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No new road at Rest and Be Thankful

Task Force backs cheapest option

THERE will be no new road at the Rest and Be Thankful, as the A83 Task Force looks set to formally back the cheapest solution.

The stakeholder group - made up of local businesses, hauliers, council officials and tourism representatives - informally notified Transport Scotland of its decision to back the Red Option outlined in the Jacobs Report last week, with formal notification to be given at its next meeting.

With Transport Scotland having already backed the Red Option, it means between £9-10 million will be spent installing 440m of new debris flow netting

on the hillside, improving drainage and an extensive planting programme.

The decision comes as feedback about the existing landslide mitigation measures show many in Mid Argyll are sceptical of their impact.

Jane MacLeod, secretary of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'If there was a landslip the netting would catch it but that won't stop the road closing, as they would have to clear what was caught in the net.'

'However they may be able to close only one lane to do that and put some traffic on the relief road, allowing the flow of two-way traffic. That

is something they would have to look into with the relief road landowner.'

She added: 'There is a general understanding that the Red Option is the way to go. We need to keep Argyll open and moving and hopefully the Red Option will allow that. Yes, it's certainly the cheapest option but there is no money. The most important thing is we get the message out there that Argyll is open for business.'

Of the £9-10million to be spent on the Red Option, £3.25million will come from the £4million of overall improvements Transport Scotland will make on the road in 2013/14.

Councillor quits SNP administration

ARGYLL and Bute Council's ruling 'Fragile Alliance' suffered a major blow this week after its lead councillor for education, Michael Breslin, tendered his resignation.

In a letter to the SNP this week, seen by *The Advertiser*, the former principal of Argyll College said disagreements within the party, 'duplicity' and an 'unwillingness' to reconsider proposals to close Dunoon's Struan Lodge care home all led to his decision.

He also expressed disappointment at 'poor behaviour' following former leader Roddy

McCuish's illness in January. Councillor McCuish subsequently ended his spell as leader. Councillor Breslin also stated new leader, James Robb, was 'the wrong person for the job'.

The resignation reduces the administration's majority at the council to just one member. Helensburgh's Richard Trail will step up as Mr Breslin's depute to lead for education.

Mr Robb expressed regret at Mr Breslin's resignation, adding: 'It is important that the business of the council continues as normal.'



Smiles all round as Clyde visits Furnace

Nicola and Samantha Knight had the chance to meet Clyde, the official Glasgow Commonwealth Games mascot, when he stopped by to see pupils at Furnace Primary School last week. For more pictures and a full round up of the latest news in Mid Argyll Schools see pages 12 and 13. 06_a10clyde02

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Martha celebrates first International School Meals Day

ALMOST a year after hitting the headlines with her NeverSeconds blog Martha Payne is celebrating the first International School Meals Day today (Friday).

The 10-year-old schoolgirl, who packed up her laptop at the end of last year in a bid to return to her 'normal' routine, has been writing again to highlight the momentous day.

A joint project between governments in the UK and USA, International School Meals Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of good nutrition amongst children and foster healthy eating habits at home and in school.

Martha, who has campaigned for healthy school meals to become the norm everywhere, is marking the special day by selecting her 10 favourite meals that

have been submitted to her NeverSeconds blog from around the world. 'I love looking at what other children eat for their school dinner and what they think about it,' Martha said on her blog. 'I'm also going to try and cook some recipes from around the world. There is a new book about children cooking around the world that I want to try.'

Martha, who has raised more than £129,000 for Mary's Meals, stopped writing a weekly blog on NeverSeconds in December 2012 but will continue to write on special occasions and update her followers on the work of Mary's Meals.

Argyll and Bute Council said individual schools and headteachers would decide if and how International School Meals Day would be celebrated.



Ten-year-old Martha Payne has returned to writing on her NeverSeconds blog to celebrate the first International School Meals Day. 06_a25martha05

Man arrested in Ford

A 31-YEAR-old Ford man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for allegedly breaking the terms of his bail conditions.

He was arrested after police found him in Ford at 4.50pm last Thursday.

Scooter stolen from Lochgilphead garden

A PURPLE and black child's Stunt Scooter has been stolen from a garden in Union Street, Lochgilphead last Tuesday.

It was taken sometime between 7.15am and 8pm.

Anyone with information on the theft is urged to contact police on 01546 702200.

Rotary Club of Mid Argyll cash helps groups

CHARITIES and local community groups throughout the region have benefited from almost £1,600 in donations from the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll in the first six months of the 2012/13 year.

Groups that have benefit from the money include the MS Centre in Lochgilphead, Lochgilphead Bumps and babies group, Macmillan Cancer Support, the Scottish Huntington's Society and 500 miles charity.

Carl Olivarius, club president, said: 'Our thanks are due to all those who have supported our fundraising initiatives and helped us to assist good causes.'

Positive breath test

A 41-YEAR-old driver provided a positive breath test for alcohol after being stopped by police near Kilmichael Glassary.

The man was stopped on the A816 on Saturday morning. A blood sample has been sent for forensic analysis.

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Drugs arrest on first day of major police crackdown

Operation Myriad targets the issues worrying local residents

A MAN was arrested near Clachan, Kintyre, for possession of drugs on the first day of a new major police operation throughout Argyll.

Operation Myriad, an initiative tackling issues that are worrying local residents, started on Friday with a vehicle check on the A83 near Clachan stopping 81 vehicles in its first day.

A small quantity of drugs was found on one man, who was arrested. His car was taken back to Campbeltown Police Station for a further search, although no further drugs were found.

All commercial vehicles were pulled over to check their condition and insurance documents. Private vehicles were also pulled over for safety checks, with one vehicle with a

severely defective tyre prohibited from being driven away. On Saturday night Operation Myriad focused on licensed premises with a view to stamping out drug taking and antisocial behaviour.

Lochgilphead Police visited pubs to check for traces of controlled drugs but no illegal substances were found.

Inspector Tom Harper from Strathclyde Police said: 'I'm very, very happy with the results and from a public reassurance point of view I think it's important to show the public we fully participate in these events, even in remote areas.'

Operation Myriad, which also involves trading standards and environmental health, continues until March 14.



Authority considers three models for Inveraray GP care

NHS HIGHLAND has confirmed it is investigating three ways of delivering GP services in Inveraray as locum cover at the Burgh surgery enters a seventh month.

The health authority's decision to look at a number of care models comes after the *Advertiser* revealed that demands to provide out of hours cover in the area put doctors off working in Inveraray on a permanent basis.

The care models include: recruiting a GP under the normal General Medical Services contract where a GP takes over the running of the practice; employing a salaried GP where a doctor is contracted to provide specific elements of care; recruit a GP under the General Medical Services contract but add additional services into the contract.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said the health board was taking a flexible approach in a bid to attract a GP to work in Inveraray.

Developments

He said: 'The local community have been kept informed of progress to date and we will continue to keep them informed of any developments.'

Locals have been told that the locum service currently in place will run until April. Garret Corner, chairman of Inveraray Community Council, said the community was keen to see a permanent GP take up the post to ensure continuity for patients.

'We have a fantastic locum service and the cover is always great,' he said.

'But it would be nice to have someone who does not have to read up on their notes and knows who the patient is.'

Dougie Moore helped Carolyn McAlpine serve up tea and cake at the Lochgilhead coffee morning before he rushed off to play for Red Star in Clydebank.

Coffee cash boosts charity pair

DOUGIE Moore and Carolyn McAlpine, who are due to run 100 miles between the Beatson Oncology Centre in Glasgow and Tarbert, received a funding boost this week – just as they were forced to postpone the mammoth marathon.

The two athletes have both suffered poor health and injury in recent weeks and have postponed their Friends of the Beatson Challenge, originally scheduled in May until August.

The announcement comes just as the duo, with the support of friends and family, raised £650, at their Lochgilhead coffee morning on Saturday.

Full steam ahead

Speaking to the *Squeak* on Monday, Dougie said: 'The postponement is a disappointing setback for Carolyn and I but we are both still full steam ahead with fundraising events and training.'

'Our next event will be a race night in Lodge Lochgilhead on March 30, for which horses are still available to sponsor.'

Dunoon BID gets green light

BUSINESSES in Dunoon have this week voted to create a Business Improvement Districts Scotland (BIDS) scheme in the town.

The postal ballot of the PA23 area saw 60 per cent of businesses vote in favour of BIDS, an initiative that encourages the business community to work together to improve their trading environment and regenerate the town.

The scheme will see businesses in pay a levy each year which will be invested in local improvements.

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Representatives from the farming, aquaculture and forestry industries will join forces with private landowners and education bodies to equip young people with the skills needed to work in rural industries.

Initiative launched to attract young people to rural industries

AN AMBITIOUS initiative that aims to bolster Argyll's declining population by attracting young people to a career in rural industries was established last week.

Argyll's Young Experience (AYE) initiative, the brainchild of MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell, aims to get Argyll's young people excited about their environment and equip them with the skills needed to work in industries prevalent

in the area. AYE is inspired by the Queensberry Initiative, which gets children out of the classroom and working on projects on a country estate. Hugely successful, the initiative runs a rural skills course, the equivalent to an Intermediate 1, and has seen the number of young people choosing to stay in the area and pursue a career in a land-based industry increase. The AYE initiative will see Mr Russell work with the National

Farmers Union, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll College and representatives from the farming, aquaculture and forestry industries to create a similar model in Argyll.

Addressing the launch party of the AYE initiative on Friday, attended by representatives from 50 organisations, Mr Russell said: 'We have a declining population in Argyll. There are more people in the east than there are in the west. 'One way we can keep

people in rural communities is making sure they understand the opportunities in rural areas and ensure they are able to take those opportunities. When I visited the Queensberry Initiative I was immensely impressed. What it provided was a clear focus on opportunity. From tourism opportunities on the estate through to forestry, farming and game keeping there were lots of things for young people to find out about.

Perhaps some didn't want to take it further, but there was an understanding created that there were important activities within rural Scotland and that these activities were attractive in terms of jobs.'

A working group has been established to create the model in Argyll. It will aim to identify an organisation to host the initiative and appoint a co-ordinator to liaise between schools, colleges and industry bodies.

Kennacraig to Campbeltown road upgrade welcomed

CONFIRMATION that Transport Scotland is to spend £20million on an upgrade to the Kennacraig to Campbeltown stretch of the A83 have been welcomed.

However, Kintyre councillor John Semple said he would continue

to watch the condition of the road closely to ensure standards of the road remain high, with £400,000 per annum currently spent on maintaining the road.

Mr Semple said: 'I've driven on some trunk roads in Scotland that

fall below the standard that stretch of road currently boasts so it is something we will be keeping an eye on.

'I don't see the Scottish Government taking this step then letting the road get worse. It's a positive step for this area.'

Café shows off artefacts

KILMARTIN House Museum has embarked on a new initiative to highlight the ancient artefacts it has on display by bringing them to the attention of diners in its café.

The brochures on each table in the café will now include a picture and description of a different object in the museum every month. The initiative, dubbed Object of the Month, takes inspi-



Object of the month at Kilmarton House Museum: A Neolithic polished stone axe.

ration from the BBC series *History of the World in a 100 Objects*, which generated a lot of pub-

lic interest. Beginning this month, the object for March is a Neolithic polished stone axe. It is around 5,000 years old and its original wooden handle has long since rotted away.

Almost all Neolithic farmers would have owned a hand axe made by chipping stone then polishing it. These tools were used for chopping and shaping wood or butchering animals.

Road sign request refused

A BROWN tourism sign will not be erected on the A83 on the approach to Tarbert, despite complaints that SatNavs make tourists bypass the village.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has for years campaigned for a tourism sign declaring Tarbert a 'historic fishing village'.

The community council says a sign should be put up at the junction with Glenralloch Road as Sat Navs have been directing visitors along the bypass and away from the village.

A spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said: 'We appreciate the de-

sire of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council to promote their area.

'However brown tourists signs, like those requested, are used to direct visitors to small towns or villages which are not on the main through route. As the A83 runs directly through Tarbert there is no need for drivers to leave the route to find it.'

Although recognising the problems created by the short bypass route, the spokeswoman said Transport Scotland would not deviate from its signage policy.

Bob Chicken of Tar-

bert and Skipness Community Council said: 'This decision needs challenging. Tourism is one of the biggest industries in Scotland and our roads have a big part to play in that. Now we have our roads people saying they won't help us because it sets a precedent. That's appalling.'

'The other point is that mapping companies have a monopoly; they have become the signposts now. You use your phone or app and it will tell you there is a bypass so you take it. They don't say this is a historic fishing village. We rely on the road signs to do that for us.'

Increase in fuel thefts

THERE has been an increase in thefts involving heating oil and fuel, local police have confirmed.

Oil was stolen from a garden in Mount Pleasant, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead between February 2 and 27 and a property in Kilmartin between December 14 and February 28.

Householders are being reminded to ensure their oil tanks are secure and to regularly check the oil level in their tanks.

Police urge the public to report any suspicious vehicles or activity to Lochgilphead Police Station immediately on 01546 70200.

Drunk and incapable

A MAN was detained by police in Tarbert in the early hours of Sunday after he was found drunk and incapable of looking after himself. The 54 year old was later released when sober.

Mid Argyll member to be Rotary Governor

A MEMBER of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll has been nominated to be Governor of the Rotary District 1230.

Andy Lees from Tayvallich will take up the position in 2015/16, heading up the sector that comprises 52 rotary clubs in the West of Scotland, from Stranraer to Fort William

Advice on osteoporosis

A SPECIAL event offering advice to people living with osteoporosis will be held in Mid Argyll Community Hospital next month.

The event will see Dr Sally Darnborough explain how to manage the condition, whilst Anne Simpson from the National Osteoporosis Society will explain ways the society can help. The meeting will be held on April 17, between 2pm and 4pm in meeting room J03-J07.



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In addition to staff from the NHS and Social Work there will also be representatives from a number of other organisations who provide services in the community such as Carr-Gorm, the Red Cross and Tele Care.

Tarbert family celebrates lottery win



William and Kirsty celebrate their £10,000 win on the People's Postcode Lottery.

Disney trip on the cards after £10,000 postcode windfall

A FAIRYTALE win on the People's Postcode Lottery could be set to send a Tarbert family to Disneyland – maybe even for a dream honeymoon.

William MacFarlane and his partner Kirsty Pilne have been together for 14 years and have a five-year old daughter – all of whom were delighted when their PA29 6TE postcode scooped them £10,000.

William, aged 48, was fortunately at home from working offshore when the prize landed on his doorstep, meaning he could join Kirsty, a part time dental nurse, and daughter Andi in celebrating the big win when it arrived.

Over the moon that her parents have won, Andi is not only keen that they get married, but that the cash will take the trio on a magical trip

to Disneyland. William didn't comment on possible nuptials but said: 'Andi has wanted to go to Disneyland for a while. A couple of friends have been recently and said it was a fantastic experience.'

'I would love to take her there, especially while she's still young and so excited about it all. Our win will just make her dream possible.'

'But it's not the princesses and fairies that she's wanting to see - she's a bit of a tomboy so it's more the characters of Toy Story that she's desperate to see in real life.'

People's Postcode Lottery ambassador and Street Prize presenter Scott Quinnell said: 'I really hope that William, Kirsty and Andi make it over to Disney. It was great to meet the whole family.'

Energy schemes in business spotlight

TRADE group company Energy North wants to speak to Mid Argyll businesses interested in progressing marine, wind and hydro developments.

Meetings will be held at Shearwater Marine, Dunoon, on Monday and the Scottish Association for Marine Science in Oban, on Wednesday, both between noon and 2pm.

Emergency social work calls to be answered locally

EMERGENCY out-of-hours calls for social workers in Argyll will be answered locally for the first time when a new service begins next month.

The new Social Work Emergency Service (SWES) will be launched on April 1 and is the first point of contact with on-call social work staff for police, health care staff and other professionals.

Replacing the existing call-handling service in Glasgow, SWES will be serviced by a team of professionals in Argyll and provide essential cover

in situations where children or adults may require protection.

The new service will be run by Carr-Gomm, on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council.

Knowledge

Anne Horn, lead councillor for Adult Services, said: 'Staff answering the phones will have a better knowledge of the area, and will be able to work more closely with the local social work teams.'

The new numbers for SWES are 01631 566491 and 01631 569712.

Jobs hope as café plans expansion

A NUMBER of job opportunities could be created in Ardrishaig as a popular café plans to expand its business in a new building in the village.

The Rumbly Tum Café on Chalmers Street could move into the vacant premises next door as owner Anne Moore plans to re-launch the business as a bistro in the evening and weekends.

The premises, in the former laundrette, will be given a complete makeover with a brand new

restaurant fitted, which will seat 28 people, have an alcohol licence and feature a classic dinner menu cooked by Colin MacDonald the former head chef of the Loch Melfort Hotel. Anne said if the plans, which have been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council, get the go-ahead it would mean employing a number of new staff.

'We would definitely have to bring quite a few new people on board,' she said. 'The menu is a bit more complicated so we have

hired a really good chef and I'm hoping to take on a couple of trainees from Argyll College.'

Speaking about the decision to relocate, Anne said she had spotted a gap in the market.

'In this area you have to go to a lot of hotels to eat. People can't just go to a restaurant,' she said. 'If the plans get the go-ahead it should be open by the summer.'

The Rumbly Tum will remain open in its current location until the renovations are complete.



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Tourism is vital for many businesses to survive and as people finally turn their thoughts to the summer, it is great to see so many people coming up with new events and ideas to make the area a top tourist attraction.

In the Year of Natural Scotland this is the perfect opportunity to make the region shine and to make sure people come back to Mid Argyll year after year.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance has asked people to work together to promote the area, through social media and brushing up on local attractions.

Mid Argyll has a great community spirit and the *Advertiser* hopes people will pull together once again to show off this region and make it a must-stop tourist destination.

Kilmartin House Museum and Inveraray Castle bring thousands of people to the area every year, which is fantastic, but tourists have to know there is so much more worth exploring.

As the summer months and many popular festivals get underway it is great to see people are still thinking of fresh ideas to attract people to the region.

The first Mid Argyll World Beer Festival will be launched over the Easter weekend and the motocross lovers can look forward to the Kilmartin Grand Prix Remember event, a race that once attracted 7,000 people.

Let's take this opportunity to make sure Mid Argyll is a place where people want to return time and time again.

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Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day 2013

Sir,
At the meeting of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Committee on March 4 it was decided this year's Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day would be put back to Saturday, July 6.

This is because there will be a big parade in Stirling on June 22 and the UK Armed Forces Day will be held at Nottingham on June 29.

We hope this does not spoil anyone's plans, as we are once again hoping for a good turnout.
Geordie Rhodick,
chairman.

Outstanding conference venue in Tarbert

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Douglas Robertson,
Bralorne,
Tarbert.

Enough Food For Everyone campaign bids to end global hunger

Sir,
A campaign called Enough Food For Everyone 'IF' is being organised in 2013 by 100 organisations united to help end global hunger.

This year's budget will be announced on March 20.

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We are to ask him to write to the Prime Minister David Cameron and the Chancellor George Osborne to ensure they use the budget to confirm that from 2013 onwards 0.7 per cent of national income will go to life saving aid.

Secondly, that he will announce the Finance Bill will make UK companies, operating in poor countries, be honest about tax dodging.

If they honestly paid the tax they were due to poor countries, it would enable them to generate funds needed to end hunger.

Research has shown that if we get enough MPs to support something the government will act.

People can find out more information at christianaid.org.uk and lobby Alan Reid by writing to his office at 95 Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8AL.
Mary Stirling,
Lochgilphead.

Red Star squad thanks

Sir,
The squad would like to thank all friends and family for travelling to support the squad in this match.

As well as the contingent from Argyll, supporters from the central belt were in attendance as well.

Their continued support is much appreciated.

On behalf of Lochgilphead Red Star 16s we would like to thank Mill United for their kind hospitality and to wish them all the best in the semi final and the remainder of their league campaign.

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Dugald MacGillp,
Lochgilphead.

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The directors on the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance are encouraging local people to increase their knowledge on the area to raise its profile. 06_a10tourism01

PEOPLE working within the tourism industry are being encouraged to become experts on Mid Argyll's top tourist attractions so they can fully inform visitors on what the region has to offer.

As the tourism season kicks off the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) is encouraging

business owners to learn more about local attractions and brush up on what there is to do, so staff can point tourists in the right direction.

It is hoped this will raise the profile of the region and keep people in Mid Argyll for longer, rather than them head elsewhere.

This week there have been a series of Getting to Know...events organised by HOATA, with members travelling to the Beaver Trail site in Knapdale and visiting Kilmartin House Museum to get an idea of what the attractions have to offer.

Andrew Wilson, chairman of

HOATA, said it was crucial people got to know what was going on so they could raise the area's profile.

He said: 'We want people to know that there are plenty of attractions here and people can stay in Mid Argyll to see everything. People have spoken to visitors who have been heading to Mull

for the wildlife but what is important is that we have the same, if not better, wildlife right here on our doorstep.'

He added: 'What we want to do is raise the profile of the area and if people know as much as possible about it then that's a great way to do it.'

Brochure reminder

BUSINESSES that use the Tourism Information stand in Lochgilphead to display brochures are being reminded to check they have plenty of leaflets on show.

The display stand, which can be found in Fyne Tackle, is the first stop for many visitors to the area and business owners are being reminded to ensure their are enough brochures in the stand for summer.

Marketing group launched

AN AMBITIOUS marketing group that aims to promote Kintyre to the world welcomed a full house to its launch in Putechan Hotel on Monday.

Scores of local business people turned up to hear how the new Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group planned to take advantage of national and international tourism markets.

Plans afoot to encourage sailors to stay in Mid Argyll to boost tourism

HUNDREDS of boats travel up and down the Crinan Canal each year and plans are being put together to encourage sailors to stay in Mid Argyll in an attempt to boost tourism.

This year the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) will be stepping up its promotion of Mid Argyll to sailors, by telling them about the many attractions which

lie in land.

Sailors bring thousands of pounds into the local economy every year and everything will be done to keep them in Mid Argyll for as long as possible.

Speaking at the HOATA AGM director Carron Tobin said: 'We're going to be cranking this up big style. Last year 40 Danish boats came here and spent £150,000.'

Getting to know Kilmartin Museum

PEOPLE who work in the hospitality and tourism industries got the opportunity to learn more about Kilmartin House Museum and its summer programme of events through a special event this week.

The session, which took place on Wednesday afternoon, included a tour of the museum and a guided walk through Kilmartin Glen.

At the end of the event people were invited to give feedback on their experience.



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Mid Argyll to 'glam up' for Macmillan Cancer Support

FORGET London, Milan and New York fashion weeks, Lochgilphead is to host its very own catwalk event this month as Mid Argyll folk 'glam-up' for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Local fashionistas will be strutting their stuff on the catwalk in The Stag Hotel next Thursday, as the hotel becomes a fashion house for the evening.

The show will see Mid Argyll families transformed into models as they show off M&Co's latest range of clothing for men, women and children.

The hairdressing department of Argyll College is generously giving their time and expertise to the show, ensuring the local beauties look their best.

Host, The Stag Hotel, will part sponsor the event and all money raised will be used to develop local Macmillan Cancer Support's services.

Tickets for the event on March 21, are available from the Book Shop, Lochgilphead, or by calling 01546 602104.



Tracy McGonagall, Annie Sinclair, Christina Sinclair, Christine Townsley, Laura Dalgarno-Platt, Jenny Pendreigh, Angela Tustin and Marion MacLean slept at Auchindrain Ancient Township on Saturday night. 06_a10fyne01

10-hour sleepover for Fyne Families funds

A HOUSE on the Auchindrain settlement, which dates back more than 200 years, was briefly occupied again as eight brave women moved in over the weekend.

Martin House at Auchindrain Museum became a household on Saturday night as women took up residency to raise money for Fyne Families.

Staff at the childcare facility, mothers of children that use the service and volunteers stayed overnight in the cottage that has no running water or electricity and one straw bed.

An innovative fundraising event, the 10-hour sleepover saw the women overcome their fears of ghosts,

spiders, mice and the dark as they settled into life in the isolated settlement six miles from Inveraray.

Laura Dalgarno-Platt from Fyne Families said: 'A few of the girls were frightening themselves with every movement or unexpected noise putting chills up their spines; the more ghost stories that were told the more frightened they became.'

'But we had a blast, we went out exploring the site and cooked food on the open fire.'

The Auchindrain sleepover comes one year after volunteers with Fyne Families stayed overnight in Inveraray Jail. The 2012 event has so far raised £500 for Fyne Families.

Cuillin Sound to perform at Mid Argyll Arts Association

A MUSICAL trio heavily influenced by the sights, sounds and music of the Western Isles and North West Scotland will perform in Lochgilphead next weekend.

Cuillin Sound, a trio of Amina Hussain (flute), Sarah Watts (clarinet) and Laurence Perkins (bassoon), will perform for Mid Argyll Arts Association, under the auspices of Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.

Although based in Manchester the group is heavily influenced by Scottish music and takes its name from the land and seascapes around the islands of Skye and Raasay.

The trio help the audience understand their inspiration and love of the region, often performing to a slideshow of beautiful photographs depicting the west coast's rugged landscape.

Renowned as a wind trio, the three group members are high calibre performers in their

own right, with Sarah Watts one of the leading bass clarinet soloists in Britain.

Laurence also has an international reputation through his highly acclaimed solo CDs and is principal bassoonist in Manchester Camerata.

Amina, although new to the group, is an acclaimed flautist. A semi-finalist in the BBC's Young Musician of the Year, she has worked with many of the leading UK orchestras and has recently been appointed as principal flute in Manchester Camerata.

The group, which has a passion for playing concerts in regions that do not often experience professional live music performances, will take to the stage in Kilmory Council Chambers next Saturday, March 16.

Seats are limited and tickets can be reserved either on line at secretary@maaa.org.uk or by phone at 01546 603412.

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Community Noticeboard

<p>Rotary Club of Campbeltown ANNUAL QUIZ Argyll Hotel, Main Street Friday 15th March at 7.30pm Entry £5 per person (£20 per team of four) Includes buffet supper Teams wishing to take part, please contact the secretary J Angus, telephone 810304, by Wednesday 13th March</p>	<p>MESSY CHURCH Lorne & Lowland Church Hall Monday 11th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm Everyone welcome</p>	<p>MID ARGYLL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP Red Cross Centre, Lochgilphead Monday 11th March 7 - 9pm Topic - THINGS OF INTEREST by Vicky Dunkley from The Clock Tower Saleroom (Postponed from last month) Vouchers for complimentary therapies may be obtained at the meeting.</p>
<p>The Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown COFFEE MORNING <i>In aid of Campbeltown Diabetes Foundation</i> Saturday, 9th March 10am - 12 noon In the Red Cross Hall Entry £1.50 Home baking, Raffle.</p>	<p>Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society 'Campbeltown in the First World War' An illustrated talk by George Baxter in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, on Wednesday 13 March, 2013, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome (non-members £2.50 at door).</p>	<p>Townsend Productions present The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern Thursday 14th March, 7.30pm Tickets £9/£7 Bookings 01852 500746 or cvh.artsevents@gmail.com</p>
<p>KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB and MID ARGYLL ARTS ASSOCIATION (Scottish Charity No. SC006711) Present CUILLIN SOUND Kintyre - Lorne & Lowland Church Hall, Tuesday 12th March 7-30pm £10, Free (school) Mid Argyll - Council Chamber, Kilmory, Saturday 16th March 7-30pm £9, £8(conc), Free (school) Restricted seating please phone 01546 603412 to reserve seat Or e-mail secretary@maaa.org.uk</p>	<p>Peninver Players Drama Club Invite you to Afternoon Tea in Peninver Village Hall Sunday 10th March 2pm - 4pm Out of this World Teas/Coffees Starry Sandwiches Heavenly Home Baking Cosmic Raffle</p>	<p>Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club Argyll Hotel, Inveraray Wednesday 13th March at 8.00pm Guest Artistes From Prestwick Ian Muir Trio Supporting players most welcome</p>
<p>Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care Fundraising Group Soup Lunch Baptist Church Hall Lochgilphead Saturday 9th March 12noon - 2pm</p>	<p>☆☆☆ West Kintyre Stargazers Presents Alison Craigan Star Formation All Welcome Buffet Available 10th March at 5pm The Putechan www.westkintyrestargazers.org</p>	

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist at Craignish Village Hall

ROBERT Tressell's tale *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* will be performed at Craignish Village Hall this week.

Staged by Townsend Productions, the critically acclaimed play shows a year in the life of a group of painters and decorators, as they renovate a three-storey town house for Mayor Sweater.

It traces their struggle for survival in a complacent and stagnating Edwardian England, putting life and politics into sharp focus both in the Edwardian era and 21st century.

The play, performed by Richard Stone and Neil Gore, will be at the village hall on Thursday, March 14.

Brave to be screened at Tarbert Film Club

WINNER of Best Animated Feature Film at this year's Oscars, Disney Pixar's *Brave*, will be screened at tomorrow (Saturday) night's meeting of Tarbert Film Club.

The Scottish medieval tale, inspired by the ancient Kingdom of Dalriada, tells the story of Princess Merida who rebels against the custom of her day and decides to choose her own husband, leading to comedic chaos breaking out.

Voiced by a host of Hollywood stars including Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson and Julie Walters, the film will be shown in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre at 8pm.



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Drink your way round the world

PEOPLE can drink their way around the world over the Easter weekend and help raise cash for charity at the first Mid Argyll World Beer Festival.

The festival will run from Good Friday to Easter Monday at the Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead, with more than 100 beers and real ales available for thirsty punters to try.

Whilst customers are sampling drinks from as far away as Australia and Japan, a group of volunteers from the MS Centre has organised a variety of fundraising games, centred around the world beer theme.

To really get people in the festival spirit each bar in the pub will have a different continental theme and drinkers will be given a passport, which will be stamped each time they buy a drink.

Stan Craig, owner of the hotel, was inspired to launch the event after seeing a number of festivals focusing on real ale.

'We thought this would give it an extra dimension,' he said.

'It will give people the chance to learn a bit

more about the history of beer and it's something fun for locals to try too.

'There will be entertainment on everyday and hopefully it will be nice weather so people can use the beer garden out the back.'

Stan hopes this will be the first of many beer festivals and would like to see it grow to include other pubs and become a tourist attraction.

'We hope it will be something that will help bring people into the area,' he said.



Jordan Craig will be behind the bar serving punters at the first Mid Argyll World Beer Festival. 06_a10beer01



Dochie MacCallum and his Scottish dance band performed to members of Inveraray and District Accordion and fiddle Club at their February meeting. a10fiddle01

Dochie MacCallum and his band at the accordion and fiddle club

ACCORDIONIST Dochie MacCallum and his Scottish dance band provided an evening of entertainment for members of Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club at their February club night.

On a cold winter's night the band - Dochie on lead accordion, Rickie Francie on second box, Neil MacMillan on keyboard and Gus Millar on drums - performed a wealth and variety of music to the much appreciative audience.

The group took to the stage after a selection of music was performed by Fyne Folk and finished

their session with a set of jigs, a stramash and encore.

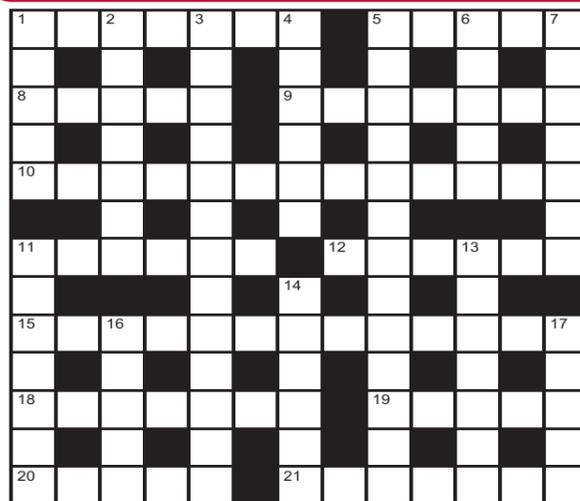
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Across

- 1 Shoe leathers (7)
- 5 Bird on a building site? (5)
- 8 Flower colour (5)
- 9 One of two? (7)
- 10 Unable to be kept up (13)
- 11 Action to keep one moving (6)
- 12 Forcefully (6)
- 15 Cannot compete (13)
- 18 Entertainer at the circus (7)
- 19 Bridal path (5)
- 20 Short form addressed person is (5)
- 21 With enthusiasm (4,3)

Down

- 1 Projections in the small intestine (5)
- 2 Sweet white wine (7)
- 3 Open to disapproval (13)
- 4 Subdivision (6)
- 5 Fight back (13)
- 6 Go off script (2-3)
- 7 Plead (7)
- 11 First (7)
- 13 Get it off your chest (7)
- 14 Pure (6)
- 16 A horn (5)
- 17 Correct text (5)



Last week's solution

Mixed reaction to proposal for schools to share headteacher

A PROPOSAL for Strachur and Lochgoilhead primary schools to share a headteacher has been met with mixed emotions by parents within the two communities.

Argyll and Bute Council officials met with staff and parents from each of the primary schools last week to discuss the proposed pilot, which would see the schools, situated 15 miles apart, share a headteacher for one academic year. A decision on whether or not to make the arrangement permanent would be made at the end of the pilot.

Lochgoilhead Parent Council will meet on Monday to discuss the proposal and will make a formal response to the

council after a secret ballot is held on Friday.

Lindy Thomson, chairwoman of the council, said parents are keen to get some stability at the school after it lost a headteacher last year and now has an acting head in the post.

Explaining parents affected by the proposal must make their views known, Lindy said: 'At the meeting on Monday we hope to have a good debate about it so we are all happy we came to the right decision. Whatever the decision we hope everyone will embrace it.'

Meanwhile the chairwoman of Strachur Parent Council was unavailable for comment as *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press.

However Archie Reid, secretary of Strachur and District Community Council, said: 'I think everybody is quite concerned about it, as it seems to be rural areas where they try to save money in the long run. The subject is on our agenda next Wednesday so we will know more then.'

Argyll and Bute Council has said the pilot scheme is not a money saving exercise, as a second teacher would be employed to teach children at times when the current headteacher is usually in the classroom.

The council would not confirm whether or not it would proceed with the proposal if it was rejected by parents.



Megan Davies, 10, made rice crispy cakes at the Messy Church last week. 06_a10messy01

Families enjoy afternoon of fun and games at Messy Church

FAMILIES in Mid Argyll had an afternoon of fun and games last week as they took part in the Messy Church.

Youngsters and parents got their hands messy as they made chocolate crispy cakes, painted, made sailing boats and drew pictures at the afternoon club, which can be found at Tayvallich Village Hall and Kilmartin Living Stones Hall once a month.

The group is open to anyone and

aims to teach religion to youngsters in a fun way by mixing games with stories from the bible.

Fun

It is run by North Knapdale Parish Church and Ford, Glassary and Kilmartin Parish Church.

Louise Logue, who helps organise the group, said: 'It's really just about teaching church differently and in a fun way. Anybody is more than welcome to come along.'

Police called to disturbance in Tarbert

POLICE were called to a disturbance in Tarbert last Sunday evening and detained a 27-year-old man, who was later charged with alleged abusive behaviour.

Man arrested in Minard

LAST Friday saw a man arrested and charged with allegedly breaching the peace, making false accusations and breaching bail conditions in Minard.

The 31-year-old has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Welfare Fund allocation welcomed

THE DECISION to allocate more than £370,000 to Argyll and Bute as part of the Scottish Welfare Fund has been welcomed by Michael Russell MSP.

The fund will benefit the disabled, elderly, lone parents and other vulnerable groups in Mid Argyll through community care grants and crisis grants.

The newly formed £33 million fund, which will be available from April, has been rolled out across the nation by the Scottish Government and is expected to help 100,000 Scots.

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Volunteers sought to 'walk in our shoes'

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to take part in a short film to help raise awareness about the difficulties people with mobility issues face when they go about their day-to-day business.

A camera crew will be in Lochgilphead on March 26 as part of Age Scotland's Walk in Our Shoes, Act on Our Issues campaign, which will film the volunteers walking a popular route through the town as they highlight areas of difficulty.

Wheelchair users, people with

walking aids, mums with buggies or fit and healthy people, who can don a MS suit to get a fuller understanding of the issues people face, are being encouraged to take part in the film.

The film comes after Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) and the MS Centre carried out a street audit in Lochgilphead last July, which identified issues with pavements and obstacles for people with mobility problems.

Antonia Baird, community resilience officer at AVA said it

was a great opportunity to get local residents thinking about how people move around the town.

'It's an opportunity to highlight access issues such as curbs and heavy doorways throughout the town and to see if we can find solutions to problems,' she said.

Lochgilphead is one of many towns throughout Argyll and Scotland to be filmed in a bid to raise awareness.

Anyone interested in taking part can contact Antonia at antonia@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk.

The Garden In March



March can be a dodgy month from the weather point of view. You are as likely to get deep, penetrating frosts as you are warm, sunny days, and icy winds can be as likely as the balmy spring breezes we have all come to value. As with last month, the plants can get confused with some pretty devastating results, so once again, you must consider providing protection. Water too may be required since those windy days can dehydrate even the hardest of subjects.

On top of all that, this is the month when you should be making final preparations for the coming growing season. However, soil and weather conditions are what count, not the calendar, which will mean being out and about in the garden as much as possible - just to keep your finger on the pulse so to speak.

Carry on breaking down the rough dug soil that you didn't manage to attend to last month. However don't attempt it if the soil is waterlogged. Fork over the surface then rake to a smooth, level surface, finally firming down with flat boards on which you can trample heavily. While you are forking it over, work in some mature compost or one of the proprietary dehydrated manure concentrates. After firming down, sprinkle a compound fertiliser over the top and rake it in, working first one way then at right angles till the soil looks as fine as possible.

You can begin sowing as soon as the soil temperature reaches 13° C and maintains it for a couple of days. And it's worth buying a soil thermometer to check this because you will get much better results if the soil is the right temperature. The way to check the soil is to stick the thermometer in to a depth of around three inches, late evening and early in the morning. The type of soil you have is also worth taking into account. Heavy clay takes a long time to warm up but maintains heat well. Light sandy soils however, warm up rapidly but cool down again even faster. While you are waiting for the temperature to be just right, keep an eye open for weed seedlings. Raking over the surface on a daily basis should do the trick.

Seeds need three things to germinate fast - which is what you want. Moisture, air and warmth are all essential. To this end, the soil should not be allowed to dry out completely which will mean watering occasionally even before you do any planting. Air is found in the soil but if you plant seeds too deep they won't get enough so follow the instructions on the packets exactly. Don't be tempted to plant any more shallowly than recommended however or the seeds will dry out and never germinate. An old trick on very light soils that dry out fast in the first breeze that comes along, is to lay the seeds on the surface then cover them with leaf mould or any old compost that has been passed through a fine sieve, then water lightly after sowing. On heavy, easily saturated soil, cover the seeds with sharp sand, perlite or vermiculite. Warmth of course will be taken care of by the soil as long as you remember to check carefully before you sow. Again another trick is to place cloches or portable frames over the area to be sown a week or so before you intend to start. This will allow the soil to warm up more rapidly. However remember the note about sandy soils above, and beware, cloches could give you a false sense of security.

If the ground is too cold for seed germination it will probably be fine for planting. New border perennials can go in about mid month along with summer flowering bulbs and corms. All kinds of shrubs and trees can be planted and if the hedge was looking more than a touch moth eaten last year, now is a good time to start planting a new one.



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Schools shout out!



Pupils of Furnace and Minard primary schools welcomed Clyde, the official mascot of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games mascot Clyde pays a visit to schools

YOUNGSTERS from two Loch Fyneside schools were delighted to welcome a special guest to Mid Argyll on Friday as Clyde the Commonwealth Games Mascot visited the area.

Pupils from Furnace and Minard primaries enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games with Clyde when he visited

Furnace as part of his tour of Scottish schools.

The youngsters headed out into the glorious sunshine with Clyde to play rounders and have their photograph taken with him.

In preparation for his arrival the children had been learning about the history of the Commonwealth Games

Ardrishaig

PARENTS at Ardrishaig Primary School organised a race night to raise funds for the school on Friday night.

Organised in partnership with the Mid Argyll Round Table, the race night raised £600.

Kilmartin

A MOTHER and toddler group is up and running at Kilmartin Primary School.

The group was started so youngsters could get to know each other at the earliest stages and allows parents to meet and form a positive relationship with the school.

The group meet on Monday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm.

YOUNGSTERS from Kilmartin Primary School took a trip to Lochgilhead Bowling Club recently to master

indoor carpet bowls.

An initiative supported by Active Schools, pupils from P4-7 made two trips to the club, where they were taught the sport by local club members.

It was a highly successful event for the children, who loved the competitive nature of the game and quickly discovered that bowling is not as easy as it seems.

The children are looking forward to returning in the better weather for a taste of outdoor bowls.

Lochgilhead High School

FOUR SKIERS from Lochgilhead High School beat off some fierce competition to finish second in the Scottish Schools Ski Qualifiers.

Isla Fowler, Lawrence

Lister, Connor McIntyre and Patrick Feeney travelled to the Nevis Ski range for the event, which was organised by Snowsport Scotland.

Each of them clocked up impressive times on the slopes to clinch second but, with only the winner getting a place in the national finals at the Cairngorms later this month, the foursome narrowly missed out.

IN A bid to maintain Lochgilhead High School's Green Flag status the eco committee has been busy raising money and coming up with ways to improve the school's green credentials.

A non-uniform day raised more than £300, which will be used to make the campus environmentally friendly.

The school has also received funding from the Litter Less initiative, which will be used to produce anti-litter information leaflets for pupils.

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Champions Challenge at Tarbert Academy

TWO COMMONWEALTH athletes from Argyll have descended on Tarbert Academy to help students achieve their ambitions.

Twin sisters Fiona and Donna Robertson from

Campbeltown have become 'Champions in School' for S2 pupils under a new initiative that places Scotland's top athletes in the classroom to deliver inspirational workshops.

The women, who hope to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth games as freestyle wrestlers, originally competed in judo, winning multiple medals in the Commonwealth Games and other interna-

tional competitions. They will use their sporting achievements and experience to help pupils develop goal-setting skills, influence a healthy and active lifestyle and demonstrate

how a positive, winning attitude can be applied to all aspects of life.

The pair paid their first visit to Tarbert Academy last week to deliver the first of three workshops, which focused on inspiration and goal setting.

The twins set pupils a 'Champions Challenge', encouraging them to set and achieve personal goals and keep diaries of their diet and exercise habits. The students will complete a workbook during the task, with guidance from teacher Heather Dixon, active schools coordinator Frances Hardie and youth work assistant Innes Paterson.

Fiona and Donna will return to Tarbert Academy in five weeks time to see the students' progress and deliver their second workshop on fitness and nutrition.



The highlight of the first workshop was when the pupils were treated to some impressive judo throws by the girls.



Commonwealth Games 2014 to Loch Fyne on Friday.

nes mascot Furnace

and looking at what sports are played at the event.

Debbie Munro, joint headteacher of Furnace and Minard primaries, said the children were thrilled to meet the colourful character.

'It has been fantastic and the children have had a great time,' she said.

Mid Argyll pupils named as finalists in Toyota UK Dream Car art competition

THE CREATIVE talent of two Mid Argyll school pupils was recognised in a UK-wide art competition last week.

Chloe MacKinnon from Ardrishaig primary and Jack Faulkner from Tarbert Academy were named finalists in the Toyota UK Dream Car Contest.

The duo, who were flown to Toyota's headquarters in London for the award ceremony last week, won an art competition earlier this year which challenged them to draw, paint or create their dream car.

Chloe's Toyota Smiler design saw her named a finalist in the UK competition for 10-12 year-olds, whilst Jack's Altin 300, a car made from tin, saw him named a gold finalist in the 13-15 age group. Their artwork, which was selected from 800 entries across the UK, will now be entered into a worldwide competition.

The pair were present-

ed with a certificate from Jon Williams, president and director of Toyota UK, and Masa Nohara, executive director and co-ordinator of the company, at the London event.

Helensburgh Toyota car dealership promoted the art competition in Argyll.

Impressed

Commenting on Jack and Chloe's success, Leona Barclay from the company said: 'We were impressed by the number of entries we received at Helensburgh, and judging the competition was very difficult for Toyota UK. But in the end, the chosen winners most certainly deserve it. Fingers crossed that this year is the year we go on to have a world winner.'

The Toyota Dream Car Art Contest aims to create opportunities for children to develop their interest in cars and show them the importance of having a dream.



Chloe MacKinnon beat off hundreds of competitors to be crowned a UK finalist in the Toyota Dream Car Contest.



Jack Faulkner was presented with his certificate by Jon Williams, president and director of Toyota UK and Masa Nohara, executive director and co-ordinator.



Eco logs are the latest environmentally friendly initiative to be adopted at Glassary Primary School.

Eco logs at Glassary Primary

GLASSARY Primary School has been busy doing its bit for the environment whilst raising cash for charity.

Youngsters at the school have been busy recycling old newspapers this term by turning them into eco logs, which they plan to sell and raise money for Argyll-based charity First Aid for Gambia.

The eco logs are another initiative adopted by the school as part of the eco-schools programme. The school is working towards gaining its first green flag under the scheme.

HEADTEACHER of Glassary Primary School Dick Eddie has taken to his bicycle to raise much needed cash for the first aid charity.

Mr Eddie has pledged to leave his car at home in Achnamara and cycle to and from school everyday during term two. Setting a target distance of 1,000km, Mr Eddie has so far cycled 600km.

He hopes to raise £250 for the charity – enough money to buy first aid supplies and provide training for a school in Gambia for a year.

Achahoish

THE PRIMARY school in Achahoish was transformed into a recycling centre recently as it launched its Rag Bag collection.

The school collected a mammoth 481kg of material through the recycling drive as the whole community donated toys, clothes, curtains, duvet covers and pillows, whilst Hendrix Genetics donated two boxes full of the staff's old boiler suits.

Denny-based company Nathan's Waste Services has collected the rag bags and will, when calculating the value of the recycling stash, give the school a cash payment that will be put into the school fund pot.

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Limousins from Upper Largie, Kilmartin sold to 288p per kilo

Upper Largie Limousins top the trade at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 168 store, breeding and Over 30 Month cattle plus 875 store hoggets, grit ewes and feeding ewes at Oban on Tuesday.

Bullocks averaged 245p per kg and sold to 288p for three Limousins from Brechin, Upper Largie, Kilmartin and to £885 for five 330kg Limousins from South Ardnachlach, Ap-pin.

Heifers averaged 210p per kg and sold to 241p for a 220kg Limousin from Taychreggan, Ap-pin and to £900 for a 380kg Limousin from

Achnaba, North Con-nel.

Bulls averaged 199p per kg and sold to 213p for a 230kg Limousin from House of Keil, Du-ror and to £610 for two 315kg Limousins from the same home.

OTM cattle averaged 116p per kg and sold to 147p for a 465kg Limousin from Annet, Ap-pin and to £1,130 for an Aberdeen Angus Bull from Treshnish, Isle of Mull.

Breeding cattle sold to £1,060 for a Limou-sin bulling heifer from Kengharair, Isle of Mull.

Hoggs sold to £65 for Suffolks from Gordon Brechin, Upper Lar-gie, Kilmartin who also sold Mules to £52 and Blackfaces to £50. Suff-olks from Dalvore sold to £60 while Continen-tal crosses from Carnas-serie sold to £53.

Cheviot grit ewes sold to £70 from Robin Horne, Keepers Cottage, Taynuilt, with Blackfac-es from Ardchoire, Ker-rrera to £66 and £58. Blackface crosses from Turnault sold to £52.

Feeding ewes sold to £74 for Texels from S H Troughton, Ardachy, North Connel.

Bullocks sell to £910 at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held their annual March sale at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday when 164 cattle and 102 sheep were sold.

A good offering of quality grazing cattle sold well.

Bullocks averaged 238pence per kilo whilst the offering of heifers leveled at 215pence per kilo. The top priced bullock was consigned by Mr Joe Jordan, Cairnbaan, North Connel when

his yearling sold at £910 and yearling heifers from M/s Adam, Garraron and Melfort Farms sold to £885.

Leading the prices per kilo for bullocks was Dall and Duncroisk Farms, Killin when their Limousin crosses sold to 265pence whilst Garraron and Melfort's Limousin heifers sold to 244pence per kilo.

Breeding cattle from No15 Ormi-clate, Uist sold to £1,000.

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Compelling documentary on work of Mary's Meals gets first national television showing

THE POWERFUL documentary about Argyll-based charity Mary's Meals work in Malawi, Kenya, and India will be broadcast on national television for the first time next Friday.

The hard hitting documentary, *Child 31*, to be broadcast on STV at 22.35pm, has been produced by award-winning New York based production company Grassroots Films.

Following founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, *Child 31* offers a glimpse into the charity's simple, yet groundbreaking, approach to feeding the world's poorest children.

By providing one good meal to a hungry child in a place of education, Mary's Meals addresses that child's immediate need for food and provides them with the energy and opportunity to learn, which can be their escape route out of poverty in later life.



Child 31 shines a light on the work being done by Mary's Meals, which is transforming the lives of hundreds of thousands of children by providing a meal in a place of learning.

Elizabeth Partyka, deputy director of channels at STV, said: 'Child 31 is a compelling documentary from a charity with very strong

Scottish roots that is having an impact on a global scale. Figures

from Mary's Meals show that approximately 18,000 children die every day due to hunger-related diseases. On a night when lots of us

will be thinking about children at risk all over the world, STV is keen to help shine a light on the issues of child poverty, wherever they occur.'

Mary's Meals founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow said: '*Child 31* is told through the eyes of children - the children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals and the children who raise vital funds on their behalf. There are people from all walks of life who will not accept that any child in this world of plenty must endure a day without food.'

'It is thanks to their efforts that thousands of children, who would otherwise be hungry and working for their next meal, are instead sitting in a classroom with a full stomach, learning how to read and write.'

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Under-12s enjoy day at Murray

Red Star under 12s were invited by Rangers Football Club to play two of their youth teams at Rangers' Murray Park training complex on Saturday. The invite came after the team's success at the recent seven-a-side football tournament in Ravenscraig. The boys had a great day's football and enjoyed a guided tour of Murray Park.

GOLF

Continued from page 26 as a more relaxed approach is supposed to be better.

Kenny Cameron is very relaxed but he had a rubbish score which even he did not predict.

David Sinclair tried to cloud Ross' judgement on some of his putts by puffing extra hard on his

half coronas but to no avail.

Alec MacAulay and Keith Cowan are still to meet in the final of the Matchplay Cup and it should be a cracker. Keith's jovial banter can put opponents off their game but this will not affect Alec as he does not listen to anyone, never mind Keith. Colin (I am not very

good at this game) Rowan won the nearest the pin for the seventh week on the trot. Results: 41. R Sinclair, 37. S Taylor, 37. D Sinclair, 36. A MacAulay, 35. G MacDougall, 35. J Downie, 35. K Cowan, 33. T Angus, 31. K Cameron, 28. L Hardman, 24. J Davidson, 24. R Kennedy.

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

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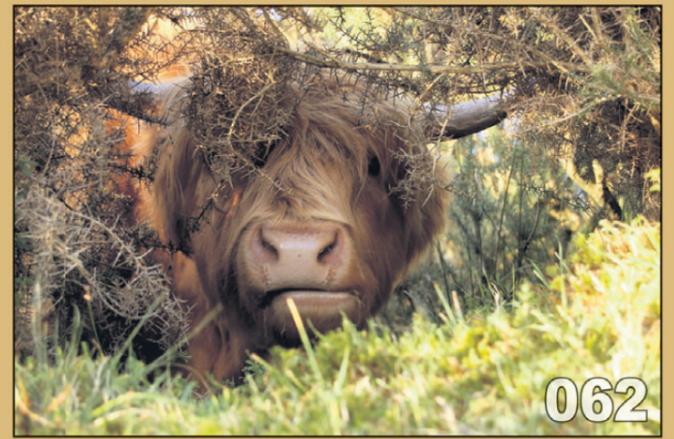
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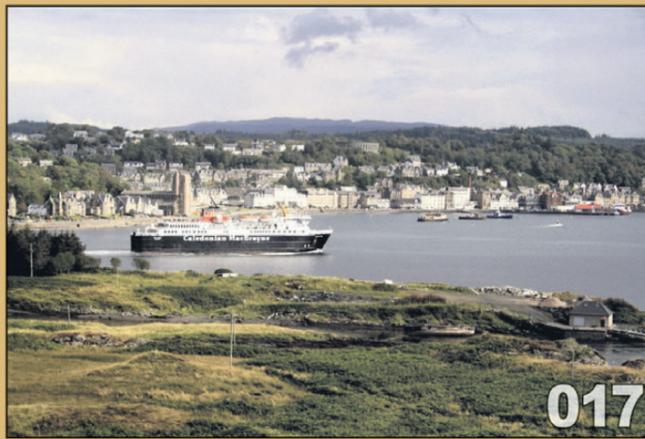
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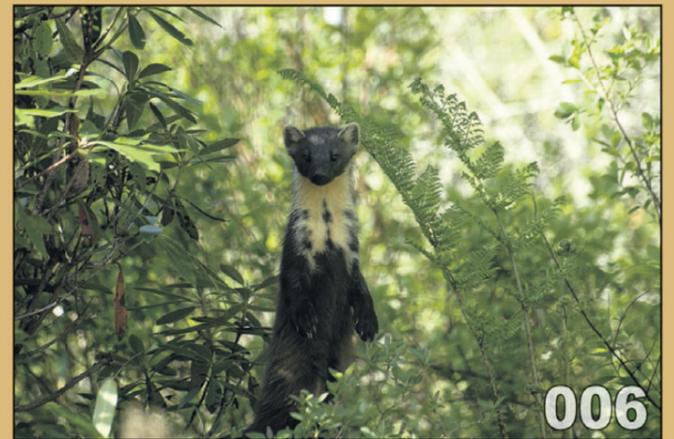
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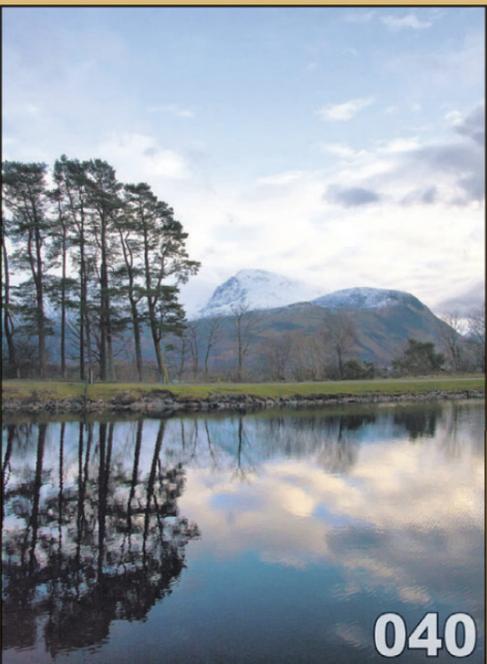
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13/00365/PP	Partial demolition and change of use from slaters yard/workshop to form extension to existing dwellinghouse, additional garden ground and workshop ancillary to existing dwellinghouse and improvements to off street parking provision	2 The Meadows and McEachran and Robertson Workshop (disused) Tomaig Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00431/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of 3 containers.	Kilmory Home Farm Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RR	Ardrishaig Area Office

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For an application form and job description, please contact:
 Veronica Anderson, HR Officer
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Maimie Wotherspoon, Gigha.

Neil Souden

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BIRTHS



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BLACKWELL – SUTHERLAND
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement between Ross and Jenny, on Saturday, March 2, 2013.



MARRISON – MCINTOSH
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Robert, son of John and Elizabeth, Fort Argyll, to Carly, eldest daughter of Stuart and Kirsteen, Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 1, 2013.

DEATHS

KELLY – Peacefully, at the Sue Ryder Hospice, Cheltenham, on February 25, 2013, Theo McKerral, in her 90th year, formerly of Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Eddie Kelly, much loved mum of Don and Katrina and a loving granny of David, Matthew, Charlotte and Ben.

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JEFFREY – Dr J Colin S, MBE (Argyll/Edinburgh). Colin, (GP in Lochgilphead 1960 – 1980) beloved husband of the late Mair, died peacefully in Edinburgh on March 3, 2013, in his 93rd year. He was much loved and will be very sadly missed by Christopher and Juliet and their families. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh on Monday, March 11 at 11.30am.

LINDSAY MACDOUGALL – Katherine, peacefully at home, on February 28, 2013, aged 97, much loved aunt, great aunt and dear friend to many. Funeral Service will be held at Christ Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, March 11, at 11.00am, followed by interment at Kilvaree, Craignish. Flowers welcome. Donations, if desired, to Educational Project Zambia, cheques payable to Christ Church, Invereyne Lodge, Lochgilphead, PA31 8PY.

MACDONALD – Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on March 4, 2013, Christopher MacDonald (Chris), in his 87th year, Broomhill, Drumore, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Eva, much loved dad of Christine and a loving papa of Christopher. Service in St Kiarans Episcopal Church, Argyll Street, Campbeltown on Monday, March 11 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown.

MCGEACHY – Peacefully at home, Lismar, Stronvaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2013, Jamesina Hughes Sym (Jasmine), in her 81st year, dearly beloved wife of John McGeachy, much loved mother of John, loving granny of Mairi and Iain and great granny of Charlie and Harry.

MEENAN – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 28, 2013, Jessie Meenan (Netta), in her 85th year, Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Denis Meenan, loving mother of Jamie and Margaret and a much loved granny and great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GILLIES – Angus, Neil, Tom and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and visits received following their recent sad loss of Margaret. Special thanks to the nursing staff at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, for their exceptional care and attention to Margaret during her time in hospital; and also to Mary McKellar and Mary MacLean for their dedicated care of Margaret whilst at home. Our thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service and tribute; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient and caring arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to those who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. The retiral collection so far has raised the generous amount of £600, for Alzheimer's Scotland.

IN MEMORIAM

BARBER – Formerly of Bridgend, Islay. In loving memory of our dear mum, Betty, who died March 5, 2012. Loved and remembered every day.

- From all the family, home and away.

BURTON – For our boys, Paul Burton and David Burton, always in our hearts.

- The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

COLVILLE – Precious memories of a very special and much loved wife, mum and grandma, Frances Mary Robertson, passed away March 7, 2012. Sadly missed and never far from our thoughts.

- Hugh, John, Andrew, David and all the family, home and away.

COLVILLE – In loving memory of our sister, Frances, who died March 7, 2012. Though absent you are very near.

Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- From the family xo.

FERGUSON – In loving memory of Barbara, who died March 4, 2009. Also remembering Mary Crawford, who died March 12, 1999. Always remembered.

- Charles, Dadie and family.

GALBRAITH – Treasured memories of a dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010. Your photo stands in pride of place. A lovely smile upon your face.

You always seem to be so near, How we wish you were still here. Sadly missed.

- Mum, Dad and Christine.

GILCHRIST – Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and grandad, who passed away March 5, 2010. We will always love and miss you.

- Your loving wife, Gloria, and family, home and away.

MCMILLAN – Gordon McMillan, August 19, 1984 – March 7, 2007. Our lives all changed forever, the day you went away.

What we thought important then, seems trivial today. You taught us to live for the moment and not to worry what life may bring.

We should make the best of it, as we'll never be here again. A short life lived to the full, like yours, was a lesson to those you left.

To take each day as a blessing and our loved ones, a precious gift.

Gordon, you're missed and loved by all your family x.

WARDROP – Our beautiful Lynsey. Somewhere over the rainbow We love you.

- Mum, Dad and Fallon xx.

WARDROP – Our beloved granddaughter. We miss you so much.

- Love, Granny and all the family, at home and abroad.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
 "Taste and see that the Lord is good"
 Sunday Services
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm
 Registered Scottish Charities
 SC010713 and SC010782

TARBERT LOCHFYE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 Sunday 10th March 2013
 Tarbert Service 11.45am
 Sunday School 11.45am
 To be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Kilberry Service 2pm
 Rev. Tommy Bryson
 Board and Session Meeting
 Tuesday 12th March 7.30pm
 to be held in Tarbert Free Church
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 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Lochfyneside Church (Minard) at 10 am
 Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday, 10th March 2013
 Glassary 11.30a.m.
 Family Service
 Mrs. J. Acklam and team
 All welcome
 SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
 Sunday 10th March 2013
 11am Morning Service
 Wednesday 13th March
 Messy Church
 From 4.30pm
Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
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GROWING IN GRACE
 is an informal christian meeting held at 7.15pm every Thursday in the Meadows Pavilion Sports Hall, behind the creamery.
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 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
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 Thursday 14 March 2013
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
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Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
 Sunday 10th March 2013
 11.15am Morning Service
 Mr. William Tavemer
 Fun Day Club and JAM in Church
 Tuesday 12th March 2013
 Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm
 Primary 6 & 7 7pm – 8pm
 Wednesday 13th March 2013
 Bible Study fellowship group
 Balliwilline Farm 7.30pm
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number
 SCO11686
 Saturday, 9th March
 Elders' Lunch - New Hall
 Sunday, 10th March
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation)
 (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
 Monday, 11th March
 Messy Church - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, 12th March
 Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
 Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
 Thursday, 7th March
 Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
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 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, 8th March
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

THE SALVATION ARMY
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown
 Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
 6.30pm Evening Worship
 Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
 1.30pm Home League
 Wednesday
 House Group 7pm
 Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
 Sunday 10th March 2013
 10.00am Breaking of Bread
 Mr John Ives
 Southend
 10.50am Coffee - All welcome
 11.15am
 Family Service with Crèche
 Mr John Ives
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 7.00pm Youth Group
 Wednesday 13th March 2013
 10am Parents and Toddlers Group
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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 Thursday 14th March
 12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
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 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kiaran Episcopal Church:
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 Scottish Charity No SC023277
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Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10.45am Family Communion
 Details of services are on the church door
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SHINTY

Strachur

A YOUNG Strachur side was unlucky to lose a second goal in the final minutes of Saturday's match against Oban Celtic to be defeated 2-0, but remain optimistic about the rest of the season.

A shortage of players meant coach Donald MacDonald travelled to Oban with one of his youngest squads, which included a number of 14 and 15-year-old boys. Gerry Gibson, club chairman, said the side put in a solid performance.

Kyles

KYLES Athletic showed they have the strength in depth to win the Orion Group Premiership after they were able to rest key players ahead of this weekend's trip to Drumnadrochit.

The Scottish Cup holders had a stern test against premier league new boys Oban Camanachd last weekend but were able to start the game with Sandy MacVicar and Roberto Zavaroni and rest Andrew King, who is on the road to recovery from injury.

Kyles trainer James Perlich said: 'The thing that pleased me most last Saturday was the quality of our bench.

'Sandy and Roberto made an impact when they came on and the quality we have in the first team means we don't have to rush Andrew back.

'We looked a bit rusty on Saturday but we asked the players to get two points and that is what they did.'

The game against Oban Camanachd finished 3-1.

Kilmory

DESPITE training through the winter, Kilmory started the season on the back foot following a defeat to Lochside Rovers.

Playing away, Kilmory conceded two goals after Lochside's Diarmid MacMillan scored twice in the first half. Duncan MacBrayne managed to claw back a goal for the visitors in the 87th minute but it wasn't enough to secure a point and the match ended 2-1. Kilmory play Aberdour tomorrow (Saturday) in the next south division 1A league fixture.



Final shoot of gun club's winter league

Tarbert Gun Club's 2013 winter league came to an end on Sunday with a final shoot out at the Barmore ground. It was John Paton's team that reined supreme, maintaining their lead from the February shoot. The winning team included captain John, Lynn MacDonald, Craig Samborek, Michael Harvey and Donald Ferguson. For a full round up of the results from the winter league and the March fixture see next week's Advertiser. 06_a10gun01

Birthday boy John is joint leader

GOLF

JOHN Downie has only just retired from real golf to play in the Duffers Derby and already has a bus pass.

The birthday boy played quite well on Sunday and is in joint first place with Grant MacDougall.

Tommy Angus likes to play on the stairs as it tones up his dancing muscles and he should be in good fettle for

the winter league dinner dance, which is being held at the top of the stairs in three weeks.

John Davidson was four months late for the start of the winter league and played like he had never been away - he was rubbish as usual.

In the main event Ross Sinclair gained a use-

ful lead by moaning his way to a five under par round. He always has a good round when he is being crabbit and he has had many good rounds this winter.

Simon Taylor has been copying Ross and is a single figure handicap groucher. He might grump into first place at this rate which is not necessarily a good thing

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Red Star Under 16s fail to make cup semi final

RED STAR under 16s put in an impressive performance against Mill Utd as they fought for a place in the semi final of the Central Regional Cup, but it was not enough to overcome the formidable Hamilton team.

Both teams battled hard in the opening stages of the game to gain the upper hand.

Slowly Star made a few openings as Whitefield and Dudding had long range efforts on goal.

They soon opened the scoring when, from a free kick, Moore delivered a perfect cross for Whitefield, who out-muscled his marker to head the ball past the keeper into the net.

In the second half good work by Deans, Moore and Whitefield in the Mill box threatened another goal but the strong defence stopped Star from adding to their tally. Just as it looked as if Star would extend their lead, Utd equalised when a ball into the box

was misjudged by the defence and the ball fell kindly to the striker, who showed clinical finishing to shoot into the net.

From the resulting kick off Star lost the ball and Mill quickly worked the ball into the box for another clinical finish from the other striker.

Star were dealt another blow when McCallum's 'goal', scored minutes later, was disallowed for offside.

Coach Dougie Moore said: 'The squad produced an excellent performance and were unfortunate to exit the cup at this stage. They must now use the pain of this defeat to make sure they continue to pursue their aim of silverware this season.'

This quest for silverware continues tomorrow (Saturday) at Ropework Park when Star take on the present holders of the DF DL League Cup, Ardencaple, in another quarter final cup tie.

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Lottery numbers

JAMES Hamilton, Nikki MacDougall and Marchelle MacNeill shared the £1,000 jackpot in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw. The trio had winning numbers 7, 9 and 11.

The jackpot will return to £100 next week.

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THE JACKPOT in next week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw will be £600 as another week passes with no winner. This week's numbers were 14, 16 and 19.

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THE NUMBERS in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw were 8, 9 and 14.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

Dunaverty hosts annual Am-Am

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's annual AM-AM competition will take place on Saturday, April 6.

The entry sheet for the event is displayed in the clubhouse and telephone bookings can be made with the club steward by calling 01586 830677.

A popular event on the golfing circuit, organisers are urging people to book early.

Triumphant Tarbert shoot into Coronation Cup semis

TRIUMPHANT Tarbert AFC have turned their fortunes around on the football pitch as the club secured a place in the semi-finals of the Coronation Cup after a penalty shootout at Cil Andres at the weekend.

The Dookers, who currently sit bottom in the Division 1A league table, are delighted with the win against Easthall Star, which brings them one step closer to lifting the Coronation Cup - a trophy they last won in 2008.

Tarbert enjoyed a good start putting a well marshalled Easthall defence under some pressure but could not get a goal their good play merited. Similarly the Tarbert defence of Johnstone, Martin, Smyth and Meechan were coping well with the industry of the Easthall forward line, ensuring the scoreboard remained 0-0 at half time.

Tarbert were creating some good chances in the second half with Ronald's long throw-ins but on each occasion the away defence managed to clear the ball. Good play by Nikki MacDougall,



Lewis McNaughton, front left, scored the equaliser in the cup tie that saw the Dookers draw level with Easthall and take the game to a penalty shoot out. 06_a20foot01

James Prentice and Jamie Stuart also failed to convert into goals. It was the away side the finally took the lead with eight minutes to go. A corner from the left was partially cleared to the unmarked midfielder who hit a terrific volley into the roof of the net from 16 yards.

This only spurred on the home side and they were level within three minutes when another trademark throw in found its way to the back post, where young Lewis McNaughton reacted quickest to fire the ball into the net. 1-1. The tie then went to penalties at the 'big valley' end of

the Tarbert pitch with a large local support cheering on the home side. The shoot-out went to the wire, with manager James Prentice securing Tarbert's victory after Easthall missed their fifth penalty.

Commenting on the nerve-wrecking game, Bruce McNab from

Tarbert AFC said: 'This was a much needed win for the Dookers and, while there were no failures in Saturday's team, a special mention goes to John Martin who saved two penalties in the shootout.'

Tarbert travel to Millbeg tomorrow (Saturday).

Star Under-14s put 11 past opponents

RED STAR'S under 14 team thrashed their Helensburgh opponents 11-1 in the quarter final of the DFDL League Cup.

The Lochgilhead lads played away for the fixture against Helensburgh Utd and took the lead from the start with an early strike from Liam Scott from 16 yards.

Blair MacKay doubled Star's advantage after 15 minutes with a well-taken goal.

The away side appeared to take their foot off the gas for a short spell mid way through the half but then found their glossy finishing touch with further goals from Scott, Souden and MacKay, who completed his hat-trick before the interval.

Half time: 0 - 6

In the second half Lochgilhead made squad changes with Lewis, Brown, McVicar and Robertson all playing a key role in the win.

MacKay continued the scoring with another fine finish, whilst Angus Lewis was very unlucky to see his two headers just go over the bar.

The home side pulled a goal back from a counter attack.

A swift move forward allowed their striker to score from 14 yards.

Further goals came from Williamson, Young, Souden and Mackay to finish the match.

Commenting on the game, coach Willie Luke said: 'This was a good all round team performance from the Mid Argyll side, they now need to carry the same attitude and commitment forward to their next match.'

Defeat dents Star's promotion hopes

RED STAR'S push for promotion in the Scottish Amateur Football League suffered a serious setback at the weekend as the Lochgilhead Club endured a heavy defeat at the hands of Clydebank's Goldenhill.

An away match, the game was played on 3G astro, which has not been kind to the Lochgilhead side in recent seasons and this was the case again as the visitors found themselves a goal down inside a minute.

This set the tone for the rest of the afternoon as Star found themselves totally over-run in the first half, eventually going into the interval 4-0 down.

With the game all but over as a contest, Star only had pride to play for in the second half. However Goldenhill scored the fifth goal of the game before the hour mark to put themselves totally out of sight. Star did offer some late resistance with a couple of goals from Gregor Peacock to take his

tally to 24 for the season.

But the young striker missed his opportunity for a hat trick when he blasted over the bar after the referee had awarded a penalty.

In between this, the home side added a couple of goals themselves to give the score line a comprehensive 7-2 at the final whistle. Tomorrow Star are away from home again as they face Whitehill FP and will look to avenge a 3-2 home defeat from earlier in the season.



Red Star's Gregor Peacock scored his 24th goal this season when Star took on Goldenhill at the weekend.

Inveraray Golf Club league throws up more surprises

THERE were more surprises in the latest round of the Inveraray Golf Club Winter League as Derek McCulloch continued to post low scores and maintain his lead.

Derek chopped another three strokes off his score and now sits on 25.

His lead however may not last long as he cannot make the remaining two rounds

of the competition and the chasing pack now have a target to aim for to try and lift the trophy. There are a couple of league specialists sitting just behind the leader with D J Macdonald still hovering near the top on 29 and there was a move by last year's summer league winner Rory Campbell who posted a 30 after only completing two

rounds of the competition. Plenty of other players continue to take strokes off their scores and there is everything to play for going into round five.

The lucky twos still remain elusive and if a player can manage to rustle one up they may need to use a wheelbarrow to take home the winnings.

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Open day win for Inveraray as they topple Fort William

Small squad could be a problem for Inveraray

FOLLOWING a comfortable win over Fort William on Saturday, Inveraray player/manager Garry MacPherson insisted he was not playing mind games by admitting his team could struggle this season.

MacPherson has fretted over his small senior squad this season but his goal last Saturday gave the men from the Royal Burgh a 1-0 home victory.

MacPherson said: 'It was a good result but it was a home game with a full squad and those are the games we need to take points from.'

'I was very happy with the performance because I felt we could have won by more goals - their keeper was outstanding.'

David Robertson dominated the mid-field for the home side but MacPherson was keen to praise the whole team for their commitment.

With another home game this weekend against Oban Camanachd, MacPherson is keen to add to Inveraray's points tally.

'It is a home game, so we will be looking to take something from it,' he said. 'Camanachd look a better team than they were two years ago and they beat us last season in the Macaulay Cup, so it should be a tough test.'

Inveraray's experienced Euan McMurdo helped his younger teammates secure a victory over Fort William in their first league match of the season. 06_a10dhinty01



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