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Thanks for saving my wife's life, says Kilmartin man

A KILMARTIN man whose wife has narrowly survived surgery to remove a brain tumour is fundraising to support the NHS services that saved her life.

Grandmother Janice Beattie, 55, was rushed for tests after attending Mid Argyll hospital with what she thought was flu, in the middle of January.

Husband Willie, 54, did not think he would be praying for her to survive life-saving brain surgery just days later.

Willie, former owner of the MOT garage in Kilmartin, said: 'Janice is really a lady of leisure and a spectacular woman.'

'She's a hardy lady, always looking after everyone else.'

When Janice first felt unwell, Willie had urged her to see her doctor, but she put it off.

He said: 'Then on the Friday, January 16, I came home from work about 6pm and Janice looked dreadful.'

'It really shows that, when sprung into action, our NHS services really work'

'I said to her to get ready, we were going to the doctor's.'

'She went to get ready and almost 15 minutes went by and in the end I had to unlock the door from the outside.'

'I couldn't believe she was so weak she could hardly dress herself, so I got her ready and went down to accident and emergency at Mid Argyll community hospital in Lochgilphead.'

In what Willie describes as a series of fateful events, Janice was seen by a doctor, who was already there to examine a road accident victim.

Janice had not told anyone until then that she could barely see out of her left eye and had a severe headache.

Within just three hours of her arriving at A&E in Lochgilphead, Janice

was airlifted to Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH).

Following tests and an overnight stay, she was transferred to the Institute of Neurological Sciences at the Southern General Hospital (SGH) in Glasgow.

Doctors there detected a cancerous brain tumour the size of a walnut and immediately booked Janice in for surgery.

Willie said: 'She was scheduled in for surgery on the Monday and by this time our family had come to the hospital.'

Surgery was pushed back on the Monday and Tuesday and rescheduled for Wednesday, January 21 as surgeons dealt with an emergency.

Willie said: 'They were trying to save a girl's life so that was under-

standable. The process from that Friday when we went to Mid Argyll hospital, to getting all the results, and then in for surgery was smooth and like clockwork - the NHS was amazing.'

'It really shows that, when sprung into action, our NHS services really work.'

Prior to surgery, Janice and her family were told that the effects of the surgery could be life-altering and she could be left with paralysis on one side of her body, or speech or sight impairment.

'After the six-and-a-half-hour surgery, I waited for Janice to come out of recovery,' said Willie.

'When the doors opened she came through on a bed feet first, then sat straight up

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Top from left: Sons, Steven and William Beattie, 24 and 22. Second row from left: Steven's Partner Kelly McGuinness, and Kirsty McDonald, William's partner. Front from left: Willie Beattie with grandson Steven, two, daughter Caroline, 21, granddaughter Elle, three, and Janice.

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Stay positive, urge council leaders

PEOPLE are being encouraged to 'talk up Argyll and Bute' in order to turn around its flagging economy.

In an upbeat and largely uncontested budget meeting at Argyll and Bute council's headquarters in Lochgilphead last Thursday, the predominant words used by both the leader and deputy leader were 'challenge' and 'progress'.

Council leader Dick

Walsh defended a one per cent cut from every council department budget, excluding economic development, and said this would lead to a period of financial stability for the council.

Referring to an expected £37 million deficit in the budget, the council leader stated: 'In our two-year programme of financial stability, we have planned strategically for the budget challenge in 2016 and beyond. We

cannot do as much for our communities as we or they would like.

'The council is investing millions of pounds in regenerating our communities.'

He pointed to investment in schools, in cultural projects such as the Kilmartin museum, the Bute pavilion and the Heritage of the Sea, in local infrastructure such as roads and transport links.

He said: 'Difficult decisions will have to be

made, but we will make decisions in the interests of all.'

Deputy leader councillor Ellen Morton spoke about the 'bright future' for Argyll, as long as people 'talk Argyll up - don't talk it down'.

She said this phrase would be her rallying call to everyone - from politicians to ordinary people. She said she had six pages from the head of economic development outlining

the positive economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute.

She added: 'What service do we do our thousands of staff members if we criticise the council? To build an atmosphere of confidence in Argyll we must build confidence among those who live here. Confidence inspires confidence and lots of progress can be made on that.'

'We are not pretending there are no challenges.'

'We will need to make £37.5 million of savings.'

'We will need to make tough, difficult choices as part of a series of actions.'

'We don't wish a salami slice approach - cutting services to ribbons - we don't want job losses and redundancies.'

Turning to negotiations with unions, she said: 'What they expect is strong clear leadership from this administration.'

Wind farm creates high tension

A WIND farm development on hills east of Loch Fyne is splitting opinions in communities on the loch's west shore.

The Achanelid community turbines plan is for five, 246-foot (74 metres) high turbines on a 1,300ft (400m) plateau above Glendaruel, Cowal.

Partners in the scheme are proposing collective ownership through a share offer, and it is estimated that 6,400 homes in Argyll and Bute are set to benefit from the 10 megawatts of electricity generated.

But the turbines would be visible across the loch from Furnace, Minard and Lochgair.

Plans are to create a board that will include at least four community councils, however, not all are in agreement.

A West Loch Fyneside Community Council (WLFCC) survey found that 70 per cent of people who replied oppose the plans.

Vice convener of WLFCC Leonard McNeill said: 'It is a minefield. Whenever there's money involved all sorts of people crawl out of the woodwork.'

'The community council is all volunteers and now they want someone to sit on this board.'

Lochgilphead community council has put its weight behind the scheme and has nominated a member to sit on the board of the community benefit scheme.

The share offer has a low minimum investment so that as many local residents, community organisations and businesses as possible can benefit.

All surplus income after operating and finance costs would be used to fund community organisations including Project Phoenix and Lochgilphead Rotary Club.

The key organisations involved are Atlantic Energy, Communities for Renewables and Foundation Scotland.



A police car and breakdown truck just after the accident last Wednesday evening. 08_a08crash01

Police files

Car crash

A YOUNG man had a lucky escape when his car left the road and overturned on the A83 just east of Kilmory at 7pm on Wednesday evening last week.

At the scene police sergeant David Scott said that there were no other cars involved and the 18-year-old driver was uninjured.

Traffic was held up briefly while the car was recovered.

Shoplifter

POLICE were called after a man was suspected of stealing from the Co-op Food Store in Lochgilphead.

The incident took place at 4.25pm on Thursday, February 12.

The police later traced and arrested a 29-year-old man in connection

with the theft. He was detained in custody, pending a court appearance.

Breached bail

LAST Thursday police arrested a 20-year-old man, on Glenburn Road in Ardrishaig, for allegedly breaking bail conditions.

He was detained in custody pending an appearance in court.

Driving offences

POLICE stopped a car on Paterson Street, Lochgilphead on February 13 at 10.15pm.

They reported a 28-year-old man to the procurator fiscal for various road traffic offences.

Night-time incident

POLICE were called to

a disturbance at 2am on Valentine's day on Main Street, Inveraray.

They arrested a 37-year-old man for suspected damage to a window and a roof and for shouting and swearing.

A 27-year-old female was also arrested in the same place for allegedly causing a disturbance

Both are now subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Golf club theft

POLICE are appealing for information after a locker was broken into and items stolen at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

The damage and theft happened between Saturday, February 7 and Saturday, February 14.

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Fresh hope for Rest and Be Thankful travellers

PRESSURE for an end to frequent landslides closing the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful brought a positive response from a Scottish parliament committee in Edinburgh on Tuesday.

Argyll and Bute councillors Donald Kelly, Dougie Philand and John McAlpine spoke in support of their petition calling for a permanent solution for the trunk road.

'It was a worthwhile meeting,' said councillor Kelly. 'The commit-

tee agreed that it said in 2012 that there should be a permanent solution. 'Now it will write to Transport Scotland and the Scottish government seeking a timeline for that.

'It also said the A83 Taskforce should meet more often so that the likes of hauliers, chamber of commerce members and Argyll and Bute council can work towards seeing it becoming a reality. 'There have been 18 landslides in the Rest

area since we first petitioned parliament about the road three years ago. 'We need to see the Rest sorted if Argyll and Bute is going to be serious about reversing its population decline. 'Problems at the Rest are stopping investment in the area. Even a warning after heavy rain is enough to put people off travelling. 'The committee agreed the problem would have been sorted by now if it was happening in The Royal Mile rather than

in a rural area.' Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP, backed the Argyll and Bute councillors: 'I commend councillors Kelly, Philand and McAlpine for their continuing and impressive efforts to maintain pressure on the Scottish government on this major strategic transport issue, as I have myself been doing,' he said.

'The A83 trunk road is a key artery into Argyll and Bute. The repeated closures of this trunk road hit businesses across Argyll and caused inconvenience to residents and commuters. They also send out negative measures to visitors and those who would consider investing in the area. 'We cannot afford for this to continue. A first-class road network is key to tackling depopulation. We recognise that some invest-

ment has been made by the Scottish government and that we now have a relief road, which can be used in emergencies under a convoy system, in the event of landslides closing the A83. 'But it takes hours to activate it and the convoy system is painfully slow and time consuming. 'What we have is a sticking plaster solution, and the petitioners are entirely right to call for a permanent one.'

Mr McGrigor suggested a canopy option, which is used in Europe to protect vital road links. He added: 'The Scottish government would do worse than instructing a costing of the canopy for the 400 metre section most at risk. Private estimates suggest this would cost under £5 million.'

Another suggestion for the Rest is a new road being build on the opposite side of the glen.



Netting and other mitigation works at the Rest have been described as 'a sticking plaster'.

Moggie checks in to Lochgilphead hotel

MYSTERY surrounds the identity of an unwanted guest at a Lochgilphead hotel.

In the early hours of Monday, a trainee chef at the Stag hotel was woken by loud wailing.

He tracked down the noise to the second floor fire escape and found a large tabby cat, which he put out of the ground floor exit.

An Argyllshire Advertiser reporter had the same experience at

2.15am on Tuesday and managed to photograph the mysterious moggie.

Its hackles rose and it started to spit as the reporter approached, so he backed off fearing for his naked feet.

Hotel owner Stan Craig could not identify the crafty feline, but thought it looked well-fed.

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The large tabby in its temporary home. 08_a08cat02

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Hospital memories sought

AN ARCHIVE project to publish a book about Lochgilphead's psychiatric hospital is asking people to trawl their minds for memories.

In 2013 the Argyll and Bute hospital in Blarbuie Road celebrated its 150th anniversary and the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise was awarded a Heritage Lottery grant.

Part of that money will fund a book of memories, anecdotes and photographs of the hospital's past.

Jess Grant, of the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise board, said that the idea had generated a lot of interest and it was hoped that people with any connection to the hospital could contribute.

Anyone who thinks they might have suitable material should call Jess Grant on 01546 602701, email jessgrant@btinternet.com or visit the dedicated facebook page, 'A&B History - Blarbuie Archive'.

Search on for miniature bit of railway history

LOCHGILPHEAD man Bryan Passey is on a quest to find all the parts of a miniature railway that was once popular among Mid Argyll children.

Originally run by a team of volunteers on the shores of Loch Fyne at Ardrishaig in the late 1980s and early 1990s, it was gifted to Campbeltown around 10 years ago.

The railway ran along a 200-metre track and was enjoyed by many youngsters.

However, when Mr Passey, now 77, from Lochgilphead, found himself lacking support to run it, he transferred all its assets to Camp-

beltown Heritage Centre with the hope the railway could be set up somewhere along the Esplanade.

A charity, Campbeltown Railway Trust, was set up for that purpose but eventually folded because of strict health and safety rules and other problems.

It transferred the diesel locomotive, carriage and track to Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) where they are still stored but Mr Passey insists other items are missing.

He said: 'Everything to do with the railway must be worth a five-figure sum and it took three

men from Campbeltown a week to transfer from Ardrishaig.

'I believe that a Honda mower, garden tools, servicing equipment, a signal box, a work bench and vice and other tools, old-fashioned railway lamps, spare sleepers, a cooker, fencing, a bag of soft toys, and a water tower for the locomotive are missing.'

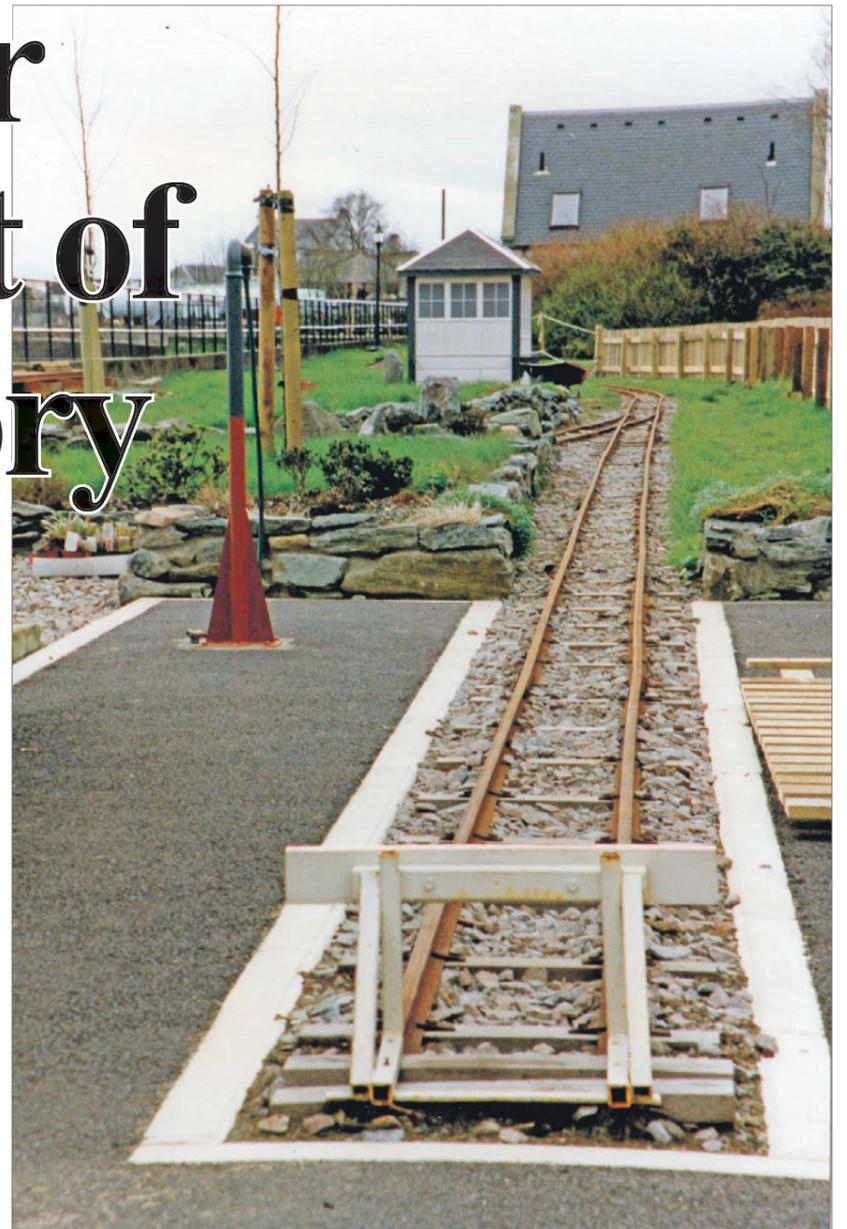
Mr Passey, who has spoken to the heritage centre and MACC, added: 'I believe the only people who know where everything went initially are the three men who transported the stuff from Ardrishaig.'

'I'd dearly love to hear from anyone who can shed light on the missing items.'

'The complete railway was given in good faith and it saddens me that it no longer appears to be in its entirety.'

Malcolm McMillan, MACC manager, said: 'We have the locomotive, carriage and track given to us by Campbeltown Railway Trust when it was wound up.'

'We would be prepared to store other items if



This picture shows the track and signal box when the miniature railway operated at Ardrishaig.

they are found.' Andrew Hemmings, a former trust member, said: 'We were only aware of the locomotive, carriage and track.'

'We tried really hard to get the railway established on the seafront in Campbeltown but had to give up.'

John Bakes of the heritage centre said: 'I understand some items

were allowed to be stored at the back of our place as a favour. I believe the signal box, which had been dismantled, just rotted over the years after being exposed to all weathers and had to be skipped.'

'We still have a metal signal with a concrete base. Mr Passey is welcome to look around the place for other items.'

Mr Passey said he wishes he had kept the signal box in his garden.

It had been lovingly modelled to a fifth scale based on an actual signal box at Haresfield on a Gloucester to Bristol line where he had helped out as a boy.

Anyone who can help Mr Passey can contact him by calling 01546 602918.

Festival coffee event cancelled

A COFFEE morning scheduled for Saturday, February 21 in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall has been cancelled.

It was set to take place to raise money for

the Mid Argyll Music Festival in March.

One of the festival's organisers, Lorna MacCallum, said: 'Unfortunately, the coffee morning has had to be cancelled due to unfore-

seen circumstances.'

The music festival will go ahead next month. See next week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* for more on what will feature at the week-long festival.

Anne Duff

IN A picture caption last week, Anne Duffy was named as the customer service advisor who fronts Lochgilphead's Floor Shop.

The name should have read Anne Duff.

Race along to band fundraiser

A RACE night will be held tomorrow (Saturday) to raise money for Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

It is part of a series of fundraisers the committee and sub-

committee hold annually.

Money raised will fund the band's competition entry fees, travel costs and equipment throughout the year.

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old is welcome along to the event, which starts at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall on Union Street in Lochgilphead.

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Charity shop's shock as forged bank notes passed over counter

SUSPECTED forged notes have been passed over at a Lochgilphead charity shop.

Dee Carrick from Mary's Meals was shocked when she took the shop's takings to the bank and found a £10 and £20 note were both fakes.

Money raised at the shop helps feed children at schools in developing countries.

A spokesman at the Bank of Scotland in Poltalloch Street said: 'We have had three suspected fake notes brought

'We have had three suspected notes brought in this week' - Bank of Scotland

in this week. They are slightly smaller than the real thing and the silver strip is done with pen.'

Mrs Carrick said: 'Mary's Meals sends

money to Liberia and Malawi to provide food for children. This is really annoying. My manager is going to try to get me an ultraviolet bank-note checker.'

Mary's Meals was not the only shop caught out, after Samreen Choudhry at the Bargain Zone in Argyll Street caught someone suspected of passing a note on closed circuit television.

She said: 'Last week a man tried to pass a fake £10 note but when we noticed he immediately swapped it for a genuine one. He was quite



Dee Carrick in Mary's Meals examines a £20 note. 08_a08forged01



£5 and £10 notes handed in at RS McColls in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. 08_a08forged02

nervous. There was a spate of fake notes about two weeks ago. It's just started suddenly.

'We tried to get the special pens for checking notes from the cash

and carry but they had sold out.'

Newsagents RS McColls has also been hit with a member of staff accepting a fake £5 and £10 note. A spokesman

said: 'The cutting of the paper is wrong and the shading around the head on the note is soft.'

Sergeant Iain MacNicol said that the fake notes spree had not been

reported to the police in Lochgilphead.

He said that it was unlikely the notes were being forged locally, and warned shopkeepers and the public to be vigilant.

Kilmichael path cancelled

A £150,000 community project to link two Mid-Argyll communities will now not be built, it has been announced.

The construction of a path between Kilmichael and Bridgend has been cancelled after the landowner was unable to agree terms with Argyll and Bute Council.

The development was finally ready to go ahead after a 40-year campaign for a safe path for children walking to Glassary primary school.

Community council member Gordon Parker said: 'It is awful for the community and for the children who are going to be walking on the main road.

'It is dangerous and cars are within inches from them on the road as they are walking to school. They are scared and have also been campaigning for the path.

'They raised all the money they needed and

it came to down to a local landowner who would not agree to the path structure. It is a shame.'

A council spokesman said: 'This has been a challenging project, requiring considerable work in trying to secure the necessary piece of land. It was finally ready to go, with a contractor secured and preparing to go on site.

'The council has been working on this for more than two years and it is very disappointing that, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are now unable to take the project forward, despite repeated efforts to find a solution.'

It was hoped the path would have provided a safer walking route for pupils at Glassary primary school in Kilmichael.

The allocated funding will now be used elsewhere in Mid-Argyll.

Brain surgery saves woman's life

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with the biggest smile on her face, waved her hands at me and sang, "I'm here, I'm back".

'I couldn't believe it, I am never stuck for words but I was then.'

Janice has remarkably pulled through and is making steady progress.

She had a course of radiotherapy and doctors will operate on a pea-size tumour on her lung before she starts a course of chemotherapy.

Now, Willie wants to raise £25,000 in a bid to buy the SGH unit a Misonex bone scalpel - used to cut and remove bone precisely - to show his gratitude.

He added: 'My hobby is fixing up vintage cars and I have decided to

Right: Willie and Janice Beattie with his vintage Alvis.

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Restoring faith in the NHS

In light of Janice Beattie's sudden illness in January, which led to the detection of her cancer, it is humbling to hear such a success story.

While Janice is not yet out of the woods with regards to her treatment, the story has restored the family's faith in NHS Scotland.

The Beattie family has not only helped to raise awareness of cancer and spotting potential signs, but their inspirational story is reminding the people of Mid Argyll that they matter.

It is often thought that people in rural communities are forgotten and possibly do not receive the same level of care as those in urban areas.

The Beattie family's story demonstrates that, in fact, protocols in place mean that doctors can be fast-acting when treating people from outside towns and cities.

And those protocols work well when in action.

Cash from the air

WIND farms are a recurring subject in Mid Argyll. Just last week it was reported a community garden had work done with cash generated from a turbine.

This week it is reported that wind turbines on hills east of Loch Fyne will offer collective ownership to Mid Argyll communities.

Plans have caused division in the communities they affect - some people do not like the loss of visual amenity, but others can see beyond that to the cash pot which will be shared by groups and organisations for years to come.

Local businesses can also benefit from wind farm developments.

One Lochgilphead hotel has been home to five wind farm workers for nearly four months. In fact, it brings in much-needed cash on a regular basis for many business owners in and around the area.

The wind farm cash influx is similar to the forestry boom of the 1950s when workers travelled to the area to plant trees and have remained for more than 60 years harvesting them.

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Council cash for games and events

Sir,
Your article last week on funding for events failed to give details of how much Argyll and Bute council contribute towards Cowal Games.

Cowal is no longer a 'major' contest in the pipe band circuit, they are basically another Highland games, albeit hosting a world championship - dancing - like ourselves with the world caber.

Will the council make public the total amount of funding? Then maybe we will see why there are no funds available for other events throughout the county.

Councillor Dick Walsh states 'there is a need for a tourism boost'. I will happily invite him and councillor Donald MacVicar, head of leisure, to this year's Inveraray games so they may see for themselves what we are doing for tourism.

Without the support of our sponsors and those who give of their time and expertise Inveraray Highland Games would struggle to survive.

I have raised the question of funding on numerous occasions with different councillors, perhaps it is time that the whole funding process was looked into?

Alasdair Chrystal,
Convener, Inveraray
Highland Games

Let's regenerate the front green

Sir,
I have noted, over the last while, various comments regarding the poor state of Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead

and how they both need to improve the assets that they already have. May I suggest something that would benefit tourists and, more importantly, the local community?

How about utilising the land and foreshore that runs from Lochgilphead's police station, along the front green, down to the Corran roundabout, then from there down the main road towards Ardrishaig, where the land naturally finishes. This would enclose a triangular area of wild and neglected foreshore land, bounded by the main road and the sea. This small area of land could be turned into a local wildlife conservation and picnic area for the benefit of all, including tourists.

The tourist facilities should be upgraded with a tourist information centre and parking next to it.

It could become a lovely, focal point in Lochgilphead if Argyll and Bute council got together with community and wildlife groups.

That coupled with the backing of community groups could make it happen.

So, come on Lochgilphead, let's start raising funds to regenerate the front green and put some pride back into this town.

Name and address supplied.

A83 speed limit

Sir,
I wish to encourage your readers to object to the proposed reduction of the speed limit from 60 to 50mph between Ardrishaig and Tarbert.

This will do nothing to help with the dangerous section of road near Erines where 50 mph is too high a speed

but will cause frustration and more danger on much of the rest of the 10-mile section of road where 60mph can be entirely appropriate depending on traffic and weather.

There will be those keeping their speedometer below 50mph who don't realise that their actual speed will be nearer to 40mph.

Overtaking is safest at exactly the best point for the enforcement of the limit by the police with radar guns so passing slow traffic will be attempted at less safe locations.

The whole exercise, doubtless costing thousands, seems typical of Transport Scotland - produce reports, change signs, put up nets - in fact do anything rather than formulate proper, long-term solutions to road safety and other travel issues.

The reference for objections is NNW/A83(2)/LMC and the address is Director of Trunk Road and Bus Operations, c/o Liam McDaid, Transport Scotland, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF.

The closing date is March 5 so I would ask your readers to do something now to try to prevent years of frustration ahead. A copy of the notice can be found at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders after poking around.

David Bridge,
Redesdale House,
Tarbert.

Electoral registration forms

Sir,
I am writing regarding an advert printed on Friday, January 9 in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* by D C Thompson at the

electoral registration office. The advert, 'Electoral Registration Forms' sent out to the public in Argyll, 'required a response' and that households and individuals who had not yet made a return, would be visited for 'form collection'.

A news release by the Scottish government electoral commission on October 16, 2014 stated the following:

'The majority of people in Scotland who are already registered to vote at the moment will transfer automatically into the new system' and 'This is due to the large number of people who registered to vote just before the referendum'.

Why didn't they get this information at the time and why are they not canvassing them?

The council already has 'legal information' it requires (under the old register) as was stated: 'the majority of people were already registered' and should be transferred automatically onto the new register - simple.

Therefore, I fail to see why they are canvassing everyone and squandering taxpayers' money unnecessarily.

The council should stop wasting public money and concentrate only on information legally required for people to vote.

If anyone feels legally forced to comply with this, the simple answer is don't do it and don't vote, or write to Mr A O'Neill at the Scottish office for an explanation. Failing that, write to your MP.

Name and address supplied.



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Dancers step out with more charity cash

MID ARGYLL charities are still reaping the benefits of Lochgilphead dancers' footwork.

Macmillan Cancer Support is the latest organisation to receive a cheque of £500 from Strictly Lochgilphead dancers Wilma Little and Alan Steele.

Frances Fleming, treasurer of the Mid Argyll fundraising group, accepted the money on behalf of the

charity. Frances said: 'Any money raised locally stays in Mid Argyll.'

'It will be put into providing staff to give families a respite service. We are very grateful to Wilma and Alan for choosing to donate the money to our charity.'

The pair raised the money by selling tickets to the popular 2014 event to friends and family.



Left to right: Alan Steele and Wilma Little present the cheque to Frances Fleming of Mid Argyll's Macmillan Cancer Support. 08_a08cheque01



Jan Hrdlicka, Marian Pallister, Moira Shaw and Denise MacLean from St. Margaret's congregation helped at the coffee morning in the parish church hall. 08_a08coffee01

Lochgilphead takes part in national fundraiser

A COFFEE morning in Lochgilphead has marked a charity's 50th birthday.

The event was held in aid of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) by members of the St Margaret's Catholic Church congregation. The charity helps developing countries stricken by

war, poverty and natural disasters. Ambassador for SCIAF is Kilmichael woman and church member Marian Pallister. She said: 'This year the charity will focus on supporting families and, in particular, women into work. It could be providing them with farming tools, seeds and education.'

The coffee morning saw the launch of this year's 'Wee Box, Twice as Big' Lent appeal which is specifically in aid of African women farmers. Every £1 given over Lent will be matched by the UK government. People in Mid Argyll can donate at St Margaret's Catholic Church in Lochgilphead.

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Mid Argyll people urged to support fund-raising events

MAMAFest organisers are asking the people of Mid Argyll to show their support for events that will fund a big festival later in the year. On Saturday night

the town's first MAMALove event of the year was held in the Drill Hall, in a bid to raise funds for Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival (MAMAFest)

in September. But it didn't sell as many tickets as organisers had hoped.

Liz Perkins, who masterminded MAMAFest among other community events, said: 'I want to say a thank you to all of our regulars and more who have come out, but the committee is disappointed that more people didn't come along.'

'The committee has worked very hard to make this happen and more to the point it's about raising the money we need to fund the big MAMAFest later in the year.'

'It's a shame that people haven't turned out and I wish more people would support these events in Lochgilphead.'

'But never mind, we'll keep going and work hard to make the next one better again.'

Although every seat in the Drill Hall was filled, the dance floor was quiet.

The money raised will pay off some of last year's MAMAFest costs, but has not helped for the 2015 event.

Liz added: 'It's fine though and we will keep trying. I won't stop.'

MAMAFest became the town's most successful event since the Lantern Parade and left people across Mid Argyll buzzing for weeks.

There has already been hype both within and outwith the community about this September's festival.

Liz said: 'People have to remember if they don't support it, it will disappear.'

'That goes for anything like what we are trying to do.'



Claire Anderson, and Lesley Boyle enjoyed Ray Mac and the Southerners. 08_a08mama02



MAMAFest committee members all had fun behind the bar. 08_a08mama01



This crowd of friends celebrated Valentine's day together. 08_a08mama11

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James McMahon and Kerry McCuaig enjoyed a dance on Saturday to celebrate Valentine's day. 08_a08mama04



Husband and wife Richard and Nan Anderson. 08_a08mama03



Claire Cameron, of Lochgilphead, and boyfriend Scott Angus. 08_a08mama05



Kirsty Miles was dressed for the occasion and spent the evening having fun with friends. 08_a08mama12



Above: Stuart McInnes sorted out the sound on Saturday, (08_a08mama08) before taking to the stage, right, to headline the gig with Cabin Fever. 08_a08mama09



Lochgilphead girl Catriona Mclean brought her friend's mum Pilar Cornejo from Peru to the town for the weekend. 08_a08mama07

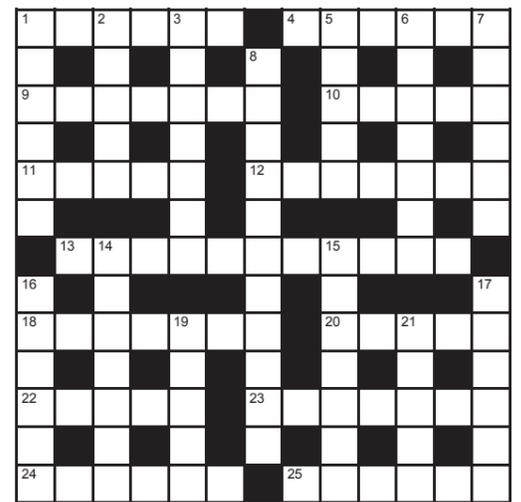


Jamie Salmon, of Ardrishaig and Jean Kennedy, of Kilmichael took part in the raffle. 08_a08mama10



Ray Mac and the Southerners played at the Drill Hall. 08_a08mama06

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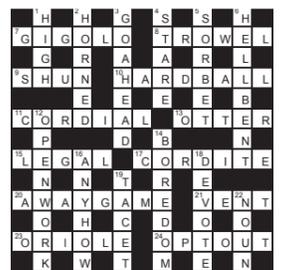
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Repairs left in the gutter, says mum

A MUM, who claims to have waited years for a simple gutter repair, has called on a housing association to put money into repairing existing properties before building new ones.

Tarbert mum-of-two Laura Walker says Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) should be insulating properties and carrying out necessary repairs to maintain existing buildings in the village.

Buyt this week ACHA said it has spent around £15 million on repairs to existing homes and £7m on new builds in the past year.

Laura lives in a two-bedroom flat on Oakfield with husband Bruce and their two

children James, eight, and Chloe, four.

She said: 'It'll be four years in June since I've been trying to get my gutter repaired. ACHA actually sent someone out to fix it and they made it worse.'

'It led to water pouring straight on to the front step at the close, then when it froze over in the winter I had to grit it myself to prevent one of the kids falling and hurting themselves.'

'We pay our rent but where does that money go if they can't even repair a gutter?'

The couple have been in the flat for 10 years and when Laura was approached by ACHA about replacing the Charnwood fire, which provides heating for

the flat, to electric storage heating throughout Laura and Bruce refused to accept the change.

Laura said: 'I don't want electric heating I would rather they put money in to replacing my front door that has a gap on the bottom or insulating the building.'

'ACHA has built these new flats at the bottom of the road, but rather than putting money into new builds it should be putting money towards their condemned flats like those lying empty across the road from me.'

'They have holes in the roofs and damage to the exterior and interior of the buildings.'

While Alistair MacGregor, chief ex-

ecutive of ACHA, acknowledged previous reports of repairs being necessary at the Walkers' home, he said: 'We have no outstanding repairs. The last repair re-

ported was in October 2014.'

'I have made arrangements for my colleagues in Mid Argyll to contact Ms Walker because if she does

have repairs in the flat that have not been reported then we would wish to carry them out.'

He also said that the housing association is awaiting agree-

ment from three home owners residing at the block of flats to carry out building works, including fascia, gutter, downpipe and tile replacements.



Bruce and Laura Walker with four-year-old Chloe. 08_a07acha01

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Puffer painter's solo show

AN ARTIST who runs cruises in a 1900 Puffer steam boat is hosting his first ever art exhibition to raise vital funds to refurbish the iconic vessel.

Nick Walker's week-long solo show, featuring 25 works, begins on February 28 at the Archway Gallery on Lochgilphead's Union Street.

The 72-year-old Vic 32 tour boat was immortalised by Inveraray's Neil Munro in short stories published in the early 1900s.

Nick and wife Rachel had bought the ship in 1975 before restoring

the hull and converting it to accommodate 12 passengers.

Nick, 67, from Crinan said: 'The Puffer is a rare boat now and when it comes in to the dock it always makes people smile. When Rachel and I realised how much money it was going to cost us we decided it would be best to start a trust.'

After setting up the Puffer Preservation Trust, the boat underwent a £100,000 refit in the winter.

Now, Nick is putting his art on the line to raise the last of the cash to en-



Nick Walker at work in his studio. 08_a08nick01

sure that the ship is set to sail in the new season.

He said: 'I have painted for around 30 years and I spend my winters around the west coast of Scotland.'

'I am very nervous,

with this being my first solo exhibition. I just hope people see the good cause for donating.'

Nick's work has been inspired by Scottish artist Sylvia Woodcock-Clarke.

The Puffer is set to be re-launched on April 19.

Sandy the seal

A CHILDREN'S author brought her book 'Sandy the Seal from Tarbert' to life when she visited primary schools last week.

Helen Cormack, who worked with illustrator Mandy Sinclair on the book, gave personal readings at Minard, Inveraray, Furnace, Ar-

drishaig and Lochgilphead.

Pupils have written their ideas for more Sandy adventures and drawn their favourite illustrations from the book.

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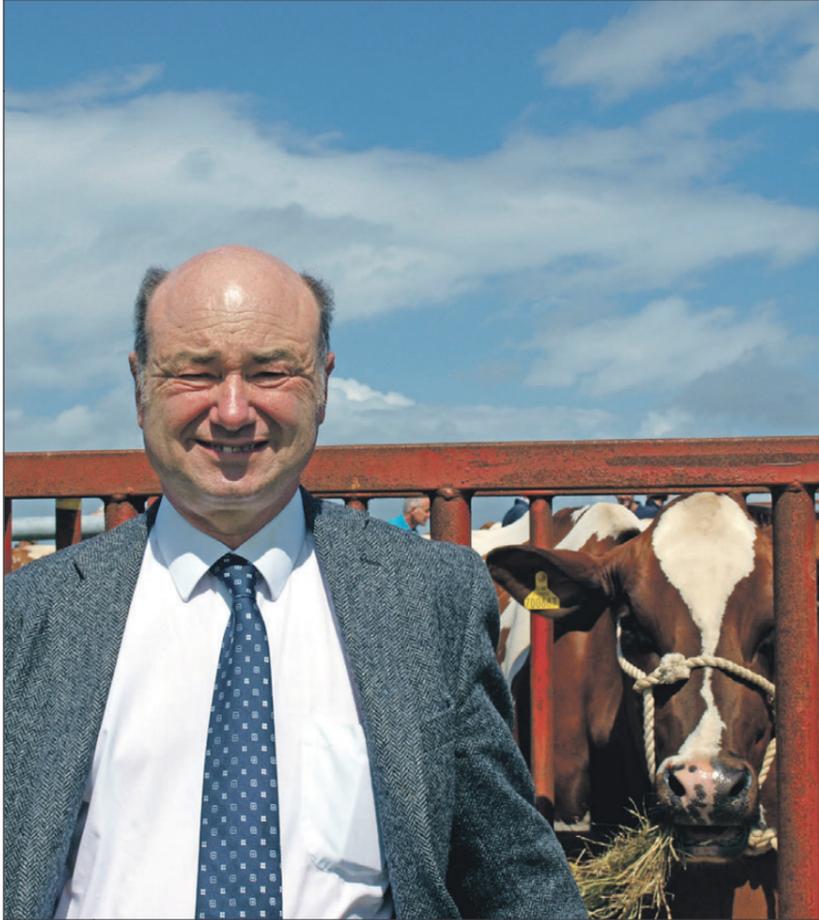
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Alan Reid has been pressing the UK government to do more to assist beleaguered dairy farmers.

Reid wins backing for bid to help dairy farmers

THE UK government will investigate tougher rules for supermarkets' dealings with dairy farmers, thanks to Alan Reid MP.

The MP, who has been championing the hard-pressed dairy farmers in his Argyll and Bute constituency, told the House of Commons last Thursday that he welcomed the introduction of big fines for supermarkets that breach the groceries supply code of practice.

However, he added: 'We need to extend the code to indirect suppliers such as dairy farm-

ers, who are suffering greatly.

'They cannot wait another year. May we have the review much sooner, please?' he said as he urged the Government to bring forward the review scheduled for next year.

In reply, Jo Swinson MP, parliamentary under-secretary of state for business, innovation and skills, said that MPs across the House were all concerned about the dairy industry.

She said: 'The groceries code adjudicator [Christine Tacon] is already proving to be a great success in her work with supermarket companies, by encouraging

them to change their behaviour.

'We have ensured that she has, and will have, the power to fine as well as to launch investigations. The first, of course, was launched recently. The question whether the remit should be extended needs to be looked at, and I commit the Government to doing that.'

Mr Reid said afterwards: 'This is welcome news. The situation for dairy farmers is dire; the feedback I am getting from Kintyre and Bute is not good. The adjudicator must have at her disposal the pow-

er to impose tough fines on supermarkets and to dig deep and investigate where needed.

'I'm pleased that Jo Swinson has committed the Government to looking at extending the adjudicator's remit.

'I hope they will extend her remit to include indirect suppliers, such as dairy farmers.'

The previous day, the groceries code adjudicator, Christine Tacon, announced she was to investigate Tesco for its conduct under the Groceries Supply code, after allegations of irregularities.

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Kilkenzie farmer Smith happy despite NFUS election defeat

KILKENZIE farmer John Smith declared himself happy with the National Farmers Union Scotland election results - despite failing in his bid to become a union vice-president.

John, from Drumalea Farm, lost out in a vote taken at the union's AGM in St Andrew's, Fife, last Tuesday.

He said: 'I had a go and it didn't pay off but there are no hard feelings. 'I am quite happy with what was a fully democratic result.

'I travelled around Scotland with the other candidates and there was an exchange of good luck wishes after the vote, so the atmosphere has been extremely positive. I know the new president Allan Bowie very well and am delighted for him.

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Sky boss takes up vital Argyll role

A CITY high-flyer has been tasked with reversing population decline in Argyll and Bute.

Harvard-educated Nicholas Ferguson is chairman of Sky plc, a FTSE 100 company, after joining the Europe-wide broadcaster's board in 2004.

He will take up his role as chairman of The Argyll and Bute Economic Forum, a private, public and voluntary sector partnership aiming to drive economic change in the area and halt the population decline.

Mr Ferguson, an Argyll man who has a master of economics from Harvard Business School, said: 'I am pleased to accept the chairmanship of the forum and look forward to working with partners in the private sector, Argyll and Bute Council and other public bodies, as well as the voluntary sector, towards a shared vision of economic prosperity for the region.'

'Argyll has been my home for many years and I am keen to help address the issues of depopulation.



Nicholas Ferguson, chairman of broadcaster Sky, will chair the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum.

'The economy in Argyll and Bute is large and successful, with many thriving businesses and areas with population growth.

'We need to build on that success and deliver the improvements that businesses need to be successful.

'I look forward to announcing the other members of the forum before our first meeting

in the spring.'

Dick Walsh, council leader, said: 'We are delighted to have someone with Nick's track record and expertise leading the forum.'

'It will shape our strategic vision and will, crucially, be business-led.'

'A public-private approach has worked well in other rural areas, such as Highland, as

well as in the cities of Glasgow and Aberdeen.

'We are in effect in competition with other areas for people and for investment, and this forum will help drive much-needed changes in our economy, focusing on job creation, developing multi-agency business plans, policy development and promoting investment.'

A council spokesman

said: 'Mr Ferguson is an Argyll resident with a long-standing history of philanthropic work in the area.'

'The forum he is chairing will meet four times a year and the board members will give their time for free.'

The economic forum will be funded publicly, with in-kind support from private and voluntary partners.

From Argyll to Ivy League - then Sky's the limit

NICHOLAS Ferguson, 66, grew up in Argyll before graduating with a degree in economics from the University of Edinburgh and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Awarded a CBE in the 2013 honours list for services to higher education and philanthropy, he was chief executive of SVG Capital between 1996 and 2005, becoming chairman in 2006, prior to becoming chairman of Sky plc in April 2012.

His philanthropic work includes The Kilfinan Group, consisting of senior business people who provide free and informal mentoring to charity chief executives.

The group was founded by Mr Ferguson in 2003 and has 150 mentors sharing their extensive business experience and skills.

Mr Ferguson and wife Jane also run Foundation Scotland, which benefits young people and the elderly in Argyll, helping young people learn economic skills to stay in the area, while Mrs Ferguson's main interest is in helping young families facing rural isolation.

The couple part finance the Argyll College Construction and Engineering Centre in Lochgilphead, as well as offering interest-free loans to Argyll entrepreneurs.

The trust gives scholarships to 12 Argyll students each year to attend Edinburgh University.

Imagination is the limit for design business Argyll 3D

AN ARDRISHAIG business could create a totally unique Valentine's gift using the latest three dimensional printer.

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gyll 3D has installed a printer which can make an iPhone six case in just two hours.

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Adam puzzles out wood for hull

Craftsman restoring yacht to former glory

A HISTORIC yacht will take to the ocean waves again thanks to a Lochgilphead craftsman

Adam Way, 46, is restoring Scottish Island's Class yacht Canna to its glory days from his Kilmory yard.

Mr Way, originally from Mull, has 20 years' experience in the classic yacht business and an outstanding reputation amongst owners for his high quality of work.

His last project, a £250,000 two year epic on ocean racer 'Misty' is in the running for restoration of the year with a classic yacht magazine.

Now he's been hired to

tackle the re-build of a boat that blew away the competition more than 50 years ago.

Canna scored 288 victories in 15 years' racing, helmed by Clydeside factory owner J Herbert Thom.

All the classes' wooden craft are named after west coast islands and Canna was Thom's second boat after Gigha, which he raced before the second world war.

Mr Way said: 'Restorations are a way of life for me, but it is not a great money-spinner. If I went on something like Dragon's Den they'd laugh at my prospects.

'The restoration is relatively low cost, but there have been various snags due to some of the original wood being hard to source.

'We struggled to get the right types of timber. It's hard to get long pieces of Scottish or English oak without flaws. So for the keel we have used African Opepe.

'The ribs were originally made from Canadian rock elm for its very springy nature and bending properties - but it is unobtainable and is replaced by oak in small pieces in the keel.

'The outer planking was pitch pine and I will be replacing the above water pieces with reclaimed wood and below the waterline with mahogany, which is nice and light.'

Mr Way has been given access to the Thom family's private photograph albums and some written history.

The photos are used when looking at specific areas of the boat and although being high quality most are black and white.

Mr Way said: 'Herbert found loopholes in class rules, for instance the yachts had to be painted brown, so Thom used varnish as it weighed much less than lead paint.'

He added: 'Canna has spent her whole life in these waters and she will be kept in Arduaine once restored.'



Adam Way planes a plank in his workshop. 08_a07boat010

Mr Herbert had a career spanning 60 years from 1903, winning his first race in a boat named Rose.

He taught himself racing techniques in dinghies and applied them to yachts up to 12 metres long.

In another twist, last November the boat was bought by Richard Thom, grandson of its original owner.

Richard, 42, from Blairgowrie, said: 'It is great to have bought a bit of my family's history. I sailed a bit as a youngster but the story now is about the restorers. It will be good to see it back in the water in May.'



Canna under sail in the 1950s with two strings of flags won.

Website help with funding

NEW ARGYLL and Bute council websites have been designed to provide accessible advice for community groups and charities.

The website upgrade will offer self-help tools and access to funding advice. Councillor Robin Currie said: 'These new web pages will be really useful for community groups who are thinking about a project and want some pointers on how to go about things.'

Visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/grants-and-funding for more information.

Young folk take up apprenticeships

MORE than 200 young people in Argyll and Bute took on apprenticeships in the third quarter of 2014.

The latest figures from Skills Development Scotland showed that nationally the number of young people embarking on apprenticeships was up by two percent since 2013/14.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'These figures are testament to the Scottish Government's commitment to investing in youth employment and creating almost 100,000 new apprenticeship opportunities over the last four years.'

Historic heart should be saved for the nation



The entrance to the Tinker's Heart monument. a08tinkers08no

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell has spoken out to support the call for Tinker's Heart to become a scheduled monument.

It is an arrangement of quartz stones set in a heart shape where, since the 1700s, travellers married, christened babies and honoured their dead.

The stones are at the crossroads of the old Hell's Glen and Strachur roads overlooking

Loch Fyne.

The public petitions committee met to gather evidence from Historic Scotland and Fiona Hyslop, cabinet secretary for culture, Europe and external Affairs.

Mr Russell said: 'It is badly in need of preservation, protection and improvement and regrettably the landowner seems to have set her face against any further action.'

'That is not acceptable nor is the present state of the site with an unsuitable metal case round the stones, an agricultural trailer next to it and an inaccurate notice board attached to a gate by which it is impossible to park.'

Late last year the Argyllshire Advertiser reported that nearly 2,000 people have signed a petition asking Historic Scotland to adopt the monument.



Hat's a fine look for this model to top off Diana's makeup.



Diana, left, shares a laugh with a bride-to-be and her bridesmaids as she does her hair. Picture courtesy of Ronnie

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Professional freelance hair and makeup artist Diana Mackenzie, 39, from Saddell, loves the whole process.

'It is exciting to play a key role in someone's special day. I know how important it is to them and there is a real satisfaction in seeing them



All women need makeup. The only woman who was pretty enough to go without makeup was Elizabeth Taylor and she wore a ton



- Tracy Letts

looking good,' she told the Courier.

'I'm nervous about everyone I go to. If I was not nervous, I would not be passionate about what I do.

'This is an emotional day for the bride. I'm sharing that emotion, I'm just as anxious as she is that she looks her very best.'

For all the shared nerves, there is an underlying confidence. Most brides will opt for a trial run well before the wedding.

'We will discuss possibilities for the hair and makeup and we can tweak things,' explained Diana. 'You don't have a lot of time on the wedding day, so a trial run makes a lot of sense.'

Diana, who has been shortlisted for the hair and makeup category in the north-west region of the Scottish Wedding Awards, said most brides were not interested in re-inventing their look.

'They just want to look like a natural, polished version of themselves,' she said. 'They want me



There are no ugly women, only lazy ones



- Helena Rubinstein

to enhance their good features.

'I look at the shape of their eyes and bring out the best in them. The eyes are their most stunning feature more often than not and something I can make most of.'

'You have to keep in mind how the photographer is going to capture them.'

'It is all about light and shade, and often with makeup it is a case of less is more - not about how much you use but how you use it.'

'I have always been fascinated by makeup. It is important to me. It is a feelgood thing for a woman and I would rarely go out the door without it.'

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Diana Mac
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The stunning look of this mo shows how less can be more.



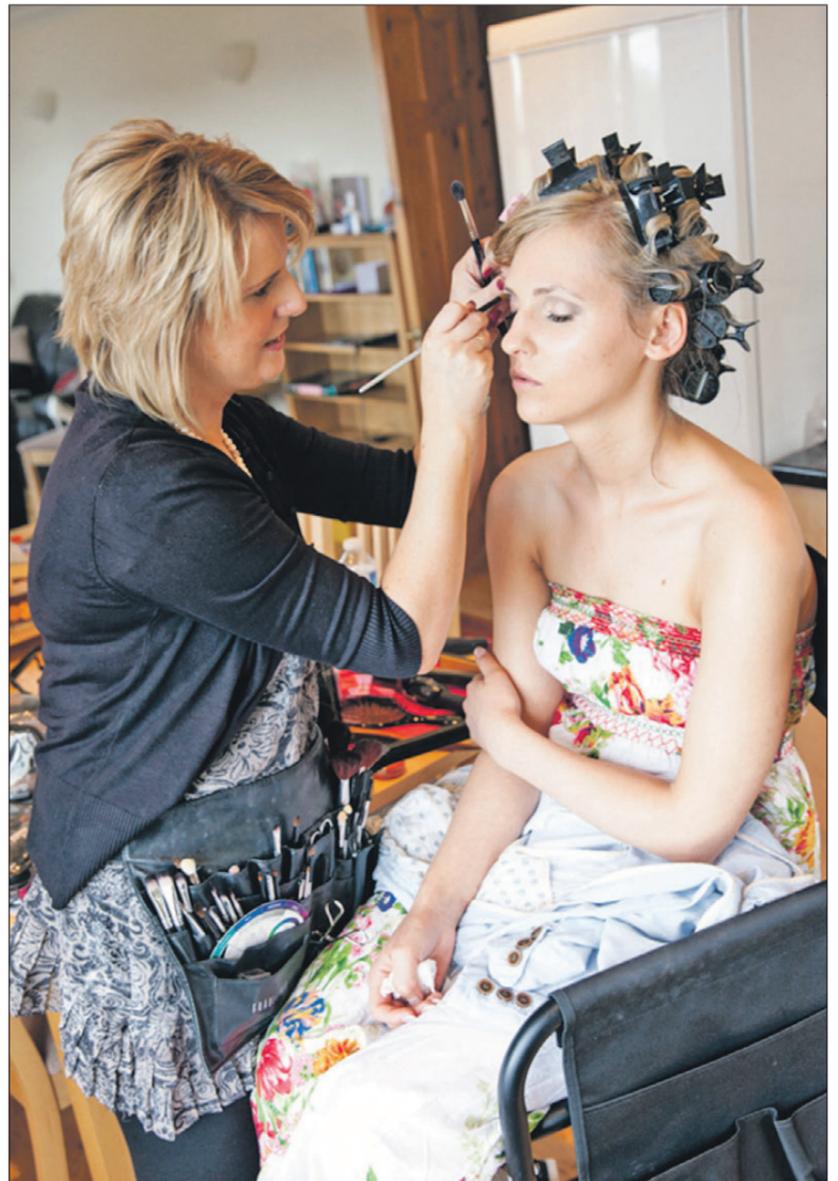
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Diana had this bride looking 'a natural, polished version' of herself.



This close up shows the incredible detail of Diana's work around the eyes.



Diana doing the makeup for a bride-to-be before her wedding at Portavadie Marina. Picture courtesy of Ronnie Cairns Photography.

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Model made up by Diana

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er, Diana decided a few years ago to develop her passion by attending the Academy of Make-up Scotland in Glasgow for intensive courses in bridal hair and advanced makeup artistry.

She took a break for the birth of her son, John, now nine months old, but feels he is now old enough for her to return to work, with both her husband, Douglas, and mother, Dianne Brodie, available for babysitting duties.

She has her own website - www.dianamakeup.co.uk - and is prepared to trav-

el throughout Argyll. 'Most of my clients have been in the likes of Tarbert, Oban and Cowal.'

Diana also does make-up lessons, makeup parties and prepares models for photo shoots. 'That includes male models - they need a little for the lighting on the catwalk.'

Diana said she does not know who nominated her for the Scottish Wedding Awards, which will be held at a black tie event in Glasgow's Crown Plaza Hotel on February 24. 'It was obviously a client - it was a

lovely surprise. I can be sure my six fellow finalists will be looking their best for that day!'

“Beauty, to me, is about being comfortable in your own skin. That, or a kick-ass red lipstick”

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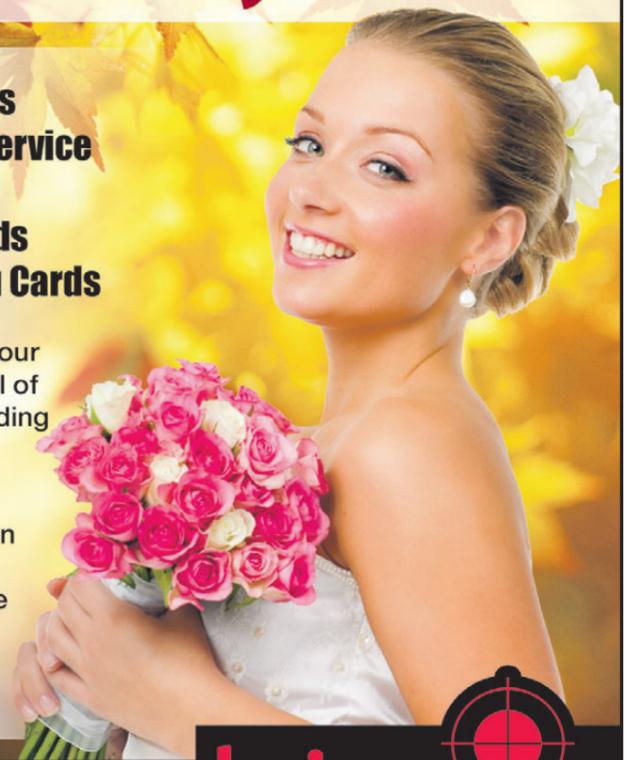
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Shoot for the moon from Machrihanish runway

THE FLIGHT runway at Machrihanish should be used for commercial flights into space, according to Alan Reid MP.

At the House of Commons last week Argyll and Bute MP said the community-owned former RAF base was the right place for the UK to reach for the stars.

He pressured the government to announce its chosen site soon and urged it to choose the Kintyre air base.

Of eight potential sites there are only two out-with Scotland. Prestwick and Stornoway are among locations to be considered.

The government's deadline to open a spaceport is 2018.

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Movie fans paint positive picture for monthly town hall film shows

Mid Argyll folk urged to support cinema

MOVIE fans in Mid Argyll are the target for a new community cinema being run monthly in Campbeltown.

More than 500 people supported the first weekend of films at the town's Victoria Hall last Saturday and Sunday, flocking to see five top pictures including Paddington and The Theory of Everything.

Delighted

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) group, which is organising the monthly shows pending the proposed revamp of the town's historic Picture House, said: 'It was a leap in the dark putting on these shows, so we are delighted with the response.'

'It is wonderful that

we had up to 30 people volunteering their help.

'Our aim with the monthly films at the Victoria Hall is to maintain the cinema-going habit while the Picture House is closed, but we also want to build a market.'

'We are hoping that people in Mid Argyll will make the trip to Campbeltown to take advantage of the great films on offer.'

The next shows on March 28-29 will feature Shaun the Sheep, Big Hero Six, 50 Shades of Grey, the Kingsman and the Second Best Marigold Hotel as well as an encore production from the National Theatre, Behind the Beautiful Forevers.

Rob Arthur, owner of Thurso Cinema and a consultant on the £3



Cinema consultant Rob Arthur, centre, with volunteers Alastair and Katie Sharp from Kintyre Hub 08_c08cinema02

million restoration and upgrade project for the Picture House, was among the many people volunteering their services in Victoria Hall last weekend.

He said: 'The turnout was fabulous, way above expectations. It shows there is a demand for films to be brought to the town and it also justifies the plans to modernise the Picture House.'

'Other communities around Scotland are starting to take notice of what is going on in Campbeltown and the role that the upgrades of the town hall and the cinema will play in the regeneration of the town. That is nice to hear.'

'So many people are being supportive of what the cinema is trying to



Film fans going in for a showing of The Hobbit in the big screen at Victoria Hall. 08_c08cinema01

do. The Royal Hotel, for example, provided the drinks and popcorn.

'We can all help each

other and benefit from the town's regeneration.'

It is hoped that the films at the Victoria

Hall will continue towards the opening of a revamped cinema next year.

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MP calls for cut in whisky tax now

BOOSTING the rural economy would be one of the benefits of a two percent drop in whisky tax, an MP claimed last week.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid urged chancellor George Osborne to make the cut in his final budget, on Wednesday, March 18, before the general election.

Mr Reid told MPs whisky

production was bigger than the UK's iron and steel, textiles, shipbuilding or computer industries. It provides 40,000 jobs directly and indirectly across the UK, 7,400 of which are in Scotland's rural communities.

Mr Reid said: 'The whisky industry provides jobs in remote communities where alternative

work would be hard to find. With eight distilleries whisky is clearly very important to Islay. A bottle of whisky is taxed at 80 per cent. Most people are shocked with that statistic and agree it is far too high.'

The Chancellor abolished the alcohol duty escalator last year freezing whisky duty.

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15/00023/PP	Erection of electricity sub station building and equipment	Land North of Inveraray Water Treatment Works Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00348/PP	Renewal of planning permission 12/00002/PP - Erection of dwellinghouse and garage and installation of septic tank	Land North East of Home Farm Whitehouse Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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15/00113/PP	Installation of replacement windows	20A Barochan Place Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

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Scotland and Northern Ireland outperform UK housing market

Supply and demand varied across UK in January and 49 per cent more London surveyors saw prices fall in January 2015 according to the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey.

Scotland and Northern Ireland's housing market outperformed the rest of the UK in January, with more buyer enquiries, stronger price growth and higher confidence in the outlook.

While nationally, the number of potential new buyer enquiries fell for the seventh consecutive month, Scotland saw the greatest buyer interest with several respondents suggesting the new land and build-

ings transaction tax (LBTT) will prompt more first time buyers to get on the property ladder.

Meanwhile, Northern Ireland's housing market witnessed the strongest price momentum for the fifth consecutive month, with 47 per cent more respondents reporting increases in prices.

However, the national results, which are based on England and Wales only, continue to signal a cooling market and price growth has all but levelled off with just 2 per cent more surveyors expecting prices to increase over the next three months (its slowest pace since May 2013).

Within England, Lon-

don market conditions continue to deteriorate with prices, buyer enquiries and sales falling. The latest data shows 49 per cent more respondents saw prices in the capital decline and the short-term confidence outlook is negative, despite the longer terms sales outlook being more upbeat.

In the lettings market 19 per cent more respondents reported a further rise in tenant demand during the three months to January and while supply appears to be dipping once again, there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that some new build rental properties are coming

to market and surveyors' rental growth expectations now stand at 4.6 per cent per annum over the course of the next five years.

Despite a month in which mortgage approvals fall to their one of their lowest levels, the number of agreed sales showed a slight increase in January (up from 19.1 to 19.7) and the 12 month member forecast is more optimistic around activity levels with 48 per cent of surveyors still expecting sales to rise.

Analysis

The changes to stamp duty and pending introduction of LBTT in

Scotland are, to varying degrees, providing an incentive to first time buyers, but there remain a number of challenges to market, such as ongoing affordability constraints, lack of stock and an air of caution in the run-up to the general election.

Overall, while the RICS lead indicators suggest the level of housebuilding looks set to increase over the course of 2015, the volume of home starts will still fall considerably short of the number of new households being formed, let alone making a dent in the historic shortfall of housing across all tenures.

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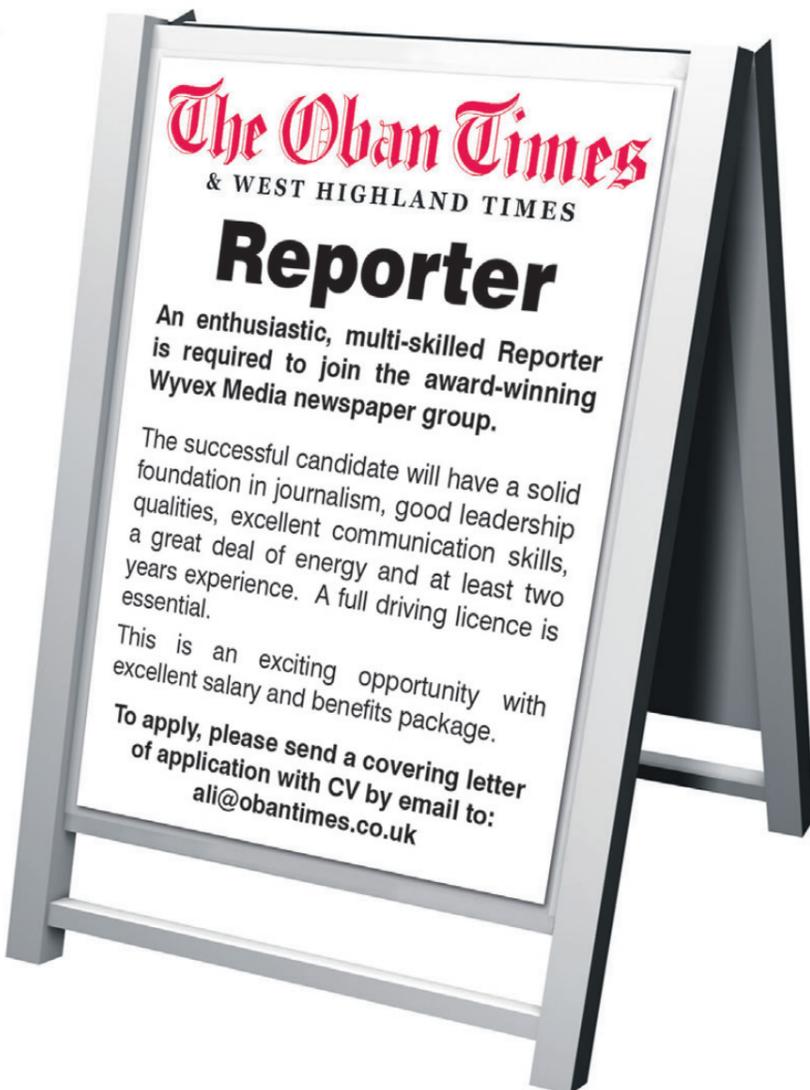
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THANK YOU

Charles & Elizabeth McSporran thank their family, neighbours and friends for cards, flowers and gifts received for their golden wedding anniversary. Thank you all very much.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful gifts and the many good wishes I received on my recent retiral from 40 years of nursing. A massive thank you to all who made my party a fabulous night, especially to ELVIS, who definitely was in the building! Thanks also to Maryann and staff at the Royal Hotel for excellent hospitality and to Louise for arranging all the surprises. Thank you all very much.

Hilary.



Happy 60th Angela

From Kenny, Kerr and all your friends.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE SAIL from Oban to Craignure was glorious. Up on deck the sun had warmth in its rays.

We were heading for Mull where I was to have the privilege of leading worship at Tobermory and Dervaig.

The people were warm and welcoming and the churches enchanting.

Ishbel, the session clerk at Tobermory met us on Saturday to make sure everything was in order.

Over a cup of coffee stories evolved and friendship developed.

Ishbel told the story of how she came to be on Mull because her father grew turnips.

I thought the connection must be tenuous, but Ishbel explained that her father gave her a turnip which was wrapped in a newspaper with an advert in it.

When Ishbel got home she saw this advert for a teacher on Mull. She responded, got the job and the rest, as they say, is history.

She also told the story of their minister, a man of great experience, but new to Mull. Keen to get to know his people and identify their skills and talents, he carried a notebook. Into this he jotted simple notes to aid his memory. He needed to find the connection that would link him to the right person. He wanted to call people by their name and not get it wrong because names are important to us.

So he wrote things in his notebook, like - 'Margaret who makes wonderful scones'.

His notebook must be full of fascinating facts as he visits his folk in the far flung parts of Mull.

I wonder what God's notebook is like.

I wonder how he regards each one of us as he notes our talents and our potential.

The minister does not need his notebook now, for he knows his people by name.

God said, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine.'

INVERARAY

Musical evening

POPULAR ceilidh band Skipinnish headlined at Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

The audience at the gig, which sold out, enjoyed a range of talent during the club's first event of 2015.

January's gig was cancelled due to severe weather conditions, so the comeback with Skipinnish was well received.

Skipinnish band members were keyboardist Ross Wilson, drummer Alasdair Murray Angus McPhail and Andrew Stevenson. They were supported by a number of Argyll wide and local musicians.

The club meets in the Argyll Hotel on the



Skipinnish sold out at Inveraray's music club event. 08_a08skipinnish01

second Wednesday of each month from October to April.

The next event is scheduled for March 11 at 8pm.



Adam was presented with the award from Jim MacMillan of Inveraray Burns Supper Club.

Address accolade

A PROUD mum was over the moon when her son won a Burns award for the second year in a row.

Furnace primary seven pupil Adam McFarlane, 11, won the overall prize this month for his recital of Robert Burns 'Address To a Haggis.'

He had to beat primary six and seven children from three schools: Inveraray, Furnace and Minard at the annual Burns competition hosted by Inveraray Primary School.

Adam's mum Liz Mc-

Farlane said: 'We are so proud of him. He has loved Burns poetry since he was a tot.'

Head teacher Debbie Munro said: 'To have won two years in a row is quite an achievement.

'He learnt the whole poem off by heart. He picks it up really quickly by heart.'

Adam was presented with the large shield by a member of the Inveraray Burns Supper Club.

The coffee afternoon takes place every Wednesday, 2-4pm, at Inveraray's Nicoll Hall.

Dancers step out 'Strictly' style to practise moves

DANCERS taking part in Inveraray's own version of the hit BBC television show 'Strictly Come Dancing' will be practising their moves from tomorrow (Saturday).

The competition is similar to the annual one held in Lochgilphead and will see dancers train hard over a number of weeks before a final showdown to an audience.

The final will take place in the town's Argyll Arms Hotel at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 14.

Local history society

MEMBERS of Inveraray's local history society meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Nicoll Hall.

The next meeting is on March 3 when Alastair McGuigan will speak about deer management.

Diary dates include Jim McCulloch speaking on April 7 about Inveraray Caravan Park from its beginnings and the annual general meeting on May 19.

Senior citizens' Wednesday club

ON WEDNESDAY senior citizens are welcome to enjoy tea, coffee and a raffle prize giveaway.

The coffee afternoon takes place every Wednesday, 2-4pm, at Inveraray's Nicoll Hall.

STRACHUR

Events to raise cash for memorial hall

ADVANCE notice has been given that an Easter fair will be held on Saturday, March 14 to raise funds for Strachur Memorial Hall.

Stalls that have been confirmed so far include; the Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) teas, home baking and a craft stall, raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac table.

There are more stalls and games that are to be confirmed.

In addition to the Easter event a ceilidh will be held in the same hall next month.

The Strachur drama group, fiddlers and dancing groups are all set to take part in the fun on Saturday, March 21 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend both of these events.

Money raised will go towards the hall maintenance fund.

FORD

Line dancing fun at Ford rural

A LESSON in line dancing planned for mem-

bers of Ford Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) has taken place.

The session had been cancelled last month due to heavy snow.

But it was a hit amongst members, who said it was worth the wait.

Sue Grocock tried to turn Ford rural members into line dancers and laughs were had by the women as only a few could keep up.

Everyone enjoyed the experience and the spectators had a good laugh.

Committee member Pat Holt said: 'It is a lot harder than it looks and Sue's patience with all the left feet was great.'

'Members tried but most failed and all had worked up a good appetite for supper after the class.'

A competition was held for the Sheena Carmichael pancake trophy and it was won by Sheena McNair. In second place was Liz Malcolm and in third place was Sue Grocock.

Members were also judged on their best fancy footwear worn on the evening. Liz Malcolm won first place, Sue Grocock came second and Sheena McNair came third.

Members, at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 7.30pm, will see a demonstration of quick puddings by Debbie Munro.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you' (John 20:21).

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - GREEN - Linzi-Anne and Graham are delighted to announce the birth of Charlie, on January 18, 2015 at The University Hospital of North Durham. A beautiful wee brother for Isla. Thanks to all involved.

MARRIAGES

CHENEY - MARTIN Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Derek to Gail, at Kilconquhar Castle, Fife. Registrar Sophia Semple conducted the ceremony on February 14, 2015. A special day.

DEATHS

DAVIES - Peacefully at his home, 4 Balliebeg, Castleton, by Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, on February 13, 2015, Robert Davies, aged 74 years, loving husband of Ivy, much loved father of Robert, Anne and Andrew, adored grandfather of Daniel and a much respected father-in-law of Gillian and David. A dear friend and former work colleague to many. A private family service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, February 20, 2015. Donations, in lieu of flowers, are welcome to Alzheimer Scotland.

GUIDI - Maria, RIP. Peacefully, surrounded by her family in America. Maria's family would like to invite all those who knew and loved Maria, to a Requiem Mass in St Margaret's, Lochgilphead, on Wednesday, February 25, at 11.00am, to give thanks to God for a life lived in love to the full. May her good soul rest in peace.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 16, 2015, Elizabeth Kunac Sharp (Betty), in her 72nd year, 10 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, loving wife of the late Archie MacDonald, much loved mother of Mary, Fiona, Maxine, Archie and the late Leslie, loving and much loved granny and great granny and beloved partner of Duncan McIntyre. Service will take place in The Salvation Army Citadel, on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

MCINTYRE - Peacefully, in the presence of her family, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on February 15, 2015, Mary McKerral McIntyre, in her 108th year, formerly of 51d High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved and loving wife of the late Angus, devoted mother of Neil, Duncan, Thomas, Maureen, Patricia and the late John, and a most loving granny, great granny and great great granny. A light dimmed but to shine brighter.

STEWART - Kenneth Stewart, died February 14, 2015, aged 87 years, 15 Mill Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Cairnbaan by Tarbert, dearly beloved husband of Doreen Moore. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

MCMILLAN - The family of the late Edna McMillan wishes to thank all friends and relatives for the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them on the death of Edna. Thank you to all who attended her funeral service and to Rev Philip Wallace for pastoral services. Special thanks to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for their support, professionalism and attention to detail. The collection, in aid of the Sunshine Room, has to date raised £541.54.

IN MEMORIAM

DURANCE - In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mother, granny and sister, who passed away on February 16, 1998. Loved and remembered always.
- Willie, Sharon, Martin, Ian, Duncan and Jean.

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MACKAY - In loving memory of our father, father-in-law and grandfather, John, who passed away February 17, 2010. Memories are like threads of gold, They never tarnish or grow old.
- Love, Iain, Marion and family xxx.

MCKINLAY - Precious memories of Tommy, who passed away on February 22, 2010. A much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandad and great grandad.
Fondly remembered every day.
- Morag and families x.

CHURCH NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY Campbeltown Corps
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046

Saturday 21st February
Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 22nd February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev David Parker
11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 25th February
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Cafe
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Highland Parish Church
SCO02493

Sunday 22nd February
The service will be in the Church 11.15 am
Led by Marilyn Sheddon

Badminton Club
meets in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5 : 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7 : 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Sunday 22nd February
11.15 am Service
Creche Triple C Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace

Monday 23rd February
Guild Concert
Church Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 24th February
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6pm
Junior Section 7.15pm

Thursday 26th February
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 27th February
Lunch Club
12noon New Hall

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

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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 22nd February 2015
11.00am
with communion
Monday 23rd 2.30pm
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Ardrishaig Women's Guild
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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Saturday 5pm
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11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book

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Services 22nd February 2015 - all welcome!

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Charity No. SC016097
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in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 22nd February
Morning Worship
Glassary 11.45 am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 22 February 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Mrs. Rosanne Semple

Thursday 26 February 2015
10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 22nd February 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson

Guild meets
Monday 23rd February
Church Hall 7.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 22nd February 2015
11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche
Revenge and Enemies (Matthew 5:38-48)
Pastor Ross Ferguson

Wednesday 25th February
10.00am Toddlers Group

Thursday 26th February
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 22nd February
First Sunday of Lent
10.45am Holy Communion
Reflection for Action Session 2
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 22 February
Tayvallich Church
Morning Worship 10 am
Rev. C. Acklam

Thursday 26 February
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
Tayvallich Hall
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 22nd February 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith

Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday
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Charity event is wheely good workout

A BRITISH duathlon contender is pedalling his way to the top at Lochgilphead's MACPool and raising the money for Sport Relief.

Stephen Whiston, a super-vet cyclist is one of six cyclists training with state-of-the-art equipment on Wednesday evenings.

Performance trainer John Rea said: 'The simulators I use are the same as those used by the top 20 triathletes in the world and by Tour de France cyclists like Bradley Wiggins.'

The simulators have a five-figure price tag making the nine-week course at £130 includ-



Performance trainer John Rea. 08_a08spin03

ing a £20 charitable donation good value.

Mr Rea, a level three triathlon coach, said: 'The participants on the course bring their own racing bikes and the rear wheel is on a roller which is adjustable for different loads.'

'The load generator part of the machine is £1,500 by itself and that is connected to a computer system which can analyse all parts of a cyclist's performance.'

'As the cyclist rides 'along' on the simulator a film is projected on a screen to give the impression of riding in a road racing bunch. As pace increases or hills are climbed the load generator is adjusted to make pedalling the bike easier or harder.'

Mr Rea, who is a production manager with Scottish Sea Farms growing salmon joked that there are similarities in the nutrition for top level athletes and farmed fish.

Next month on Saturday, March 21 Mr Rea will be at the MACPool for the annual Lochgilphead hour record at-



Rona Young, Stephen Whiston and Sally MacLeod on the load generators. 08_a08spin05

tempt. Cyclists are invited to turn up from 9am, make a donation to Sport Relief and ride the simulator for

60 minutes in a bid to cover the furthest distance and be crowned Lochgilphead hour record holder. The world

hour record is one of the most coveted records in cycling and has been held by champions like Graham Obree

nicknamed 'The Flying Scotsman' who twice broke the world hour record, in July 1993 and April 1994.

Mid Argyll athletes set personal bests

THREE young athletes from Mid Argyll performed well at the National Indoor Athletics championships, held at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow last weekend.

Two of the three boys, aged between 12 and 15, set personal bests in their events.

Shaun Doy from Kilmichael Glassary, a member of Mid Argyll Athletic club, won bronze in the under-15s pole vault, clearing a new personal best of 2.40m. It was a remarkable performance considering Shaun does not have access to pole vault facilities locally and achieved this using a training vaulting pole.

In the under-13s age group, Jake Gillespie from Lochgilphead set a personal best of two minutes, 39 seconds in the 800m, to finish third in his heat, unfortunately just missing qualification for the final.

Another Mid Argyll athlete, Alfie Smith from Tayvallich, just missed a medal in the under-13s high jump, finishing fourth, and placed sixth in the shot putt.

Silver success for Lochgilphead MMA fighter

A MIXED martial arts (MMA) fighter from Lochgilphead won a silver medal at a team event in Glasgow at the weekend, in what was his second ever competition.

Scott Mckeitch, who trains and competes with Oban MMA, was one of 10 club members to compete at Submission Quest, a nogi Brazilian-style ju-jitsu tournament at Bellahouston sports centre.

He became one of five to take a medal home to Argyll after his impressive performances in the tournament, which attracted clubs from all over Scotland.

The ground submission fighting tournament was the first that Oban MMA has attended with a 10-man team.

Scott, 22, who won gold at a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition in November, was left dis-



Scott Mckeitch, back row, second from right, was one of Oban MMA's five medal winners at Submission Quest.

appointed last Saturday when no opponent was able to meet his weight category of under 91kg on Saturday and he was faced with the option of going up or down a weight category.

He went against adjudicators' advice to fight someone below his weight level, and chose to fight above his weight in the under 97kg group.

It had looked a good decision, as Scott made it to the final, but a hesitation in his final fight proved to be a costly mistake.

Scott said: 'I'm annoyed with myself for not just going for a takedown in extra time in the final. If I had, I could have walked away with gold.'

'Right now I'm motivated more than ever to improve my Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.'

Oban MMA is becom-

ing a big hit on the national scene.

Club coach Iain 'Coo-gie' Potter said: 'The standard was as high as I've seen and everyone had at least five fights.'

'I think that a few years ago we were under-estimated and we had the element of surprise but now the other clubs know about us and realise we will be competing for medals.'

Scott will continue to train with the club in hope of one day competing as a cage fighter.

Oban MMA's medals came across five different weight categories: Chris Rowan won bronze in the under-73kg weight category; Mateusz Grabcice won silver in the under-79kg category; Dawid Loukil won silver in the under-85kg category; and Brendan McMillan won bronze in the 97kg category.

Ardfern women sign up to meet Lady Pain



Sally MacLeod, Mary Smyth and trainer 'Lady Pain' Bridget Baker using the weights. 08_a08ladypain01

PHYSICAL exercise with an instructor called 'Lady Pain' may sound tough, but an Ardfern trainer is using the unusual moniker in the hope that older women will rediscover the joy of exercise.

Instructor and nutritionist Bridget Baker, 48, is no stranger to hard challenges, having cycled the length of both New Zealand and South Africa.

Now she has developed a training programme to take her techniques for keeping fit to a wider audience.

She has gained an unusual nickname and used it in her slogan: 'Atone with Lady Pain' in posters advertising her classes at Craignish community hall.

Miss Baker said that the training is low-impact but definitely not like step exercise classes, with the use of gym equipment such as weights.

Although aimed at older women, people between the ages of 17 to 70 and even one man have signed up for the classes so far.

Some are serious ath-

letes, such as Mid Argyll Tri Club member Sally MacLeod, who emphasised the importance of exercise, saying: 'As you get older you just use it or lose it. I'm not the sort of person who just sits on their bottom.'

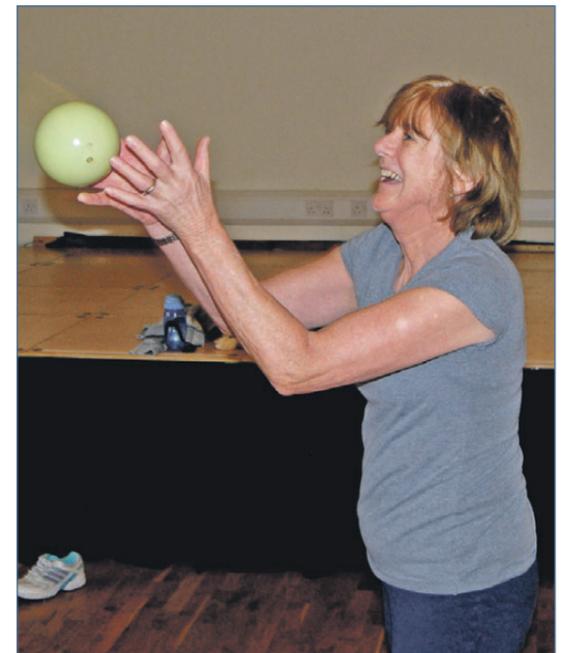
There is also a social element to the training with class members chatting about their weekends as they warm up.

The four-week block

started last Monday at 9.30am with a further morning session on Wednesday at the same time.

There are two sessions on Thursday evenings, starting at 6pm and 7pm, for people unable to make it during the day.

Miss Baker added that if the classes go well she would like to take the idea to other community halls.



Mary Smyth warming up. 08_a08ladypain02

Puffer won't suffer as funding is secured

FURTHER funding has secured the future of a top Lochgilphead running race.

The Heart of the Community trust has pledged a further £3,000 for the Crinan Puffer 8.5 mile athletics event for the next two years. Initial sponsorship from

Scottish Sea Farms, through the trust, started in 2011 and it has renewed its commitment for funding until 2016, meaning the puffer won't suffer.

Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd chairwoman Sue Hillman said: 'This fantastic event is

proving ever more popular and we expect numbers in the region of 170 to take part this year.'

This year's race, promoted by Lochgilphead's Mid Argyll Community swimming pool (MACPool) is on Sunday, April 26.

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Missed chances prove costly

Disappointing Star draw in Paisley

Paisley	2
Lochgilphead Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

RED STAR travelled to Paisley for their Premier Two encounter on Saturday, and despite creating plenty of chances could only take home a share of the points.

The game did not start well for Star as the team found themselves a goal down after 10 minutes, when a neat through ball was met by the Paisley forward who scored past the advancing Kalache to make it 1-0.

The visitors were dealt a further blow when captain Conner Crawford had to leave the field injured.

Star tried to force their way back into the game but were not playing with the same fluency shown in the side's previous match against Drumchapel.

An equaliser came after 38 minutes when MacLean's corner was nodded back across goal by Moore.

Peacock reacted the quickest to head home from close range and make the score 1-1.

The hosts came straight back however

and scored again before half time, this time a simple corner was headed home by the Paisley defender to put his side 2-1 up at the break.

The second half saw Star improve and there was much more urgency in their play. The Mid Argyll men levelled from an Andy Weir strike, which thundered past the keeper from 25 yards to make the score 2-2.

The last half hour was dominated by Star, but despite their best efforts they couldn't find a winner.

The closest efforts came from Peacock, who shot just wide, and at the death MacLean came agonisingly close, hitting the bar after Weir's shot was parried into his path by the keeper.

The team were left feeling disappointed by the 2-2 result in a game they felt they should have won.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Lochgilphead play hosts to South Camlachie in league action.



READY: Red Star host South Camlachie this weekend. 08_a08cred01

Lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd's lottery numbers this week were; 1, 10 and 11. There were no winners, so next week's jackpot rolls over to £200.

THERE were two winners of Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery this week, with D.J. MacDonald and C. Crawford sharing the £300 jackpot.

The winning numbers were; 1, 5, and 6. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

TARBERT Football Club's lottery numbers this week were; 1, 8 and 16. There were no winners, meaning the jackpot rises to £700 next week.

Amateur league football results

LAST Saturday's results: Jimmy Marshall Cup first round - Dunoon 1, Jamesown 2, Easthall Star 1, Oban Saints 4; Coronation Cup - Rossvale 1, Tarbert 3; SAFL Premier Division - Alba Thistle 2 v Campbeltown Pupils 2; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic 1 v Port Glasgow 3; Paisley 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 2.

This weekend's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup second round - Haldane United v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division - Busby v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Shawlands; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v South Camlachie; Easthall Star v Dunoon Athletic. Tarbert no game.

Tarbert progress despite Prentice suspension

PLAYING in their first game for 10 weeks, the Dookers were without their top scorer, player-manager James Prentice, through suspension, but still eased into the second round.

From the off, Tarbert dominated possession and the opening goal arrived midway through the half to settle their nerves. MacNaughton found space in midfield

Rossvale	1
Tarbert	3
Coronation Cup first round	

and played a delicate chip over the Rossvale defence for the onrushing Blair, who timed his run perfectly to beat the offside trap and square the ball to Johnson, who finished into the bottom corner from close range.

Tarbert soon doubled

their lead after another fine move. Andrew Guy was causing the home defence all sorts of problems with his pace, and after leaving three defenders in his wake he played in MacDougall, who combined with Johnson to set up

Ronald for a well-taken finish.

Rossvale almost grabbed a lifeline on the stroke of half time but the home side striker's effort hit the post.

The second half started with Rossvale on the attack and they scored a great goal with only minutes played.

However, the Dookers restored their two-goal advantage on 60

minutes, when a fine ball through from MacCler found Campbell at the back post and he made no mistake from six yards.

Manager Prentice made two changes with the match drawing to a close; youngsters Bruce and Scott made their senior debuts for the club, performing well against tricky opponents.

Rossvale's keep-

er made a string of fine saves to ensure the full-time score stayed at 3-1.

The Dookers have a free week this weekend.

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