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# Rest and Be Thankful relief road ready



Transport minister Keith Brown surveys the new relief road.

MOTORISTS using the A83 will no longer have to endure a 40-mile detour when a landslide closes the Rest and Be Thankful as the relief road becomes operational this week.

Transport Scotland has told *The Argyllshire Advertiser* work to upgrade the Old Military Road was to be complete as 'early as this week', whilst vehicle convoy test runs would get underway to ensure smooth running of the road.

Visiting the Glen Croe construction site last week, transport minister Keith Brown said: 'Our focus remains to ensure that, as far as is practicably possible, Argyll stays open for business.'

'To this end, the team on the ground has worked seven days a week to overcome the significant engineering challenges needed to bring the Old Military Road up to the standard needed.'

'Emergency vehicles,

haulers, locals going about their business, and tourists will all feel the benefits this new road will bring should we find ourselves facing another landslip. In particular, hauliers and local traders will make time and fuel savings.'

**Welcomed**

Despite being five months over schedule, the opening of the road was welcomed by people in the tourism industry.

Mike Story of Argyll and

the Isles Tourism said the most important thing was that the road would be open for March 1, the start of the tourism season.

'People have been complaining that the diversion route will still cause delays but from a tourism point of view the minute people go on a detour to other parts of Scotland there is a better than likely chance that they won't come back here,' Mr Story said.

'However if we have the

relief road that follows the route they have been going on then we have a much better chance of retaining that customer. That's why we need the relief road.'

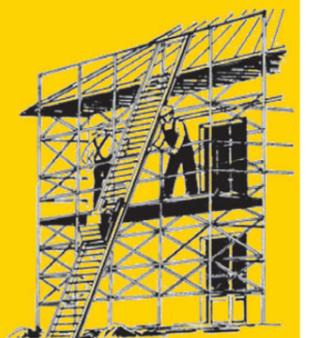
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Mr Story said the relief road would remove lengthy detours for tourists, adding: 'It will give people more confidence; it's definitely not the long-term solution but it is a confidence boost because it provides a real alternative.'

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# Charity youth scheme on hold



Fiona Kalache of MAYDS has been working with John Wood of Ardrishaig Community Council to boost facilities for young people in the village. 06\_a08pitch03

## Project still waiting on council to make decision six months on

PLANS to rejuvenate two areas in Mid Argyll and vastly improve facilities for young people in the area are being put on hold as the organisation behind the projects awaits a decision from Argyll and Bute Council.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) has identified two development opportunities that could see an array of sport and recreational services introduced to the area.

The first would see the former Lochgilphead Primary School site transformed into a hub for the community and include a café, soft play area, nursery, offices, skate park and football pitch.

MAYDS applied more than six months ago to

rent the currently derelict building and implement its plans using grant funding but is still awaiting a decision from the council.

MAYDS has since explored the possibility of building a youth facility between the King George V Play Park and Ardrishaig Primary School.

### Unit

Designs were drawn up for a basic unit that would have changing facilities, common room and kitchen.

A dual purpose building, it could act as a youth centre and sports clubhouse.

Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, said: 'The council has asked us to do a feasibility study for Ardrishaig but we are a

charity and we paid over £2,000 for studies on the primary school and that has gone nowhere.

'We just want an answer.

'We are looking into funding options for both of these sites but funders aren't going to give us a grant without a proper agreement with the council.

'The lottery is offering big grants for investment in the community but these opportunities are passing us by.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council did not comment on the MAYDS applications but said: 'When community organisations or charities approach the council for grant funding or any other kind of support, there is no fixed deadline.'

## Police files

ENQUIRIES into a car crash near Ford last weekend have seen a man charged with allegedly driving without a licence and failing to report an accident.

The 28-year-old has been reported to the procurator fiscal following the crash on February 2.

GOODS stolen during a break in at a shop in Ardrishaig have been recovered by police.

A 22 year-old man has been charged with theft, including theft of electricity, and being in possession of cannabis following the break in, which occurred between 6pm on Saturday and 9.30am on Monday morning.

A 25 year-old man was charged with allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol, without a licence and without insurance in Lochgilphead on Saturday.

Police discovered the man driving at 4.30pm on Brodie Crescent in the town following a report from a concerned member of the public.

The 32-year-old owner of the car was later traced and charged with allegedly allowing his care to be driven by unqualified and uninsured driver.

FISHING equipment including chains, ropes and an anchor were stolen from a boat docked in Tarbert Harbour.

The theft occurred sometime between January 20 and February 14.

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Reverend Hilda Smith and Ian Davidson, convenor of the Lochgilphead Parish Church Renewal Project working group, are delighted repairs can now get underway. 06\_a08renew02

# Delight as church work finally starts

THE AMBITIONS of the Lochgilphead Parish Church Renewal Project will finally be realised this summer as four years of fundraising and negotiations with funding bodies comes to an end.

Phase one of the project could get underway in two weeks and will see the currently derelict church hall restored. The building will be made structurally sound, its roof repaired, walls and flooring fixed and a new kitchen and toilets built. The design includes an option to install a folding partition wall at a later date.

However phase two of the project, which would see a glass corridor built connecting the church and hall, may not

go ahead this summer because of spiralling construction costs. A door will be built at the back of the hall and church as part of phase one, allowing the corridor to be built when additional funds are found.

Reverend Hilda Smith from Lochgilphead Parish Church said she was eager to see construction workers on site as soon as possible.

'The first meeting about the renewal project was in 2008 so it is amazing to finally reach this point,' she said. 'We have raised £80,000 as a congregation from donations and fundraising events and there has been an incredible amount of hard work that has gone on behind

the scenes to get us to this stage.

It has involved a big commitment on the part of the project group but in particular our convenor Ian Davidson'.

The renewal project is supported by the Argyll and the Islands LEADER programme, which has contributed £148,960 towards the repairs, and the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, who pledged a grant of £58,000 and a loan of £20,000. The J Murray Napier Trust, Ferguson Bequest Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and Baird Trust also made donations.

A construction company was to be appointed to carry out the work today (Friday).

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**Fuel stolen from the Mid Argyll Hospital**

A MAN has been arrested for allegedly stealing fuel from Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

The 64-year-old is believed to have taken a quantity of kerosene and red diesel from the hospital in Lochgilphead between February 8 and 12.

A spokesman for NHS Highland confirmed there was on going police investigation but said the authority would not make any further comment on the incident.

**Watch where you leave money**

HOUSEHOLDERS are being reminded not to leave money for tradesman and deliveries in their gardens and outbuildings.

The call comes after coal and money were stolen from an unlocked coalbunker in the Duncuan View area of Ardrishaig.

# Strachur breeder to judge Labradors at Crufts

Elsie, along with husband Jim, has judged in more than 35 countries

A STRACHUR woman will make history when she becomes the first person from Argyll to judge the prestigious Labrador dog classes at Crufts Dog Show.

Mrs Elise Nolan, a well-known breeder and exhibitor of Labradors, will be kept busy as Labradors are the largest entry in the show with 490 dogs and bitches entered.

Elise will be judging 227 dogs at the competition, to be held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham next month.

Elise, along with husband Jim, has judged in more than 35 countries including Australia, Russia, USA, and South Africa.

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**Advance**

Judges for Crufts are asked five years in advance and until recently were not allowed to tell anyone until the list of judges for the whole show was published in the Kennel Gazette.

In 2006 Jim judged the Labrador Bitches classes with 300 entered, the record number of dogs in any breed.

Nowadays both Jim and Elise, who started breeding Labradors



Elise Nolan is the first person from Argyll to judge the prestigious Labrador dog classes at Crufts Dog Show. Having bred Labradors for years Elise now looks after Penny and Rory at home in Strachur.

in 1964, enjoy their retirement in Strachur and have just two dogs, a mother and son, Penny and Rory, to look after.

Elise said: 'It is a great honour to be selected to judge at Crufts and very few kennels are lucky enough to have both

partners acknowledged.' Crufts is a four-day show and Labradors are on the Gundog Day on Saturday, March 9.

**'Positive' about Ardchnonnel Windfarm**

PEOPLE in the Royal Burgh have been 'positive' about the proposed Ardchnonnel Windfarm, according to the company behind the development.

RWE npower renewables held an open day in the Royal Burgh on Monday to inform residents about its plans to build a windfarm, with a maximum of 15 turbines, 1.5km east of Loch Awe.

The proposed turbines will be 125 metres high, with the potential to generate 45 mega watts of electricity per annum.

Alan Greenwood, director of McGann Greenwood Communications, who was working on behalf of RWE npower renewables at the event, said:

'We are pleased with the response we are getting from people coming in, everyone has been very open-minded and positive about our proposal.'

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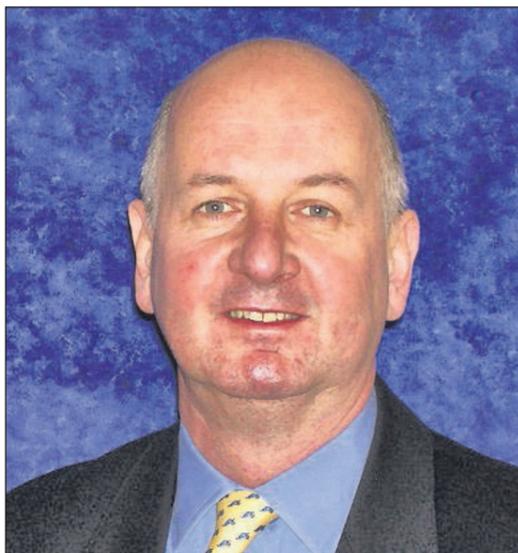
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## James Robb is new leader

JAMES Robb has become the new leader of Argyll and Bute Council.

The Helensburgh councillor takes over from Oban's Roddy McCuish, who will now become deputy leader. Former deputy John Semple stood down from the post.

Mr Robb, above, took up his position as leader on Thursday as councillors debated the budget for the next seven years. He said: 'It is an honour and a

privilege to accept the role of council leader and I am committed to doing the very best for the people of Argyll and Bute in these difficult times.'

Councillor Robb will remain lead councillor for finance, whilst councillor McCuish becomes lead councillor for European Affairs. Councillor Semple will remain as lead councillor for environment, development and infrastructure.



Roddy McCuish.

## Book stock figure slashed by 32 per cent

LIBRARIES have suffered a 32 per cent cut to their book stock budget as councillors moved to slash their fund by £24,000.

To be spread across all areas, the council said the move would impact on service 'at a time when Argyll and Bute libraries are less accessible than most authorities as a result of lesser opening hours caused by low staff costs'.

# Argyll and Bute budget round-up Staff await job axe call as council cuts £5.8m

NEARLY 100 people will lose their jobs over the next financial year after Argyll and Bute Council approved the budget dubbed the 'Valentine's Day Massacre'.

Sixty-five full time equivalent posts will be axed under the deep-cut budget proposed by new council leader James Robb, with £5.8million trimmed away in each of the next seven years.

Long term, the plan could see 670 jobs affected, with 430 full time equivalent salaries

likely to be scrapped between April and 2020, with roads and Streetscene bearing the brunt of the initial jobs cull.

Unpopular cuts to adult care, roads, leisure services and school meal budgets will lead to increased charges and lower quality services across the county.

### Abstain

The SNP/Argyll First/independent alliance - dubbed by some the Fragile Alliance - suffered a few dents in passing

its budget, with Donald Kelly the only councillor to abstain in the majority 19/16 vote.

In doing so, the council rejected an alternative budget proposed by the opposition on the day, with leader Dick Walsh saying the ruling alliance had miscalculated the funding gap. Proposing savings of £3.929million per year, Mr Walsh told members 'there is a choice'.

However, the council did not adjourn to consider

the alternative budget and Helensburgh councillor Vivian Dance accused one member of the administration of 'appearing to be asleep' when it was submitted.

### Right approach

Despite the opposition's warnings that the alliance budget was 'cruel and unnecessary', James Robb insisted the right approach had been adopted.

He added: 'This budget has required some very tough decisions for all of us.'

## Milk removed from paid-for school meals

POORER primary school pupils could be 'singled out' by the council's plans to remove milk from paid for school meals.

Under plans approved by Argyll and Bute Council last week, from April 1 children who buy their lunches will no

longer have a drink of milk included in the price. Those who get free school meals, however, will continue to receive milk with their food if they want it.

Speaking at the meeting, Helensburgh councillor Gary Mulvaney said he'd be worried

about anything that singled out poorer children.

'We're basically flagging up children who are poor, that's a major concern,' he said.

Sharing his concerns is John Dickie, head of the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland.

Mr Dickie said: 'Anything that means children will be treated differently will reinforce any feeling as being different or left out. It undermines the feeling that school is a place for them and it can affect their education.'

## Doors to shut on care home

THE BUDGET meeting saw the controversial proposal to close Dunoon care home Struan Lodge agreed.

Passed with 17 votes to 16, Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly abstained from voting, as did SNP members Michael Breslin and Gordon Blair. Bute independent Len Scoullar also refused to cast his vote.

The council agreed to implement a closure plan with the condition that further consultation would be carried

out with residents, their families and care providers.

Council leader James Robb said: 'This move has not been made lightly and I understand this will be worrying for residents and families. In these difficult times we must make the best use of resources available, while ensuring the services provided improve the quality of people's lives wherever they live in Argyll and Bute'.



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Every week as we attend events and flick through the pages of our newspaper we are astounded to see the amount of money raised in rural towns and villages, which often have very small populations.

Next week we will see the Lochgilphead Parish Church Renewal Project get underway after locals raised £80,000 for repairs in just over four years – that's an average of £20,000 a year.

A coffee morning at the weekend saw £481 raised for the fund in two hours.

It saw volunteers from the church, Dochas Centre and local singing group donate their time and homebaking skills to the cause.

It is refreshing that in such times of hardship, local people are always on hand to support the organisations, charities and causes we all hold so dear.

Tomorrow night a fundraising event will be held for the Anthony Nolan Trust.

The people of Lochgilphead took this charity to their hearts many years ago and have for the last 16 years raised thousands of pounds and awareness of the charity. The success of the annual Anthony Nolan Weekend is a testament to this community.

As Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government tighten their own purse strings in an attempt to save money, Mid Argyll folk should be proud that their generosity, kindness and community spirit have helped their communities thrive for many years.

This sense of community spirit and people power has never been more important.

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### Campaigning for pedestrian crossings

Sir,

Regarding your recent article on a proposed crossing in Ardrishaig.

A safe pedestrian crossing has long been campaigned for in Tarbert, nearly 20 years in fact.

Transport authority officials have visited Tarbert many times and countless criteria have been tested - for example time lapse between vehicles and volume per hour, all to no avail in spite of many near accidents having occurred.

The final edict from Edinburgh was 'no pedestrian crossings can be built on a trunk road.'

I wish Messers, Mactaggart and Philand well in their endeavours and trust if they are successful then Tarbert too will get a long awaited safe pedestrian crossing in the village.

Finally, I would like to think the three councillors responsible for the Tarbert area are also lending their weight to this campaign.

**Douglas Robertson,  
Bralorne, Tarbert.**

### Act now to save fish stocks

Sir,

Readers who saw last week's Fish Fight TV programme on Channel 4 will surely have been astonished such unsustainable fisheries such as scallop dredging still exist.

Whilst the programme broadcast underwater foot-

age off the Isle of Man, showing where the seabed had been systematically dredged, destroying the creatures that live there similar film footage could be taken off Arran, Mull and any number of other stretches of the Scottish coastline.

Shamefully scallop dredging, widely regarded as the most unsustainable fishery in European waters because of its seabed impacts, remains largely unchecked by the Holyrood Government, even though it employs a small fraction of Scotland's fishermen.

As Fish Fight emphasised, scallop dredging owes its continued existence in part to its invisibility. It is out of sight, so it is out of mind.

Just imagine the national outcry if wild, ancient and publicly owned woodland was ploughed up in pursuit of a few truffles.

It is welcome to see that Scotland's largest scallop dredgers, MacDuff Shellfish have joined calls to control dredging in inshore waters in order to allow the recovery of our devastated fish stocks.

Sadly this enlightened attitude is not yet shared by Scotland's entire band of dredgers.

The simple and effective answer to the problem is to listen to the fishermen who know about husbandry and establish separate zones for sustainable fishing methods such as creeling and diving, neither of which drags heavy destructive gear through the vital seabed fish nurseries.

Such zones would allow a recovery of commercial fish stocks and the environment.

Other parts of Britain, such

as the Isle of Man and Wales, have now created dredging free zones. Scotland cannot afford to be left behind.

So SIFT is promoting a project in the Firth of Clyde that aims to restore the ecosystem by creating separate zones for sustainable fisheries like creeling, angling and diving. This will end the scraping of the seabed and result in the Firth again being able to support a sustainable, economically viable mixed fishery for everyone's benefit rather than just for the short term gains of the few.

**Charles Millar, Director,  
Sustainable Inshore  
Fisheries Trust.**

### Horrified at scale of council cuts

Sir,

I am horrified at the scale of the cuts the SNP have made in the Argyll and Bute Council Budget. These cuts are not necessary. No other council in Scotland is cutting on this scale. The only reason I can think of for these cuts is to build up a 'war chest' for the SNP to use to cut the council tax just before the next election.

The SNP, led by Helensburgh councillor James Robb, are sacking hundreds of workers and slashing the budgets for care of the elderly, roads maintenance and keeping our towns and villages tidy. They're even taking milk away from school children. Instead of 'Margaret Thatcher - Milk Snatcher', the new protest cry will be 'Milk Robb-er'.

These cuts are unnecessary as the opposition budget showed. The council officials warned the SNP that their budget would see about £12 million

spent on redundancy payments. This money could be better spent on council services. The officials also warned the SNP that their cuts to homecare for the elderly would see elderly people 'living in deteriorating conditions which may then result in future emergency action at higher cost'. This SNP Budget is horrific. I appeal to them to think again.  
**Alan Reid MP.**



**Argyll and Bute Council has voted to cut a glass of milk from school dinners in a bid to save £30,000.**

**This means the end of free milk at school, which dates back to the end of WWII.**

**Do you remember getting your bottle or carton of milk in days gone by? What are your memories of school milk?**

**Jeem McShirker:** Reminds one of 'Thatcher the milk snatcher'.

**Don MacLachlan:** Thing I remember most is bread and dripping. Would anyone dare serve it in a school these days?

**Eileen Harvey:** The milk was all ways warm

**Arek Matusiewicz:** Stop moaning about warm milk. At least it provides some good vitamins and minerals. It's a shame they want to cut it off. Although if kids don't drink it then even bigger shame if it's wasted.

**James MacLachlan:** Be better cutting some of the high paid jobs in council that do nothing for the money they are paid!

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Molly Wither and friend Amber Russell were amongst dozens of youngsters attending Mid Argyll Youth Development Services' Thursday night session for six to eight year-olds. 06\_a04youth04

## Argyll and Isles tourism aims to cash in on the Commonwealth Games

ASSETS and tourist attractions unique to Argyll will be promoted to the masses as Argyll and the Isles Tourism aims to cash in on Scotland's Commonwealth Games, Year of the Homecoming and Ryder Cup.

The tourism cooperative aims to promote the region to people travelling to Scotland to attend internationally renowned events in the coming years.

The organisation will focus on this when it meets for the third Argyll and Isles Tourism summit on March 13.

Meeting at Mount Stewart House on Bute, the cooperative will launch the new

*UniquelyArgyll* website on the day, whilst its display for the 2013 VisitScotland Expo will be unveiled.

Keynote speeches from industry leaders will focus on heritage, islands and partnerships, whilst individual workshops will cover marine, wildlife and cultural tourism and food and drink.

### Stronger chance

Connie Lovel, director of AITC, said: 'By working together we have a stronger chance of success and this year's summit provides an opportunity to learn more about how we can collaborate for the benefit of the future success of the region.'

## Kilmartin House Museum event

PEOPLE working in the tourism industry are being invited to a special Get to Know Kilmartin House Museum event.

Held at the museum on March 7 from midday till 2pm, the event will offer industry professionals a tour of the museum and Kilmartin Glen's ancient monuments.

## Community diary

COMMUNITY groups in Lochgilphead are being reminded to record their events in the town's community diary.

The diary can be found at Argyll Book Centre, Lorne Street, and allows everyone to see what events are planned, when and where.

# £100,000 funding will support more young people in Mid Argyll

THE LEADING youth organisation in Mid Argyll is reaching out to support more young people in 2013 as it secures almost £100,000 in funding and widens the scope of its work.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) is this year expanding its activities to target primary school children, whilst continuing its work with teenagers and young adults.

The centre, which offers educational and recreational services, has recently launched a weekly event for six to eight year-olds, offering

them the chance to socialise and take part in fun activities.

With a P6-7 session to help youngsters with the transition to high school already set up, the youth programme was extended to incorporate P5.

Fiona Kalache, services manager at MAYDS said: 'We used to work primarily with 11 to 25-year-olds but now we are working with six and seven-year-olds right the way through to adults. Hopefully we can keep the children involved and carry them with us as they go through high school.'

The expansion comes as the charity celebrated a £78,000 grant from the Henry Smith Foundation, to pay management and running costs for three years.

### Support

The Big Lottery's communities and families fund also awarded the group £10,000 to support their work with the younger age groups, whilst Lloyds TSB has contributed £3,600 to the Young Parents Support Group.

The People's Post Code Trust £6,800 grant will be used to develop access to sport. It will see the intro-

duction of a dance troop at the centre, pay for young people to use astro turf pitches and fund the training of young people to become fully qualified lifeguards.

Commenting on the recent success, Fiona said the money would help the centre cater for all young people in the area: 'We are seeing 125 kids here every week and we are still doing the girls only swimming which sees 30 plus girls take part each week. We still have the music group on a Wednesday night, an S1 chill out night and the Saturday night drop in.'

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### Exhibition marks museum re-opening

AN ART exhibition featuring local talent and artists from across Scotland will mark the re-opening of Kilmartin House Museum and Café.

The museum, which closed for winter, re-opens on March 1 with *The Wilds of Argyll* exhibition. The exhibition is part of the museum's programme of events celebrating the Year of Natural Scotland, which will include photography and applied arts exhibitions, workshops, talks and children's activities.

Museum staff are working hard ahead of the re-opening and have planned a large programme of events to attract more people to the museum, which last year welcomed 25,000 visitors. The café will have a new menu and activities for children, whilst in the shop local artists have again produced an inspiring range of goods for sale.

For more information on *The Wilds of Argyll* exhibition and other events this season visit the museum's website [www.kilmartin.org](http://www.kilmartin.org).



The Kintyre Schools Junior Wind Band will travel to Birmingham this spring for the National Concert Band final. 21\_c08band01

## Kintyre Schools Junior Wind Band wins coveted festival slot

A MUSIC teacher from Ardrishaig has led Kintyre Schools Junior Wind Band to the National Concert Band Festival for the second year running.

Katie Cameron, who teaches music across Kintyre, will conduct the band at the national competition in Birmingham in April.

The Campbeltown band won the gold award at the national finals in London last year and is one of only two groups to qualify for the under 14 section at the flagship event this spring.

With the competition only months away, the band's attention has turned to fundraising to collect the £3,000

it needs to attend the Birmingham festival.

Boasting 30 members, the group will hold its first fundraiser, a coffee afternoon, at Campbeltown Bowling Club tomorrow (Saturday).

Comprising children from Castlehill, Dalintober, Southend and

Campbeltown Grammar, they will also perform. Commenting on the band's success, Katie said: 'I'm really mega-proud of them. We're now fundraising and we're doing a coffee afternoon to help get us there.'

The coffee afternoon will be held from 2pm-4pm.



Jenny MacEachern and Kayleigh Williams will cycle 220 miles in three days in a bid to raise charity cash.

## Girls prepare to party to fund mammoth 220 mile charity cycle

STRIPPERS will be descending on a Lochgilphead pub this week as local girls prepare to party in the name of charity.

A girls night out featuring strippers, cocktails, bingo, dancing and fun games will be held in the Argyll Hotel tomorrow (Saturday) night in a bid to raise funds for two Mid Argyll girls undertaking a mammoth challenge for the

Anthony Nolan Trust.

Kayleigh Williams and Jenny MacEachern will cycle from Edinburgh to Dublin in May - 220 miles in three days.

Starting in Scotland's capital on May 16, the girls will cycle through quiet country lanes as they head southwest towards Troon, where they will catch the ferry to Larne.

They will then cruise the

tarmac on the east coast of Ireland to finally arrive in the hustle and bustle of the country's biggest city.

### Prizes

Required to raise £1,450 each for the sponsored cycle, the girls have arranged a raffle to coincide with their Girls Night Out with prizes including a photo shoot with Jordan Young, shellac nails from Casa, a mini

manicure from Lynsey Fyfe of l'amour, haircuts from Vicki MacDonald and Hazel Hunter, a meal voucher from The Stag, a voucher for The Argyll Hotel and a bottle of Moët Chandon, Vodka and Whisky, donated by Cathy Cairns.

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# Curtain up on Kintyre Drama Festival

MONDAY night was the opening night of this year's Kintyre Drama Festival, taking place at Campbeltown Grammar School.

Last year's winners, Lochgilhead Drama Club, were first on the stage, performing *The Witching Hour*, a comedy by the prolific playwright Philip Johnson.

Next to perform were Carradale Juniors in *Jack and the Giant*, a fairy tale by Peter Nutall.

### Twist

The final performance on the first night of the festival was *The Offence*, a play by Diana Raffle and performed by Peninver Players, mixing comedy and suspense and featuring an exciting twist.

The actors, both young and old, in a mixture of sombre and wildly colourful costumes, performed to a packed audience at the school.

For more pictures and results of the competition, see next week's *Advertiser*.



The cast of *The Witching Hour* Ruth Morrison, Sandra Staniland and Elizabeth Fraser brightened up the stage with colourful costumes. 20\_c08drama01



The youngest members of the Lochgilhead Drama Club cast: Sarah Nicolson, Aimee Weir and Marion Maclean. 20\_c08drama02

## Brass Diversions Concert: Review by John Kerr

THREE outstanding young musicians, who have already established international success, performed in Ardrishaig last Saturday.

Pianist Christopher Baxter, trumpeter Tom Poulson and trombone player Antonio Jiménez Marín performed for Mid Argyll Arts Association as part of Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.

The trio, who perform under the name Brass Diversions, introduced their first piece, *Trio Sonata [529]* by Bach, humorously. The glorious interweaving of Bach's familiar melodic lines, sometimes contrasting, sometimes developing, sometimes harmonising was superb.

This was no simplification. The tonguing, pitching and articulation called for the highest skills.

The programme continued with a smooth modern pastorella by American composer Eric Ewazen

and then a humorous concoction of short melodies and loud rude noises on the trombone, *Basta* by Folke Rabe.

Two movements Winter and Spring from Piazolla's *Four Seasons in Buenos Aires* painted lovely pictures, all in tango colours.

A second humorous piece by Hogberg followed, more a dual than a duet between Tom on trumpet and Antonio on trombone. The pianist gave two beautiful solos - Debussy's, *La Soirée dans Grenade* and John Adam's, *China Gates*.

The concert finished with a return to familiar classical notes with Brass Diversion's arrangements of glorious arias and duets from Mozart and Rossini operas and an operatic encore of Rossini's *Cats' Duet*. The evening was sometimes beautiful, sometimes glorious, always superbly performed and always enjoyable.

### Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association CONCERTS

At Campbeltown Grammar School on Thursday 14th March 2013, at 7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm) and Friday 15th March 2013, at 8pm (doors open 7pm)

Featuring Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands. M.C. Thomas Jordan. Grand raffle held on Friday night.

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- Speech in music (5)
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- Soldering need (4)
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- Making many (4-9)

**Down**

- Above (4)
- Nonsensical (6)
- The place to be on when travelling stateside (7)
- Obviously surprised (5)
- Inconsequential (6)
- Monument (8)
- Grape plant growth (4-4)
- Land by the road (7)
- Most negligent (6)
- Spout (6)
- Appropriate (5)
- Of sound mind (4)

### Last week's solution

**MINARD**

**Primary school Duck Derby fun**

PUPILS at Minard Primary School are hoping to have another successful Duck Derby this year to raise money for the school.

Residents looking to get in on the fun can buy a duck from Minard Primary School, Minard Post Office and Dewars Store, Inveraray.

The race starts at 1pm at the village shoreline on Thursday March 28.



Youngsters at Minard Primary School held a Duck Derby every year to raise cash for the school.

volunteers to assist in carrying out survey work.

The detailed survey is the next step in the Explore Tarbert Castle project and will lead to a greater understanding of the castle ruins.

People will have the opportunity to learn more about the investigative techniques used during the survey, over the weekends of March 15-17 and March 23-25.

Anyone who would like to help with the further exploration of the castle can contact Robert McPhail providing details of when they are available to work. Email Robert at sonamarg@btinternet.com.

**INVERARAY**

**Insight into Lord Lieutenant**

SOLICITOR Jane MacLeod gave an insight into the offices of the Lord Lieutenant recently as she joined Inveraray and District

History Society at their February meeting.

Jane, the deputy Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, gave the members a fascinating insight into her role and the history behind it.

The audience, who were aware of the Queen's representatives at official gatherings, were surprised to learn there is much more to the honourable position of Lord Lieutenant.

The posts, which have been established over the last 400 years, originally held a lot of power and were appointed to people from a military background, with responsibility for defence and the law.

In 1960 Dame Jean Roberts became the first female Lord Lieutenant when she was voted provost of Glasgow. Now in 2013, the Lord Lieutenant mostly upholds the dignity of the crown and works closely with charities and benevolent functions on behalf of the crown.

Deemed an enlightening evening by all in attendance, the society thanked Jane for her time.

John Quinn will join the group on March 5 when he will talk about the *Waverly* and other Clyde steamers.

**New daytime running group**

JOGSCOTLAND has started a new daytime group for all levels.

The running group launched a Friday class last week, which includes a new beginners Walk to Jog group, led by a jogscotland leader.

A second group for others who may be further advanced will run at the same time and see runners enjoy a social jog in the trails and pathways around Inveraray.

The new group meets on Friday mornings at 9am at Inveraray Primary School shelter shed. For more details contact Fiona on 01499 302160.

**Curry and quiz night success**

MEMBERS of Inveraray Golf Club would like to thank all those who attended their recent curry and quiz night in The George Hotel.

The club thanked the hotel for hosting the fundraiser, Duncan Sinclair for acting as quizmaster and his glamorous assistants for keeping the scores.

An enjoyable evening was had by everyone.

**FURNACE**

**Mother's Day coffee morning**

TEA, CAKES and other delicious goodies will be on sale at the Furnace Cool Kids Club Mother's Day Coffee Morning on Saturday, March 9.

The club is currently looking for donations for the bottle draw raffle, which will be just one of the stalls at the coffee morning in Furnace Village Hall.

All the money raised will go to the before and after school clubs.

**ARDRISHAIG**

**Community trust seeks directors**

MEMBERS of Ardrishaig Community Trust are seeking nominations from within its membership to fill three vacant director positions, ahead of their AGM on April 24.

People who would like to be nominated for a director position must

be a member of the trust, which costs £1.

The closing date for applications is March 22 and application forms will be available in vilalge shops and on the trust website.

**Race night in aid of Mid Argyll Show**

A FUNDRAISING Race Night will be held in Ardrishaig Public Hall tomorrow night (Saturday), with all the money raised going towards the Mid Argyll Show.

The event starts at 7.30pm and anyone who would like to sponsor a race or buy a horse can contact the committee.

**KILMICHAEL**

**Games night fundraiser**

FUN AND games can be had at The Horseshoe Inn as it hosts a games night to raise cash for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust on March 8.

The event kicks off at 7.30pm and there will be a pool, darts and poker competition, as well as a variety of board games for people to play.

**TARBERT**

**Archaeologist needs help from volunteers**

ARCHAEOLOGIST Roddy Regan from Kilmartin House Museum will be at Tarbert Castle in March and is looking for

**CAIRNDOW**

**Real ale secrets to be revealed**

REAL ale enthusiasts are being given the opportunity to find out the secrets behind the award winning ales that come from Fyne Ales Brewery in Cairndow.

The brewery is opening its doors to the public for a Fyne Ales Beer Night on Friday, March 15.

Brewers of the famous Highlander, Vital Spark and Pipers Gold will be on hand to show people how the beer is brewed and what makes it so special. There will be an opportunity to sample the freshly bottled I.P.A at the event, which kicks off at 7pm.

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### Breakdown woes for concert youngsters

THERE were a few transport hiccups during Mid Argyll Youth Development Services' trip to see the X-factor concert in Glasgow at the weekend.

Twenty-seven children hopped on the bus Glasgow bound at 10am. However they only got as far as Lochgair when the exhaust fell off their West Coast Motors bus.

With another bus provided the team arrived on time to enjoy the show. But their return bus broke down in Dumbarton. Seeking refuge in KFC the youngsters were fed and watered whilst they waited for their third vehicle of the day to come to the rescue.

Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS said: 'I want to thank West Coast Motors for giving us the bus for free and getting everyone home safely.'



Amber Russell and Alexandra Moy enjoy being able to see their friends at the youth centre on Thursday evening. 06\_a08youth05

### Crafty kids have fun at youth club

DOZENS of young children have been enjoying games, arts and crafts and a wealth of other fun activities at the recently launched youth club sessions for 6-8 year-olds at the Mid Argyll Youth Centre.

The organisation has started to cater to the needs of younger children thanks to grant from the Big Lottery's Communities and Families Fun.



Curtis Galbraith, Craig O'Meara and Kai Baxter enjoyed colouring in their fans. 06\_a08youth03



Murray MacDonald was all smiles as he 'chilled out' at the Mid Argyll Youth Centre on Thursday. 06\_a08youth07



Charlie Bird made a fan at the arts and crafts session at the Mid Argyll Youth Centre last Thursday. 06\_a08youth02



Cameron Urquhart, Holly Robertson and Ella Marie Galbraith show off their own handmade fans. 06\_a08youth01

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HMS Argyll leaves Plymouth on its seven-month deployment across the Atlantic.

## HMS Argyll sets sail for Atlantic

THE ROYAL Navy frigate HMS Argyll left Plymouth on Monday on its latest deployment, conducting counter-narcotics operations across the Atlantic.

Families and friends bid farewell in Devonport dockyard, on Devil's Point and the Hoe with the traditional flags and good luck banners to wave off their loved ones on the ship's departure this afternoon.

Pipers from the City of Plymouth Pipe Band embarked on the ship and played onboard for the passage down the Hamoaze and the Sound.

HMS Argyll is due to undertake a range of tasks across the Atlantic in support of British interests worldwide on its seven-month deployment. Its tasking will be on counter-narcotics effort in the West Africa region, as well as providing reassurance to UK territories and partners worldwide.

On completion of her tasking in the Atlantic, the ship will undertake a number of high profile regional engagement visits in the Caribbean before returning to its base-port of Devonport home later this year.

# Truth or myth? The case of Driegg's Archie McPhunn

ARCHIE McPhunn of Driegg was caught stealing his Campbell neighbour's sheep. An unfair trial at Inveraray court before a Campbell judge resulted in a death sentence, and McPhunn was hanged.

When his body was being taken over Loch Fyne for burial he began to show signs of life – and was brought round by a dram.

He had beaten the gallows.

But is this story truth or myth? A new play, commissioned by Strachur and District Local History Society, aims to find out. Playwright Gordon Neish was, however, giving little away.

'I have done a lot of research', he said, 'but there are still some things that aren't clear – as well as some which are.'

'I can say, though, that the records of his

trial show that it was for something far more sinister than sheep rustling he was arrested. What is not clear from the records is McPhunn's status in life.

'He may have been a nobleman – we just don't know. What points to that is his address – Driegg Castle – and the fact his wife was referred to in some documents as 'Lady' McPhunn.'

### Guesswork

'I have yet to find a record of his birth, or indeed his death, date. So there is a wee bit of guesswork in the play.'

'I've also had to make some alterations to the facts we have to make a better story. The main one is that the trial lasted most of a day and his sentence was carried out a few days later.'

Playwright and director Gordon Neish has written a number of plays, including *Para Handy Wireless Show*, which toured Highland Scotland and appeared at the Edinburgh Festival. As an actor he is best known for playing Adam Land in STV's *Take the High Road*.

A cast of nine, along with numerous behind-the-scenes volunteers, has been working hard on the production, which will open today (Friday).

*The Strange Case of Archie McPhunn* will take place in Strachur Memorial Hall over two nights. Tickets are available from Strachur Post Office, Strachur Filling Station, or by telephone from (01369) 860 497.

Tickets are selling fast, and are strictly limited in number for both performances.

### Kick the habit

JAMIE McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, is encouraging smokers across his region to kick the habit when No Smoking Day gets underway on March 13.

The MSP is supporting the British Heart Foundation's 'swap fags for swag' campaign, which shows smokers could treat themselves to treats if they quit.



Jonathan Sheldrick, left, owner of Port Ban Holiday Park with Wouter Wappenaar at the Dutch National Holiday Fair last month to promote Kintyre and Mid Argyll.

## Port Ban businessman appeals for groups to work together

A BUSINESSMAN from Port Ban is calling on tourism bodies to pull together to promote Mid Argyll and Kintyre to overseas markets.

Jonathan Sheldrick, owner of Port Ban Holiday Park, travelled to the Dutch National Holiday Fair last month after he was concerned about how poorly Argyll was represented at the event compared to Ireland and England.

The holiday fair is one of the biggest in Europe and provides an opportunity for businesses to showcase what they have to offer.

As the cost of travelling to fairs is often too expensive for holiday parks and hotels, Jonathan is asking tourism bodies to look at new ways to promote

the region. 'I hope the British Holiday and Home Parks Association and other tourist bodies, in combination with VisitScotland, can do more,' he said.

'Considering the importance of tourism to our area it is vital we do more. With a combined effort and the use of motivated volunteers, with links with other countries, it should be possible to do more with less.'

Jonathan suggests tourism bodies in mid and south Argyll promote the Kintyre Way and the route Columba followed when bringing Christianity to Scotland. This, he says, could create the similar interest currently enjoyed by communities along the West Highland Way, which is included in National Geographic's worldwide top 20.

### Armed forces charity praises Portnahaven's generosity

THE VILLAGE of Portnahaven, on Islay, has been praised by an Armed Forces charity after sending hundreds of parcels and messages of support to troops in Afghanistan.

The tiny settlement – population 120 – has been responsible for sending more than 300 packages in the past year, a figure that has not gone unrecognised by the Armed Forces Support Group.

The charity has sent a thank you letter to the village's postmaster, Alistair Redman, who sends the welfare parcels from residents onto the charity.

### Glasgow to Oban train services double

TRAIN services between Oban and Glasgow will double this summer as ScotRail ups the services to six a day between Monday and Saturday.

A new early morning service from Oban will reach Glasgow before 9am to meet demands of the business community, while a new evening service will connect with the southbound Caledonian Sleeper at Crianlarich. An additional afternoon service completes the trio.

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## Residents urged to help with the regeneration of war memorial

RESIDENTS in Ardrishaig are being urged to help start the regeneration of the village war memorial ahead of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War next year.

Ed Laughton, chairman of Ardrishaig Community Council, wants people to come up with ideas to improve the war memorial and surrounding land.

Early ideas for the land, which is owned by Scottish Canal, have included better disabled access, a community garden and rebuilding the rails around the memorial.

'A lot of people mention at meetings they would like to see something done,' Ed said. 'Three years ago a plan was made but we have to find out what people want now.'

Ed also hopes other groups in the community will be keen to get involved in the project.

'We are hoping to get the youngsters from the primary school involved,' he said. 'Perhaps we could get them to research the names of those on the memorial and find out a bit more about its history.'



Ed Laughton, chairman of Ardrishaig Community Council, is looking for a group of people to help come up with ideas to regenerate the village war memorial. 06\_a08war01

# Community council reject traffic island on A83 in Tarbert

A PROPOSAL to build a traffic island on the A83 in Tarbert has been rejected by the local community council as it reignites its campaign for a pedestrian crossing.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has snubbed the recommendation, featured in the draft Jacobs report, which suggested a traffic island will allow people to cross the A83 safely in the village.

Instead the community council said a pedestrian crossing should be built, allowing people to cross the A83 between the Bank of Scotland and Co-op.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* Brian Mearns, chairman of the commu-

nity council, said: 'We don't see how a traffic island would work, we imagine it would only make the road narrower to large heavy goods vehicles.'

'What we want is some kind of controlled traffic light crossing so mums with buggies or the elderly and disabled have a safe place to cross. If people were to use a traffic island it would mean having to stop and start to get over the road.'

'We would now like Jacobs to go back and look at the options. There maybe a reason why they did not include a pedestrian crossing but for us it's the best option.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland said

Tarbert would need to meet specific criteria before a pedestrian crossing could be created in the village.

He said: 'The Jacobs report and its recommendations, which are expected to be published shortly, has included feedback from A83 Taskforce members, community councils and members of the public.'

'Transport Scotland looks forward to providing a response to this report at the next Taskforce meeting next week.'

The first draft of the Jacobs report highlights priority jobs for Transport Scotland to complete on the A83 in the coming years.

## Housing shortage could fall with shared equity schemes

THE HOUSING shortage in Mid Argyll could fall in the coming years as the Scottish Government invests £20 million in shared equity schemes.

People on low to moderate incomes will receive help to buy their first home through shared equity schemes next year. The scheme would see the individual pay a minority share in their home with the government paying the remainder.

Priority access to the scheme will be given to members of the armed forces, veterans and disabled people.

MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell said: 'This is not only about helping people to buy houses but our actions are also stimulating the economy. By supporting house buying and construction, we are creating new work for the sector and supporting jobs.'

### Community council backs music festival

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Council has reaffirmed its support for the 2013 Mid Argyll Music Festival.

The council pledged a £50 donation to the festival, sponsoring a Scots poetry competition at the event, which will be held next month.

### MP calls for fuel duty discount to be increased

THE FUEL duty discount for Argyll islands should be increased to 8p as there is money available in the UK government's budget, the MP for the area has claimed.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said the discount that currently stands at 5p a litre could

be extended and remain within the UK Treasury's £5 million budget.

#### Big help

Mr Reid said: 'The 5p discount has been a big help to island motorists, but since there's money left in the budget I would like to see it used to increase the discount further.'

### Greener Together Award

COMMUNITY groups across Scotland are being invited to show off their green credentials and enter a new national Greener Together Community Award scheme.

Launched to mark the Year of Natural Scotland, the Scottish Government awards will reward communities for their environmental action.

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and specialist maintenance from highly skilled agricultural mechanics. Throughout the country, numerous firms have developed to sell, maintain and advise on what is both available and affordable to the crofting and farming community.

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Livestock farming remains dominant on the west coast, while the majority of cereal production is targeted at winter feed for stock. Because of this, there is not the same degree of investment in the very large and heavy machinery that

has revolutionised cereal production in other areas. Nor has there been the environmental problems that accompany the extremes of ever-bigger machines.

A 2011 report claimed that Scotland's soils support agricultural businesses worth £700million to the Scottish economy however the report also highlighted that the use of increasingly heavy farm machinery and how they compact soils posed a potential threat that was not fully understood in Scotland.

Some machines used for harvesting crops can weigh up to 40 tonnes and those used in forest

ry up to 20 tonnes, the report said.

Citing research from Germany and Denmark, the study also said heavy equipment was compacting soils at increasingly deeper levels.

The report, The State of Scotland's Soils, which was put together from research by the British Geological Survey, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Macaulay Institute, Scottish Agricultural College and University of Glasgow, has also highlighted that some earths have a 'strong regional identity' and were culturally and historically important - such as the machair of the Western Isles.

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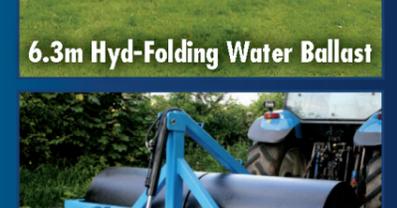
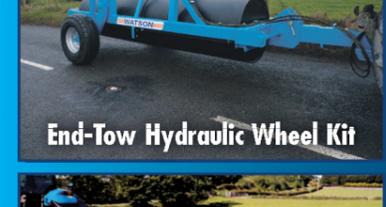


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Jennifer Campbell, Clare McCartan, Gail McGeachy, Janet McNaughton, Jess Malcolm, Lyndis Dandoon were flying the flag for Australia as they tried to crack the murder mystery. 06\_a07play08



French spies Chantrelle, Yvette and Jean Michel Voinot dressed the part as they

# Murder mystery *Spy* at Kilmartin

A GROUP of Mid Argyll residents became James Bond for an evening when they took part in the interactive murder mystery *Live and Love Spy*.

Hosted by The Walking Theatre Company, 40 people gathered at Kilmartin House Museum to investigate the murder of Lord Leg Over and Davie Twice Nightly.

The show, which included dinner and free bubbly, proved to be a hit with the audience, which split into teams as they played a variety of games in an attempt to solve the murders.

The event was organised by Laura Gray, a tourism and hospitality student at the University of Highlands and Islands, with the aim of encouraging local hoteliers to be more creative with their programme of events and entertainment.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* at the end of the night, Lau-



Rebecca Bloom in her role as Gladioli Twice Nightly was one of the suspects in the double murder in *Live and Love Spy*. 06\_a07play02



Sadie Dixon-Spain, owner of The Walking Theatre Company, takes to the floor as the grief stricken Lady Lucinda LegOver, whose husband was mysteriously murdered. 06\_a07play01

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Andy Paterson, Rebecca Bloom, Sadie Dixon-Spain and Simon Linnell from The Walking Theatre Company entertained the audience at Kilmartin House Museum. 06\_a07play10

# Live and Love House Museum

ra said: 'It has been brilliant. There has been a great mix of people and the environment has been just right. I did this on a Wednesday night and there were only two places left, it's something different for people to do.'

Owners of Dunchraigaig Bed and Breakfast, in Kilmartin, Lynn and Cameron Bruce said more events like *Live and Love Spy* could only benefit the local area.

'It's certainly something that could take off,' Lynn said. 'It brings people together, to get out and be social in a relaxed atmosphere.'

Jim Paterson, who travelled from Tarbert for the event, shared their enthusiasm.

'It was a really good night, I would highly recommend it and would go to another one. It can only be a positive thing.'



Lynn and Cameron Bruce of Dunchraigaig Bed and Breakfast praised the *Live and Love Spy* event at Kilmartin House Museum. 06\_a07play05



Jean Michel Voinot dressed the part for the murder mystery and said he would walk over fire for the MS Centre in August dressed in the outfit, if he raised plenty of cash. 06\_a07play09

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NFUS President Nigel Miller said: 'The ongoing scandal on horse meat is becoming increasingly frustrating



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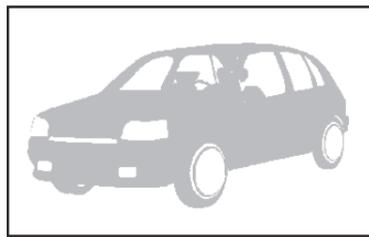


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**PERSONAL NOTICES**

Kelly, Craig and Zoe would like to thank everyone for their kind messages following the sudden death of their father, David Metcalf. We know Dad was widely known, following his move in to the local community 25 years ago, through working at R.A.F. Machrihanish and latterly as a self employed tradesman. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

**DORIS MCQUILKAN**  
Wishes to thank all the very thoughtful people who showed her kindness during her time of need. The cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, visits, practical help, thoughts and prayers mean such a lot. Grateful thanks also to the district and Macmillan nurses and the patient transport service.  
God bless you all. xx

I wish to thank the three young gentlemen who came to my assistance when I fell and phoned for the ambulance and to my family at home. Thanks also to the ambulance crew for their kindness and care, the hospital staff for their attention, to my neighbour who came and took me home in her car and also my family for their help. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped.  
**Thank you, M Sweeney.**

**Happy 21st Daddy!**



**Love Aimee**  
xxx

*Margaret McMillan*  
Would like to thank her family, friends and neighbours, for cards, gifts and flowers, for my 80th birthday.  
Special thanks to Cathie and Jan.  
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**Closing date: Friday 8th March 2013**

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## Project Administrative Officer

Kilmartin Museum is seeking to appoint a Project Administrative Officer to help the team take forward exciting plans to re-develop the Museum and to strengthen business led operations. This is currently a one year full time project funded contract with the possibility of further extension - subject to funding. The salary is in the region of £20,000 per annum. For more information and an application pack please email [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org) or phone Anne on 01546 510 278. The closing date for applications is 1st March 2013.



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Applications should be sent to Jacqueline MacLeod  
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**PLANNING**

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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
13/00225/PP	Erection of single storey side extension to form store room	Redesdale House Skipness Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YG	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/00252/PP	Erection of extension to dwellinghouse.	2 Grizedale Cairnbaan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SP	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/00274/PP	Alterations, extension and installation of sewage treatment plant	Ruadh Sgeir Carsaig Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PN	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/00276/PP	Improvements to existing vehicular access	Glencraigs Cottages Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

**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
13/00143/LIB	External/internal alterations and change of use from storage/shop (class 1) to mixed use shop/cafe (class 1 and 3)	House No 2 Front Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UY	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/00149/PP	Alterations and change of use from storage/shop (class 1) to mixed use shop/ cafe (class 3)	House No 2 Front Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UY	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/00201/PP	Installation of replacement windows and door	Unit 1 Argyll House Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UA	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

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

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

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**COUNCIL TAX 2013/2014**

As required by Section 96 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, notice is hereby given that the Council Tax has been set by Argyll and Bute Council in terms of Section 93 of that Act and the amounts payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band are as follows:-

Valuation Band	Property Values	Council Tax
A	Up to £27,000	785.33
B	£27,001 to £35,000	916.22
C	£35,001 to £45,000	1047.11
D	£45,001 to £58,000	1178.00
E	£58,001 to £80,000	1439.78
F	£80,001 to £106,000	1701.56
G	£106,001 to £212,000	1963.33
H	Over £212,000	2356.00

SALLY LOUDON, Chief Executive, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT  
February 2013

**COUNCILLORS SURGERIES**

**Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre)** will be holding a surgery in the ARGYLL ARMS HOTEL, SOUTHEND on WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY from 6.30pm - 7.30pm.  
Councillor Semple can also be contacted by e mail - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by phone - 01586 553765

**Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)**  
Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977 327 751 or by email [donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

**Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre)**  
Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209/07900 512 558 or by e mail - [rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003  
WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2011**

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION  
KAMES HYDRO SCHEME**

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Kames Hydro LLP for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Kames Hydro scheme, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Construction and/or operation of impounding works approx 2.8m in height.	Kames River	NM 9945 1023
Abstraction of 58 320 m3 per day of water	Kames River	NM 9945 1023
Return of abstracted water approximately 1.6km away from abstraction point	Kames River	NM 9813 1045

SEPA considers that the above controlled activities may have an impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9:30am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement at SEPA, Strathearn House, Broxden Business Park, Lamberkine Drive, Perth, PH1 1RX telephone number 01738 627989. Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: [www.sepa.org.uk/water/water\\_regulation/advertised\\_applications.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_regulation/advertised_applications.aspx)

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1107257

**Registry Department, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall, IV15 9XB.**

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining whether or not to grant the application.

Before determining the application, SEPA will:-

- assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the activity or activities;
- assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
- consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
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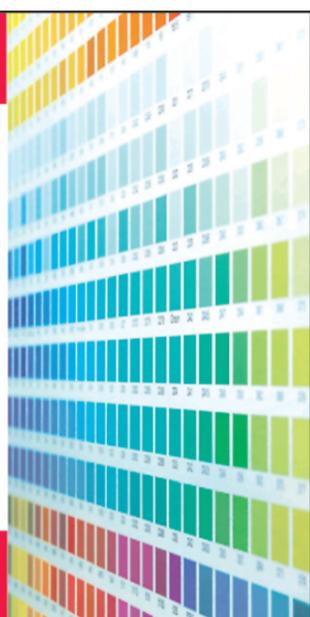
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**BIRTHS**



**KELLY - STEWART**

Lucille and Ewan are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Kasper Cillian, on January 17, 2013. Thanks to everyone for their generous gifts. Thanks also to midwives at Mid Argyll and Royal Alexandra Hospital for all their help and support.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**HOGG - COLVILLE** - Lewis Fraser Hogg of Badachro, West Muir, Brechin and Lucy Emma Colville of Auchmar, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown are very happy to announce their engagement. Both families delighted.

**DEATHS**

**COLVILLE** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 14, 2013, Robert Colville, in his 89th year, 142 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jean McLean, much loved father of the late Jimmy and a dearly loved uncle and great uncle.

**HOLLAND** - Kenneth Hugh (Ken), in his 93rd year, died peacefully on February 13, 2013, at Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, formerly of Sea Whins, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown. Husband of the late Betty Strachan, father of Susan and Simon, grandad of Lee Imogen, Kirk and Alex, friend, cousin and father-in-law. Dearly loved. Ken was formerly Surveyor of Customs and Excise for Campbeltown, Jura and Oban. He was Hon Life Vice-President of the Kintyre Antiquarian Society. Ken bequeathed his body to medical science so there will be no immediate funeral.

**MACCALLUM** - On February 19, 2013, peacefully at home, Robert (Bob) MacCallum, in his 77th year, beloved husband of Betty and much loved father of Iain and Gail, dear father-in-law of Gary and dearly loved poppy of Megan, Caitlin and Callum. Sorely missed by all. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, on Saturday, February 23 at 10.30am, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

**MATHEWSON** - On February 16, 2013, peacefully at home, Margaret (Peggy) Mathewson, née Robertson, in her 101st year, beloved wife of the late Lindsay Mathewson, much loved mother of Gordon, mother-in-law of Jean and a dear aunt of all the family. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on February 21, 2013.

**ROBINSON** - Suddenly after a short illness, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on January 30, 2013, Terence G Robinson (El Tel), aged 62 years, of 4 Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead. Funeral service will take place from Lochgilphead Parish Church

today, Friday, February 22, 2013, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMERON** - The family of the late May Cameron, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received, in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all staff at Ardfenaig Care Home, Tarbert Surgery, district nurses and home carers at Lochgilphead and Tarbert, for their kind care and attention, to Rev Thomas Bryson for his comforting services, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and crematorium. The joint collection for the church and Ardfenaig raised £400.

**HOULDSWORTH** - Jimmy, Dianne and Sandra, would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to district nurses, Macmillan nurse and doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for all the kind care and attention received, thanks also to Humanist Celebrant, Sheena Johnstone, for a very fitting ceremony, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium. The sum of £250 was raised for the Fishermen's Mission.

**MCLELLAN** - James and Elizabeth, and the family of the late Cathie McLellan, would like to thank friends and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and gifts of baking received following their recent sad loss. The love and support you have given us is valued and appreciated. Sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses who cared for Cathie over the last few months and in particular to the Community Nursing Team who enabled Cathie to continue to live at home and with her family. We are grateful to the Rev Cliff Acklam for his visits to Cathie and for his conduct of a comforting service of thanksgiving for her long and full life. The service was also enriched by the musical accompaniment of John Summers. Thanks to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors for their efficient and professional arrangements and for their sympathetic, friendly and helpful guidance. Our appreciation to the Flower Shop, Lochgilphead for the lovely flowers and to the Stag Hotel for the purvey. Finally, we wish to thank all those who paid their last respects at the church and the graveside, your presence was a great source of comfort to the family and your generosity raised in excess of £600 for the Mid Argyll Chemo Unit.

**WYLIE** - Bobby, Sandra, Gemma and family would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during the recent sad loss of their mum, Sandra. Many thanks to the doctors and staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention of Sandra, to Kenneth Blair for friendly and professional arrangements, to Tony Barnett for conducting the service and

the Argyll Hotel for catering. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Kitty Millar of Macmillan Nurses for support, comfort and friendship throughout. Thanks also to all who attended the service and who contributed to the retiral collection, which raised £263.63 in aid of Macmillan Nurses Kintyre Locality and the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital.

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Always in our thoughts.

- Family, home and away.

**MCGOWN** - Treasured memories of John, who we lost on February 25, 2012.

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- Cathie and Wallace.

**MCKINLAY** - Cherished memories of Tommy, much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa, who died February 22, 2010.

We love and miss you every day.

- Morag and family xx.

**MORRANS** - In loving memory of our mother, Sarah Soudan Morrans, who died February 24, 1999.

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**Thursday 28 February 2013**  
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11.30am Sunday School  
**Thursday 28th February**  
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SCO02493  
**Sunday 24th February 2013**  
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**Tuesday 26th February 2013**  
Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall  
Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm  
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**Wednesday 27th February 2013**  
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
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Holiday Club - 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  
**Sunday, 24th February**  
Family Service - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche)  
Rev. Philip Burroughs  
**Tuesday, 26th February**  
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
**Thursday, 28th February**  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, 1st March**  
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

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11.15  
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**Monday 25th February 2013**  
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7pm Youth Group  
**Wednesday 27th February 2013**  
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**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service with Baptism in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**SOUPER Sunday, 24th February, 2013**  
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**Sunday 24th February 2013**  
11am Morning Service  
Jumpstart Group  
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

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**Sunday 24th February 2013**  
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## Healthy eating initiative

SHINTY players across Mid Argyll joined forces recently to encourage local youngsters to eat healthy food and get active.

Laurene Cameron of Dunadd Ladies and David MacFadyen of Kilmory Shinty Club joined Inveraray's Euan McMurdo in rolling out the health initiative to primary four to seven pupils.

The programme Hygiene, Healthy Eating and Activity in Primary Schools (HHEAPS) saw boys and girls enjoy a six-week programme of shinty lessons which focused on all the basic skills involved in the sport.

Commenting on the initiative, launched by the



**Euan McMurdo, shinty development officer for Argyll and Bute, centre, hands over equipment to Laurene Cameron of Dunadd Ladies and Alistair MacArthur of Kilmory Shinty Club as a thank you for helping to deliver the HHEAPS programme.**

Food Standards Agency, Euan, shinty development officer for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The initiative which was delivered across both Mid Argyll and South Kin-

tyre could only have happened with the joint working between the shinty clubs, Active Schools, FSA and the Camanachd Association.'

# Donald signs pro youth forms for Dumbarton FC

A YOUNG Argyll footballer is celebrating after signing a youth contract with Dumbarton FC.

Donald McCallum, who previously starred for Red Star and Oban Saints' youth teams, has been signed up for the Scottish First Division club's under-17 pro youth team, joining Keir Whitefield from Lochgilphead and Oban boys Ally McKerracher, Stuart Alexander, David Beaton and Connor Howe in the Dumbarton squad.

The Campbeltown teenager and his father Peter travelled to West Dunbartonshire across the winter for a series of trial games, which included McCallum playing against Celtic and scoring a winner against Airdrie Utd.

The attacking midfielder told the *Advertiser* he was delighted to have taken the first steps

of what he hopes will be a professional career in the sport.

He said: 'My ambition is to be a footballer, but I know it's going to be really tough.'

The former Lochgilphead midfielder, aged 16, was named player of the year for Carradale AFC when he played with the Welfare League side last year.

Carradale's Nonnie McAllister said: 'We were very fortunate he wore our colours for 26 games, scoring 31 goals. It was a joy watching him on the football field. Donald is a wonderful footballer but he also is a genuine and a lovely lad. The world is his oyster so he should grab this chance with both hands.'



**Carradale FC's Donald McCallum has been given a chance to impress in Dumbarton's youth side.** 20\_f07donald01

## Dunoon's Declan in Scotland squad

TEENAGE footballer Declan McDaid has been selected as a member of the Scottish under-18 squad as the national side prepares to take part in the Centenary Shield.

Dunoon Grammar pupil McDaid has won a place on the 18-man squad as first reserve after Kieran Doran was removed from the squad by his club St Mirren.

McDaid, 17, is determined to go from replacement to regular starter when the Scottish side takes on Northern Ireland in the Centenary Shield opener today (Friday).

Speaking ahead of the big game, McDaid said: 'I have come on in the second half of one friendly and started another and I would really like to start in the Centenary Shield. I will be working hard to achieve that.'

The Centenary Shield sees the home nations go head-to-head in the tournament, which runs from today until April.

## Winter league at Inveraray

THE SECOND round of the Inveraray Golf Club winter league saw more competitors roused from their winter slumber, heating up the contest for the winter title.

Sunday's competition saw winter league specialist D.J. MacDonald take the lead after two rounds, as he posted a 31, ahead of his son Iain on 32.

Jimmy Kerr and Derek McCulloch

are a further shot back on 33 and are joint third.

### Pressure

Meanwhile the remainder of the field will need to find some form to start putting pressure on the leaders.

Scott Robertson in particular may be reconsidering his retrial from top team shinty after his first outing in the golf league proved slightly traumatic.



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## Lorenzo nominated for another award

A successful 2012 sees Lorenzo nominated for another award.

A SUCCESSFUL 2012 has seen local sailor Lorenzo Chiavarini nominated for the Best Up and Coming Scottish Sports Person award.

The sailing sensation from Bellanoch is one of five athletes shortlisted by Scottish Sports Aid for the award in recognition of his sporting achievements in 2012.

And the local lad needs support from Mid Argyll residents as the overall winner of the award will be determined by public vote. People can vote for him by logging on to [www.capitalfm.com/scottishvarietyawards](http://www.capitalfm.com/scottishvarietyawards).

As news of his nomination for the award broke Lorenzo was at a training camp in Palma with the Great British Sailing team. But speaking to the *Advertiser* on Tuesday, Lorenzo's mum Sheena said she could not be more proud of her son.

'This is without a doubt his most successful year since 2008,' Sheena said. 'I think it has been one of those years where several things have come together. There have been so many highlights and he carries it all with a quiet and modest manner.'

The winner of the award will be announced at a special ceremony in Glasgow on March 23.

# Red Star drop points despite brave fight-back

SAFL Division 1B  
Kings Park Rangers 2  
Lochgilthead Red  
Star 2

RED STAR dropped points away from home for the first time this season when they travelled to Glasgow Green on Saturday to take on Kings Park Rangers.

Despite Star's lively start to the game it was the home side that went in front after 15 minutes when a foul was awarded on the edge of the area. The KPR midfielder curled an excellent strike over the wall and into the net to make it 1-0.

Star had plenty of chances to get back level with the best chances falling to Peacock. However a mixture of poor finishing and good goalkeeping kept Star from equalising and at half time the home side led 1-0.

Into the second half and Star were left with a mountain to climb when KPR increased their lead. Following a slip by the unfortunate Paterson, the KPR forward was able to get his shot in on goal. Keeper Kalache saw it late and the ball slid under him and over the line to make it 2-0.

Fortunately Star got themselves back into the game when Peacock got himself one-on-one with the keeper again and this time made no mistake to

pass the ball into the net and pull Star back into contention at 2-1 with 25 minutes to go.

Star continued to press and levelled the match with 10 minutes to go when Peacock again raced clear of the KPR defence after a long ball from Alderson. This time he was able to square the ball to Kirk who finished into the open goal from two yards out, making the final score 2-2.

Red Star are back in action tomorrow (Saturday) and will be looking to get back to winning ways with a home

game against Bothwell and Uddingston Albion. The game kicks off at 2pm.



Cammy Kirk scored the equaliser in Saturday's match, ensuring Star came away with a share of the points.

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## Sports Hall Athletics final in Oban

YOUNGSTERS from across Mid Argyll will travel to Oban tomorrow (Saturday) to take part in the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championship.

The competition, taking place in the main sports hall at Atlantis Leisure, will see young athletes from most parts of Argyll taking part in various running, jumping and throwing events.

The final is the last of a series of competitions held in the Argyll district this winter, starting with local area events in Mull, Lochgilthead and Oban in November and December and the Kin-

tyre qualifying competition at the end of January.

Trophies will be presented to athletes winning first, second and third place in their overall age group, whilst medals will be awarded to all those taking part.

The championship begins at 1pm and athletes must register for between midday and 1pm.

The Argyll Sports Hall competitions are promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club with support from all the other athletic clubs in the district. For more information on the Argyll Final please phone 01546 602664.

## Good away win for Star under 16s

RED STAR under-16s travelled to Kirkintilloch to put in a good performance against EDFC Villa last week.

Despite a slow start, after being forced to warm up in the car park, Star sprung into action midway through the first half.

The breakthrough came when McCallum struck a free kick into the centre of the goal past the 'keeper in the 20th minute. Hendry and Whitefield both had further shots before the end of the half but could not find the second goal.

The second half saw a different Red Star go about their business with more intent. The Villa keeper made an instinctive save from McCallum's header following a corner soon after the restart. The home team did not heed the warning when minutes later Deans fired in an identical corner; this time McCallum was not to be denied with a powerful header that gave the keeper no chance.

From another corner the ball was headed towards the back post where Wylie leapt

to head the ball towards goal, the Villa defender could not stop the header and only helped it into the net.

The fourth goal came when Coates was tripped needlessly in the box by the defender. Mahaffey showed composure to slot the ball into the net. The fifth and final goal came when Whitefield waltzed past defenders in the box to score a fine individual goal.

Commenting after the game, Star coach Brian Deans said: 'This was a competent win for the team, who never looked

like losing the game but, at the same time, did not play to their recent high standards.'

As the season progresses, Red Star face a few tough league games, as well as being in the last eight of the Regional Cup and now the last eight of the League Cup, where they will face old adversaries from Helensburgh, Ardencaple.

Deans added: 'Performances will have to sharpen all round.'

Star's next match is at home to Milngavie. The game takes place tomorrow (Saturday).

# No one resigned to Sinclair league victory

With Ross Sinclair getting his own way by winning week after week it would be very tempting to 'spit out the dummy', hand him the trophy and resign in a huff from the catering sub-committee, hide the Marmite and the cheese grater and let him get on with it.

### Reliable medium

However there are some of us who still think that on a good day with a following wind we could beat him. Kenny Cameron is not the most reliable medium on the

planet but his predictions have been getting better lately and he is predicting that there is a 60 per cent chance that a Sinclair will not be victorious, which is impressive arithmetic coming from Kenny.

Alec MacAulay will be in the mix as usual, especially now that he has had his senior status reconfirmed at the AGM. He plays the 'old geezer' part well while performing like a man 30 years younger and is a real pest.

Tommy Angus is also age decep-

tive and danced a celebratory jig all the way from the locker room, up the stairs and into the lounge where he was met with warm applause and more importantly a waft of warm air.

### Composure

Ronny Kennedy won this week and had a great second nine holes. He managed to keep his composure despite some slow play caused by Andy Law's eyesight difficulties (blind as a bat), Keith Cowan's vocal problems (nev-

er stops talking) and David Sinclair's putting (like an outboard).

Grant MacDougall and Raymond Flanagan have tired of the deluxe conditions at the Carrick and have decided to re-join Lochgilthead where they can kick off the start of their season with four rounds in the Duffers Derby.

John Downie might make the final but it will be close as Simon Taylor is nipping at his heels. He needs just one more extra 'jam-mie' round to qualify and is just

the man to do it.

Colin Rowan was nearest the pin at both the measured holes and should consider becoming a real golfer now that he seems to know what he is doing. By that I mean developing a whole range of pathetic excuses for bad play like the rest of us.

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

### Volunteers wanted

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to create a formal committee for Mid Argyll School Shinty Club as numbers at the club continue to grow.

The club needs locals to help form a non-coaching committee that would help manage the club's activities off the shinty pitch.

People interested in lending their time to the club can email Euan McMurdo on euan.mcmurdo@shinty.com or contact volunteers Fiona McCuaig, Steven Gilmour, Angus Gilmour and Laurene Cameron.

### Lottery numbers

THE JACKPOT in next week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw will be £900 as another week passes with no winner. This week's numbers were 5, 6 and 14.

R. McGuinness was the lucky winner of £200 in Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw this week, with numbers 3, 9 and 13 drawn. The jackpot next week will be £100.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 1, 3 and 6.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

### Dookers dumped

AN INEXPERIENCED Tarbert side travelled to East Kilbride on Saturday to suffer a heavy defeat at the hands of Strathaven Dynamo.

The team, still missing a number of experienced players due to injury, lost 8-0 in the league tie – a score that reflected a poor performance.

The Dookers will be hoping to raise their standard this weekend when they play away to Port Glasgow United. Another league match, Tarbert will be desperate to pick up a vital three points as they currently sit second bottom on the league table.

## Ardrishaig bowlers honoured



Mid Argyll councillors and representatives from Scottish Bowls gathered with members of Ardrishaig Bowling Club to mark the women's achievement.

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### Scottish senior fours bowls champions receive a civic reception from the council

FOUR Ardrishaig bowlers were honoured for their incredible sporting achievement on Saturday with a civic reception.

Margaret MacKinnon, Joan Robertson, Margaret Annan and Fiona MacLachlan, who won the senior fours at the Bowls Scotland National Championships in 2012, were the guests of honour at the reception, hosted by Argyll and Bute Council.

In August last year the women beat the Greenfaulds foursome at a competition in Ayr to become the ladies senior fours national champions.

Mid Argyll councillors and representatives from Scottish Bowls gathered with members of Ardrishaig Bowling Club to thank the women for their achievement, which has helped to put the area on the national sporting map.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* at the reception in the Grey Gull Inn, Ardrishaig, councillor Douglas Philand, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for sport, described the ladies' achievement as 'inspirational'.

'I am a bowler so I can recognise the importance of winning the championship,' he said.



Margaret MacKinnon, Joan Robertson, Margaret Annan and Fiona MacLachlan became the ladies senior fours national champions in August last year.

'It is inspirational, the fact that a small village on the west coast has produced national champions.

'For me it goes to show that it doesn't matter what club you come from or background you have, if you have that ability and determination to succeed then you can do it. That has clearly been shown by the ladies here tonight.'

Jean Irwin, Scottish Bowls' secretary for Clydebank and District, praised the women for their dedication to the sport, often travelling 140 miles for a game.

'They play very well together as a team and are a credit to their club and community, she said. 'Winning the Scottish final is as good as it gets.'

Fiona MacLachlan, one of the winning foursome, said: 'We are delighted to be honoured with a civic reception and we are still over the moon about our win. The council gave us each a lovely glass and a

plaque to display in the club, whilst Jean and her husband, Jim, gave us a lovely framed picture that was taken on the day of our win. We would like to thank them both and extend a note of thanks to everyone who attended the reception.'

The two Margarets, Joan, and Fiona will represent their country at the British Isles Championships later this year.

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