at Glasgow Science Museum.

Ashfield pupils' gaze turns to solar system

PUPILS of Ashfield Primary School have built their own space rocket as they continue to learn about the solar system.

The youngsters, who last month enjoyed a trip to the Glasgow Science Museum, have been us-

ACHNAMARA

ing their imaginations to create their own planets and a rocket as part of their space project.

The pupils made a large rocket with a control panel using old box-

es, egg cartons and bottle tops. From P1 to P7, the students worked well as a team, each bringing their own skills and different levels of understanding to produce a masterpiece.

The youngsters' les-

sons on the solar system, milky way, Universe and individual planets was enhanced by their trip to Glasgow, where they explored the science mall, the planetarium and watched an I-Max film.

FORD

THE LADIES of Ford SWRI stepped back in time and recalled memories from their childhood when they gathered for their February meeting.

Each member brought to the meeting a photograph of themselves as a child or young person, together with an item of memorabilia.

The photographs were displayed and members were given an opportunity to test their skills of recognition, which proved a very difficult exercise but one which produced a great deal of

amusement.

Members then shared with the group their memories and circumstances behind their particular item, all of which had been cherished and treasured.

The main competition at February's meeting was a very special one - Scotch pancakes - and the prize was the coveted Sheena Carmichael Girdle.

Sheena loved to make Scotch pancakes and, following her death last year, the women recognised her lifetime's membership in the SWRI with a prize. After much heart searching

a girdle was purchased and an engraved tab attached by way of memorial.

An added bonus to this was that Sheena's own recipe had been handed in to one of the members and was added to the award.

The competition will now take place annually and the first time winner of the girdle for her three Scotch pancakes was Sheena McNair, with close runners up Pat Cairns and Ella Wilson.

The competition for apple jelly was won by Liz Malcolm and Sheena McNair was second.

CRAIGNISH

A NEW adventure play park is to be opened at Craignish Primary School next Friday.

Pupils at the school have been working with Craignish Parent Council and Craignish Community Company (C3) since December to raise funds for the park.

The park, which will include five different pieces of adventure play ground equipment, is part of the school's ongoing work to promote health and well being.

The new equipment is currently being built in the field behind the primary school.

To mark its opening a special ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 2pm.

INVERARAY

Argylls talk marks 100th anniversary of WWI

MARKING the 100th anniversary of World War One, Inveraray and District Historical Society invited Rob Leydon, curator of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum at Stirling Castle, to give a talk about the famous regiment.

A full audience was intrigued by the talk, which focused on the invaluable input of Argyll folk to the regiment at this crucial time.

Guests were also captivated at the society's Colin Stevenson, who is an ex-Argyll and Sutherland Highlander. Colin gave a warm vote of thanks to Mr Leydon for speaking on a regiment which is so important to Argyll families.

The speaker for next month's meeting of the society is still to be confirmed and all members will be informed via email as soon as possible.

Information, when confirmed, will also be on posters circulated in the Royal Burgh.

PORT BAN

FRIENDS at Port Ban Holiday Park have handed over a cheque for £2,500 to the British Heart Foundation after completing a mammoth challenge last year.

Four employees of the park - Jonathan and Nelleke Sheldrick, David Austin and Neil Baxter - joined park tenant Jim Duncan in walking the Great Glen Way in October.

The quintet handed over a cheque to Lisa Stafford, fundraising volunteer manager for the British Heart Foundation Scotland, in January.

KILBERRY

LOVE birds are being offered the chance to enjoy a Valentine's concert and ceilidh at Crear on Sunday.

The Crear Scholars Concert features music from Malcolm Martineau and includes performances from 12 singers and three pianists from across the globe.

Sunday will mark the end of a week-long master-class for musicians at the Crear studio, conducted by Mr Martineau.

The concert begins at 2.30pm and will be followed by the Jim Jam Ceilidh Band, which will take to the stage at 6pm.

ARDRISHAIG

FAMILIES can put on their dancing shoes for a ceilidh at Ardrishaig Primary School next month.

The event, which will take place on Friday March 14, has been organised by the school's parent teacher council to raise funds for the school.

Tickets will be available from the school later this month.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

BIRTHS

MACLEAN - Scott and Iona-Marie are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Esmie Marie, on January 19, 2014. First grandchild for Karen Willett, Andrew Allen, Aileen MacLean and Donald MacLean.

DEATHS

ARMOUR - Peacefully at home, Campsie, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, on February 9, 2014, Kathryn Margaret Longmuir, in her 63rd year, dearly beloved wife of Bill Armour, much loved sister of Martin and Gavin and a loving aunt of Tommy. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

AYRE - James. Peacefully at Argyll House, Helensburgh on Friday, February 7, 2014, James Bain Ayre, beloved husband of the late Margaret Kennedy, a dearly loved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle. Former District Manager of Lawson Fisher, Glasgow. Funeral service on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at Riverside Parish Church at 11.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 12.15pm.

MACPHAIL - Peacefully, at St John's Hospital, Livingston, on February 5, 2014, Catherine Scally Brown, in her 93rd year, Newmills Grove, Balerno, Edinburgh, formerly of Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Calum Macphail, much loved mother of Ian and a loving grandmother and great grandmother.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully at home, The Birches, Tayinloan, on February 6, 2014, Angus Smith McSparran, in his 91st year, formerly of Dalmore Farm, Tayinloan, dearly beloved husband of the late Chrissie McMillan, much loved father of Jane and the late Ann and Archie and a loving and much loved papa and great grandfather.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

JOHN - Mary, Lorna, Brian and Andrew wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and support shown to them following the sad loss of Brian. Our grateful thanks to Dr Phillips, district nurses and Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses for

their professional care and support. Our thanks also to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional services and support throughout. Further thanks to Cairnbaan Hotel for their kind hospitality. The retiral collection for Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses raised in excess of £675.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - With treasured memories of our dear daughter, Sharon Fiona, died February 12, 1993. Loved and remembered always.

- Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

CAMPBELL - Bunty, passed away February 14, 2009.

Sadly missed, but not forgotten.

- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

COLVILLE - In loving memory of Robert Colville, who died February 14, 2013.

Remembered with fondness.

- From Doreen, Jean, Betty, Lynsey and Duster.

COOPER - In loving memory of Billy, dear husband, dad and granddad, who died February 17, 2009.

Sadly missed by Kathryn, Andrew, Douglas, Pauline, Zoe and Abby.

DURANCE - In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mother, granny and sister, who passed away on February 16, 1998.

Loved and remembered always.

- Willie, Sharon, Martin, Ian, Duncan and Jean.

MACKAY - In loving memory of John, our dear father, father-in-law and papa who died February 17, 2010.

Together in the same old way,

Would be our dearest wish today.

- Love from all at Lilybank.

MCGUINNESS - Precious memories of a loving husband and dad Ron, who died February 16, 2005.

Nine years now since you passed away,

We miss you more than words can say,

But in our hearts you will always stay.

- Mary and Roslyn xx.

MCGUINNESS - Ron, dear brother-in-law.

Always remembered.

- Margaret and Davie.

SHAW - In loving memory of my dear mother (Chrisy), who died February 17, 2011.

Deeply missed

Loved and remembered every day.

- John.

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Ethan Lekalake and Katie MacDonald both picked up silverware at this year's Scottish Open Knockdown Karate Tournament

Mid Argyll teenagers' success at karate tournament

TWO Mid Argyll teenagers came home with trophies after winning their categories at this year's Scottish Open Knockdown Karate Tournament.

No stranger to silverware, Tarbert's Katie MacDonald added another trophy to her already brimming cabinet by winning the ladies' heavy weight novice category at the competition in Glasgow on Saturday.

The 18-year-old, who is a student at Lochgilphead's Kyokushinkai Karate, stepped up a category after finishing second in the lightweight division last year.

Katie, who has a karate career that spans 10 years, said she was thrilled with her victory.

'I'm delighted to have won the competition,' she said. 'I beat two other girls in a round robin competition. I won the first fight on a decision by the

referee and the second fight lasted about 40 seconds as the girl was hurt and had to come off.'

The teenager is now mixing her studies in immunology and pharmacology at Strathclyde University with training for competitions.

She said: 'I found the competition quite tough. It is physically demanding. Each round lasts for two minutes. If the judge does not reach a decision you fight for a third round. I have been going to the gym a lot to get fit for fighting.'

Also picking up silverware at the competition was Ethan Lekalake, who finished first in the cadet section, which is in the cadet section for 16 and 17-year-olds.

Ethan, who is also a student at Lochgilphead's Kyokushinkai Karate, won by stoppage, finishing his opponent with a knee to the head.

Tarbert shooter launches Commonwealth Games bid

A TARBERT marksman will this weekend launch his bid to represent Scotland in the clay target Olympic trap event at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this summer.

Jonathon Reid will jet off to Qatar where he will compete against some of the world's top shooters at the Qa-

tar Middle East Grand Prix.

John MacDonald from Acharacle in Moidart and Andrew Addison from Lanark will also shoot in the elite competition.

Qualifying

The trio all attained the very high Commonwealth qualifying score of 120 breaks from

125 targets at European and World Cup venues while representing Great Britain - Team GB - in 2013.

Selection

Now, in the second stage of a rigorous selection procedure, they must shoot against each other at five top level events over the next three months.

Their scores will decide who claims the two available places in the Scottish Olympic trap team at the games.

Whoever comes third will be the reserve.

The SportScotland Commonwealth Games selection committee will announce their decision during the first week in May.

Strachur Shinty Club welcomes two new managers

'We are quietly confident and optimistic for the season ahead'

TRAINING at Strachur Shinty Club is well underway as two new managers hope to turn around the misfortunes of last season by breathing new life into its young squad.

Brain Dickie and John Montgomery have been appointed as joint managers at the club following the resignation of coach Donald MacDonald at the end of last season.

The pair, who have both played for the club in the past, are already hard at work with the South Division One side, which has an average player age of 20.

John said: 'Pre-season training is already going well with a good number of boys turning up. We have had a friend-

ly against Glasgow Mid Argyll who won our league last year. They are an extremely tough team to compete against, but we wanted a competitive match to see where we stand.

'We are going to compete against Bute tomorrow (Saturday) who are also another great team who got promoted to the National Division as well.'

Strachur suffered one of its worst ever seasons last year, winning just two league matches and picking up only seven points. The side finished bottom of the league table alongside Kilmory Camanachd.

'I think that this season will be a lot more competitive with the teams that are playing in

it,' John said. 'Glasgow Mid Argyll and Bute were both tough teams last year.'

John said they hoped to be able to address the problems that faced the side last year, which included an inconsistent team because of a lack of numbers.

'We have a lot of younger boys, two are 14 years old and there is a 15-year-old. What we want to do is keep the team spirit up throughout the season,' he said. 'We are quietly confident and optimistic for the season ahead. We want to bring in the young players and keep the morale high.'

The side's first match will take place on March 1 when they travel to Macrae Park to play Kilmory Camanachd.

Spirited comeback in away tie earns Red Star a point

Easthall	2
Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

RED STAR put in one of their best performances of the season when they came back from two goals down to secure an away point against Easthall Star.

Star have often struggled against the Easterhouse team and it looked like that record was going to continue as the home side took the lead after 20 minutes. A corner was not cleared properly by Star and a deep cross was met by the number nine who guided his header over the helpless Kalache.

Star pushed S. Crawford into the midfield area alongside Kennedy and Meikle, matching up Easthall's midfield three, and began to work their way into the game.

But despite putting the home side under pres-

sure Star didn't create too many opportunities in the first half.

The second half started in the worst possible fashion for the visitors as they went 2-0 down almost straight away.

Easthall swept forward and hit Star on the break to double their lead as their forward made no mistake with the finish.

The visitors still tried to play the ball on the deck and gave themselves a lifeline when an excellent team move saw Keen release Weir

down the left. His cross was cleared only as far as Meikle who finished into the bottom corner from eight yards.

Star's tails were up now and they could have levelled soon after but Peacock's effort hit the post.

The equaliser came with 20 minutes to go when Kennedy poked the ball in from close range after a scramble in the box.

Star dominated the closing stages and almost scored a winning goal with chances falling to Keen, C. Crawford and Paterson, but none could find the net.

Star's back three of Naisby, Paterson and Morrison were on hand at the other end to make sure that the home side didn't snatch a winner.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star are in league action at Ropework Park against Port Glasgow United. Kick off 2pm.

Man of the match: Innes Meikle

Energetic midfield display capped by a goal

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Swimmers of the Month receive awards



TROPHIES were handed out at the MACPool this week for the Dalriada Dolphins Swimmer of the Month. Ian Munro, left, was presented with the senior trophy for January

by coach Melaine Chimielska, centre, while Jagoda Chimielska, was named the junior swimmer of the month. Junior swimmer Joey Luxmoore, right, was presented with

her trophy from December. A trophy is awarded to one junior and one senior squad member who has made a big commitment to their training and showing significant improvement.

Olympic effort by Sinclair secures win

By David Sinclair

GOLF could be a winter Olympic sport if it were played in conditions typically encountered by golfers in the Lochgilphead Golf Club Winter League.

Players encountered hailstones, driving rain and the bitter cold at the latest competition.

David Sinclair took the lead early on but was pegged back a hole at a time by Ross Sinclair who was level par for the back nine holes and won by a point.

Donald Carmichael

was first to the course for a change, but with fifteen layers of clothing to put on he was last to the tee.

He played well despite the restrictions to his swing and was the only player not suffering from the effects of hypothermia by the end.

Nearest pin

Dougie Moore was nearest the pin again at the last hole and Ross is threatening to cut his handicap by 20 shots.

Cammy Gibb beat Lee Hardman to reach the semi-final of the knock-out cup and Raymond

Flanagan beat Colin Rowan. Tommy Angus likes dancing and singing in the rain, but struggled to perform on the frozen fairways at the weekend.

Grant MacDougall looks like he has qualified for the final with his best winter league performance for a while.

Results: 10 R Sinclair, 9 D Sinclair, 8 D Carmichael, 7 D Moore, 6 K Cowan, 5 C Gibb, 4 G Macdougall, 3 L Hardman, 2 T Angus, 1 C Rowan.

Nearest the pin - R Sinclair and D Moore.

Tarbert Gun Club charity shoot

MORE THAN 20 shooters braved the weekend's cold weather to help raise cash for charity.

The charity shoot, which was held at Tarbert Gun Club, raised

£400 for Scottish Air Ambulance. It was organised by Craig Samborek, who said he was thrilled to have raised so much money for a great cause. He said: 'I would

like to thank Tarbert Gun Club for helping to organise the event. Thank you to everyone who came along and made a donation. It was a great day.'



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Crinan Puffer baton passed on to MACPool

Extra races to be added to the popular event

RUNNERS in Mid Argyll have reason to celebrate as the Scottish Sea Farms Crinan Puffer committee has agreed to Mid Argyll Community Pool taking on the running of the event.

The new arrangement secures the future of the Puffer – a popular 8.5mile run along the length of the Crinan Canal – and provides a valuable fundraising opportunity for community-owned MACPool.

Mid Argyll runners had previously juggled organising the huge event with their full time jobs.

Plans are already underway to arrange more races under the 'Puffer' banner and encourage new runners, children and families.

Stuart Owen, MACPool manager,

explains: 'At 8.5 miles (13.5km) the original Crinan Puffer is a serious distance. We'd like to arrange additional events across shorter distances - maybe 3km and 10km – so more people feel they can come along and have a go.

'Pool staff are experienced at organising sporting events so we can lighten the load on the dedicated volunteers who have built the event to the current success it now enjoys.'

He added: 'This gives us the chance to raise funds for the pool and play a wider part in helping Mid Argyll residents to stay fit and healthy.'

Matthew Watkiss, Crinan Puffer race organiser and Jog Scotland co-ordinator, thinks the new arrangements are good news

for local runners: 'Jog Scotland runners use MACPool as a base for our training sessions so the pool is our 'home ground'.

'The pool can offer a year-round organisational resource for the Crinan Puffer, so can provide more opportunities for runners in the future.

'More runs over shorter distances mean everyone can have a go – whatever their running ability. Having an event to train for is great motivation – I'm sure more runners will get involved if they have an achievable target in mind.'

The 2014 Scottish Sea Farms Crinan Puffer takes place on Sunday, April 27. Entries open on Saturday, February 15 on the Entry Central website - www.entrycentral.com



Stuart Owen, manager of the MACPool, left, received the Crinan Puffer baton from Matthew Watkiss, one of the organisers of the massive Mid Argyll event. 06_a07pool01

Matches postponed because of winter weather

THE BAD weather played havoc with Mid Argyll's football fixtures at the weekend.

Lochfyneside's away match against Minorities Youth Foundation (MYF) was cancelled because of poor pitch

conditions. The fixture has been re-scheduled for later this season.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Lochfyneside will be back in league action when they travel to Greenock to play St Andrews.

Tarbert's game against Millerston Thistle was also postponed because of bad weather.

The side is due to be in league action at Cil Andreis tomorrow (Saturday) against Shawlands.

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Lottery draw. The numbers were 2, 8, 16. Next week's jackpot will be £500.

The lucky winner

of this week's Tarbert Football Club Lottery draw was Graham Prentice. He scooped £400 with the numbers 8, 11, 16. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

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