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Peter Laing launched a petition calling on the 2G pitch to be upgraded to a 3G surface. This, he said, would allow football, shinty and rugby, to be played in all weathers. s\_06\_a24pitch01

## Sports clubs left out in cold over new all-weather pitch plans

SPORTS clubs in Mid Argyll are not being consulted about proposed changes to the 2G pitch in Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The local authority said earlier this year that the 2G may need to be replaced, just weeks after Lochgilphead referee Peter Laing launched a petition calling for the 2G pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus to be upgraded to a 3G surface.

As the campaign for a 3G surface was stepped up, a council spokesperson said on Wednesday: 'There is no arrangement for a formal consultation with sports organisations.'

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, supporters of

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Mr Laing's petition, released a four-page paper setting out the case for a 3G or 4G surface in the town, focussing on issues such as football development, competitive games, community use, school use, health and physical activity and affordability.

Launching the paper, Graham Whitefield, chairman of Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, said: 'We would like to request an early meeting with Mid Argyll councillors and, if appropriate, council officials to discuss the campaign and the need for the community to be kept informed

on discussions on the replacement of the 2G facility.

He added: 'The lack of a Scottish Football Association-approved all weather pitch is now threatening the very existence of the youth football teams in Mid Argyll as questions have been asked at the last two Dunbartonshire Football Development League meetings about the lack of games being played in Lochgilphead by our three youth teams.'

Within three days of the paper being circulated, several public figures have backed the campaign. These in-

clude: Cameron Watt, SFA facilities manager, Mike MacKenzie MSP for the Highland and Islands, Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute and councillors including Douglas Philand and Donald Kelly. Jamie MacGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, has also written to Shona Robison, Scottish minister for sport, urging her to back the campaign.

Councillor Douglas Philand said: 'I will pursue this. My understanding was that the community would be consulted especially following the petition and the strength of feeling in the local area.'

Turn to page 7 for more on the campaign.

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Lachlan Wood, left, master of the Freemason Lodge Loch Fyne, John MacKinnon, centre, Sandy Cameron and Jimmy Purdie presented Kirsten Graham, from Erskine Hospital, with £385.

## Lochgilphead groups boost Erskine

A CHARITY that helps Scottish war veterans received a £385 cash boost thanks to the fundraising efforts of two Lochgilphead groups. Members of the

Freemason Lodge Loch Fyne handed over a cheque for £285 to Erskine Hospital this week, which was raised at the recent installation of Lachlan Wood as

master of the lodge.

An annual donation of £100 was made to the charity on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapter St. Martin.

Ms Graham, communi-

ty fundraiser at the hospital, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to have received the money and it goes a long way in helping to support our veterans.'

## Legal battle delays Inveraray GP search

### Locums set to remain in place

PEOPLE in Inveraray and Furnace could be without a permanent GP for months as NHS Highland has become embroiled in a legal battle regarding its recruitment process for the post.

Doctor Robbie Coull, who runs Strachur Medical Practice, has accused the health authority of discriminating against him in his bid to take over Inveraray Medical Practice.

Dr Coull originally applied for the post in 2012, but lost out to Lochgilphead Medical Practice.

He claims NHS Highland tailored the recruitment process in favour of Lochgilphead Medical Practice by offering extra support, IT facilities and offering to delay con-

tracts.

The Lochgilphead practice later pulled out after failing to find a GP for the surgery and the post was re-advertised at the end of last year.

Again applying for the post, Dr Coull wrote to NHS Highland seeking assurance that the process would be done fairly.

'We wanted to make sure that we have the same information on what the health board is looking for as Lochgilphead Medical Practice has,' Dr Coull explained.

But having received no response, he has issued a Court of Session summons to NHS Highland. The health authority must now respond to his claims.

If Dr Coull is not satisfied he will seek damages.

Dr Coull added: 'It is extremely frustrating, but we want to make sure we have a fair hearing and that residents get the best service on offer,' he said. 'I have a lot of experience in this area and have doctors available that are ready to go to Inveraray Medical Practice...and offer a high quality service to Inveraray residents.'

A spokesman for NHS Highland confirmed the GP interviews had been postponed.

He said: 'We will vigorously challenge, through legal means if necessary, any suggestion that there has been any wrong doing or irregularity.'

Inveraray Medical Practice will continue to run on a locum service until the matter is resolved.

## Path could be built within a year

A PATH allowing children in Bridgend and Glassary to walk to school safely could be built within a year.

Argyll and Bute Council has said a £150,000 funding application has been submitted to Sustrans,

'Cars are passing within inches of children going to school'

while it is willing to fund the remaining £150,000 for the build. The announcement comes after the council was last year forced to hand back

£130,000 to funding bodies when it failed to secure land needed to build a cheaper path.

Now a second, more expensive, design will

see the path built at the side of the road, with kerbs, drainage and passing places installed.

Gordon Parker has, alongside the community, campaigned for the path for years.

He said: 'Cars are passing within inches of

children going to school and pensioners who walk to the bus stop.

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Tonnes of rubble fell on the A83 at Butterbridge last Sunday morning. Photo courtesy of Kirk McInnes

# Butterbridge: the new Rest and Be Thankful?

## Calls made to reconvene A83 Taskforce

THERE are calls for the A83 Taskforce to reconvene this week amidst growing concern the number of landslides at Butterbridge is exceeding those at the troubled Rest and Be Thankful.

Tonnes of rubble fell on to the A83 between the Rest and Be Thankful and Cairndow at 11am on Sunday. The landslide was the third to have occurred away from the landslide-prone Rest and Be Thankful in recent months.

Jane MacLeod, of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, and Councillor Douglas Philand have both called for the taskforce, set up to find a long-term solution to landslides on the A83, to meet immediately.

Mrs MacLeod said she



Jane MacLeod, of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, has called for the A83 Taskforce to be reconvened.

She said: 'We would want to know what the preliminary investigations have shown and what immediate remedial steps have been taken to ensure the road remains open.'

Asked if Butterbridge had become the new Rest and Be Thankful, Mrs MacLeod added: 'I hope not, but there have been three closures in that area, away from the Rest and Be Thankful.'

'Obviously the closures were kept to a minimum but it is worrying that it could happen there again. 'It is disappointing because I think we were feeling optimistic about the work that has been done along the road... so it is a bit of a set back that we find the landslides are happening somewhere else.'

A spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said: 'We have always been aware there are other landslide risks along the A83 and that is why we are having the surveys at Glen Kinglas, Cairndow and Loch Shira carried out.'

'We will be in a better position to decide what the most appropriate action will be when they are completed.'

## BEAR promise on A83 repairs

HUGE holes at the side of the A83 between Inveraray and Cairndow will be filled in next month, BEAR Scotland has confirmed.

The road, which runs very close to Loch Fyne, has had serious subsidence problems in recent months, with the road completely coming away from the verge in several places.

But a spokeswoman for BEAR Scotland, the company responsible for maintaining the A83, this week told the Advertiser the problem would

be fixed within weeks. She said: 'We identified the need for works on this section of road during our routine inspection regime and a detailed design was progressed as part of our planned maintenance programme.'

'Next month an investment of £100,000 will be undertaken to resurface and improve this section of road.'

The work will begin on March 16 and it is expected traffic may be reduced to one lane for the duration.

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## Driver faces string of charges

A WOMAN who allegedly failed to stop for police in Clydebank ended her evening in a ditch in Minard, Mid Argyll police report.

The 31-year-old was apparently asked to

pull over by police in Clydebank at 2am on Sunday morning and two hours later her Nissan Primera car was found in a ditch in Minard, while she was walking on the road.

The woman, who was not hurt during the incident, was later charged with drink driving, dangerous driving and failing to stop for police.

While being processed

at Lochgilphead Police Office she was also found in possession of a small amount of cannabis and consequently charged for possession of an illegal substance.

## Rise in water charges

HOUSEHOLD charges from Scottish Water will rise in April by 1.6 per cent.

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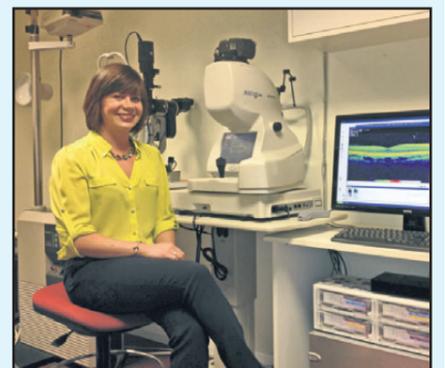
Hazel graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University in June 2011 with a First Class Honours degree in Optometry. She started her career working in Aberdeen, and after having passed all her professional qualifying examinations at the first sitting, stayed on until January this year when she decided a change was in order. Hazel started work in the practice on 20th January and has settled in very well. In some respects the demands of rural practice are very different from that of the city centre, and she has risen to the challenge with enthusiasm. She has brought with her all her knowledge, expertise and a fresh new approach.

Many people have already asked if there is a connection between our surnames, but sadly this is not the case. Hazel is the daughter of Robin and Iona Barr from Calderglen.

Robin was recently the President of the Ayrshire Cattle Society and many will remember last year the excellent society conference, organised by Iona, and held here in Campbeltown. They have also had the honour of being awarded Supreme Dairy Champion at the Royal Highland show.

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Josie Campbell, left, Elaine Strathie and her mum Myra were amongst the volunteers who served up home baking to hungry locals who helped to raise £300 for Age Concern. 06\_a08tea01

## Coffee morning raises £300

GENEROUS Lochgilphead residents recently helped to raise £300 for Age Concern at an afternoon cream tea.

Delicious home baking, scones and coffee were served up to hungry residents who flocked to Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall to show their support for the charity.

The money will be used to help

fund a shopping trip to Clydebank for older residents within the community.

Elaine Strathie, from the Age Concern committee, said: 'We are delighted with the total that we raised.'

'We would like to thank everyone who came along and showed their support.'

# Education could tackle Mid Argyll's declining population

## Lochgilphead to become a student focused town

AN INCREASE in educational opportunities for young people has been identified as one way of tackling Mid Argyll's rapidly declining population.

Lochgilphead could become a hub of student activity as Argyll College, which is part of the University of Highlands and Islands, looks to expand its curriculum.

The population of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands has decreased by 13.4 percent in the last 10 years.

But Argyll College now says it could play a key role in boosting the population as it launches a two-pronged plan designed to boost academic opportunities in

Mid Argyll.

Speaking to the Advertiser Fraser Durie, principal of the college, said: 'We want to make sure that we have got something that is interesting for young people to make them stay in the area to study, but we want to identify areas where we can bring people to Argyll.'

Courses which take advantage of the area's history have been outlined as one way to expand the college's Lochgilphead centre.

'We have Kilmartin Museum, where students come to learn about archaeology, there is the history of Iona, Islay and Gaelic that are very unique,' Mr Durie



Fraser Durie, principal of Argyll College, hopes to expand the college's curriculum to bring more students to the area.

added. 'These are potential areas of development for the college as they are very special to this area. There are a lot of exciting opportunities that lie here.'

This September the college will offer an HNC in Agriculture and an HNC in Hospitality for the first time.

'The more we have to offer the less people will need to leave,' Mr Durie said. 'This is a relatively new college. We are

looking to progress naturally.'

Lochgilphead's construction college has also been identified as an area for growth and Mr Durie said Scottish Canals' development of Pier Square in Ardrishaig might offer opportunities for his students.

'We must ensure young people have employment opportunities here once they qualify,' Mr Durie added.

## Independence discussion in Lochgilphead

MID ARGYLL residents will have the chance to quiz Scottish health minister Alex Neil on what independence will mean for them when he visits Lochgilphead on Monday.

Mr Neil will host an hour-long public discussion in Lochgilphead Community Centre, where

he will talk about the Scottish Government's plans for independence.

The visit comes after First Minister Alex Salmond promised everyone in Scotland would have the opportunity to question the government on independence before the September referendum.

Mr Neil said: 'My cabinet colleagues and I are hosting a number of these sessions right across Scotland so we can take the conversation into communities and hear from people of all ages and backgrounds.'

The question and answer sessions will begin at 12.30pm.



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# Million pound social housing development in Tarbert

## Village still requires quality three-bedroom housing

PLANS to tackle Tarbert's social housing crisis have taken a step forward as a £1.1 million housing scheme gets the go ahead.

The development will see eight new flats built in the village within the year, but a Tarbert councillor has said more still needs to be done to provide good quality family homes.

A planning application by social landlord Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) was unanimously passed by councillors at last Wednesday's planning meeting.

The housing initiative will include eight flats across two blocks, one block with four one-bed flats and the second in-

cluding four two-bed flats.

Speaking to the Advertiser, Councillor John McAlpine said that while he welcomed the project more needed to be done.

'In order to address the real needs of the public we require quality three-bedroom housing. I hope to hold a public meeting within the next two to three weeks to address this situation,' he said. 'I will give a presentation and people will be asked to fill in an application form to show there is a need for it.'

Councillor McAlpine added: 'I will be releasing details about the time and place of the meeting in the near future.'

The proposal also in-

cluded 14 parking spaces and one disabled space.

Work, which will be carried out by Lochgilphead builder M & K MacLeod, is expected to start on site in the near future.

Brian Mearns, chairman of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, said: 'This is excellent news. This is something we have been really anxious to get done for some time.'



Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, with Raymond Flanagan, youth services team Argyll and Bute Council, at a tuck shop where a new popcorn machine will be for the monthly cinema.

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## Monthly cinema launched in Lochgilphead

PEOPLE can grab a bucket of popcorn and watch all the latest movie releases as a monthly cinema is launched in Lochgilphead.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) has been awarded almost £7,000 from Awards for All to screen Warner Brothers films at its centre.

A large cinema screen, lit aisle and popcorn machine will ensure

locals have the authentic movie experience.

### Mixture

Films, a mixture of latest releases and popular classics, will be screened at the cinema's two monthly sittings; one will be for young people and the second for adults.

Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, said: 'There will be

a mixture of films that we hope youngsters from eight years old can enjoy and hope that everyone will have a fantastic time. With the popcorn machine and big screen we have tried to make it as realistic as possible.

'We hope to screen the first movie in either March or possibly around the Easter holidays and it will run for the next 12 months.'

## Women's institutes unite for coffee morning extravaganza

THE CREME de la creme of coffee mornings will take place next weekend as the women's institutes in Mid Argyll come together for their annual meet.

Members of the SWRI in Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Kilmichael and Ford will unite to host their annual coffee morning on March 8.

The coffee morn-

ing, an extravaganza in homebaking, will see the women offer a warm welcome and a sample of their famous cakes when the doors of the Red Cross Hall open between 10am and midday.

The event will also be an opportunity for people to learn more about joining their local SWRI group.

## Jobs fair to be held in Oban

PEOPLE seeking a job in Argyll are being urged to attend the Opportunities for All Careers and Jobs Fair.

Held in the Corran Halls on March 6, the fair will see staff from firms such as Scottish Sea Farms, Fish From and Oban Distillery speak about career prospects within their industries.

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IT IS horrifying to think that the majority of people who use football and sporting pitches in Lochgilphead will have no say over their future.

Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed it has no plans to consult the public on its proposal for improving the 2G pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, despite receiving a petition calling for the pitch to be upgraded to a 3G surface. The petition was signed by 1,400 people.

On what basis does Argyll and Bute Council feel it is either democratic, wise or responsible to completely dismiss the wishes of the Mid Argyll community. On what basis does it have the right to tell this community its views will not be heard?

There is no basis for this approach at all.

We are forever being told the council is attempting to be more open, that its operations are 'transparent'. What nonsense!

Council leader Dick Walsh congratulated people who took part in the budget consultation for making their views known.

Yet here we are two weeks later and Argyll and Bute Council is telling the people of Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll that their views don't count.

The decision is disgraceful and one the Argyllshire Advertiser will pursue until it is reversed!

There may be a view within the community that this petition is an issue for the local football teams but this pitch is, or could be used, by a number of sporting clubs. People who play tennis, hockey, shinty, rugby and athletics should all have a say on the future of the pitch, no matter how unpopular their view may be.

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### Good local government the last line of defence

Sir,  
Earlier this month the Scottish Government finally joined with Labour to agree a budget which would relieve every tenant in Scotland of the cost and worry of the 'bedroom tax'.

This meant that an additional £921,046 was given to Argyll and Bute Council to lift every tenant in our area out of the misery of paying this unfair 'tax'.

It beggars belief that our council only spent £308,999 and left many poor and vulnerable adults paying for their extra room.

In my daily work and in my political activities I have seen people with genuine disabilities being turned down for these Discretionary Housing Payments.

They are frequently refused because they have managed the payments without getting into debt.

Often this is because they are horrified of debt and would rather cut back on heating and food to remain debt-free, thus failing to meet the council's definition of 'real hardship'.

Reasonable people would agree that good local government forms the last line of defence for the poor and vulnerable against the wrongs inflicted upon them by national governments – well it isn't the case here in Argyll and Bute – they have just waved the white flag and pocketed the spare cash.

**Bob Chicken, secretary, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Branch, Scottish Labour Party.**

### Bedroom tax condemnation welcomed

Sir,  
I welcome the cross party support in condemning Argyll and Bute Council's refusal to mitigate in full the effects of the 'bedroom tax'.

The Scottish Parliament's funding is not being used as intended with the council predicting more than half a million pounds unspent.

This leaves more than 200 families choosing between food, heat or rent and the possibility of being removed from their communities and local support networks.

Labour, the SNP and even the Liberal Democrats supported this funding at the Scottish Parliament.

Labour and the SNP are committed to abolishing the 'bedroom tax' after independence.

It is recognised that the 'bedroom tax' affects not only the poorest but particularly those with disability, with caring needs or those in a position not of their own making. The SNP council group put forward a proposal to compensate everyone affected by the 'bedroom tax' in full as intended.

The Conservative and Unionist administration at Argyll and Bute Council has put Tory political ideology before the needs of some of our most unfortunate residents. The funding is available so individual

councillors must look to their consciences, defy their political masters and support this group of vulnerable people as soon as possible.  
**Councillor James Robb.**

### New diabetes leaflets produced

Sir,  
There is no doubt that a many of your readers will have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

Unfortunately we have found that many people do not have enough information to help them with their diabetes.

With this in mind, the Independent Diabetes Trust (IDDT) has produced a range of booklets, including 'Understanding Your Diabetes' and 'Diabetes – Everyday Eating.'

The booklets provide information in non-medical language, to help people with both types of diabetes to understand their treatment, to improve their health and make life easier.

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The passport provides hospital staff with vital information about the person with diabetes and how their condition is managed.

It also makes it easier for

people to receive the treatment they want.

We are happy to send information packs containing our publications.

People can contact IDDT on 01604 622 837, e-mail martin@iddtinternational.org or write to IDDT, PO Box 294, Northampton NN1 4XS.

**Martin Hirst, Acting chief executive officer IDDT.**



*Argyllshire Advertiser readers took to Facebook to voice their views on a lack of regeneration in Lochgilphead.*

**Joanne Clark Campbell:** 'I don't ever remember any money or funding being put into Lochgilphead over the last thirty years and it shows.'

For a town which requires tourism to support many of the local businesses - no tourists stopping means no businesses, which equals no jobs, which means people leave.

'Lochgilphead at the head of the loch has so much untapped potential.'

**Violet Mackenzie:** 'A blind person could see this. It is going like Ardrishaig...a ghost town.'

**Debbie MacLachlan:** 'At least Ardrishaig has a plan.... Lochgilphead doesn't.'

**Chris Taylor-Balls:** 'What has happened to the Phoenix regeneration plan for Lochgilphead. Has it ceased to be?'

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### Lochgilphead restaurant door damaged

POLICE are looking for a man after the door window of Lochgilphead's Coriander restaurant was damaged.

A man described as around 5 feet 4 inches and wearing dark clothing was seen running away from the restaurant on Argyll Street towards Lorn Street. Anyone who was in the area at 11.05pm on February 12 and has any information should contact the police on 101.

### Call to cut VAT for tourism-related businesses

TOURISM related businesses should have their VAT cut in a bid to attract visitors to Scotland according to some politicians.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, has supported his fellow SNP MP Mike Weir in calling for the UK Treasury to cut VAT for tourism businesses to ensure they can compete effectively with their counterparts in other parts of Europe.

The issue was raised by Mr Weir at Westminster after a similar initiative in Ireland proved effective in drawing in tourists.

Mr Russell said: 'The example of Ireland's drive to boost rural economies is something that the UK Government should be looking at closely in order to help communities across Argyll and Bute.'

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An appeal has been launched to make Tarbert Church of Scotland's clock chime once again.

## Time to get church clock ticking again

AN APPEAL has been launched to make Tarbert Church of Scotland's iconic clock chime once again.

The Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal committee hopes to raise at least £4,000 for a new mechanism to make the bells chime again.

Gifted to the village in the 1880s, the clock has been out of action for the last two years.

Lisa MacFarlane, from the committee, said: 'The clock is important to the village. There are

many people who say they still look at it and that they miss the chime of the bells. The clock is so prominent in the village's skyline, in fact, there are very few places in Tarbert where it can't be seen and, of course, heard.'

Lisa added: 'In the past someone would have to climb up the clock tower to turn the mechanism in order to keep it running. What we hope to do is put in an electric mechanism to keep it going.'

The first fundraising event for

the project will take place on March 2 with a music concert in Tarbert Village Hall. It will include performances by Tarbert Gaelic Choir and Na Seudan.

People can also make a donation at collection boxes throughout the village or via the BT My Donate link page that is available from the group's Facebook page.

The appeal committee raised in excess of £500,000 to restore the church roof, which was damaged in the storms of 2012.



### PTA delivers outdoor classroom

LOCHGILPHEAD Primary School now has an outdoor classroom thanks to the fundraising efforts of the school's parent teacher association (PTA).

The outdoor area features tiered benches

for the pupils to sit on during lessons and a paved 'performance area' for the pupils to practise and put on shows. Members of the PTA have thanked teachers and staff at the school for supporting

the initiative, as well as the public for the generosity shown at various fundraising events. Youngsters at the school are now looking forward to enjoying the facility when the good weather arrives.

### Wind farm fund deadline looms

COMMUNITY groups living in and around Inveraray only have 10 days left to submit their applications to the Clachan Flats Wind Farm Fund.

Inveraray Community Council, which administers the fund, is seeking applications from organisations running projects that benefit the local community.

Grant applications need to be submitted to the council by March 10, while an announcement on the projects to receive backing will be made in April.

## Council drags its heels with 2G pitch review

THE OUTCOME of the review into the 2G pitch in Lochgilphead has not been made available by Argyll and Bute Council despite repeated requests by the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

An assessment of the pitch was carried out in January after the local authority admitted the 2G surface on the sports field may now need to be replaced.

The review was completed three weeks ago but Argyll and Bute Council has said it will not confirm how many years, if any, remain on the lifespan of the pitch.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'We're collating the information we've gathered during the review to ensure it fits with the requirements of the school curriculum.'

'We'll be considering this and preparing a report for councillors.'

'We don't have a timescale for this at the moment but are aware of

the keen interest within the community.'

The pitch was reviewed after a petition, calling for the 2G pitch to be upgraded to a 3G surface, was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council. Created by Lochgilphead referee Peter Laing, the petition had more than 1,400 signatures.

Mr Laing said he was 'frustrated' with the lack of information being made available by the council.

#### Meeting

He said: 'They said they would keep me informed as the organiser of the petition but they haven't done that. I know they had a meeting three weeks ago but they haven't told me what the outcome of that was. They are dragging their heels.'

It is believed a 3G or 4G pitch in Lochgilphead would allow more sports, including football, shinty and rugby, to be played in poor weather.

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Women in focus for day of prayer and fun

WOMEN from across Argyll are being invited to celebrate International Women's Day next Saturday.

International Women's Day, on March 8, will see a host of events take place all over the world to celebrate women, their hopes and aspirations.

Craignish Village Hall will play host to a traditional girls' day out to mark the event, as ladies are invited to share their favourite stories and poems with friends and neighbours.

Organised by the Women at Work Network in partnership with Argyll and Bute Women's Aid, women are invited to bring along a dish of food to share, as well as books and clothing they would like to swap with others.

The event will run from 6pm to 9pm and places can be booked by logging on to [weawomenetwork.org.uk](http://weawomenetwork.org.uk).

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# Top class entertainment at Kintyre Drama Festival

## Mid Argyll win 'best moment'

DUNAVERTY Players proved their acting skills were top notch after coming out victorious in last week's Kintyre Drama Festival.

The drama group's version of Nick Warburton's play *Easy Stages*, following the backstage drama at a production of *Hamlet*, was awarded first place by adjudicator Ronnie Mackie.

Dunaverty Players will now go on to represent Kintyre at the Western Divisional Finals in Castle Douglas on March 29.

Peninver Juniors, meanwhile, picked up the youth winners prize for their rendition of *Domby Dom*, also by Nick Warburton. They will take centre stage at the Youth Division-



Mid Argyll Drama Club opened proceedings on the second night of the festival with comedy play, *The Tea Dance*. 20\_c09drama05



Lochgilphead Drama Club closed the festival with *Who is Millbank Milly*. 20\_c09drama07

al Finals in Campbeltown Grammar School on March 15.

This year's festival saw six amateur drama clubs battle it out over two nights, with five of the six teams picking up prizes.

Four teams from Kintyre took part - Accent Players, Dunaverty Players, Peninver Players and Peninver Juniors - while two groups from Mid Argyll made the journey south - Mid-Argyll Drama Club and Lochgilphead Dra-

ma Club. Judge Ronnie Mackie praised the actors and directors for two nights of varied entertainment before making his decisions.

Results: 1 Dunaverty Players, 2 Accent Players, 3 Lochgilphead Drama Club; Youth winners: Peninver Juniors; Best moment of theatre: Mid-Argyll Drama Club; Best comedy performance: Peninver Juniors; Best stage presentation: Accent Players; Best production: Dunaverty Players.

## Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Dalriada Dancers has competed to win a place in a special dance festival which will run alongside the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The dance company was one of 22 groups that took to the stage at the MacRobert Art Centre in Stirling at the weekend to compete for one of 10 places at the 2014 Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival.

Dancing in front of a panel of 10 judges including representatives of Creative Scotland and the Herald's dance critic, the dancers are waiting to hear whether or not they will be representing Scotland at the festival.

The Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival in July will see dance troupes from Scotland, Australia, Canada, England, India, Malta, Namibia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland and Wales perform across three days at Tramway in Glasgow. The final list of dance companies selected for the event will be released on March 13.

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Peter Pan, played by Archie Spencer, gets to grips with his shadow.

# Peter Pan at Craignish

CRAIGNISH Village Hall was packed full on Friday and Saturday as the tale of eternal youth drew a large audience. People turned out in force to see Peter Pan, performed by members of the local community. Directed by Amber

Crowley, the panto deviated slightly from J M Barrie's original tale about a mischievous boy who can fly and never grows up.

Peter, played by Archie Spencer, did interact with Neverland's mermaids, Indians,



Wendy, played by Katie McNiven, gets to know the residents of Never Never land.

fairies and pirates, but also the good folk of Craignish when he visited the yacht centre, Village Hall and Galley of Lorn Inn.

Ardferm's resident pirate Chris Fox embodied the evil Captain Hook for the panto, while the Loch Melfort mermaids and Argyll lost boys were played by school children.

The youngsters were amongst a cast of more than 40 which performed the panto over two days, generating much laughter from both audiences. The result of weeks of hard work, the panto was deemed a great success by all involved.

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Archie and Chris re-enact the classic sword fight.



Craignish school children took on the roles of the lost boys.



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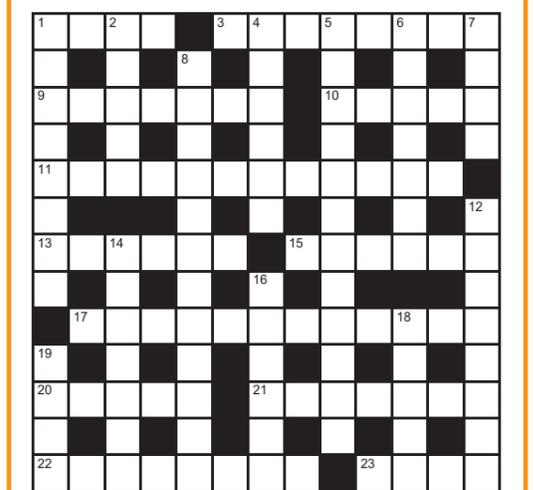
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## Market reports

### United Auctions Tiree

UNITED Auctions held their Annual Early Spring Sale of 298 Cattle at Tiree Auction Mart last Thursday, when bullocks sold to average £897.40 per head or 239p per kilo against £843.65 per head or 229.3 per kilo last year.

Heifers sold to average £775.70 per head or 221.3 per kilo against £648.46 per head or 201.5 per kilo last year.

Bullocks sold to a top of £1,260 for a pen of six charolais crosses from Heylipol Farm and Hereford crosses from Clachan fetched the same price.

Heifers sold to a top of £1,230 for charolais crosses from Heylipol. Top price per kilo came from Ruai's consignment with a pen of three limousin crosses selling to 286pence whilst Heylipol Farm sold a pen of four charolais cross heifers to lead this section at 265pence.

A feature of the sale was Heylipol Farm's consignment of 86 charolais, limousin and AA bullocks and heifers which averaged 426 kilo's at £1,083 per head or 254pence per kilo.

Principal lots and prices:

Top prices per head:  
Bullocks:  
AAx: £1130(6) & £1060(7) - Heylipol Farm : £1040 - Hillcrest.

BShx: £760(4) - Middleton Farm

BRBx: £1000 - Ruai: £950 - Sackhill : £880 - Ruai.

CHARx: £1260(6), £1240(2), £1230(3), £1200(5), £1150(3), £1090(2), £1080(3) & £980 - Heylipol Farm.

HERx: £1260, £1140(3), £1030 - Clachan.

LIMx: £1150(4), £1080(4), £1070, £1010(2), £980 - Heylipol Farm : £960 - Hillcrest : £930 - 3 Kenovay : £910(2) - Ruai: £890 - MainRoad : £840(2) - 7 Balinoe : £830 - 3 Kenovay.

LUING: £880(3) - Middleton Farm.

SALx: £880 - Middleton Farm

SIMx: £1060, £860 & £810 - Lochphuill.

HEIFERS: AAx: £720(2) - Hillcrest

BRBx: £790 - 17 Balevullin.

CHARx: £1230 & £1170 - Heylipol Farm : £1160 - Ruai: £1090, £1060(2), £1050(6), £1030(5), £1020, £990(5), £980(2), £970(5), £930(4) & £890(2) - Heylipol Farm.

HERx: £1000(4) - Clachan : £930 - Ruai: £880 - Clachan.

LIMx: £790(3) - Hillcrest.

SALx: £660(5) - Middleton Farm.

SIMx: £830 - Lochphuill : £780(2) - 17 Balevullin.

Top prices per kilo:  
Bullocks:  
AAx: 259p - Hillcrest & Heylipol Farm(13) : 230p - Hillcrest : 215p

### Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 407 store cattle and 12 young bulls at its Stirling sale on Monday, as well as forward 1,393 store hoggets and breeding ewes.

Bullocks 179 averaged 238p to 292p per kilo for a 125kg Charolais from Turbiskill Farms, Tayvallich, Argyll and £1400 gross for 680kg Limousin from Fairfield, Kippen.

Store hoggets sold to £74 for Texel xs from W Stevenson, Ballingray.

Ewe hoggets sold to £75.50 for Texels from R Bell & Partners, Craigo.

Grit Ewes sold to £155 for Texel xs from W Adam, 20 Mannerston Holdings.

Heifers 155 averaged 225p to 264p per kg for a 365kg British Blue from Allanfauld, Kilsyth and £1200 gross for a 565kg Charolais from Shortrigg, Slamannan.

Leading Prices:  
Bullocks £ per head:  
0-250kgs - £620 Droystone;  
251-300kgs - £810 Tower;  
301-350kgs - £800 Wester Blairskeith; 351-400kgs - £1070 Allanfauld; 401-450kgs - £1120 Linfair; 451-500kgs - £1140 Gibblieston; 501-

550kgs - £1240 Fairfield; 551-600kgs - £1370 Middlerigg; 651-700kgs - £1400 Fairfield.

Heifers:  
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# Islay to host wild geese management conference

ISLAY will host a two-day National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS) conference next month on the future management of wild geese in Scotland.

Chaired by Ken Rundle of SRUC, the conference will see a range of speakers including NFUS president Nigel Miller and deputy director of policy Andrew Bauer.

Since the 1970s, there has been a steady increase in goose numbers of some species in parts of Scotland, particularly around the remote and fragile islands and coastal areas.

### Damage

Farmers and crofters in these areas are seeing a significant increase in damage to farmland as a result of growing goose populations and are having to adjust their farming activity to cope.

There will be farm visits on Monday March 10, including to the RSPB Wildlife Reserve at Loch Gruinart, before the conference proper starts on March 11 at the Columba Centre.

The event will cover a range of topics



Nigel Miller warned habitats could become 'damaged' if goose populations aren't managed.

conservation objectives.

The afternoon will feature workshops for attendees focussing on co-existence of protected species alongside farming as well as the impact of quarry species of geese.

Nigel Miller said: 'This is an important event for not only Islay, but many other areas which have been affected by the increase in the goose population. The lessons

learnt and the experience gained on Islay will have a real spin off benefit for other regions.

'From the two-day conference we aim to re-examine the Scottish Government's policy objectives on goose management and ensure there is a viable future for agricultural businesses which are affected by geese in the Highlands and Islands and other areas of Scotland.'

including the challenges set by farming with both protected and quarry species of geese across Scotland.

Also on the bill is Paul Walton, head of habitats and species at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, who will speak about meeting the UK's nature

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# Group prepares to travel to Malawi



## A blessing and rededication service on Sunday

A GROUP from congregations across Mid Argyll is preparing to travel to Malawi and will hold a special service ahead of its travels.

Organised by the Malawi Twinning Group, the group will visit Kasamba congregation in Malawi's capital city Lilongwe, other prayer houses, schools and churches associated with them.

The twinning group was set up to develop links and mutual visits between churches in Mid Argyll and Kasamba churches.

In October 2011 a party of four Malawians made a visit to Mid Argyll and were hosted by various families - some of who are now making the journey.

Ahead of their 16-day trip, leaving on March 12, the group will meet this week for a service and blessing. It will be

held in Lochgilphead Free Church Hall on Sunday at 6.30pm.

Ruth Carruthers, who is making the journey, said: 'The venue is most suitable, given that one of the early Scottish missionaries to Malawi was Donald Fraser, son of the Free Church minister in Lochgilphead.'

'In a biography by his wife, she speaks of him 'always seeing the sweet loch shining in the sun, ...when the buses went to Ardrishaig to meet the steamer and came back an hour later laden with passengers'.

'On his death bed he is said to have raised his hands and called out 'Oh, for a plunge into Loch Fyne!''

Mrs Carruthers said it was unlikely any of the group heading to Malawi would express such a strong desire to sample the waters of Loch Fyne.

She added: 'Although they will visit the shores of Lake Malawi, they will not be plunging in there either, because of the presence of water-borne diseases and crocodiles.'

Ahead of the rededication service Redshanks of Inveraray has been commissioned to make a length of Livingstone tartan into a table runner for the church in Lilonwe.

'This will be dedicated at the service, and then taken as a gift to the Kasamba congregation,' Mrs Carruthers explained. 'David Livingstone is still held in high esteem throughout Malawi so this gift will reinforce the links between Scotland and Malawi.'

Friends and families of those travelling will be at Sunday night's service, but it is open to anyone who would like to go along.

A group of people from congregations in Mid Argyll will be travelling to Malawi later this month.

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## Unlucky driver sees car plunge into sea

A DRIVER had an unlucky time at Portavadie slipway recently. It is believed the unknown driver got out of their car to check the ferry timetable and the parking brake failed - plunging the car into the sea.

## Public meeting to discuss Dalavich Chalet Park expansion plans

PLANS to expand Dalavich Chalet Park will be heard at a public hearing as residents voice their fears about the impact the project will have on the area. The site's owner David

Winter plans to relocate four of the existing chalets and add three new ones to the park along with 14 parking spaces.

But, Argyll and Bute councillors were told

at last Wednesday's planning meeting the application had received 19 letters of objection from residents.

**Capacity**  
The addition of the three chalets to the site

would mean that the area has reached its capacity for development, with 28 already in place.

The land is marked by the council for tourism and leisure opportunities.

# Conservation scheme would have 'high impact' in Lochgilphead

## Argyll and Bute Council still has no plans for Lochgilphead

THERE are no current plans to seek funding from conservation charities that could help regenerate Lochgilphead's old buildings, Argyll and Bute Council has said.

The local authority has confirmed it has no current plans to apply for

funding from bodies such as Historic Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund despite learning the impact of both organisations' involvement in Lochgilphead would be high.

This comes after an assessment of the

built heritage in Lochgilphead revealed an initiative such as Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) would be greatly beneficial to the town.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council

said: 'The appraisal process identified that the impact of CARS funding in Lochgilphead would be high.'

'The town has 13 Category B listed buildings, nine Category C, one ancient monument and four buildings on the Buildings at Risk Register, as well as a high level of training potential.'

CARS sees money invested in listed buildings that are badly in need of repair and offers small-scale grants to home owners and businesses

to assist them in improving their premises.

Local trades' people are also trained in old construction techniques which are still used on conservation properties.

### Opportunities

The spokesman said the council had not approached Historic Scotland about the 2014 scheme which has already boosted towns such as Rothesay and Inveraray, adding: 'We will be speaking to Historic Scotland in due course about the best

opportunities for Argyll and Bute.'

Malcolm Sinclair, secretary of Lochgilphead Phoenix Project, said: 'Clearly the CARS initiative would be a way of the council achieving their advertised aim of bringing investment to Lochgilphead and ensuring it is not the forgotten town in Argyll.'

'The Phoenix Project would encourage the council to fight the case for Lochgilphead in any future discussions it has with Historic Scotland.'

## Under 18s' charity disco in Lochgilphead

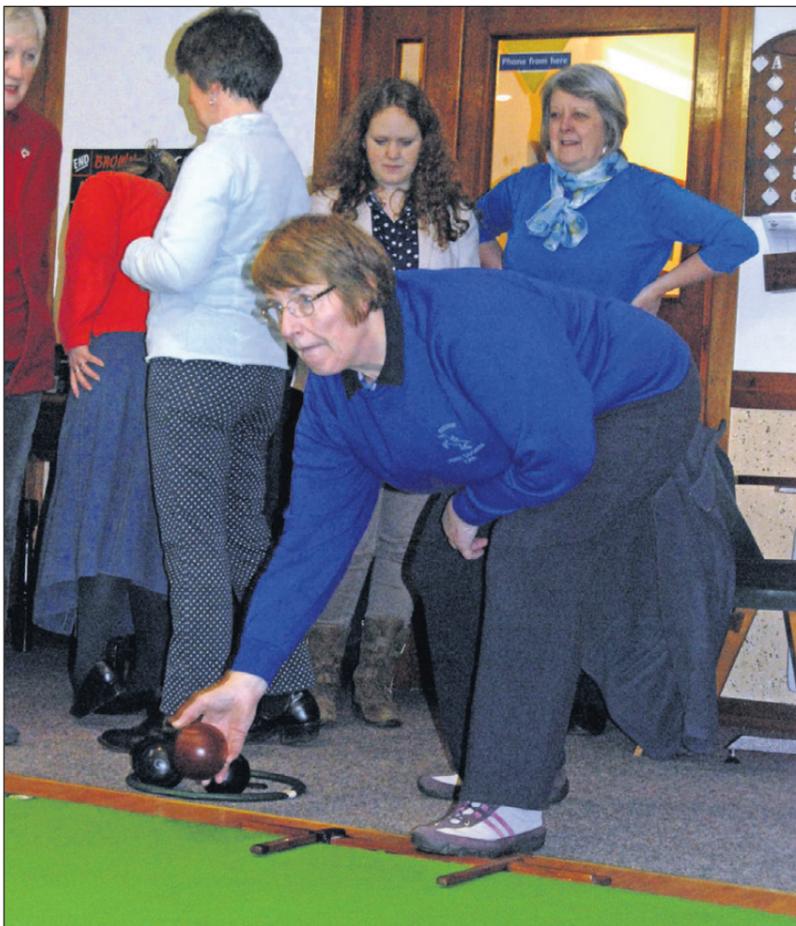
A CHARITY disco for under 18s will be held in the Argyll hotel, Lochgilphead tonight (Friday).

Organised by the Duntrune Trekkers, the event will raise money for the trio's planned climb up Mount Kilimanjaro in September.

Doors at the back of the hotel will open for the disco at 8pm.

The trekkers, Blair Johnston, Duncan Mcregor and Campbell Wright, are hoping to raise almost £12,000 for three charities.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation, MS Centre, Lochgilphead, and Rainbow Valley are set to benefit from the cash raised.



Lochgilphead Bowling Club was overrun with women last Tuesday night as the town's women's institute descended. Catherine Smith was amongst the women who were treated to a lesson in carpet bowls by devoted members of the club. Some ladies proved to have more success at the sport than others, but all agreed it was a great evening of fun. The next meeting of the SWRI is on March 18 when a cookery demonstration of quick and easy puddings will take place. 06\_a09bow01

## Council turned money lender

ARGYLL and Bute Council turned money lender this week as it agreed a multi-million pound loan with a housing provider.

The local authority has loaned Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) £2.3 million as it failed to generate the investment needed to build 40 new affordable homes in Oban.

### Reserve funds

The money will come from the council's re-

serve funds and has been agreed on the principles of a 25-year capital and interest mortgage.

Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute's lead councillor for housing, said the money had been made available to ensure the continued building of affordable homes in Argyll.

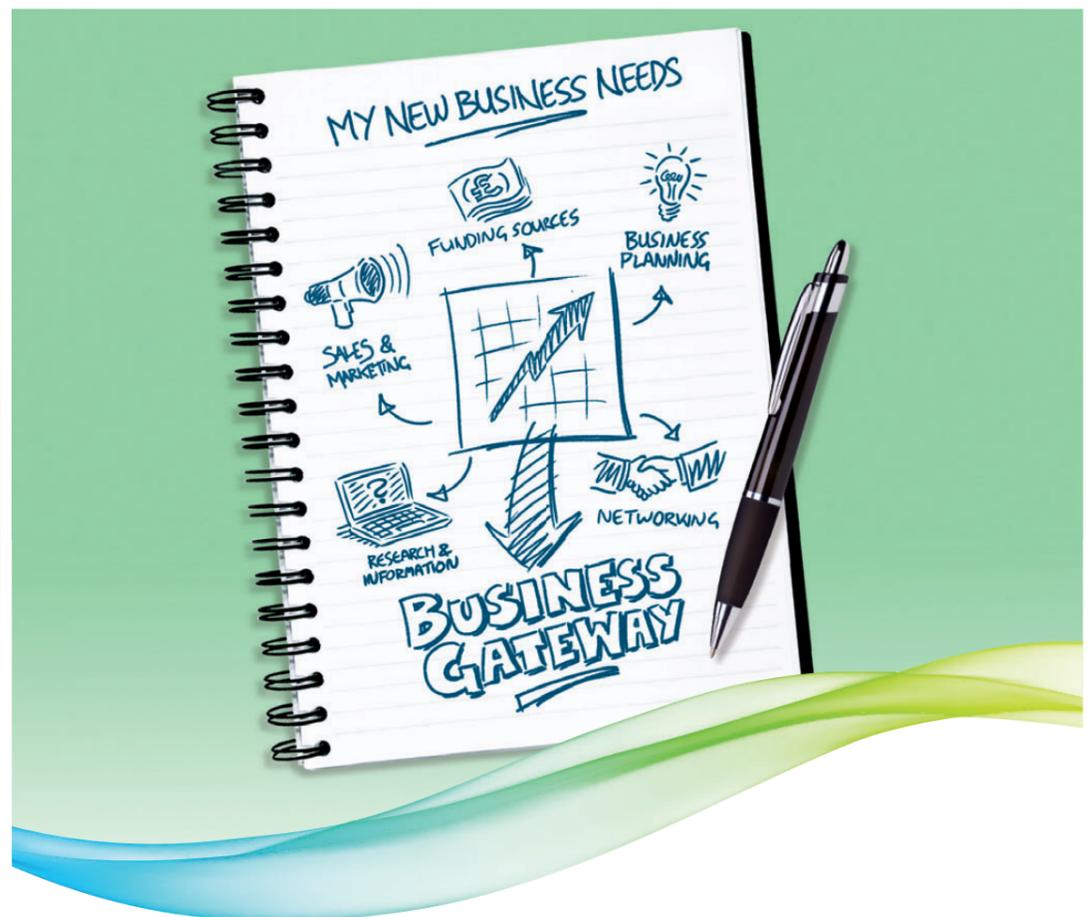
He said: 'We have recognised the challenges faced by the registered social landlord sector in raising private finance

in the current economic climate and we took a decision in 2012 to earmark reserves for this purpose.'

### Difficult

Social housing is normally financed by grants from the Scottish Government, local authorities and private finance.

However since the credit crunch it has been increasingly difficult for housing associations to secure affordable loans from the banking sector.



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# New course helps young people living alone

## 'It is really about helping young people move forward in the community'

A NEW project that aims to help young people tackle problems they may face when they live away from home for the first time has been launched in Mid Argyll.

Run by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS), the housing support programme will offer advice to people under the age of 25 who have taken up a housing tenancy for the first time.

The nine-week course, which begins today (Friday), will cover topics on how to cook on a budget, fire safety and being a good neighbour.

Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, said: 'We want to ensure that young people have a long and happy tenancy. It really aims to make young people think twice before turning the music on at 3am.'

### Advice

She added: 'They will be given advice on how to set a food budget. It will teach them how to make meals such as macaroni cheese - cheap meals, but they can still get a good feed.'

Explaining the inspiration behind the project Mrs Kalache said: 'The issue is there are

so many more houses available for young people to move into now. Years ago there wasn't as much available for people at a young age.'

To fund the course MAYDS received just under £10,000 from the Robertson Trust and Kilfenan Trust.

Mrs Kalache said: 'We hope that if it is a success we will run the programme again. People who complete the course will have their TV licence paid for a year.'

'It is really about helping young people move forward in the community.'



## Songs and scones coffee morning

Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall was filled with the sound of music on Saturday morning as the Songs and Scones coffee morning got underway. John Holt and Alistair and Morag Cupples delighted the large audience with an array of songs after the Lochgilphead Primary School Vocal Ensemble had taken to the stage. The event, which featured Lochgilphead's famed homebaking, raised £555 for Lochgilphead Parish funds. 06\_a09scones01

## Support and advice for residents who have fallen foul of defunct efficiency assessment company

ADVICE and support is being offered to Mid Argyll residents who have fallen foul of a defunct company which promised a home efficiency assessment for £149.

Green Deal Rewards Limited, which has now ceased trading, took thousands of pounds from Argyll residents without ever completing the home assessment and has since failed to refund their payments.

Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards team has offered the following advice:

☐ People who have paid by credit card but not had the assessment done should contact their credit card company and make a S75 claim as there has been a breach of contract.

☐ Those who paid by debit card should contact their bank and ask for a chargeback on the grounds the company has indicated the work will not be done. They should also write to Green Deal Rewards and formally ask for a refund.

☐ The company's director has said those who have had an ener-

gy performance survey completed but not been issued with a certificate should receive it soon and be able to proceed through the Green Deal Scheme.

The advice comes a week after the Advertiser reported that a Lochgilphead pensioner had been targeted by the company and was struggling to get a refund.

Trading Standards understands that at present no administrator or liquidator has been appointed but the company's director said refunds would be paid if its finances allow.

## Creel support fund to be set up to help fishermen

A CREEL support fund is to be established to help fishermen badly affected by the exceptional winter weather.

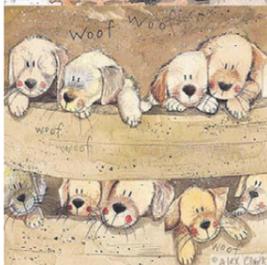
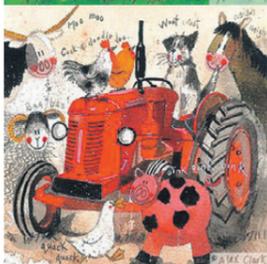
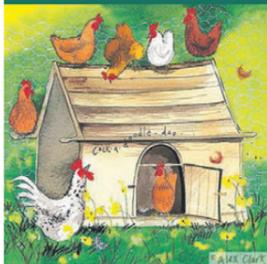
Set up by the Scottish Government, the purpose of the £400,000 fund is to offer financial assistance to fishing vessels which otherwise could be forced out of business. Many creel fishermen have experienced hard financial times recently because of a combination of the extreme weather which can lead to a loss of fishing gear and a reduction in catch.

Scottish fishing vessels, including vessels of 10 metres and under, which have conducted fishing operations with static fishing gear (pots and creels) in 2013 and earned a gross income of £20,000 or greater, are eligible to apply for funding.

Applications to the fund must be submitted before March 26.

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## Traffic wardens likely to return

TRAFFIC wardens are likely to return to Oban's town centre this summer as Argyll and Bute Council concludes the process of de-criminalising on-street parking.

The move means the local authority will take over responsibility for policing on-street parking from Police Scotland and it could advertise for new traffic wardens from mid-May onwards. The de-criminalisation process began shortly after Strathclyde Police made the town's traffic wardens

redundant in 2011, leaving a parking free-for-all.

A three-month pilot scheme agreed between the local authority and Oban Police then saw officers handing out parking tickets, which, although unpopular with the public, proved parking regulation was needed in Oban - during the first two weeks of the trial, police handed out 51 and 76 tickets, respectively. Come mid-May, Argyll and Bute Council will be responsible for ticketing.

## Patient records go electronic

PATIENT records within the NHS Highland board will be completely electronic from March 3.

Personal details, future appointments and waiting lists will all be stored electronically as NHS Highland becomes the seventh health board in Scotland to adopt the patient management system.

People are asked to be patient as NHS staff start using the new £6.9 million system in the coming weeks and urged to turn up for their appointments 10 minutes early if possible.

## New avalanche awareness guide launched

HILL walkers, skiers and snowboarders are being made aware of the new avalanche awareness guide launched in Scotland.

A joint venture between sportsScotland and the mountaineering sector, the free guide provides advice for people taking to the mountains in winter.

It covers things such as pre-trip planning and decisions to be taken at specific points during the day. For each section, the guide considers avalanche hazard and weather, the abilities of the party and the nature of the terrain. The guide is available at [www.sais.gov.uk](http://www.sais.gov.uk).

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Sally Stankey, left, and May Taylor are two of the volunteers serving up a warm cuppa to locals at the drop-in cafe at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall. 06\_a09cafe01

## Doors open on drop-in cafe

A DROP-in cafe, which aims to help people who feel isolated within the community, has been launched in Lochgilphead.

The cafe, which is based in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, aims to reach out to the

community and open the doors of the church to residents. People can enjoy a warm cuppa, toasty or home baking while speaking to Reverend Hilda Smith or one of the volunteers who will be there.

Reverend Smith said:

'The cafe is very much a social initiative and is open to anyone who wants to come along, have a chat and would like bit of company.'

Opened two weeks ago, the cafe runs every Wednesday between 10am and 4pm.

## Residents still not happy with wind farm plan

ONLY a wind farm that cannot be seen from Inverneill homes will be acceptable to people living in the Loch Fyne hamlet, a community representative has said.

E-ON, the company behind the proposed Allt Rhuba wind farm near Inverneill, hosted a public meeting last week, where it told residents concessions had been made to appease the community.

These include removing four wind turbines from the original proposal, repositioning turbines to ensure they are

not so visible and re-naming the development to ensure its name is not synonymous with the nearby houses.

But Mark Middleton, who lives at Achnakeil Cottage, said the changes were not good enough. The NHS manager, who previously faced the prospect of having a 126-metre high turbine just 750 metres from his front door, said: 'They have removed the most prominent turbines from the proposal so I'm pleased with that, I suppose. But, [with this new design] I can still see the

tips of two and the hub of one turbine from my house.' He added: 'It does make you wonder if they made them so visually prominent in the first design with the hope we would be satisfied with this proposal.'

Mr Middleton, who represents Inverneill residents on an E-ON community liaison group, said concerns remained about how visible turbines would be after trees in the area were felled. He added: 'What we are really looking for is a site like other wind farms in Argyll,

where turbines cannot be seen.'

Emma Clark, senior project developer at E-ON, said: 'We have taken the feedback from the first display and listened to the concerns of residents. We still have a final community liaison meeting to hear about any other problems residents may have with this design.'

People have until March 10 to provide E-ON with feedback on the proposal before it submits a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council.

# Driver voices concern over taxi fare hike

## 'A flag fall rise of 30 pence is nonsense' - John Byrne

TAXI fares are set to increase by as much as 13 per cent as Argyll and Bute councillors give in to demands from some taxi companies.

But the increase, the first in six years, does not go far enough in supporting taxi companies, according to one Mid Argyll driver.

The price hike will see the minimum fare rise by 30 pence to £3.00 during the day and £3.60 after 10pm, while there will be no increase to the yardage rate - the price per mile.

There will be a 5 pence rise in the waiting time

after a journey begins, taking it to 35 pence.

But an Ardrishaig taxi driver says only an increase in the yardage rate would result in helping taxi firms cover the increasing cost of fuel and car servicing.

### Increase

John Byrne, who runs Glenfyne Taxis, said: 'A flag fall rise of 30p is nonsense. It is the distance charge, or yardage rate, that needs to increase as well because that's what gives us our income.'

'How many 30 pences do I have to do to cover the costs.

'I'm extremely disappointed and I think we will find the number of taxis in the area will drop.'

The change to the maximum rates was agreed by councillors at this month's licensing committee and comes after a consultation with all taxi firms in Argyll.

All but four Oban taxi drivers pushed for the price increase.

The rates, which come into effect on June 6, are only the maximum rate that can be charged, and will be implemented by individual taxi companies at their discretion.



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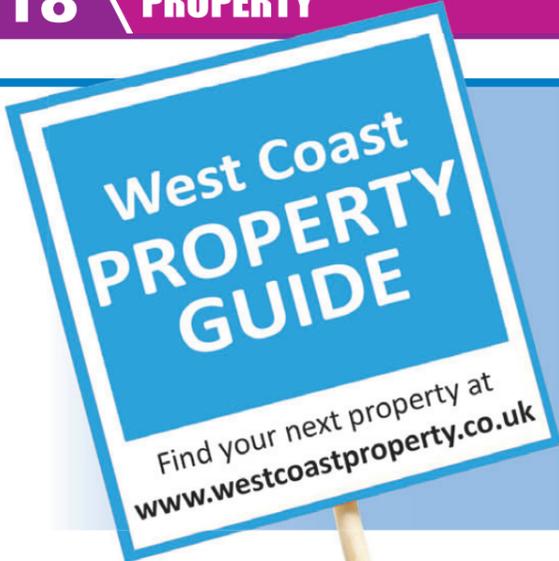
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The new survey of over 1,000 people found that the design topped the list of their favourite things about their new build home, followed by its location and size and space.

The research, which was published on Valentine's Day, found that over one fifth (20 per cent) of people fell in love with the design and layout/look and feel of their new home, followed by a similar number (19 per cent) who said they were most attracted by its location. In third spot, just over 17 per cent said they loved the space that their new homes gave them.

Other popular answers were that new homes are energy efficient as well as being warm and cosy.

Previous research by NHBC Foundation found that families who live in new build homes built to 2013 standards could save more than £1,400 a year on their energy bills when compared to their neighbours in older homes.

The research was carried out using NHBC's nine month customer satisfaction survey.

The top 10 reasons people gave for loving their new home are:

1. Design and layout / look and feel
2. Location
3. Size and space
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5. It's new
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**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

**Carradale Harbour Group: Slipway construction**

Notice is hereby given that Carradale Harbour Group has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of slipway construction at:

Cost	£105,000	
Location	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
Carradale Harbour, Kintyre	55 35.56'N	05 27.74'W
	55 35.55'N	05 27.75'W
	55 35.55'N	05 27.77'W
	55 35.56'N	05 27.79'W
	55 35.56'N	05 27.78'W
	55 35.56'N	05 27.77'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Carradale Post Office. Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference:

FKB/A1464

Carradale Harbour Group

**Network Carradale Ltd. AGM**

Thursday 20th March 2014  
at 7.30 pm  
in the Meeting Room  
Carradale Village Hall  
All members and non-members warmly invited.  
Do come along and hear what your Community Business Company has achieved during the last year.

**Templar Arts & Leisure Centre Trust AGM**  
Tuesday 18th March 2014  
at 7.30pm  
on first floor of centre  
Open to the public

**Machrihanish Village Hall AGM**  
Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm  
*All welcome*

**Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club A.G.M.**  
Will be held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Ardshiel Hotel  
*All welcome*

**ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION Mid Argyll Fundraising Branch AGM**  
Monday 10th March 2014 7pm  
Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig

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**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 during their normal opening times 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	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02911/PP	Refurbishment and change of use of boat storage/maintenance building to provide retail unit, offices, cafe with outside seating area, shower/toilet and laundry facilities	Clock Tower Pier Square Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA30 8DZ	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00046/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land West of Erinvoe Torridale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
14/00072/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Land West of the Walled Garden Craignish Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
14/00485/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (amended design relative to planning permission reference 07/00354/DET)	Land South East Of Failte Clachan Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02912/LIB	Refurbishment and change of use of boat storage/maintenance building to provide retail unit, offices, cafe with outside seating area, shower/toilet and laundry facilities and associated internal alterations	Clock Tower Pier Square Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA30 8DZ	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00199/LIB	Erection of workshop extension	Rhudle Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QE	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00267/PP	Reconstruction of part of Cross Street elevation and roof structure, including dormers and chimney, erection of 3 storey extension within the rear yard, formation of four flats (1st, 2nd and 3rd floors), with refurbishment of two shop units and pub store at ground level	50-52 Main Street and 2 Cross Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00268/LIB	Partial demolition of building (part of Cross Street elevation, rear stair tower and adjoining walls, roof structure including dormers and chimney) with retention of remaining facades, and reconstruction of Cross Street and roof downtakings. Erection of three storey extension within rear yard, internal alterations and replacement timber windows and doors.	50-52 Main Street and 2 Cross Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AD	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, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD.

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

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)**  
Councillor Semple will be holding a drop in surgery on Wednesday 26th March in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend from 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
Councillor Semple will be happy to meet constituents at their own convenience on enquiry.  
Councillor Semple can also be contacted by email - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01586 553765.
- Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**  
Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in Tayvallich Village Hall on Monday 3rd March 2014 from 4.30pm - 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 Anne Horn (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**  
Councillor Anne Horn will be holding a drop in surgery on Friday 28th March from 1.00pm - 2.00pm in Bruichladdich Hall, Isle of Islay.  
Councillor Horn can also be contacted by Tel: 01880 820496 and by email - [anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
Councillor Horn will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.
- 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)  
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- 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)  
Councillor Colville will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.
- Councillor Robin Currie (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)**  
Councillor Robin Currie can be contacted by e mail - [robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:robin.currie@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01496 301 369, mobile 077952 22849 or at home on 01496 850 517. Councillor Currie will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.
- Councillor Dougie Philand (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**  
Councillor Dougie Philand can be contacted on Tel: 01546 604114 or by email - [dougie.philand@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:dougie.philand@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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- Early Learning and Childcare from August 2014 will be available for:-
- Four year old children whose birth date falls between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2011
  - Three year old children whose birth date falls between 1st March 2011 and 29th February 2012
- A list of current preschool education providers, including those offering Gaelic Medium, is available from:
- All Early Learning & Childcare Providers
  - All Primary Schools
  - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/preschool-education>
  - Early Years Helpline noted below
- Information leaflets will be available from Early Learning & Childcare Providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Early Years Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503).
- Parents of eligible children should register at their preferred provider, taking along their child's birth certificate or passport, during week commencing 3rd March 2014 during the normal operational hours of the unit.

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**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982**

**TAXI FARE REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council, having consulted with taxi operators licensed by the authority, propose to make the following changes to the maximum fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council. It is proposed these maximum fares will become effective from 9th June 2014.

Any person wishing to lodge representations in respect of these proposals should do so by writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT no later than 28th March 2014.

**Tariff 1** Hirings from ranks or "flag"  
Hiring between 7am and 10pm  
Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof) £3.00  
Subsequent charge (each 176 yards or part thereof) 20 pence  
**(general effect - increase of 30p to 'initial charge' and distance for each unit of 'subsequent charge' reduced from 200 to 176 yards)**

**Tariff 2** Hirings from ranks or "flag"  
Hiring between 10pm and 7am  
Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof) £3.60  
Subsequent charge (each 150 yards or part thereof) 20 pence  
Tariff 2 also applies to hirings from ranks or "flag" between 6pm and 10pm December 24th, 6pm and 10pm December 31st and between 7am 2nd January and 7am 3rd January  
**(general effect - increase of 40p to 'initial charge' and distance for each unit of 'subsequent charge' reduced from 170 to 150 yards)**

**Tariff 3** Hiring from ranks or "flag" between 10pm 24th December and 7am 27th December and between 10pm 31st December and 7am 2nd January  
Initial Charge (860 yards or part thereof) £4.20  
Subsequent Charge (each 120 yards or part thereof) 20 pence  
**(general effect - 50p increase to 'initial charge', subsequent charge yardage to remain the same)**

**Soiling Charge** - £100 maximum (with permission to display warning signs indicating that there may be an additional charge for any potential loss of earnings suffered as a consequence)

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**Fee by negotiation** - for all journeys commencing within but finishing outwith Argyll and Bute, in a place of the above charges, such fares may be charged as prior to the acceptance of the hire, were proposed to the hirer and accepted by him/her

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The successful candidate will be subject to an application to join the Disclosure Scotland Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.

An application for this post can be downloaded from the vacancies section of our website at: [www.argyllcollege.ac.uk](http://www.argyllcollege.ac.uk)

All applications must be made on the Argyll College application form.

Please send/e-mail to: Moira Gillespie, HR Admin Assistant, Argyll College UHI, Glenshellach Business Park, Oban PA34 4RY

E-mail to [moira.gillespie@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:moira.gillespie@uhi.ac.uk)

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Applicants must be able to demonstrate effective communication and interpersonal skills and possess a high degree of computer literacy. Whilst it is not a requirement of the post it would be advantageous if applicants possessed a further education certificate in a related discipline. A driving licence is also essential.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



STANDING at the edge of the Grand Canyon in Arizona was one of the most amazing experiences of my life.

The canyon is 277 miles long, 18 miles wide and more than a mile deep. Parched earth and rock changed from purple to orange to red as we tried to find some shade and water from the relentless glare of the sun.

Carved by the Colorado River more than 17 million years ago, it attracts visitors from all over the world.

For thousands of years the area has been continuously inhabited by Native Americans who build settlements within the canyon and its many caves. These wise people have the most intimate relationship with nature and the land.

However, we have missed much of the spiritual wisdom inherent in these people, and this is our loss. They have been much maligned on our TV screens in the many bloodthirsty cowboy films which always portrayed the cowboys as 'the good guys' and the 'Indians' as savages.

It is interesting to note that the word 'Indian' comes from the term ascribed to them by Christopher Columbus (not their dearest friend).

In his native Spanish he described the rightful inhabitants of the land, *un gente que vive en dios* – a people who live in God. *En dios* – *indios* – in God. And from this we called these Native Americans, Indians. What a wonderful compliment to be called 'a people who live in God'.

They saw God in all things and regarded being human as a sacred responsibility which required us to account to God for our care of this earthly home we enjoy and all its inhabitants.

Christina Rossetti said: 'Tread softly – all the earth is holy ground'.

So as I remember the Grand Canyon and her people, my prayer is that we will all become a people 'in dios'.

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## Obituary

# Thomas Kearton Clarke

THE MAN who spent years restoring the ruins of Kilmartin Castle to its former glory has died at the age of 90.

Thomas Kearton Clarke, of Howgill Castle, Milburn, Cumbria, who was best known as Tom, died on Sunday.

He was born on a small hill farm at Little Asby in 1924, the second child in a family of six. He reluctantly left school at the age of 14 and began working on local farms, as his father could not afford to pay him a wage.

After 12 years, he had raised enough money for the deposit on a small farm, near Lancaster, where he moved in 1951.

He lived there for 18 years and went on to marry Olive, the farmer's daughter from the neighbouring hill farm.

The couple's four children, Patricia, Edwin, Maureen and Jennifer, were born during this time and the farming enterprise expanded, with the purchase of more land and a farm near Hawes.

In 1970, Mr Clarke sold both of these farms

and bought the 72-acre Howgill Castle farm, saying he had always had a desire for a hill farm, which he put down to his maternal forebears being from Swaledale.

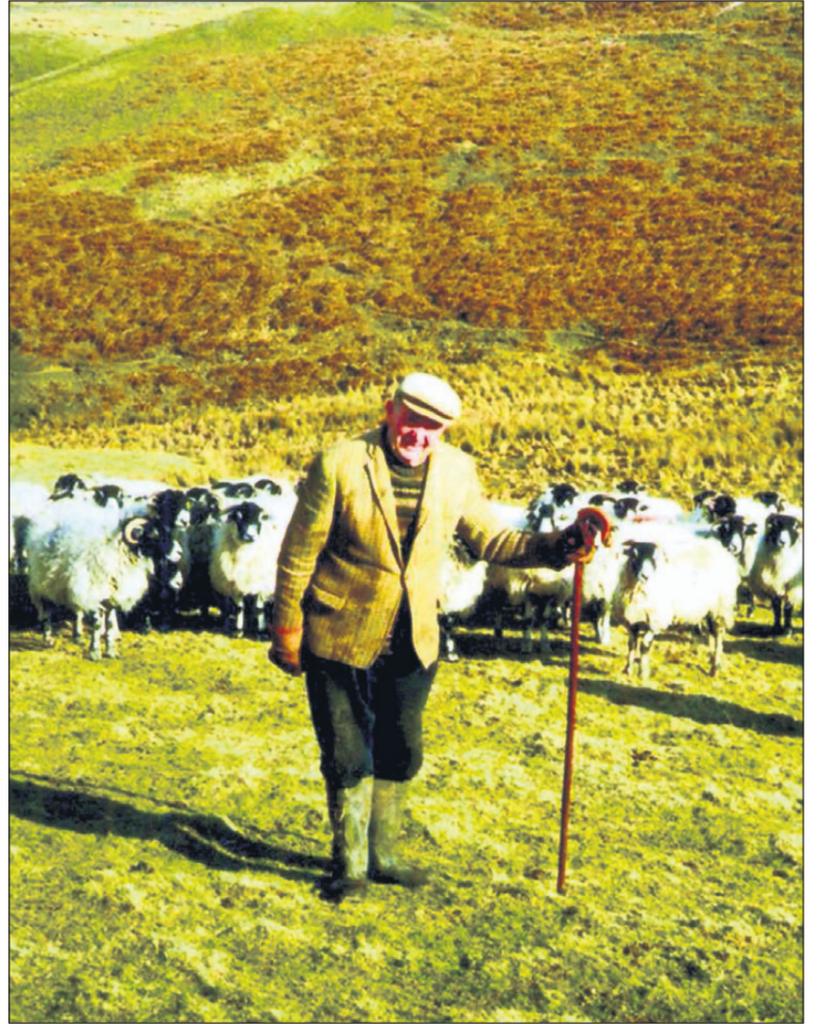
Howgill at the time was semi-derelict, so he set about repairing the house and buildings, walls and fencing. He planted many thousands of trees and reinstated the waterwheel, a lime kiln and created ponds.

Mr Clarke was, for many years, a member of Milburn Parish Council and the village hall committee, including serving stints as chairman. He was also a governor of Milburn School for a time.

### Herd

He was a member of the National Farmers' Union, Country Land Association and Scottish Land Association — the latter as a result of his love of Scotland which began in 1967 when he purchased a nucleus Luing herd at Oban.

He was founder member of the Scottish Castles Association and was awarded the Nigel Tranter Memorial Award for his contribution to the



Thomas Kearton Clarke.

architectural and historical environment for his part in the restoration of Kilmartin Castle and a tower in the Borders.

Mr Clarke bought Kilmartin Castle, a semi-fortified residence built in the late 16th century, in 1988 with his wife and spent many years

lovingly restoring it.

The pair, who were well-known in Argyll, decided to list the castle for sale at the start of the year as it had become harder to travel north in their older years.

Mr Clarke, who never owned a television, instead spending his spare

time reading and hill walking, built a house by the sea at Wester Ross and he and Olive spent a great deal of time walking in the most remote areas of the North West Highlands over a period of 25 years.

He also went walking in the Himalayas, where, by chance, at 17,000ft, he met and shook hands with former US president Jimmy Carter.

In his youth, Mr Clarke served in the Home Guard and over the years visited many countries around the world.

In latter years, he owned a veteran car and completed several London to Brighton runs.

### Support

As he never inherited any property or money, he was always grateful, especially during his early farming days, for the kindness and help of his neighbours and friends, but above all, the love and support of Olive, his wife of more than 50 years.

He described himself as a countryman, a farmer, and a lover of the hills and the call of the curlew.

He is survived by his wife Olive, children Patricia, Edwin, Maureen and Jennifer, and six grandchildren.



Thomas and Olive bought Kilmartin Castle in 1988 and spent years restoring it to a family home.

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**ARMSTRONG**

Lynne and Scott are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Finn Andrew, on February 12, 2014. A first grandchild for delighted new grandparents, John and Dorothy Biggins.



**COCHRANE**

Duncan and Fiona (née Hume) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Rose, on February 18, 2014 at Wishaw General Hospital. A lovely granddaughter for Brian and Hilary, and Wylie and Sheena.

**JOHNSTONE - HALL** - On August 8, 2013, to Neil and Stacey, a healthy big boy, Keegan-Riley Johnstone, 9lbs 6ozs.

**MCMILLAN** - Graham and Lesley are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Christina, on February 7, 2014. A wee sister for Grace. Thanks to Campbeltown Maternity and Southern General Hospital.

**DEATHS**

**HAMILTON** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on February 19, 2014, Elizabeth Thomson Sinclair (Betty), in her 85th year, formerly of Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Stewart Hamilton, much loved mother of Elizabeth, Helen, Margaret and the late Maureen and Stewart, and a much loved nana.

**MACCOWAN** - Suddenly, on February 22, 2014, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Pam MacCowan, aged 88 years, of 7 Lower Achagoyle, Minard and formerly of PRC Roslin, beloved wife of the late Murdo, much loved mother of Hamish, Cathie, Ann and Maggie and adored granny and great granny. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochfyneside Parish Church, Minard, on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to the British Red Cross.

**WALLACE** - Peacefully at home, Fernbank, High Askomil, Campbeltown, on February 26, 2014, Margaret May Murchie, in her 77th year, dearly beloved wife of Robert A Wallace, much loved mother of Lesley, Susan and David, mother-in-law of Tim, Rob and Linda and a loving and much loved grandma of Clare, Andrew and Findlay. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church, in aid of the Marie Curie Nurses, Community Nurses and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**WRAGG** - Katherine Ray, née Brown. Peacefully at Lochside Care Home, Shandon, on February 23, 2014, Kay, beloved wife of Charlie, formerly of Glenmollochan Farm, Luss, much loved mother of Iain and Hazel, loving mother-in-law and granny. Funeral service at Luss Parish Church on Friday, February 28 at 1.30pm, followed by interment in churchyard. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to Alzheimer Scotland, Helensburgh Branch would be appreciated.

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Sweet are the memories, silently kept Of ones we love and never forget.

- Peter Marshall.  
**BROWN** - Janet Nicholson MacLean. In loving memory of a dear mum, died February 28, 2011.

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- Love from the family, home and abroad.

**BRUCE** - George (Scatton), died March 2, 2004.

Sadly missed by family in Johnstone, Elderslie and Lochgilphead.

**MACTAVISH** - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts.

- Malcolm and Ross.

**MACVICAR** - In loving memory of a dear wife, Christina (Teena), who died March 1, 2007. Will never be forgotten.  
- Johnnie.

**MACVICAR** - In memory of a loving mother and nana, Christina, died March 1, 2007.

Dearly loved, never forgotten.

- Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael.

**MCGEACHY** - In loving memory of my dear wife, Jasmine, who passed away March 2, 2013.

Gone but not forgotten So sadly missed

- Love, John and family.

**MEENAN** - In loving memory of Netta, who died on February 28, 2013, a much loved wife, mother, mother-in-law, granny and great granny.

Forever loved and greatly missed.

- Denis, Jamie, Margaret and families.

**MEENAN** - In loving memory of Netta, a dear sister and aunt, who died February 28, 2013. Remembered always.

- Margaret, Joe and family.

**MEENAN** - In loving memory of our dear sister, Netta, who died February 28, 2013.

Sadly missed.

- Mary and Willie.

**SMITH** - Douglas, died March 2, 2008. Dearly loved and sadly missed by Morven and family.

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

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Sunday 2nd

Who is God?

The Lamb of God - Saviour

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and

A United Service

in

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown

St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown

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"In the glory realm"

Thursday 6 March 2014

7.30pm

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Sunday 2nd March

Morning Worship 11.15am

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Rev. P Wallace

Tuesday 4th March

Parents and Toddlers 9.45am

BB Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm

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Thursday 6th March

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Friday 7th March

Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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1.30pm Home League

Wednesday

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Thursday

7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 2nd March 2014

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Pastor Ross Ferguson

Coffee from 10.45am

7.00pm Elder's meeting

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7.30pm Bible Study

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**CHURCH NOTICES**



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 2nd March 12.45pm

Worship Service followed by light lunch

Rev Finlay Mackenzie

Thursday 6th March 12 noon

Prayer and Bible Study

Friday 7th March 6.30pm

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(meeting in Church flat at 4f Albert Place)

All Welcome

Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**World Day of Prayer**

A Service will be held on

Friday 7th March

In Kirk Street Hall

At 7.30pm

This year's theme -

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Written by women from Egypt

All welcome

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 2nd March 2014

11.00am Service

At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae

Monday 3rd March 2014

Ladies Meeting

Stewart McGregor

2.30pm, Free Church Hall

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Sunday 2nd March

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Tuesday 4th March

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**ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER**

## New shinty season preview . . . new shinty season preview . . .

## Inveraray expand squad for season ahead

## Inveraray

INVERARAY have welcomed a number of familiar faces back to the fold as player-manager Garry MacPherson looks to expand his first team squad.

Forward Grant Griffin has returned from two years in Australia and Chris Crawford and David 'Bingo' Robertson have recovered from long-term injury.

Meanwhile, key defender Douglas Dando has been hard at training and is likely to feature more regularly this term.

MacPherson said: 'With only eight teams in the premier league, we will need to be sharp from the off.'

'I think a lot of results will come down to which team is on their game that day.'

Inveraray got off to a flying start last season, finding a new source of goals through youngster Lewis McNichol, but unless they make a similar impact early on this season they could spend the year challenging at the wrong end of the table.

While MacPherson said his team will do all it can to stay in the Orion Group Premiership,

he admitted he did not fear relegation.

'We were relegated to the National Division One 10 years ago and it did us good. We won matches, grew in confidence and cups and promotion followed.'

One to watch: Young full back Alan MacDonald, last season's player of the year, will be relied upon to steady an Inveraray defence still finding its feet at the top level.

## Kyles Athletic

In a season when Kyles Athletic failed to challenge for the league title and lost the Camanachd Cup final, it would be easy to think that 2013 was a disappointing year for the Argyll men.

Not so, says trainer James Perlich, who can count the Macaulay Cup and the Celtic Society Cup among the Tighnabruach side's achievements of last term.

'We don't have any changes to make this season,' he said. 'Pre-season has gone relatively well and we'll go into the season with the mind set of trying to win every game.'

But while the perennial issue of player availability will give Perlich a headache from week



Inveraray have welcomed old and new faces to this year's squad. 06\_a09invsquad01

to week, there is a more pressing concern: league reconstruction.

'Looking at the fixtures in this new eight-team league, there could be trouble ahead. If you haven't done well in the cups come the last weekend of May and at the end of August then

you could have weeks without a game.

'I fear there might be top flight teams having to manage players who are sitting twiddling their thumbs, waiting for a game. That's a real problem for coaches.'

One to watch: Teenagers Zac Coley and Cam-

my Keith have improved year on year and featured heavily in the first team last season.

The youngsters could quickly become permanent fixtures if Kyles lose more senior players through injury and suspension.

## Strachur

STRACHUR Shinty Club side will play Kilmory Camanachd tomorrow (Saturday) in the first South Division One match of the season.

The match was originally scheduled to take

place at MacRae Park, but has been moved to Strachur because of a water logged pitch.

Both sides will hope to improve on last season, which saw them share the bottom spot of the league table - each winning just seven points.

## Lottery numbers

THE numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 6, 9 and 11. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

NUMBERS 2, 8 and 17 were drawn in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £800 next week.

THERE were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw with the numbers 14, 16, 18. Next week's jackpot is £800.

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## Sinclair is back to his winning ways

By David Sinclair

GOLFERS from Lochgilphead's winter golf league took to the fairways at the weekend and David Sinclair was back to his winning ways.

Despite the fact David had hurt his back while watching his wife move some furniture and could hardly swing a club - he took a slow and careful approach to the days competition, which won him the match.

Donald Carmichael has spent lots of time watching other people doing work and as a result his back is even worse than David's. He played really well this

week and could win the main event.

Grant MacDougall won both nearest the pins with shots which stuck on the very edge of each green. Grant forgot to put the carrots and onions in the soup last week, which seems to be a bigger crime than that.

Ross Sinclair will still be the man to beat as he makes up the rules as he goes along. The finalists will have trouble remembering the rules when they take to the course after last weekend's round of golf.

Alec MacAulay is injured at a bad time. He

is far too old to be jumping over hedges for fun - that Tommy Angus and his geriatric gymnastics are setting a bad example.

The final begins next week with the top six playing for the main trophy.

The rest of the players will be playing in the duffers derby, which is a much better event.

Raymond Flanagan will play in the bake off as he needs to have a chance of winning something.

The finalists are: 1. Ross Sinclair, 2. David Sinclair, 3. Grant MacDougall, 4. Simon Taylor, 5. Alec MacAulay, 6. D Carmichael.

## Puffer entries sold out in eight days

ENTRIES for this year's Crinan Puffer have sold out in a record time of eight days.

All 175 places were snapped up when the places went on sale on February 14.

The 8.5-mile race, which starts in Ardrishaig and finishes at the Crinan Canal, will take place on April 27.

Matthew Watkiss, who helps to organise

the event, said: 'We are overwhelmed by the response and kind comments that runners have been providing and aim to make the race a really enjoyable day for all involved.'

## Waiting list

Runners who missed out on a spot will now need to go on a waiting list, which can be found at <http://www.entrycentral.com/crinan-puffer>

## Lochfyneside at home

LOCHFYNESIDE will play Point Media tomorrow (Saturday) in a league fixture.

The football match is

scheduled to be played at Furnace pitch, but is likely to be moved to another location because of a water logged park.

## Teams wanted for Islay tournament

ORGANISERS of an island football tournament have made an appeal for more teams to join and have extended their invitation to the mainland.

The Islay Easter Tournament is held over the weekend of April 18 - 20 across the island.

The first two games will be on Friday evening, with two games on Saturday morning and two that evening.

Anyone interested in entering a team can contact tournament organiser Andrew McEachern by email at [am245@btinternet.com](mailto:am245@btinternet.com) or phone 01496 850011.

# Mid Argyll Sports Trust meets to create a vision for the future

## A voice for Mid Argyll clubs

A MEETING that would see Mid Argyll Sports Trust establish a remit of work for the coming years was to take place yesterday (Thursday).

The group was due to host its AGM as the Advertiser went to press, when it planned to review its £20,000 accounts, set up a sports committee and identify projects to work on in the short and long-term future.

### Re-established

The trust was re-established at the end of last year as a number of large projects and campaigns to improve sports facilities in Mid Argyll got underway. These include Mid Argyll Athletics Club's ambitions

to create all-weather jump facilities at Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Peter Laing's petition for a 3G pitch in the town.

It is envisaged the sports trust will act as a lobbying group not only for these two projects but others, ensuring the views of Mid Argyll sports clubs are heard by key decision makers such as sportscotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

Bill MacCallum, vice chairman of Mid Argyll Sports Trust, said: 'The trust has the potential to represent more than 500 young people in sport in the area and, as such, would carry much more weight with nation-

al sports authorities, as well as potential funding bodies.

'In the past the sports council was able to allocate small grants for suitable projects, equipment, etc and this is likely to be a function of the new group as funds still remain in the group's bank account.'

### Support

It is hoped the sports trust will have the same support it experienced when first established in the 1990s. It had more than 30 sports organisations from Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Inveraray, Tarbert and Craignish affiliated to it.

For a full report on the AGM see next week's Advertiser.



The P3 side was in full training ahead of their national finals in Fort William tomorrow (Saturday). 06\_a09shinty02

## Junior shinty players get back in action

SHINTY training for Mid Argyll youngsters was back in action last week as the first training session of the new season got underway.

Run by Dunadd and Kilmory shinty clubs, dozens of children from P1 to P7 took to the 2G surface at Lochgilphead Joint Campus for training.

The clubs started the lessons, which take place on a Thursday evening, in

a bid to get more young people in the area playing the sport.

Youngsters from P3 Kilmory Dunadd side were in full training as they prepare to compete in the Gilmour Sports National First Shinty Finals in Fort William tomorrow (Saturday).

The side won the Alex Cunningham Memorial Trophy back in November to secure a place in the finals.

## Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S results: Scottish Amateur Cup 6th round replay - Thorn Athletic 2, Oban Saints 4. Jimmy Marshall Cup 2nd round - Dunoon Athletic 1, Haldane United 7. Coronation Cup 2nd round - Tarbert 3, Neilston 1. Premier Division One - Kings Park Rangers 5, Campbeltown Pupils 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup 7th round - Oban Saints v Eastfield; Premier Division 1 - Campbeltown Pupils v Hillington; Dunoon v Eaglesham; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Easthall Star; Lochgilphead Red Star v Goldenhill; Division 1A - Tarbert v Eaglesham 'B'.

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# Tarbert beat league leaders to keep cup dreams alive

**Dookers net three without top goal scorer Prentice**

Tarbert	<b>3</b>
Neilston	<b>1</b>
Coronation Cup, 2nd Round	

TARBERT put in a good performance on an awful pitch on Saturday when they overcame division 1A league leaders Neilston in the second round of the Coronation Cup.

On a soft and muddy Cil Andres playing surface Tarbert soon gained the upper hand in the game, using the pace of their players on the wings and upfront to their advantage. But too many times the final ball was rushed and over shot, or the attacking player was judged to be offside. A number of scrambles in the Neilston box also failed to produce early goals.

The first goal finally came after 30 minutes when a crunching tackle on the halfway line by Elliott allowed McCormick to play MacIver in on goal, only for the defender to haul him down in the box.

Allan Blair stepped up to score the first goal before the break.

Neilston started the second half determined to stay in the cup competition and despite being kept at bay for 25 minutes, they finally managed to level the score when awarded a free kick 25 yards from the box.

Keeper Martin punched the shot clear, before diving for another attempt, only for the ball to fall to a Neilston midfielder in the six yard box. He made no mistake.

The Dookers pushed Neilston back into their own half and created several corners before their second goal arrived.

A quick free kick from defence was played to Johnson and after one of his trademark runs, slipping past three opponents, he passed the ball through for Stuart, who fired into the far corner with his left foot.

Neilston made several substitutions in an effort to secure the equaliser but it was Tarbert that added to their tally when in injury time Ronald fired a corner into the box and, although the ball was sailing into the net at the back post, the Neilston defender helped it over the line.

Man of the match was a close thing between Callum Elliott and Iain Johnson.

An excellent win for the Dookers, it is hoped the young team, which was without player manager James Prentice on Saturday, is able to maintain a strong performance when returning to league duty tomorrow (Saturday).

Tarbert take on Eaglesham AFC at Cil Andres at 2pm.



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