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## Wait nearly over for mums

### Midwives to be trained to scan women in Mid Argyll

THE DAYS of expectant mothers in Mid Argyll having to travel to Glasgow for their 12 and 20-week scans will soon be over.

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) revealed this week that, following a review, funding had been agreed to develop scanning services in community hospitals across Argyll and Bute.

The new services will take around 18 months to be introduced. Three midwives will have to undergo a year's post graduate training, before being able to carry out local obstetric scanning services.

The move is expected to meet the demand required to provide a scanning service in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Oban,

Mull, Rothesay, Islay and Dunoon.

However, while mum-of-three Debbie MacLachlan, from Lochgilphead, agrees that the service is essential in Mid Argyll, she thinks it should be mandatory during midwifery training.

Debbie, who is married to postman James and is pregnant with her fourth baby, said: 'It is needed here, but what are the chances of them training three midwives in sonography and them staying in Mid Argyll? I think it should be part of all midwifery training.'

'Travelling all the way to Glasgow causes pregnant women more anxiety and stress and costs a lot of money. You can claim expenses but hospitals don't make it easy. To have the service here will give expectant



Debbie is 16 weeks pregnant with her fourth child. She is mum to four-year-old Ferne, two-year old Ava and eight-year-old Sky, who is a pupil at Ardrishaig primary school (not pictured).

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mums reassurance and a service they are familiar with. It is one of the most vulnerable stages in women's lives and travelling makes it more stressful.'

Debbie's concerns are similar to those of Mary Galbraith, the Labour general election

candidate for Argyll and Bute, who has been campaigning for local maternity scanning.

She also questioned the limited number of midwives to be trained.

Mrs Galbraith said: 'I can only give a cautious welcome to this announcement

in response to our campaign. Which four places will not have local-trained personnel on-site, and how can services be assured with such a small team for the whole area? There are too many unanswered questions.'

Mrs Galbraith will

write to the NHS Highland health board and Scottish government health minister Shona Robison for responses.

An NHS Highland spokesman responded to concerns: 'Three midwives will meet demand and allow for cross cover when

needed. If we had too many midwives carrying out scanning, the number of scans they would carry out individually would be very low and they would not be able to keep their skills and knowledge levels up to date. That could be detrimental to the service.'

Pat Tyrrell, community health partnership lead nurse, said: 'This new service is excellent news for women and their families and will significantly reduce the number of journeys women will have to make to hospitals in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The service was extremely inconsistent and we have never been in a position to provide, as a matter of routine, the two main antenatal scans women receive elsewhere in Scotland.'

Local women are being asked to get involved in the project team for the new service.

Anyone interested in getting on board to develop the new service should contact Caroline Cecil by emailing Caroline.Cecil@nhs.net or telephoning 01546 605680.

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# Quicker test for disability benefit

SICK and disabled Argyll and Bute people seeking benefit payments should have less time to wait to be assessed.

During a UK parliamentary debate the area's MP Alan Reid complained about long delays for personal independence payment (PIP) consultations.

Following a meeting with an official from Atos Healthcare, which conducts assessments on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions he said that the situation should improve.

Mr Reid said: 'There was evidence that Atos was saving up appointments in more remote areas until it had a number of them before sending out staff.'

'People were waiting several months for an assessment.

'Depending on how their health condition or disability affects their ability to carry out certain key activities that are considered essential to daily living and getting around, they can be paid PIP, the benefit for people aged 16 to 64 years.

A spokesman for Atos said that the Highlands and islands proved a 'challenge' because of the distance from the nearest PIP consultation centre.

Mr Reid said: 'To speed things up, Atos recently sent a team of health professions to travel round the Highlands and islands to carry out home consultations and this will be done on a regular basis. They are also now working on trials of consultations by video link; if this is a success it could be used in remote locations.'



## Tarbert harbour cliff hanger for car owner

A CAR has narrowly escaped a watery grave at Tarbert Harbour.

The Skoda rolled forward until it was hanging off the edge of the sea wall, after a mystery driver left the hand brake off while parked at the bay across from Tarbert hotel last Thursday at 1pm.

The vehicle came to a halt as it tipped over the wall, before construction workers on the harbour used a crane to lift it back on to the car park.

## Jobs and housing key council priorities

ARGYLL and Bute council leader Dick Walsh says planners are treating job creation and housing growth as key priorities.

At the annual budget meeting at Argyll and Bute council headquarters in Lochgilhead,

Councillor Walsh said council planning officers were turning around applications in an average of 10 weeks.

He added that developing innovative areas of industry would help to stem the population decline by making Argyll 'an even

more attractive place to live and work'.

Thanks to the work of professional experts Business Gateway in helping to create 15,000 jobs since its inception a decade ago in Argyll and Bute, he said partnership working would secure the

area's long-term socio-economic objectives.

He added: 'Our local development plan has a clear, open-for-business, approach.

'We have officers in place in our planning department to make business and opportunity possible.'

## Police files

### Woman arrested

A 42-YEAR-old man was assaulted last Friday in Lochgilhead.

Following the incident a 42-year-old woman was arrested and was to appear in court from custody at a later date.

### Argyll Street theft witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for information after items were stolen from outside a Lochgilhead flat.

The theft took place sometime between 3pm on February 15 and 7.05pm on February 16 on the town's Argyll Street.

Police are asking that if anyone has information relating to the theft to contact police on telephone number 101.

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## Boat owners warned to step up spring security

POLICE issued a warning this week to boat owners to make sure craft and engines are secure as marinas become active again this spring.

Sergeant Davie Ferguson, from Lochgilhead, told a Craignish com-

munity council meeting that although there had been no specific boat crimes, he wanted to suggest measures to keep property secure.

This would include retaining detailed descriptions of articles, including serial numbers

and having regular checks to ensure the property was still where it should be.

He said if anyone was seen acting in a suspicious manner around boats it should be reported to the police by phoning 101.

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## CID hunt suspected forger

DETECTIVES across Argyll and Bute are hunting for suspected forgers who are thought to have passed fake notes in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Oban last week.

Staff at Mary's Meals in Lochgilphead's Argyll Street lost £30 in takings when managers at Bank of Scotland told them a £20 note and £10 pound note were suspected of being false.

Police visited shop proprietors on Wednesday afternoon.

At Bargain Zone, also on Argyll Street, police viewed closed circuit television (CCTV) footage, which appears to show one of the suspects handing over the notes.

Sergeant Davie Ferguson at Lochgilphead police station said that CID officers were still making enquiries but have not traced anyone yet.

## Spiritual resting place for soldier

A LOCHGILPHEAD man's ashes were returned from Germany to his spiritual home last Friday.

Charles McGlynn, 51, was born in 1954, at home in Union Street, and left the town aged 19, when he joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

He served in the army for 10 years before settling in Minden, Germany where he passed away recently.

On Friday, two of his children Alex and Katie, joined Mr McGlynn's brother James, to take some of their dad's remains to Southend where he had spent childhood holidays.

# Wildlife haven wrecked by spoil

A WILDLIFE haven has been swamped by waste construction material according to a Craignish community councillor.

Builders on the Ardfern affordable homes development in the village have put site spoil on land across the road next to Craignish church car park.

More than 230 square metres of waste earth and rocks have been laid down, almost doubling the size of the existing car park.

Facing uproar from local residents M and K MacLeod Ltd has now applied for retrospective planning permission with Argyll and Bute council to finish the work started and create four extra car park spaces.

On the application it is stated by MacLeod's solicitor that the work was to level out low lying ground and the firm was unaware it needed permission.

In one of four letters opposing the plan, Craignish community council member Tony Gill stated that a reed bed had been devastated, which was home to otters, insects and birds.

Mr Gill said: 'That the largest construction firm in Mid Argyll was 'unaware it needed permission' beggars belief. This area is bedevilled by applications for retrospective planning permission, the overwhelming majority of which are granted.'

At a Craignish community council meeting last Wednesday Mr Gill said: 'MacLeod's has saved thousands of pounds by dumping the rubbish there.'

Members also said that no environmental



Material dumped next to Craignish church. 08\_a09spoil02

assessment had been carried out before the material was dumped and were concerned that water could leach into surrounding ground.

However, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency has given its consent in a consultative letter sent to Argyll and Bute council on February 2.

The Kirk Session of Craignish parish church also supports the application.

It stated that parking was urgently needed as considerable disruption could be caused to people living close by on special occasions such as weddings or funerals.

It added that the church saw the spaces as particularly useful for disabled people who sometimes ended up parking some distance

away.

MacLeod's company secretary Jane MacLeod said: 'We are doing everything we can to support the community and build affordable houses. MacLeod's is also trying to help the church to create some extra parking spaces which it urgently needs.'

'If the material went off site while we waited for planning permission and was then brought back that would be less environmentally friendly.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'The application has been submitted and is under consideration.'

It is not the first time the affordable housing scheme has run into bother on environmental grounds. In February 2013 some residents objected to affordable

housing on the Glebe site next to the church.

They said that the local area development plan

prohibited construction along the lagoon to Craignish Loch. They feared the project might

set a precedent for further development in the highly sensitive scenic area.

Tony Gill. 08\_a09finger02

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# Parents irate after safe route to school path plan falls through

PARENTS have been left reeling after a plan to develop a path, creating a safer route for children to walk to school, fell through last week.

The £306,000 path would have been built to link Bridgend and Kilmichael and was to be constructed across the glen, leading up to the back of Glassary primary school.

Members of the community have been campaigning for 40 years for the link because the single track road up to the front of the school is so narrow it leaves no room for children to walk up safely.

With just one objection from a member of the community, the Argyll and Bute council development was set to go ahead, until a land owner put an end to it.

Speaking on behalf of other parents, mum Lora White said: 'We have been really annoyed about the cancellation

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of the project. Because the path was going to go over a piece of land, the land owner took too long to agree and now it's too late.

'Safety is so important to us for our children.

'Not every driver goes slow here and it's a concern on such a narrow road at a school.'

The funds to build the path came from organisations which support safe routes for walking and cycling, while the council contributed £20,000.

The driving forces behind the campaign were the parent council of Glassary primary school, Dunadd community council, supported by Councillor Dougie Philand. Gordon Parker, a member of the community council, said: 'It was a once-in-a-generation opportunity.

'It beggars belief, af-

ter a four-foot actor was reportedly struck by a wing mirror this week in America and died. That could be any one of our kids. There is no way that cars go at 30mph on the road to the school.

'This is the last chance; that money is lost now.

'It was to promote healthy living and give families a safe place to walk in the villages and for children to gain independence without parents having to worry that they could be killed on their way to the play park. The council had bent over backwards, it really did everything it possibly could to make this happen.'

In November 2014 one objection stated that children would still use the shortest route, which would be the main road, and proposed implementing speed restrictions of 20mph.



Parents Lora White and Adrian Angus on the narrow road where children have to walk to school and to the play park. 08\_a09path01

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AN INDEPENDENT survey claims Royal Mail delivered 94 per cent of mail on time last year.

The privatised firm gave a target beating performance in the PA postcode area for the period from September 29 to November 30 2014 with first class mail arriving the next day after posting. Nationally, Royal Mail's latest quality of service report also reveals it beat its second class target, delivering 98.9 per cent within

three working days, against a target of 98.5 per cent.

Royal Mail is the only UK mail delivery company required to publish quality of service performance against delivery targets every quarter.

Rob Jenson, operations director, said: 'Royal Mail's target for next day delivery of first class is challenging and our postmen and women work exceptionally hard in the PA postcode area.'

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## Broth and a bap at Lochgilphead church raises money for charity

ENJOY a bowl of soup at Lochgilphead's Christ Church on Fridays during Lent to raise funds for the Dochas Centre.

Each year a vote takes place amongst parishioners to determine which charity the event will donate raised funds to and the Dochas Centre was this year's chosen charity.

Catherine Paterson is founder of the

charity based on Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. At the lunch, set to take place today (Friday) Catherine was to speak about the work that the centre is involved with and the support that it provides to carers and families.

A special service, about The Way of the Cross, will be held before at 12pm, the lunch will follow at 12.45pm at the Christ Church on Bishopton Road.

## New Rest and Be Thankful bus stop welcomed

A BUS turning circle at the Rest and Be Thankful will allow passengers at Lochgoilhead to get on and off buses safely.

The project was announced this week with Scottish Passenger Transport (SPT) providing £150,000, in addition to £250,000 already contributed from the Scottish government's bus investment fund (BiF).

The turning point will give the 926 Campbelltown to Glasgow and the 976 Oban to Glasgow buses a safe stopping place just off the A83 trunk road.

Alan Reid MP, who has been campaigning on behalf of Lochgoilhead residents for a safe bus stop there, welcomed the development.

Residents of Lochgoilhead have had to use stops at Ardgarten or Cairndow until now.

## Tarbert roads to be repaired

ROADS in Tarbert are set to undergo improvements in March.

The resurfacing of Barmore will start on Sunday, March 22 and is expected to last one week.

Although the work will be carried out overnight, road works will affect traffic.

There will be a diversion around the B8024 and parking will be prohibited.

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Mr Gill by the sculpture. 08\_a09finger01

## Wood sculpture needs a spruce up

A GIANT wooden fore-finger pointing to the Ardfern turn-off on the A816 need to be refurbished.

Last Wednesday Craignish community council members discussed methods of preserving

'The Way in Elm' created by nationally renowned sculptor Robert Coia. Mr Coia carved it from a piece of reclaimed wood in 2006 as part of an arts festival which is now defunct. Community council member Tony Gill said: 'We

needed something unusual to highlight the events. Originally it was for sale and is still listed on Mr Coia's website. Now it is well weathered but needs some sort of preservative to ensure it remains for future generations.'

## Climbers clamber on for charity

A YEAR after starting a charitable journey, Mid Argyll's Duntrune Trekkers have raised £1 for every foot of Kilimanjaro climbed.

This week the trio - Blair Johnson, Duncan McGregor and John Kennedy - announced they had raised £19,300, which was split equally between the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation, Rainbow Valley and MS Centre, Lochgilphead.

The trekkers reached the top of 19,340ft Mount Kilimanjaro last September, nine months after announcing their campaign.

Now, preparing for their 2015 challenge Blair, of Ardrishaig, said: 'Duncan and I are already planning to climb Mont Blanc in France this September. 'We want to close the

Kilimanjaro fundraising and thank individuals and businesses who have sponsored, donated and given their time to the Duntrune Trekkers cause.'

This year's summit is a six-day trek to Mont Blanc, the highest peak in Western Europe, and is a challenge the pair are already nervous about.

Bar manager Blair admits that last year's fundraiser was demanding and this year's efforts will focus on raising cash for just one local charity.

Fundraising events are yet to be confirmed and work commitments mean that Blair, Duncan and John will not be able to dedicate as much time to this year's campaign.

This means the trekkers are now looking to get local people involved to

form a committee.

Blair said: 'Duntrune Trekkers has become somewhat of a brand and the ground work has been done. Now, we are looking for local people who will be willing to organise events and manage the cause from Mid Argyll.'

'We hope, with the formation of a committee or a board, that we can work towards becoming an established charitable funding body, and aim to continue the work we have started for many years to come.'

Last year the trio smashed their target of £12,000. They have set an ambitious target sum of £20,000 in 2015.

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## Modern medical miracle comes to Mid Argyll in a year's time

FOR many women an ultrasound scan is one of the highlights of pregnancy.

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Obstetrician Ian Donald and engineer Tom Brown adapted the technology for the treatment of pregnant women, which gave Glasgow and Scotland leading roles in obstetrics.

Pregnancy scanning did not become a mainstream treatment in the rest of the National Health Service until the 1970s.

At the moment Mid Argyll mums have to make the arduous round trip to Glasgow for a scan. This week there is some good news that by mid-2016, three midwives will have been trained and have the equipment to offer the service in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Oban, Mull, Rothesay, Islay and Dunoon.

Pat Tyrell, community health partnership lead nurse, is right when she says that this is excellent news for women and their families.

## Will a simple name change boost numbers of the Rural?

ON its website, the Scottish Women's Rural Institute claims that it is one of the largest female organisations in Scotland with 18,489 members.

However, as reported in the district pages of this week's Advertiser, membership has dropped by more than 60 per cent from its heyday in the 1980s. Many women have grown up with the 'Rural' which is now to have that part of its name excised to become the 'SWI'.

There are also proposed different meeting times to fit in with modern lifestyles, but will it be enough to stem the loss of numbers or has the concept had its day?

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## Devious way to snoop into personal lives

Sir,  
Who would have thought that the Scottish government would try to adopt a snoopers' charter?

The government is centralist and controlling, both of which are demonstrated by the creation of Police Scotland and the threat of cuts to funding if local authorities do not reach teacher targets.

If that was not alarming enough, without passing a law and only adjusting regulations the government will be able to use computers to control society.

This is to be achieved with no public debate, but from behind government doors.

Many Scottish citizens have applied for and have been issued with travel passes, which on renewal became Scottish national entitlement cards.

Each of those have an allocated unique traceable reference number (UTRN).

Indeed, I have been asked to show mine at a theatre to prove I was a pensioner.

It is now proposed to amend the NHS central register into a full scale population register database, which will be accessible to all 120 Scottish authorities.

When it is amended it will contain our health records as well as other personal data.

Each of us will appear on this register without any public debate with regards to our right to privacy, data protection laws and with no personal agreement.

They are similar to identity

cards, a Labour concept that the Liberal Democrats stopped in 2010.

SNP MPs voted against ID cards in Whitehall.

So why are the SNP attempting to introduce an ID card by these devious means and snoop into our private lives?

This snoopers' charter must be exposed, debated and stopped right now.

**Ursula Craig,  
Cove.**

## Outstanding attendance and voting record

Sir,  
Recently opinion polls have suggested that the SNP could gain seats at the General Election on May 7.

The SNP are doing well in the polls but not at all well in Westminster.

Their six MPs have an abysmal attendance record.

They are prepared to take full-time salaries and expenses but only attend part time. Their attendance ranges from an appalling 41.5 per cent to 51.8 per cent.

Even their leader in the Commons turned up only 44 per cent of the time.

In contrast, Scottish Lib Dem MP for Argyll and Bute, Alan Reid's attendance and voting record in Parliament is exemplary.

During this parliament Mr.Reid has attended and voted 1,036 times out of a possible 1,200.

That is an outstanding 86.3 per cent.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is trying to convince us that a greater SNP presence at Westminster would be good

for Scotland. The presence required are hard-working MPs determined to advance the UK and Scotland, and not disinterested, part-time, blinkered Nationalists.

**Finlay Craig  
Cove**

## Less drinking and driving

Sir,  
I am pleased to read that lowering the acceptable level of alcohol resulted in fewer drinking and driving over the festive season - it means people really listened and took care not to drink and drive.

The only one caught was an old-age pensioner who thought it was safer, one really wet night, to choose a moment when there was no oncoming traffic to pull over to the other side of the road, where there were no puddles - at the same time turning the heating on.

Those puddles are a danger as they do affect the steering and she didn't want to risk hitting one with only one hand on the steering wheel for fear of landing in the ditch.

The police could not believe she was not drunk, despite three breathalyser tests and eventually she was fined for careless driving.

It would have cost more to land in the ditch and have to call out help or even suffer injury to herself or the car so it was worth it.

She gets a good laugh when

she tells the story because of course, of course, we all know she never drinks alcohol.

**Name and address supplied.**

## Email objections accepted

Sir,  
I would like to alert readers to the possibility of objecting, by email, to the reduction in the speed limit between Ardrishaig and Tarbert from 60mph to 50mph.

The advertisement in the Argyllshire Advertiser on February 6 only mentioned the possibility of writing to voice objections, but emails will be accepted at: Liam.McDaid@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk.

The reference is NNW/A83(2)/LMC and the closing date is March 5.

If we do not make ourselves heard we shall be saddled with this unnecessary change, which will simply cause frustration without in any way addressing the road's real problems, especially at Erines Narrows.

The link supplied in the advertisement to access the details of the proposal does not work and is almost impossible to find on the Transport Scotland website. The correct address is: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/north-west-traffic-orders>.

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Skipness, Tarbert.**

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# Ardishaig wind farm leads the way

ARDISHAIG community wind farm has led the way to a fresh ownership model.

Now two more community development trusts have gained a combined investment of £340,000 to secure 12.5 per cent of the nearby Sròndoire development.

Tarbert, Skipness and Tighnabruaich District Community Renewables Limited were inspired by Ardrishaig's pioneering part ownership of the Allt Dearg wind farm.

The community shareholding is funded by a long term loan from the Scottish government's Renewable Energy Investment Fund



A wind turbine.

(REIF). The £10 million Sròndoire project includes three two megawatt (MW) turbines and a new substation presently being built and due to enter service

in late autumn 2015.

The wind farm is being developed by two families, the Lithgow family, from Ormsary and the Broadfoot family, from

Stronachullin.

Mary Broadfoot, from Stronachullin, said: 'Allt Dearg has given more than £330,000 of funding to the Ardrishaig community

and educational trusts in its first two years of operation more than three times the wind industry's recommended £5,000 per MW of annual direct community benefit.

'Whilst Sròndoire has a smaller capacity than Allt Dearg, it has double the level of community ownership.'

The turbines, on a

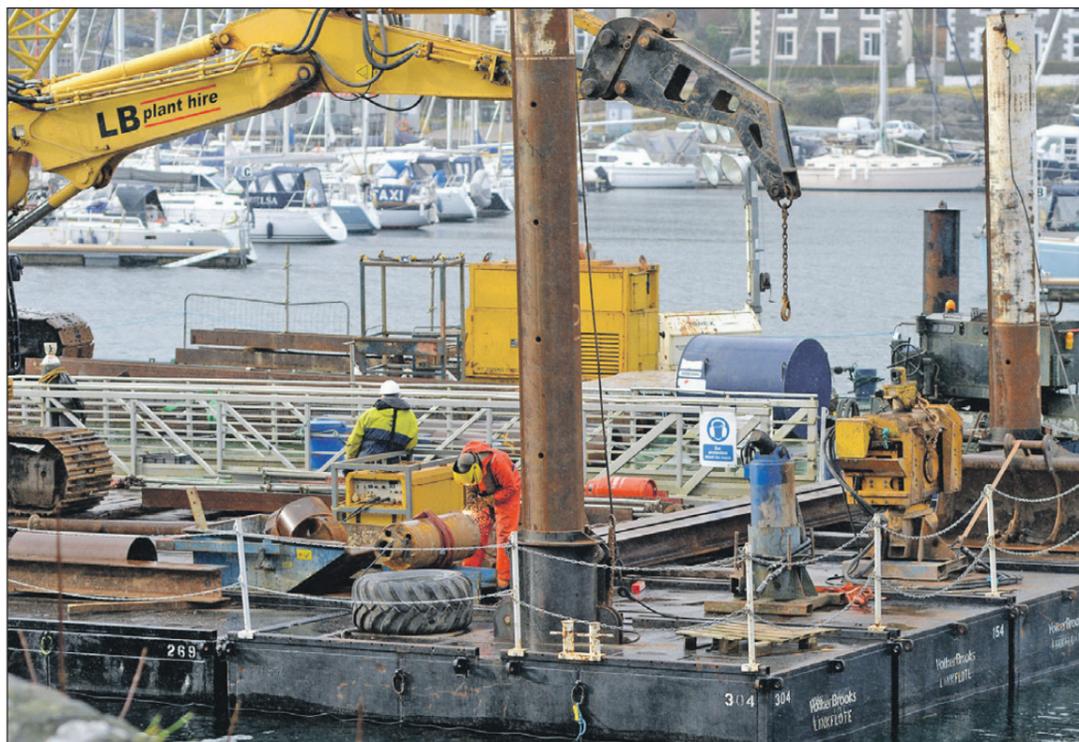
ridge above Inverneill, seven miles outside Lochgilphead, will generate sufficient electricity to power 3,000 homes.

### Needs

Combined with nearby Allt Dearg they would meet the domestic power needs of around 20 per cent of homes in Argyll and Bute.

Bob Chicken, of

Tarbert and Skipness Renewables Limited, said: 'It now allows us to look forward to the future, confident in the knowledge that, as long as the wind blows, we will have a regular supply of financial seed corn from which to grow a healthier, more competitive, inclusive, vibrant and better educated community.'



## Work starts on Tarbert ferry berth

Work is underway to build a permanent ferry berth at Tarbert Harbour. The Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) project is costing around £1million and will replace a temporary ferry berth put in place last year. Remedial work on the pontoons is also planned during the construction. 08\_a09tarbert01

## New service to help dementia research

A REMOTE dementia research service which may help people across Argyll and Bute launched on Tuesday.

Join Dementia Research (JDR) will accelerate dementia research by allowing people both with and without dementia to register to participate in medical researchers' studies.

The project is a collabo-

ration between the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Alzheimer's Research UK, Alzheimer Scotland and Alzheimer's Society.

People can keep up-to-date with the latest research studies on the medical market and find what interests them online.

Prof Martin Rossor of NIHR said: 'It's often difficult to

find willing volunteers at the right time. JDR offers a way of 'match-making' - linking volunteers to researchers.'

Anyone aged 18 years or over can sign up themselves. For more information go to [joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk](http://joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk) or contact help lines Alzheimer's Research UK 0300 111 5 111 or Alzheimer Scotland 0808 808 3000.

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Brian sports his dreadlocks for the last time. 08\_a09dreads01

# Dreaded haircut raises £500

A DAD had his beloved dreadlocks shaved off on Saturday in aid of a children's charity.

Brian MacLennan, of Lochgilphead, decided to make the drastic change for charity and raised more than £500 for Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).

He said: 'I'm glad people have donated. It has made it worthwhile and the money has gone to a good cause.'

At the town's Barber Shop on Lochnell Street, wife Norma seemed to be more nervous than Brian as she watched the barber Jane McCurdie cut her husband's hair.

Brian's fundraiser was spurred on after his friends' Alan and Megan Morrison had a baby girl Alison, who was supported with end of life treatment.

Baby Alison passed away in January at just two weeks old and CHAS is the only provider of hospice care for children in Scotland. Its service costs up to £25,000 each day.

People can still donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/Brian-MacLennan>



Happy with the end result, Brian posed with son Noah and nervous wife Norma. 08\_a09dreads04



Dad-of-one Brian holds his beloved dreadlocks. 08\_a08dreads03



Jane McCurdie at the Barber Shop chopped Brian's dreadlocks one by one. 08\_09dreads02



Parents Catherine Lang, Gillian Aitken and Marina McCuaig are helping to raise funds to support Mid Argyll pipe band. 08\_a09race01

## Race night hits all the right notes for band

A RACE night to raise cash for Mid Argyll pipe band took place on Saturday.

The event raised £1,000 to help buy music, kit, uniforms and fund competition trips this year.

The fundraising sub-committee was set up in 2014 to take the

pressure off the board, which concentrates on organising events and competitions throughout the year.

The race night, held in Lochgilphead's Masonic Hall on Lochnell Street, was the second event in a series of fundraisers planned for 2015.

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# Mid Argyll service continues its work to support and help young people

A YOUTH service that supports hundreds of young people in Mid Argyll continues to expand its service.

Alongside its continued programme of diversionary, recreational, educational and tailor made support services, Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) is committed to helping young people find work and access free training.

Based on Union Street in Lochgilphead the service is also providing a meeting point for young parents and their children and parents with children with special

needs. Fiona Kalache, service manager, and her assistant, Lynn Johnstone, work around the clock to secure funding, organise trips, training and developing new services.

MAYDS is keen to remind the community that the service is there and that they are open to anyone in need of advice or support.

Fiona said: 'Being a charity we rely solely on grant funding and donations. Lynn and I spend a vast amount of our time securing the funding we get from major funding bodies, such as the lottery.'

Last month the organisation was delighted to be presented with £500 from the Strictly Lochgilphead dancers, Ailsa Raeburn and Derek Scott last month.

Grateful Fiona added: 'To be recognised for our work by these two locals means a great deal to us and the money will be used towards our training programme.'

'With the support of our trustees, trained youth staff and volunteers MAYDS continues to offer a diverse and much needed service locally.'

For more information phone 01546 603231.



Some of the young parents and their children who meet weekly at the hub in Lochgilphead.

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## David grabs training chance

MAYDS works each year to provide training support, help to find work placements and business support to young people in Mid Argyll.

Sixteen-year-old David Cruickshanks from Ardrishaig is four weeks into a placement with a local fabrication business.

David was supported by MAYDS to learn more about different government schemes available to youths and school leavers who are looking for work.

With help from Fiona and Lynn, he and his

employer Mark Johnstone were able to access funding and David will complete a 12-week placement.

He said: 'I am enjoying it. It's hard work. I am definitely learning and hope that Mark will keep me on after the 12 weeks.'

David has also been enrolled in a 10-week introduction to welding training course, which he attends once each week.

Mark, of MJ Fabrication, said: 'This line of work needs two men on the job and after the 12 weeks I will be look-



From left: Davis Cruickshanks and Mark Johnstone are both benefiting from the support they received from MAYDS. 08\_a09david01

ing to take David on as a full time apprentice. Without MAYDS to

link these services there could be missed opportunities, I don't think

people realise the work they do for the community.'

## How MAYDS helps parents

THE YOUNG parents group is a social gathering once each week and sees up to 20 parents and children go along regularly.

The young parents group is aimed at men and women under 25 with a child under four years old or pregnant women.

Katherine Grant, 20, is mum to Thomas aged two. They have been attending the group each week since Thomas was born. She said: 'It gets mums and kids together to hang out in a relaxed environment. The project workers Fiona and Lynne are really supportive as well. It is not just about a get together, you can come here for support with anything.'

The young parents are offered free advice on housing, benefits, work, cooking and many have attended courses funded or organised by MAYDS.

Katherine said: 'I've been on fire safety, first aid and food hygiene training. These are all skills and qualifications that I will have when I am ready to get back into work.'

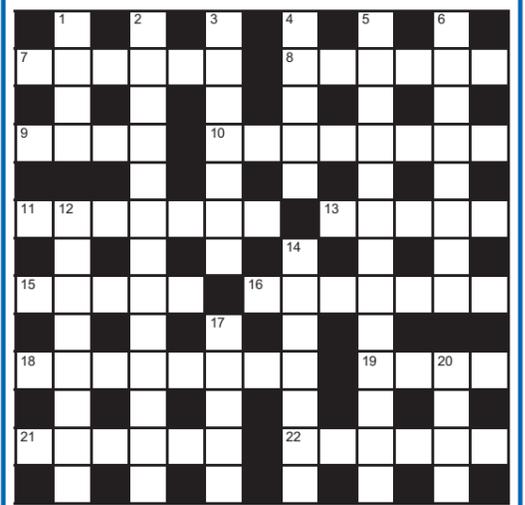
She thinks that MAYDS does a great job with the resources that it has, but wishes there was more for children in Mid Argyll.

She added: 'A play area is something that children need. There is a park but that's no use when the weather is awful. We need more for our children.'



Katherine Grant, 20, with two-and-a-half-year-old Thomas. 08\_a09parent01

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- 8 Burning (6)
- 9 Eating implement (4)
- 10 Train operated from either end (4-4)
- 11 Unrelaxed (7)
- 13 Substantial (5)
- 15 Direction (5)
- 16 Swiss cheese (7)
- 18 Abstruse (8)
- 19 Aerial maneuver (4)
- 21 American railroad signal (6)
- 22 Wolf-like (6)

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- 2 Current subject of gossip (4,2,3,4)
- 3 In a proficient manner (7)
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- 5 Once on, it's downhill all the way (8,5)
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- 14 Small thorn (7)
- 17 Grounds (5)
- 20 Grunt from a sty (4)

Last week's solution





Kirsty with guests at the opening of Zing Organics Studio.

# How allergies in pregnancy gave birth to business idea

Kirsty Morrison believes her organic venture can thrive in Tarbert

KIRSTY Morrison, owner of a new business in Tarbert - Zing Organics Studio - firmly believes it could eventually have a staff of 10.

Based in the village's old post office building, Kirsty is confident that jobs can be created in the manufacture of organic perfumes, entirely natural candles, and even luxury gourmet seasonings.

All products sold are made with the purest and most sustainable ingredients available on the market.

At the moment she runs the business herself with the help of a couple of younger part-time staff. Her idea for Zing Organics was born out of her allergic reactions while pregnant with her son, Kirk.

That was 15 years ago and now her candles and skincare range is attracting the attention of leading retailers and the national press. Because of its eco credentials, Zing was also the first very small company to be backed by Positive Luxury, the company behind the Butterfly Mark accredited to Luxury Brands To Trust.

After spending a couple of years developing her ideas at her family home in Tayinloan Kirsty, 50, recently bought the old post office building in Tarbert - also known as The Rest - with the view to initiate a small production line.

In the meantime, she is holding workshops where up to eight people at a time can have fun making their own perfumes, candles and soaps.

Shoppers can also pop in and select a personal blend of essential oils to fragrance their own candles. 'Aroma is a very personal thing and it's fantastic to be able to give customers exactly what they want,' said Kirsty. 'It's astonishing how people's emotions and energy can be lifted with the perfect blend for their needs at that time.'

In only a few hours, a custom-made candle will be set and ready to pick up.

'We wanted to show-



Kirsty, right, overseeing a workshop in Zing Organics Studio in Tarbert. Photographs courtesy of rainycloudimages.com

case the purity of our ingredients and processes which is why the place is first and foremost set out as a workshop, but it's also somewhere people can come in out of the rain and relax, not rush, that's why we have comfy sofas,' said Kirsty.

'I've used virtually all local trades and the place has been classically styled by Sara Qualter of Duntrune. I'd like to see it become a visitor attraction.'

Kirsty started dabbling in making her own perfumes as a young girl, inspired by her grandfather, John Morrison, a third generation market gardener in the outskirts of Glasgow.

'I grew up around plants and herbs,' she revealed. 'I was putting together perfumes from the age of four.' She also developed a good knowledge of cooking with herbs, and Zing Organics recently launched its fragranced 'Aromachefery' range of gourmet nectars and seasonings.

'Targeting the adventurous home cook, these are infused with food grade organic essential oils. Kirsty explained how the seed for Zing Organics developed during her pregnancy with Kirk, a Tarbert Academy pupil.

'I had been a regular user of perfumed candles,' she said. 'I

learned through my bad allergic reactions during pregnancy that what I thought were natural ingredients were not natural at all. There is no legislation requiring the listing of ingredients for candles.

'There is quite a demand for a purist product because so many people suffer allergic reactions. Asthmatics seem particularly vulnerable to synthetic scents.' Not surprisingly, all Zing Organics packaging is recyclable and reusable. Kirsty, husband Kenny and son Kirk arrived in Kintyre from Glasgow after 'falling in love with the place'. Kirsty and Kenny have

fond memories of stays at the former Columba Hotel in Tarbert. Now the fishing village is home to her blossoming business which, she says, is being very well received.

'It is some place different for people,' she said. 'Interestingly, nearly everyone who has come in has said they or someone close to them has an allergy.' She added: 'I've invested a lot of time, money and effort into the business over the past three years.'

'It has been tiring at times, but now it is really exciting. It is my passion, something I really believe in. I have a good feeling about it.'

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graduated from Canterbury Christchurch University in Canterbury Cathedral in the presence of The Archbishop of Canterbury on 30th January 2015, with a BA HONS in INFORMAL EDUCATION (YOUTH WORK and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.) Heather is the daughter of Mr Ronald Maclean and the late Margaret Maclean, Tarbert.



Members of the pupil council with the trophy shield to be won. They met at Lochgilphead Joint Campus where matches for the 2015 quiz were drawn at random.

# Mid Argyll school quiz to be revived from the 1980s

A HEAD teacher has revived an inter-school quiz for primary schools in Mid Argyll.

The Mid Argyll Inter-school Quiz was started in 1984, but only ran for three years.

Debbie Munro, head teacher of Minard and Furnace primary schools, has driven the re-launch of the

quiz. Nine Mid Argyll primary schools are set to take part and pupil council representatives from across the area have been involved with drafting new rules and the structure of the competition.

Debbie located the winning shield which has the winners from 1984 until 1987 en-

graved on it. She said: 'I think it's a great way to bring the children together and give them something to look forward to. It is very exciting and the children are excited about the quiz.'

It is expected that the quiz will be held annually and the winning school of each year will host the competition the following year.

Winning schools will also take ownership of the trophy shield for a year.

Teachers from each Mid Argyll school have been tasked with making up the questions for the quiz. Debbie has taught in the area since 1978 and remembers the competition. She said: 'I remember when it began, but I have no idea how it was started or why it ended in 1987.'

'If anyone has any information please tell us, we are interested to find out where the idea came from.'

Primary schools set to take part are Kilmartin, Glassary, Tayvallich, Furnace, Minard, Inveraray, Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and Achahoish.

The first round will be hosted by Glassary, and pupils will battle against Kilmartin on March 4.



Left to right: Alan Steele and Wilma Little presented the cheque to France Fleming of Mid Argyll's Marie Curie. 08\_a09mariecurie01

## Strictly's £500 will support respite service for Marie Curie charity

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to point out that it is the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity - not Macmillan Cancer as reported last week - which is benefiting from funds raised by two Strictly Lochgilphead dancers.

Frances Fleming, treasurer of the Mid Argyll fundraising group, received the sum of £500 from Wilma Little and Alan Steele. The money will go towards providing respite services in Mid Argyll.

## Enthusiasm and team spirit sees group thrive

CLACHAN Calamities wowed the crowds at Tarbert Village Hall last Saturday with its performance of Aladdin, which enchanted young and old alike.

The colourful costumes, spectacular sound effects and even Scary Olaf had children shouting out with delight from the audience. There was plenty of adult humour to keep older folk amused too - especially from Tarbert's own Margaret Henderson and new recruit David Stuart.

Clachan Calamities was pleased to announce that this is its 25th anniversary, and the group has grown from strength to strength.

At the end of the performance, Peter Simson,

the original director of the group from 25 years ago, presented Lesley Kean, current director, with a beautiful bunch of flowers to mark the occasion.

He also thanked everyone involved in the production, from Karen Beauchamp of Whitehouse Studios, who painted the eye-catching backdrops, to Marion Campbell who makes the best tea and refreshments, which kept all of the cast going during long winter rehearsals.

Lori Silvan, who played the Slave of the ring, said: 'Clachan Calamities does more than entertain people. It teaches people acting skills, and develops their confidence.'

'The thing that you no-

most about them is their team spirit and contagious enthusiasm.

'Clachan Calamities is more than just a pantomime group. Everyone supports each other and encourages each other, and everyone is valued.'

Lesley Kean, another

member, said: 'Those who play together, stay together.'

Clachan Calamities may already have recruited new members for next year and is already looking forward to next year's production.



Wishee and Widow Twankey.

## Mid Argyll Arts Association concert

Review by John Holt 'THE STRING Quartet is, in many ways, the purest form of musical expression' - a view expressed some 20 years ago by John Summers, a well known Lochgilphead musician.

So it was not surprising to see a capacity audience in the Kilmory Council Chamber last Saturday to enjoy a performance by the Gildas Quartet.

This exciting ensemble, formed in 2010, has won many awards and appeared in leading UK and European venues.

The four are; Cana-

### Saturday February 21, The Gildas Quartet, Kilmory Council Chamber

dian, Chris Jones, lead singer; Gemma Sharples, violin; Kay Stephens, viola and Anna Menzies, cello. The concert opened with a short homage to Bach - Mozart's 'Adagio and Fugue' in C minor, Anna played the first lively theme, which was then taken up by the others in a variety of guises.

Janacek's 1st String Quartet, 'the Kreutzer Sonata' followed, pref-

aced by Kay's lucid description of the music written over seven days in November 1923 and inspired by Tolstoy's novella of the same name.

The main work was Beethoven's 2nd 'Razumovsky Quartet'.

The musicians gave a performance of brightness, energy and maturity. The long adagio second movement was masterly. The two remaining movements

came down to earth with a bump, the wistful 'allegretto', and foot-tapping 'presto.' It incorporated the mandatory Russian folk tune evoking horses galloping across the steppes.

It was a privilege to witness these gifted musicians. The applause was sustained and well merited. To end the evening on a calmer level, there was the charming 'Romance' by Grieg from his quartet.

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ly means that each piece of machinery has been built keeping in mind the minimum legal safety requirements. The machinery should also have certificate of conformity and a workshop manual.

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# Knapdale beavers had little effect on rivers and streams

THE RESULTS of four independent scientific studies on the five-year trial introduction of beavers to Knapdale have been published by Scottish Natural Heritage.

Researchers at the University of Stirling found that the beavers had little effect on rivers and streams in the trial area.

Although they explored many of the streams, nearly all of their activity was concentrated around the lochs.

It wasn't clear if this was because the stream

habitat was unsuitable or simply less attractive than the lochs.

They built some dams close to where streams flow in to or out of lochs but only where the water flow was slow.

The study concluded that evidence from Knapdale suggested that few dams would be built on streams when there were a small number of beavers and they had easy access to lochs with wooded shores.

Most of the adult beavers established themselves, but a study by the University of Ox-

ford found that of 14 beaver kits born in the wild, only one or two survived. Of the 16 beavers released in 2009, three died and five went missing.

The reason for this low rate of survival isn't fully known but two of the kits were preyed on by other animals.

At the end of the trial in May 2014 there were three groups of beavers at Knapdale and one single male beaver.

A study that looked at the effect on dragonflies concluded that the trial period was too short to

fully appreciate the impact.

Another study showed that although beavers had little effect on most lichen habitat at Knapdale, they had an impact on lichens that grew on Atlantic hazelwoods.

While felling was very localised, affecting just more than half of hazel trees within 60 metres of lochs inhabited by beavers, there was concern that this may eventually cause a temporary or permanent loss of some the nationally and internationally important lichen habitats



A beaver kit's arrival is announced by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2012

in the area.

If beavers were permanently reintroduced to Scotland, they could have an impact on up to 27 per cent of the Atlantic hazel habitat across the country.

Martin Gaywood, from SNH, who led the independent scientific

monitoring of the trial, said: 'It's essential that any species reintroduction project is properly managed and monitored.'

'The independent monitoring of the Scottish Beaver Trial has helped us understand how beavers behave

in a Scottish environment.'

Scottish ministers will decide later this year whether to reintroduce beavers to the whole of Scotland, after considering the results of the Scottish Beaver Trial along with other beaver research.

## First Milk to introduce new pricing structure

FARMER-owned co-operative First Milk is to introduce changes to its pricing structure as of April 1.

The milk processing company, which owns Campbeltown Creamery

and Torryllyn Creamery on Arran, has said it will make three main changes: the introduction of 'A' and 'B' pricing; clarification on its two milk pools – manufacturing and balancing; and clos-

er alignment of butterfat, protein and hygiene payments according to the end use of the milk.

The 'A' price will be based on farmers' historic production of milk and any milk over this volume limit will fall into the 'B' category.

Chairman of First Milk Sir Jim Paice MP said: 'During 2014 we experienced unprecedented volatility in commodity markets and a surge in milk production which not only drove milk

prices down but also seriously challenged the mechanisms we used to set the price of milk.

'These challenges included: the time lag between making a milk price announcement and it coming into effect when markets are moving so rapidly; and the need to send timely signals of the value of milk which is additional to core market demand.'

'In October 2014 we set up working groups to review our current

payment schedules and draw up proposals on changes required to make our pricing mechanisms more appropriate to deal with increased levels of volatility.'

'The working groups' proposals have now been discussed and agreed by the board and our farmer representatives.'

National Farmers Union Scotland milk committee chairman Graeme Kilpatrick said

the union welcomed the move by First Milk on pricing structure as it would be more transparent.

But he added: 'We need to know if this pricing mechanism takes in all First Milk producers including those on specialist contracts and if there is seasonality on top of this.'

At the beginning of March, First Milk farmers will receive a letter and new pricing schedule from the co-opera-

tive's enterprise team, setting out how these changes will be implemented, specifically for their own milk supply.

It will also inform members of dates in their area for drop-in days, where they can have a face-to-face meeting with a farm enterprise team member.

Members will be taken through the calculations for their own farm, using the new schedule that applies from April 1.

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# Scheme launched to rid countryside of illegal pesticides

A BID to rid the countryside of illegal pesticides has been launched with a scheme to hand over such chemicals for safe and confidential disposal. Substances including Carbofuran, which has been used to poison birds of prey, the highly lethal Mevinphos, sodium cyanide (usually known

as Cymag) and strychnine are on the list of substances which can be handed over. Environment Minister and chairman of the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Scotland, Dr Aileen McLeod said: 'There were 96 recorded incidents of illegal poi-

soning abuse involving wildlife in the last five years from 2009-2013. 'It is essential that we remove all substances from the countryside that could kill our wildlife and that are a risk to people and pets, who may accidentally be exposed to them, which is why the Scottish government has

introduced the pesticide disposal scheme.

'I would encourage people to carefully and safely check sheds and out-buildings for old stocks of illegal substances.'

NFU Scotland vice-president Rob Livesey said: 'Farmers are often unsure who they should turn to should they find chemicals of concern - leading many to leave them where they are.

'NFU Scotland therefore commends the Scottish government for funding a straightforward and confidential scheme to deal with particularly problematic and now illegal products.'

'Scottish Land and Estates fully supports this Government-led joint initiative,' said chief executive Douglas McAdam.

'It is something we have been keen to see happen for a number of years and so it is good this is now in place.

'This scheme will help

anyone who finds themselves still in possession of pesticides, which are now illegal, to dispose of them safely and without fear of prosecution.'

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Gamekeepers' Association, British Association for Shooting and Conservation Scotland, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust Scotland and Scottish Crofting Federation are all supporting the scheme.

Anyone who believes they are in possession of any of these banned pesticides should contact the disposal scheme line on 0131 472 4187, 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Before calling, users are asked to make a note of which banned pesticides they have, and check whether these are included in the scheme using the guide on the PAW Scotland website [www.PAW.Scotland.gov.uk](http://www.PAW.Scotland.gov.uk)

## MARKET REPORTS

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 1,880 prime hoggets, cast ewes and tups on Tuesday.

The sale incorporated the show and sale of prime Beltex hoggets ably judged by Paul Rattray, West Park Farm, Auchterarder. The show was sponsored by Beltex Scotland and Natural Stockcare.

The champion pen of five scaled at 47.2kgs from J B Guthrie, Cuiltburn Farm, Muthill, sold to £120 to the Judge Paul Rattray.

Reserve champion was a pen of five at 42kgs from A Morton, Lochend Farm, Deny which realised at £100 to J Stark.

Results:

Up to 40kgs - 1 R Gray, Craigmad 39kgs, £84; 2 R Campbell, MeikleSeggie 40kgs, £89.50; 3 R Campbell, MeikleSeggie 39kgs, £85.

40.1kgs-43kgs - 1A Morton, Lochend 42kgs, £100; 2 DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill 41kgs, £92; 3 J W Paul, Ballingall 41kgs, £87.50.

43kgs plus - 1 J B Guthrie, Cuiltburn 47.2kgs, £120, 2 W Bell, Craigend 48.4kgs, £97; 3 R Gray, Craigmad 44.6kgs, £92.50.

Outside the show saw more heavier and lighter, poorer quality hoggets forward than usual.

Overall SQQ was 186.5p per kilo with good handy weight hoggets well sought after.

32.1-39kgs (214) averaged 181.3p per kg (-3.5p on the week) and sold to a top of 199p per kg for Charolais from D Brown, Sauchans.

39.1-45kgs (429) averaged 189.9p per kg (-1.5p on the week) and sold to a top of 238p for Beltex's from A Morton, Lochend.

45-52kgs (250) averaged 174.09p per kg (-1.3p on the week) and sold to a top of 254p for Beltex's from J Guthrie, Cuiltburn.

52kgs plus (130) averaged £85.85 and sold to £102 from

W Bell, Craigend.

Leading hogget prices £ per head & p per kg: Belt - 224p MeikleSeggie, £102 Craigend; Belt x - 224p, £98 Easter Ochtermuthill; Cont - 217p MeikleSeggie, £97 Craigend; Cont x - 216p MeikleSeggie, £96 Cuiltburn; Tex - 213p Ballingaul, £93 Craigend; Tex x - 211p Craigend, £92.50 Markethill; Suff - 199p Sauchans, £85 Walton; BF - 191p Low Tirfergus, £82 Burnshot; Mule - 180p Glenalmond, £79 MeikleSeggie.

Also forward were 713 cast ewes and tups.

All classes of mule and heavy ewes sharper on the week with export ewes poorer show for quality met a similar trade to last week.

Export ewes: 428 averaged £57.74 (£5.77 on the week) selling to £82 for a pen of BF from D MacGregor, Burnhead.

Mule ewes: 83 averaged £88.97 (+£7.98 on the week) selling to £96.50 from T Grant, Greigston, Cupar.

Heavy ewes: 169 averaged £100.73 (+£12.75) selling to £137 for Suff from R Bryce, Chalmerton.

Tups: 24 averaged £94.13 (£7.76) selling to £147 for Texels from J & AJ Mitchell, Victoria.

Leading prices:

Ewes: Tex - £134 Nochnary; Suff - £129 Torrax; Tex - £128.50 + £125.50 Torrax; Belt - £128 Easter Ochtermuthill; Cont - £125 Pendreich; Suff - £123 Easter Ochtermuthill; Mule - £95 MeikleSeggie; Mule - £94 Middlerigg; Mule - £93 Burnhead & Birch Avenue; BF - £76 High Dyke; BF - £74.50 Allanfauld; BF - £74 MidLinthills and MeikleSeggie.

Tups: Suff - £145 Ardoch; Tex - £137 Wester Hall; Cont - £119 Lands of Drumhead; Belt - £111 Victoria; BF - £81 MidLinthills.

Widders: BF - £59 Innieshe-ewan Farms.

## New farmers are 'vital' to industry's existence

NEW entrants to farming in Scotland are vitally important to the industry, according to rural affairs minister Richard Lochhead.

Speaking at an event for new entrants to farming at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) in Elgin, Mr Lochhead said: 'It is vital that we fully engage with, and attract talented, entrepre-

neurial, new entrants to agriculture in Scotland in order to safeguard the future of the industry as it drives innovation and best practice, improves efficiencies and contributes towards the economic vitality of the sector as a whole.'

He said there was an increase in applicants to study agriculture at colleges across Scotland,

helped by the fact new entrants would benefit from the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), where previously they had been totally or partly frozen out.

'Now that we are well into the Year of Food and Drink, I want to emphasise just how important a role farmers play in the food and drink industry - if it wasn't for

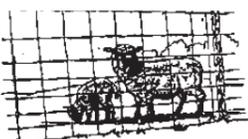
them we wouldn't have the exceptional, world-class produce that we are fortunate enough to have available to us,' said Mr Lochhead. 'The hard work of farmers ploughs millions into our economy every year as the reputation of Scotland as a land of food and drink continues to grow.'

The SRUC pro-

gramme ensures that potential and aspiring new entrants to the agricultural industry are aware of the opportunities that exist and have a skills and knowledge set that equips them for success in the industry.

Ten new entrant groups now exist throughout Scotland featuring around 150 new entrant and aspiring farmers.

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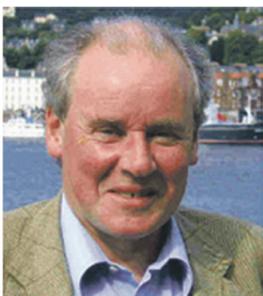
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# Farmers urged to assist in dog fouling campaign

A CAMPAIGN to raise awareness about the issue of dog fouling on agricultural land is set for a spring launch.

The NFU Scotland said the better weather brings an increase in the number of people getting out and about in the countryside with their dogs.

To help with the campaign, the union is asking all Scottish farmers to complete a short survey on the level of problem that they have with dog fouling on their land.

Penny Johnston, NFU Scotland animal health

and welfare policy manager, said: 'We want people to take responsible access in the countryside with their dogs but that responsibility must extend to them picking up after their animals.'

'In preparation for the campaign, NFUS is asking all Scottish farmers to complete a short survey on the level of problem that they have with dog fouling on their land. That may help identify suitable focus areas for more intensive local activity.'

'This survey is also a

crucial step towards securing support for the campaign by providing important statistics relating to the scale of the issue and where the problem is greatest.

'We urge all farmers to take the time to complete this survey and consider whether they may be willing to assist in the campaign once it starts.' A copy of the NFU Scotland dog fouling survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFUSdogfoulingssurvey> or <http://svy.mk/1wNn-yFD>



NFU Scotland is concerned about dog fouling on farmland.

## Workshops aim to help dairy farmers

SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College, is seeking to support the continued viability of dairy farms in Kintyre and Gigha by holding a series of free, focused workshops tailored for local producers.

Local consultants and sector specialists will be on hand to discuss business issues including profit and loss accounts; cash flow budgeting and management; and effective approaches to negotiating with banks and creditors.

Technical issues will also be on the agenda. Local examples of best practice will be highlighted to demonstrate how milk quality can be improved efficiently and how milk yield can be maximised from forage. A speaker from DairyCo will be present to talk through 'lean' management techniques.

No dates have yet been set for the workshops - local producers are asked to express their interest to local SAC Consultant John Forster, who will arrange the dates to fit in with their schedules.

John can be contacted at the SAC Consulting Campbeltown office on 01586 552 502 or by email at [john.forster@sac.co.uk](mailto:john.forster@sac.co.uk)

## NFUS warns farmers to ensure BVD status 'negative'

NFU Scotland is reminding around 1,300 farmers, who have let their Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) status slip, to get prepared and prioritise testing as the introduction of the next phase of the scheme draws closer.

There are fears that some farmers across Scotland are ill-prepared and that BVD has fallen down the list of priorities.

BVD testing is already an annual requirement

for Scottish cattle keepers and it is illegal to knowingly sell any animal persistently infected (PI) with the disease.

From summer 2015, movement restrictions will be placed on farms that do not have a valid 'negative' status for the disease.

Phase 4 of BVD eradication scheme in Scotland will be introduced in June and will bring restriction for any holdings with a 'not negative' status, or holdings

that have no valid annual status recorded. The BVD herd screen is an annual requirement and herds that have not carried out a test in the past 12 months should contact their vet and do so now or face restrictions come June.

Figures show that around 17 per cent of holdings in Scotland have a not-negative status.

Rob Livesey, NFU Scotland vice president, who farms beef cattle

in the Scottish Borders, said: 'It is unacceptable that some 1,300 farmers have let their BVD status slip. The message is clear: be prepared ahead of calving starting.'

'Having animals tested now will save a lot of hassle in the longer term. Cattle keepers must keep their status up to date. Some believe that having had a clear test in the past is enough - but it isn't. You must screen your herd annually to main-

tain your status. It's far easier to get this essential job done now before cattle go to the grass.'

'If you do not have a BVD negative status, animals will need to be individually tested in order to be moved, other than direct to slaughter.'

'If you delay testing, you may also be restricted in your testing options and be required to sample all calves.'

'As we move to the next phase, it is worth

reminding all cattle keepers to work with their vets and keep their testing status up-to-date. Allowing annual checks to slip further than 13 months will also trigger movement restrictions until testing is carried out.'

'NFU Scotland urges any herd that does not have a negative status recorded on the BVD database to contact their vet and discuss the options available to avoid phase 4 restrictions.'

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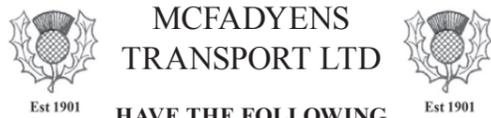
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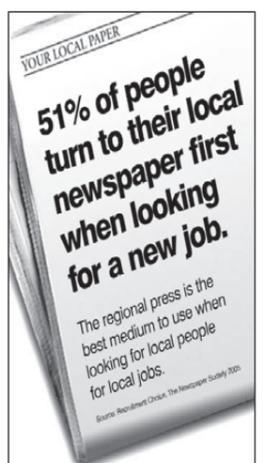
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There's no right or wrong way to feel. People often feel many emotions at once, or feel they're having a good day, then the following day feel worse again.

Powerful feelings can come unexpectedly. One minute, calmness and serenity rule, and the next minute, irrationality and anger overwhelm – there are no rules in dealing with grief.

Experts generally accept that

there are four stages of bereavement: accepting the loss is real, experiencing the pain of grief, adjusting to life without the person who has died and putting less emotional energy into grieving and putting it into something new (in other words, moving on).

People probably go through all these stages, but it is unlikely that one stage will move smoothly to the next.

While grief might feel chaotic and out of control, these feelings will eventually become less intense.

The best advice is to let time take its course. Feelings of shock and numbness (this is usually the first

reaction to the death, and people often speak of being in a daze), overwhelming sadness, with lots of crying, tiredness or exhaustion, anger, for example towards the person who died, their illness or God guilt, for example guilt about feeling angry, about something said or unsaid, or about not being able to stop our loved ones dying.

Negative feelings are perfectly normal. Lots of people feel guilty about their anger, but it's OK to be angry and to question why?

### Coping with grief

Don't be afraid to talk about the person who has died. People might not mention the deceased's name because they don't want to cause upset. But remembering people as they were is often a good way of coming to terms with all that has happened.

Anniversaries and special occasions can be hard. Do whatever is needed to get through the day.

Bereavement is unique to each individual and no one knows how long it will last.

Coping with bereavement is easier with the help of professionals.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01978/PP	Erection of 14 wind turbines (up to 110 metres high to blade tip), upgrading of road junction with A83T and improvements to C20. Construction of access tracks, control building and substation, transformers, anemometer masts and ancillary development	Blary Hill Windfarm Land North of Loch Arnicle (including C20 to the A83T) Barr Glen by Glenbarr Argyll	Mid Argyll Area Office

**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
14/02726/PP	Change of use and alterations to existing store to form holiday let bothy	The Castle Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02727/PP	Change of use and alterations to existing garage and fuel store to form holiday letting accommodation	Seaview Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SW	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/00326/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new vehicular access.	Land to the East of Macharioch Lodge Southend Campbeltown PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00390/LIB	Display of bronze plaque (423mm x 460mm) to the rear plinth of the statue of Sir William MacKinnon	Statue at South End of Kinloch Park Kinloch Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00430/LIB	Alteration to existing boundary wall to improve existing access off A83(T)	The Newton Car Park The Avenue Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00439/LIB	Installation of replacement windows	20A Barochan Place Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011**

**NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18**  
**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/01978/PP**  
**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BLARY HILL WINDFARM LAND NORTH OF LOCH ARNICLE (INCLUDING C20 TO THE A83T) BARR GLEN BY GLENBARR ARGYLL AND BUTE**

Notice is hereby given that additional information in relation to an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by RES UK And Ireland Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 14 wind turbines (up to 110 metres high to blade tip), upgrading of road junction with A83T and improvements to C20. Construction of access tracks, control building and substation, transformers, anemometer masts and ancillary development.

A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD; and by logging on to the Council's Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Mr Neil Martin, RES UK And Ireland Ltd, Third Floor, STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G511PQ at a cost of £60.00 (paper copy) and £5.00 (CD) including postage and packaging.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD.

**Mr David Love, Senior Planning Officer**  
**17 February 2015**  
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with Marilyn Shedden



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This is Fairtrade Fortnight and I have been speaking to the young people about the importance of using fairly traded goods whenever we can.

This is the 20th anniversary of Fairtrade and it is wonderful to know that the UK leads the world when it comes to Fairtrade.

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Tim and Eleanore Barlow with the Rev Kenneth Ross and members of the kirk session, when they were ordained during the communion service.

**Faith building at Craignish church**

TO CELEBRATE lent and encourage people to find faith a series of faith building sessions have been launched.

Newest members to the Craignish church congregation Tim and Eleanore

Barlow have teamed up with current elders Peter and Sylvia McLardy to host the sessions. Meetings will be held every Thursday at Craignish Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**INVERARAY**

**Jogscotland running group**

THERE has been a spike in the number of people running with Inveraray's jogscotland group since the new year.

Despite the cold and dark nights of January and February, enthusiastic runners are still turning out to train.

Members are enjoying circuits and drills to get the legs going.

Training is underway for those taking part in upcoming events including the annual Easter Bunny run on March 28 at Claonairigh House with a five, 10, 15, and 20km challenge for all jogscotland members from across Argyll.

People with disabilities are also welcome, as are all abilities welcome to sessions every Tuesday from 6pm until 7pm and Thursday from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Contact Fiona Corner 01499 302160.

**CAIRNDOW**

**Bag charge helps children**

A NURSERY has benefited from a nearby shop that is donating the carrier bag five pence surcharge to local projects.

Londis, Inveraray has been saving up the money customers are paying for bags since the new charge was put in place in September, 2014.

Cairndow Community Nursery was chosen for the first donation, gathered over December and January.

The nursery will receive a total sum of £167.75 raised from bag prices and a countertop tin. Any money raised in February and March will go to Furnace primary school.

**TAYVALLICH**

**Acoustic evening**

AN ACOUSTIC guitar performer, who first plucked a string aged six, will play to an audience at Tayvallich Village Hall tomorrow (Saturday) night.

John Goldie lists Celtic, jazz, blues and funk in his influences and some of his earliest work was with Motown record label.

He started learning chords from books and discovered a love for rock music.

By the age of 13 he was playing in several bands.

John is now recognised as one of the most revered players on the

acoustic circuit and has been on worldwide tours. He has entertained in the USA, Asia, Europe and collaborated with renowned guitar players, including



**Spreading the love at soup group**

VISITORS to last week's Tarbert Soup Group enjoyed a Valentine's theme.

Friends met on Monday February 16 where they received a chocolate rose and a pen to fit with the theme.

Volunteer and youth worker Zac Furneaux,

Tommy Emmanuel, Ike Isaacs and George Benson.

People of Tayvallich are eagerly anticipating the arrival of a legend to their small yachting village before John heads off to Glasgow then London.

The gig starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £7 or £4 for 16-year-olds. They will be available from Tayvallich Village Shop, The Square Peg, Lochgilhead or on the door.

**KILMARTIN**

**Seed swap and seed bomb making**

GREEN fingered sowers should head to Kilmartin museum's seed swap Saturday on March 7 from 10am until 4pm.

Any saved or surplus commercial seeds whether vegetable or flower may be swapped for something new or untried.

Even gardeners without their own seeds may attend and buy some for a small

donation. All seeds should be in packets and labelled with information about when they were collected and the sow by date.

There will be information about seed saving and specially donated items from the heritage seed library.

For further information call Sally Wilkin on 01546 510278 or email sally@kilmartin.org

**All change at 98-year-old institution**

THE Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI), formed during World War One, will be reinvented in a bid to attract new members.

The SWRI is changing its name and dropping the word rural from the title to become the SWI.

Membership has fallen from 30,000 in the 1980s to under 18,500 currently and it is deemed 'crucial' that changes are implemented.

A pilot project will adapt meeting times and venues to fit in with modern lifestyles.

The organisation hopes that daytime meetings in coffee shops or straight after work will make it more accessible.

SWRI was aimed at providing training in home skills, family welfare, citizenship and friendship. It will continue to adhere to these aims.

SWI member Brenda MacLeod said: 'The evolution of the SWI is an exciting and interesting time for current members. Being relevant and inclusive for women across Scotland has always been at the core of the SWI and while I am sure we'll all still be calling it 'the rural' for many years, it is time for us to reach out to many more women in Scotland's urban and rural areas.'

**TARBERT**

17, above, helped to hand over the gifts to soup group members over lunch.

The soup group meets every Monday between 12pm and 2pm.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**JONES - MAUCLINE**  
Rob and Susan are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Charlie Peter, on February 12, 2015. First grandchild for both families. Special thanks to Campbeltown midwives and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**MACNAB - MCDONALD**  
Bruce and Fiona are delighted to announce the engagement of Riona to Colin, son of Ralph and Norma, Bonnybridge. Happy days.

**DIAMOND WEDDINGS**



**STEWART - ALLAN**  
Sanders Stewart and Ishbel Allan, on March 3, 1955, at Burlington House, Glasgow, by Rev D Paterson (Ardrishaig).

**DEATHS**

**BUNTAIN** - Janet (Jenny) née McKellar Buntain, peacefully at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, on February 21, 2015, aged 94 years, of 23 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Dunn Buntain, much loved mum of Kenneth, Archie, Alan, Iain and Donald and a loving gran and great gran to all the family, dear mother-in-law, sister and aunt. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Thursday, February 26, 2015, thereafter to Clydebank Crematorium.

**MACKINLAY** - On February 25, 2015, peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital, Alex MacKinlay, in his 79th year, beloved partner of Nan, much loved father of Peter, Alex, John, Jason and Kelly-Anne and a dearly loved papa. Funeral private.

**MACLEOD** - Jean Cameron (née Hamilton), daughter of the late William and Margaret Hamilton, born Irvine 1946, died Stornoway on February 7, 2015. Hugely missed by husband Donald in Stornoway, brother Bob and wife Gill in Southport, nephew Stuart, Michelle and son Adam in Leominster and nephew Charlie and wife Erin in Paris.

**MCSPORRAN** - Suddenly after a short illness at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, on Friday, February 20, 2015, Peter Downie McSporrán, formerly of the Moy, Campbeltown, latterly of Glasgow. Much loved husband of Margaret McSporrán, also a loving and much loved father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service

in Campsie Parish Church, Lennoxton on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1.30pm, thereafter to Maryhill Crematorium at 2.30pm

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CUPPLES** - Jackie and family would like to express their gratitude to all friends and family, for all their love and overwhelming support, following the sudden and sad loss of Christine. Our sincere thanks go to Macmillan nurses, district nurse, Dr Spink, Tarbert Medical Centre, Tarbert Pharmacy and Emergency Service for their care. Thanks to Rev Thomas Bryson, for a comforting and appropriate service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors, for their efficient and compassionate funeral arrangements and to the Tarbert Hotel for hospitality. Special thanks to the bingo ladies, for all their kindness and friendship. Finally our grateful thanks to all who attended at church and graveside and generously donated £630, to Macmillan Cancer Care.

**DAVIES** - Ivy and the family of the late Robert Davies would like to express their thanks to Dr Helliwell, Lesley, Joanna, Rhona from the Community Nursing Team, Colette and Lois from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, for their care and support shown to Robert in his final moments. Thanks to the carers from Social Work Home Care who have supported Robert in recent years. Special thanks are extended to Kari McGilp, Alma McGuinness and Christine Brown for their dedication, care and support to Robert and Ivy, without whom, it would not have been possible to care for Robert at home. Thanks also to Roxie for her care and support on Robert's last visit to Glenaray Ward. Extended thanks to family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to Ivy and family through various cards and messages. Thank you to Sheena Johnston, Humanist Society for Scotland for her support and compassionate service. Special thanks to Roddy MacDonald of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for his support, professionalism and attention to detail.

**MACDOUGALL** - The family of the late Cathie MacDougall would like to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown on their recent sad loss. Thanks to all carers, past and present, district nurses and Dr Elder, to Matthew Ramsay for his comforting service, David McEwan for the music and reading of the Gaelic scripture (Móran Taing). Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements, to Carradale Hotel for purvey, to all who attended the church and graveside and to anyone we have omitted to mention. Thank you all (6 Broomfield, Carradale).

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**BROWN** - In loving memory of Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011. Remembering you is easy I do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you That never goes away. - Love from Peter Marshall.

**BROWN** - In loving memory of a dear mum, Janet Nicholson MacLean, died February 28, 2011. If flowers grow in heaven Lord then pick a bunch for us Then place them in my mother's arms And tell her they're from us Tell her that we love and miss her And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while. - From the family, home and away.

**CLARK** - Treasured memories of John, a dear dad and grandpa, who died February 24, 1977. Also Margaret (Peggy), a dear mum and gran, who died March 28, 1993. Always in our thoughts - Family, home and away.

**HAMILTON** - Angus. With a heavy heart I say You have been gone a year today My tears don't wash away the pain Of never seeing you again Though the sands of time keep us apart You are forever in my heart. - Nicola.

**HAMILTON** - In loving memory of a dear brother-in-law and uncle, Angus, passed away February 28, 2014. Loved and remembered every day. - Bob and Cameron.

**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of Christopher Beaton MacDonald (Chris), slept away on March 4, 2013, a devoted and loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always. - Eva, Christine and Christopher.

**MCTAVISH** - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts. - Malcolm and Ross.

**MACVICAR** - In loving memory of my wife, Christina (Teena), who died March 1, 2007. There's not an hour of any day I don't recall the past. - Johnnie.

**MCGEACHY** - In loving memory of my dear wife Jasmine, who passed away on March 2, 2013. So sadly missed but not forgotten. Love John and family.

**MCGLYNN** - In loving memory of Charles, passed away February 2, 2015 in Germany. Son of John and Margaret, brother of Edward and James and father to Alex, Josh and Katie. Sadly missed.

**MORRANS** - Sarah Soudan, who passed away on February 24, 1999. Forever in our thoughts. The Family.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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



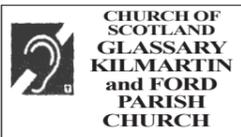
**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2015  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2015  
10.00 - 12 midday COFFEE MORNING  
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
All Welcome  
More info at www.lpchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilthead (Church of Scotland) SC016311



**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
**Sunday 1st March**  
The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15 am and will be led by Rev William Crossan  
**Junior Badminton in**  
Kirk Street Hall on Tuesday evening  
Primary 1-5 : 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Primary 6-7 : 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 1st March**  
11.15 am Service  
Creche Triple C Next Generation Rev. P Wallace  
**Tuesday 3rd March**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade Church Hall  
Anchor Boys 6pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Board/Session Meeting 7.30pm Session Room  
**Thursday 5th March**  
Choir 7.30pm  
**Friday 6th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall



**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 1st March**  
Morning Worship Kilmartin 11.45 am  
Mr. James Malcolm  
**Friday 6th March**  
World Day of Prayer Bellanoch 7pm  
All welcome  
SC0 02121



**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st March 2015**  
11am Family Service with Communion with creche  
Pastor Ross Ferguson  
**Wednesday 4th March 2015**  
10.00am Toddlers Group  
**Thursday 5th March**  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
**Friday 6th March**  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE  
Episcopal Church 7.30pm  
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SC014646



**lochgilthead baptist church**  
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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 1st March 2015**  
11.00am  
mainly music  
Tuesday at 10am  
Jumpstart  
Friday from 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

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



**free church of scotland**  
George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Tom Courtney  
11.15am Sunday School  
2.30pm Café Church  
**Wednesday 4th March**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café  
**Friday 6th March**  
7.30pm World Day of Prayer  
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Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



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

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

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**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilthead (SC013787)  
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& 11am Eucharist Service  
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**St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)**  
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service  
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book  
**All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)**  
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran  
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**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 1 March**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean "That I may know Christ"  
**Thursday 5 March 2015**  
10.00am  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
**Saturday 7 March 2015**  
Prayer Gathering 9.30am  
followed by snack lunch  
All Welcome

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 1st March 2015**  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome  
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**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 1 March**  
Bellanoch Church  
Morning Worship 10 am  
James Malcolm  
**Friday 6 March**  
World Day of Prayer Service  
Bellanoch Church 7 pm  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs



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



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 1st March**  
Second Sunday of Lent  
10.45am Service of Meditation with Ken Eames (Reflection for Action Session 3)  
All Welcome  
**Details of services are on the church door**  
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**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 1st March 2015 - all welcome!**

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
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Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Short Service in Chalmers Court, Inveraray at 2.30 pm

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# Exercise your way to good health

## New Argyll strategy aims to promote benefits of a healthier lifestyle

A CAMPAIGN to promote exercise across Argyll is underway.

'Exercise your way to good health' is the message from Argyll and Bute Health and Wellbeing Partnership, which is responsible for the latest health kick strategy.

It emphasises the positive health aspects of 30 minutes of exercise on most days.

The partnership consulted community and voluntary groups, both of which helped to develop the strategy.

Christina West, chief officer Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said: 'We are very proud of this strategy, as lots of people from the NHS, council and the voluntary sector have created a shared vision for increasing rates of

physical activity.

'Argyll and Bute is a vibrant place to live with lots of opportunities for physical activity. However, some people find it less easy to be active.

'This strategy aims to ensure people are aware of the benefits of being active and have the opportunities to do so.'

### Simple

Alison McGrory, chairwoman of Argyll and Bute's Health and Wellbeing Partnership, said: 'Increasing physical activity is

such a simple answer to improving health - it's like a magic pill that if taken every day can lead to people living longer, healthier and happier lives.' Argyll and Bute councillor Robin Currie said: 'We feel better when we have an active lifestyle.



Youngsters getting outside and active on a beach on Gigha.

Argyll and Bute council is delighted at being involved in developing this new strategy.'

The physical activity strategy has seven key aims: maintain provision of physical

activity within and beyond the school gate; facilitate greater levels of physical activity within the workplace;

maintain provision of physical activity within recreational or

leisure settings that are inclusive and accessible to all; support physical activity for older adults and those with long-term conditions; enhance the promotion of physical activity

within healthcare settings; promote and maintain environments which support rather than hinder physical activity; facilitate greater partnership working and effective communication.

For more information about how to get active visit <http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/health-and-wellbeing-partnership>

### Recommended physical activity

THE EARLY years, under 5s:

Physical activity should be encouraged from birth through both water-based activities and floor-based play.

Once walking unaided, young children should be active for at least three hours per day spread throughout the day.

Children and young people, 5-18 years: This age-group should accumulate at least 60

minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity per day.

Muscle strengthening exercises to be undertaken at least three times per week.

Adults, 19-64 years: Adults should accumulate at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity (or 75 minutes of vigorous intensity) exercise over the course of a week and should aim to be active daily.

Muscle strengthening exercises should be included at least twice a week.

Older adults, over 65: Older adults should aim to accumulate at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity over the course of a week and should try to be active on a daily basis.

Muscle strengthening exercises, combined with those which improve balance and co-ordination, should also be undertaken.

## Easter holiday camp fun for youngsters

MID ARGYLL Community Pool (MACPool) will host an Easter holiday camp for the second year in a row.

The fixture was decided after it proved popular with children in Mid Argyll last year.

During the school Easter break, which is from April 6 until 10, children aged five to 12 years will be able to enjoy a series of fun activities at the Lochgilphead pool.

Bookings are being taken at MACPool now.

There are limited spaces available.

For more information email active schools coordinator Innes Paterson on [innes.paterson@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:innes.paterson@argyll-bute.gov.uk)



## Members on course to get Tarbert up to scratch

Tarbert golf club members were hard at work on Monday getting the course ready for the new season. As the picture above shows, the members were up to par with the work after recent storms caused damage to various parts of the course.

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# Thornback ray makes angler Sinclair's day

THE SNOW-CAPPED hills overlooking Loch Etive provided the perfect backdrop for six anglers competing in Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club's annual non-league event last Saturday.

Fishing was steady throughout the day with small spur dogs making up the bulk of the catch adding valuable points to the score sheets.

Only one thornback ray was tempted to the boat by Gary Sinclair and the third species, a

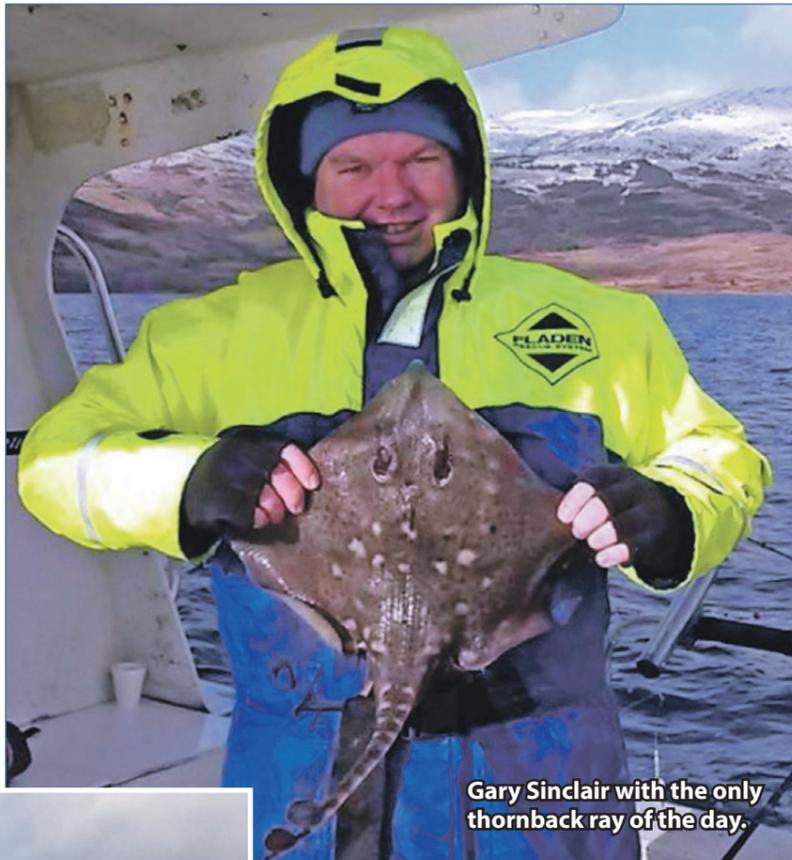
**ANGLING**

small whiting, failed to qualify.

Despite the lack of species, a total of 131 fish were recorded and Jim Smith, who is back on top form, emerged as the winner with 132 points and 40 spurs.

Robert MacBrayne was runner-up and Gary Sinclair third.

The club's final league match of the season will be held at Etive in March.



Gary Sinclair with the only thornback ray of the day.



John Byrne with an Etive spur.

# Mid Argyll Dolphins host spring gala

**SWIMMING**

UP TO 40 youngsters are expected to take part in a spring swimming gala in Lochgilphead on Sunday.

The Mid Argyll Dolphins event will welcome young people from Ardvreck school in Crieff to the MACPool on Oban Road.

People aged from 12 to 17 years will take part in the gala which runs from 4pm until 5.50pm.

Warm ups start at 4pm as follows: lanes one to two, Dalraida Dolphins and lanes three to four, Ardvreck school.

Each team has a maximum of 20 swimmers and any one participant may swim in up to three events, excluding the relay race. Swimmers will be categorised in to age groups and in the final relay race the teams will be mixed. Each relay team will include at least one male and one female swimmer but the relays will not earn team points.

There will be first, second and third place ribbons awarded at the end of each event and a participation certificate will be awarded to all swimmers taking part.

Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA), the world governing body of swimming, rules will apply; no false starts, final touches must be applied to coincide with FINA rules and there must be no false starts in relay changeovers.

No photography or videoing is permitted but there is a group photograph planned for 4.15pm with racing starting five minutes later at 4.20pm.

After the gala at 5.55pm there is a celebration tea for all swimmers, staff and guests.

For more information contact Arlene Green on 01546 870351.

**Lottery numbers**

KILMORY Camanachd's lottery numbers this week were 2, 8, and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300.

CODIE Fair and Ann Cameron shared the £100 jackpot from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery. The winning numbers were; 2, 7 and 11. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

TARBERT Football Club's winning numbers were; 2, 10 and 20. There were no winners and next week's jackpot total £800.

# SPOT THE BALL

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# 'It's snow going to be easy' - 'Arey boss MacPherson



David Robertson of Inveraray (right) battles for the ball with Oban Celtic's Lee Askew during Saturday's friendly, played in some heavy conditions, with Inveraray eventual 4-0 winners. Photo by Stephen Lawson

INVERARARY manager Garry MacPherson is under no illusions as to how tough the forthcoming shinty season is going to be.

The side, who finished mid-table in the Orion Group Premiership last season, managed a 4-0 victory against Oban Celtic in a pre-season friendly at the weekend.

'It was a good performance on a heavy field and the snow was on and off, so it wasn't the best of conditions for a game,' said MacPherson.

'We're not quite a full-strength yet either so I had a few of the under-17 boys playing, which in some ways is a good thing because it gives them a game at the higher, more physical level.

'I can see this being another tricky season. The teams are getting better and the players are keeping fitter. I think I'd be pleased with another mid-table finish, with the standard that's being played these days.'

Inveraray have a free weekend, but will face Oban Camanachd away in two weeks' time.

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