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# Realising Argyll's potential

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**KILMARTIN** Glen should be promoted for World Heritage Status, and Tarbert should have an expanded marina.

These were two conclusions contained in a much-anticipated report by the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum, set up in 2014 to tackle population decline and increase economic prosperity.

As the report Chairman Nicholas Ferguson CBE says the potential in the area is 'immense' but people have to start working together to achieve it.

The forum was set up in October 2014 to drive forward economic progress throughout the area. It comprises members who work in key business sectors, lead agencies and government.

Mr Ferguson, who has a home in Kilfinan, was speaking ahead of the report's publication on Tuesday. Saying that a shared vision on many matters was the key to an area's success, he said: 'From busi-

ness leaders to newspaper editors and teachers, the private, public and academic sectors must come together to drive prosperity in one of Scotland's most promising regions.

'I was asked to look at Argyll from a business perspective. Like any business, if we are to achieve our potential we need a shared vision, with all our members working to make that vision a reality.

'Argyll and Bute can clearly succeed and grow. We have strong advantages in two of the world's fastest growing industry sectors, namely tourism, and food and drink production, particularly aquaculture.

'Marketing the area should be coordinated across all agencies involved. Schools and businesses must forge stronger links so that young people are aware of careers opportunities on their own doorstep. Agencies should focus their spending where possible on local producers and suppliers.'

In developing the region's 'fast growing' marine tourism sector, the report recommends that Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) should support a greater number of moorings and pontoons around the coast. It goes on to recommend the expansion of marinas at Tarbert, Campbeltown and Tobermory to cope with current and future demand.

With plans to expand Kilmartin Museum in the pipeline, the report suggests taking the further step of applying - without delay - for World Heritage Status for Kilmartin Glen, an area with the largest collection of Neolithic monuments in the world. Mr Ferguson concluded: 'It's about everyone coming together to back Argyll and Bute. It's a great place with great potential. A shared vision will bring the prosperity that's there for us to create.'

The Economic Forum meets again in late March, with the aim to ensure that plans laid out in the report are delivered.



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Nico the Chihuahua nervously waits his turn as owner Megan Bryson takes him to be micro-chipped. Full story - and more doggy pics - on page 30. 06\_a09dogchip01

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# Potholed Inveraray trunk road to be improved

A BADLY-potholed section of the A83 is to be resurfaced over the next two weeks.

Motorists have had to endure a number of potentially damaging holes in the road surface at Auchnagoul, south of Inveraray, over the last few months.

Trunk road operator, BEAR Scotland has an-

nounced that a one kilometre length of carriage-way will be improved thanks to an investment of £245,000 from Transport Scotland. The resurfacing improvements will take place between Argyll Caravan Park and Auchnagoul, starting on Monday February 29 and lasting ap-

proximately two weeks. The improvements will be carried out between 7am and 7pm each day from Monday to Friday, with a 10mph convoy system in place during those hours. No weekend working is planned. Traffic management will be removed outwith working hours, though a temporary 30mph speed

restriction will be in place to ensure vehicles can pass over the temporary surface safely. Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north west representative, said: 'These resurfacing improvements will ensure the road continues to operate safely for years to come.'

'We've planned these

works to take place ahead of the busy tourist season in order to minimise delays to motorists.

'We would encourage motorists to plan their journeys in advance of travelling through this section of the A83 by checking with Traffic Scotland for the most up to date information.'

## Big order for Kintyre company

KINTYRE-based business Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd received a boost as a major order was confirmed.

Wind farm developer Community Windpower Ltd, with headquarters in Cheshire, is set to use tower sections from Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd (WTS) for planned projects, in line with an agreement signed in 2013.

The wind developer said last week that it would order 100 tur-

bine tower sections for a number of new projects in Dumfriesshire, Ayrshire and East Lothian. Work has already started on the Sanquhar wind farm in Dumfriesshire.

### Manufactured

The tower sections will be manufactured at the turbine tower facility at Machrihanish, near Campbeltown, and transported by either road or container ship.

Lesley Black, WTS head of sales, said that the prospects for 2016

were encouraging, adding that the firm has increased production capacity and increased its workforce from 120 to 150.

She added: 'The business plan for 2016/17 and beyond requires production of some 120 towers a year to maintain the current headcount, of which the sale of towers in this agreement for 100 sections signed with Community Windpower plays a very significant part.'

## Police files

### Possession of cannabis

A CAR was stopped for a routine check at Front Street, Inveraray, and the 28-year-old driver was found with a small amount of cannabis.

The incident happened at 12.10am on February 19. A recorded police warning was issued.

### No MOT

At 11.30am on February 19, a vehicle was stopped by police on Park Road, Ardrishaig.

Checks revealed that the vehicle had an expired MOT and the driver, a 38-year-old man, was charged. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### No insurance

A CAR was stopped on the A816 near Ardfern for a routine check when

the 20-year-old driver was found to be driving without insurance.

He was charged, fined £300 and given six penalty points on his licence.

### Drug possession

Two men aged 23 were found in possession of a small amount of cannabis at Kilmory Industrial Estate at 7.15pm on February 20. They were given a recorded police warning.

### MOT fine

AT 10.15AM on February 21, a vehicle was stopped by police on Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig.

Checks revealed that the vehicle had an expired MOT and the driver, a 28-year-old woman, was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty.



Robin Millar.



A Fiat Doblo van like the one driven by Mr Millar.

## Argyll appeal to trace missing man

A FRESH appeal has been issued for information on the whereabouts of a missing man who may have been hillwalking in Argyll.

Police officers in Fife made the renewed appeal to help trace 44-year-old Robin Millar from Newmills.

Mr Millar was last seen near Kincardine on Friday February 5 driving his white Fiat Doblo van, registration number SC51 LWX.

Since then he has not been in contact with any friends or family and concern continues to grow for his welfare.

A keen hill walker, he may have been in the Oban and Mull areas between February 12 and 19.

Members of the public are asked to come for-

ward if they can assist police in locating Mr Millar.

He is described as white, 5ft 9ins tall, with a slim build, shaved head, large ginger and white beard and wears glasses.

Sergeant Tony Rogers from Dunfermline police station said: 'At this time we are focusing our inquiries on the Oban and Mull area as well as the wider Argyll and Bute region and we are keen to hear from anyone who believes they have seen Robin in the past week.'

'Once again, we would also ask Robin to make contact with family, friends, or with police to let us know he is safe.'

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101.

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# Money bags for local charities

COMMUNITIES are now seeing the benefits of 5p supermarket plastic bag charges which came in on October 20 2014.

The Co-op, like many other shops, decided this money should go to charity and invited members to nominate charities and vote for how much money they should get.

Lochgilthead members decided the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACpool), Lochgilthead MS Centre and Alzheimers Scotland should benefit.

MACpool will get £2,500 and the MS Centre will get £1,500 and this total, £4,000 is equivalent to 80,000 sales of 5p plastic bags. Alzheimer's Scotland will also receive £1,000.

Tarbert Co-op members voted for Tarbert after school care to get £1,500 to buy new sports equipment and £900 to go towards the senior citizens Christmas dinner. The Tarbert community healing garden

den will get £600 to install beehives.

Inveraray Co-op members gave £300 to the local mini bus fund and Fyne Pedallers will buy new bikes with their £200 donation. Oban community play park multi-sensory garden, received £500 to help it to provide its exciting, natural multi-sensory garden space for children and families.

Co-op area manager Alan Campbell said: 'We are delighted that the funding is supporting our local communities - as a community retailer we are enabling members, colleagues, customers and communities to make a difference locally. The Co-op shares the aspiration of seeing a reduction in the number of single-use carrier bags in circulation. In addition, local groups and organisations are now receiving a much needed funding boost. Together, we are reducing, reusing, recycling and, reinvesting in our communities.'



Co-op colleagues in Lochgilthead with Graham Love, Macpool manager; Kirsty Young, Macpool deputy manager and Maggie Dodd, admin assistant at the MS Centre. 08\_a09bags01

## Community consultation success

RECENT community consultations in Lochgilthead, Dunadd and West Loch Fyne on how to spend wind farm money have been hailed a huge success.

Consultancy firm Community Enterprise was asked by Lochgilthead, Dunadd and West Loch Fyne community councils to carry out the work.

Sarah Howard of Community Enterprise said: 'In total, 205 people attended public meetings, 235 completed surveys, 16 people attended a stakeholder meeting and we have had countless conversations with key people in the communities including children and young people.'

The 21 turbine A' Chruach windfarm is

owned by Infinis and is expected to generate £150,000 a year for the local community.

Alda Forbes, community relations manager at Infinis said: 'We are delighted by the enthusiastic response shown by communities. The information provided will help guide the community panel on how and where the money can be most effectively used.'

The report from this consultation has been given to community councils and they will hold events to let the public know the findings. There will be a meeting in Lochgilthead Red Cross Hall on Friday March 11 at 7pm and Lochgair Village Hall on March 12 at 10am.



A consultation and ceilidh were held in Lochgilthead. 08\_a04ceilidh01

## Salmon company sees fall in revenue

THE SCOTTISH Salmon Company has seen a fall in last quarter revenue and harvest volumes.

The company put this down to stormy weather and unscheduled boat maintenance. This meant harvesting couldn't be done on 16 days of the three-month period.

The company says that, despite this fall, 2015 was a successful year with turnover of £100.4 million and 25,569 tonnes harvested. This is a 19 per cent rise on volume and 18 per cent rise in revenue compared to 2013.

Managing director of Scottish Salmon Company Craig Anderson remains upbeat and said: 'When reflecting on 2015 it is important to see how we have handled challenging circumstances. I believe our results are testament to the fact we have put strong foundations in place that have enabled us to demonstrate the stability of the business.'

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# New Bishop of Argyll and the Isles ordained



Bishop McGee takes his place at the bishop's chair.

## St Columba's Cathedral, Oban, hosts special service

THE NEW Bishop of Argyll and the Isles was ordained at a service in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

Bishop Brian McGee was consecrated by Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Archbishop Leo Cushley. He is the 11th Bishop of Argyll and the Isles after Bishop Joe Toal transferred to become

Bishop of Motherwell in 2014. Bishop McGee told the congregation of around 800: 'I want nothing more than to be a shepherd whose entire life will be perfectly shaped by Jesus Christ.'

### Goal

'Please pray for me that I will never waver from this goal but rather, aided by God's grace,

strain towards it with my whole being.'

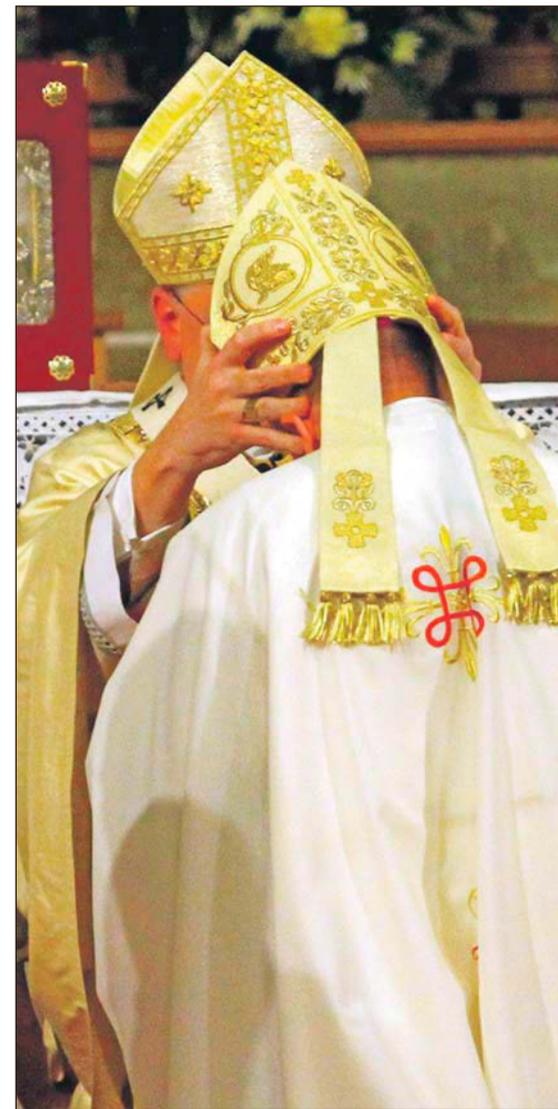
Archbishop Cushley praised Father James MacNeil, who has been looking after the parish until the bishop's ordination, and spoke to the congregation about the deep history of religion in the area.

Local parish priest Fr David Connor, who is the priest at

St Margaret's Lochgilhead, St Kieran's Campbeltown and All Saints, Inveraray, was joined by 30 parishioners at the service on February 18.

Fr David said: 'The ordination was a huge success.'

Around 30 people went from Mid Argyll with around half that number singing in the diocesan choir.'



Archbishop Cushley places the mitre on Bishop McGee's head.

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## Citizens Advice visits post office

CITIZENS Advice Scotland (CAS) recently visited island post offices to find out what services it can provide.

Chris Donnelly, head of postal policy, visited Islay and was given a warm welcome as he looked at how rural post offices could be supported.

Chris said: 'It was clear that residents here value their post offices and that the individuals who run them are very committed to providing a good public service.'

'I think we all know that rural post offices can be difficult businesses to run, and unless they are attractive business propositions, new postmasters won't take them on, which can lead to service interruptions for consumers and a poorer service for those living in the area. As many bank branches have closed, they are even more vital for our rural economies



Portnahaven post office.

as many do not realise that they can do simple personal and business banking at many of the branches.'

Sub-postmaster at Portnahaven Alastair

Redman said: 'Like many of the islands, we have very local circumstances and it is good that CAS has shown an interest in the more remote areas of the UK.'

It is important that governments of all political persuasions don't ignore rural areas, particularly on the islands. We need local solutions to local issues.'

## A refreshing report

THE SETTING up of an Argyll and Bute Sustainable Economic Forum was announced with a flourish by Depute Council Leader, Ellen Morton, almost a year-and-a-half ago.

After dropping the 'sustainable' bit from its title, the group held its first meetings last spring. The forum is largely made up of prominent members of the Argyll and Bute business world.

These are busy people, and a great deal of work has had to be done, so it is no surprise that things have taken a wee while to come to fruition.

The report, fronted by Sir Nicholas Ferguson CBE, is refreshing.

For knarled old hacks used to wading through reams of council reports, it is nice to read an economic assessment virtually free of management-speak and other council nonsense language.

It is direct, businesslike, clear and easy to understand, and the authors are to be congratulated for that. And the contents are imaginative.

But the report is fairly general in nature. It is all about 'urging', 'applauding' and 'supporting'. The forum members are well aware that - however well put together - this report is merely the starting point of a long and hard journey.

To achieve the desired results will take self-confidence, open minds and intelligence as well as a fair bit of collaborative working.

This newspaper is confident we will get there, and *The Argyllshire Advertiser* is right behind the aims and initial proposals of the Economic Forum.

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## Phone signal

Sir  
I am delighted that Ormsary now has a Vodafone signal. As your report last week said, I backed the community's application to Vodafone in 2014 when I was the local MP.

However, many parts of Argyll and Bute still lack a decent broadband service and mobile phone coverage.

When I was the local MP, failures on the part of BT and Vodafone to deliver a decent broadband service and a reliable mobile phone signal were a major cause of concern. I set up a select committee investigation into the failings of these companies to deliver a decent service to rural Scotland and had them publicly questioned in front of the Scottish affairs select committee.

The SNP took over this committee after last year's general election and I was very disappointed when they shut this inquiry down.

Could our local SNP MP and MSP please help those of their constituents without a decent broadband or mobile phone service by getting this investigation restarted?

**Alan Reid**  
Lib Dem candidate  
for Argyll and Bute

## Islay's pothole peril

Sir,  
There are still too many potholes on our Islay roads.

Despite the vast sums of tax revenue generated on Islay, our road repairs are still underfunded. This past winter our roads on Islay in some areas have been almost constantly flooded hiding many potholes which further increases the chances of vehicle dam-

age. Our elected officials both nationally and locally, no matter what their politics, must do more in the fight for better roads on the over-looked tax revenue bread basket that is Islay.

**Alastair Redman,**  
Islay

## MAAA concert

Sir,  
I thoroughly enjoyed the Mid Argyll Arts Association concert this evening (February 13) in the warm, comfortable Council Chamber at Kilmory.

The musicians were first class and it was a pleasure to listen without feeling guilt - and a certain amount of shame - that performers were coping with extremely cold conditions which are not unheard of in Ardrishaig Hall. Many thanks to the council for its kindness and to Mid Argyll Arts Association for its part in organising this and other excellent concerts.

**Elizabeth Hay**  
Minard

## Fishing restrictions

Sir,  
Your correspondent Ms Ainsley, *Argyllshire Advertiser* issue February 12, referring to marine protected areas, has stated, along with others, that more than 90 per cent of Scottish waters are still available to fishermen.

This takes no account of the natural restrictions already placed in many areas; excessive depths and unsuitable ground conditions are but two limiting factors.

Strong tides which run around many of the west coast islands further limit the available fishing grounds. The fishing boats of Kintyre are already

restricted to an operating distance from their home port.

During stormy weather such as we have experienced over the past few months, fishing operations are not possible in open areas. Even under good conditions fishing is a dangerous profession.

To say that more than 90 per cent of fishing area still remains available is far from a true reflection of the effect of these proposed restrictions.

Not only could many lose their means of earning a living, for some it is a way of life practised by generations of their families.

**Ian Y MacIntyre**  
Tarbert

## Combating isolation

Sir,  
I work for Revitalise, a national charity that provides respite holidays for disabled people and carers.

To mark Valentine's Day, we made a video entitled *That's Amore*. It tells the heartwarming story of how Carl and Tracey met and fell in love at our Southport centre, Sandpipers. While the pair encapsulate the romance of February 14, it's a sobering thought that for some, Valentine's Day only serves to deepen feelings of loneliness.

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0147 or visit [www.revitalise.org.uk](http://www.revitalise.org.uk).

**Stephanie Stone**  
Revitalise

## Gobsmacked

Sir,  
I have indulged in politics for more than 50 years but have rarely been so gobsmacked as I was when I collected my post this morning to find another astounding leaflet from Alan Reid.

He is going on about the appalling ferry service from Dunoon. Sadly I have several cuttings from our local paper in which various LibDem figures, such as Nichol Stephen as Transport Secretary and George Lyons MSP when they were in Government in Edinburgh, promising new vehicle carrying ferries to Dunoon. One in particular from when our linkspan was being built is a front page statement from our then MP Alan Reid guaranteeing two new vehicle carrying vessels.

But what bowled me over was a front page graph suggesting that in Argyll and Bute the LibDems were the only realistic opposition to the SNP's Michael Russell. He used the result of last year's Westminster election contested in a very different Argyll and Bute constituency which, unlike at Scottish Parliament elections, includes Helensburgh and Lomond. He should of course have used the last Scottish parliament election result for a correct comparison. Since that point five years ago the LibDem vote has steadily further collapsed and I can't see any prospect of an improved position for them in May.

**Dave McEwan Hill**  
Sandbank

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## Lochgilphead Front Green

Sir,  
I was amazed to read that £3m has somehow been found by Argyll and Bute Council to spend on projects in Mid Argyll.

This at a time when, according to the council, money is so scarce that they have had to sack the school librarians to cut their expenditure. How strange.

Be that as it may, I note that Lochgilphead's Front Green has 'been of interest for some time' to the council, and that they are looking for ideas to redevelop that area.

My suggestion is that they spend some of this money to put an end to the regular flooding of the green, and sometimes the road and the seafront buildings, by raising the level of the green. This would put an end to the expensive ritual of scraping the seaborne trash from the green, and relieve us from the depressing sight of sandbagged doorways.

This simple project would require no more than a fraction of the £3m. The turf could be stripped and set aside for reuse, the exposed surface backfilled to a depth of about half-a-metre, then the turf relaid. Not a difficult job, and one which would eventually repay the initial cost. Indeed, had this suggestion been taken up when I first made it about 30 years ago, we would by now perhaps have saved enough to avoid having to sack the librarians.

**S White,  
Minard  
Budget  
decisions don't  
make sense**

Sir,  
As reported in last week's edition of *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, there seems to be good and bad news from the council's budget agreed at Kilmory recently. Extra investment for the area is obviously welcome news.

Several of the cuts announced, however, do not make sense and could be counter-pro-



## Argyll and Bute Council budget - your views



Lochgilphead Front Green.

ductive, especially the poor decision to increase general waste collections from every two weeks to every three weeks. Surely from a health point of view, especially in the summer time, having more refuse lying around for longer could affect people's health? It could also lead to fly-tipping occurring more often so where's the benefit here?

This decision should be reversed immediately, in my view.

It was bad enough for the weekly collection of general waste to become every fortnight but changing it to every three weeks should not be allowed. I have shared my concerns with one of the local councillors on this matter.

I would urge your readers to please do likewise if you agree on this point.

There will also be less grass cutting and shrub and rose beds will be removed, but if we wish to encourage tourists to stop and visit, surely the council should be making the area as attractive as possible?

If Lochgilphead's image cannot be maintained, then fewer people are likely to visit and

spend money. So please can the council consider these points and the impact they may have.

**Peter Laing  
Lochgilphead  
SNP 'doesn't  
support Mid  
Argyll'**

Sir,  
Well done to the council's LibDem/Tory/Independent administration for providing the money to regenerate Lochgilphead and Tarbert, including £170,000 for improvements to the sports pitch in Tarbert.

The SNP council group voted to spend this money elsewhere; the local SNP MP and MSP supported this. So, I was surprised to read on your front page last week, SNP group leader, Councillor Sandy Taylor, claiming that he supported these projects.

The SNP government cut the council's grant by over £8 million. Despite this the LibDem/Tory/Independent administration still found the money for this work. It's shocking that the SNP did not support these projects.

When taken along with what I believe is the SNP plan to close Kilmory and transfer

the jobs to other towns, the SNP clearly doesn't support Mid Argyll.

**Liberal Democrats do.  
Alan Reid  
Lib Dem candidate  
for Argyll and Bute.**

**Rabbits out  
of a hat**

Sir,  
At the budget I was glad to see some investment in Mid Argyll. This is something I've campaigned on for a long time. CHORD monies went to the major towns, and for years there were no resources invested in the smaller communities.

It will be good if the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust can identify funding to maintain the all-weather pitch. The funding identified for the pitch will likely repair the damage from lack of maintenance since the pitch was developed but ongoing maintenance is an absolute necessity.

The loss of jobs is crucial to the individuals, their families and to the communities where they live. Job losses affect the economy of every area, large or small.

Secondary school librarians is a concern for children in our schools. Librarians don't just of-

fer help with books but support young people with their education, planning their future and providing a quiet place and refuge. The cuts to Early Years services will impact on our communities and the tremendous success of the Early Years Collaborative in Kintyre is a pilot we would want replicated - not reduced due to lack of funding. We have seen the evidence how this has helped our very young children with such positive results.

It is a great pity that the administration couldn't share its budget plans with the opposition earlier than at the budget meeting itself. Rabbits coming out of a hat is not good management, and while this might disguise the impact of job losses, the reality of education cuts and amenity reductions for people soon becomes apparent. In fact, as I had my hair cut today the hairdresser asked if it is true she will only have her bin emptied every three weeks. She has a baby in nappies and is concerned

about any infestation with waste lying for this length of time. It was a difficult budget meeting, not helped by information only being made available that afternoon - when we might have all been able to work together had the administration chosen to work with the opposition.

I fully appreciate savings had to be made, since the administration had made no significant attempt to address the shortfall over the last three years, but the job losses are severe.

I am concerned that while we spend resources and time on efforts to attract people to Argyll and Bute we cut jobs and services, which isn't the most attractive plan to stop our population decline.

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# Night at the races in Lochgilphead

LOCHGILPHEAD residents enjoyed a night at the races in aid of Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

To get around the fact there are no racecourses in Lochgilphead a race night pack was bought and the event was held in the Masonic Lodge

on February 20.

The tote run by the Round Table did brisk business throughout the night with queues forming before each race.

The stake was £1 and the return depended on the number of people who had backed

the horse. Returns were generally £3 or £4 but one lucky punter walked away with £20 for backing a horse no one else had.

The horses in all nine races were cheered on with increasing enthusiasm as the night went on. As well as winnings for backing the right horse, a bottle of wine was given to the person who bought the winning horse in each race.

There was a surprise at the end of the night when a final race was announced, horses were to be bought in an auction.

Groups were formed and muted discussions had on how much to bid. Auctioneer Jimmy was soon in full flow with horses going from £50 to a staggering £135. The prize for the winning team was a bottle of 12-year-old Glenfiddich and a bottle of vodka for second place.

The night was enjoyed by all and raised £1,300 for the pipe band.



Pipe Major Craig Lang gets the night started. 08\_a09racenight02



The prize winners. 08\_a09racenight03



Right: The tote did brisk business. 08\_a09racenight01

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**World Day of Prayer**  
A Service will be held on Friday 4th MARCH at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church, Campbeltown  
This year's theme – "Receive children, Receive Me"  
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**Lochgilphead Parish Church Coffee Morning** in The Church Hall Saturday February 27th 10am - 12 noon  
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# Dancing donation for £700 goes to talking newspapers

ARGYLL Talking Newspapers has been given a donation by a couple who competed in Strictly Lochgilhead.

Agata Brezinova and Chris Hammel chose the charity when they competed in the competition in December and

have now presented Argyll Talking Newspapers with a cheque for £700.

Morag Hunter, chairwoman of Argyll Talking Newspapers, said: 'We record each week all the Argyll local papers onto

USB sticks and post these out to people in Argyll and beyond who are registered blind or have sight difficulties.

'We are a small local charity run by volunteers and to receive a donation like this is beyond our wildest expectations.

'A year or so ago we were heading into financial difficulty, but this past year has seen very generous support from our listeners, from local businesses and now this amazing support from Agata and Chris; we can not thank them enough.'

# Pre-five class visit Auchindrain

THE PRE five class at Lochgilhead Joint Campus had a trip to Auchindrain Township to find out what life was like when their great-great grandparents were young.

## Water barrel

The youngsters learned about how clothes would have been made from sheep's wool and

talked about what it would have been like going outside to wash after seeing the water barrel.

When they saw the box beds in Martin's house they wondered what it would be like to eat, sleep and live with perhaps 12 other people in one room.

By this time the children were ready for a snack while getting warm by the fire.

## Pancakes

The children went to Bell a'Phuill's house where they heard the story of Bell and the pancakes before enjoying some pancakes made by Mel and Cathy.

Deputy head teacher Cathleen MacDonald said: 'A huge thank you must go to the staff at Auchindrain, Bob, Kathy and Mel, who went out of their way to make the children welcome and to provide an amazing experience for them. A fantastic morning was had by all.'



The Lochgilhead joint campus pre-five class pictured at Auchindrain Township.

# Book launch at Crinan

A BEST selling author will launch her new book in Crinan.

Katie Fford has sold over 2.5 million books in the UK and her latest, *A Summer at Sea*, is set aboard the puffer *Vic 32* and is based in Argyll.

The official launch will take place at Crinan on March 5 but she will also be signing books and chatting to custom-

ers at the Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilhead on March 5 from noon to 1.30pm.

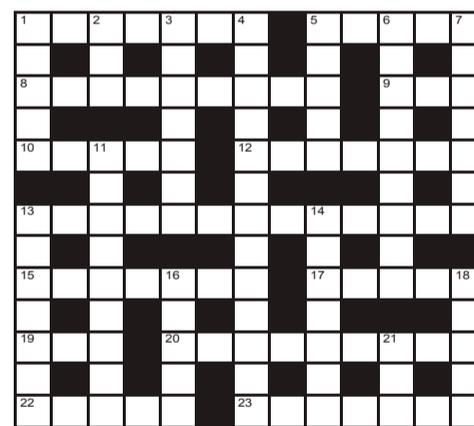
Katie is bringing friend and fellow novelist Judy Astley who will be happy to sign copies of her own book.

The bookshop is looking forward to hosting this chic-lit event and there will be wine and nibbles available.



Katie Fford

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### Across

- 1 Where to leave butts (7)
- 5 Urgency (5)
- 8 Children's viewing before this time (9)
- 9 Parenthesis shape (3)
- 10 Plant with waxy leaves (5)
- 12 Old Greek money (7)
- 13 One who does a favour (4,9)
- 15 Medicine for a diabetic (7)
- 17 Biblical possessive (5)
- 19 Hot beverage (3)
- 20 Old ruler of India (9)
- 22 Back in style (5)
- 23 Sniffer (7)

### Down

- 1 Archaic everytime (5)
- 2 Shed (3)
- 3 Goes over essay (7)
- 4 Violinist born in 1916 (6,7)
- 5 Freshwater tubular animal with tentacles (5)
- 6 Long pasta (9)
- 7 Bind (7)
- 11 Breakfast pastry (9)
- 13 Sparkle (7)
- 14 Comebacks (7)
- 16 Left between places when dancing? (5)
- 18 Type of alcohol but not to drink! (5)
- 21 Clash (3)

## World Day of Prayer

A SPECIAL service will take place at St Margaret's Lochgilhead to mark World Day of Prayer.

An estimated three million people in 170 countries will gather to pray on March 4 using an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba.

The theme of the service is being called to accept every human being as unique and equally worthy to God.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service at St Margaret's at 7pm on March 4.



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## Last week's solution





Terry Henderson with her volunteering certificates.



Fiona Kalache, MAYDS manager.

# Mid Argyll youth service grant boost

MID ARGYLL Youth Development Service (MAYDS) has been given a grant of £8,500 to double its volunteer base.

The funding has come from the voluntary Action Fund (VAF) which supports voluntary organisations.

It will allow the organisation to have 18 volunteer facilitators rather than its current nine.

Fiona Kalache, MAYDS Manager, said: 'The VAF grant and on-going support has been essential in allowing us to engage more with the community, through offering volunteering roles and opportunities within our service.'

'It has allowed us to

fully support and sustain these volunteers through the provision of training and on-going support by our volunteer development co-ordinator, a post which the grant has funded.'

Terry Henderson said volunteering with MAYDS has benefited her greatly: 'This has been a great experience for me. It has got me out the house and makes me feel valued. I feel I have something to give back to the young parents as I was once in their position.'

'Through the programme I have also received training and support which has given me confidence and skills for the future'



## A glimpse of sunshine and blue skies

By the time you read this, it could have changed all over again. But the weather on Tuesday of this week was beautiful. A wee bit of dry, frosty winter chill was something of a relief after months of constant rainfall. Pictured above that same day, the snow-topped hills of Arran are viewed from Lochgilphead's Front Green, the north end of Kintyre and Skipness Point are seen to the right in middle distance.



Dalriada Dance are performing in Ardrishaig and Glasgow.

## Young dancers to take part in national event

YOUNG dancers from Mid Argyll are to take part in a national dance performance.

Dalriada Dance has been selected to take part in Destination by Youth Dance (YDance) along with 13 other young dance groups.

Dalriada Dance will perform a seven-minute piece called *A Rough Edge* at the Tramway in Glasgow on March 5.

Leader Katie Milroy said: 'This will be our fourth time at this event. 2014 was really special as we got to perform at the Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival.'

Anna Kenrick, YDance Artistic Director said: 'The destinations performance is a highlight in the YDance calendar as it is an event that allows

the youth dance community across Scotland to come together on one stage to show the diversity and talent we have in the youth dance sector. All these young people have worked hard all year and by performing and watching each other they learn and grow as dancers and people.'

Dalriada Dance is open to dancers between 12 and 21 and continues to grow, Katie said: 'We've got 15 members now and there are new people joining every year.'

Before heading off to Glasgow, Dalriada Dance will perform along with Katie's dance company KaSt at Ardrishaig Public Hall tomorrow, February 27, at 7.30pm. Tickets are available on the door.

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## It's not all bunnets, wellies and grey hair

### Young Farmers clubs stage a revival

THE YOUNG Farmers movement is forging ahead in Argyll.

With the assistance of development manager for the region, Jenny Baillie, the newly reinvigorated Mid Argyll, Campbeltown, Bute and North Argyll clubs have been joined by an Islay branch. Hot on the heels of its first Annual General Meeting since being re-formed, Mid Argyll Young Farmers Club has already been discussing the club's syllabus for the next few months - including moves to 'put on show' in the main ring at Mid Argyll Show later this year.

At the club AGM, past NFU branch chairman John Semple, a former Young Farmers' member himself, opened proceedings in the chair, to be replaced later in the evening by newly-elected club chairman, Alastair Dixon.

Mid Argyll YFC plans to host a club event every second Monday of the month, with the odd group trip thrown

in. The next event in the calendar will be a quiz night in the Kilmartin Hotel on March 17. The Mid Argyll club covers the Lochgilphead, Inveraray and surrounding areas. Alastair Dixon said: 'We look forward to hosting

events in 2016 for the local community and for any 14 to 30-year-olds in the area looking to becoming a part of the Young Farmers club. A date will be set shortly after our AGM for an early spring event, and our thanks

must go to the NFUS Mid Argyll Branch and the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs (SAYFC) for their support so far.' If you are interested in finding out more, email Aileen Semple at aileensemple@gmail.

com or Alastair Dixon on [alastair.dixon@hotmail.com](mailto:alastair.dixon@hotmail.com).

Across on Islay, an excellent turnout of more than 20 people attended Islay Young Farmers Club's AGM in Bownmore earlier this month to re-establish the club and to start plans for their 2016 programme, which includes a stock-judging and barbecue on Saturday February 27 at Gruinart Farm. Islay Young Farmers Club was started in 1938 and celebrated its jubilee in 1988. The club was active during the late 1980s to mid 1990s, but fell into abeyance in 1995/96.

Another success story, North Argyll YFC, is set to hold its own AGM on Saturday March 5 at the Palace Hotel in Oban.

Clubs across Argyll and the Islands are keen to recruit members - and you don't even need to be a farmer to join.

Find out more by contacting Jenny Baillie at [jenny@sayfc.org](mailto:jenny@sayfc.org), by calling 0131 333 2445.



**Newly-elected Mid Argyll YFC office bearers: back row, left to right: Aileen Semple, secretary; James Peterson, vice chairman. Front row: left to right: Natasha Finlay, treasurer; Alastair Dixon, chairman, and Kirsten Paterson, assistant secretary.**



**From the new Islay YFC are, left to right, Alice Hathaway, secretary, and Stuart Lamont, club chairman, with Scott Wilson, SAYFC national chairman.**

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## Harehead Savivatu is the star of Luining sale

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A strong entry of stock on February 5 saw a big-

ger in-calf heifer section and a packed ring-side full of buyers ready

calf heifers - 21 more than last year - averaged £1,918.

Pedigree bulling heifers were next, with 111 animals selling to an average of £1,241.

### First prize

The first prize bulling heifers from D and A Stanners, Tyndale, Prescott sold to P Simmers, Backmuir, Keith for 1,600gns. Bulling heifers sold to an average of £1,488.

Cadzw Bros, Isle of Luing sold 17 bulling heifers, averaging £1,198.

In the male section, 27 bulls were forward, with

23 specimens selling to average £4,914.

The top price reached 17,000gns, the second highest for a Luining bull, for Harehead Savivatu from Prof WA Penny CBE, per N Anderson, Harehead, Duns. He was a joint purchase from P Simmers, Backmuir and D Sawrij, Kedzie Farms.

Cadzw Bros, Luining paid 7,000 guineas for another from the same herd, Harehead Sumo.

Other top prices included Luining Sherman from the Cadzw Bros, selling for 7,000gns to Prof WA Penny CBE.



**Top priced bull, Harehead Savivatu. Photo: Wayne Hutchinson.**

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# Do you remember Dunoon Grammar School hostel?

## - reunion appeal to Mid Argyll and islands pupils



### Seen something? Say something

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute are being asked to act if they think an adult is being harmed or neglected.

The Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee is getting behind the Scottish Government's 'Seen something? Say something?' campaign which launched on February 15.

Chair of the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee, Bill Brackenridge said: 'The abuse of vulnerable adults is completely unacceptable and sadly it can often go unnoticed. We need people in our communities to notice what is going on and make sure they report it so that appropriate action can be taken.'

'It is our duty to look after vulnerable people in our communities. People often have a feeling that someone is being harmed or is at risk; a sense that something is not right. By acting on this, they could help a person who is at risk to overcome the situation and become safe from harm.'

'If you thought a child was at risk of harm, you would do something about it. It should be no different for an adult, but many people are not aware of adult harm or of the need to act on their concerns.'

### E.ON fund

CHARITIES and community groups can apply to E.ON for a share of its energy action fund.

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The maximum award is £2,000 and this can be used to fully or part-fund a project. The application deadline is April 8. The application pack is on the E.ON website.

IT'S BACK to school for Argyll folk next month as an appeal goes out for former pupils to get together for a reunion. Secondary school pupils from many parts of Argyll and the Isles attended Dunoon Grammar School in years gone by, staying at the school hostel during term-time.

Now former hostel warden, Jim Torrance, is inviting ex-hostel residents to come to the new Dunoon Grammar School for a special anniversary reunion.

Dunoon School hostel, opened by Secretary of State for Scotland, Sir Willie Ross, in 1968, was to be a shining example of a new approach by Argyll County Council to the problem of providing a full secondary education for the children living in remote areas.

Helped by funding



A group of hostel residents in 1968 - the first year of the hostel's existence.

from central government, Dunoon was to be the prototype for a further 11 such buildings throughout the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Jim, who was warden from 1968 to 1976, told *The Advertiser*: 'Dunoon was different in that, not only was it the leader, it was also

the only one to house both boys and girls in the one establishment; a recipe for disaster according to some people.

'The fact that disaster did not happen was a tribute both to the staff and pupils in the hostel.'

He continued: 'From the outset, there was an enthusiasm and vibrancy

about the place, with residents and staff determined to make things work, which dispelled all the anxiety that preceded the opening.'

Many of the senior pupils from Islay, Jura and Tarbert had followed in the footsteps of famous former students, such as John Smith, George Robertson, Brian Wilson and John McKay, and had each spent some time finishing their secondary education at Dunoon Grammar School in 'digs'-boarding houses - in term-time.

'These students in their final year welcomed the improved living conditions the hostel offered, Jim explained. 'It even had a colour TV - and senior pupils passed on their experience to the younger residents. Their

maturity played a vital part in the success of the policy.

'Even the simultaneous closure of the secondary school at Tighnabruaich, which had caused such resentment, was soon forgotten in the way the children settled into their new home.'

It is now approaching 48 years since the hostel's opening, and it is something that Jim Torrance does not want to pass without celebration.

'I invite all pupils, staff and friends from these early years to join me at Dunoon Grammar School at 7.30 pm on Friday March 18,' said Jim.

A film was made of the activities at Dunoon School Hostel in 1968, and Jim added: 'There

will be a showing of the film of the hostel - with updates - taken in 1968 by John Kelly, the resident teacher

'It would be good if the original residents would meet up once again.'

Jim passed two pictures to *The Advertiser*, and he explained: 'In the picture of the prefects are Liz Mundell from Whitehouse and Helen Galbraith from Torinturk.'

'Also from Tarbert in the hostel at that time were Bertie McNab, Duncan Ferguson, Malcolm Johnson and Duncan McFarlane, who are to be seen in the early residents' picture.'

'Many others, such as Hugh Carmichel, the Johnston brothers and John McNab, who went on to play with the local Cowal Boys football club, were to follow. Indeed, I did meet up with John, briefly, when he was treasurer of Tarbert Golf Club.'

'I do hope many of them will make the effort to be there. It would be a real pleasure to hear how life has treated them in these intervening years.'

'Please let me know if I can help you to make this happen,' concluded Jim.

Contact Jim Torrance at [jim.torrance2@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.torrance2@btinternet.com) for more information.



Dunoon hostel prefects in 1968.

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## Welcome to the first BrideGuide

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Despite the stresses and financial strains that the current economic climate has brought us in recent years, there is one major life event in which people are still happy to spend money – a wedding. The UK's most popular wedding website [hitched.co.uk](http://hitched.co.uk) surveyed thousands of newlywed couples last year to reveal an industry worth £10 billion. According to Brides Magazine, the average figure for the cost of a UK wedding is a whopping £24,000.

But remember, this is just the average cost, not a target for what you should splash out – many people spend less (or more). Almost a quarter of people surveyed spent less than £5,000 on their wedding. This just goes to show the vast differences in budgets - which means there is no one-size-fits all solution. When it comes down to it, it's a lot of money to spend on a single day, but totally worth the lifetime of memories you'll have from it!

The UK Academy of Wedding and Event Planning have identified some key trends for 2016, so if you're looking for the best way to make sure your wedding day is seriously stylish, they have some great ideas.

Personalisation is becoming more popular as couples realise their wedding is a celebration of their life together. And who can resist the glitz and sparkle of old Hollywood? That glamorous red carpet vibe is finding its way into weddings in 2016. If Hollywood glam is a little too polished for you, you'll love the eclectic décor trend. Seating will take an alternative turn, with ghost chairs and lounge style furniture set to take centre stage. Abundant florals is a trend we love, with green, nature inspired weddings and hanging flower centrepieces- stunning! And finally, great food can make a lovely wedding completely incredible. More and more of us are fond of fine local food nowadays, and providing an amazing culinary experience for your guests at your wedding will be a big thing in 2016.

Many couples will want to do something to make their big day unique, different and memorable for their guests; from personalised stationery to the cutting of the cake, there are thousands of unusual ideas out there to help brides and grooms make their wedding stand out, so peruse our guide and visit the Oban Times Highland Wedding Show to start planning your perfect day!

# THE BRIDEGUIDE

## Argyll and Bute Civil Ceremonies

"It is your day so we do it your way" – this is the motto of Argyll and Bute registrars who are here to help couples make their special day the unique, magical experience they want.

There is a lot more choice and freedom now for couples getting married. Changes in legislation mean they are no longer limited to "traditional" venues such as registrar offices or hotels. In the last year for example we have had civil ceremonies held in castles, gardens, yachts, beaches and even people's own homes. Our focus is on making it possible for couples to have the day they are dreaming of. Getting in touch with us as early as possible helps to achieve this.

We encourage the inclusion of music and poetry in our ceremonies – which is not

to say couples must have this – but we give couples as much choice as possible so their day is perfect from start to finish. In addition to this we are now allowed religious content and alternative ceremonies such as handfasting and candle ceremonies which are becoming really popular.

Having the ceremony where the reception is held, such as a hotel, castle or gathering hall, has become a popular trend, but there are several stunning council marriage rooms available throughout Argyll and Bute. These include a new facility in Helensburgh, Castle House in Dunoon, the Linda McCartney Garden in Campbeltown, Mount Pleasant House on the Island of Bute and a room overlooking picturesque Tobermory Bay on Mull.

Increasingly, couples are going to the registrar for ceremonies to renew their wedding vows, or a baby naming ceremony these can even be combined for a special family day. Depending on the venue, council marriage rooms can seat from 2 to 80 guests. If however, couples would prefer an intimate ceremony just for themselves then we can also arrange witnesses for them.

There is no residency requirement to get married in Scotland, but every couple is required to give the registrar in the district they wish to be married at least 28 days' notice.

We encourage couples to make contact with the registrar early, as different couples will have different requirements. For example, if you are divorced or a

surviving partner, you will need specific documents and there are different rules that apply for couples that are coming from out with the EU. We take great care to assist couples and make sure that everything is in order and stress free. Forms are valid for three months, but you can book ceremonies a year or more in advance.

The letters of thanks, emails and wonderful feedback we receive from couples is tremendous and greatly appreciated by registration staff – it is great to hear "You gave us the day we always wanted".

Look for the council's dedicated registration webpage coming out in summer 2016. Meanwhile visit [argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/marriages](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/marriages) for more information and contacts.

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# The venue

Finding the perfect venue is at the top of any engaged couple's list. With the venue playing a vital role in the success of your day, it's the big decision you really need to get right.

Just like viewing a new property it is easy to become overexcited and fall in love with a place without checking the venue can cater to your requirements, so here, with the help of [hitched.co.uk](http://hitched.co.uk), we answer that age old question - how to choose a wedding venue?

Location, location, location

'When you're looking for your dream wedding venue, make sure you narrow your search down to a practical range. There's no point falling for a fairytale castle wedding venue if it's not practical for you to plan and your guests to get to.

**• Capacity**

If you have a huge family and will need a venue that can host a huge crowd, cross intimate, boutique venues off your list. Likewise, if you fall for a large capacity wedding venue but have a guest list of 20, will you feel lost in the cavernous spaces?

**• Factor in your budget**

Find out how much the wedding packages cost and if there's any room for negotiation. If not, cut your losses and move on, as there's nothing worse than falling for something and

finding out it's way out of your price range.

**• Make a list**

Have a list of venues you love, but also have a list of your non-negotiables. If you have your heart set on having your favourite rock band play at the reception, check that there aren't sound restrictions. Perhaps you fancy candles everywhere - make sure there aren't rules against open flames.

**• Think food and drink**

Are you happy to have in-house caterers and the standard alcohol the venue offers? If you want to bring in external caterers for a speciality meal and you want to provide your own alcohol, make sure you check there aren't fees for this. Some venues don't offer catering at all.

**• Ceremony set up**

Do you want a wedding where everything takes place at one venue, or have you thought about a religious service or a register office ceremony? Check what the ceremony options at the venue are. If you are looking to marry somewhere else, consider the distance between the places and how easily you (and your guests) can travel between the two.



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# The dress

Choosing a wedding dress can be one of the most exciting parts of planning a wedding, but it can also be daunting.

Most brides will search online and in magazines to get inspiration when it comes to their wedding dress, to prepare themselves for when they start visiting bridal wear shops. But a recent survey conducted on hitched.co.uk revealed that only 21.7% of brides bought what they'd always dreamed they would be wearing on their wedding day, and over 30% surprised themselves and bought something completely different than what they had in mind.

Finding the perfect dress isn't always easy, so to help make shopping as fun and as easy as possible, here are some tips to help you through the entire process.

• **Before you go:**

Think about your wedding and what kind of dress is appropriate- beach vs ballroom, winter vs summer, etc. Consider your body shape and personal style. Be realistic. Spend some time looking at magazines and wedding blogs before hitting the shops, and clip the styles you like. Then set a budget- the average boutique wedding dress is

over £1000, but there are less expensive alternatives. Don't forget to budget in the shoes and accessories.

• **Trying it on:**

Give yourself plenty of time- it can take up to six months for a dress to be made to order or alterations made, but don't shop more than a year in advance as styles change. Most bridal shops are by appointment so book early. Bring only your mum and one or two friends at most, and leave the kids at home. Also consider high street shops, online or even charity boutiques. Wear appropriate underwear, including a strapless bra, and don't wear makeup so as to protect the dresses. Wear heels a similar height to those you will have for the day. Don't get discouraged, as you may try on dozens of dresses before you find the one! Once you find it, shop around for the best price if possible. When you find your dream dress, hang it carefully in a box and put it away somewhere safe until the big day!

## Trinity Hairdressing

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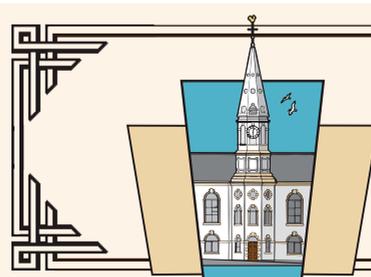
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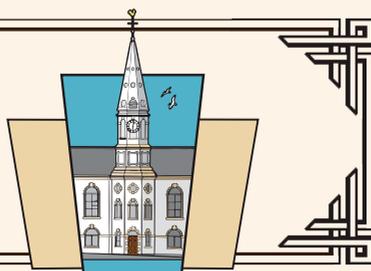
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**Beauty tips for the face and skin:**

- Say no to processed foods and focus on staying hydrated at all times.
- Bite into fresh fruits and veggies- being high on fibre they offer antioxidants for the youthful look.
- Start body brushing before bathing to stimulate lymphatic system and exfoliate the skin.
- Salt scrubs from organic products are a great way to getting that glowing skin.
- Deep cleansing facials can be tried for removing blackheads, pimples and toxins. Remember to include neck, elbows, arms etc. in your cleansing routine so that they

don't spoil the show by being in complete contrast to your clean and clear face!

**Beauty tips for the hair:**

- Work on the final cut, colour and style for the pre and post events so that you know the complete look and aren't in for any surprises.
- Keep your tresses neat, get rid of the split ends and treat uneven textures to make the hair look smooth and shiny
- Include hair care as a part of your regime, pamper your hair and invest in quality products while keeping your individual needs in mind.

While taking good care of your hair, face and skin, do make time for regular exercise. Besides being a mood enhancer, it tightens skin and tones muscle.

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Corrina bought The Flower Shop on Lochnell Street last year and with support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is expanding the services on offer, including wedding planning.

The response to Corrina's new business venture has been so positive she is now offering personalised cards and candles to order and is looking to expand into wedding and party planning and providing a hire service for vases and event decorating which will allow her to expand on her existing flower range.



# Cakes and flowers

The cake and flowers will play a significant part on any wedding day. They will be a huge focal point, and are a great way to personalise the wedding to match the couple's personalities and interests.

There are plenty of things to consider when choosing a cake for the big day, from the shape, to the flavour and of course, the decoration. The options when it comes to picking a cake are seemingly endless. You can have a classic wedding cake, cupcakes, a naked Victoria sponge cake, a dessert buffet or even a tower of cheese wheels if you don't have a sweet tooth. Another tradition is to serve a fruitcake either as the groom's cake or as a layer in the bride's cake, preserving the top tier for the christening or the first anniversary.

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According to the Flower Trends Forecast report, the keywords for wedding flowers in 2016 are lavish and lustre- sensual and tactile, rich in textures,



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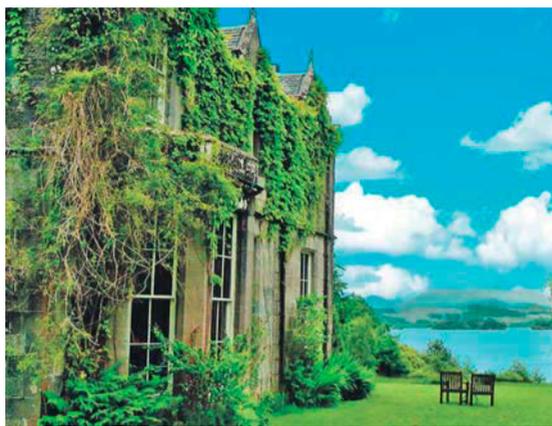
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# ISLAY

## 'close enough to be far away'

by Chief Reporter Louise Glen

AFTER working for six months solidly and being fairly wrung out I needed a break from work.

People, it seems, now call this cash rich and time poor. I doubt if my husband would agree with the cash rich bit - but you get the idea.

I had been toying with the idea of heading to Paris again. My companion and I had travelled to the city of lights for a number of years.

But after the events of late October it was suddenly not as welcoming as it used to be.

After panicking that I might never take a holiday ever again, there is always something I can find to do at work, a lovely friend took me in hand and suggested a visit to the Isle of Islay.

To the area called The Oa, in fact, and in particular to the lodges at Coillabus.

Whilst I was perfectly happy to go to Islay, as it is close enough to be far away, I was slightly concerned that the weather would impede our enjoyment.

I was wrong, and my friend was absolutely correct when I said I would not be disappointed with the weather or Islay life.

We made our way to Islay on the last CalMac ferry of the day laden down with (completely unnecessary supplies as of course there is everything you could ever want on the island including in-house chef services) - it was very exciting to actually be on the fancy ship Finlaggan.

The relatively new fleet member is like a cruise ship - in fact a smaller version of the QM2 with all her lighting and glass features.

Aboard ship most European nationalities were represented including three German men and a 'flying' Dutchman (he was on a trip for 48 hours to see all Islay island distilleries including Jura).

Our first lesson was this: be nice to the people you meet on a ferry because you will meet them time and

again over the coming days as you play pas de bas around every monument, beautiful beach, distillery and awe inspiring view on the island.

We arrived into Port Ellen in the dark. Very quickly the lights of the village were behind us as we made our short trip to the cottage.

There is nothing like arriving on a new Scottish island - so many opportunities, so many experiences - the smell, the silence the wildlife, the pace of life.

Let me explain, I am not very good at directions.

Correction, I am not good at listening or taking directions - I trusted my companion to be good at that.

But I hadn't actually sent her the directions, and as a busy hotel manager she was also ready for a break from organising other people's lives.

So in spite of seeing the name of the lodges clearly written at the side of the first road we went down, I decided that a wee trip to the end of the road at The Oa sounded all very romantic in the dark.

How right I was. After an amazing and unexpected late night lightshow - otherwise known as the Northern Lights we made our way back to the cottage and began to take up residence.

It was very easy to take the stuff we had dumped in our car earlier that day straight out into an 'antechamber' to be sorted and carted off into our bedrooms.

In all, unpacking of our many belongings took about ten minutes.

Before any length of time, at all, we had shaken off the woes of the world and we were in the hot tub, in the darkness with a near-full moon catching the sparkles in our champagne flutes (plastic of course).

A good night of sleep ensued on a fantastic bed with superb pillows.

I woke up to what I thought was a big bird dancing on the turf ceiling. I was chuffed to bits that wildlife watching was not going to be a problem.

I was thinking this was an eco house to rival all eco houses if an actual Golden Eagle or the resident chuffs dancing on the ceiling - or grass turfed roof, without knowing it was on top of a house.

It wasn't until after a finely scrambled Islay egg, and buttered toast that I saw a reflection of the 'bird'.

It was in fact a very naughty black-faced sheep breaking all the rules about where it should be and having a jolly good time sunbathing on the roof.

I laughed and laughed. And that was when it hit, that moment that always gets you on holiday - I like to call it separation anxiety, the worry of work. I mean how could they possibly cope without me.

Nothing can quell those anxious feelings other than a look at my emails and a check of my phone.

So I allowed myself a good look at my phone while the sauna was heating up. My head was settled - all was well, they were coping.

If I could, I would like to list for you the many, many memories I made in Islay during my mini break. But the best things are not about a check list and ticking them off. The best things are Islay itself. Explored at its best it is about wandering and chatting and be guided by the island weather and the people you come across.

A good starting point for us was a book kept in the house, written by the owner, that provides great information about food deliveries, where to get stuff, taxi companies (for a night out at one of the many lovely places to take of a light refreshment), people to speak to - to buy fish from and every detail including the owners 'full cousin' who is also a masseuse who will come to the house.

When people find out you are staying at The Oa they are interested in asking lots of questions.

When you say you are at The Oa they will make an 'ooohhhh' sound when you say you are at Hester's place.

The second thing people ask is 'Have you been in the hot tub?'

Days on Islay started to melt into one another very quickly, but every moment was savoured.

We walked, talked, hot tubbed, sang (at the top of our voices) listened to Scottish music band Skipinnish and good old Van Morrison on CD, visited every distillery on the island, and even took a trip to Jura.

We visited the post office in Portnahaven, and in Bridgend, The hotel at Port Askaig, watched football and ate a splendid meal in the village pub with a rather enthusiastic Manchester City fan, visited ancient rocks and (by comparison) some modern Neolithic settlements, took photos that show some of the beauty of the island and relaxed.

The lodge was at the centre of everything we did - it wasn't a base, it was the heart of our holiday. It gave us real honest no-problems-what-so-ever surroundings in which we could relax and enjoy the island the sunsets the views, but most of all gave us the opportunity to enjoy ourselves.

What makes the lodges even more exciting for me, was the woman who built them. Hester is not someone who has built a holiday lodge and run away. Following in the tradition of her family, who have worked the land at The Oa for decades, she too is making the land work for her in a very modern way.

Hester's dad was on the land everyday while we were there still working with the sheep and cattle.

There was something very authentic in The Oa experience. So much so that I didn't want to give up hope that I might actually return to Islay to enjoy the same relaxation that I had felt when I was there. Something I hadn't experienced for a long time.

It was so lovely to be somewhere that was no bother to enjoy, no bother at all - not even with those sunbathing sheep.



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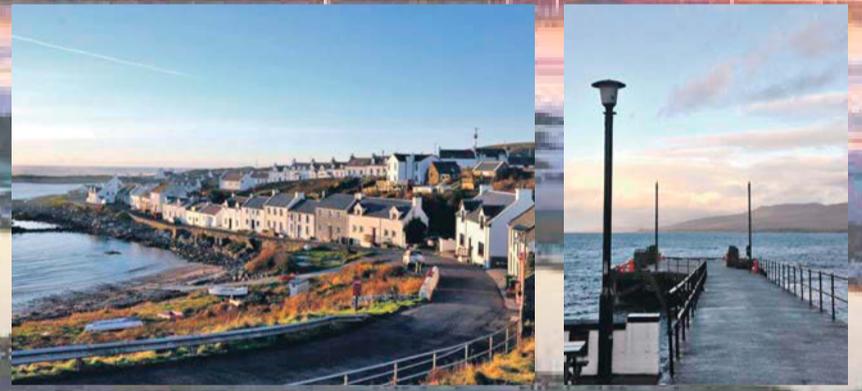
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## Women starting out in property are hardest hit by gender pay gap

Salaries of UK surveying professionals are at the highest in nine years, but the gender pay gap for new entrants now stands at 28.7 per cent, according to the RICS and Macdonald & Company UK Rewards & Attitudes Survey 2016.

### Highlights

- Male property professionals earn on average £7,000 more than female counterparts
- Gender pay gap most prominent among 18-22-year-olds
- Sector salaries up 7.1 per cent overall

### The gender pay gap

Salaries for UK property professionals have continued to rise at an average increase of 7.1 per cent in 2016, according to the latest survey by RICS & Macdonald & Company.

However, the gender pay gap continues with male property professionals earning £7,000 pa more on average than female counterparts (£57,509 versus £45,689). While this gap has closed slightly, from 27.0 per cent last year to 25.9 per cent in 2016, the discrepancy is evident across all age groups and is most acute for those aged between 18-22, where the difference in av-

erage salary is 28.7 per cent.

### Competition for talent

Competition for talent continues with the average salary increase awarded to respondents who moved employer in the last year reached 16.2 per cent, while the average increase received by respondents under 30 jumped by 12 per cent.

Bonuses awarded to entry level candidates jumped by 79 per cent this year and employees at this level are also most likely to move job. Of those who indicated they are likely to look to change roles this year, 35 per cent are relatively inexperienced, compared to 19 per cent last year.

The fact that 64 per cent of respondents reported a rise in salary will offer cold comfort to the many women in the sector, especially those at entry level, who are once again confronted with a significant gender pay gap. The industry must urgently take action to create a more balanced workforce that attracts the best talent if it wants to remain competitive.

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*RICS Equalities Manager  
Justine Wallis-Leggett*

### A regional focus

Looking at the picture across the UK, those working in greater London continue to earn, on average, the most (£65,050) and command a premium of 20.8 per cent over the South East and 52.2 per cent over Ireland. The majority of the rest of the UK have indicated only a slight growth in average annual salaries, with the greatest growth seen in

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MY aunt found a very special photograph which she passed on to me recently.

It was a rather scratched black and white picture of my mother and father on their first date.

I was absolutely thrilled to have it and, from my aunt, I heard the story that went with it.

I heard from my aunt how excited my mum was. Evidently she tried on several items of clothing before settling for a lovely black skirt and a white blouse.

My dad was very smart in, what was known in those days, as a sports jacket and flannels.

I think they looked a very handsome couple indeed.

My grandfather however, insisted that my aunt go along on this date to act as chaperone.

They evidently had a wonderful evening and this led to 58 years of a very happy marriage.

I love to look at this photograph and wish I could talk to them both about it.

However I have my wonderful memories and these bring both tears and laughter as I look back on their life journey together.

I remember all the precious times the three of us shared over the years with family, friends and an amazing assortment of animals.

I wonder how the disciples felt as they looked back on their precious time with Jesus.

They would have no photograph by which to remember him, no video clips or voice recordings to treasure.

Maybe this was why Jesus used so much symbolism.

His friends would remember him in the breaking of bread, in the pouring of wine, in the washing of feet, in the telling of stories.

They would remember his laughter as they sat round a kitchen table: they would remember his anger at injustice: they would remember his touch of healing, and they would remember his call to follow him.

I wonder what your mind memories are of Jesus?

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**ACHNAMARA**

**Cafe Connect held in village hall**

NORTH Knapdale church has held the first of a series of free Cafe Connect events in Achnamara Village Hall.

Visitors were welcomed with fresh coffee, tea and cakes and a good amount of friendly conversation and reminiscing was enjoyed by all.

Cafe Connect runs every Saturday from 10.30am for the next few weeks with the final one being on March 12.

The church looks forward to welcoming people from all parts of the parish in the coming weeks.

**LOCHGILPHEAD**



Lochgilphead SWI learns the clarsach.

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THE ladies of Lochgilphead Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) had a musical theme at their latest meeting.

Clarsach player Alicia Chapple brought along a number of clarsachs so those present could have a go and learn a tune or two.

The women took to this with great enthusiasm and were soon able to pick out a melody on the instrument with the expert guidance of Alicia.

Some members enjoyed the evening so much they have started looking for classes in the area to learn more.

The SWI will be hosting a coffee morning on March 5.

**FURNACE**

**Furnace bra walk**

RESIDENTS of Furnace will take part in a bra walk from the caravan park, along the shore road and ending in Furnace Hall where walkers will be rewarded with soup and sandwiches.

The event is in aid of the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow and costs £3 to enter. Women and men are encouraged to decorate a bra to wear and there will be a prize for the best decorated bra.

Registration and payment will be taken in advance at Furnace shop.

The event is tomorrow (February 27) and leaves the caravan park at 5.30pm. There will also be a celebration in the hall afterwards with a raffle, licensed bar and music from TJ Mac. Non walkers welcome.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**TOMLINSON**

Stephen and Jenny (Shaw) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of James Alexander, on February 11, 2016. A brother for Skye, a fourth grandchild for Wendy and Ron Shaw, Smailholm and a seventh grandchild for Betty and David Tomlinson, Lochgilphead. Many thanks to the staff of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

**DEATHS**

**CHRISTIE** - Suddenly at home, Upper Ballywilline, Campbeltown, on February 21, 2016, Colin Caldwell Christie, in his 65th year, dearly beloved husband of Florence Millar, much loved father of Cameron and Johanne, father-in-law of David and dear papa of Luke, Noah and Naomi. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, February 27 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**GILLIES** - On February 17, 2016, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, Jean Gillies, née Wilson, former nursing auxiliary at Mid Argyll Hospital, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Coll Gillies, much loved mother of Colin, Billy and the late Sally, a dearly loved mother-in-law, nanny and great nanny. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on February 24, interment thereafter at Achabreac Cemetery. With grateful thanks to Ardfenaig Care Home staff for all the kind care and attention received, also to Rev David Carruthers for a fitting and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the Grey Gull Inn for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for Ardfenaig raised £202.

**HOLDEN** - On February 19, 2016, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Robert (Bobby) Holden, in his 86th year, beloved husband of Margaret and the late Jean, much loved father of Iain, David and Robert and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, February 29 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

**MARTIN** - Peacefully, at the home of her daughter, Lucmar, Stewarton, on February 16, 2016, Elizabeth McCormick (Betty), 25 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Peter Martin, much loved mother of Janet,

mother-in-law of Andrew and a dearly loved granny of Lucy and Mary. Funeral private.

**SINCLAIR** - On February 15, 2016, suddenly at home, Donald Sinclair, in his 67th year, beloved husband of the late Pat Sinclair, much loved father of Fiona and Donnie, dearly loved grandpa of Caitlin, Jack and Greg and dear brother of Mary. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, (today) Friday, February 26 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Fishermen's Mission.

**SMITH** - Peacefully at home in Annan, Dumfriesshire on February 12, 2016, Doctor Archibald Brian Smith, formerly of Tarbert, aged seventy years, beloved husband of Rona, father and grandfather. Funeral service was held at St Andrew's Church, Annan, on February 19, interment thereafter at Annan Cemetery.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BLACK** - The family of the late Katharine (Kate) Black would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful flowers and messages following her passing away. Special thanks to Rev P Wallace for a fine church service and to Mr Gardiner for the lovely music. Particular thanks to Sandy Martin for the beautiful flowers. Similarly to Kenneth and staff at T A Blair Funerals and to Flora and the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their friendly, thoughtful and professional support and service. Thank you also to the Argyll and Bute aged support community service team members who were a great help in the years prior and to Mandy Galbraith and Jenny Dosser who cared for her so closely. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to pay their respects at the church and at the graveside, she would have been happy to see you. A retiral collection on behalf of Dementia Research raised a total of £1,330.

**DEANS** - The family of the late Archie Deans would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following their sad loss. Special thanks to the paramedics, the police and to doctors Toledo and Villalba for their help and kindness. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth for their help and professional service, to the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent purvey and to all those who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection on behalf of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality, amounted to £385.

**GALLOWAY** - Ella, Elma and Sandra would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy by way of cards, telephone calls and flowers received in the recent sad loss of Bill and for their attendance at Achnaba. Special thanks to the staff at Lynn of Lorne Care Home for care and attention shown to Bill during his stay there and the devoted, loving care shown to Bill during his last few days; to Rev Jeff McCormick and Norman Nicolson for their contribution to the service of celebration and

thanksgiving held at Achnaba and to Mr Chris Holden at the graveside at Campbeltown. Grateful thanks to Kenneth Blair, Campbeltown for his sensitive and efficient handling of funeral arrangements at North Connel and Campbeltown. Thanks to the Lochnell Hotel, North Connel and The Ardshiel, Campbeltown for providing us with lovely lunches. The family also thank everyone who very generously donated £400 to Alzheimer Scotland.

**MCMILLAN** - Joyce and Ishbel, nieces of the late Mary McMillan, would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks also to carers, doctors and nursing staff involved in caring for Aunt Mary in recent years and in particular during her final days in hospital. The care and support given to us by Rev Wallace and Rev McIntyre was much appreciated, as was the thoughtful service and tribute. Thanks to Alasdair Blair and Son for arranging a professional, stress free funeral and to the Ardshiel Hotel for afternoon tea. Lastly, to everyone for the retiral collection which raised £409.40 for the Firefighters Charity and RNLI.

**SCOTT** - The family of the late Sandra Scott (née Jackson) would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, support and words of comfort during this difficult time. Our thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for conducting a lovely and fitting service, to Marjory for her organ accompaniment, to The Larder for their beautiful floral arrangements, to the staff of The Tarbert Hotel for catering and bar services and to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their caring attention. Special thanks to Marleen Jackson and the staff of the Glenaray Ward for their loving care, which was greatly appreciated in our final days together. The retiral collection raised £445.48 for The Scottish Association for Mental Health, which will be gratefully received.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**BROWN** - Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011.

Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure.  
- The Brown family, at home and away.

**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.

**CLARK** - Treasured memories of our dearly loved dad and grandpa, John, who died February 24, 1977. Also our dearly loved mum and gran, Margaret (Peggy), who died March 29, 1993. Always in our thoughts.  
- Ian, Janette and family, home and away.

**MACKINLAY** - In loving memory of Alex (Snr), loving partner of Nan, much loved father and papa, who died February 24, 2015. Always remembered. Sadly missed.  
- Love from all the family.

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

**MACVICAR** - In loving memory of my dear wife Teena (Christina MacInnes), died March 1, 2007.

They say in time you do forget  
To some that may be true  
But no morning dawns, no night returns  
Without a thought of you.

- Johnnie.  
For a loving mother and nana.  
You left us happy memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And though we cannot see you  
You're always at our side.

- Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael.  
**MORRANS** - Sarah Soudan, died February 24, 1999. Forever in our thoughts.  
- The family.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

A Service will be held on **Friday 4th MARCH at 7.00pm In St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church, Campbeltown**

This year's theme - "Receive children, Receive Me"  
Written by **Christians in Cuba**  
**ALL WELCOME**

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 28th February 2016 11.00am**  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
**SPEAKER:** George Stewart 'Let us go on'

**Thursday 3rd March 2016 7.30pm**  
Prayer, Word and Sharing

**Saturday 5th March 2016 9.15 for 9.30am**  
Prayer Gathering  
*All Welcome to all services*

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 28 February**  
Bellanoch Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
Morning Worship 11:30 am  
**Saturday 27 February**  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall

**Monday 29 February**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
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www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 28th February 2016 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE**  
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Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
**Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 27th February**  
10am - 12 noon  
Every Tuesday  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
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**CHURCH NOTICES**

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

"It is good to sing praises to our God"

Sunday 28th February Services  
in  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

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9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
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**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Meeting to be held on **Friday 4th December** at 7.30pm in the Free Church, Campbeltown  
Panel Night - "Any Questions"  
Questions can be submitted before or at the door on the 4th December  
Panel members - Mrs Felicity Kelly, Pastor Chris Holden, Rev Jeremy Middleton & Rev Findlay McKenzie  
Tea/coffee served after meeting  
**Everyone most welcome.**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**

**Sunday 28th February 2016 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
**All Welcome**

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 28th February 2016**  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Mr John Morrison  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Rev. Walter Ritchie  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
**Everyone very welcome**  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
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**lochgilphead baptist church**

All Welcome  
Pastor Derek Gibson  
All Welcome  
**Sunday 28th February 2016**  
Morning Service 11am with communion  
**mainly music**  
Tuesdays at 10.15am  
**Jumpstart**  
Fridays from 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Sunday 28 February 2016**  
11.00am Family Communion Service

**Tuesdays 1 March**  
10am - 12 noon  
Coffe Morning  
All welcome

**Wednesday**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study

**Joint churches**  
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Friday 4th March 2016

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SCO14646



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 28th February**  
Third Sunday of Lent  
Holy Communion 10.45am

**Details of services are on the church door.**  
**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
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George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 28th February**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Jeremy Middleton  
2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary School children

**Wednesday 2nd March**  
12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer  
**Saturday 5th March**  
9.00am  
Prayer Breakfast  
**All Welcome**

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

**Sunday 28th February 2016**  
Morning Worship  
Ford 10.00am  
Mr David Logue  
All welcome  
**Annual Stated Meeting**  
Tuesday 22nd March,  
7.30 pm Kilmartin Church Hall  
The operation of the Unitary Constitution will be the major item on the agenda.  
SCO 02121

*Highland Parish Church*



SCO02493  
**Sunday 28th February 2016**  
The service will be conducted by Rev W Crossan and will be held in the Church at 11.15am

The Annual Stated Meeting will be held in the church on Sunday 20th March after the morning service.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

**Sunday 28th February**  
Service 11.15am  
Next Generation Triple C Creche  
Rev P Wallace

**Monday 29th February**  
Guild Concert  
Church Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 1st March**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall

**Thursday 3rd March**  
Choir 7.30pm

**Friday 4th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon



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1.30pm Home League

**Wednesday**  
7.00 pm Make and Munch Craft Group

**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor  
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**All Welcome (SCO02876)**

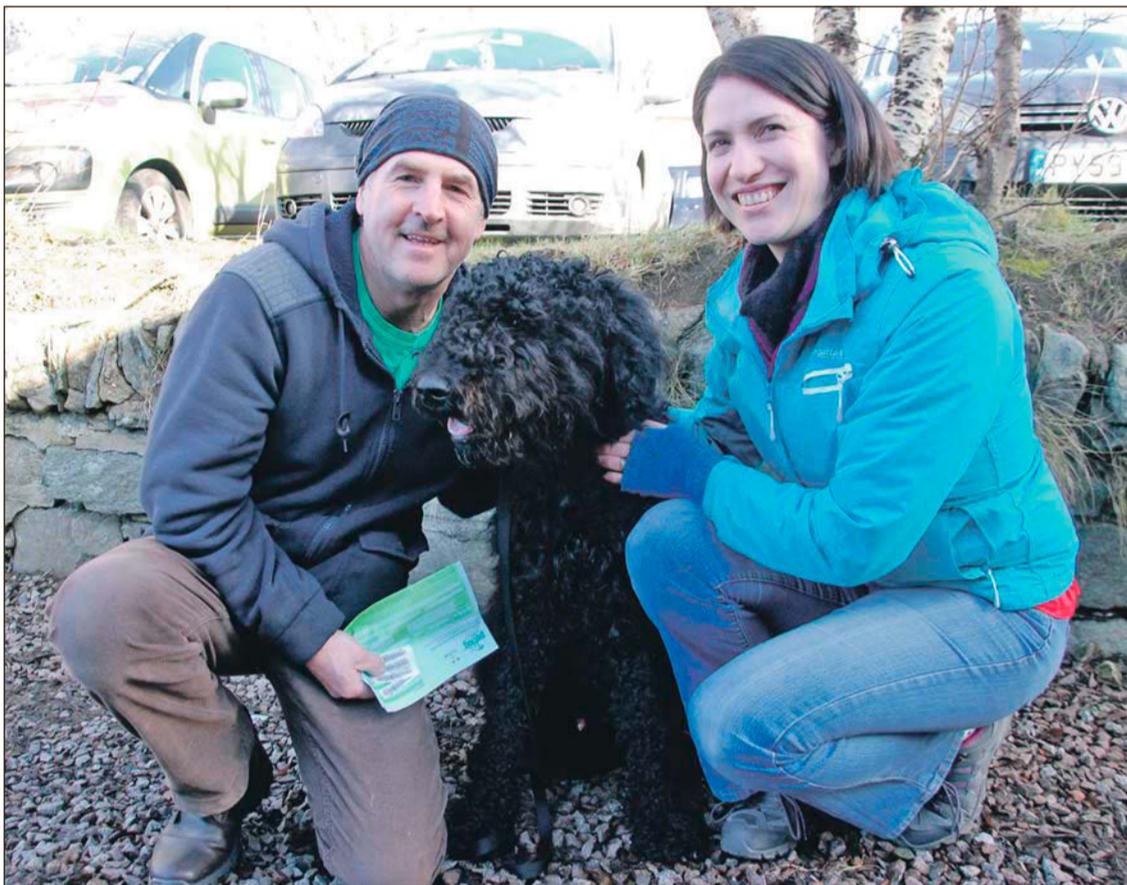
# Dogs have had their chips in Lochgilphead

FROM April this year, all dogs must have a microchip with their owners' details registered in a bid to encourage responsible ownership. DogsTrust, a charity that evolved from the National Canine Defence League, is offering free microchipping at a series of drop-in events, and on Wednesday the charity was in Lochgilphead.

Dog owners queued with dogs of all shapes and sizes - from pampered pooches to lean working dogs.

Dogs Trust says: 'Microchipping is a simple and effective tool that promotes responsible dog ownership and helps to rapidly reunite lost or straying pets with their owners. This in turn reduces the number of healthy dogs unnecessarily put to sleep and saves money for local authorities by cutting kennelling costs.'

'To ensure lost dogs have the best possible chance of being swiftly reunited with their owner, it is hugely important that owners ensure their



Lomond poses with owners James and Samantha. 06\_a09dogchip03

dog always wears a collar and a tag displaying their contact details, and that they keep their microchip database details up to date.'

The process involves a

microchip about the size of a grain of rice, inserted under the dog's loose skin on the back of the neck. This gives the dog their own unique code. If your dog becomes lost

or stolen and is picked up by the dog warden or turns up at a shelter or vet's office, the microchip can be scanned and matched to your contact details, which are kept

on a database. Patiently waiting his turn was Lomond, a one-year-old Labradoodle from Ardrishaig, a bouncy ball of black curls there with mum and dad Samantha and James Quarton.

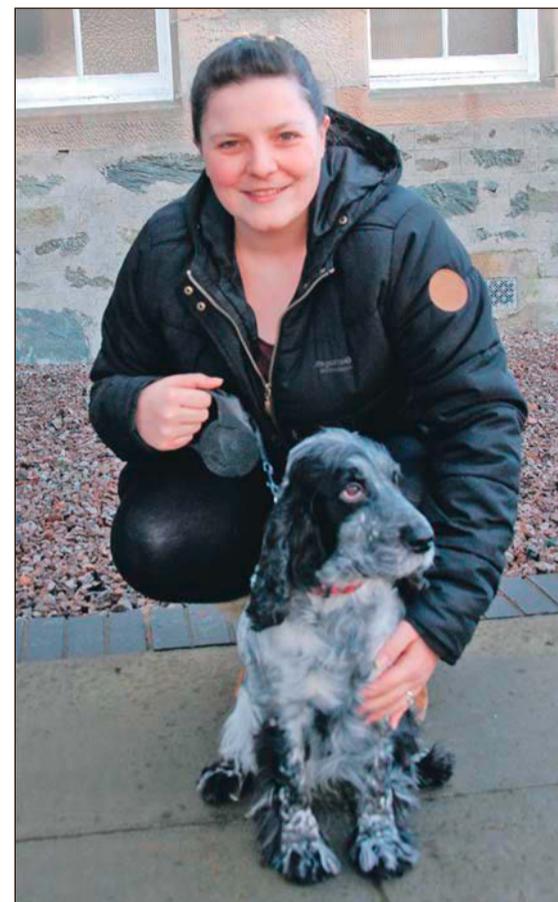
Samantha said: 'This is a great idea, and it is a very useful thing to have your dog chipped.'

Megan Bryson, also from Ardrishaig, was there to have her nine-year-old Chihuahua, Nico, chipped. She held the wee chap close as he shivered with a mixture of nerves and cold.

Next in line was Emily, described by owner Michael Strickland from Achnamara as 'a Heinz 57 variety'.

Michael estimates her age at '16-ish' though sprightly Emily would easily pass for 12. She was rescued by Michael and family when she was around two to four-years-old, and has lived happily with them ever since.

In the end, Emily was a step ahead, having been chipped as a rescue dog many years before.



Debbie soothes the nerves of gorgeous Cocker Spaniel, Nell. 06\_a09dogchip04



James copes manfully with his lively brood of Diura, Tess and Maddie. a6\_a09dogchip06

From Kilmichael, James Wilson had brought along a trio of dogs - Spaniel/Jack Russell crosses Maddie and Tess along with English Springer Spaniel Diura. The absence of one of her front legs failed to slow down two-year-old Maddie and her excited pal, and it's fair to say that James had his hands full, but coped

pretty well nonetheless. Nervous, but still full of beans, was friendly Cocker Spaniel Nell, aged eight, who was unsure what to make of it all. Owner Debbie MacLachlan of Ardrishaig was there to offer reassurance - but the whole thing went smoothly.

Nell, though, couldn't wait to get home.

## Photography contest judges named

A WORLD-class lineup of photography and canine experts has been announced for this year's Kennel Club Dog Photographer of the Year competition judging panel.

The competition boasts the highest profile panel to date, with this year's guest judges including the Press Association's group picture editor, Martin Keene; professional dog photographer, Samantha Clark;

and competition sponsor, SmugMug's European manager Alastair Jolly.

Looking forward to discovering the unique talents required for the competition, Martin Keene said: 'I expect the competition is going to be very strong.'

'I can't wait to see great pictures of man's best friend - at work, at play, or curled up in their basket blissfully unaware of the camera.'

Guest judges in the past have included noted photographers Tim Flach and Martin Usborne; The Photographers' Gallery's Janice McLaren; international artist and 2012 Grange Prize Winner, Jo Longhurst; VCCP, the award winning agency behind O2's Be More Dog campaign; and famous dog lover, Dame Jenni Murray.

The guest judges will be joined by the Kennel Club's own representatives, Rosemary Smart, Chief Executive and Chairman, Simon Luxmoore and his wife Pauline Luxmoore-Ball.

Rosemary Smart said: 'Each year we receive fantastic entries from around the world.'

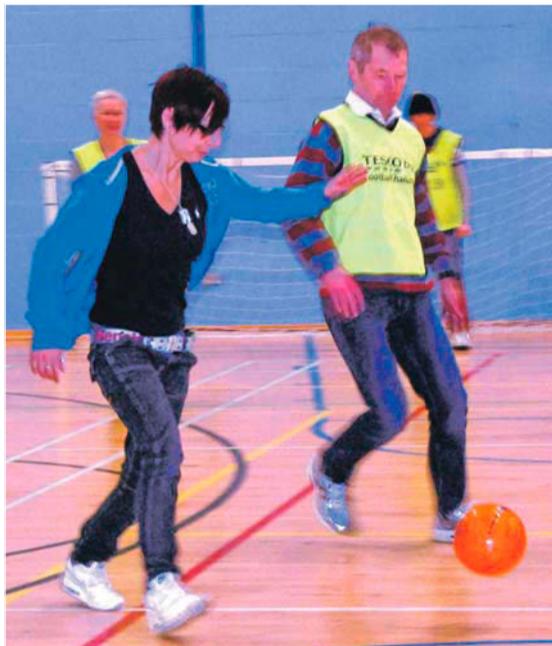
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# Walking football in Mid Argyll



A taste of the action. 08\_a09football01

A TASTER session for walking football was held in Lochgilhead Sports Centre to give people an idea what it is like.

The rules are very simple, you're not allowed to run at any point. Many of the players said they found this difficult at times.

The afternoon started off with 12 people playing six-a-side but players were able to come in and out when they felt like it meaning there was a variation in num-

bers. The game was faster paced than may have been expected with some fast play throughout the afternoon games on February 20.

### Taster

There are already teams in Oban and Campbeltown and this session was a taster for a walking football festival to be held between 11am and 3pm on April 23.

It is hoped teams from across Argyll and Bute will come to the festival in Lochgilhead Sports Centre.



The centre's prizegiving.

## Soccer centre set for new season

A LOCAL soccer centre is set to reopen for a new season.

Many youngsters in Tarbert were left disappointed when Tarbert Soccer Centre couldn't start up again after the summer holidays last year due to a lack of volunteer coaches.

Happily, they can now lace up their boots again as volunteers have been found thanks to a meeting held on February 16.

As well as getting volunteer coaches a committee was elected with Dawn McDougal as chairperson, she said: 'A new committee was set up. Some existing committee members stayed on and I was elected chair and co-ordinator.

'In the last few days we have come a long way and now have a good list of coaches and female volunteers to create rotas.'

There will be a registration night on March 17 at the Templars Hall,

Tarbert, at 6pm. There will be two sessions a week; primary five to seven on Tuesdays at the astro from 7pm beginning April 19 and primary one to four on Fridays at 6.30pm at the astro beginning April 22.



The players with coach Graham Gillies. 08\_a09football02



Last year's primary five to seven team.

## SPOT THE BALL

### THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1500

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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Cara View  
Tayinloan

M Read  
Four Winds  
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#### All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

#### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

#### Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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Please tape your £1 coin here (if posting)

## Sports club lottery numbers

**TARBERT** Football Club's winning numbers this week are 11, 16 and 17.

There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £600.

**Inveraray** Shinty Club's lottery numbers are 8, 14 and 20. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £200.

**Kilmory Camanachd** Club winning lottery numbers are 4, 7 and 13. There were no winners. There will be a £300 jackpot next week.

# Star exit Jimmy Marshall Cup despite positive performance

**RED STAR** welcomed Premier Division side Finnart to the joint campus on Saturday and will have been pleased with their overall display, despite going out of the competition.

The match didn't start well for the hosts as they were 2-0 down after 20 minutes after slick forward play from Finnart.

Star were also forced to make two changes

<b>Lochgilhead Red Star</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Finnart AFC</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round</b>	

es early on, with Crawford and MacIntyre both coming off injured. Despite this, Star did manage to steady the ship - though the match could have been out of sight after MacLean brought down the Finnart forward

in the box and the referee pointed to the spot. Kalache was on hand, however, to make an excellent save from the spot kick and the score remained 0-2 at the break.

The home side did well

at the start of the second half and got back into the game. Weir's cross from the right was met at the far post by Kieran Moore whose header was placed to perfection over the keeper's head into the far corner to make the score 2-1.

With Star chasing an equaliser they were caught by a sucker punch. A long ball from a free-kick was allowed

to drop to the Finnart forward who finished into the bottom corner to restore the two goal lead at 3-1.

Star got themselves another lifeline with 10 minutes remaining.

This time an excellent passing move was finished once again by Moore, for his second of the afternoon, rounding off an excellent performance by the youngster

and making the score 3-2.

Star couldn't find another - and it was Finnart who sealed victory late on after a smart counter attack was finished clinically to make the final score 4-2.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Star are on the road in search of much-needed league points as they travel to face Kings Park Rangers.



**Back row, left to right, Dochie MacBrayne, unknown, Donnie MacDonald, Davie Grieve, manager, Neil MacLennan, Tommy Tyson and Alistair MacDonald. Front: Ronnie Kidd, Hughie Barr, Alec Bruce, Campbell Fletcher and Dougie 'Tat' McGlynn.**

## Reader Hughie rekindles memories of former Lochgilhead Accies

**FORMER** Lochgilhead Accies player Hughie Barr handed in this picture of him and his team mates to *The Advertiser*.

The picture is of Lochgilhead Accies sometime in the 1950s.

Hughie explained this was a time when there were many more football teams in the area than there are now.

These days there is just one Lochgilhead football team, Lochgilhead Red Star, still going.

Further research uncovered another team named Lochgilhead Thistle that had some success, winning the Campbeltown and District league in 1937/38.

Do you have any memories or information regarding these teams or others from days gone by? Perhaps you know the identity of the unknown player, Get in touch on 01546602345 or editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

## Not all doom and gloom at Tarbert Golf Club AGM

**MEMBERS** of Tarbert Golf Club met at the clubhouse for its annual general meeting.

Despite a disappointing turn out of just 16 the meeting, on February 19, turned into a very positive affair with members pledging to support the club.

Outgoing president Ian McArthur was given a rousing reception as he addressed members for the last time and the club would like to thank him for his efforts over the last two years.

### Chairman

The new chairman is Keith McTaggart who is proud to be taking on the role, and he will be ably supported by vice chairman, Chris Smyth. Lady captain for this season will be Heather Brownlie with her husband Jim continuing in the role of greens convener.

The accounts were proposed by treasurer John McNab. The figures showed that membership was at an all time low, while annual subscriptions were down by £3,000. There was also a fall of £400 in visitor fees.

Because of this it was decided there should be a recruitment drive to get people into playing golf.

The first point of call will be to previous members in the hope that they will be able to support the club again. The club will also appeal for people who prefer to play non-competition golf and there will be some fee reductions to entice them to take up the game.

The club is particularly keen to hear from younger players. Through Clubgolf, Scotland's junior golf development initiative, John MacNab has a summer programme for the youngsters where they have access to a Professional Golfers Association professional.

Details will be printed on the club website shortly.

### Appeal

Tarbert Golf Club also issued an appeal for members to pay their fees as promptly as possible to allow the club to buy much-needed materials for the new season.



**Happy Kilmory/Dunadd youngsters.**

## Lochgilhead shinty winners

A **REPORT** on primary school shinty in last week's edition of *The Advertiser* may have inadvertently caused a little confusion.

The article, which covered the success of young Lochgilhead players in reaching the national finals of a six-a-side competition, referred to two teams - Dunadd and Kilmory - which are, in fact, one and the same. The same report noted Kilmory P7s had beaten In-

veraray 7-2. The young players are keen to point out that the score was, in fact, 8-2. There is no truth in the rumour that the information supplied to the newspaper was from an Inveraray source. We hope this makes things clearer - and we wish the best of luck to the players in this weekend's big tournament in Fort William, where they will be one of 27 teams competing in the RBS national First Shinty festival.

