



**FUN FOR ALL  
ABOARD PLAY BUS**



**FISH FARMING  
HONOUR FOR  
LOCHGILPHEAD  
MAN COLIN**



**ALSO INSIDE**

**Local produce**  
Page 14

**Business**  
Page 16

**The latest job  
opportunities**  
Page 20

**This is  
YOUR  
paper...**

Send  
your photos  
and stories to  
editor@argyllshire  
advertiser.co.uk

# Motocross Grand Prix re-run plan scuppered



## Girls boost charity coffers

A night of fun, frolics and fundraising by glamorous Lochgilphead ladies helped raise £1,000 for the Anthony Nolan Trust at the weekend. Games, laughs and even strippers featured as the Argyll Hotel hosted a high spirited evening organised by local girls Kayleigh Williams and Jenny MacEachern. Friends Cara Douglas and Shelby Spriddell, pictured, were among the attendees. Not to miss out, the Argyllshire Advertiser was in attendance. For our picture special, turn to pages 12-13. 06\_a09ss21

## Butterflies and other rare species put paid to Kilmartin race

PLANS to re-enact Kilmartin hosting the only time the Motocross Grand Prix World Championship came to Scotland have been scuppered - by butterflies.

Organisers of the Kilmartin Grand Prix Remembered event have had to put plans for an a race to one side after it was discovered the land where the race was originally held 35 years ago, Castle Park below Carnasserie Castle, is protected.

Landowner Gordon Brechin told *The Advertiser* he had been given a grant by the Department of Agriculture to protect the land for six years, as it was home to rare species such as butterflies, making a recreation impossible.

**Track**  
However, he is determined to work with organisers of the event - part of celebrations to mark 100 years of motorcycle sport in Scotland - to re-create the track for people to walk around.

With the track ground protected, the event will be held mainly in an adjacent field and car park with numbers on the track restricted.

Robbie and Margaret Allan - who helped stage the original race as members of the Mid Argyll Motor Club - are behind the celebration and are promising a great day out.

**Remember**  
Margaret said: 'Sadly we can't stage an actual race because of the butterflies but it should still be amazing - it will be nice to remember the last race.'

'It is in such a beautiful setting and hopefully we will get good weather.'

More than 7,000 people flocked to the race in 1978 and organisers hope to have the same turnout in June.

Attractions include an opportunity to meet the riders who took part in the race, marquees and TV highlights shown on big screens.



**TRANSPORT**

Daily service from Glasgow and Argyll.  
Deliveries and Collections from all over Britain.



For a first class service  
and first class prices call

**01586 554270**

## Probe into broadband deal delay

A CONTRACT, which would deliver broadband throughout the Highlands and Islands has still not been signed.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and BT were due to sign the contract early this year, after it was originally going to be signed last year. Two and half years ago the UK Government gave HIE money for broadband infrastructure, which would deliver broadband to areas without it.

Alan Reid MP, who has been campaigning for broadband in Argyll said: 'Delivering broadband throughout the Highlands and Islands is vitally important and it's disappointing that signing this contract has been delayed yet again. I have asked Highlands and Island Enterprise for an explanation for these repeated delays and called on them to pull out all the stops to get work started as quickly as possible.'

# Baptist Church launches £400,000 renovation plan



The plans for the Baptist Church will see a two-storey extension built at the corner of Argyll Street and Union Street. The curved wall is inkeeping with the neighbouring Stag Hotel and Mark Weldon Hairdressing.

## Contract goes out to tender for two-storey extension

JUST one week after Lochgilhead Parish Church announced its renewal project is to get underway, the town's Baptist Church has put its renovation project out to tender.

The Baptist Church, also situated on Argyll Street, is welcoming bids from construction companies to replace its existing flat roof extension with a two-storey extension.

The plans will see two multi-purpose rooms and a quiet room built on the first floor of the extension, whilst on the ground floor a large foyer will be built to the front of the building and a new kitchen and toilets installed.

Work on the project, expected to cost in the region of £400,000 all inclusive, is expected to begin in the second half of the year, much to the delight of the church congregation.

Angus MacNeill, chairman of the Bap-

tist Church renovation working group, said putting the work out to tender comes after three years of hard work.

'We are glad to see the project reach this stage and we are looking forward to seeing its completion some time later this year,' he said. 'It will bring great benefits not only to the church congregation but the community at large.'

Finance for the project comes primarily from the local congregation, charitable trusts and gifts from other Baptist Churches in Scotland. However there is a funding gap of £20,000 which the church hopes to raise in the coming months through its Just Giving page - [www.justgiving.com/lochgilheadbaptistchurch](http://www.justgiving.com/lochgilheadbaptistchurch).

Lochgilhead Baptist Church hall is home to many Mid Argyll organisations, with regular coffee mornings held in the hall on Saturday mornings.

## Show off your skills at new craft event

A NEW initiative that celebrates the creativity of people living in the Inveraray area will be launched next week.

The programme, dubbed 'hands on', will see people come together to share their interests and hobbies with one another.

People who draw, paint, knit, make jewellery, take photographs and those involved in other crafts are being urged to come along to an event on Wednesday to exhibit their work and tell people about their hobby.

It is hoped that in time workshops will be organised where people can share their expertise with other members of the group.

The first meeting of the initiative will be in Inveraray Church Hall at 7pm on March 6.

## Speeding drivers fined

TWO DRIVERS were caught travelling on the A83 near Lochgilhead at excessive speeds on Friday.

A 71-year-old man and 42-year-old woman were both issued with £60 fixed penalty tickets and three penalty points.

## Caught with cannabis

A 17-YEAR-OLD man has allegedly been found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis after a car was stopped by police and searched on Barmore Road, Tarbert.

## Heart of Argyll Maps online

A PICTURESQUE map depicting the Heart of Argyll and all its assets is now available to download online.

Wyvex Media's map can be downloaded for free at [scottishtouristmaps.co.uk](http://scottishtouristmaps.co.uk).

## Newsdesk

01546 602345

## Kilfinan Community Forest boost

FAMILIES in Tignabruach are to benefit from new recreational facilities and educational ac-

tivities within Kilfinan Community Forest. The Kilfinan Community Forest Compa-

ny has received a grant of £10,000 from Awards From All Scotland, which will be used to create a community resource, where people of all ages can go to exercise, relax and learn.

The project will include running educational workshops with local primary schools and developing new trails, creating more pedestrian access points and erecting squirrel and bird boxes.

# TREE SHOP

GARDEN CENTRE  
TAKE-AWAY CAFÉ



**Tree Shop**  
**Garden Centre**  
**Take Away Café**

**Hundreds of gift ideas for Mother's Day**

**Homemade Soups & Hot Food Every Day**

**New season plants now in**

Cairndow, Argyll

t: 01499 600263 e: [info@thetreeshop.net](mailto:info@thetreeshop.net)

[www.thetreeshop.net](http://www.thetreeshop.net)

Open Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm Sun: 10am-5pm

Cooker Boiler £2458 +VAT



**Piping Hot**  
Boilers Cookers Stoves

0845 643 6145

93 KW PELLET BOILER

£4220 +VAT

EARN £9551 PER YEAR!!

WITH RHI SUBSIDY

[www.pipinghotstoves.com](http://www.pipinghotstoves.com)

**Multi fuel stoves from £500**

Piping Hot Cookers specialises in wood fired/ biomass stoves, cookers and boilers covering the whole of the UK.

Call us on 0845 6436145 / 01327 307130

**Straight answers, and the right advice is our speciality.**



# Pursuit of long-term road solution 'unlikely' says transport minister

## Extra £4million for landslip work on existing route

A REQUEST for the Scottish Government to pursue two options as long-term solutions to landslides on the Rest and Be Thankful is set to be refused.

Argyll and Bute Council previously said it wished to see two of the options outlined in the Jacobs report on possible solutions go ahead. While it said the red option - to enhance drainage on the existing road - was preferable as the quickest option, it should be carried out alongside proposals to

develop another road on the opposite side of Glen Croe.

However, transport minister Keith Brown said that was 'unlikely', before announcing an extra £4million to carry out additional landslip mitigation work on the existing road.

Speaking just after a successful convoy test at the newly-available landslide diversion route on the Old Military Road on Monday, Mr Brown said: 'We have to take into account the impact the various options

will have on the routes during construction. It is unlikely we will have two different responses.'

Explaining an additional £4million would be invested in the lifeline route, Mr Brown added: '[This] will take forward a raft of improvements, including further mitigation work at the Rest and Be Thankful like netting, drainage and planting works, and more safety improvements at key points on the A83.

'This is in addition to

the £3.7million already provided to help tackle landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

R a y n e s w a y Construction was appointed by Scotland Transerv to carry out the upgrades to the Old Military Road. As part of the upgrade, 32 culverts were replaced, two bridges repaired and several sections of the road widened. A temporary bridge has been built on the track while repairs to one of the stone arch bridges continue.

## Petition could go to Holyrood committee

A CAMPAIGN urging the Scottish Government to address a host of problems along the A83 could be referred to Holyrood's transport committee.

The Scottish Government's petitions committee put a series of questions to Transport Scotland to determine what it is doing to upgrade Argyll's main arterial route in response to the Sign for the A83 petition.

If dissatisfied with the response, the committee can ask the transport committee to carry out a further investigation into Transport Scotland's work.

The Sign for the A83 petition was launched

by Argyll First last year and calls on the government to tackle landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful, widen pinch points on the road, create safe crossings in Ardrishaig and Tarbert and

upgrade the road between Kennacraig and Campbeltown to trunk road status.

Signed by more than 10,000 people across Scotland, the petition has had three formal

hearings by the petitions committee in the Scottish Government.

Argyll First councillor Douglas Philand said he was reassured by the petitions committee's stance.



Lilly Davidson learnt to make bubbles with a special cup when the Play Talk Read Bus arrived in Lochgilphead last Friday. 06\_a08play01

## Fun for all aboard play bus

YOUNGSTERS from across Mid Argyll laughed, played and enjoyed games as the Play Talk Read Bus arrived in Lochgilphead on Friday.

The colourful bus and its staff arrived in the town to show parents how playing with their children at a really young age can help their development in later years.

Toddlers and babies in Lochgilphead sang songs, played with colourful toys and interacted with other families as part of the Friday session.

A Scottish Government early years initiative, the aim of the Play Talk Read Bus is to help parents stimulate their children from birth through low-cost, fun activities.

### Window & Conservatory Repair Company

We provide a reliable and quality service.

We also install

- quality windows
- doors
- patio doors
- conservatories
- decking

We replace

- fascias
- soffits
- gutters
- PVC (no more painting)

Repair window and door locks, hinges, handles & damaged door panels & gaskets

Repair broken or misted double glazed units

We also clean and service conservatory roofs.

WE COVER ARGYLL AND THE ISLANDS

For free advice and a free estimate call

Mobile **07768268912**

Tel/ Fax **01436 672882**

### FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 2nd March  
10am - 1pm  
Heritage Centre,  
Campbeltown

- \* BEEF \* LAMB
- \* HOMEBAKING
- \* ORGANIC VEG
- \* JAMS & CHUTNEYS

**WarHorse - The Stage Show**

Saturday 15th February 2014

Edinburgh Festival Theatre

2 Night Trip Coach Trip from Campbeltown leaving 14th February

Call Tommy Millar for further details on 01586 810190

AFFORDABLE

Country Kiln

Starting from £299

**Woodburning & Multifuel stoves**

Nationwide Delivery • Local Installers

**01560 483966**

www.WoodburningStovesLimited.com

## Plans to create a community woodland on land near Tarbert Castle

THE LAND surrounding Tarbert Castle will be transformed this year as plans are afoot to create a community woodland in the village.

Tarbert Castle Trust has embarked on a programme of works to tidy-up woodland south of the castle in a bid to open up the land as an oasis for local residents.

Currently including birch, rowan, holly and willow trees, the woodland has become overgrown with willow in parts and rhododendron needs to be eradicated from the site. A draft proposal for the one-hectare site would

see more planting of native species, including an area of hazel for coppicing as bio fuel, a turf roofed woodland shelter, seating and woodland sculpture.

Robert McPhail of the castle trust said: 'The overall objective is to achieve a relaxed but productive area of natural woodland close to the village centre in a sheltered valley where residents and visitors can enjoy the castle environment and wildlife.'

'The nearby Tarbert Academy, After School Care and Tarbert Youth Group can have a woodland outdoor class-

room and volunteers can enjoy a healthier lifestyle and community involvement.'

A host of volunteers have offered to lend their time and skills to do much of the work, which includes removing a build up of silt that has formed in a ditch running through the site. The burn, which drains water to the sea will be reinstated, alongside a dried up pond.

A meeting to discuss the proposals and seek ideas will be held at the castle tomorrow (Saturday) at 10am. People attended are advised to wear boots or wellies.

## Argyll's ultimate endurance test

MEMBERS of the Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club completed the ultimate endurance test at the weekend, the Beaver Bash Duathlon.

Competitors of the duathlon, which was held on the shores of Loch Coille Bharr, were faced with travelling 9.3 miles on foot or bike.

Conditions for the athletes were bright and dry, in the tough setting, as

they took to their bikes to cycle 5km off-road then hit the ground to run 4.75km, before getting back on their bikes for a final 5km lap of the loch.

The overall winner of the competition was Stephen Winston who completed the circuit in 51.37 minutes.

At the finish line the athletes were met with a bowl of soup, carrot cake and competitor rosettes.



Erin Martin has lived on a diet of rice and water for two weeks to raise money for Global Giving. 06\_a09rice01

## Teenager lives on a two-week diet of rice and water

### Erin is raising money for the Global Giving charity

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager has been living on rice and water alone after learning about the devastating affect the diet can have on children living in third world countries.

Erin Martin challenged herself to live on a diet of rice and water for two weeks to raise awareness of the impoverished children developing rickets in India. Their rice diet is deficient in the minerals and nutrients they need to grow.

The Lochgilphead High School pupil was inspired after her biology teacher talked about plans to genetically modify rice with vitamin D to prevent youngsters in Bangladesh suffering from rickets.

The 15-year-old researched the topic and found charity Global Giving helps children suffering from rickets.

The teenager began her challenge in a bid to raise £500 for the charity.

Speaking to *The Advertiser*, she said: 'I thought it would be an original way to raise money for charity, I'm doing it by myself but my friends have been really supportive.'

'It's been a hard challenge but it's given me a better understanding of how a diet of only rice and water affects people.'

'I have started to feel a lot more tired but I've learnt to appreciate food much more.'

Erin will finish her challenge on Monday and said she could not wait to eat her favourite foods.

'I've missed pineapple and Kit Kat Chunkies the most,' she said.

People can sponsor Erin at various shops around Lochgilphead.

## Freasdail Windfarm plans rejected by community council

PLANS to build an 11-turbine windfarm at Freasdail, near Whitehouse have been rejected by Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Members were concerned about the visual impact the windfarm would have on Kintyre and on residents living within two kilometres of the site.

Brian Mearns, chairman of the council said: 'Our main concern with this particular windfarm was the cumulative impact it would have on the area and, in particular tourism, given the fact it is so visible from the main road and close to houses.'

Argyll and Bute Council has received 34 responses to the Freasdail planning application, 33 are letters of objection.

## Tarbert Library on the move?

TARBERT library could move to the old Argyll and Bute Council office on Harbour Street as the authority looks at ways to improve the service.

The council has confirmed it is considering relocating the library but said there were no firm plans to open a customer service unit alongside the library, should it be moved to the old office.

Argyll and Bute councillors will discuss customer service outlets in various communities across Argyll and Bute when it meets again next month.

## Council tax frozen for another year

COUNCIL tax will be frozen in Argyll and Bute for another year, it was confirmed last Friday.

Scottish finance secretary John Swinney confirmed a deal had been struck with all 32 local authorities across Scotland to keep council tax at the same rate for 2013/14.

The deal will, he says, help families in these tough economic times.

## GET READY FOR THE SEASON

If you haven't already ordered your promotional printing for the 2013 summer season then now is the time to do so.



Krisp Print offer excellent prices on medium to long run colour brochures and leaflets as well as short run digital printing.

We also offer a professional design service to help you make a good first impression where it counts.

Campbeltown • T: 01586 554975

E: staff@krispprint.co.uk

Oban • T: 01631 568015

E: sales@krispprint.co.uk

www.krispprint.co.uk

krisp  
print

**Teenager charged**

A TEENAGER has been charged with driving somewhere other than on a road after a silver car was seen driving recklessly on a grass area near Achnabreac, Lochgilphead.

The 18-year-old was also issued with an ASBO following the incident on Saturday, February 23.

**Van seized from driver**

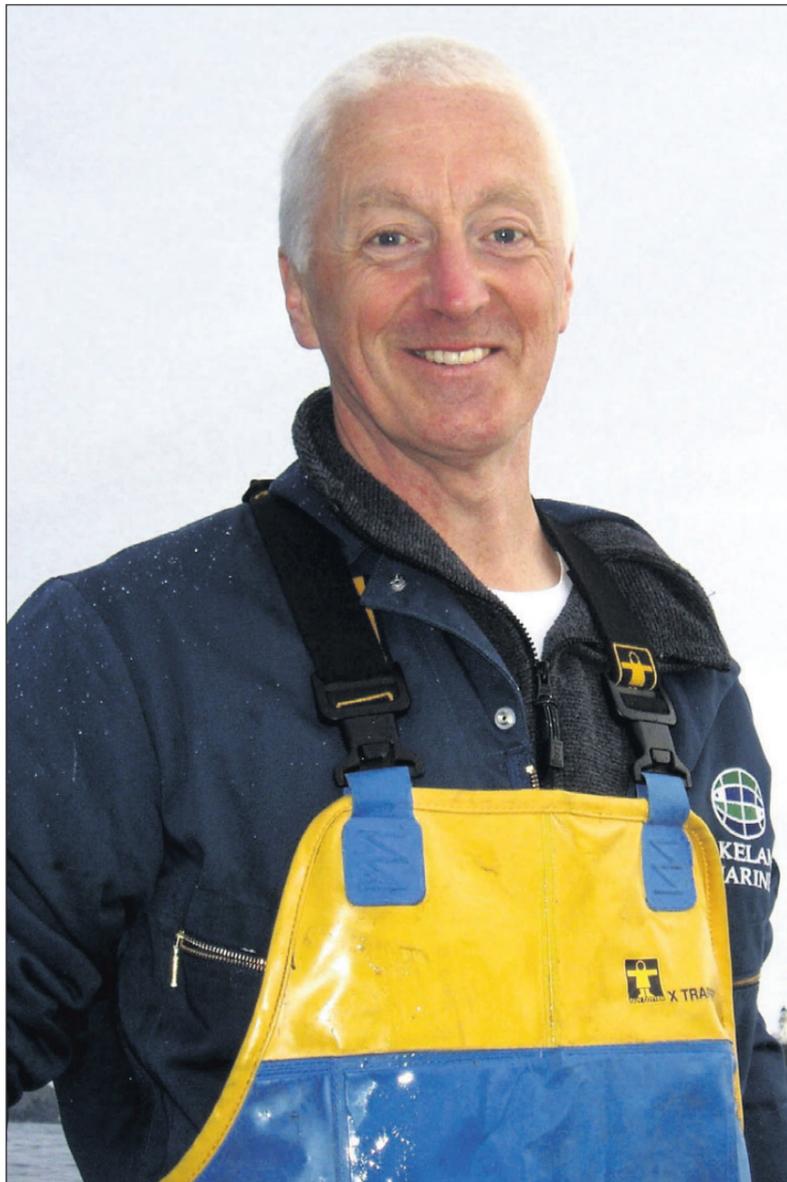
POLICE seized a Ford Transit from a 57-year-old man after he was charged with driving without insurance.

The 57 year old was stopped on Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead.

**Time waster charged**

POLICE charged a 31 year old Ford man with wasting police time and breaching bail conditions.

**Advertiser  
newsdesk  
01546  
602345**



Lochgilphead's Colin Blair has been named as one of the 'founding fathers' of the Scottish salmon farming industry in Scotland.

# Fish farming honour for Lochgilphead man Colin

A MAN from Lochgilphead has been named as one of the 'founding fathers' of the Scottish salmon farming industry in Scotland.

Colin Blair has been commended for his contribution to Scotland's thriving fish farming industry in a special edition of the *Fish Farmer* magazine which celebrates the characters that have helped the sector grow into a multi-million pound industry.

Colin, seawater director for the Meridian Salmon Group, began his career as a husbandry man at a salmon farm in Loch Craignish, aged 16. He has been with

Meridian Salmon Group for almost 30 years and has worked on sites from Argyll right up to Shetland.

Commenting on his career, he said: 'I thoroughly enjoy the diverse nature of the job. That's why I have stayed in the sector for so long, I am very proud of it and always promote it when I am given the opportunity.'

'In some of these areas there are few alternatives for long term careers, but salmon farming offers opportunities to local people at all levels.'

Mark Warrington, managing director of Merid-

ian Salmon Group, said he was extremely proud to see Colin named in the report.

He said: 'I have always said that our staff are the best in the business, so it is no surprise to have our senior manager acknowledged among the most highly regarded professionals in our industry.'

Rob Fletcher, editor of the *Fish Farmer*, said: 'It is thanks to the innovation, determination and hard work of these elder statesmen of the industry that salmon farming has managed to grow so successfully and so sustainably in such a short space of time.'

## Police operation targets residents' top concerns

A MAJOR police operation will get underway in Mid Argyll today (Friday) as Strathclyde Police aims to tackle crimes that are worrying local residents.

Operation Myriad will run for two weeks and see the local police

draw on specialist teams within the force to target specific crimes.

The launch of the operation comes after a public survey was carried out at the end of last year to find out what residents regarded as 'priority concerns'.

Issues such as the abuse

of alcohol and drugs, disorderly behaviour and vandalism, violence, theft and speeding motorists were highlighted.

Inspector Tom Harper of Strathclyde Police said: 'We will utilise specialist teams to help officers in pre-planned

events, for example using sniffer dogs to identify drugs, use automatic number plate recognition (AMPR) and work with other partner agencies, such as Trading Standards and Revenue and Customs, to identify bogus workmen.'

## Passengers invited to name new ferry

FERRY passengers are being invited to vote for their favourite name for the new hybrid ferry between Tarbert and Portavadie.

The shortlist of names for the sea-going roll-on, roll-off vehicle, which will launch in the summer, has been announced. All names are based on Scottish poetry.

They are: Lochnivar, a poem by Sir Walter Scott; Catriona, a novel by Robert Louis Stevenson; Greenvoe, a novel by George Mackay Brown and Sunset Song, a novel by Lewis Grassie Gibbon.

The naming competition opens today (Friday) and to vote, visit: [www.cmassets.co.uk/competition](http://www.cmassets.co.uk/competition).

**Hotel Re-Opens Noon Friday 1st March**



**@ Lock 16 Crinan Hotel**

From fish and chips to jumbo prawn Corryvreckan Families welcome.

Lunches 12 - 2.30pm daily  
Dinner 6 - 8.30pm daily

Crinan Gallery, The Art Gallery with Rooms  
[www.crinanhotel.com](http://www.crinanhotel.com)  
Telephone 01546 830261



**FOR SALE**

**SHOW HOME OPEN DAY**

**HEATHERBANK, CAIRNBAAN**




**Saturday 2nd March 2013  
11am - 3pm**

A great opportunity to see what

Macleod Construction currently has to offer

**Please call 01546 602989 for more information.**

Macleod Construction Ltd

Tel: 01546 602989

Email: [sales@mkmacleod.co.uk](mailto:sales@mkmacleod.co.uk)

[www.mkmacleod.co.uk](http://www.mkmacleod.co.uk)



## argyllshire advertiser

Incorporating Campbeltown Courier

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser is delighted to see so many youngsters in the region getting active and involved with sport.

In recent weeks our sports pages have been filled with the fantastic sporting achievements of young people living in the area.

This week Mid Argyll athletes took centre stage at the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championships in Oban with three girls bringing home silverware.

Sailing sensation Lorenzo Chiavarini graced the back pages last week with his nomination for the Best Up and Coming Scottish Sports Person Award by the Scottish Sports Aid, thanks to an outstanding 2012 season.

The Lochgilphead Soccer Centre is going from strength to strength as more youngsters push through the ranks and play on a regular basis.

And one Tarbert teenager came runner up in the Scottish Open Karate Tournament, beating off competition from across the nation.

It is great to see such a wide variety of sport enjoyed by so many young people.

As the Scottish Government pushes for more youngsters to take part in sport, it is great to already see such high levels of participation in our own area.

Of course, credit has to be given to the many volunteers: coaches, mums, dads and everyone else who help keep these clubs ticking over.

Without their help it would be impossible for youngsters to be so active and *The Advertiser* hopes they continue to get as much support as possible from the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council.

Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in getting so many youngsters involved in sport.

## who's who at your advertiser

Argyllshire Advertiser  
Argyll Street  
Lochgilphead  
Argyll PA31 8NB  
Tel: 01546 602345

### Editorial Director:

**Stewart MacKenzie**

### Senior Reporter:

**Edel Kenealy**

editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

### Reporter:

**Kali Lindsay**

editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

### Receptionist:

**Lisa Smith**

adverts@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

### Advertising Director:

**Anne Martin**

amartin@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

### Head Office:

Wyvex Media  
Lochavullin Industrial Estate  
Oban PA34 4HB

## opinion

e EMAIL

t TWITTER

f FACEBOOK

l LETTER

### Government must support construction industry

Sir,

It is welcome news the number of 16 to 24-year-olds who are unemployed in Scotland has reportedly fallen in the past year.

The Scottish Government's focus on supporting youth employment through its commitment to fund 25,000 modern apprenticeships each year is commendable.

But, there needs to be greater recognition of the unrivalled opportunities for high quality skills development potentially available through the construction industry's well established, tried and trusted apprenticeship framework.

The challenges currently facing the building sector are well documented.

Construction employers can only continue to offer employment opportunities for young people if they can be confident of a reliable pipeline of new work to keep apprentices gainfully employed.

Therefore, continued public infrastructure investment is crucially important as a cornerstone of a successful youth employment strategy.

Latest figures suggest we are on the right track in tackling youth unemployment, but the Scottish Government must now sharpen its focus on supporting the construction

industry and help deliver the thousands of excellent apprenticeship opportunities the industry potentially has to offer.

**Michael Levack,  
Executive Director,  
Scottish Building  
Federation.**

### Budget cuts brought about by Westminster coalition

Sir,

Last week Alan Reid MP a member of the Westminster ruling Lib-Dem/Tory Coalition Government expressed horror at the cuts this Coalition Council administration had to impose.

Mr Reid knows fine well that the cuts are a result of his Government cutting the Scottish Government block grant as part of the austerity package imposed on the people of Scotland by his party in Government.

These are not the only cuts imposed by Mr Reid's government. They have also cut the Health in pregnancy grant, Child Benefit, child tax credits and working tax credits.

To be fair Mr Reid and his party in Government have helped millionaires' tax by giving them a five per cent tax cut, in effect an extra £8,947.36 for every million they earn.

The choice this council administration had in setting the budget was for this generation to begin taking the cuts, or the opposition plan of postponing the difficult decisions and in my opinion mortgaging our children's

future. Mr Reid's letter in my view was no more than hand wringing politics.

**Fred Hall, Councillor Ward 4 Oban, South and the Isles.**

### Support Self-harm Awareness Day by talking and tweeting

Sir,

We would like to invite your readers to support Self-Harm Awareness Day 2013, on March 1, by joining thousands of people tweeting and talking about the issue.

Self-harming amongst young people has risen dramatically in the UK in recent years.

It is estimated one in 12 young people in the UK have self-harmed at some point in their lives, but we believe this figure could be even greater.

Despite this the subject remains taboo and many thousands of young people who self-harm are suffering in silence.

Our aim is to get the nation talking about self-harm, so we can challenge the many misconceptions around why young people do it and we can support them.

People can find out more about Self-Harm Awareness Day on our website and join in the debate on Twitter via #selfharm.

**Sue Minto,  
Head of ChildLine.**

### Call a halt to glitzy cigarette packaging

Sir,

As a reader and volunteer ambassador for Cancer Research UK, I would like to rally other readers in Argyll

and Bute to a cause that is very close to my heart. I am asking everyone to email their MP and campaign for cigarettes to be sold in plain standard packs rather than in the glitzy branding, which make cigarettes so alluring to young people. More than 190 health bodies support standard packs and they have already been introduced in Australia.

The government closed its consultation on this issue six months ago and since then 78,000 children will have started smoking.

Everyday we delay in the UK around 430 children will take up this deadly and addictive habit.

We need to call on the government to act now to protect our children from tobacco marketing and give them one less reason to start smoking.

The clock is ticking. People can e-mail their MP at [CRUK.org.uk/standard-packs](http://CRUK.org.uk/standard-packs) today.

**Volunteer Campaigns Ambassador,  
Cancer Research UK.**



Join us on  
facebook

[www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser](http://www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser)

Letters to the Editor, Argyllshire Advertiser,  
Argyll Street, Lochgilphead,  
Argyll PA31 8NB

emails to: [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)  
[facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser](http://facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser)  
[twitter.com/argyllshireadvertiser](http://twitter.com/argyllshireadvertiser)

### PRESS POLICY

WE AT The Argyllshire Advertiser do our utmost to make sure that all our reports are fair, accurate and balanced, but we accept that, on occasion, mistakes can occur in the hectic process of producing a weekly local newspaper.

It is the policy of The Oban Times Group to correct any errors in print. If you find an error of fact on our pages please write to the Senior Reporter, The Argyllshire Advertiser, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB, giving your daytime telephone number where possible. This statement of policy will appear on this page every week along with any corrections or clarifications.

The Argyllshire Advertiser adheres to the Press Complaints' Commission's Code of Conduct.

The views expressed in The Argyllshire Advertiser are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of no more than 200 words for publication on this page.

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, to amend or to refuse to print them. Names and addresses must be supplied to indicate good faith, although these details can be withheld from publication. Telephone numbers, if available, are also appreciated. Anonymous letters cannot be considered. Please write to: Letters, The Argyllshire Advertiser, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB, or fax us on 01546 602661.

E-mail: [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk).

E-mailed letters can only be considered if they have a name, full address and telephone number.

# Tarbert and Kilfinan community windfarm plans underway



PLANS to develop a second community-owned windfarm in Mid Argyll are underway, which could generate a potential £50,000 annually for each of the communities involved.

Tarbert and Kilfinan are to become 1/12<sup>th</sup> owners of Srondoire Community Windfarm with Community Energy Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and the Broadfoot and Lithgow families, who own the land.

The site would lie adjacent to sister development Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, which is to the south of Ardrishaig but would be of a smaller scale and consist of three turbines.

The turbines would sit lower

down the slope to the north and east, with two measuring 110 metres to blade tip and one measuring 100 metres to blade tip, generating a potential 5.9 mega watts (MW) of energy each year.

### Community benefit

Speaking to *The Advertiser* James Lithgow of Ormsary Estate, which is a partner in each of the projects, said they hoped to repeat the success of Allt Dearg and see more communities benefit financially.

‘Wind energy represents a once in a generation opportunity for Argyll to develop profitable business,’ he said.

The 12 turbines at Allt Dearg have the potential to generate

10MW each year, with partners Ardrishaig Community Trust expected to receive £100,000 annually and Allt Dearg Educational Trust £30,000.

Mr Lithgow said these figures were important when compared to the community benefits packages offered by large energy companies.

‘Typically these benefit payments range between £2,000 and £5,000 per installed MW of capacity for utility developers, which in terms of Allt Dearg would represent £50,000 per annum,’ he said.

‘The actual cash retained locally through the local partners and funding of the educational trust will be more than 15 times that.’

## Thousands of pounds squandered on calls to premium rate numbers

PUBLIC bodies on the west coast have squandered thousands of pounds on phone calls to premium rate numbers, directory enquiries and the talking clock.

Argyll and Bute Council staff made 145 calls to directory enquiry services in February and March 2012, costing £473.66. It

also managed to spend £131.19 on 539 premium rate phone calls and £14.76 on the talking clock.

Directory enquiry services received 137 calls from NHS Highland during the 2011-2012 financial year, costing £222.39.

Strathclyde Police spent the longest on the phone to the Talk-

ing Clock, with three minutes and one second the longest of the 1,082 calls to the service, costing £459.88.

The police force also made 182 calls to 118 directory enquiry services, costing £350.74, and 1,609 premium rate calls, costing a total of £128.17.

### Citizen of the Year Award

NOMINATIONS are now open for the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll’s Citizen of the Year Award.

The annual award is made to anyone of any age who lives in Mid Argyll and has made a significant contribution to their local community, or have demonstrated a remarkable and worthy achievement.

Nominations should be sent to club secretary Garry Kidd by March 31 at Rouns End, Kilmory road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SZ. The winner will receive their award on May 18.

### Reminder to motorists

MOTORISTS in Mid Argyll are being reminded to renew the photo part of their driving licence every 10 years.

Lochgilphead Police are also reminding drivers to update any changes to their personal information, such as a change of address, by contacting the DVLA.

Failure to provide an up-to-date driving licence could result in a fine of £1,000.

## KINTYRE & GIGHA MARKETING GROUP 'THE LAUNCH EVENT'

### WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS/EVENT?

EXPLORE NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE KINTYRE & GIGHA MARKETING GROUP MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2013 @ 11.00AM THE PUTECHAN HOTEL

- Launch of new 'Explore Kintyre' brand and website
- Discover the benefits of KGMG membership
- Meet the people, organisations and businesses behind KGMG
- Guest speakers

### FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

Coffee served from 10.30am

Free trade stands available to showcase your business - please enquire

For more information and to pre-register for free lunch go online to <http://explorekintyre.eventzilla.net>

E: [explorekintyre@gmail.com](mailto:explorekintyre@gmail.com) T: The Putechan Hotel - 01583 421323

Follow us on



Got a story? Call the newsdesk on 01546 602345

# Best Stage win for Tarbert at drama festival

DRAMA students from Tarbert Academy won the Best Stage Presentation category at the 2013 Campbeltown Drama Festival as the three-day event drew to a close last Wednesday.

The young team, which performed Shakespeare's *A Thirty Minute Dream* on the final night of the festival, delighted audiences with their performance.

The drama club, along with other youth acts in-

cluding Carradale Juniors, Peninver Juniors and Peninver Youth, received high praise from festival adjudicator Michael Emans at the prizegiving ceremony last week.

However, it was the Accent Players from Campbeltown that won the coveted first prize for their production of *Driving Force*, a play by Sue Welch.

Carradale Drama Club took second place over-

all with their performance of *Swan Song*, a poignant drama by Vanessa Brookes, whilst third place went to Peninver Players for their take on *The Offence* by Dianna Raffle.

The first and second prizewinners, as well as the youth winners will go on to the divisional finals in Stranraer and Eastwood. Accent Players and Carradale Drama Club will be performing between March 21 and 23, while the Peninver Juniors will compete on March 16.

The prizewinners were: 1st place: Accent Players; 2nd place: Carradale Drama Club; 3rd place: Peninver Players; Best Production: Carradale Drama Club; Best Stage Presentation: Tarbert Academy; Best Moment of Theatre: Peninver Youth; Best Comedy Performance: Carradale Juniors; Youth Winners: Peninver Juniors.



Showing off their trophies are the winning directors: Back row - Kenny Johnson, of Accent Players; Michael Emans, festival adjudicator; Tony Leighton, of Carradale Drama Club; and David Barbour of Peninver Players. Front row - Mary Macalister Hall, of Carradale Juniors; Peter Tyler, who played Oberon and Theseus in Tarbert Academy Drama Club's production; and Anne Leith, of Peninver Youth and Peninver Juniors. 20\_c09drama09



Some of the cast of Tarbert Academy's production of *A Thirty Minute Dream*, ready to head on stage. 20\_c09drama04



Sparkling fairies, overseen by Oberon, King of the Fairies, from Tarbert Academy Drama Club. 20\_c09drama05

## The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel was the mystery movie for ladies of the SWRI

THE LADIES of Lochgilphead SWRI were joined by friends from Ford and Kilmichael as they held their annual mystery film afternoon last Tuesday.

Settling down to watch the movie in the Mid Argyll Youth Centre, after a few technical glitches, the women were delighted to discover the movie was *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*.

A blockbuster released last year, featuring Judi Dench, Celia Imrie and Maggie Smith, the film created great laughter amongst the audience as the women tucked into the traditional choc-ice.

Linda Tighe, president of Lochgilphead SWRI, thanked the youth centre for use of its cinema facility and for technical expertise.

This week the group hopes to see locals at the Mid Argyll Rural Group coffee morning.

Kicking off in the Red Cross Centre at 10.30am, there will be no choc-ices but lots of delicious homebaking.

# Noticeboard

**Kintyre USA General Meeting**  
to be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown  
on Thursday 7th March at 10.45am  
Speaker: Catherine Ralston  
Talk: Dog Training  
All retired and semi-retired welcome  
Refreshments available  
Contact: Rose Marie Bennett  
on 01586 810383

**Riding for the Disabled**  
South Kintyre Branch  
**ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING**  
Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street  
Saturday 2nd March  
10am - 12 noon

**Peninver Players Drama Club**  
Invite you to  
**Afternoon Tea**  
in Peninver Village Hall  
Sunday 10th March  
2pm - 4pm  
Out of this World Teas/Coffees  
Starry Sandwiches  
Heavenly Home Baking  
Cosmic Raffle

**RACE NIGHT**  
8th March  
7.30pm  
Stag Hotel  
Lochgilphead  
Lochgilphead Primary School PTA

**This is YOUR paper...**  
Send your photos and stories to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

**Mid Argyll SWRI COFFEE MORNING**  
Saturday March 2nd  
10.30 - 12.30  
Red Cross Hall  
Lochgilphead  
Lots of the Rural's famous Home Baking and Preserves

**Ardrishaig Public Hall**  
Sunday March 3rd  
**Rent -a- Stall**  
1 - 3pm  
Teas, home baking,  
Earn yourself some cash  
Table £7  
**To Book - 01546 886392**

In aid of Friends of the Beatson  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
Saturday 2nd March  
10am - 12noon  
Baptist Church  
Lochgilphead  
Home Baking, bottle stall and more

**Peninver Village Hall Afternoon Teas**  
Sun 3rd March 2013  
2pm - 4pm  
with Home Baking, Raffle and the judging of...  
**The Great Peninver Bake Off**  
in aid of Peninver Village Hall funds SCO17003

**Campbeltown YOUNG PLAYERS**  
Return to the stage to present....  
**"Just for the L of it"**  
Saturday 9th March - 7:30pm - Victoria Hall  
Dance to follow - White Hart Hotel - Over 18's only  
Tickets £6 and available from:  
The Blacksmiths Shop, G. McMillan's Newsagents & Jim Martin Supplies

**Your Digital Edition is AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW at**  
[www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk/digital](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk/digital)

**Frustrated waiting for your Campbeltown Courier? Our new E-Edition is delivered directly to your inbox on the day of publication.**

# Gripping tale brought to life in Strachur



The cast of *The Strange Case of Archie McPhunn* received a massive round of applause after putting on a show stopping performance to a sell out crowd. 06\_a09socialstru07

**By Dave Dewar**  
A SELL-OUT crowd at Strachur's Memorial Hall thoroughly enjoyed the dramatic production of local 'hero' half-hung Archie's 1691 trial. Strachur and District Local History Society were responsible for the gripping production and using actual historical records, the audience were told how McPhunn was found guilty of murdering local landowner Duncan Campbell in 1690 and sentenced to hang by Inveraray Court of Justice. But, after his death the ferryman rowed the body and grieving widow from Inveraray across

Loch Fyne to Creggans and on the crossing, McPhunn suddenly revives, helped by the ferryman's whisky. McPhunn apparently lived for another 40 years and became known as half-hung Archie. The play was an excellent community affair with local residents, young and old, taking acting parts, helping with props, making costumes and lots more. Particular credit must go to village resident Gordon Neish for researching the story, writing, acting and directing the play. Effective lighting and original music composed

by Ronnie Leahy added to the drama. Before the action commenced, there was an introduction from the historical society about the background to the McPhunn story and their decision to stage this play. This was followed by a talk from Sir Charles Maclean of Strachur House, who told of his

famous father Fitzroy's interest in the McPhunn story and his decision to produce a McPhunn whisky. Well done to Strachur and District Historical Society for bringing alive a gripping tale of a true local event that happened over 300 years ago – and scotching the myth that McPhunn was hung for stealing sheep.



Editor of the Strachur Newsletter Drew Stewart attended the play with his wife Gelda. 06\_a09socialstru02

## Supermarket blooms transformed by flower club

Right: Members of Mid Argyll Flower Club recently took part in their annual Supermarket Dash, which resulted in a variety of colourful arrangements being made. The members were given identical flowers from a local supermarket together with greenery and were challenged with making an arrangement in identical holders.



## Get out and enjoy wildlife

ALL KINDS of exciting wildlife has been spotted in Mid Argyll's national nature reserves over the winter and Scottish National Heritage (SNH) is encouraging people to come and see for themselves. Staff at SNH have spotted otters, red squirrels and hen harriers and hope people will explore

the woodlands and landscapes at Tainish and Moine Mhor. As the Year of Natural Scotland kicks off, John Halliday, manager of the reserves, said: 'While there are few wild flowers and insects at this time of year, birds are gathered in great numbers. You are welcome to enjoy some of the best wildlife sights in Scotland.'

  
Join us on facebook  
www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser

Campbeltown **COURIER HOTLINE**  
If you have a story to share, call us on  
**Campbeltown 01586 554646**  
**Lochgilhead 01546 602345**

**PICTURE HOUSE**  
HISTORIC CINEMA  
Saturday 2 March for 5 days at 8pm (Not Monday)  
**Zero Dark Thirty (15)**  
The greatest manhunt in history.  
Jason Clarke, Reda Kateb, Jessica Chastain.  
First Monday Presentation  
Monday 4 March for 1 day only at 8pm  
**Les Misérables (12A)**  
Fight. Dream. Hope. Love.  
Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried, Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe  
Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years or over  
SYNOPSIS  
Synopsis: Zero Dark Thirty. A chronicle of the decade-long hunt for al-Qaeda terrorist leader Osama bin Laden after the September 2001 attacks, and his death at the hands of the Navy S.E.A.L. Team 6 in May 2011. Maya is a CIA operative whose first experience is in the interrogation of prisoners following the Al Qaeda attacks against the U.S. on the 11th September 2001. She is a reluctant participant in extreme duress applied to the detainees, but believes that the truth may only be obtained through such tactics  
Synopsis: Les Misérables. An adaptation of the successful stage musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel set in 19th-century France, in which a paroled prisoner named Jean Valjean seeks redemption.  
TELEPHONE BOOKINGS 01586 553899  
Doors open thirty minutes before showing.  
Audio Reinforcement Available.  
All programmes subject to change without prior notice.  
**Cinema Closed on Friday**

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6
7			8		
9		10			
11	12			13	
			14		
15		16		17	18
			19		
20				21	22
23				24	

**Across**

- Imitator (6)
- Last month (6)
- Knocked off (4)
- Of family favour (8)
- Leaf having a toothed edge (7)
- Buzzing (5)
- Throat dangler (5)
- Tall buildings seen as a background (7)
- Will always be the first (8)
- High smelling meat (4)
- Capers (6)
- Most recent (6)

**Down**

- Played on cue (4)
- Birdbrain (6)
- Threefold (7)
- Swollen glands (5)
- Position (6)
- Release (8)
- Neighbourhood (8)
- Stringed instrument (7)
- Religious sayings used in the bible (6)
- Smooth, in music (6)
- Uneasiness (5)
- Come together (4)

Last week's solution

A	P	I	H	A	F	M						
S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G	O	R	D	E	R
O	A	G	A	I	M							
O	P	E	N	S	H	O	P	L	O	O	N	
				E	W	E	L	L	R			
O	V	E	R	E	A	T	L	Y	R	I	C	
I				Y	W	Y						
U	N	C	L	E	T	A	D	P	O	L	E	
E	A			U	Y	R						
F	L	U	X	S	U	S	P	E	N	S	E	
E	E			U	I	A	A					
M	A	S	S	P	R	O	D	U	C	I	N	G
F	T	P	E	H	E							

**SKIPNESS**

**'Hold the Front Page'**

PUPILS at Skipness Primary School welcomed *The Argyllshire Advertiser's* Steven Flanagan on Thursday to help prepare the latest edition of the school newsletter.

Brothers Peter, 10, and Joseph McAllister, 7, together with sister Heleana, 6, quizzed Steven on how to improve their newsletter, the *Skipness News*, and how the editorial team at *The Advertiser* fill the pages every week.

Running since 1991, the newsletter has 30 subscribers and each

month a copy of the pupil-compiled paper goes to Picardie in France, where the school previously enjoyed an exchange visit.

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver is among past contributors to the school's recipe corner, the pupils' poetry is a favourite and the crossword - made by Joseph - is always popular with locals.

The school thanked Steven for his visit and *The Advertiser* looks forward to reading the *Skipness News* this and every month.



Journalist Steven Flanagan helps Skipness Primary School pupils put together their next newsletter. They are, from left, Peter, Heleana and Joseph McAllister. 08\_t09skipnessps1

**STRACHUR**

**Talk on Israel and Palestine**

THE LADIES of Strachur and Strahlachlan Guild were given an insight into life in Palestine and Israel when Jen Zielinski stopped by to give them an illustrated talk.

**ARDRISHAIG**



Eleanor Cameron, manager of Ardfenaig Care Home, pictured with Nancy McCalum, Margaret Annan, Lilian Weir and Amy Mouat, received a cheque from the ladies of Ardrishaig Craft Club for £100.

**Craft Club donates £100 to Ardfenaig Comfort Fund**

THE LADIES of Ardrishaig Craft Club donated a cheque for £100 to the Ardfenaig Care Home Comfort Fund this week, which will be used to buy doorbells and knockers for residents' rooms.

The group of women work hard all year on crafts, from knitting to tapestries and sell them at craft fairs and sales, with all the money split between various good causes in the area.

This is the fourth year the club has donated to the comfort fund at Ardfenaig Care Home, and manager Eleanor Cameron said she was de-

lighted to have the continual support of the women.

'It is a very welcome donation and these ladies work extremely hard throughout the year,' she said. 'We are extremely grateful.'

**Pleasure**

Kay Ballantine, co-ordinator of the club, said it was a great pleasure for the ladies to be making a difference.

'We are always looking for a small charity or group to help out, something small which may be struggling because £100 could make all the difference,' she said.

of material was a challenge that ladies of Strachur and District SWRI had at a recent meeting.

Tutor Madalene Lee was on hand to help the women as they made a variety of colourful and original pictures using just an inch of material.

The ladies created a number of small but beautiful masterpieces during the class, with some inspired by Loch Fyne and one woman creating a 3D fire from cinnamon sticks.

President of the SWRI Anne Fiddes said: 'It was amazing how everyone came up with different ideas. It was most enjoyable.'

The competition winners were: Embroidered cushion: 1. Anne Wyllie, 2. Catherine Harrison and Anne Fiddes. Favourite cushion: 1. Mary Greig, 2. Gisela Dickie and Thelma Gordon.

**KILBERRY**

**First makeover in 100 years**

A GENEROUS tenant at Port Ban Holiday Park provided the free labour and paint for the redecoration of Kilberry Church.

Michael McLean donated his work force from McLean's and TJJ to give the church its first major makeover in 100 years.

The congregation began fundraising last spring but Mr McLean stepped in to give them a hand.

**KILMARTIN**



Alan Cameron, Chloe McNeill, Jim Malcolm, John Murray, David Logue and Alan and Lesley Steele.

**Souper Day lunch raises £370 for church HIV project**

MORE than £370 was raised for the Church of Scotland HIV project at the annual Souper Day lunch at Kilmartin on Sunday afternoon.

The congregations of Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church and North Knappdale Parish Churches

joined forces for the lunch, which aims to increase people's awareness of HIV and raise funds for the project.

Parishioners attended a short service in Kilmartin Parish Church, followed by a lunch of soup and bread in the village church hall.

Jen, who currently lives in Dunoon, talked to the women about her time as an employee at the Scots Hotel on the Sea of Guild.

Anne Fiddes, secretary of the guild, said the talk was extremely insightful and eye opening.

'It was interesting to hear from someone who has lived out there,' she said.

'We heard how farmers could not get to their sheep one morning because the guards at a checkpoint were in a bad mood! It really was quite insightful.'

**Painters move in to parish church**

PAINTERS moved into Strachur Parish Church earlier this month as it got a fresh lick of paint.

The makeover was the first for the church in 25 years and is part of a programme that sees the church updated each year.

In order to carry out the work, the parish church received a grant from the Augusta Lamont Bequest Fund, which bene-

fits churches throughout Scotland.

In order to carry out the work, the parish church received a grant from the Augusta Lamont Bequest Fund.

**Fiddly task at the SWRI**

THE FIDDLY task of making artistic masterpieces from just an inch

**THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH FIELD...**

**ON NOW SALE**

**PERTSHIRE CALLING - Mark Beaumont talks Aberfeldy & Pitlochry**

**READ...**

**RUGBY'S MEDICINE MEN**

**Golden eagles in the Cairngorms SCOTLAND'S NOSTRADAMUS Hidden history of Arthur's Seat**

**EAT YOUR GREENS! FOUR AMAZING NO MEAT RECIPES FROM ONE OF SCOTLAND'S FINEST CHEFS**

**Developing aquaculture on the West Coast - at what cost?**



**WIN A LUXURY TWO NIGHT CRUISE FOR TWO**



**SUBSCRIBE...**

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND A FANTASTIC SUBSCRIPTION OFFER THAT INCLUDES THIS FREE BRACELET WORTH £50.00**

**www.scottishfield.co.uk**

Sponsored by NFU Mutual  
Oban, call Euan Warnock  
and Donna MacDougall  
on 01631 567 036 for  
your insurance needs.



advertiser farming

# Crofting Commission pulls plug on decrofting until legal issues clarified

THE CROFTING Commission has halted all applications for decrofting after taking legal advice on concerns about the legislative provisions relating to owner-occupier crofters.

Based on advice, it is understood there is no provision within the legislation for the Crofting Commission to issue a decrofting direction to an owner-occupier crofter who is occupying their owner-occupied croft.

As a result, it is now considering the full implications of the legal advice and will try to work out what legal remedies are available to resolve the situation.

However, having received legal advice that it would be acting outwith legal authority in issuing decrofting directions in this situation, the Commission is not able to accept any new applications to decroft from owner-occupier crofters until further notice.

### Applications

In the meantime, it will hold all current applications for decrofting from owner-occupier crofters in abeyance.

Prior to October 1, 2011, a crofter was defined solely as the tenant of a croft. Anyone who purchased their croft was essentially a landlord without a tenant i.e. the landlord of a vacant croft.

There are separate provisions within crofting legislation for both croft tenants in advance of purchase, and landlords of vacant crofts, to apply to the Commission for a direction that their croft (or part of it) shall cease to be a croft.

The Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 introduced the new category of owner-occupier crofter from

October 1, 2011. A person is recognised as an owner-occupier crofter if they are owner of a croft; and they were either the tenant crofter who exercised the right to buy the croft, or a crofter's nominee or an individual who purchased the croft from the constituting landlord (or a successor in title

to these persons). In addition the croft must not have been let to any person as a crofter since it was acquired from the landlord or constituted as a croft.

The Commission says it will review the situation once it has had the opportunity to consider the full implications of the legal advice

and has explored the legal remedies which will enable the situation to be resolved.

However, the Commission has been sharply criticised by the Scottish Crofters Federation (SCF), which has called on the organisation to sort out the confusion with the utmost urgency.

Est. 1985 agricultural engineers

www.mcnae.net

Main dealers in South West Scotland for Polaris, Fendt Tractors, KUHN, KRONE Big X, Redrock, Dairymaster, Abbey, Hudson Trailers and more.

Spring special offers on selected KUHN and Polaris machines

Call 01292 541920 or visit www.mcnae.net

John H. McNae Ltd, Mayfield, Tarbolton, Ayrshire KA5 5NX

## NOBLE CONSTRUCTION

### HIGH QUALITY STEEL FRAMED BUILDINGS

Cattle Building Special - from just £11,075!! (100' x 40' x 12" with 4'6" Cantilever with Yorkshire Boarding to both ends + one side AND Eternit Fibre Cement Roof Sheets)

Cubicle/Stock Buildings from £14,225! (100' x 50' x 14' with 4'6" Cantilever with Yorkshire Boarding to both ends + one side, supplied with Eternit Fibre Cement Roof Sheets)

Sheep Buildings from £11,775! (100' x 30' x 12" with PVC Roof and Yorkshire Boarding on all sides to finished floor level)

General Purpose Buildings from £8,425! (60'x30'x13' with 2'cladding all round minus doorways)

Dutch Barns from £14,075! (100'x60'x15' in 20' (6.096m) bays Polyester coated Box Profile roof and Yorkshire Boarding to eaves)

All prices shown are for kit buildings only and exclude delivery, site works, erection and VAT.

Please e mail or phone for details and quotes.  
info@nobleconstr.co.uk 01236 793194

## IACS 2013

SAC Consulting

IACS Surgeries will be held throughout Argyll, Lochaber & The Isles

SAC Consultants provide a professional service for farmers and crofters by filling in these increasingly complicated forms

Make sure you receive everything you are entitled to by getting us to help you

To book your appointment please contact  
Oban Tel: 01631 563093  
Campbeltown Tel: 01586 552502

www.sac.co.uk

SAC Consulting is a division of SRUC  
Leading the way in Agriculture and Rural Research, Education and Consulting  
SAC Consulting is a division of SRUC SRUC is a charity registered in Scotland, No. SC003712

ADVERTISER FARMING ADVERTISER FARMING  
ADVERTISER FARMING ADVERTISER FARMING

# ALLIGATOR

FREE DEMO CALL CHRIS BYRNE: 07766 252 983

- ✓ DURABLE
- ✓ VERSATILE
- ✓ LIGHT WEIGHT
- ✓ EASY TO USE
- ✓ COST EFFECTIVE

The best **MOBILE** sheep handling system on the market

IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY!

www.coxagri.com

## Business Gateway Workshops in Argyll and Bute

### Planning to start your own business?

Develop your ideas into a practical and effective plan to launch your business.

Getting the marketing right for your business is crucial to its success. This workshop will help you to understand your competitors, identify your customers and understand the things you need to consider for effective marketing.

Developing a realistic, working business plan is essential when you're starting up a business, this 2 day workshop shows you how to create a robust business plan. Good financial management is essential, learn to manage a profit and loss account; produce a cashflow statement; understand the meaning of working capital; describe the main sources of finance; and understand the different legal structures of a business.

- March - 18/19, Campbeltown; 19/20, Helensburgh; 26/27, Rothesay

### The "Practical Basic Book-keeping" workshop

Book-keeping is a core business skill, and, even if someone else does it for you, you still need to understand and value the process.

If you want to know the starting point for good record-keeping, this is the course for you. Those new to business and with little or no formal training in bookkeeping will particularly benefit.

- March - 1, Helensburgh; 12, Inveraray;

### Introduction to social media for your business

This workshop is aimed at people that are very new to or still sceptical about the idea of using social media for their business.

#### Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of what social media is and what benefits there may be of using it for business
- Give delegates a chance to explore some of the basic technical aspects of well-known social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter)
- Show delegates how to get the most out of using social media and how to deal with negative feedback

The workshop will explain the principles behind what social media is, how it works and why it is so popular. It will explain how the "process" of social media allows it to be used for a wide variety of business objectives. It will discuss and explain a number of the most popular social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Blogger, etc.

- March - 4, Inveraray; 18, Helensburgh; 21, Mull

### Improve your business website performance

Aimed at small businesses that already have a website, whether this was built by a professional website designer or homemade, who feel that their website isn't producing the results that they expect, or needs refreshing. It is also suitable for people currently in the process of building or having a website built to make sure the end result is going to be successful. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills BUT basic PC skills are required.

#### Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of which factors are key to the success of a website
- Show delegates how these factors can be used to create a good design
- Give delegates examples of common mistakes made
- Provide delegates with a number of online sources that provide further good practice and advice The course will discuss the 4 key success factors of website development: visibility, appearance, functionality and compatibility. It will cover issues including graphic design, layout, navigation, the online sales process, search engine optimisation, browser compatibility and site feedback.

- March - 4, Inveraray; 7, Oban; 18, Helensburgh; 20, Mull

### Build your own business website

Aimed at small businesses looking to build their own business website. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills or experience but basic PC skills are required. The course will include some very basic online trading.

#### Course objectives:

- Introduce delegates to the basics of good website design
- Explain the various (online) tools available to build a website and how to choose the one best suited for the purpose
- Show delegates the kind of activities that are involved in building their own website using an online tool

Delegates will be introduced to the basic essentials of website design, how to make it findable as well as attractive and at the same time usable. The course will explain which tools are available and how to pick the one that would be best suited for the purpose. Delegates will learn a wide variety of skills using a simple online website building tool. These skills include working with text, images, colour and layout as well as managing pages (navigation) adding links and some simple functionality.

- March - 5, Inveraray; 8, Oban; 19, Helensburgh

**business gateway**  
your gateway to business expertise



Places are limited so to find out more or book your place please contact the Business Gateway team  
T | 01546 605459  
E | business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

## Mid Argyll's Social Scene

E-mail: editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk  
Web: www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

To buy photos, contact the Argyllshire Advertiser office on 01546 602345

# Girls raise funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust

A GROUP of Lochgilphead ladies raised £1,000 at the weekend as they played games, sipped on cocktails and watched strippers to raise cash for charity.

The Argyll Hotel was awash with laughter as the 60 women got into the party spirit and dressed to impress on their girls' night out, organised by local girls Kayleigh Williams and Jenny MacEachern.

This was the first of many fundraising events

organised by the girls, who are preparing to do a sponsored cycle from Edinburgh to Dublin in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust this September and are required to raise £1,450 each.

Speaking to *The Advertiser* about the challenge, 25-year-old Kayleigh said: 'We really wanted to challenge ourselves by doing the cycle and raising the funds. The Anthony Nolan Trust is so well supported in this area, so

we thought it would be a great idea to raise money for it.'

As they prepare to cycle for eight hours a day Jenny said they could not wait to set off from the Scottish capital and cycle the 220 miles to Dublin in three days.

'We are really looking forward to it and we will push each other on,' she said.

As the girls prepared to party the night away, Kayleigh added: 'We want to say thank you to everyone who came along tonight to support us.'



Left-right: Jennifer Wilson, Anna Alderson, Laura Walker, Kim Gates, Laura Downie, Ailie McMillan were in the party spirit as they played games and drank cocktails. 06\_a09s03



Kayleigh Williams (left) and Jenny MacEachern hosted a girls' night out to raise money for their sponsored cycle from Edinburgh to Dublin in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust. 06\_a09s02



Laura MacBrayne and Kirsty MacGilp were sipping on cocktails and playing games to help raise money for charity. 06\_a09s16



Left-right: Megan Bryson, Charlotte MacMillan, Shellby Spriddell were dressed to impress and ready to party on Saturday night. 06\_a09s04



It was an evening of fun and laughter for Catherine Cairns and Margaret Ciarecla who put on wigs and played bingo. 06\_a09s11



Caroline Gauld, Eileen Clark, Amy Litster danced the night away at the girls' night out in Lochgilphead on Saturday. 06\_a09ss19



Cocktails, games and strippers were enjoyed by this group of ladies on Saturday night. 06\_a09ss14



Friends Cara Douglas and Shellby Spriddell were glammed up and ready to party at the weekend. 06\_a09ss09



An evening of cocktails and games was enjoyed by Dorothy Thomson and Julie Curtis 06\_a09ss15



These ladies were in the party mood. 06\_a09ss05



Charlie Glencross, Alison Brodie, Catriona McLean did their bit for charity as they sold raffle tickets and the tombola prizes. 06\_a09ss20



It was a family night out for mother and daughter Margaret Hatton and Meg Jamieson. 06\_a09ss18



Angela, Jodie and Cheryl Brown had a family night out to help raise cash for the Anthony Nolan Trust. 06\_a09ss08

argyllshire  
**advertiser**  
Incorporating Campbelltown Courier

# YOUR LOCAL PAPER NEEDS YOU!

Are you

- Young?
- Bright?
- Talented?
- Ambitious?
- Know your local area?
- And looking for a job with great prospects?

Then get in touch with us today!  
Tell us why you would like to work for the

argyllshire  
**advertiser**  
Incorporating Campbelltown Courier

email: [ali@wyvexmedia.co.uk](mailto:ali@wyvexmedia.co.uk)

# Local Produce

## Auchencorvie Farm

### Pork for sale

All cuts of pork available  
 Also linx sausages with basil & sundried tomato, chives or garlic & black pepper  
 Pork & Apple burgers & Lorne sausage  
 Also available whole pigs, half pigs or quarter pigs  
 All meat comes vacuum packed and labelled  
 Guaranteed 100% pork

Contact Fraser on 01586 550229/ 07808 055258

## KINTYRE PRESERVES

Silver Winner at the 2012 Awards

We produce everything in small batches using traditional methods and the finest ingredients, locally sourced where possible. As no preservatives or additives are used the resulting taste is truly flavourful.

Tel 07900 535 451  
 Email kintyrepreserves@hotmail.co.uk



## Ifferdale Farm

Quality Lamb, Aberdeen Angus Beef,  
 Steak Pies, Mutton Pies  
 Hen and Duck Eggs

Saddell Glen, Kintyre  
 Contact tel: 01583 431666  
 email: monicagemmill@btconnect.com

Ifferdale is a family farm established over 60 years at the head of Saddell Glen, Kintyre.

Over the last 13 years we have been involved with the Argyll Country Market selling our own lamb and have gradually built up a very loyal customer base, who know they have a trusted quality product.

As well as lamb we produce and sell Aberdeen Angus beef pri-

vately throughout the year as and when the cattle are ready.

We also have a very eager clientele for our steak and mutton pies along with hen and duck eggs, which one of our children, Harry, is developing.

Ifferdale is always delighted to supply meat for functions and are involved in a number of events, as well as supplying Dunvalanree, Craigard, Putechan and Kilberry Inn, throughout the

year.

Recently we have been renovating the old steading to provide bunkhouse and self-catering accommodation, where customers can sample our produce and prepared meals.

We always welcome enquiries and with a little bit of warning can get that special cut of meat for that special occasion or request.

## Cockles

Purveyors of Fresh Fish and Fine Foods



*New, improved layout means our products are much easier to view and more accessible.*

*Fresh Fish still available but to order only- just call us for next day delivery!*

*We have a superb selection of quality, and often hard to find, products available right on your doorstep.*

*Come and find out for yourself. You are welcome to browse with no obligation to buy!*

11 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead,  
 Tel: 01546 606 292 email: info@cocklesfinefoods.com



## Glenbarr Nursery, Farm Shop & Watering Can Coffee Shop

Seeds, potatoes and onion sets. Vegetable and flower seeds. Seed compost, multipurpose compost and ericaceous Farmyard manure and grow organic

**Farm Shop:** Top quality beef and lamb  
 Our own steak pies, mince rounds and shepherd's pie  
 Venison, pheasants and partridges  
 Frozen free range chickens

**Coffee Shop:** Homemade soup, snacks and home baking!  
 Eat in or takeaway

Open Tuesday – Saturday 9am – 4pm Sundays 11am – 4pm  
 From 1st March open seven days until 5pm  
 Good selection of wild bird food and feeders  
 Coal, peat, logs and kindling

Glenbarr By Tarbert Argyll PA29 6UT  
 Tel: 01583 421200 / 421364  
 E-Mail: glenbarr-nursery@supanet.com  
 www.glenbarr-nursery.co.uk



WITH the scandal over what ingredients ready-meal producers actually use still dominating headlines, there has never been a better time to look local for food.

Where once mechanically reclaimed meat was deemed the worst thing you could find in your microwave lasagne, now consumers could be forgiven for questioning if any item in their pre-packaged food is what the producer says it is.

However, you need never have such fear on the west coast. One doesn't need to look far to find a plethora of fine produce right on your doorstep.

Looking local doesn't even mean reduction in choice. Every taste can be catered for.

Providence is the buzz word and Argyll's beef is among the finest anywhere – the area's lamb and game are held in equally high regard. Under no circumstances will you find traces of horse,

kangaroo, zebra or any other creature from local producers' products.

Never far away from the sea, our local seafood is also the envy of the country and never is it better when it can be had fresh. Couple that with the service offered by local fishmongers, and you need never be left wanting for something delicious for your meals.

Having meat on your plate alone isn't a complete meal though – which is why a trip to the local grocer to peruse the tasty and healthy locally-grown options is essential to add irresistible flavour and tantalise any tongue.

Most satisfying of all though, is putting those ingredients together yourself - tasting the difference that can only be had by looking local first. Not only will it taste fresher, but it will be healthier too, with no chemicals or other nasty unknowns to be

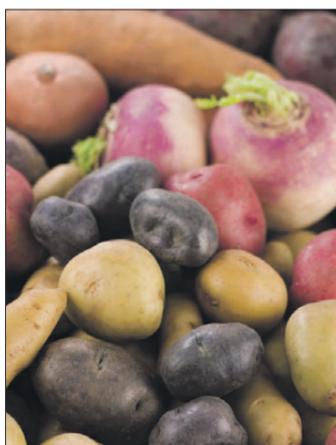
found.

Of course, cooking isn't for everyone and looking local for food doesn't mean you'll have to become the next Gordon Ramsay. Many of our restaurants and cafés serve up meals made entirely of local produce and will be able to tell you where their ingredients come from – something you don't get from a wrapped, supermarket meal.

Even after dinner, you can look local for your food – with cheeses, biscuits, drinks and sweets all produced by local companies who pride themselves on producing top-quality products.

Better than that, looking local doesn't mean costing the earth – as many cooks will tell you, buying fresh and cooking yourself often saves tens of pounds from the weekly shop.

So the next time you head out to the shops, try local first and taste the difference for yourself.



## ROCK UP IN RED

to Keep Well with **Local Produce**  
KINTYRE, ISLAY & GIGHA

**LOCAL PRODUCE**, Kintyre has teamed up with **NHS Highland** as part of their **Rocking Red Heart Roadshow** to promote the health benefits of using good wholesome local food. Events will be held in local Community Gardens with trained staff on hand.

**THE BARROW BAND** will perform and sing LIVE bringing the magic, history and beauty of fruit, vegetables, animals and minerals to the world based around a market barrow.

An **Argyll based CHEF** will cook samples of good, local food on the day and demonstrate how cooking fresh foodstuffs is easier and more nutritious than frozen or preserved produce.

It's also about raising awareness of the **KEEP WELL** coming soon to Campbeltown, Dunoon & Oban. Keep Well health checks can make a positive difference to your health as well as cutting the possible risk of heart disease. Visit [www.keepwellsotland.org.uk](http://www.keepwellsotland.org.uk) for more info.

**Thursday 7th March** – Benderloch Farmer's Market, Oban (11am - 3pm)  
**Monday 11th March** – Campbeltown Community Orchard & Garden (2pm - 6pm)  
**Tuesday 12th March** – Cafebarge, Tarbert (11am - 3pm)  
**Wednesday 13th March** – Bowmore Primary School, Islay (11am - 3pm)  
**Tuesday 19th March** – Bute Produce (next to Rothesay Joint Campus) (2pm - 6pm)  
**Wednesday 20th March** – Argyll Gardens, Dunoon (11am - 3pm)

**NHS Highland**

**LOCAL PRODUCE**  
 Telephone: 07500 677651 • Email: [localproduceargyll@gmail.com](mailto:localproduceargyll@gmail.com)  
 Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

## Reminder for tax credit claimants

TAX credit claimants in Argyll and Bute are being reminded to report any changes in their circumstances or they may receive more money than they are entitled to.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) says anyone who receives extra money after failing to report any changes will be forced to pay it back and may also face a fine. Changes to financial circumstances that should be reported could be about working hours, childcare costs, living arrangements or income.

HMRC's director general of benefits and credits, Nick Lodge, said: 'Many people forget or fail to tell us about important changes – such as having a partner move in or an increase in income.'

'This could mean that they don't get all the money they are entitled to. Or they could receive money that they have to pay back.'

The tax credits helpline number is 0345 300 3900.



Kenny and Murdo MacLeod of MacLeod Construction are 'delighted' to have won the contract to carry out the Lochgilphead Parish Church Renewal Project. The pair met Reverend Hilda Smith and Ian Davidson to discuss the project last week. 06\_a09macleods01

## MacLeod Construction wins contract to renovate Lochgilphead Parish Church

MACLEOD Construction has been awarded the contract to carry out the repairs to Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

The company, due to start work on the site next week, will carry out a complete refurbishment of the hall, which has lain derelict

for several months. The company will be charged with repairing the hall roof, walls, internal flooring and installing new toilets and a kitchen.

### Confidence

Kenny MacLeod of the Lochgilphead-based company

said: 'We are delighted that we have been chosen to do this job and it gives great confidence and continuity to our workforce and apprentices.'

'It provides job security in what is very trying times in the construction industry.'

## Ford yacht firm strikes Italian boat deal

A YACHTING firm in Mid Argyll has struck a deal with Italian company Sciallino to become the first company in Scotland to sell its range of vessels.

West Coast Yachting, based in Ford, is now selling vessels to yachtsmen and women in the area who understand the appeal of the beautiful motor yachts, like those created by Sciallino.

The company enjoys a strategic position in the heart of Argyll and hopes the deal will enhance the range of services it offers.

Owner of West Coast Yachting Ruaridh MacCallum, said: 'Situated at the heart of Scotland's finest cruising area, West Coast Yachting is well placed to be the central

agent for Sciallino boats in Scotland. Providing all pre and after-sales services we have plenty of experience in what makes a boat 'work' for the area and are excited to be bringing Sciallino to Scotland.'

Carlo Bassi, manager and majority shareholder of Sciallino said the company decided to expand its activity in the global market in September last year.

### Success

He said: 'We look at the challenges of the global scenario as a great opportunity to spread the concept of 'Made in Italy', through local partners who share our philosophy and are not confined to a mere representation of our products but by sharing in success and future results.'

## Bank claims it has helped thousands of small and medium-sized businesses

A BANK owned by the taxpayer has claimed it has helped more than 1,500 Scottish small and medium sized businesses through a government lending discount scheme.

The Royal Bank of Scotland its NatWest bank say it has granted £254million of loans through the

Funding for Lending Scheme since it was launched six months ago.

Graham Galloway, managing director for RBS Commercial Banking Scotland said: 'Where there is an opportunity to lend we have proved we will try harder than any other bank to support growth.'

## Insight into public sector opportunities

A MEET the buyer event and a workshop on public sector work is among the activities available for businesses in Argyll in coming weeks.

The 'Is the Public Sector Right for You?' introductory workshop is designed for businesses and third sector organisations that have had little or no experience of tendering and would like to become 'tender ready'. The workshop will provide businesses with enough information to decide if the public

sector market is for them, give an overview of the tendering landscape and share some tips on successful tendering.

The workshops will take place on April 11 in Lochgilphead, April 19 in Dunoon and April 26 in Oban.

Anyone wanting to attend should first register with the Supplier Development Programme (SDP) and then book a place via the website, [www.sdpScotland.co.uk](http://www.sdpScotland.co.uk). An informal 'Meet the Buyer'

networking event will follow each of the workshops. This gives an opportunity for businesses to meet members of the council's procurement team, ask questions and find out about opportunities to supply the council.

Local events will continue to be added to the SDP schedule for the year.

Once a business has registered they are able to attend events in any other participating local authority area.

## Practical help, advice and support for new and growing businesses

To find out how Business Gateway can help your business, contact the local office on 01546 605 459 or visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)

Supporters of the Oban Times business pages



business gateway  
slighe gnothachais

## Mentors on hand to help Argyll businesses

BUSINESSES throughout Argyll looking to stabilise, enhance or grow their operation are being offered free, confidential mentoring from experienced traders across Scotland.

The Scottish Business Mentoring Programme aims to help those companies that have been operating for at least a year by matching them with mentors across the

country who could lend their expertise for up to a year to give priceless advice. This one-to-one support can cover any subject from cash-flow and diversifying income streams, to marketing and dealing with the specific challenges posed by the current economic climate.

Pauline Cameron, who matches the businesses to mentors on behalf of

Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Chambers of Commerce from her base in Oban, said: 'Richard Branson is a great believer in business mentoring, but there's still a bit of 'if I admit I need help, I must be weak' culture around in the business community which needs addressing.'

The programme matches volunteer men-

tors, who have significant business and management experience, with businesses seeking to grow and looking for an objective sounding board or support to work through specific business issues.'

For more information on the mentoring programme or to get involved email Pauline on [pcameron@businessmentoringScotland.org](mailto:pcameron@businessmentoringScotland.org).

WYVEX MEDIA *Photo of the year*

sponsored by **TESCO** *Every little helps*

Lochside, Oban,  
Argyll and Bute, PA34 4HP



# THE GRAND FINAL - A photo finish

**THE FINALISTS for our Photo of the Year have been decided after a deluge of votes from readers – and it looks like it will be close.**

Scores of stunning photographs from amateur snappers from across the country

sent us their images showing us why west is best, and there's certainly diversity among the entries.

But there was no doubt as to what our readers liked, and the race for the People's Choice prize is likely to go to the wire.

You can now vote for your favourite to win the top prize from the entries below. With voting so tight, resting on your laurels isn't an option.

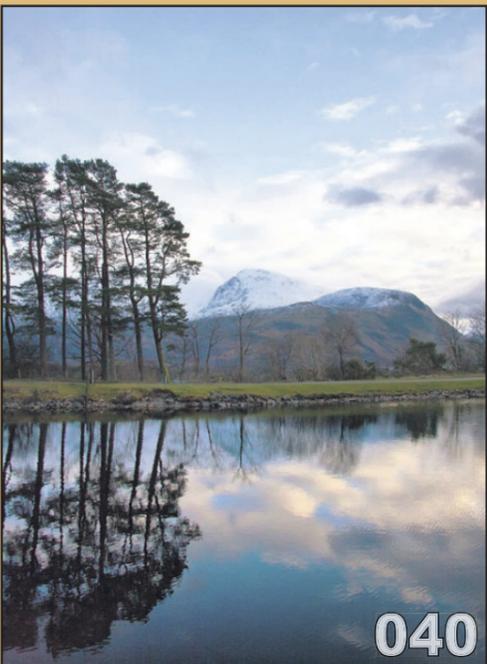
You can vote for your favourite entry by sending us a text to 88010 using the key word POY followed by the code beneath your picture of choice. For example, if the number below your photograph is 123, your message would read POY 123.

**Terms and conditions:** Editor's decision is final. Competition is for amateur photographers only. The winner must be willing to take part in publicity. Photographs not of a high enough resolution to appear in print will be disqualified. By submitting to the competition, including but not limited to digital video and images, mobile text messages, blogging, message boards, emails and audio submissions, you automatically grant Wyvex Media the royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, exclusive right and license to use, reproduce, modify, edit, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, perform and display such material (in whole or part) worldwide and/or to incorporate it in other works in any form, media, or technology now known or later developed for the full term of any rights that may exist in such content. Prizes are as stated, no cash alternative. Employees of Wyvex Media and their immediate family are prohibited from entering. Text votes cost £1 plus one message at standard network rate.



023

Lucy Thornhill, Oban: Sunset from Pulpit Hill, Oban. T52lucythornhill1no 023



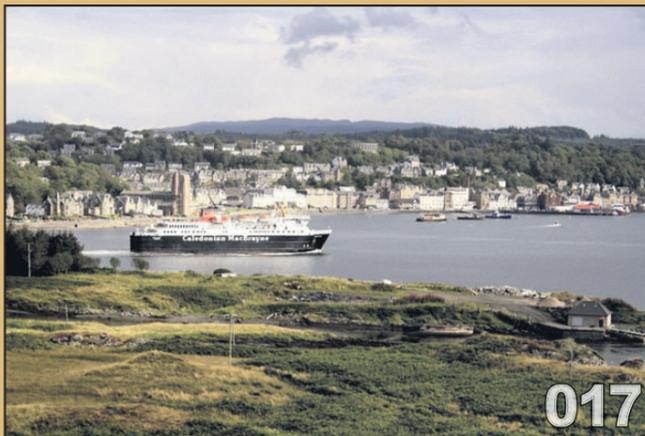
040

Elspeth Gordon, via email: Ben Nevis looking over the Caledonian Canal in January snow. T02elspethgordon1no 040



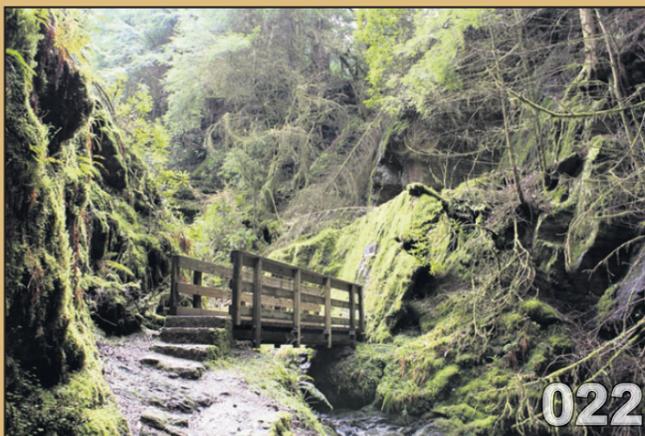
051

June Macintyre, Campbeltown: Time off for Bob and Jim at Gleneherve Shore. T03junemacintre1no 051



017

Adam Brown, Oban: A view of Bonnie Oban Bay taken from the Isle of Kerrera at the end of Summer 2012. T52adambrown1no 017



022

Linda Anderson Kerr, Oban: A spring walk through Puck's Glen. T52lindaAnderson-kerr1no 022



062

Wayne Lee: Highland Cow, late October, near Kilmartin. T05waynelee2no 062



006

Hazel Moran, Appin: Pine Martin in the wild Argyll, summer 2012. T49hazmoranpine1no 006



028

Fay Rowantree. Acharacle: Whilst running my tour business, we came across this exceptional Ardnamurchan stag just coming out of velvet. T01fayrowantree1no 028



Mid Argyll Show Committee raised more than £1,000 at a fundraising Race Night. 06\_a09show01

## Race night raises £1,000 for Mid Argyll Show funds

AND THEY'RE off! People turned up in their droves to have a flutter on the horses and raise more than £1,000 for the Mid Argyll Show Committee at a fundraising race night.

The event was organised by the committee with people packing into Ardrishaig Public Hall to get in on the action.

All the money made from the race night will be used to fund the main ring attraction at this year's show,

which in previous years has included stunt bikes and ducks.

Committee secretary David Renwick said he was delighted it had raised such a massive amount.

**'Fantastic'**

'It's just fantastic everybody who was there dug deep,' he said.

'We would like to say thank you to everybody who sponsored a horse or race and to everyone who turned out on the night.'

## Trust outlines plans for Stronafian Forest

OPPORTUNITIES to create sustainable housing, woodland crofts, renewable energy sources and a wealth of amenities could be realised in and around Glendaruel as the local community takes ownership of Stronafian Forest.

Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust (CGDT), which represents the two Cowal villages, has bought the 600-hectare site for £1.55million from the Forestry Commission.

Purchasing the land under the National Forest Land Scheme, the trust has attracted £1.3million of investment from a private company, which

will have the rights to the commercial forestry over 99 years. A further £300,000 has been raised through grant funding, which will pay the balance for the forest, legal fees and the recruitment of a forest project officer for two years. The trust believes this is the first purchase of its kind to combine private and public sectors in a community woodland acquisition.

The purchase of the woodland has been celebrated as a major coup for CGDT which has been working on the acquisition since 2010.

Charles Dixon-Spain, chairman of CGDT, said:

'We are thrilled with this acquisition which is confirmation of the momentum our community has been building over the last five years.'

'Colintraive and Glendaruel is a community that has been in decline for many years, and the trust feels this purchase signals the re-newing of our community, of bringing people in and services back and of ensuring the future of those services that we have held onto. Thanks to everyone who has helped us get to this stage.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, lives in Glendaruel. He said: 'I am looking forward to seeing the opportunities that this will open up for the community. ColGlen is proving to be a really dynamic community with a definite eye on a progressive sustainable future.'

The Trust plans to use some of the land for private and affordable housing, create four six-hectare woodland crofts and dedicate land to housing the community's first planned wind turbine.

## Kayak safety training

PEOPLE who would like to try kayaking but have been afraid of capsizing in the open water are being given the chance to practice in the safety of Mid Argyll Community Pool.

The kayaking branch of Mid Argyll Water Sports Club is holding practice sessions at the pool on March 10, 17 and 24, to make people

confident in a kayak or canoe, so if they capsize they will not be afraid of getting trapped.

People of all ages can go to the sessions, although anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking for the sessions is essential and for more details contact 01546 606 774.

# LOCAL services

### GRAPHIC DESIGN

**Selkie Associates**  
graphic design  
environmental interpretation  
Argyll based service for 18 years  
Distinctive, original leaflets  
affordable  
professional  
personal service  
bespoke designs  
tel: 07778 936333  
selkie.associates@btopenworld.com

### COMPUTER SERVICES

**HOOK DATA SERVICES**  
• Hardware, Software  
• Advice, Repairs  
• Consumables  
Call in or phone  
Crinan Harbour by Lochgilphead PA31 8SW  
Tel: 01546 830157

### DOMESTIC APPLIANCE REPAIR

**KINTYRE ENGINEYRE**  
Domestic Appliance Repair  
Washing Machines  
Dishwashers  
Tumble Dryers  
Fridge-freezers  
Cookers  
Microwaves  
Vacuum Cleaners  
Aerial & Satellite's Aerial Installation (freeview)  
Satellite Installation (freeat)  
Aerial & Satellite Repair  
Aerial & Satellite Removal  
Multiroom  
Steven Andrew  
07535714439  
KINTYRE ENGINEYRE

### ROOFING SERVICES

**Leaking roof? Slates missing?**  
Call us now for an immediate quote  
**MACLEOD**  
MACLEOD CONSTRUCTION LIMITED  
Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RR.  
Tel: 01546 602989  
www.mkmacleod.co.uk

### REMOVALS & STORAGE

**MACQUEEN BROS LTD**  
Removals/Storage & Self Storage  
Full range of packing materials  
Glengallan Road Oban, Argyll PA34 4HG  
Tel: (01631) 564848  
www.macqueenbros.com

### SOLAR ENERGY

**solar solutions scotland**  
The solar company owned and run by tradesmen  
No Salesman  
No Sales Commissions  
Solar PV Systems from £2,995  
0141 952 4731  
08448 09 09 49  
www.solarsolutionsScotland.co.uk

Join us on facebook  
www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser

### JOINERY AND MAINTENANCE

**Duncan Hunter**  
Joiner and General Maintenance  
Duncan Hunter Ltd.  
Unit 10  
Kilmory Industrial Estate  
Lochgilphead  
Argyll  
PA31 8LS  
t: 01546 606062  
f: 01546 606062  
Call now 07810 510884  
e: info@duncanhunter-joiners.co.uk

### PAINTING & DECORATING

**Kintyre PAINTING & DECORATING**  
Locally based, covering the whole of Kintyre  
NO JOB TOO SMALL  
All internal and external painting, wallpapering etc  
Tel: 01586 820 203  
Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, Campbeltown, PA28 6NZ

### GUTTERING

**gutterman**  
Supplier and Fitter of Seamless Aluminium Guttering.  
Plastic Fascia, Soffit and Down Pipes.  
Free Estimates.  
Tel: 01880 820 196  
Mobile: 07594 550 853

### AUDIO VISUAL

Previously only trading as Millennium Aerials  
**MILLENNIUM GROUP**  
Freeview HD sky HD freesat HD WiFi cci  
• TV Wall Mounting • TV Aerials, Satellite  
• WiFi Networks • Solar Panels, CCTV  
• Tooway Broadband Via Satellite  
• Energy Efficient Light bulb Upgrading  
So for a friendly, professional service, at competitive prices, call Kenny or Clare on: 01294 465478  
07940 585830  
All major cards accepted

### PROPERTY SERVICES

**KINTYRE PROPERTY CO.**  
SALES & LETTING AGENTS  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & PROJECT MANAGEMENT  
Telephone: 01586 552345  
Mobile: 07521 950895  
6 MAIN STREET CAMPBELTOWN ARGYLL PA28 6AG  
www.argyll-property.com

### PRINTING & STATIONERY

**Promotional material**  
Posters, flyers, leaflets, calendars, tickets  
**Photocopies/Laminating**  
Colour double sided copies up to A3  
Laminating up to A3  
**krisp print**  
Contact us at: Krisp Print & Stationery, Burnbank, Burnside Street, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JD  
Tel: 01586 554975 Email: staff@krispprint.co.uk  
www.krispprint.co.uk

To find out more about living and working in argyll & bute visit us @ [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

### PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02792/PP	Erection of domestic double garage and formation of cook school (part retrospective)	Corrie House Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8UA	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/00181/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank.	Plot 2 Ardnacross Farm Peninver Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00295/PP	Installation of modular galvanised steel access ramp	15 Bayview Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00327/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Garden Ground Of Karlin Tarbert Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8EP	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00340/LIB	Clad existing skew stones with lead at gables of terraced block	15,17,19,21,23,25,27,29,31,33,35,37,39,41,43,45,47,49,51 And 53 Dalaruan Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6HG	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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

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

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

### COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre) will be holding a drop in surgery in the Peninver Village Hall, PENINVER on Thursday 7th March from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.  
Councillor Semple can also be contacted by e mail - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01586 553765.

Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) will be holding a drop in surgery on Monday 4th March 2013 in the Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern from 5.00pm - 6.00pm.  
Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - [sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01546 604184.

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)  
Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977327751 or by email [donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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

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

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION  
GLENCRERAN ESTATE HYDRO DEVELOPMENT

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Dominique Collinet for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Glenchreran Estate Hydro Development, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Construction and/or operation of Impounding works up to 2m in height Construction and/or operation of	Allt Buidhe	NN 0212 4427
Impounding works up to 2m in height	Un-named tributary of the Allt Buidhe	NN 0217 4435
Combined abstraction from both intakes of up to 54,170 m <sup>3</sup> per day of water	Allt Buidhe and Un-named tributary of the Allt Buidhe	NN 0212 4427 and NN 0217 4435
Return of abstracted water approximately 1.7 km away from abstraction point	Allt Buidhe	NN 0071 4481

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

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilphead office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA 31 8TA. Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: [www.sepa.org.uk/water/water\\_regulation/advertised\\_applications.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_regulation/advertised_applications.aspx)

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number: CAR/L/1100607:

Registry Department, SEPA Dingwall office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

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

Before determining the application, SEPA will:

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

SEPA will then either grant or refuse to grant the application.

Campbeltown & District MS Society  
**AGM**  
Thursday 7th March 2012  
7.30pm  
Campbeltown Hospital Seminar Room

Network Carradale Ltd.  
**AGM**  
Thursday 21st March 2013  
At 7.30 pm  
In the Meeting Room Carradale Village Hall  
*All members and non-members warmly invited*

Templar Arts & Leisure Centre Trust  
**AGM**  
Wednesday 27th March  
At 7.30pm  
In the centre  
**Public most welcome.**

Ardrishaig Horticultural Society  
**AGM**  
ARGYLL ARMS HOTEL ARDRISHAIG  
7.30 PM Monday 11th March 2013  
ALL WELCOME

*Moving On* - Mid Argyll helping the homeless in mid Argyll  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Saturday 9 March 2013 at 11.00 am  
Ardrishaig Parish Church (North Hall)  
Charity Registered in Scotland: Moving On - Mid Argyll, SC041901  
Supported by Argyll and Bute Council

## PROPERTY

### Glencruitten Drive, Oban

**Modernised ground floor flat in a popular residential area. Ideal family home close to town centre and amenities.**

3 bedrooms: kitchen: living room: bathroom: double glazing: electric storage central heating: patio with established garden and off-street parking.

**Telephone: 01631 566222**  
**Email: [ianmacinnes958@btinternet.com](mailto:ianmacinnes958@btinternet.com)**

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £130,000 Invited

West Coast property service

REMEMBER DEADLINE FOR ADVERTS TUESDAY 5PM

argyllshire advertiser  
Tel: (01546) 602345  
[www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

campbeltown courier  
Tel: (01586) 654646  
[www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk)

COURIER  
PUBLIC NOTICES  
ADVERTISER  
PUBLIC NOTICES  
COURIER

### GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

J D Anderson trading as J D Anderson & Son of Inverneill Farm, Ardrishaig, by Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA30 8ES is applying for a licence to use Inverneill Farm, Inverneill, Ardrishaig, by Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA30 8ES as operating centre for two goods vehicles. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

COURIER  
PROPERTY  
ADVERTISER  
PROPERTY  
COURIER  
PROPERTY  
ADVERTISER

TO LET:  
**HOUSE AT ACHAGOIL, MINARD**  
Kitchen, lounge/dining, bathroom, two double bedrooms. All fully furnished.  
Garden and parking for two cars.  
Central heating.  
£450 pcm plus Council Tax (Band B)  
Sorry, no pets, no DSS  
**Contact: 01880 820408 or 07721 763467**

Visit us online

click

[www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk)  
[www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

  
the National Trust  
for Scotland  
a place for everyone

**Arduaine Garden, near Kilmelford**  
requires a  
**Receptionist/shop assistant**  
from late March to end of September.  
Fixed term seasonal position, Friday to  
Sunday, 22.5 hours per week.  
For job description and application form  
call Maurice on 01852 200366  
or email [mwilkins@nts.org.uk](mailto:mwilkins@nts.org.uk)

  
YOUR LOCAL PAPER

**Regional & local press advertising gets the job done.**

Source: Recruitment Choice, The Newspaper Society 2005

**Regional Press**  
closer to home

**WEST HIGHLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

**Customer Services Assistant EVH Band 3**

[£15,005 – £17,266 increase pending  
1st April £15,457 – £17,784]

6 months Temporary Contract 35 hours per week with a view to the post being made permanent.

The Association is seeking to recruit a Temporary Customer Services Assistant. The main purpose of the post is to provide excellent front line customer service to tenants, applicants, owners and other stakeholders as well as administrative support to other sections of the Association.

Applicants should possess general administration experience in a busy office environment. Must be a good communicator and be fully competent in the use of Microsoft Office.

To request an Application Pack for either post please contact May Tosh, Corporate Services Manager at Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB or telephone 01631 564451 or email [may@westhighlandha.co.uk](mailto:may@westhighlandha.co.uk)

Closing date for Applications will be Monday 11th March 2013, with interviews being held week commencing 18th March 2013.



Good Package  
Fort William  
Committed to quality

BSW Timber is proud of its status as the UK's largest sawmilling company, employing over 800 people across 6 operating sites and generating annual revenues in excess of £175m. The team at our Kilmallie Sawmill near Fort William now has this exciting opportunity to join them.

**PRODUCTION PLANNER**

Created as a direct result of internal promotion, the primary focus of this role will be to provide finished timber products on schedule for dispatch to our wholesale customers. Day to day this will involve maintaining and establishing strong working relationships with the Production and Internal Sales Departments, with responsibility for planning production to minimise inventory, whilst ensuring sufficient product availability to continually meet customer demand and maintaining accurate inventory records.

Capable of playing a key role in the development and continuous improvement of current and new sales/planning procedures, you will have a proven track record within a planning/sales based environment and the confidence to motivate and lead your team to achieve targets. Well organised, with plenty of initiative and strong PC skills, plus the ability to work to challenging timelines, you must be prepared for a fast paced and challenging role in a company demonstrating its commitment to change and future investment.

If you are looking for a challenging career within a highly motivated team then please send your up to date CV, along with covering letter to: **Zaneta Korzeniecka, Group HR Administrator, BSW Timber Ltd, Carlisle Sawmill, Cargo, Carlisle CA6 4BA, or email: [zaneta.korzeniecka@bsw.co.uk](mailto:zaneta.korzeniecka@bsw.co.uk)**

Closing date for applications: 11th March 2013.



**I A MacKinnon**  
**Haulage**  
**Class 1 HGV**  
**C Plus E, Driver**  
**Required.**  
Contact Iain  
MacKinnon  
**07767 402937**

**COURIER  
RECRUITMENT  
ADVERTISER  
RECRUITMENT  
COURIER  
RECRUITMENT  
ADVERTISER  
RECRUITMENT  
COURIER  
RECRUITMENT  
ADVERTISER**

  
**DUNSTAFFNAGE**

Dunbeg, by Oban, Argyll PA37 1PX  
[info@dunstaffnagemarina.com](mailto:info@dunstaffnagemarina.com)  
TEL: 01631 566555 FAX: 01631 571044

**SHOP ASSISTANT**

We are looking for a motivated enthusiastic person to join our shop.  
6 Months contract to start 1st April.  
Closing date for application is 10th March.  
Please send your C.V and covering letter to:  
Louise Mackay, Dunstaffnage Marina  
Dunbeg, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1PX  
Or e-mail: [louise@dunstaffnagemarina.com](mailto:louise@dunstaffnagemarina.com)

**Jura Community Store**  
**SHOP MANAGER**

Jura Stores Community Interest Company is looking for a friendly, engaging manager with retail experience to run the island's only shop and Post Office. The successful candidate will lead and motivate staff and be expected to provide excellent customer service; engaging with residents to develop this exciting business. Eligibility to hold a personal alcohol licence is essential as is an appreciation of life in a small, isolated, rural community. Full time, £24,000pa. Closing Date: 9th March. To apply email [juracommunitystore@gmail.com](mailto:juracommunitystore@gmail.com) or write to Jura Stores CIC, Service Point, Craighouse, Isle of Jura, PA60 7XG.

Find all these jobs online at our new website

**West Coast Jobs** [www.westcoastjobs.co.uk](http://www.westcoastjobs.co.uk)



  
**Quality Monitor Mallaig**  
**16+ hours per week**

We currently have a vacancy for a Quality Monitor to work at the Company's premises at Mallaig.

Reporting to the Assistant Product Quality Manager, the post holder will be expected to provide competent and efficient technical support and service to ensure that the product meets the Company's requirements, including legal compliance and customer expectations.

Candidates must have a good level of IT literacy, excellent communication skills, good attention to detail and have the ability to work on their or as part of a team when required.

A full clean driving license is also essential as the job may require some business related travel to other company sites.

The post is part-time, working a minimum of two 8 hour night shifts per week for which a shift premium will apply.

If you are interested in applying for this post please apply in writing to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT. The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 15th March.

  
**TRAINEE ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER**  
**PORTNALONG**

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is currently seeking a highly motivated and strong individual for the post of Trainee Assistant Farm Manager based at the Company's Seawater site at Portnalong, Isle of Skye.

Applications are invited from individuals who are genuinely interested in developing their career within the organisation. Potential candidates should have at least two to three years practical knowledge and experience of fish farming. Initiative, the ability to manage and motivate staff, good planning, organisation & computer skills and a proven ability to achieve results without close supervision are some of the necessary skills required for this post.

The successful candidate will be expected to attend the necessary training courses to gain sufficient knowledge on feed & stock management, grading planning, asset management, performance and HSEQ management. In return the candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package, including bonus.

If you would like to be considered for this post, please apply in writing no later than Friday 15th March 2013 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.

**Oban CHORD Regeneration Project Manager**  
**£34,929 - £38,232**  
**Temporary post for 3 years**  
Oban Ref: DVE00180

**Janitor/Cleaner (Temporary)**  
**£13,427 - £14,662**  
**01546 604334**  
Taynuilt Primary Ref: CME35258

Closing date: 15 March 2013.  
To apply visit our website

  
**Argyll Bute COUNCIL**

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/jobs)



### Apprentice Forest Craftsperson X 12

Various locations in North West Scotland

£15,049 - £16,277 plus benefits

2 Year Fixed Term Appointment

For a full job description, locations of the positions and to apply, please visit our website [www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies)

✉ [resourcing@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

Please quote ref: 0034-4.

Closing date: 22 March 2013.

No recruitment agencies please.

We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all sectors of our diverse community.



[www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies)

Rio Tinto Alcan

### RIO TINTO ALCAN – LOCHABER SMELTER

Competitive rates of pay + pension scheme + share option

#### MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL CRAFTSMEN

Opportunities for day and shift-based maintenance craftsmen to work in a multi-disciplinary environment.

Candidates will have completed a mechanical or electrical apprenticeship and 2+ years experience. Industrial experience would be an advantage as would experience of PLC's, Pneumatics and Hydraulics and IT skills. A flexible approach and commitment to individual and team success is expected.

Candidates must be competent in either mechanical or electrical fault finding and able to work as part of a team or unaided on Safety Critical tasks. Potential for relocation assistance.

#### PRODUCTION OPERATOR

A vacancy has arisen for a shift based Production Operator reporting to the Shift Superintendent. This is a diverse role which entails various production tasks.

Applicants should have: Good literacy and numeracy abilities, a willingness to learn new skills and high personal standards and work ethic.

To request a full job description or send CV contact:  
Rosie Flannigan, Human Resources, Rio Tinto Alcan,  
Lochaber Smelter, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6TH Or email to  
[rosie.flannigan@riotinto.com](mailto:rosie.flannigan@riotinto.com) Closing date 18th March 2013.

### Bonnar Sand & Gravel Co Ltd

Has a full time vacancy for HGV **Mechanic/Fitter**

Pay negotiable depending on experience.

Apply in writing to:  
**David Bonnar,**  
**Bonnar Sand & Gravel Co Ltd, Clachan Quarry, Cairndow PA26 8BH**

### Seasonal Chef Required

The Oyster Bar Easdale require a full-time, seasonal Chef, March to October. Applicants must be fully qualified with 3 years experience, have good organisational skills and an ability to work on their own, a current hygiene certificate is required. Wage negotiable according to experience and qualification. Further details available by contacting Paul or Sheila on 01852 300261.

### Assistant Farm Manager

Loch Garry

Salary - £24,700 - £26,947 plus overtime

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is currently looking to identify a suitably qualified and self-motivated Assistant Manager for our Freshwater site at Loch Garry.

Potential candidates should possess several years' salmon farming experience, have a sound understanding of fish husbandry and be conscientious in relation to recording and maintaining reliable data records. Good communication & planning skills and a high degree of computer literacy is also essential. It is also a requirement of the post that the incumbent be an effective deputy for the Manager as and when required.

The post brings with it significant responsibility and the appointed Assistant Farm Manager will be required to be flexible in terms of total hours worked, in order to satisfy the demands of the role.

In addition due to the Company's stocking rotation plan Loch Garry is fallow for a few months each year and during this period staff are required to work at other sites within the Company.

If you feel you have the necessary skills to rise to this challenge, please apply in writing no later than Friday 15th March 2013 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.



### THE COMMISSIONERS OF NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSES

Require an

## Electro Technical Officer

To serve in the post of Electro Mechanical Engineer onboard their Lighthouse Tenders on a fixed manning rota – 28 days duty followed by 28 days leave.

The Northern Lighthouse Board – [www.nlb.org.uk](http://www.nlb.org.uk) is the General Lighthouse Authority for Scotland and the Isle of Man, established by statute to provide, maintain and inspect marine Aids to Navigation - lighthouses, buoys, beacons and, increasingly, precision satellite navigation and positioning - throughout its waters.

Minimum qualification is an HND or similar in electrical engineering. The successful candidate will require a valid MCA Medical Certificate (ENG 1) and in addition, be willing to work towards obtaining an EOOW qualification. Full training and support will be provided by the Northern Lighthouse Board.

Essential experience and skills include diesel electric marine propulsion and planned maintenance, maintenance report and record keeping, computer literacy and a good understanding and awareness of Ship Safety Management Systems.

Applicants who have experience of the following will be viewed favourably: A.C. Drives and Power Management Systems, DP (AA) and Planned Maintenance Systems, ISM Procedures and Auditing and Engine Room Watch Keeping.

Flexibility and good interpersonal skills are essential, as is the ability to communicate at all levels and work within a small team environment.

Salary range is £36, 996 per year rising to £40, 368 per year, depending on performance. Benefits package includes career average pension scheme or stakeholder's pension scheme. There is also the opportunity to add real value to a professional organisation dedicated to the safety of those at sea and to the protection of our maritime environment.

For further details and an application pack please e-mail [jobs@nlb.org.uk](mailto:jobs@nlb.org.uk)

Or write to: The HR Adviser, Northern Lighthouse Board, 84 George Street, EDINBURGH EH2 3DA. Closing date is 31st March 2013

The Northern Lighthouse Board is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible people regardless of sex, race and disability



### KP / HANDYPERSON / HOUSEKEEPING

Wanted for busy west coast hotel

30-40 hours per week

Wage negotiable

Experience preferred

Contact :  
**01546 606017**  
or [greygull@live.com](mailto:greygull@live.com)

### Cairndow Stagecoach Inn

require a

### Chef De Partie

Permanent - full time position for full job description & info please email

[enq@cairndowinn.com](mailto:enq@cairndowinn.com)



### Civil Engineer

Fort William

£22,883 - £27,092 plus benefits

For a full job description and to apply, please visit our website; [www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies)

✉ [resourcing@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

Please quote ref 0007-40. Closing date: 12 March 2013.

No recruitment agencies please.

We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all sectors of our diverse community.



[www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies)



### REQUIRE QUANTITY SURVEYOR

FULL TIME AND PERMANENT POSITION FOR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT ARGYLL & THE ISLANDS (Trainee or partially qualified candidate may be considered)

ENQUIRIES IN WRITING AND/OR CV TO MACLEOD CONSTRUCTION LTD  
KILMORY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,  
LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RR.  
OR e-mail – [lil@mkmacleod.co.uk](mailto:lil@mkmacleod.co.uk)



### WIND FARM MANAGER

Home / Site based in Argyll & Bute. Up to £34,000 plus benefits.

For further information visit [naturalpower.com/jobs](http://naturalpower.com/jobs)

**The Scottish Salmon Company**



The Scottish Salmon Company is the leading independent producer of superior Scottish salmon. We are committed to high standards of animal welfare, sustainable operations and promoting a responsible environment policy.

**3 x Marine Operatives**

- 1 located; Mull (Geasgil) Ref: MARSO/03/1
- 1 located; Portavadie (Glenan) Ref: MARSO/03/2
- 1 Located: Loch Fyne (Strondoir Bay) Ref; MARSO/03/3 £16,284 (plus overtime)

We are recruiting for three Marine Operatives for our marine sites as named above. Applicants must be flexible as you will be required to move to other sites throughout the company on a regular basis, to cover busy periods, holidays, sickness etc. Duties will include all the day to day operations of the site including fish welfare, treatment, sampling, grading and moving, site maintenance, net changing and boat handling. Applicants must have good practical and problem solving skills and ideally have marine experience. Previous fish farming experience would be desirable, but is not essential as training will be provided.

Current, clean driving licence is desirable. Hours are 40 per week Monday to Friday, with weekend working payable at an enhanced rate, required on a rota basis. We operate a generous company pension scheme and annual leave entitlement is 31 days.

**Hygiene Team Operative**

Location; Cairndow, Argyll Ref: HTOP/02/13  
 £7.68 per hour with a minimum of 30 hours per week required plus unsocial hours shift allowance where applicable.  
 (Unsocial payment applicable if you work between the hours of 10:00pm – 05:00am)

We are also seeking to recruit a Hygiene Operative, to join our existing, Hygiene Team located in Cairndow. The candidate will be involved in all day to day cleaning operations, ensuring that the Company's internal hygiene, food safety procedures and external regulations are adhered to at all times. The role requires a self motivated individual who can work as part of a team and have a "can do" approach. The ideal applicant will have previous cleaning experience and knowledge of hygiene standards, Basic Food Hygiene Certification, Respiratory Equipment Compliance and First Aid Certification would be advantageous but not essential as training may be provided.

A valid, full driving licence and own transport is essential for this post as the successful candidate will need to be available to work evenings/night shift and occasional weekends.

For an application form and job description, please contact:  
 Veronica Anderson, HR Officer  
 The Scottish Salmon Company  
 Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, PA26 8BH  
 Tel: +44 (0) 1499 600 415  
 Email: veronica.anderson@scottishsalmon.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 15th March 2013  
 Visit our website: www.scottishsalmon.com

**DRIVETIMES**

**ISUZU TROOPER COMMERCIAL 4X4**



Aug 2002, Diesel, 173595 miles, MOT July 2013, rear seats, tow bar.  
 Tel: 01770 600242

**£1500**

**CARAVAN HOLIDAY HOMES FOR SALE!**



In excellent condition. Ideal for letting or staff accommodation. Must be taken off site. Can be viewed at Glencoe.

www.invercoe.co.uk  
**2 Bedroomed Willerby Richmond 28x12' 2006 Caravans**  
**ENQUIRIES 07747 634418/01855 811210**  
 www.invercoe.co.uk

**£8000 o.n.o.**

**BMW F650CS SCARVER**



Registered 2002  
 MOT until August 2013  
 Taxed until August 2013  
 36,000 miles  
 A must see bike.

Telephone:  
**01586 820466**

**£1500 o.n.o.**

**WANTED**

Caravans and motorhomes  
 Any make,  
 Model or  
 condition.  
 Instant decision  
 and payment.

Please telephone  
**07783 638067**

**WANTED**

All types of light commercial vans, pickups, etc.. We also buy rough or high mileage, non-runners considered. Also all types of 4x4 vehicles, land rover, Toyota, etc...

Telephone :  
**01250 884306**  
 or mobile:  
**07885 203020**

**WANTED**

All types of motor homes & caravanettes. Any age or condition. We also buy water damaged or in need of repair. Also all types of touring caravans from 95 onwards.

Telephone :  
**01250 884306**  
 or mobile:  
**07885 203020**

**PEUGEOT 307 SW 2006/06**



2 owners, 31k miles, tax 6 months, MOT 10 months.  
 Tel: 07525858154

**£2950 o.n.o.**

**HONDA CIVIC 1.4i**



Only 73,000 miles  
 MOT to March 2014  
 Taxed to end March 2013  
 Exceptional condition for year.

Telephone:  
**01631 562750**  
 evenings/weekends

**£1200**

**FORD TRANSIT 350 LWB HI TOP**



57 reg.  
 115 engine, 6 speed gearbox  
 Taxed and Mot'd  
 Steel Bulkhead and lined inside  
 66,500 miles, good condition.

Contact  
**07500786612**

**£5000+vat**

**SAAB 9-3 VECTOR SPORT 1.9 TID (150 BHP)**



2008, Snow Silver, 6 – Speed Manual  
 45,000 miles, FDSH, MOT until March 2014  
 Excellent condition

Tel: 07795 804 298

**£6000 o.n.o.**

**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.6**



55 plate, 7 seater, silver,  
 10 months MOT,  
 5 months Tax,  
 clean & tidy, one lady owner,  
 CD player, central locking,  
 immobiliser, airbags, electric  
 windows, 4 brand new tyres,  
 recently serviced.

Tel. 07776 318200  
 (ask for Alex)  
 or 07826 105630

**£1450 o.n.o.**

**PEUGEOT 206 SW SXI**



1.6, 54 plate, Estate (Rear window opens from boot)  
 12 months MOT, 2 Months Tax,  
 Central locking, power steering,  
 alloy wheels, CD player,  
 just serviced, very clean condition,  
 good runner.

Tel 07748495501

**£1775 o.n.o. - must go!**

Join us on **facebook**  
 www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser

**YAMAHA BIG BEAR 350**



New battery, new tyres, starts and runs but needs some work.

Contact -  
 D MacDougall  
 01631 760213

**£750 o.n.o.**

**KUBOTA KX36 DIGGER**



1996, 2 tonne.

Telephone:  
 01631 740277  
 (Duror)

**£3000**

Cars • Commercial Vehicles • Motorhomes • 4x4's • Caravans • Motorcycles



**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES**

ROYAL DOULTON TOBY JUG "The Poacher"-Reg No 321/54-6"x5", excellent condition, £40ono Telephone 01631 564326.

**AUDIO EQUIPMENT**

BUSHRADIO reproduction 1930bushradioasnew, really lovely, only, £20 Telephone 01688 302154(Tobermory).

**BABY EQUIPMENT**

BABY SWING metal frame kept outdoors, fabric harness kept indoors so v. good condition. Secure for lots of fun, 12+ months, £8 Telephone 01631 720674.

HAUCK 3 WHEELER STROLLER JOGGE Adjustable back rest & handle, 5-point safety harness, hood & rain cover, lockable swivel wheels, shopping basket. Grey black, £45 Telephone 01631 720674.

INFANT CAR SEAT Maxi Cosi, black & grey, front facing, 18 months to approx 4 years, excellent condition, £40 Telephone 01631 564886.

LITTLE TIKES ARC3 TRAVELCOT 3-pole geodesic frame design, removable foam mattress, washable cover, zip front and top panels, indoor/outdoor use, 0-3 yrs, £38 Telephone 01631 720674.

TODDLER SLIDE sturdy Little Tikes slide with platform & hideaway, suitable for 2-4 yr olds. Good condition, red, yellow and green, £20 Telephone 01631 720674.

**BICYCLES**

BIANCHI VIA NIRONE 7ALU Road Bike for sale in mint condition. Frame size 53cm 20 speed campagnolo, can email full spec, £475 Telephone 01855 831294.

LADIES APPOLLO MOUNTAIN BIKE 17" frame. Like new, used twice, £48obo Telephone 01631 564750 or 07899 761635.

**BOOKS**

20 x CHICK FLICK NOVELS includes authors such as Jill Mansell, Sheila O'Flannigan, Jodi Picoult, all in excellent condition some never read, £10 Telephone 07425 783805.

MR GUM CHILDRENS BOOKS 9 assorted titles of the popular Mr Gum series all in excellent condition, £20 Telephone 07868 481242.

WANTED Social Historian looking for book by James MacDonald titled: "Tales of the West Highlands, by a MOD Medallist" Highland Press(1907) for loan or purchase. Telephone 07719 795784.

**BUILDING / DIY**

BALLACHULISH SLATES FOR SALE good quality, full size, £600 per 1,000 Telephone 01397 704298 (Fort William).

BOSCH JIGSAW Bosch PST 65 PAE 400w electronic SDS Jigsaw, £15 Telephone 01631 566518.

DRAPER ANGLE GRINDER 910 watts, £15 Telephone 01631 566518.

DRILL SHARPENER Plasplugs drill sharpener power unit, £10 Telephone 01631 566518.

EINHELL GLOBAL SANDER SS-G 270, £20 Telephone 01631 566518.

ELECTRICAL TEST GEAR Robin Digital PSC-Loop Tester, Model KMP 4120, hardly used, a must for new installations! £45 Telephone 01499 500216(Furnace).

ENGRAVING DRILL battery engraving drill, £5 Telephone 01631 566518.

EXTERIOR HARDWOOD DOORS 3 brand new, 6' 8 x 2'9 wide, £75each Telephone 01631 720452.

JIGSAW Bosch PST54E 350w 55mm, £15 Telephone 01631 566518.

NUTOOL SANDER, £5 Telephone 01631 566518.

ROUTER Nutool Handy Power router 850watt 11500-28000 rpm, £20 Telephone 01631 566518.

STANLEY PLANE Stanley SB3 plane. 215mm x 56mm, £5 Telephone 01631566518.

**CARAVAN EQUIPMENT**

CARAVANPARTS various accessories for 1991 Sprite Alpine caravan, £49.99 Telephone 01631 710548.

GROUND ANCHORS for stormy weather, 24 inch ground screws x4, plus chains and bottle screws, £20 Telephone 01631 770698.

RESIDENTIAL CARAVAN Free of Charge, no longer needed, needs some TLC, but basically good, fridge, cooker, shower etc. Buyer to remove, Located at Achahoish, PA31 8PD, £FOC Telephone 07780 903965.

**COMPUTERS AND GAMES**

SKYLANDERS STARTER PACK XBOX 3 boxed, used once, £25 Telephone 07868 481242.

**DOMESTIC APPLIANCES**

BEKO WASHING MACHINE A++ rated. Capacity 7kg. Only 18 months old, £120 Telephone 01546 600382.

BOSCH CLASSIXX DISHWASHER A-rated 12 place-settings, vgc, £45 Telephone 01546 600382.

BOSCH FRIDGE FREEZER A-rated. Height 1700mm. Capacity: fridge 190 litres, freezer 87 litres. Only 18 months old., £120 Telephone 01546 600382.

CREDAFREESTANDING COOKER 500mm wide with solid hotplates, vgc, £40 Telephone 01546 600382.

**DOMESTIC PETS**

ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL Mardi's puppies, liver/white, KC Reg, ready mid March, £400 each Telephone 07919 390888(Derek).

FOSTER HOME FOR BENGAL CAT WANTED: Foster home in the country for Bengal cat until Sept.2013 while owner is abroad. Telephone 07970 959845.

SIBERIAN HUSKY PUPS KC Reg, Excellent Blood line, first inoculation, wormed, vet checked, 4 weeks insurance, with puppy pack, ready now, £600 Telephone 07814 987305.

**FIREARMS**

SCOPE S&B 8x 56 Hungarian Classic scope, new in box, £450 Telephone 01583 431344.

**FURNITURE**

ANTIQUA PINE TALL BOY 5 drawers, lovely top shelf detail and in excellent condition. Ikea Lesvik range, £45 Telephone 01631 720674.

COFFEE TABLE beautiful dark wood coffee table with one drawer, as new, only, £25 Telephone 01688 302154(Tobermory).

DESK/COMPUTER TABLE Ikea, pale beech, smoky glass doors, shelving inside. Photo available, £20 Telephone 01631 564886.

DINING TABLE AND 6 CHAIRS lovely modern dark wood dining table with 6 chairs inc 2 carvers, as new, only, £49 Telephone 01688 302154(Tobermory).

DIVAN BED single, two drawer, good condition, blue, £49 Telephone 01631 566001.

GIRLS SMALL BOOKCASE white with pink motifs, four pink hammocks to hold books. Hardly used due to lack of space, £9 Telephone 01631 720674.

TOSHIBA TV CABINET STAND still in box, never used, Ring after 6pm, £20 Telephone 01546 602911.

WOODEN COFFEE TABLE M & S. lovely traditional lounge centre piece, square and low 44"l x 34"w x 15"h Photo available, cost £250, £49 Telephone 01631 564886.

**GARDEN**

FREE BAMBOO CANES or Root Stock, free to uplift. Telephone 01546 830020.

**HEATING, FIRES AND FIREPLACES**

FLAMERITE ELECTRIC FIRE Flamewrite Odyssey 2000w. Can be fully inset in to wall or could free stand with some joinery skills, £49.99 Telephone 01631 710110.

VIRAGE HIGH EFFICIENCY open fronted insert gas fire, chrome, still in box, no longer required due to change in central heating. Cost £570 will sell for, £400ono Telephone 01631 563557.

**HOBBIES AND CRAFTS**

DRESSMAKERS Stitching Clubs, Quilters etc. I have a large quantity of materials for sale, please come and see and make me an offer. Ring after 6pm. Telephone 01546 602911.

PEARLISED PAPER & CARD White, Baby Blue and Baby Pink colours in stock available in A3/A4/A5 sizes, from 13p per sheet. Contact Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

**HOME FURNISHINGS**

CREAMBEDROOMSET cream curtains 42/70" double duvet cover with matching pillow cases, a double fitted sheet, all in excellent condition (Oban), £7.50 Telephone 07425 783805.

DEEP RED BEDROOM SET deep red double duvet cover with matching pillowcases and a deep red bedspread put over, excellent condition (Oban), £7.50 Telephone 07425 783805.

**KITCHEN AND BATHROOM**

BATHROOM CABINET new Ikea boxed, glass front, shelves, birch wood, approx 2ftx16inches, £30 Telephone 01631 720369.

BRISTAN TAPS new boxed set of basin taps, chrome with all fittings, bargain, £20 Telephone 01631 720369.

MODERN MIXER BASIN TAP Stainless steel fantastic bargain. Spoke handle at top of tap which swivels, all fittings included, £25 Telephone 01631 720369.

**LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE**

BINOCULARS SWAROVSKI 7 x 42 slc Habicht stalking binoculars with both front and back caps and padded neck strap, vgc, £600 Telephone 07833 265756.

TELESCOPE AND TRIPOD Helios 20x Telescope and Miranda 300 Tripod(extendable & lightweight-also suitable for cameras). Exc cond, £25 Telephone 01631 564326.

**LIVESTOCK**

PULLETS brown or black or pure breed, ducks, geese, feeders, drinkers, hen sheds. Telephone 01470 572213.

**MAIL ORDER**

SCOTTISH FIELD CALENDARS, featuring spectacular photography of some of our most scenic lochs, rivers, beaches and mountains. Always a popular gift for family and friends at home or abroad. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

OBAN TIMES WEST HIGHLAND CALENDAR, fabulous views of the West Highlands portrayed in this handy and conveniently sized calendar. Ideal for home offices or as a gift. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

**MARINE UNDER £250**

16FTCLINKERDINGHY varnished, needs some repairs, £49.99 Telephone 07748 994834.

CHART DIVIDERS brass Chart dividers 150mm with stainless steel points, new, £10 Telephone 01499 500216(Furnace).

**MOBILE AND HOME TELEPHONES**

BT 6500 TWIN CORDLESS PHONE Latest Bt cordless phone and answer machine as new used only once, this phone blocks nuisance calls, £35 Telephone 01631 7204582.

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Yamaha NP30 portable grand piano - full size (76 keys), silver, graded soft touch keyboard, 10 AWM sampled sounds including stereo grand piano, lightweight, only 6.5Kg, built in stereo speakers, headphone socket, music rest, power supply and keyboard stand included. £150 Tel 07900048362 (Oban)

HOHNER TRICHORD BUTTONBOX 3 Row, B/C/C#, 12 Stradella base, tuned & serviced by John Crawford and in very good condition, £350ono Telephone 01855 811558.

**PRINTING AND STATIONERY**

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL Market your business effectively with professionally designed leaflets, posters and flyers from Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

WEDDING STATIONERY Ranges to suit all tastes, custom designs from your ideas, paper and card for those making their own. Contact Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

**TOYS AND GAMES**

BABY ANNABELL WARDROBE pink baby Annabell wardrobe with hanging rail, shelving and coat hangers in good condition, £15 Telephone 07747 157838.

DOLLS PRAM AND CAR SEAT Silver Cross blue fabric with metal frame dolls pram and car seat with accessories, in excellent condition, £20 Telephone 07747 157838.

DOLLS WOODEN CRIB with fabric canopy and matching bedding in very good condition, £20 Telephone 07747 157838.

LITTLE TYKES CUBE SLIDE suitable 1-5years. excellent condition, have Thomas Tank flap brand new, can email pics cost £120new (Oban), £40 Telephone 07425 783805.

MY FIRST ROCKING PONY suitable from 9-36months, excellent condition, plays songs and pony noises also has brush and soft saddle (Oban), £10 Telephone 07425 783805.

THOMAS CHAIR BEANBAG Thomas the Tank design chair shaped beanbag, blue (Oban), £7.50 Telephone 07425 783805.

THOMAS TANK BUNDLE 6xDVDs, 5xsmall books, push along Thomas, Thomas book with 5 jigsaws, flash cards, a clock, doodle book, a big book of old stories, £15 Telephone 07425 783805.

**TRAILERS**

WW11 ARMY TRAILER good order, £800ono Telephone 07979 947594 Inveraray.

**WANTED**

COPPER, BRASS, LEAD zinc, stainless, all types cable, household and armoured, top prices paid. Telephone 07770 724851 or 07788 961791.

SCRAP METAL all types of scrap metal, we uplift scrap cars, call Mr Cook, West Coast Scrap Metals. Telephone 01499 500638 or 07787 991636.

**ITEMS TO SELL?**  
Argyllshire  
**ADVERTISER**  
Tel: (01546) 602345 www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk  
Campbeltown  
**COURIER**  
Tel: (01586) 554646 www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk

**PERSONALS**

**50**

*This young lady is fifty years old  
And works in a place where stories are told  
As much as we'd like to, we cannot be mean  
So a very Happy Birthday to our Courier Queen.*

Martin would like to congratulate  
**SEAN, SARAH, CHARLES, ANDREW, MATTHEW, DOUGLAS & ZANDER**  
who passed their driving test  
Also  
**IAN, ANDY, REBECCA, PETER & IAIN**  
who passed their B+E Trailer test  
Pass with  
**Flying Colours**  
Driving School  
Tel: 0787 949 5010

**Guess who is 50 tomorrow?**

**Happy birthday, love Robert, Steven and Samantha.**

**THANK YOU**  
Fiona, Alex & Iona.  
Thanks for all the love and support.  
I couldn't have done it without you.  
Love, L.  
X

**COURIER PERSONAL NOTICES ADVERTISER PERSONAL NOTICES COURIER PERSONAL NOTICES ADVERTISER**



**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge'. (Proverbs 23:12).

**BIRTHS**



**LAW - ARMOUR**

John and Natalie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their baby boy, Harris Peter Law, a baby brother for Katie Anne, born on February 1, 2013. A grandson for Anne and Peter Law, Ardrishaig and Mark Gilchrist and the late Mary Gilchrist, Campbeltown.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**



**MCCALLUM - MCINTYRE**

At Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on March 1, 1963, by the Rev Stuart Cameron, Neil to Patricia. Present address, 1B Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**BRADLEY** - Suddenly at his home, 7 Stag Park, Lochgilphead, on February 22, 2013, Angus James Bradley, aged 77 years, husband of Anne Bradley, much loved father of Glynis, Morag, Scott and the late Grant and adored papa to his five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. A popular and well loved character, who will be sadly missed. Funeral service details to be announced at a later date.

**GILLIES** - Peacefully after a long illness, borne bravely, with her family by her side, at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on February 22, 2013, Margaret S Gillies, née Cameron, in her 80th year, of 6 Letterdaill, Cairnbaan, beloved wife of Angus Gillies, loving mother of Neil and Tom, much respected mother-in-law of Doreen and Marina, and adored granny of Tamara. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, February 28, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BONE** - Margaret Bone wishes to thank the many friends and neighbours for their lovely expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Robert. Your words of comfort have helped over this difficult time and are much appreciated.

**COLVILLE** - The nephew, family and step family of Robert would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss. Many thanks to the doctors and staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention; to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for friendly and professional arrangements; to the Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent purvey. Also thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. The sum of £96.60 was raised for the Acute Ward.

**MACCALLUM** - Betty, Iain, Gail, Yvonne and Gary, the family of the late Robert MacCallum, would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards, flowers and kindness received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the district nurses for all the kind care and attention received and to doctors and all medical staff. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service and fitting tribute, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn, Cardross, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

**MACDONALD** - Ina and the family of the late Ian MacDonald wish to thank family and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and support they received following their recent sad loss. They wish to thank the Argyll and Bute Homecare carers for their friendship and devoted care of Ian for the past three years, Dr Sloan and the district nurses, Carr Gomm and the Marie Curie nurses for their kind attention, the Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service at home and his inspiring service in Kilcalmonell Church, Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their helpful and efficient arrangements and Isabel Grieves and the girls for excellent purvey. Our thanks to everyone who paid their respects in the church and at the graveside and to everyone who contributed to the collection, which raised £620 for Erskine Hospital and Kilcalmonell Church.

**MATHEWSON** - The family of the late Peggy Mathewson, wish to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to carers and district nurses for all care and attention received, to Rev Ian Miller for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn for an excellent lunch and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

**WEDGWOOD** - The family of the late Phyllis Wedgwood, John, George and Gilbert, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in the sad loss of their mother. Special thanks to all staff at Ardfeinaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, for the kind care and attention received, to Rev Thomas

Bryson for his service at Tarbert Free Church and to Ann Paton for the service at Daldowie Crematorium, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Mailcoach Bar and Restaurant for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at both services.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**LITSTER** - David. Every day we talk about the laughs and happy times we all had with you. It has been four years and we still miss you so much. - All my love, Taz xxxxxxxx. **MACTAVISH** - In loving memory of our dear father, Douglas MacTavish, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts. - Malcolm, Ross and daughter-in-law, Aimée. **MACVICAR** - In loving memory of my dear wife, Teena (Christina MacInnes), died March 1, 2007. Every hour of every day, my thoughts return to you, Of how you always saw the good in what people did, I'll never forget your helpful smile of caring and respect, When helping others along the way and making life's journey meant. - Johnnie.

For a loving mother and nana, Till roses lose their petals, Till the heather has lost its dew, Till the end of time dear mother We will remember you. - Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael. **SMITH** - Douglas, died March 2, 2008. Dearly loved and sorely missed by Morven and family. **WAREHAM** - Cherished memories of John, much loved husband, dad, papa and great papa, who passed away peacefully on March 4, 2012. Love and miss you every day. - Catherine and family.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**GROWING IN GRACE** is an informal christian meeting held at 7.15pm every Thursday in the Meadows Pavilion Sports Hall, behind the creamery. Planting the roots of our lives into the fertile soil of the Gods amazing grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is the ground for real spiritual growth and fruitfulness. 2 Peter 3v18. All are welcome. If interested just turn up and for more information contact 01586 830215.

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 3 March** Bellanoch Church 10 am Morning Worship Jim Malcolm  
**Friday 1 March** World Day of Prayer Service Bellanoch Church 7 pm  
**Thursday 7 March** Messy church 4 - 6 pm Kilmartin LSCC All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Saturday 2 March 2013** Quarterly Prayer Breakfast Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am Praise & prayer: 9.00am  
**Sunday 3 March 2013** 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "God uses broken things"  
**Thursday 7 March 2013** 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 3rd March 2013** Tarbert Service 11.45am Sunday School 11.45am To be held in Tarbert Free Church Rev. Tommy Bryson  
**Guild meets Monday 4th March** Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre 2.30pm For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622

**Highland Parish Church**



SCO02493  
**Sunday 3rd March 2013** 11.15am Morning Service Rev. Catriona Hood All Age Family Service in Church  
**Tuesday 5th March 2013** Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm  
**Wednesday 6th March 2013** Bible Study fellowship group Balliwilline Farm 7.30pm Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Friday, 1st March (Today)** Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.  
**World Day of Prayer** Salvation Army Citadel - 7:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, 2nd March** Walking Group - 11:00 a.m.  
**Sunday, 3rd March** Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation) Rev. Philip Burroughs  
**Monday, 4th March** Kirk Session Congregational Board - 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, 5th March** Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m. Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m. Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.  
**Thursday, 7th March** Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m. (Advance Notice)  
**Saturday, 9th March** Elders' Lunch - New Hall

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**

**Sunday Services** 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kids) 6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday** 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s) 1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday** House Group 7pm  
**Thursday** 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 3rd March 2013** 10.00am Breaking of Bread Mr George Stewart Kilmartin 10.50am Coffee 11.15am Family Service with Crèche Mr George Stewart Kilmartin 7.00pm Youth Group  
**Wednesday 6th March 2013** 10am Parents and Toddlers Group 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
**Friday 1st March** At the Salvation Army 7.30pm World Day of Prayer "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237 www.springbankchurch.co.uk For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547 SCO14646



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown** St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 3rd March 2013** Third Sunday of Lent 10.45am Morning Prayer  
**Details of services are on the church door** Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 3 March - all welcome!**

**Cumloddan Lochfyneside and Lochgair** Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 11.30 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray** Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am Short Service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

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

**Sunday, 3rd March 2013** Ford 11.30am. Mr. Jim Malcolm  
**Friday, 1st March 2013** The World Day of Prayer service for both parishes will be held in Bellanoch Church at 7p.m. The Stated Annual Meeting will be held in Kilmartin Hall on Thursday, 7th March, 2013 at 7.30p.m. All welcome SC002121

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 3rd March** 12.45pm Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie 11.30am Sunday School  
**Thursday 7th March** 12 noon Bible Study and Prayer All welcome Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

**Sunday 3rd March** Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am Achahoish at 12:30pm (The Lord's Supper) Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2013** 11.00 am Worship Service Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome Further information (01546) 606218 www.lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

**CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead 01546 602315 Eucharist service Sundays 11 am Everyone welcome

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday Service** 11:00 am with Sunday School Tea & coffee after the service  
**Baby & Toddler Group** 10:00 - 11:45 am every Thursday (term-time) For more information please visit our website www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk SC043322

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**

**LOCHGILPHEAD** Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY** Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SCO002876)

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 3rd March 2013** 11am Morning Service Family Service followed by shared lunch  
**Monday 4th March** Ladies Meeting 2.30pm Mairead Brailsford  
**Jumpstart Group** Friday 10.00 - 11.30am  
**TONIGHT 1st March** "World Day of Prayer" 7pm Scottish Charity SC015187

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

**STAN LUPTON**

**Funeral Directors Ltd**

Mid Argyll ~ Kintyre

(24HRS) dignified personal supervision

Office & Enquires

01880 820 995

Mobile

07899 862 922

E-mail: stan.fd@tiscali.co.uk

**T.A. Blair Ltd** Golden Charter Funeral Plans

**Funeral Directors Est. 1978 & Monumental Sculptors**

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Funerals carried out in Campbeltown, Kintyre and throughout the UK For personal attention assured at all times Telephone Alasdair or Kenneth (01586) 552918 or Mobile 07810 443473 blairfunerals@btinternet.com

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

**DONALD MACDONALD**

New Office Premises 17 Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, PA31 8LU

Complete 24-hour confidential service throughout Argyll

Telephone

Lochgilphead 01546 602226

Mobile 07768 472 953

Email: info@donaldmacdonald.org

www.donaldmacdonald.org



Golden Charter Funeral Plans Agents for new memorials, cleaning, lettering and restoration

## Taylor ready for final fit-in

NEEDING one good score and hoping that John Downie would have a bad one in order that he would qualify for the final, Simon Taylor produced the goods and swept into Lochgilphead Golf Club's Winter League final.

It was very close, but in the end John will be playing where he belongs – with the rest of the duffers.

Keith Cowan has been inspired by Marie, Elaine, Lorna and Kirstin who run past the golf course every Sunday on their way to a forest trail. Keith has purchased some running gear but he got mixed up between cross-training and cross-dressing and he does not look pretty in pink.

Ross has not been

grumpy for over a week now and it is making the rest of us uncomfortable. He is far too cheerful and it might affect his chances of winning as a good grump usually motivates him to play well. David Sinclair won this week and if he could play like this every week he could win. Kenny Cameron predicted that he would have the lowest score this week but as usual his premonitions were faulty. He had the lowest amount of stableford points, which put him in last place.

Raymond Flanagan and Grant MacDougall will take time to reacclimatise to conditions after the wide-open deluxe spaces at the Carrick but they had better not take too long or they will

run out of balls. Alec MacAulay and Tommy Angus might be getting on a bit but they are still dancing jigs up and down the stairs and into the lounge. Playing on the stairs like a couple of kids they might need to visit the naughty step before the winter is finished.

Jim Hunter and his wife Ele donated the Duffers Derby trophy and Jim plays dreadfully all winter on purpose so that he will have a chance of putting it on his mantelpiece.

Results: 10. D Sinclair, 9. R Sinclair, 8. S Taylor, 7. K Cowan, 6. A MacAulay, 5. T Angus, 4. J Downie, 3. G MacDougall, 2. J Hunter, 1. R Flanagan. Nearest the pin: C Rowan and J Downie.



## Lochgilphead team lifts fair play award

The good sportsmanship displayed by Lochgilphead Red Star under-12s at the Gartcairn Winter Festival was recognised with a special award. The youngsters travelled to Ravenscraig Sports Complex on Sunday for the seven-a-side football

tournament and put in an excellent performance against the 16 teams competing in their age group. The boys had a welcome surprise from the festival organisers when they were awarded the Fair Play Shield at the end of the tournament.

## Vital win for Star Under-16s

RED STAR under-16s overcame illness and injury to defeat a Milngavie team with an identical record in the league this season.

Star took the lead in the 20th minute at Rope-work Park on Saturday, when McCulloch's free kick was spilled by the keeper and Whitefield shot high into the net.

Star enjoyed a few more chances but Milngavie again took grip of the game and were causing problems on the flanks and Star keeper McCulloch showed great agility to tip a header over the bar.

But from the resulting corner, with Star claiming for pushing in the box, the striker rose un-

challenged to head the equaliser.

Star started the second half well and regained the lead in the first five minutes. Deans played a corner to the front post, where Moore reacted first to prod the ball home.

The Argyll team were now in the ascendancy and playing their best football of the game when Whitefield was fouled in the box for a penalty. Hendry showed good composure as he struck the ball confidently past the keeper.

Just as the game looked to be won, Milngavie scored a second when their speedy winger found space on the left to fire in a cross to the

striker, who had lost his marker, to shoot past McCulloch.

Sensing a point, or better, was there for the taking, Milngavie upped the pace and pressured the home defence, which held firm to see out the game. Commenting on the match, which leaves Star third in the league, coach Brian Deans said: 'Illness and injuries played a part in the team's lacklustre performance but it is to their credit they held on to win against a close challenger.'

The under-16s' next game is away to Hamilton to play Mill United in the last eight of the Regional Cup on Sunday.

## Lottery numbers

THE JACKPOT in next week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw will be £1,000 as another week passes with no winner. This week's numbers were 8, 16 and 17.

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 1, 5 and 9. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery with numbers 4, 13 and 17 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

## Lead changes at Inveraray Golf Club

THERE was a change at the top of Inveraray Golf Club's winter league table after Sunday's competition.

Derek McCulloch improved his score by a miraculous five strokes to sit top of the table on 28. Iain and D J MacDonald are hard on his heels on 29 after they both carded improved rounds. The rest of the field are only a couple of shots off the pace.

Duncan Robertson was one of the biggest improvers this week after he

started his round with a bunch of pars and despite the wheels coming off his wagon on the seventh hole, with a visit into the woods, he still put a decent score on the board and sits eighth, just ahead of John Smylie in the table.

A lucky two continues to prove to be elusive for the entire field and the prize money for getting a 'lucky 2' is rising rapidly and will soon be challenging the shinty lottery as the most sought after prize in the town.



# WIN

# £450

# JACKPOT

**All you have to do**  
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact

centre of the ball.  
**Entry will be void if crosses overlap.** Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.  
If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

**Easy to enter**  
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.  
You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

**Competition Rules**  
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.  
The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.  
In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.  
The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.  
Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

**LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...**



This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:  
R Gosling, Tormhor, Carradale and L Gosling Tormhor, Carradale

## SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION



I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box)  The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.  
No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.

How to enter: **Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen.** Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1.  
**Crosses must not overlap**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier,  
Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

# Shinty teams get ready for start of the new season

## Inveraray

THE 2013 season, beginning tomorrow (Saturday), has been one many Inveraray fans have been dreading.

New player/manager Garry MacPherson will be without two members of the club's retiring golden generation – Scott Robertson and Russell McKinlay – this season as more players enter the twilight of their careers.

The ageing and threadbare first team squad will be hoping to avoid injury and suspension as the club concedes avoiding relegation is the primary goal in 2013.

MacPherson said: 'Judging by pre-season turnout it will be difficult to get a strong first team out every week this season.'

'We have a good bunch of players who are aged 14 and 15 and are not ready for the premier league but, until then, I think we'll have two or three seasons like this.'

'If we can get a steady team throughout the season we will be fine.'

For a team filled with some of the most decorated players in shinty, survival in the premier league cannot be guaranteed and it will take every ounce of their talent and experience to ensure 'Aray are a premier outfit next year.

To be successful, the younger players must

step out of the shadow of their senior teammates and prove their worth when it is most needed.

Keen to end on a positive note, MacPherson added: 'We didn't expect to get to the final of the Scottish Cup last season but we got there.'

'It was a hard defeat to take but the boys are over it now and will take heart from the fact we got so far in the same season we won the Celtic Cup.'

**ONE TO WATCH:** Teenager Lewis McNicol's emergence this season signals an intent to rebuild an ageing Inveraray first team. Although untested at premier league level, the big forward is being touted as the next Russell McKinlay and has been on red-hot goalscoring form in pre-season.

## Kyles Athletic

THE RETURN of two of their most talented players and the signing of Roberto Zavaroni has only added to Kyles' already impressive first team line-up.

The most realistic challenge to Newtonmore's premier league dominance, Kyles have quietly gone about their meticulous pre-season preparations.

The Kyles squad's lack of depth was exposed in the previous two cam-

paigns when promising title races were halted by falls at the final hurdle.

The return of hotshot Grant Irvine and hardy defender Sandy MacVicar will have delighted the folk of Tighnabruich but the Cowal club has added a major signing in Zavaroni, who played for Kyles at primary, under-14 and under-17 youth levels before joining Bute.

He now joins up with brother David in the



Kilmory's line up will change slightly from last year, with the team expected to lose some influential players, such as David MacFadyen.

Kyles team, adding to arguably the most feared attack in the country.

However, the ever-cautious Kyles trainer James Perlich summed up his thoughts on a title challenge by replying: 'My ambition is for the team to go out and win that first game of the season against Oban Camanachd at home.'

'I know that may be a



Inveraray may struggle to get a strong first team squad out every week.

boring answer but we have always just concentrated on the next game and I am a stickler for routine.

'We have prepared for the season, just as we have done in the past few years and that is

the nickname Full Metal Jacket after playing through the pain barrier to finish the 2011 with his wrist shattered.

## Kilmory

KILMORY'S pre-sea-

Gilmour said: 'We have had two friendlies, a 3-0 defeat against Lochside in Oban and a 4-2 loss in Bute but you can't read too much into those games.'

'I am more concerned with the size of our squad; we haven't been able to bring anyone in but have lost two or three boys for work reasons.'

'But I don't see why we can't be challenging for a top three finish. That has to be the ambition.'

**ONE TO WATCH:** Standout centre Duncan MacBrayne will do well to better last season's form, which saw him pick up player of the year among players and the coaching staff, but Kilmory may well need him to do just that.

## Strachur

HAVING established themselves as a South Division One team last season, Strachur's progress has been hampered in 2013.

Having not been able to field their strongest 12 in their pre-season matches and the loss of key players suggests

this season could be a tough one.

Club secretary Colin Cameron said: 'The boys have been getting the rust knocked off them but we still need the practice.'

'It was good to get a run and have a couple of games against good opposition like Inveraray.'

'But it is a problem that we have not yet fielded a full team.'

'It's been slow in getting going but it's hard to tell how the season will go when we've played against premier teams in the build-up.'

'We have a couple of younger boys coming in but it's always a struggle to keep youngsters.'

'It's hard to tell how we'll do but if we get a full team we should be a match for most teams in our division.'

Defensive lynchpin Ian McLennan has joined the fire brigade, meaning he will not be available as often as Strachur would like, and a few of last year's team are away travelling this year.

**ONE TO WATCH:** Teenage forward Angus Campbell, who has pace to burn, and Rhys Campbell.



Kyles Athletic have added talented players to their first team line-up.



Strachur have lost some key players.

## Mid Argyll girls triumph at Sports Hall Athletics

ATHLETES from Mid Argyll dominated the girls' competitions at the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Championships at the weekend, winning three of the five age-group categories.

The event, held in Oban's Atlantis Leisure, saw Karis Kidd from Ardrishaig Primary take first place in the Under-9 contest with wins in the standing long jump, javelin and speed bounce, as well as a second place in the two-lap and four-lap races. Fellow Ardrishaig pupil Anna Airlie was fifth overall with 12.5 points.

Jodie Robertson from Lochgilhead was crowned the under-11 champion, winning the high jump, long jump and vertical jump, whilst her Mid Argyll teammate Emma Curtis won the under-11 speed bounce.



Left to right: Karis Kidd from Ardrishaig won the under-9 category, Lochgilhead's Olivia Kerr took home the under-15s trophy and Jodie Robertson from Lochgilhead picked up the under-11s trophy.

16\_t09aaathletics01

Olivia Kerr from Lochgilhead High shared her under-15 championship title with Campbelltown's Ashleigh Connor. The

girls, who gained 33 points, could not be separated in both the two-lap and four-lap races, with Olivia also winning the shot putt.

Ashleigh won the long, triple and high jumps in addition to the vertical jump, reaching up to 55cm - very close to the Argyll age record.

Lochgilhead High's Hannah Harper took fifth overall in the under-15 contest.

The collective performance of the Lochgilhead High School girls saw them take second place in the Girls Schools Trophy.

Mid Argyll boys also impressed at the event, with Joseph Harper from Kilmartin taking the runner-up spot in the Under-13 Championship, whilst Ardrishaig Primary pupil Shaun Doy was third overall in the under-11 boys championship and Logan Allan, fifth in the under-9 category.

The Mid Argyll youngsters were amongst 82 athletes to take part in the Oban final, which followed five regional qualifying competitions in Lochgilhead, Campbelltown, Oban, Mull and Rothesay.



## Youngsters turn on the style at festival

Red Star under-8s travelled this weekend to Gartcairn Winter Festival in Ravenscraig where they played against 12 teams from all over Scotland. Coaches Jamie MacKenzie and Davie Campbell were very happy with their performance and behaviour, as they were more than a match for the other teams. The coaches would also like to thank the mums and dads for their support. This Sunday the under-8s will travel to Oban to play in the Fun Fours League.

## Under-14s dominate friendly against Islay

WITH A break from their league fixtures, Red Star Under-14s played a friendly against Islay on Saturday.

Playing on the all weather pitch at Lochgilhead Joint Campus Star dominated the game from the off. Early shots from Caskie went wide but Star soon gained the advantage as Ritchie scored in the bottom corner.

With Star having most of the possession in the first half all the pressure was on the visitors' defence and the home team's relentless attack soon paid off, as a shot from Scott was fumbled by the keeper.

With words of en-

couragement Star came out for the second half even more determined and it was not long before MacKay scored three consecutive goals, giving him a hat trick. Never becoming complacent, Star continued pushing forward as a team. With some good play and powerful shots they clocked up a further seven goals from Souiden, who also scored a hat trick, MacKay, Scott, Caskie and Whitefield.

An impressive win for Red Star, who will be hoping to maintain their form in their next league fixture when they take on Helensburgh United on Sunday.

## Red Star bag three vital points



Striker Cammy Kirk scored Star's first goal of the game, putting the home side 1-0 up after 15 minutes. 06\_a09star02

RED STAR welcomed Bothwell and Uddingston Albion to the Ropework for the first time on Saturday and, despite not playing at their best, managed to pick up a vital three points in the league match.

The Ropework pitch was once again making passing football difficult, so Star were looking to make the most of their pace up front by playing the ball into the channels.

Star took the lead after 15 minutes when Kirk won a challenge in the air with the Albion keeper and the ball fell to Colin Weir, who was left to pass the ball into an empty net from

12 yards. There was not much else in the way of goalmouth action until Gregor Peacock doubled Star's lead in fine fashion. After cutting in from the left he fired a right footed shot past the Albion keeper to make it 2-0 at half time.

Into the second half and Albion were enjoying more possession as Star were happy to hold their defensive line. The defensive pairing of Moore and Forbes were doing a good job protecting Kalache in goal but the Star keeper was called into action early in the second half and had to be alert to tip a powerful shot from the Albion forward

over the bar. With 20 minutes remaining Star were reduced to 10 men after Broderick was dismissed after a mistimed challenge saw him pick up a second booking of the afternoon.

Despite this setback Star coped with relative ease and could have made the game safe with Gregor Peacock and Gregor Crawford both going close but the game finished 2-0.

Although this was another three points for Star they will need to drastically improve their performance tomorrow when they travel to Clydebank to take on the in-form Goldenhill in another league game.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING



Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2004



Published by Wyvex Media Limited,  
Main and Longrow South, Campbelltown PA28 6AE (01586) 554646  
and  
Wyvex Media Limited  
Argyll Street, Lochgilhead, PA31 8NB (01546) 602345.  
Registered at the Post Office as a Newspaper