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Shona Booth, 47, works as a teacher. She said: 'Yes, the council could improve the service and possibly more people would come forward to help.' 08_a07vpxpop06



Peter McInnes, 83, a retired lorry driver said: 'I was a member of the Inveraray Games committee for 40 years, so yes, the council should sponsor it. It is something that draws lots of people from all parts of the world. People support it quite freely but it might be better with the council on board.' 08_a07voxpop02

No council cash for Mid Argyll games and events

MID ARGYLL summer events will not receive funding from Argyll and Bute council's main budget, while other events in Argyll will.

The revelation that events such as Tarbert Viking Festival and Inveraray Highland Games would not receive funding from the council for yet another year came at the resources meeting last week. However, the events could still be in with a chance to secure funding from the third sector budget.

In the past, the council

has funded bigger events, including Cowal Games, even paying for road closures during the event, while the Viking festival committee must pay for the main road closure from the £3,000 funding it does receive from the council.

Alisdair Chrystal, convener of the Inveraray Highland Games, which hosts the World Caber Championships, said that in the 30 years he had been involved with the games he had not seen any funding from the council and it would

be good to see the council put money in to smaller events.

Alisdair said: 'Last year our costs were about £40,000. Things like our insurance keep going up and this year Police Scotland will charge £150 for the two policemen in the past we have not had to pay.'

'Last year between 4,000-5,000 people came through the gates with adults paying £9, seniors £5, children £3 and a family of five £18.'

'We are told there's no money available but you have to remember the

money Cowal receives is funded by council tax-payers. Cowal gets thousands poured in but it would be much fairer if funding could be spread around smaller games.'

In the meantime local residents have spoken out to say they think a cash injection from the local authority is needed.

Chef Craig Hendry, 33, who is also a retained firefighter in Inveraray, said: 'I think it would be better but I don't know if they struggle for funds. I always go to the games

if I'm around.' At the meeting last Thursday it was made clear there was no funding process available to local event committees.

Council leader Dick Walsh said the area was in need of a tourism boost.

He said: 'We recognise the personal commitment many people make to the games. But the issue we have is the bun fight to get the funding. I am not aware of any applications coming into the council for funding of games or for the Viking festival.'

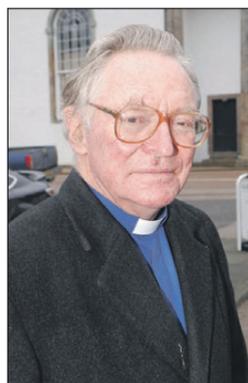
Donald MacVicar, the council's head of leisure, responded: 'There hasn't been a formal application process for the last couple of years. We took a decision to fund strategic events, of which Cowal games was one.'



Russell McKinlay, 36, a fireman said: 'I think it would be a good idea, it is a community thing and a lot of people turn out for the games. 'We have been to the games in Cowal and it is pretty big. 'Inveraray is not quite how it used to be.' 08_a07voxpop05



Georgia McKillop, 17, works in Edinburgh Woollen Mill and said: 'There would be more of a chance of the games taking place with council sponsorship. 'However, some people may be put off because they might not think it is a good idea.' 08_a07voxpop04



Dr Roddy MacLeod, 73, former minister of Cumlodden, Loch Fyneside and Lochgair, said: 'Yes, it would be a good idea for Argyll and Bute council to sponsor it, because there must be a lot of costs. 'It would even help if the council guaranteed the games against the possibility of bad weather - it can be unkind in July. Since I have been here the games have been cancelled once due to heavy rain and showmen's vehicles getting stuck in the mud. 'It is one of the highlights of the year in Inveraray.' 08_a07voxpop03

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Knapdale beavers in focus at Cairnbaan

KNAPDALE'S beavers will be the focus of an event in the Cairnbaan Hotel near Lochgilphead.

The evening, on Thursday, February 19, will start with short talks from some of the scientists who carried out the research, including speakers from the University of Stirling, University of Oxford, the James Hutton Institute, Scotland's Rural College and Scottish Natural Heritage.

There will be an opportunity to chat to them afterwards and to look at posters on each study.

The event from 6.30 until 9pm is free and tea and coffee will be provided.

Up-to-date

Dr Martin Gaywood from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), who managed the independent scientific monitoring of the trial, said: 'We're keen to bring local people up-to-date on the studies that have been carried out over the last five years.'

'There are some interesting and quite surprising results and this is a one-off opportunity to

hear about them from the scientists themselves.

'The talks will be in the first part of the evening but if you can't make it then do feel free to drop-in later on to chat to us and have a look at the posters. Everyone is welcome - we look forward to seeing people on the night.'

Five-year trial

The beavers were released in May 2009 by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland on to land managed by Forestry Commission Scotland, as part of a five-year Scottish trial.

A series of independent scientific research projects were carried out into the effects of the beavers on the area during the trial, which finished in May 2014.

These covered a wide range of issues, from socio-economics to ecology.

Some of the final reports are on the SNH website at www.snh.gov.uk/scottishbeaver-trial. The remaining reports will be published over the weeks ahead.

Call for delivery companies to back down

'We are being penalised for where we live. It is not any more difficult to deliver here. It should not be an issue'

A WOMAN who has launched a campaign to tackle post code discrimination in Argyll and Bute is calling for delivery companies to back down.

Norma MacLennan, of Lochgilphead, has been in touch with mainstream clothing and household companies to find out why they will not deliver across Argyll.

She said that the area was often seen as Highlands and Islands, which incurs extra postal charges, but argues that her home is still in mainland Scotland and should not be treated differently from the likes of Glasgow or Helensburgh.

Norma said: 'When I moved back to Lochgilphead I was surprised that internationally recognised companies such as Ikea, Debenhams and AO.com would not deliver here. I have contacted Ikea and have not had a reply yet.'

'When I started to talk to other people about it I realised there was a widespread problem. After I contacted companies and the post office I discovered that this is classed as the Highlands and Islands and there is no need for it. Any part of mainland UK should be deliverable.'

'I want companies to back down or answer with good reason.'

Norma has taken to social media to highlight the issue facing thousands across the UK.

'I've found that even people in rural areas of England, such as Yorkshire are facing post code discrimination.'

'We are being penalised for where we live. It is not any more difficult to deliver here. It should not be an issue.'

Just last month a Morrison's delivery van was spotted on Lorne Street in Lochgilphead, but people were left disappointed when the supermarket confirmed that it had not been to and had no plans to deliver to Argyll.

To join Norma's campaign go to www.facebook.com/pages/Postcode-Discrimination.



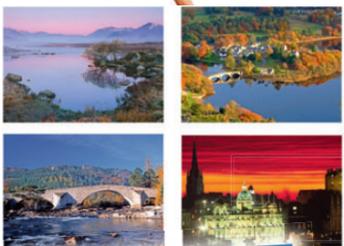
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Police areas to join together

PLANS to merge two police divisions this year could result in more bobbies on the beat. Argyll and Bute L di-

vision would join Renfrewshire and Inverclyde K division with one overall commander. Speaking to Ardrishaig community council about the consultation, Inspector Mark Ste-

phen said: 'Fewer management and backroom staff would be needed, putting up to 10 officers back on the streets.'

Doorstep crooks crackdown

A POLICE operation in Argyll and Bute will crackdown on criminals preying on older people.

The initiative, part of a wider Police Scotland plan, is due to start next month.

Officers will try to catch criminals who target on people at home.

The plan was discussed at a meeting of Ardrishaig community council by Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Inspector Mark Stephen.

Theft of Cycle

POLICE are appealing for witnesses and information after a bike was stolen. It disappeared between 9pm on Friday, February 5 and 6.45pm on February 6 from out-

side the Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool (MACPool).

The bike is described as a man's mountain bike and anyone with any information regarding the theft should contact Constable Macleod at Lochgilphead on telephone number 101.

Assault

A 32-YEAR-old woman was allegedly assaulted in Inveraray on Sunday.

Police attended the incident at 10.30pm, where a 31-year-old man was detained in custody, pending his court appearance.

Traffic offences

POLICE stopped a man on the A83 near Kilmory, Lochgilphead for excessive speeding.

The 53-year-old was stopped on Wednesday, February 4 at 1.55pm.

He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

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Council faced with a 'very difficult' financial position

A FAILURE to implement austerity budget savings has created a 'black hole' of between £27 - £37 million in the council's finances for 2016.

That's the stark forecast from Helensburgh councillor James Robb, a former leader of Argyll and Bute council.

Councillor Robb has argued the staggering predicted deficit has been caused by the council's reluctance to make 'any substantial savings to date'.

And at a budget meeting last week, the council's head of finance Bruce West told councillors that this year's one per cent budget reduction 'is the lowest saving the council has made to my knowledge'.

However, council leader Dick Walsh said the council was faced with a 'very difficult' financial position and wanted

to gain stability with this year's budget.

The council has made £40 million worth of savings since a council tax freeze was introduced by the Scottish government in 2006.

'Black hole'

Councillor James Robb, the opposition finance spokesman, said he was 'seriously concerned about the black hole in the council's finances'.

He said: 'The council will need to find ongoing savings from a lump sum in future years - that is going to be almost impossible to do and maintain our current staff levels.'

'Staffing is the biggest bill; and teachers' salaries are protected, so it will come down to removing positions that the council does not need to keep. Jobs such as music tuition, nursing homes, care at home, libraries and youth ser-

vices or closing schools. As councillor Walsh suggested last time, substantial savings had to be made.'

Councillor Robb continued: 'The council has not made appropriate savings to smooth the way.'

'We can cut back on what we already provide - but it is time to start making the real decisions. I am very concerned about implications on next year's budget. It will get to a point where it just cannot be balanced under these terms. The biggest question is, where is the money going to come from to protect staff?'

'Why are we not talking about the real problems yet to come? Why are we making painless choices?'

But council deputy leader Ellen Morton defended the council's record: 'Mr Robb is not correct if he thinks that

finding one per cent of budget savings this year has not been painless.

'So many things within departmental budgets are fixed in our agreements with the Scottish government, which gives us very little scope for making savings.'

'Seventy, eighty, ninety per cent of budgets are set and cannot be changed.'

'The savings can't come from teacher numbers, or from school meals or from various projects as laid down by the council and the government.'

'There is no denying we are going to have to make on-going difficult choices.'

'We are managing budgets with the minimum pain.'

'Our staff are our biggest asset and without them we will not be able to grow the economy.'

'We have no plans to review our school estate within the term of this council.'

The council has an annual budget of £237 million and has 4581 members of staff. The council's wages bill is £134 million, a rise of £4 million from last year.



Robert Docherty from RJD Brickworks with Arthur Barclay. 08_a07raisedbed01

Raised bed ready for spring

A VILLAGE will bloom in spring with a new garden thanks to wind farm cash.

Brick layer Robert Docherty, 26, has spent five days creating a stone wall round a flower bed in Ardrishaig.

Regeneration

Ardrishaig Community council member Arthur Barclay said: 'As part of the village's regeneration we want-

ed to create a garden planted with daffodils and tulips.'

'As an extra touch we embedded a teapot in the wall to try to bring a smile to people's faces as they pass.'

It is a joint project between Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), which owns the land, the community council and Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Villagers urged to take part in plans for Ardrishaig's future

RESIDENTS in Ardrishaig are being reminded if they want to shape the future of the village they must engage with the community council.

The news comes after Ardrishaig community council was faced with changing its attitude to find a way forward for regenerating the village.

Edward Laughton, convenor of Ardrishaig community council said: 'The Argyllshire Advertiser report last week 'Canal boss tells Ardrishaig: set sail on a more positive course' may have left people with questions.'

'The community should be assured that Ardrishaig community council and Scottish Canals are in agreement that all parties will continue to work together, with Argyll and Bute

council, to create a regeneration partnership for the betterment of Ardrishaig.

'Ardrishaig Community Council is fortunate in having 12 community councillors.'

Volunteers

'However, it should be remembered that these councillors are all volunteers and it is really important that they have your interest and support.'

'Members of the community are therefore encouraged to come along to community council meetings and find out first hand what is being discussed and what proposals and decisions are made on behalf of the community.'

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Mechanic Kris Gordon snapped the 42,000-tonne crane being towed.

Crane breaks down and blocks bridge

A 42,000-tonne crane that broke down on the Crinan Canal swing bridge blocked the A83 crossing on Friday.

A quick thinking eye witness from the Pier Garage, situated just next to the bridge just after Pier Square in Ardrishaig, managed to grab a series of snaps of the commotion.

Kris Gordon, me-

chanic at the garage, said: 'We were just closing up the garage for lunch when I heard what sounded like rattling coming from the bridge. When I looked I thought the crane had actually got stuck.'

'I went over to have a look and do my nosey but it turned out it was a mechanical part that had come loose.'

The crane was from

Ainscough Crane Hire and had a fault in its gearbox, it blocked the bridge for around 30 minutes on Friday afternoon just after 1pm, before it was towed to the nearby Stag Garage in Lochgilphead.

Kris added: 'What a place to break down. It had perfectly blocked the bridge, and initially I was concerned because I am a firefighter

and I know the fire engines can only use that bridge, but it was only stuck for about half an hour before they got a truck to come hook it up and tow it.'

A spokesperson from Ainscough said: 'There was a problem with the gearbox which led to the breakdown of the vehicle. It is now parked up safely, awaiting repair.'

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Tarbert people need bigger homes

A COUNCILLOR is appealing to social housing providers in Mid Argyll to create bigger homes for families in Tarbert.

Councillor Anne Horn thinks three-bedroom houses should be made a priority in the village.

Her appeal comes on the back of the one and two-bedroom flats being built and allocated in Oakfield, Tarbert.

Councillor Horn said: 'Although it is great to finally see these new homes in Tarbert, we still need family houses.'

'Tarbert Community Council held a meeting recently and there were 12 families in the village who are desperate for three, and even four, bedroom houses.'

Anne would like to see Argyll Community Housing Association or Fyne Homes invest in plans to build bigger homes that will accommodate those in need of more bedrooms.

Families who are already facing overcrowding have been told they cannot be guaranteed a move within the village to a bigger home, which could potentially disrupt some children's education.

Kayleigh Hill is mum to three children under 10 years old.

She and her husband, Graham, are waiting for a four bedroom, ground

floor home to be built as their six-year-old daughter Kaiyah has a lung condition which means she needs round the clock medical care at home and should avoid stairs.

Options

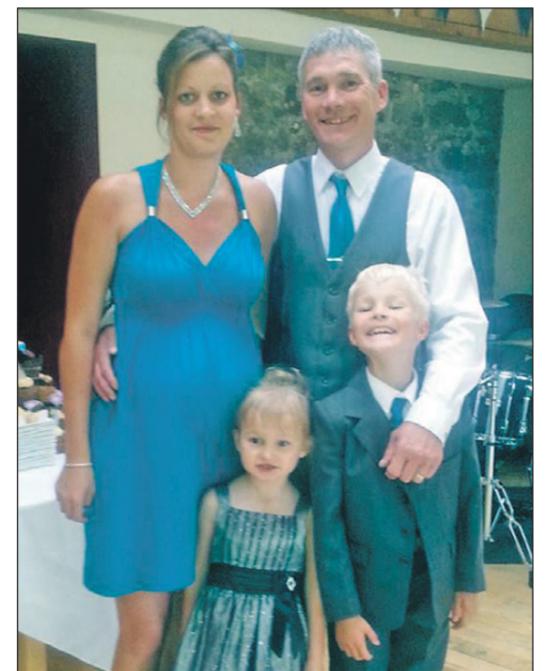
Kayleigh said: 'I've seen people who have been on the list for 15 years and are still waiting.'

'I believe that there are four-bedroom options in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead, but this is no use when our family is settled here.'

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of

ACHA, said: 'ACHA may have an opportunity to develop further housing in Oakhill on the site next to where we had the new build opening. This site is on our reserve list for future development opportunities and could provide a further eight units.'

There are currently no plans for the housing association to build there but Mr MacGregor said: 'If funding became available we would look at housing needs at the time for the village which may include three- or four-bedroom properties.'



Kayleigh Hill, pregnant with now five-month-old Callie, husband, Graham Hill, with Connor nine, and Kaiyah, six.

KILMARTIN VILLAGERS LEFT REELING WITH NEWS FIBRE OPTIC CONNECTION COULD PASS THEM BY

Residents step up demand for high speed broadband

PEOPLE in Kilmartin thought they were going to get the latest fibre optic superfast broadband but have discovered they may not be better connected after all.

BT Openreach plans to run a fibre optic cable throughout Mid Argyll, including Kilmartin.

But members of Dunadd Community Council (DCC) have found many homes will be out of reach of the new cable.

Research

Their research has found that households that are three kilometres or more away from fixed fibre optic hubs, in the form of green boxes, will see virtually no difference in their broadband speed.

Jim Malcom, DCC convenor, said: 'With this in mind Dunadd Community Council has



Jim Malcom hopes to influence Openreach's decisions. 08_a07malcolm01

taken the initiative and conducted a postal and online survey of all 412

households in the area. 'So far we have received a 34 per cent

response rate, which is excellent.' Jim has already written a letter

to the managerial team at Openreach in a bid to influence the location

of hubs to maximise the number of residents and business owners who will benefit from superfast broadband.

He has offered to make the community council's results available and has 'stressed the importance of high speed broadband to rural businesses', as a way to encourage more people from outwith Mid Argyll to relocate to the area.

Speeds

Jim added: 'The download speeds in Kilmartin, Slockavullin and Ford rarely exceed 4mbps.

'Those in Bridgend and Kilmichael Glassary fail to reach 1mbps and if you live in Kilmichael Glen, Drimvore, Rhudle and Crinan you have no hope unless you have a satellite connection, which is expensive and use is capped.'

Hundreds sign Saltire petition

A PETITION launched this week to have the Saltire flag flown on the pole at the Front Green in Lochgilphead already has almost 600 supporters.

The campaign was launched as a matter of public interest by Lochgilphead Community Council (LCC) to get Argyll and Bute Council to change its policy to only fly the Saltire on St Andrew's Day.

The petition proposes that the Scottish Saltire flag be flown all year round, except on commemorative days when flags to mark individual events or dates would be flown.

Support

Many who signed the petition said they supported their country and the national flag and 'should be flown all over Scotland'.

LCC launched its campaign after a similar petition in Dunoon late last year, but it was unsuccessful at Argyll and Bute's council panel. For the local authority to review its policy LCC needs a further 430 signatures.



Alan Reid MSP with David Williamson director of the Scotch Whisky Association.

Dram debate in Commons

SCOTCH whiskies' vital £5 billion economic value was debated yesterday (Thursday) in parliament.

It followed a report by the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) entitled 'The Economic Impact of Scotch Whisky Production in the UK'.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid is the vice chairman of the all party parliamentary group on scotch whisky. He thinks that the government should help the industry by cutting excise duty by two per cent in the budget.

In last year's budget the chancellor cancelled the alcohol duty escalator.

Before the debate took place Mr Reid said that it was unfair on the industry and consumers that almost 80 per cent of the average price of a bottle of Scotch whisky is tax.

He added: 'I represent a constituency where the whisky industry provides good quality employment in remote and rural locations. It is vital to Islay and Jura.

'It also provides much needed employment in Campbeltown, Oban and Tobermory.'

Growth in flights to Islay and Tiree

ISLAY and Tiree airports showed growth in passenger numbers in 2014 but Campbeltown was down on 2013 a report has shown.

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TOURISM is often the topic of conversation in Mid Argyll and members of the community across the area work hard to build attractive events, often in their own free time.

So it seems a missed opportunity for Argyll and Bute council not to share its £77,000 budget to support summer events here, while events like the Cowal Games have allegedly received up to £70,000.

Without organisers from the Tarbert Viking Festival, Mid Argyll Music Festival and Inveraray Highland Games this region would not have the buzz and hype about it during the summer months that it currently does.

Normal, hard working people race around each year trying to source sponsors and entice businesses to plough the money in that the council will not put out to these events. The council should perhaps reconsider granting smaller, local festivals, games and events a slice of the cake.

SOMETIMES people have to go through pain, suffering and misfortune in order to be inspired.

And for many people it can be what it takes for them to devote their time to charity work or helping others.

This week a Lochgilphead man will have his hair cut for the first time in six years, after he saw the pain his friends suffered when their two-week-old baby girl died. Baby Alison and her parents, Megan and Alan Morrison, were supported with end of life care after Alison was born seriously ill. Next week Brian MacLennan will cut-off his beloved dreadlocks to raise cash for CHAS, the only provider of hospice care for children in Scotland.

Elsewhere in Lochgilphead this week we hear of a kind Samaritan who has stepped into ensure that Mid Argyll voluntary travel service will continue to run and give vulnerable people the access they need to get around without a car of their own. Both these stories demonstrate acts of selflessness and should be commended.

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Sir,
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To help save Argyll's dairy farmers and other similar farmers in the UK, I believe a large number of people would be prepared to pay a fair price for their milk and dairy products if they knew for certain the producers were receiving a fair price.

There should be a British Fair Trade logo on milk and related products such as butter, yoghurt and cheese, shouting loudly and clearly that the produce is giving our dairy farmers a fair price.

Also, feel strongly against intensive forms of dairy farming making each cow produce 11,500 litres of milk each year, compared with 8,000 litres and I would be prepared to pay for this humane lifestyle for our cows.

All of our supermarkets and food shops should stock these products and display them in an obvious way.

I am sure that buyers would support the dairy industry given the opportunity.

**Ann Thomas,
Barmore Road,
Tarbert.**

Responsibilities of government

Sir,
It is quite understandable that with less than three months to the General Election political parties are all manoeuvring to gain maximum advantage.

However, I should like to remind the SNP Government that it has responsibilities of government and not to focus

exclusively on party advantage. We saw too much of this during the referendum campaign.

And what have been the consequences? In the three months after the referendum over 4,000 patients spent more than eight hours in overstretched accident and emergency departments before treatment.

The SNP has taken its eye off the ball and now even the revised-down target of 95 per cent of patients to be seen within four hours is falling further from view. Serious consideration must be given towards bringing forward the publication of the Scottish Government's review into out-of-hours care.

Not only has the SNP government centralised the police force, it has abandoned any responsibility for it. Police Scotland has reneged on its commitment to abolish stop searches of young children. Over 90 per cent of these searches on children aged under 12 were negative. Scottish Liberal Democrats call on the police to explain why they haven't kept their word on scrapping this unregulated and illiberal position.

The SNP has failed to support rural areas. Argyll and Bute LibDem MP, Alan Reid, was able to get money from the UK Government to help bring superfast broadband to Argyll and Bute.

This money was handed over to the SNP Government. But many people remain frustrated as nobody can tell them when, or even if, their home or business will be connected to faster broadband speeds.

The choice voters face on May 7 is between Alan Reid, a hard working Liberal Demo-

crat MP, who is a local champion, and an SNP.

**Ursula Craig,
Cove.**

Community relations

Sir,
What a shame the golf club committee didn't take the long view of kids sledging on the edge of the course. It was great to see so many kids outdoors and smiling.

Surely it was an opportunity missed for the golfers to have put on some hot drinks with profits towards the ground maintenance. No doubt parents would have been very generous.

Instead we get the 'elf and safety' and 'get off my land' lines trotted out in defence of their miserly actions. Shame they don't take the same safety conscious attitude to the ankle breaking potholes on the road over their land to the forest.

Lochgilphead Golf Club would be well advised to concentrate on repairing its community relations rather than the grass after this sorry episode.

Name and address withheld.

'Diminishing influence' in the EU

Sir,
It is clearly disappointing to note that, according to a recent report from a House of Lords EU sub-committee, the UK's financial services sector is suffering due to the UK's 'diminishing influence' in the EU.

While peers state that political interference from Brussels is driving an ill-thought-out and inconsistent system of red tape, the debate about

Britain's future in the EU and a growing 'antipathy' towards Brussels means that UK authorities are losing their ability to combat what they see as damaging legislation.

A series of new regulations from Brussels, since the financial crisis, most notably a cap on bankers' bonuses, have angered many in the City, who argue that it harms London's position as a global financial hub.

Indeed, some 40 pieces of financial legislation have been introduced or proposed since the 2008 financial crisis.

However, the UK's ability to have an influence over this legislation has been greatly diminished.

And while the proposed capital markets union, for example, presents a golden opportunity for the UK, its role in shaping it is being marginalised due to a weakening influence in Brussels.

This means that Scotland's financial services sector currently is losing out and will continue to do so.

This greatly reduced influence is highly apparent and that is even before the referendum campaign on the UK's relationship with the EU has begun.

With the Scottish economy so reliant on the financial services sector it is clearly disappointing that we are and will continue to be impacted by being part of a UK whose ability to influence key decisions in this area is so weak.

At an EU level it is not how hard you bang your fist on the table and throw your weight around that counts, but your ability to step up to the mark and be a team player.

**Alex Orr,
Edinburgh.**

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Hair we go, hair we go!

Brian will have his dreadlocks chopped off for children's charity

A CHILDREN'S charity is to benefit from a Lochgilphead man's beloved dreadlocks.

Brian MacLennan has agreed to cut off his waist-length hair to support his friends' efforts to raise money for Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).

Alan and Megan Morrison received support from CHAS, the country's only provider of hospice care to children, for their daughter Alice Morrison and have been fund-raising for CHAS as a result.

Brian, who has a young son himself, said: 'I saw what my friends went through. They became the first people to be given a ventilator to take home just so as they could spend the fi-

nal days with their baby at home.'

Baby Alice died last month, just two weeks after she was born.

Brian said: 'The charity was amazing and the support my friends' received was fantastic.

'They actually initiated the fundraiser and I really wanted to get involved. I knew I would have to do something major and it has taken me a lot of courage to go through with having my dreads cut.'

Brian's dreadlocks, will be short on Saturday, February 21, at the barber shop on Lochnell Street at 2pm.

His sponsorship has already reached £220.

To sponsor Brian go to www.justgiving.com/Brian-MacLennan.



Brian will cut his waist length dreadlocks for CHAS, a charity close to his heart. 06_a07hair01

Two Argyll College students shortlisted

A MID Argyll student could win her second award in a matter of months.

Claire Young, from Lochgilphead, completed her National Certificate level studies with the college last year, and won the Argyll College UHI Further Education Student of the Year 2014 Award.

Mature student Claire, has now been nominated by her college lecturers for the prestigious 2015 LANTRA Awards and has been shortlisted for the Land-based and Aquaculture Learner of the Year Award.

Claire, a single mum to Luna, 16, and Ben, 14, currently works in the kitchen garden at Kirnan Estate, Kilmichael and is restoring the old stone walkways and waterfalls on the estate.

Claire plans to undertake an HNC Horticulture this year.

Kelly Crawford, 16, a pupil at Lochgilphead

High School, has been shortlisted for the school pupil award for completing a Rural Skills for Work course.

Argyll College UHI has been working with LANTRA, a UK-wide skills and development organisation that which supports environmental learning and provides access to training, for a number of years.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at a ceremony at the Dunblane Hydro Hotel on Thursday March 5.

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Social Scene

Atomaig Piseag Weekend

THE ARGYLLSHIRE ladies Gaelic choir, Atomaig Piseag, enjoyed a weekend of workshops and its Annual General Meeting at Balnakiel House, Clachan in Kintyre last weekend. Singing led by conductor Raymond Bremner, of Thrumster, saw the choir return to its many songs of the last ten years. The two-day event saw choir president Davidson, from Barcaldine, stand down from the post she has held for ten years. The new president was named as Sheena McTighe of Taynuilt.

Below from left:
 Mid Argyll ladies Fiona and Christine Johnson. 16_t07social5
 Nicola Pearson of Oban. 16_t07social3
 Moira Young of Achnamara and Mhairi Renton of Campbeltown. 16_t07social4
 Donna Dugdale from Mull. 16_t07social9

REHEARSAL: Raymond Bremner, choir conductor, puts the women through their paces. 16_t07social11



SOPRANO: Joy Dunlop led the group in some acapella singing of both modern and traditional Gaelic songs. 16_t07social7



SECRETARY: choir secretary Audrey Paterson of Taynuilt. 16_t07social1



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Rabbie Burns was the pop-star of his day

IF Scotland's legendary bard was alive today he would be all over social media according to speaker Willie Young.

At Lochgilphead parish church Burns supper guests heard that the bard would have embraced all modern means of publishing his poetry.

Congregation member

Mr Young gave the immortal memory and said that if Robert Burns was alive in the 21st century he would have roamed the streets with his mobile phone.

Toast

Church elder Malcolm MacFadyen gave the toast to the lassies and said Burns was the pop superstar of his day.

Mr MacFadyen said there were more statues immortalising the 18th century poet in the United States of America than any other writer.

Address

Earlier in the evening, Jamie Baxter piped the haggis round the hall before trained actor James Quarton's gave his address to the haggis.

The traditional menu included cock-a-leekie soup, haggis, champit tatties and bashed neeps.

Jim Morrison, former head teacher at Lochgilphead primary school, performed the poem Tam O' Shanter and musical duet Morag Cupples and John Holt played the fiddle and accordion.



Top table guests at Lochgilphead parish church Burns supper, from back left, Ian Davidson, Malcolm MacFadyen, Willie Young, James Quarton, Jim Morrison, Liz Perkins and Margret Davidson. 08_a07burns01



James Quarton, during his performance of Burns' poem To a Louse, hunts in parish church minister Hilda Smith's hair. 08_a07burns05



Ann Houston and Connie McKinnon, who prepared the supper. 08_a07burns03



Malcolm MacFadyen stirs the mix during his toast to the lassies. 08_a07burns06



Duet - Morag Cupples and John Holt. 08_a07burns04

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Children who took part in the ceilidh. 08_a07ceilidh09



Leonie Pirrie calling the dances. 08_a07ceilidh02

Dancing the night away

PARENTS and children danced the night away to raise school funds last Friday.

Ardrishaig primary school's parent council organised its second ever family ceilidh to raise funds for a new stage.

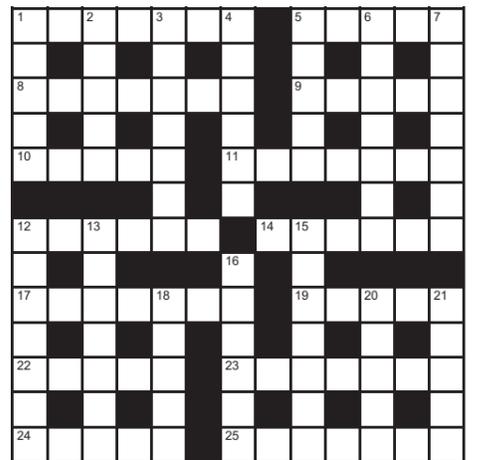
Chairperson Rebecca Quelch said: 'We need a total of about £2,000 and have already raised £600 with a ceilidh last spring and £180 from a bake-off at a coffee

morning.' Musical accompaniment was provided by the Ceilidh Bug group with Archie McAllister playing the fiddle, Ron Pirrie on the guitar and Leonie Pirrie calling the dances.

During intervals between dances a raffle was held, called by Mrs Quelch, and children and adults took part in a coin slide.

The adult prize was a bottle of whisky won by Ron Pirrie.

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Across

- 1 Rulers (7)
- 5 Leg bone (5)
- 8 Put upon (7)
- 9 Describing phrase, which doesn't make sense in the normal way! (5)
- 10 Chief official of a town or city (5)
- 11 Rainproof material (7)
- 12 Saggy (6)
- 14 Rag (6)
- 17 Try (7)
- 19 Sarcastic remark (5)
- 22 German sub (1-4)
- 23 Stand up and applaud (7)
- 24 Sit in on (5)
- 25 Short witty remark (7)

Down

- 1 Reasonable belief in a God (5)
- 2 Quick (5)
- 3 Riding support (7)
- 4 Funny show (6)
- 5 Woven yarn (5)
- 6 Cut of beef (7)
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To be eligible for an award the community project or initiative must be on-going and related to either: energy, travel, food, or waste.

Nominations should be made online at www.greenerscotland.org/why-live-greener/greener-communities or by email to greener@stripecommunications.com

Viking festival organisers turn their hands to poetry

ORGANISERS of the Tarbert Viking Festival and Traditional Boat Festival will be organising another big event in Tarbert this year: the George Campbell Hay Centenary Celebration.

Creative music, art and language workshops throughout the year and a final concert exhibition on December 5, 2015 will be organised to celebrate the works of this prolific and compassionate Tarbert poet.

George Campbell Hay spent much of his life in Tarbert. As well as writing, Gaelic, Scots and English poetry, Hay also wrote poems in French, Italian and Norwegian, and translated poetry into Gaelic.

Organisers are running this celebration to en-

courage more people to appreciate Hay's works in his centenary year.

Workshop weekends will be organised from April to December including Gaelic, Scots, art, photography, music, song and choral workshops.

More information about the event and all the workshops will follow soon but in the meantime anyone interested in joining the celebration of Hay's work in 2015, or anyone with information they'd like to share about George Campbell Hay, is encouraged to contact the organisers on Facebook through the George Campbell Hay Centenary Celebration page or by email on gchcc@outlook.com.



MATV volunteers Morag Robins, treasurer and Norma Ross, secretary. 08_a07travel01

Good Samaritan steps in for Mid Argyll voluntary travel service

MID Argyll Transport Volunteers' (MATV) service was on the brink of being suspended after a stalwart volunteer fell ill.

But an anonymous good samaritan has stepped in to take the calls of those in need of the reliable and popular travel provision.

Members of the public were concerned about the service when co-ordinator Joan Robertson was rushed to hospital on Friday.

Joan, a well-respected resident of Ardrishaig, and MATV volunteer, takes calls from people aged 65 and over or those with disabilities

who are in need of transport to get them around.

Morag Robins, treasurer, said: 'At the moment we are unsure how long it will take Joan to recover, and the service has been on hold since her sudden illness.'

Worried

'We have people in very rural areas who cannot commute and they really do rely on MATV to get around. I know there were some people who were particularly worried that they would not be able to use it.'

'We are thankful that a good Samaritan has stepped in to fill the position of call-taking and

will fulfil the role on a month-to-month basis until Joan gets better.'

MATV is a taxi-like service that was set up in 1994 to provide transport support for vulnerable people in Mid Argyll.

A team of 15 voluntary drivers operate throughout Mid Argyll, from Cumloddan to Kilmichael and beyond, to take people for their shopping, lunches, and social meetings.

Morag added: 'Last year we averaged around 10 runs each week.'

'Joan has a daily, demanding and time consuming job.'

'She does an excellent

job taking all calls, planning journeys for drivers and arranging times.'

'Finding someone to fill the position would have been difficult for us.'

'Without this temporary support the service was going to be suspended until further notice.'

The temporary co-ordinator took on the role on Tuesday but is currently in talks with the team before the service is resumed on Monday, February 16.

Anyone aged 65 and over or with disabilities should call 01546 603564 to arrange pick ups and drop offs.

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Scottish clans funding to support up to seven events

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In 2014 people from across the world attended clan events in Scotland that were supported through the clan event fund. Attendance at these events was estimated at 7,700 with almost 4,000 international visitors.

Enterprise and tourism minister Fergus Ewing said: 'I am delighted to announce this second allocation of funding through the clan event fund, which will support seven clan events taking place across Scotland in the year ahead. This includes a number of international Clan gatherings that are expected to bring thousands of visitors to Scotland, generating income and providing a colourful spectacle in those communities where they take place.'

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Floor Shop moves to bigger premises

THE SOLE flooring trader in Mid Argyll has moved to a bigger premises in Lochgilhead thanks to loyal customers.

Floor Shop Lochgilhead Limited has shifted its premises from the town's Argyll Street to High Bank Park.

The high ceiling and

wider floor space in the shop means it can stock a selection of carpet roll ends at a discounted rate ready to buy. A range of beds will also be on display and ready for purchase.

Floor Shop has a team of carpet fitters who have gained public recognition and Anne says

that without their skills the business would not receive as much support from the public.

Anne Duff, who fronts the Lochgilhead shop, said: 'This is a busy shop and we can deliver right up to Glenbarr.

'We have an excellent team of fitters and they will go out to people's homes to cut and place the carpets, rather than the customers doing it themselves. They also come out and measure free, another service that we offer and feedback we've had about the boys' work is great.

'I'm confident that I am working in a place with a good reputation, and that matters to me.'



Anne Duffy is keen to tell customers about new stock. 08_a07floor01

Andrew saves energy and builds a business

A DESIGNER who built his own 'passive house' - involving a high level of energy efficiency - has set up a business creating similar homes for others.

Andrew Scott and his family moved to Tarbert in 2010 and designed and built a unique passive house on their land.

With support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service, Andrew set up R A Scott Consultants and is now dealing with enquiries from people across Argyllshire and beyond.

He said: 'We wanted to build our own house that would be perfect for our family, the environment and allow us to save money.

'Passive housing is becoming a lot more popular and I had worked on similar projects before, so knew what I wanted.

'I did everything myself and before I knew it I was getting calls and stopped on the street by people who wanted to know more about the house I was building.

'I realised then that I could replicate what I



Andrew Scott is building a business from his own experience in creating a low energy house.

was doing for my own family for others and so I set up the company specialising in supplying and building passive housing.

'We have already taken five pretty big commissions and I've recently employed two people, so it's going well.'

Andrew's own experience of living in a passive house has proved a crucial selling point to potential clients who want to live in a build-

ing that requires little energy for space heating or cooling.

The business is also working with a German company to supply triple-glazed windows and is hoping to expand into other types of housing such as hybrid.

Andrew added: 'There are lots of options for us to expand but we need to make sure we don't run before we walk.

'We are steadily growing and taking on more commissions and hope-

fully this will continue throughout 2015.

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Donald Melville, business adviser, Business Gateway said: 'We have been working with Andrew discussing potential funding sources to facilitate his expansion and we also supported him as he took on his first employees.'

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Visitors from all over Europe attend the annual show and sale, which takes place this weekend from Friday to Monday.

The reception will be held in the Royal Hotel, Oban, on Saturday evening.

Ahead of the reception councillor McCuish explained Oban was proud to host the annual show and sale.

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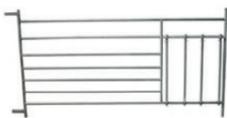
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Reid calls for steps to help dairy farmers

THE UK government must give the Groceries Code Adjudicator more powers, the taxman should be more helpful and the EU step in with milk price intervention.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid believes such steps could help the nation's beleaguered dairy farmers.

The fall in the milk price is causing serious problems for British dairy farmers, Mr Reid told a debate on the industry in parliament last week.

'There are many dairy farms in Kintyre and the local economy would struggle without the vital dairy industry,' said Mr Reid.

'As well as direct employment on the farms themselves, the dairy industry supports many other local businesses, including the Campbel-

town Creamery which makes the famous Mull of Kintyre Cheddar.'

He added that the co-operative First Milk, to which all Kintyre's farmers belong, has a part to play in Kintyre.

'I would urge First Milk to invest in the creamery and secure the future of both the creamery and the local dairy industry,' he said.

'Grants from the Scottish government have been offered provided First Milk make their own investment.

'While there is widespread agreement that dairy demand will outstrip supply in the long term, creating real opportunity for the UK dairy supply chain in the future, clearly farmers have to survive the current crisis.

'EU intervention should be considered

until the situation with the protracted Russian import ban and other market forces are resolved.

'Price intervention is set too low to have any effect before the situation becomes even more serious.

'I very much welcome the government's decision to grant the Groceries Code Adjudicator the power to fine supermarkets that have breached the code. I hope very much that this will act as a deterrent to supermarkets.

'However, many dairy farmers don't come within the scope of the Groceries Code, because they don't sell directly to the supermarkets. The code must be extended to include complaints from indirect suppliers, such as dairy farmers. I be-



Alan Reid MP has urged First Milk to invest in Campbeltown Creamery. 08_c46creamery01

lieve the code is not due to be reviewed until next year. I urge the Government to bring this review date forward.

'The adjudicator,

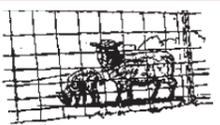
should be seen as a genuine threat to those who breach good practice. In times of price falls it is the primary producer, the dairy farmer, whose businesses are impact-

ed by the low prices. Those further up the supply chain pass price cuts down the chain, but the long suffering dairy farmer has nobody else to pass a price cut to and

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'HMRC have got to be more helpful and allow dairy farmers to spread profits over several years.'

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Cut costs for Gigha farmers, MSP urges



Michael Russell MSP wants tankers carrying Gigha milk to travel for free on the ferry.

PRICE cuts should be put in place for milk tankers making return ferry journeys to Campbeltown from Gigha, the area's MSP has urged.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, is pressing the Scottish government and ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne to expand an agricultural concession already in place on ferries, in order to help cut costs for the island's dairy farmers.

After the National Farmers Union (NFU) took up the case with Derek MacKay, Scotland's transport minister, Mr Russell said: 'At present some vehicles serving the agricultural industry travel free when empty and only pay the full fare when loaded.'

'However, the tanker taking milk from Gigha to Campbeltown is not entitled to this concession.'

'Given the difficulties of the

dairy industry and the marginal nature of milk production on the islands, I urge the application of this concession.'

'I was pleased Richard Lochhead referred to it in evidence to the Scottish parliament's rural affairs committee.'

'NFU backing is of great importance in taking the issue a step further and I look forward to the response of ministers and Transport Scotland.'

Ladies shine at Blackface stockjudging

KINTYRE Blackface Sheep Breeders Association held its annual stockjudging competition at Langa Farm, Kilkenzie last Saturday, drawing competitors from across Argyll.

The ladies were to the fore this year with Eilidh Campbell being the overall champion, taking the ladies and young farmer prizes.

Overall runner up was Joan Pirie with Skye Sinclair winning in the junior category.

The team prize went to

the trio of Eilidh Campbell, Greig Gillespie and John MacLachlan.

The highlight of the raffle was a cake showing a blackface ewe and lamb, made by the daughter of Kintyre's association president Andrew Reid.

Thanks go to the Colville family for the use of the shed at Langa, Alec Russell for the catering provided, and the many local businesses who provided prizes, including Harbro and Reid and Robertson who donated the main

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The annual stockjudging competition results are as follows: open competition - 1 Eilidh Campbell, 2 Joan Pirie, 3 William Taverner; ladies - 1 Eilidh Campbell, 2 Joan Pirie, 3 Catriona Anderson; junior -

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Creggan Wind Farm Limited has now submitted to Scottish Ministers further information in the form of an addendum including the updated Environmental Impact Assessment relative to the revised layout and reduced and amended scheme, to the Creggan Wind Farm Environmental Statement.

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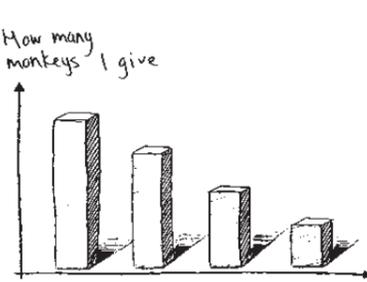
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Go for a walk around any areas which you like and look out for any 'For Sale' signs, and which estate agents they be-

long to.

After that, visit the nearest town and have a good look in the estate agents' windows. Take your time to work out a full picture of the market in the area.

When you have a mortgage in principle in place, it is then the time to pay a visit or make a phone call to the agent which you think has the strongest presence in the market for the type of home you are looking for.

Arm yourself with any questions which you cannot answer yourself. Tell the estate agent your guide price range, but be flexible - you can look at houses above your budget in a slowing market, as there may be opportunity for negotiation.

Keep in mind the prime principle of property buying - location, location, location. Many argue that a smaller location will hold its value better and have a stronger resale value than a larger home in a

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west coast recruitment



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(30 hours)

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Working hours will be 30 per week with a degree of flexibility from both parties as hours may fluctuate dependent upon volume of work. The working pattern will be agreed with the successful candidate.

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(20 hours)

We are seeking to appoint a Payroll & Pensions Administrator to join our Payroll Department based in Fort William.

Reporting to the Payroll/Pensions Manager the post holder will assist in all aspects of administration of payroll support and administration of pension scheme paperwork.

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If you feel that you possess the relevant skills/experience and are looking for a new challenge, please apply in writing, stating clearly which role you wish to be considered for, to: Gillian Dempster, Human Resources Assistant, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd., Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT. The closing date for applications is Friday 20th February 2015.



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Loch Ness

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The Development Officer will report to the Chairman of Kinlochleven Community Trust, or a nominated representative appointed by him/her. This post is 35 hours per week which offers an initial two year contract. The Development Officer will be an excellent communicator; able to keep Directors, Staff, Community, Stakeholders and Funding Partners abreast of progress. A self-starter, he/she will be a well focused individual with excellent interpersonal skills. Competitive salary depending on skill set and experience.

A detailed job description is available from
Mr Andrew Baxter, Chairman, Kinlochleven Community Trust, Unit 4A, Kinlochleven Business Park, Kinlochleven, PH50 4SH or via email andrew@papagenos.co.uk.

Please forward your CV and covering letter in support of your application to Mr Andrew Baxter at the above address and email. Closing date for all applications will be Thursday 26th February 2015. Interviews will be week commencing 9th March 2015.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SOMETIMES I wonder why we bother with a TV as it so often sits in the corner unused.

I often despair as I look through the choices only to find nothing worth watching.

However, occasionally there is a little gem which is worth the licence fee in itself.

There was such a programme last week called 'Animals in Love' and it was totally enchanting.

The question posed by the animal behaviourists was 'Can animals love?'

This programme showed the amazing emotions expressed by a variety of animals.

We witnessed love in many forms and we also saw the aching grief of a monkey who had lost his partner.

But the story which touched me most was the remarkable tale of the elephants who loved and lost a human friend.

A family group of elephants had been traumatised when several of their members had been slaughtered. Armed with rifles in a helicopter, hunters scattered the herd and then shot several of them.

The remaining elephants were distraught and, born of fear, their behaviour towards humans was aggressive.

Some remarkable people spent time and patience with them trying to rehabilitate these noble beasts.

One man gained their complete confidence and gradually the elephants learned to trust again.

Sadly and unexpectedly the elephants' friend died.

On that day the elephants were miles away in the reserve, but with unexplained intuition, they travelled for 12 hours to stand in silence outside his house.

Even more remarkable is the fact that every year on the anniversary of their friend's death, the elephants come.

They stand for several hours in complete silence outside the place where he lived alongside them and loved them back to wholeness.

Then just as silently they leave.

Love had conquered fear.

Love had crossed the species barrier.

Love had the last word, and it always will.

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MINARD

Robert Burns Poetry competition

PRIMARY schools merged together to celebrate legend Robbie Burns by taking part in a poetry competition.

Pupils from Minard and Furnace primary schools went to Inveraray for the Annual Burns Poetry reading competition last Friday.

Pupils recited the popular poem 'To A Haggis' and the performance standards were said to be high this year. Three adjudicators from the Inveraray Burns Club were tasked with choosing the winners.

Leonard MacNeill said: It is not the easiest of Burns Poems to recite. There was an excellent performance by



The three adjudicators with the four prize winners.

all the children.' After the competition

children and staff of Inveraray primary school

prepared and soup, haggis, oatcakes and short-

bread to all who had attended the event.

INVERARAY

Inveraray stalwart steps down

A CHURCH organist took her feet off the pedals for the last time on Sunday.

Morag MacLachlan, 94, has played at Inveraray parish church for at least 20 years.

During a small ceremony session clerk Niall Iain MacLean said Morag took over after being asked by the then-minister, Brian Wilkinson, to play the organ.

Mr MacLean said: 'Morag's true instrumental loves are string instruments, especially cello, viola and violin but not necessarily fiddles, although she still teaches fiddle music to people aged seven to 70.'

To mark her years of service, the congregation gave Morag a bouquet of flowers, a cake and a radio alarm.



Janet Burgess assists Morag MacLachlan to cut the cake. 08_a07organist02

TARBERT

Road improvements

ROADS in Tarbert are set to undergo improvements over the coming weeks.

The resurfacing of Barmore will start on Sunday, February 22 and is set to take place overnight.

The road works will affect traffic, with a diversion around the B8024 and parking will be prohibited and members of the public are being asked not to park their cars, or relocate their cars on that road from 6pm on the evening that work will be carried out.

However, ahead of the road works, improvements to Barmore Road footpath will start on Monday, February 16, and will be carried out throughout the day.

Throughout the road works access to the village will be maintained.

Public meeting

PEOPLE of Tarbert could be given the opportunity to manage woodland in the area, which would bring money back in to the village.

Transition Kintyre, a community-led group which has been set up to ensure that rural communities in Mid Argyll have the opportunity to purchase and lease local woodland, as part of a

nationwide strategy, will hold a public meeting on the proposals.

The group, along with the Forestry Commission, has already identified Corranbuie, south of Tarbert, as a possible site.

The meeting, to discuss possibilities for the village, will take place in the Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre on Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm.

For more information go to www.transitionkintyre.org or telephone Transition Kintyre on 01586 550384.

CRAIGNISH

Creative Place Award awaited

CRAIGNISH Village Hall is awaiting news on whether it will gain a £50,000 cash injection over the next two years.

The village hall committee has applied for a Creative Place Award, by Creative Scotland, and will find out if it has been successful by the end of March.

If successful, the money will support the running of the hall and arts projects, details of which are yet to be confirmed.

Cabin Fever in the hall

VOLUNTEERS have invited a local band to

cheer up the people of Mid Argyll and help them 'shake off the winter blues'.

Well-known band Cabin Fever will perform to an audience in the Craignish Village Hall on Friday, February 27.

The gig starts at 9pm for over 16s only and a licenced bar will be provided for the evening.

GIGHA

MSP calls for agricultural concession

AN MSP has called for the Scottish government to allow ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne to expand its agricultural concession in a bid to help 'hard pressed' dairy farmers on Gigha and Bute.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said that elsewhere some vehicles serving the farming industry travel for free when empty and pay the fare when full but the tanker transporting milk from Gigha to Campbeltown does not get the same concession.

Mr Russell said: 'Given the difficulties of the dairy industry at present and the marginal nature of milk production on the islands I have been urging the application of this concession on ministers for some time.'

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



RAMSAY - GALBRAITH

Andrew and Julie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Emma, on January 19, 2015. First grandchild for all grandparents. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.



VALLIS

Morven and John are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alexander John, born on January 19, 2015 at Royal Alexandra Hospital. A little brother for Darcey. Special thanks to all staff at RAH.

MARRIAGES

MACCORMICK - BROWN - On December 12, 2014 at the Homestead, Omakau, New Zealand, Coll, son of Dugie and Dorothy, Carradale, to Shelley, daughter of Don and Kerrie, Tuatapere. A special day.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



MCSPORRAN - MACMASTER

At the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, on February 12, 1965 by the Rev Charles Henderson, Charles to Elizabeth. Present address, Killeen Place, Campbeltown. Happy Anniversary from all the family x.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Peacefully, at her daughter's home, 98 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on February 6, 2015, Hannah Kelt (Anna), in her 84th year, 19 Dell Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Thomson Anderson, much loved mother of Graham, Kenneth, Stewart and Lorna and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

CUNNINGHAM - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on February 7, 2015, Daniel Cunningham, in his 79th year, 1 Millers Park, Saddell, dearly beloved husband of Gloria Cunningham. Funeral private.

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CUPPLES - On February 11, 2015, peacefully at home, Christine MacMillan Cupples, née Campbell, in her 76th year, beloved wife of Jackie Cupples, much loved mother of Mary, John, and Christina, dear mother-in-law of Michael, Jasmine and Peter and a dearly loved granny and great granny. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 18 at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

EDWARDS - Peacefully, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 28, 2015, Anthony George James Edwards (Tony), in his 77th year, 29 Tormore, Carradale, former manager of Carradale Estate Farm and beloved husband of Sadie.

LINDSAY - On February 5, 2015, peacefully at home, Joan Lindsay, née Simpson, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late Ian Lindsay, much loved mother of Callum, Ian, Norman, Fiona, Mary and Jean, and a dearly loved gran and great gran. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on February 10, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery. With sincere thanks to Dr MacLean at Inveraray Surgery, district nurses, Joanne and Anne, and Macmillan nurse Collette Morgan, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support raised £735.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 8, 2015, Edna Lillian McMillan, née Martin, in her 91st year, 41 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie McMillan, much loved mother of Jean and Rodger and a loving gran and great gran. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, February 13, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DENSON - The family of Mrs Josephine Denson, who recently passed away, would like to extend their grateful thanks for all the kind cards and messages they have received. Their thanks go also to the community nurses and Dr Norrie for their considerate care. Also to the Rev Keith Pagan and Father John Lyons for their compassionate offices. A special thank you to Kenneth Blair for the wonderfully personal yet thoroughly professional manner in which all arrangements were made and carried out.

DREGHORN - Janette, John and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on our loss. Our sincere thanks go to the doctors and staff at Campbeltown

Hospital, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair, funeral directors, for professional services, to Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and to Munero for excellent catering. Special thanks go to the staff at HCI who looked after John so well. Finally, our thanks go to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects.

ELLIOT - The family of the late Jimmy Elliot would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr MacLean at Inveraray Surgery for kind attention, to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for M S Society Scotland raised £230.

MACARTHUR - Jenny and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Hugh. Thanks to family and friends who travelled long distances to visit at this sad time. Thanks to doctors, nursing staff and ambulance crew at Campbeltown Hospital; to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service; to Alasdair Blair for the funeral arrangements and the Ardshiel Hotel for a fine purvey.

MACBRAYNE - Katrina, Janette, Duncan and our families thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received following the loss of Jessie, our dear mum, mother-in-law, gran, great gran and aunt. The family's sincere gratitude is conveyed to Margaret Blair and her team of carers for their care and compassion, which allowed Mum to remain at home. Appreciation also to Carr Gomm and community nurses. We would like to express a very special thanks to Alma, Libby and Mary for their care and friendship to Mum and ourselves over the last few years. We will never forget their kindness. Thanks are also extended to the Rev David Caruthers for his uplifting and comforting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring, professional and efficient arrangements. To everyone who attended the services in Ardrishaig and Craigton, thank you.

MAY - Greta, Rena and their families would like to thank family and friends for all the support during their sad loss of Violet. Very special thanks to all the staff at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown and also Dr Anderson. Thanks to Rev Wallace for his comforting service, and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their sensitivities with arrangements. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMs

BARRETT - In loving memory of a loving husband, who passed away February 12, 2014.

Our love for each other, Was far above measure. Our life together, I will always treasure. Loved and missed every day. - Margaret xx.

BARRETT - In loving memory of a dear father, father-in-law and papa (Jack), who passed away February 12, 2014.

God saw you getting weary, A cure was not to be, He put his arms around you, And whispered, come to me. A dad in a million. Missed and remembered every day.

- Love, Christine and David, Garry and Lynsey, Callum and Fraser xxx.

BARRETT - In loving memory of a dear father and papa, who passed away February 12, 2014.

In our hearts your memory lingers

Sweetly tender, fond and true There is not a day, dear Father That we do not think of you.

- Love, Thomas, Chloe, Cameron and Cain.

BARRETT - In loving memory of a dear dad (Jack), died February 12, 2014.

Forever in our thoughts.

- David, Fiona and family.

BROWN - In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Sharon Fiona, taken from us February 12, 1993.

Always in our hearts and thoughts.

- 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 - Remembering with fondness, Robert, who died February 14, 2013.

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

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

Ten 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, brother-in-law and friend, died February 16, 2005.

Remembered always. - Margaret and Davie.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and nana, Cathie, who passed away February 18, 2001.

Loved and remembered every day.

- Callum, Catriona, Roy and all the family.

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

Loved and remembered every day.

- John.

THOMPSON - Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. - Your loving wife, Rene, your son, Scott, your girls, Senga and Maureen, and families at home and away.

CHURCH NOTICES

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 15th February 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Iain McNea

Kirk Session meets
Tuesday 17th February
Church Hall 7.30pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 15th February
The service will be led by Rev Catriona Hood
Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism
11.15am in the Church
Badminton Club
There will be no badminton on 17th February as it is a school holiday
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Sunday 15th February
11.15 am Service
Creche Triple C Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace
Monday 16th February
Guild, New Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th February
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Board/Session Meeting 7.30pm
Session Room
Thursday 19th February
Choir 7.30pm
Friday 20th February
Lunch Club
12noon New Hall

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

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 15 February 2015
11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche
Mr Ian Clark
No Toddlers or Bible Study this week
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show.
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 15th February
Sunday before Lent
10.45am Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 15 February
Inverlussa Church
Morning Worship 10 am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 15th February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 18th February
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th February
Morning Worship
Ford 11.45 am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

lochgilhead baptist church
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 15th February 2015
11.00am
SATURDAY 14th
12-2PM
SOUP LUNCH
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

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

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 15 February 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"
Thursday 19 February 2015
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Sunday 15th February
Miracles
Matthew 8
Services
in
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
and
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Saturday 14th February
Guild Coffee Morning
North Church Hall
10:00am till 12noon

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

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SC0002876)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 15th February 2015 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Robin Mackenzie, Interim-moderator. Following both services there will be a Congregational Meeting to elect members of a Nominating Committee.

LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th February 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
More info. at
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilhead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald and Lupton please turn to page 22.



Members of several Kintyre and Mid Argyll clubs attended the SFA Early Touches course in Campbeltown on Sunday.

Coaches enjoy great day out at Early Touches course

BUDDING coaches turned out in force in Campbeltown on Sunday for a youth football coaching course.

Young coaches from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre and Tarbert Soccer Centre attend-

ed the level 1.1 Early touches course, a one-day event that featured skill-building exercises for young footballers.

The coaching event, held at the Kinloch's 3G pitch, was hailed a great success after at-

tracting 15 would-be coaches.

Several clubs were represented, including Campbeltown and District Community Football Club (CDJFA, Pupils Youth and Pupils Ladies) and four from Carradale AFC.

Run by Martin Rae, Scottish Football Association (SFA) development officer in Argyll and Bute, the course was organised by the Campbeltown Sport Hub as part of its Campbeltown Big Coaching

Weekend.

A CDJFA spokesman said: 'It was a great course made even more enjoyable by the mild weather. It was great to see so many people looking to get involved in coaching.'

Scott saves the best 'til last

KENNY MacAulay was this week's winner in Lochgilphead Golf Club's matchplay event with a good round in difficult conditions.

But the match of the day involved James Scott, who was five up after nine holes in his matchplay quarter-final with David Sinclair.

Seven holes later it was all square with David looking favourite to win, however James saved his best play for the last two holes and won them with nett birdies.

There are two weeks to go until the winter league final with the top five players contesting for the main trophy and the rest playing in the duffers derby.

Both competitions will be played over four weeks with the best three scores counting.

Keith Cowan has very nearly won the winter league on 15 occasions and will be hoping to be successful this year. Ross Sinclair, the reigning champion, is the player they all want to beat.

Results - 10 K MacAulay; 9 G MacDougall; 8 A MacAulay; 7 J Scot, 6 D Sinclair; 5 R Sinclair; 4 K Cowan; 3 D Carmichael; 2 A Law; 1 C Rowan

Trekker stops by on his way along the Argyll coast

AS CHARITY trekker Adam Short reached Mid Argyll he was more than half way through his year 6,600 mile walk of the UK coast.

Adam, 41, is 4,000 miles through his round trip from Southampton for charities Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Save the Children.

He has been travelling since March 6, 2014 and has been on a continuous journey trekking

along the coast, coupled with some kayaking.

Adam, who lives in Bournemouth, said: 'The idea is to navigate the entire coast of the UK and have only really stopped in Tarbert, where I was tempted with a much needed few drams.

Dehydration

'It is best to avoid alcohol on this journey because dehydration is a big risk. So I have been sticking to water, orange juice and lemonade throughout.'

Adam admitted that Argyll weather conditions had proved the most difficult for him.

He said: 'The most

challenging walk was on the coast of Mull of Kintyre. I was hit by high winds of up to 70mph.'

Despite the struggles that Adam has faced he also said the west coast of Scotland is one of the most beautiful sceneries.

He added: 'The west coast has been gorgeous, from the outside anyway.'

Adam left Mid Argyll on Tuesday before he will walk and kayak the River Clyde.

He aims to raise more than £50,000 for his charities.

To support him on his adventure go to <http://uk-coastal-trek.com/>.



Adam stopped in Tarbert for a few drams this week.



Visitors' golf fees to drop

VISITORS to Lochgilphead Golf Course will see a decrease in fees this year.

At the club's AGM on Tuesday it was proposed that the fee of £15 be brought down £10.

The sum was reviewed following feedback from members that many visitors do not pay the full price, and often make excuses about having no change.

Newly elected club captain Ryan McGlynn heard members' concerns.

Ryan said: 'I see, if we make it a round number then there will be less chance of people saying that they don't

have the full amount because they are short of change.'

He put the proposal to members who voted in favour of the £5 reduction to the fee for visitors to play on the green.

Ryan reluctantly took the captaincy from Keith Cowan, who has served for two years, on Tuesday.

He filled the position on the basis that he would receive members' full support.

Members fees are set to stay the same for 2015 after a vote in favour of the current price, while a review of the five-day membership available is in motion.



Ryan McGlynn, left, has taken on the role of captain from Keith Cowan.

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Dance group steps out in new 'hoodies'

Members of Lochgilphead High School Fusion dance group proudly show off their new 'hoodies'. The girls have been performing at school shows recently and will be attending the Argyll and Bute schools dance competition in a few months' time. For any pupils interested in joining the dance group, practices take place at 3.45pm every Tuesday at the joint campus.

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Rowers receive charity cash

MID Argyll Rowing Club is £100 better off thanks to an Argyll charity.

The award came from 'Act Alfresco' – an incentive which encourages people to enhance, protect and promote Argyll and the isles outdoors.

The rowing club provides access to the marine environment and shores of Loch Fyne for both adults from Mid Argyll and pupils from the Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Alec Ohnstad, from Mid Argyll Rowing Club said: 'The grant will help get more people from the area rowing and using appropriate safety equipment.'

Lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd Club's weekly lottery numbers drawn were 5, 13 and 17. The winner of £600 was J. Holt. The jackpot for Monday, February 16 will be £100.

The numbers drawn from this week's Inverary Shinty Club's lottery were 4, 16 and 18. There were no winners, therefore next week's jackpot will be £300.

Tarbert Football Club's lottery numbers this week were 3, 7 and 17. There were no winners, therefore next week's jackpot will amount to £600.

SAFL results

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Finnart 2, Campbeltown Pupils 3; Haldane United 5, Kings Park Rangers 2; Oban Saints v Alba Thistle unfulfilled fixture; Thorn Athletic v Busby postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup first round - Dunoon v Jamesown, Easthall Star v Oban Saints; Coronation Cup - Rossvale v Tarbert; SAFL Premier Division - Alba Thistle v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Port Glasgow; Paisley v Lochgil-

New venue for oldest cup final

THE VILLAGE of Taynuilt is providing the new venue and a new principal sponsor for this season's Glasgow Celtic Society Cup final. Taynuilt-based Gregor Cameron Consultancy has become the new sponsor of shinty's oldest competition, the final of which will be played at the village's sportsfield for the first time on Saturday, June 27.

The final has been played at Strachurmore in recent years and regularly involves Inveraray and Kyles Athletic.

Iain Cameron, honorary secretary of the society, said: 'We think it is the right policy that communities which contribute so much to sustaining shinty should benefit from hosting the sport's big occasions.'

'Taynuilt is ideally situated at the heart of one such community, with excellent facilities in a lovely setting.'

'With the very welcomed support of our new sponsor, Gregor

Cameron Consultancy, and with the help of volunteers from the local sports council, we are confident that the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Celtic Society Cup Final can attract a large attendance and be a memorable occasion for the community.'

Company director, Gregor Cameron, said: 'We are delighted to have the opportunity to support the Glasgow Celtic Society in bringing this year's Celtic Cup Final to Taynuilt.'

'Our sponsorship agreement with the Glasgow Celtic Society will allow the company to support the sport of shinty, whilst enabling the Taynuilt Sports Council to showcase their excellent new sports facilities through staging the Celtic Cup final.'

Fraser Inglis, chairman of the Taynuilt Sports Council, said: 'We have invested heavily to upgrade our facility for the benefit of local users



Iain Cameron, left, honorary secretary of the Glasgow Celtic Society, and new sponsor Gregor Cameron with the trophy outside Taynuilt sports pavilion.

and we're very pleased the arena is recognised as being brought up to a standard fit to house shinty's prestigious events.'

The draw for this sea-

son's competition was made at the sponsorship announcement last Friday. First round byes: Inveraray, Kyles Athletic, Oban Camanachd and Glasgow Mid Ar-

gyll. First round ties: Oban Celtic vs Kilmory, Strachur vs Ballachulish, Glenorchy vs Bute, Taynuilt vs Aberdour. Second round ties: Strachur / Ballachulish vs

Oban Celtic / Kilmory, Taynuilt / Aberdour vs Inveraray, Glenorchy / Bute vs Oban Camanachd, Glasgow Mid Argyll vs Kyles Athletic.

Young Inveraray side lose out in Oban

INVERARAY played their first pre-season match of 2015 in Oban

last Saturday and the young side were on the wrong end of a 5-2

scoreline against Oban Camanachd, despite having gone ahead early

on. The result, although disappointing, failed to raise concern with manager Garry MacPherson, who was pleased with how the side played without several experienced players.

Oban Camanachd, who were last season promoted to the premier league, finished the stronger side as their busier pre-season schedule paid dividends.

A youthful Inveraray side began the match well, with goals from Fraser Watt and Lewis McNichol.

Inveraray continue their pre-season this weekend with a first versus second team match, then play Oban Celtic the following week.

Action from the Oban Camanachd v Inveraray match held at Mossfield Stadium last Saturday



Both teams would have been happy with last Saturday's workout. Photos: Kevin McGlynn

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