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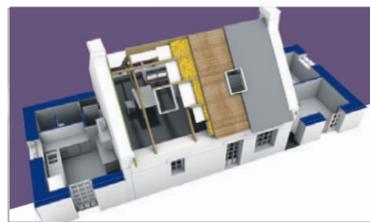
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Pitch promise sees celebrations kick-off across Mid Argyll

Fair play award for Inveraray school youngsters

THERE were smiles all around from Inveraray Primary School shinty team which won a Certificate of Fair Play at a national competition on Saturday.

The children won the Fair Play award in recognition of their sportsmanship at The Gilmour Sports National First shinty festival at the Nevis Centre, Fort William.

The side also put in an impressive playing performance in the competition finishing third overall.

Lynn Sinclair, head teacher at Inveraray Primary, said: 'The school is very proud of the team and the effort that they put in at the competition.'

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Football, shinty and rugby players delighted at 3G upgrade

ARGYLL and Bute Council's commitment to provide a 3G pitch in Lochgilphead will ensure the survival and development of many sports in Mid Argyll, a leading sportsman has said.

The news comes as the local authority confirmed it hopes to upgrade the town's 2G pitch to a 3G surface in the summer.

Graham Whitefield, chairman of Lochgilphead Soccer centre, said the 3G pitch would secure the future of Red Star's youth teams in the Dunbartonshire Development Football League.

Explaining questions had been asked about the club's ability to

fulfil match fixtures, Mr Whitefield said: 'The 3G pitch will take away the uncertainty the soccer centre coaches and players live with every weekend not knowing whether a game will go ahead and the disappointment when games are regularly postponed.'

'The football development of the kids can only improve with regular training and games on the same surface as they experience when they travel to tournaments and matches in the central belt.'

Meanwhile Inveraray Shinty Club will, for the first time in years, have somewhere to train in

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Woman admits resisting arrest and threatening police officers

A 27-YEAR-OLD Lochgilphead woman has admitted resisting arrest and threatening police officers in the town after a night out.

Laura MacLeod, of 6 Craignish Place, admitted the charges in Lochgilphead Annex of Du-noon Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

The court heard that police officers were on patrol on November 30 last year when they saw MacLeod struggling to walk on Loch-nell Street.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy said: 'They stopped to make sure

all was well with her, but it resulted in a tyrant of abuse at the officers. Given the level of abuse she was arrested.

'She did not go quietly and she then started a violent and pointless struggle, trying to get away.'

Deferred

Sheriff Thomas Ward deferred sentence until April 1 to allow criminal reports to be carried out.

He said: 'You have previous convictions for the same thing, which were dealt with lightly. This will not be the case this time.'



Mid Argyll photographer Gavin Brown captured the Northern Lights as they lit up the sky above 'the moss' last Thursday night. Dozens of people hopped into cars and embarked on countryside walks to get a glimpse of the aurora borealis lights, rarely seen so far south. Photo: West Coast Photos.

New supermarket for Inveraray

A NEW supermarket could be built in Inveraray following the submission of a planning application for a 4,500-square-foot shop to Argyll and Bute Council.

The proposal has been drawn up by MacLeod Construction Ltd and includes a new shop, car park, access road and improvements to the landscape.

The shop would feature a storage unit, sales

area, three kiosks, two self service units and a bank machine.

If given the go-ahead by councillors it would be built on land to the south west of Inveraray Primary School.

Kenny MacLeod, of the Lochgilphead-based construction company, said: 'We believe a retail development is something that Inveraray has needed for a long time, especially in

terms of parking as all of the shops on the front have limited and varied parking.'

He added: 'Once it has been built we plan to lease it out to a company.'

Mr MacLeod said a start date for the build had not yet been confirmed.

'We hope to start building as soon as possible. There is still a lot of work to be done on the

planning application,' he said. 'There is no date set for it to appear in front of Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee.'

Mr MacLeod added: 'It will keep the existing work force going. We imagine it will create two more jobs as well.'

Ian MacAskill, convenor of Inveraray Community Council, said: 'We have not been approached about the development, but we plan to gauge the opinion of the local community.'

Another landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful

THERE was a landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful in the early hours of Thursday morning.

The majority of the material was caught in the debris nets but the A83 was closed for safety reasons.

Traffic was to be diverted on to the Old Military Road under a convoy system as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press at 9.30am.

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Baby, bump and toddler group starts in Lochgilphead

PARENTS can meet up for a cuppa, let their children play and talk to local health professionals at a new group started in Lochgilphead.

Bumps, babies and toddlers has been set up by Lochgilphead Parish Church.

It allows parents and expectant mothers to share their experiences, while a nurse will be on hand to deal with any concerns and weigh babies.

Reverend Hilda Smith, who set up the group, said: 'I had planned a parent and toddler group then found out the town's baby and bump group had folded. So, we decided to merge the two together.'

Lochgilphead mum Janie Murphy, who attended the first event, said: 'It is brilliant. There is not much for us to do with the children around here so it is great to have this in the area.'

The group meets from 1pm until 3pm every Tuesday.



Jade Martin and her seven-month-old daughter Jasmine were at the first meeting of Lochgilphead's new Baby, Bumps and Toddler Group. 06_a09baby01

Dangerous driver reported

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal for dangerous driving following a four-car collision which closed the A83 for several hours last Friday.

The incident, which occurred near Strone Point at 1.30pm, saw a female driver trapped in her car after it had veered down an embankment near the foreshore.

She was cut free by fire-fighters and was treated for minor injuries at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

None of the other people involved in the crash were seriously hurt.

Emergency services worked to clear the road of debris and oil before it was reopened at 7.30pm.

Groups pull plug on Ardrishaig park plan

TWO GROUPS which sought to upgrade the King George V Park in Ardrishaig have withdrawn from the project after being met with 'hostility' by an organisation set up to regenerate the village.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) and Lochgilphead Soccer Centre had sought to attract charitable funding to improve the park's pitch and build a sports pavilion.

Walked away

But both organisations, which work to improve opportunities for young people in Mid Argyll, have walked away from the project, stating Ardrishaig Community Trust refused to support their plans.

All three groups - the

trust, soccer centre and youth project - sat on a sub committee of Ardrishaig Community Council which aimed to develop improvement plans for the park.

Facilities

Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, said she had become involved in the KGV project after youngsters asked the charity for better sport and social facilities in the village.

'I felt I was able to get money to start a project like that,' Mrs Kalache said. 'My record in gaining charitable funding speaks for itself; that is my job and that is the only reason we became involved.'

'But we were met with hostility. They [the trust members] were seen to be working with us but

they weren't making any effort.'

She added: 'I am sorry for the community because it is losing out on what would be a fantastic facility'

Hamish Nicol, chairman of Ardrishaig Community Trust, said it was unfair to say the trust had not supported the youth project.

'The trust is fulfilling the wishes of the community,' he said.

'The trust's brief is much broader than that of the youth project. It is providing for the youth of Argyll and while the trust supports this, it is not just the youth that it has to be catered for but

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Tigh na Linne ward to be demolished to make way for new hospital

Neighbouring buildings should not be affected

ARGYLL and Bute Hospital's Tigh na Linne ward is to be demolished this month as the majority of mental health patients are being cared for in the community.

Tigh na Linne, an outbuilding of the main Victorian hospital, and nearby Engineers Workshop will be demolished to make way for a new mental health hospital.

NHS Highland has said workmen carrying out the demolition will be on site in the coming days.

John Dreghorn, programme director for mental health, said: 'They will complete-

ly clear the site and what's left should be level. We won't be living in a building site and obviously it will be made safe.

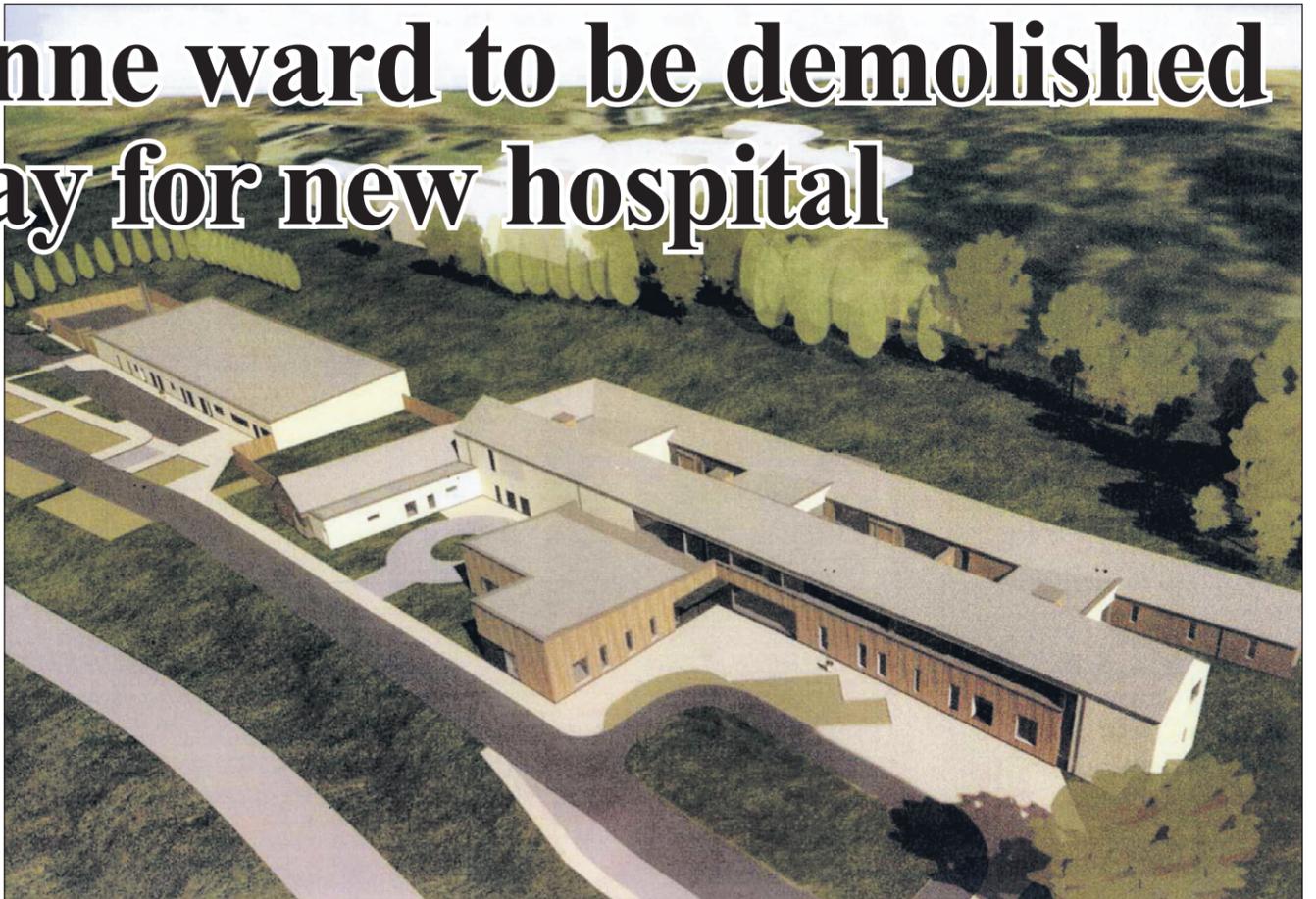
'Neighbouring buildings should not be affected.

'We will fence off the area and the hospital will remain operational throughout the works.'

Rehab unit

Tigh na Linne, a former rehab unit, has not been used for 18 months as many of its long-term users have been discharged to live at home, supported by community mental health professionals.

Dr Grace Fergusson said the delay in build-



The new £9.5million hospital will sit where the Tigh na Linne ward currently stands.

ing the new hospital, originally planned for 2012, has allowed the health service to develop its resources in the community.

She said: 'These ex-

tra years mean the patients have been very well prepared for the move into the community and we have established support-

ed houses in Lochgil- phed and Oban. We have used the time to get the model of care up to the standards of the 21st century, to change to community-

focused care.' Meanwhile plans are progressing for the new hospital, with artist Jolomo signed up to an art initiative that aims to promote a sense of strength and recovery

within the hospital.

Construction of the new 22-bed inpatient hospital is due to begin in June next year; it is due to open in September 2016.

£1.3 million available to stamp out fuel poverty in Argyll and Bute

MORE THAN £1.3 million has been made available to stamp out fuel poverty in Argyll and Bute.

The money has been released by the Scottish Government to fund its Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland (HEEPS).

The money will be used to make homes more energy efficient and will help pay for things such as solid wall, cavity and loft insulation.

Argyll and Bute Council will receive £1,390,000 of the £42 million the Scottish Government has dished out to local authorities.

It is expected to target areas of fuel poverty and work with housing associations, energy companies, home owners and private landlords to ensure all households in that area receive an offer to have the energy efficiency of their home improved.

African themed evening

AN AFRICAN themed evening will be held in Tayvallich Village Hall tonight (Friday).

School children from the village have prepared a two course meal to serve up at the event.

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Man charged following pub incident

A MAN has been accused of a hate crime following an incident in an Inveraray pub.

The 23-year-old is charged with a racial and sectarian breach of the peace after a disturbance in the bar in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Police traced the man at 2.50am when he was also allegedly found in possession of cannabis.

Police seek information on vandalism

POLICE are seeking information about the vandalism of a house on Lochnell Street, which occurred between 4pm on Friday, February 28 and 3am on Saturday morning.

A window to the property was smashed while further damage was caused inside the home.

Anyone who may have witnessed, or has information regarding the incident can contact police on 101.



Fundraising disco fun

Liam Long, David McCulloch, Kieran Cameron and Euan Merrilees enjoyed the music at the Duntrune Trekkers under 18 disco last Friday night. The event, held in the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilhead, was part of the group's ongoing fundraising efforts ahead of the Mount Kilimanjaro climb in Tanzania in September. Blair Johnston, Duncan McGregor and Campbell Wright will undertake the challenge to raise cash for Mid Argyll MS Centre, Rainbow Valley and the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation. 06_a10disco01

Nets preventing landslides at Rest and Be Thankful

Major milestone in 'Red Option' complete in May

THE HUGE swaths of metal netting that have been installed along the hillside at the Rest and Be Thankful are preventing road closures on the A83, says Transport Scotland.

The national roads authority has said the nine large sections of protective netting erected over the last five years are working well.

Over a four-month period, which saw some of the heaviest rainfall recorded in Argyll, two landslides were prevented from reaching the road because of the netting.

A spokeswoman for

Transport Scotland said: 'On October 3 last year the nets caught between 25 and 30 tonnes of debris.'

'Debris has also been held back by the phase nine barrier on January 6 and 7, 2014, and material was also found in the catch pit.'

'Two boulders were stopped by the barrier together with a small volume of gravel, sand and silt. It is probable that the debris, including the boulders, would have impacted the trunk road had the barriers not been installed.'

The news comes just weeks after Transport

Scotland began installing the final phase of debris flow netting at the Rest. The work, expected to be complete on May 5, is one of the final pieces of work to be done as part of the Red Option - a long term plan that aimed to reduce the threat of landslides at the Rest.

The Red Option included additional netting, drainage and culvert improvements, as well as enhancing the vegetation, on the hillside. Almost £5 million has been spent addressing the threat of landslides at the Rest since 2009.

Celebrations as Lochgilhead 3G pitch gets go-ahead

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Euan McMurdo of Inveraray Shinty Club said: 'This will make a big difference to us and how we train throughout the winter as at the moment we don't have anywhere to do stick training.'

'Previously we didn't use it as a 2G but now it's a completely new facility for the club.'

Alan Wright, rugby development officer for Argyll and Bute, said: 'This [3G] is certainly safer for rugby.'

'We will now be able to do some light contact training that we couldn't

do before. If it's the same quality of 3G that they have in Oban it will be 10 times better than what's here now.'

Peter Laing, the Lochgilhead referee who started a petition to get the 2G pitch upgraded, thanked the 1,400 people who signed the petition and local councillors for their support.

Praise

He said: 'Argyll and Bute Council deserve praise for listening to the public on this matter and reaching this decision, which will improve the standard of sport in Mid Argyll.'

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IT IS a very sad day when health care in Mid Argyll is described as 'the best in Scotland' considering the sheer lack of basic facilities available in the area.

While no one can take away from the hard work and dedication of the staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, there is still a long way to go in terms of having a 'first class' service.

MSP Alex Neil, cabinet secretary for health and wellbeing, claimed people should be proud of what the area's health service has to offer.

The statement is almost laughable.

It is a two-hour trek for most people to receive the type of services most people in the central belt take for granted.

Pregnancy scans, dialysis treatment and many forms of chemotherapy mean a long journey across the Rest and Be Thankful for hundreds of Mid Argyll residents every year.

The people who make the journey to the Vale of Leven Hospital, Glasgow Southern General and the Beatson Oncology Centre may struggle to describe the health service in Mid Argyll as 'first class'. The Scottish Government has long been saying it is committed to ensuring the sustainability of small, remote and rural communities. Not until it ensures a robust health service that provides services people need day in day out will it truly provide a first class service and fully support our rural communities.

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Support our young athletes by providing training areas

Sir,
Congratulations to our young athletes, Ben Coates and Archie Spencer, on their success at the National Age Group Championships held recently in Glasgow.

Ben's progress in recent years has been impressive and all the more remarkable considering he does not have access locally to training facilities enjoyed by athletes in the central belt and most larger towns in Scotland.

For young people in Argyll to excel in sport at national level requires exceptional support from their family and Ben's parents have gone to great lengths and expense to ensure Ben is able to compete at the highest level, including the cost of weekly trips to Fife for training. I read with interest, in a recent issue of The Oban Times, Councillor Roddy McCuish's comments on Argyll and Bute Council supporting Ben in the future.

Can I suggest this is the ideal time for Councillor McCuish and his fellow councillors, and council officials, to address the fact there are no all-weather outdoor facilities for athletics anywhere in Argyll.

With the building of new high schools in Oban and Campbeltown in the next few years, surely an area for jumps alongside a short 4/5 lane sprint strait is a possibility?

A remote high school at Ullapool has a 60-metre sprint

strait adjacent to a long jump pit and run-up and the Western Isles has had outdoor facilities for several years.

Our club in Lochgilthead presently caters for more than 100 young people at our indoor training sessions but we desperately need suitable outdoor facilities.

We are hopeful we may get an all-weather facility for jumps at the Joint Campus which both our club and two schools could benefit from.

There is no guarantee this will ever happen though as we need to raise a considerable sum of money and require the support of both SportScotland and Argyll and Bute Council. In a year when the Commonwealth Games comes to Scotland, with athletics the centrepiece sport at Hampden Park, I challenge Argyll and Bute Council to finally do something to support our young athletes.

Bill MacCallum, Secretary and coach, Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

Referendum has no bearing on 'bedroom tax' proposal

Sir,
Regarding councillor James Robb's letter in last week's *Advertiser*.

It is good news the SNP is supporting Labour's initiatives in abolishing the dreaded 'bedroom tax', which has caused so much misery.

It may be just semantics, but why has the councillor quoted 'after independence'. Surely this very worthwhile

proposal doesn't depend on the result of the Scottish Referendum. Better Together. **James Simpson, Treasurer, Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Islay branch of the Labour Party.**

Everyone can be a good parent

Sir,
Research by Action for Children and New Family Social has revealed that one in two gay people in Scotland believe they cannot foster or adopt.

We are writing to dispel this myth so that safe homes can be found for vulnerable children in Mid Argyll.

Right now there are more than 16,200 children in care in Scotland - but if just one per cent of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community chose to adopt or foster, this could plug the gap and ensure every child has a place to call home. We believe being a good parent has nothing to do with being gay or straight.

Action for Children runs fostering services and works with all kinds of people to help fulfil the dreams of children who simply want to have loving families.

As part of New Family Social's LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week, which started on Monday, we are encouraging gay people from Mid Argyll to find out more about fostering and adopting with Action for Children.

Contact 0141 331 0584 or email fostercare.caps@actionforchildren.org.uk, or visit actionforchildren.org.uk. **Carol Iddon, director of children's services, Action for Children.**

Pure fantasy on EU membership

Sir,
European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso's message to the BBC's Andrew Marr that it would be 'difficult, if not impossible' for an independent Scotland to join the European Union (EU) merely confirms what he has in fact been saying for years.

That is, as an accession state, Scotland's membership in the European club would have to be accepted by all its members including those, like Spain, that have an interest in keeping us out to send a message to their own nationalist movements.

Once again, the SNP's claim that Scotland would enter seamlessly into the EU upon a 'Yes' vote has been shown to be pure fantasy. Barroso's comments underline the fact that a newly independent Scotland would face a tortuously long process to regain its European membership. In the meantime, what would happen to our farmers' single farm payments? What would be the position of the 160,000 people who work in our financial services sector?

Exactly what conditions of membership would be foisted upon the Scottish people?

There's no reason for Scotland to embark upon this uncertain path. We already enjoy the fruits of EU membership as part of the UK and we must not throw away our seat at Europe's top table in pursuit of Alex Salmond's pipe dream.

Struan Stevenson MEP.

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Register for free nursery places now

PARENTS of two and three year old children are being urged to register them for free places at nursery.

Children born between March 1, 2011, and February 29, 2012 are eligible for free early learning and childcare.

Parents of eligible children should register at their preferred pre-school this week by bringing along a copy of the child's birth certificate or passport.

Alternatively, parents of children born between March 1, 2010, and February 28, 2011, who have not already requested a place at pre-school, should register their child with a nursery as soon as possible.

One in five people in Argyll and Bute smoke

FIGURES released days before No Smoking Day, March 12, show that one in five people in Argyll and Bute smoke tobacco.

The statistics, released by the British Heart Foundation show 20 per cent of the population, 17,500 people, have failed to kick the habit.

The health charity is now urging people to seek out stop smoking services as research shows people are four times more likely to quit when supported by the specialist teams.

Smoking significantly increases the risk of heart disease, stroke and a variety of cancers.

Woman supplies alcohol to underage youth

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman has plead guilty to supplying alcohol to an underage youth.

Mary McChesney, of 55c Lochnell Street, admitted to buying drink from the town's Tesco Express for an underage drinker on April 13 last year.

Appearing at Lochgilphead Annex of Du-noon Sheriff Court on Tuesday, the 63 year old had her sentence deferred by Sheriff Thomas Ward until April 1 for medical reports.



Alex Neil MSP, cabinet secretary for health and well being, was in Lochgilphead on Monday to host a debate on why a 'yes' vote at the Scottish Referendum would benefit Mid Argyll residents. 06_a10neill04

Cabinet secretary sets out benefits of an independent Scotland

'Housing would be an ideal investment in Mid Argyll'

POWERS acquired by the Scottish Government in an independent Scotland would allow for more investment in infrastructure and housing in Mid Argyll, according to Alex Neil MSP.

The Scottish minister for health and well-being was in Lochgilphead on Monday to explain what he thought an independent Scotland would mean for the area.

The Scottish Government would save £10 million by abandoning trident, according to Mr

Neil, who added: 'That's the money that could be spent across Scotland and benefit the people of Mid Argyll. For example housing, health care and transport are major issues; housing would be an ideal investment in Mid Argyll.'

Mr Neil claimed more control over taxation would allow the Scottish Government to transform the welfare system, helping it to address poverty within working-class families, as well as those on benefits.

'We want people to

get into work and we want to ensure that work pays,' he said. 'We would put the minimum wage in line with inflation so people are better off working than on benefits.'

Recognising the impact the 'bedroom tax' has had in Mid Argyll, Mr Neil said it would be abolished immediately.

'We would save almost £40 to £50 million [from abolishing the 'bedroom tax']. This is money we could spend on supporting pensioners or disabled people,' he said.

Mid Argyll health care is the best in Scotland

HEALTH services in Mid Argyll have been described as the 'best in Scotland' despite fears many of the area's services are being cut.

Alex Neil MSP, Scottish cabinet secretary for health and well-being, visited Mid Argyll Community Hospital on Monday. He praised the range of health services, such as dentistry, social work, and physiotherapy, being made available in one building and in a central location.

'Mid Argyll Community Hospital is a fantastic facility,' Mr Neil said.

'It is a rural, high quality, well linked-up hospital with an integrated health and social care

service. It is the best I have seen in any part of Scotland.

'People who live here should be very proud of the service as it is first class.'

Mr Neil said he was excited about the launch of a telecare service at the hospital, which is to be rolled out over the next two years.

'People can contact their health provider using telehealth technology,' he said. 'It will allow people to stay in their homes without travelling to their doctors to get treated.'

Mr Neil's visit to the hospital comes after the area's ambulance service was reduced, the out of hours x-ray service

faces closure and a campaign has been launched to bring a dialysis unit to Lochgilphead.

Currently patients with failing kidneys have to travel to Glasgow for dialysis.

Mr Neil said it was up to NHS Highland to decide which services it provided.

'There should be an improvement to services if people have to travel to Glasgow,' he said. 'But, it can prove to be a challenge to provide a dialysis service, for example, outside a bigger hospital.'

He added: 'If it can be done it certainly should be done. We are trying to get as many services as local as possible.'

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Sunshine on Leith at Tarbert Film Club

THE FEEL good film of the year Sunshine on Leith is to be screened tomorrow (Saturday) evening at Tarbert Film Club.

The Scottish movie, based on the stage hit of the same name, topped a wish list of films members of the club requested at the start of the year.

One of the most successful movies produced by the British film industry in recent years, Sunshine on Leith is a jubilant, heart-warming musical featuring hits by The Proclaimers.

The film follows the stories of Davy and Ally who, following a tour of Afghanistan with the army, are trying to adjust to civilian life in Edinburgh.

Both struggle to settle into life outside the army and to deal with the everyday struggles of family, jobs and relationships.

Directed by Dexter Fletcher, the film stars George Mackay, Kevin Guthrie and the renowned Peter Mullan.

Sunshine on Leith will be screened at the Templars Hall at 7.30pm.

Kilmartin Literary Festival proves to be a big success

THE SECOND Kilmartin Literary Festival has been dubbed a great success as dozens of book-lovers were dazzled by authors, poets and storytellers.

The festival centred around four writers - Mandy Haggith, Margaret Elphinstone, Marian Pallister and Patsy Dyer, with each leading their own experience such as meet the author, poetry reading and writing workshops.

Mid Argyll author Marian Pallister launched the festival with a talk about her work, which includes seven books that delve into the people, plants, legends, historical facts and geology of Argyll and its isles.

Popular

Meanwhile Margaret Elphinstone's writing workshop proved equally popular with budding writers and successful authors alike.

Mandy Haggith, author of Bear Witness, said she was delighted to take part in the workshop.

'Everyone was writing and the workshop

was hugely inspiring,' she said.

'It has to be said to have an event like this here is completely unique. For the writing process we could see things from archaeological digs, replica artefacts from the Viking period; we were able to handle these things and go back to the past. We were definitely inspired by our surroundings and the things in the museum.'

The museum's café also proved the perfect setting for storyteller and horticulturist Patsy Dyer, who spoke about the historical plants found in the museum garden and their place in myth and folklore.

The local storyteller told a vivid tale of the origins of the palm tree in Papua New Guinea and other plants found closer to home.

Attracting more than 80 guests over three days, Kilmartin Literary Festival was funded by the Scottish Book Trust, Creative Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council.



Mandy Haggith, author of Bear Witness, right, and Mid Argyll storyteller and expert horticulturalist Patsy Dyer impressed at the recent Kilmartin Literary Festival. 06_a09lit01

Full house at Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

IT WAS another full house at the February meeting of the Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club as the group welcomed the Ian Muir Trio as guest performers. The trio, with Ian on accordion, Marie Fielding on fiddle and Neil MacMillan on keyboard, performed two excellent sets, with plenty of craic in between.

Neil and Marie both gave surprise selections on accordion and concertina respectively, showing what versatile musicians they are.

The group had taken to the stage after local musicians in the Fyne Folk group played a range of tunes which were much enjoyed by the audience.

The Inveraray club now looks forward to welcoming, for the first time, Jack Delaney from Alloa and his Scottish dance band for the March event. Reportedly comprising of three accordions, fiddle, double bass, keyboard and drums, the band will undoubtedly give a performance which is not to be missed.

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The P4/5 class with the banner which the pupils hope will be used in the athletes village for this summer's Commonwealth Games.



Youngsters used polystyrene tiles to transfer their images to the banner.

Tarbert Academy pupils have been getting creative

A HUGE banner emblazoned with the word Dookers and images synonymous with Tarbert could adorn the walls of the Commonwealth Games athletes' village in Glasgow. Pupils of Tarbert Academy made it as part of a competition which is seeking artworks

to decorate the athletes' village during the summer. Youngsters in P4/5 showed their pride in their home town by printing images of Tarbert's iconic church and castle on to the banner, alongside images of the renowned harbour. Marking the village's herit-

age as a fishing port, it also features a range of fish and fishing boats. **Artwork** The children worked with Alison McAlpine on designing and making the artwork. After researching the history of the village the youngsters

drew preliminary designs before copying these on to polystyrene tiles, which were used as printing blocks to transfer the images on to the banner. The school will be sending the finished product off to the Commonwealth Games organisers very soon.

Rock art project at Tayvallich primary

PUPILS at Tayvallich Primary School have been involved in an exciting project that explores the ancient rock art of Kilmartin Glen. The children have been working with artists John Was and Aaron Watson to create a large clay art piece, which is made up of 48 individually hand made tiles. The piece was designed by a Tayvallich

pupil who was inspired by Tainish wood and features trees, animals and the school's logo. The youngsters each made a clay tile, choosing paints, natural rocks, limestone and bog iron to create it. Rocks and charcoal were crushed into a fine powder with water added to make the right consistency. All the tiles have been given a base coat of 'ironstone' and coloured individually. The piece is now on display at Kilmartin Museum as part of the Living Symbols Exhibition. It can be seen alongside other pieces of stunning art work, which have been created by local community groups and individuals with the help of artist Melanie Chmielewska.



Tayvallich Primary School pupils have created a clay art piece as part of an exhibition celebrating ancient rock art in Kilmartin.

Arunda to perform 'musical gems' in Ardrishaig next weekend

A MUSICAL trio who enjoys performing lesser known music to audiences across Scotland is to provide the latest instalment of entertainment on behalf of the Mid Argyll Arts Association. Arunda is a trio of wind musicians who are passionate about promoting the diverse range of music available to reed instruments. Clarinet player Jenny Stephenson, bassoonist Anna Mary Lynch and Sarah Cruickshank, who plays the oboe, are constantly exploring new repertoires and are looking forward to performing some lesser known pieces of music when they take to the stage in Ardrishaig next week. Arunda formed in 2010 after the women studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Royal College of Music and the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Région de Marseille. Last year was an ex-

citing year for Arunda with a spring tour of the Netherlands, as well as recitals across Scotland including the Music at Paxton Summer Festival of Chamber Music. As well as being passionate about chamber music, the members of the trio are dedicated orchestral players and can often be seen playing with the leading Scot-

tish orchestras such as the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and the Orchestra of Scottish Ballet. Members of the trio have shown their versatility by taking to the stage for some musical theatre or recording for bands such as Belle and Sebastian.



Sarah Cruickshank, oboe, Anna Mary Lynch, bassoon and Jenny Stephenson, clarinet.

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Synopsis: The Railway Man
Eric Lomax was one of thousands of Allied prisoners of war forced to work on the construction of the Thai/Burma railway during WW2. His experiences, after the secret radio he built to bring news and hope to his colleagues was discovered, left him traumatised and shut off from the world. Years later, he met Patti, a beautiful woman, on a train and fell in love. Patti was determined to rid Eric of his demons. Discovering that the young Japanese officer who haunted her husband was still alive, she faced a terrible decision. Should Eric be given a chance to confront his tormentor? Would she stand by him, whatever he did?

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24 Unclothe (6)	22 Flower out of bed (4)

Last week's solution

Future of farming lies in diversification

AGRICULTURE could be considered the biggest economic driver on the west coast.

With a value of more than £56 million a year, from farming alone, investment and training may be a fail-safe opportunity for a stronger economic future.

A survey, conducted by Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum, shows the business end of the farming market is almost holding up in tough economic times.

But with fewer farmers working less land, experts say the best opportunities lie in diversification.

The survey's results reveal the farming community is shrinking with fewer people farming smaller areas of land, with fewer heads of stock. Yet, the value of stock is on the rise.

Products such as Argyll Hill Lamb are leading the way in building a reputation for quali-

ty and also for the pure environment in which lamb is reared.

Other products can build a reputation on the high quality products that already exist.

In Lochaber and Skye, Highland Council has supported more than 80 potential food and drink businesses through Business Gateway.

It is hoped that agricultural holdings will be able to take advantage of the demand for new high quality products.

Sheep, beef and dairy livestock numbers dropped to an all-time low in 2010 but are now beginning to rise again.

This is in direct response to a market demand for the quality product from the west coast.

Farmers themselves, however, are in a steady decline. The agricultural forum has concerns of an overall ageing population within the industry and is putting in place a

number of training initiatives to try to turn the problem around.

The survey showed there are still low levels of profit, with farmers highlighting subsidy income to their continued existence.

The imperative of keeping the land in use for practical and economic reasons are clear, but the farming com-

munity may also play a vital role in the bigger economic recovery for the whole of the area.

It is hoped, by the agricultural forum, the continued diversification of both farms and crofts brings sustainability to the market.

The survey highlights tourism as a good example of alternative ways for a farm to increase

its profitability. Angus MacFadyen, chairman of Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum, is clear the product can match any other in the country.

An Argyll hill farmer himself, he says: 'The product is growing in value because people appreciate the way in which it has been farmed in a pure, clean environment.'

Part of the growth in the market is the belief in the wide range of products available. Fergus Younger, Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum's rural development manager, has helped to develop a Food from Argyll brand to establish a foothold in key national and international markets.

The branding encourages the name of Argyll, Lochaber or Skye and so on, not only to be a serious contender for the high end of the market, but also connects a quality product with a quality experience, which in turn encourages tourism.

VisitScotland's regional director, David Adams McGilp agrees.

He said: 'Visitors today are very interested in local produce and food provenance, so the origin of what they consume is becoming as serious a consideration as the quality of the product. On the back of the quality product, there are more opportunities than ever for activities to be integrated and complementary.'

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ers as a 'very strong fit with the development of tourism'.

Despite current successes, the agricultural forum is not resting on its laurels and is keen to address the ageing population of farmers.

Fergus Younger points to improving conditions to 'secure a vibrant, active and progressive agricultural community that plays a vital role in safeguarding and maintaining our pristine natural quality environment, further improve the value and volume of our food production in a sustainable manner, and enhance the established provenance and authenticity of quality food from Argyll and the Isles'.

This will be achieved through the agricultural forum offering land-based education and skills training, increased access to productive land and promoting succession planning.

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Market reports

Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 239 live cattle at their weekly primestock sale in Stirling last week, comprising 126 bullocks and heifers, 12 young bulls, six under-36-month OTM and 95 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks averaged 213.5p per kilo and sold to 250.5p per kilo for 632kg of Limousin from Brockwoodlees Farm, Cannonbie or to £1,652 per head for 662kg of Limousin from Learielaw Farm, Broxburn.

Heifers averaged 218p per kilo and sold to 254.5p per kilo for 562kg Limousin from Learielaw Farm, Broxburn or to £1,576 per head for 672kg Limousin from Brockwoodlees Farm.

Butchers cattle sold in excess of 230p per kilo to average 237p per kilo and sold to 249.5p per kg (Twice) with Heavy British Blues from Mains of Culmalundie, Perth and Learielaw Farm.

Young bulls sold to 214.5p per kilo with Simmental from South Milton Farm or to £1,583 per head for 22 month old Simmental Woodhall Farm, Dunbar.

Under-36-month OTM clean cattle sold to 189.5p per kg, for 670kg of young Charolais from Euorrabus Farm, Islay or to £1,270 per head.

Also forward were 101 cast cows, bulls and OTM cattle. Limousin cow sold to £1,235 from D and L Graham, Mains of Burnbank.

Friesian cow sold to £915 from M/s Reid East Mains of Ballencreeff, Bathgate.

United Auctions Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 5,198 Prime Sheep including 3,972 lambs and 1,226 ewes and rams at its Stirling sale last Thursday.

Lambs: Park (Suff) £95.50; Park (Tex) £100; Over Kepadwrie (Chev) £97; Holehouse (Mule) £88; Cadogan (BF) £87; Easter Ochtermuthill (Btex) £99.50; Old Faskally (Char) £86; Meadowbank (X) £90.

Lambs: Old Cambus (Suff) 194p; Halkerston (Suff) 194p; Coilavoulin (Tex) 224p; Abbey Farm (Chev) 209p; Monzie (Mule) 185p; Tay and Torridan (BF) 185p; Easter Ochtermuthill (Btex) 227p; Little Drumguharn (Char) 202p; Craigalbert (X) 186p.

Ewes: Glenrath (Suff) £96.50; Forthview (BFL) £100; Parks of Keillour (Btex) £85.50; Wester Mye (Tex) £99.50; Monzie (Chev) £78.50; Ballingall Mill (Cross) £77.50; Culteuchar (Easy Care) £65.50; Carhurlie (Zwart) £59.50; Cleeves (Mule) £73.50; Loanhead of Duchally (Chev/Mule) £73.50; Cadogan (BF) £65.50; East Green (Ber) £52.50.

Rams: Coulshill (Suff) £84.50; Easter Harprew (BFL) £80.50; Gaskbeg (Tex) £87.50; Monzie (Chev) £106.50; Gaskbeg (Cross) £50.50; Glenrath (BF) £59.50; East Green (Bev) £78.50.



A buoyant ringside of buyers led to good prices at Dalmally Auction Mart's March sale of all classes cattle and sheep on Saturday. 16_t10sale01

All classes sell well at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held its annual March sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday, where all classes of stock sold well to a good ringside of buyers.

Bullocks sold to average 242.9pence per kilo (+4.9p) whilst heifers levelled out at 225pence per kilo (+9.8p).

Glenshellach led the prices per kilo for both bullocks and heifers when its consignment

sold to 275pence and 249pence per kilo respectively.

Garraron and Melfort Farms' consignment led the prices per head for both bullocks and heifers when its consignment sold to £925 and £850 respectively.

Store hoggets from Benview, Tiree, sold to £73 and cast ewes from Middleton Farm, Tiree, sold to £68.

Principal lots and prices: Top prices per head: Bullocks: Limx: £925, £810(2),

£780(3) – Garraron and Melfort Farms : £775 and £755 – Tullochcan Farm : £720(2) – Glenshellach.

SIMx: £785(3) and £740(2) – Laggan Farms. HERx: £785(3) – Laggan Farms.

Heifers: LIMx: £850(2) and £755(4) – Garraron and Melfort Farms.

SIMx: £730(2) and £700(2) – Laggan Farms. Top prices per kilo:

Bullocks: LIMx: 275p(2) and 257p(2) – Glenshellach : 255p(3) – Garraron and Melfort Farms : 252p –

Glenshellach and Garraron and Melfort Farms(3).

HERx: 252p(3) – Laggan Farms. HIGH: 211p – Innishewan Farms.

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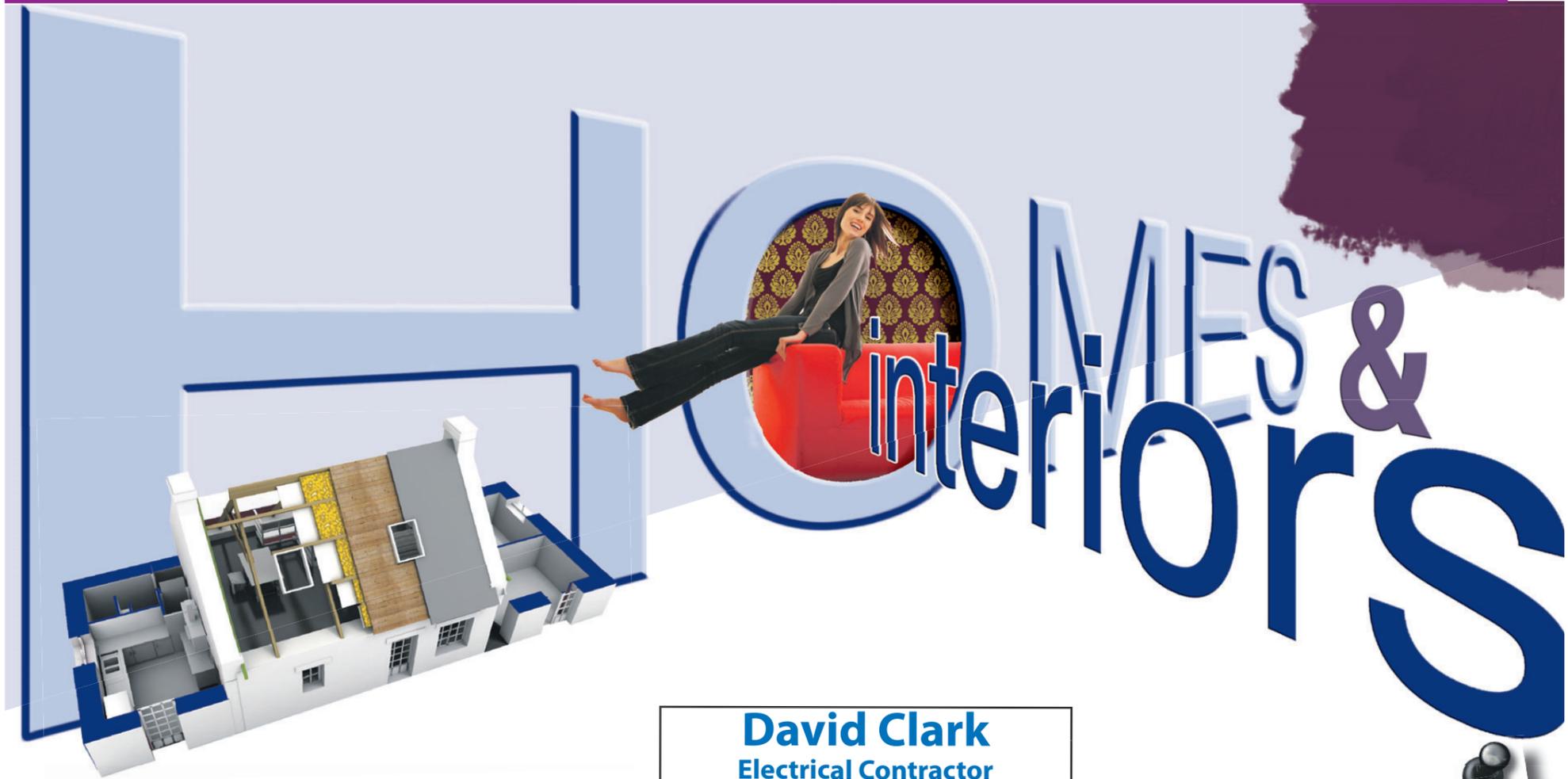
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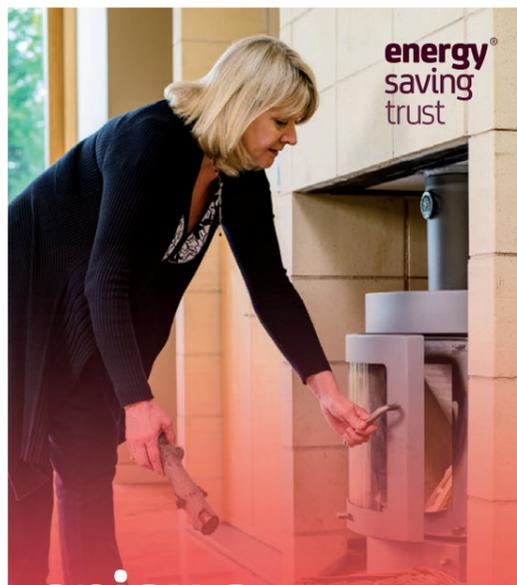
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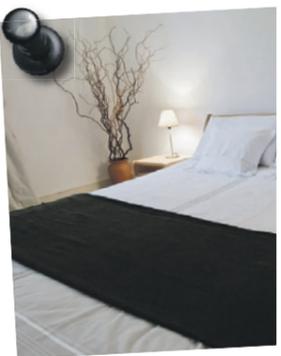
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THERE might be a late snap of colder weather, but spring is just around the corner - and that usually means taking a fresh look at your home.

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It may even be you've discovered you've outgrown your property - or even decided what you've got just isn't big enough. Either way; this is the time of year you might get itchy feet - or the wallpapering table out.

Whatever option you choose, make sure you're certain in yourself - after all, it's you who has to live there.

More and more people are choosing to build their homes; with a study by NHBC showing a 26.4 per cent increase in the number of new homes registered in the Scotland between November 2013 and January this year compared to the same period 12 months previous.

It is a continuation of the upward trend seen throughout 2013, which resulted in the highest number of new home registrations since the economic downturn in 2007.

It is an attractive option, being able to design your own home, pick its exact location and kit it out with all extras you need it to have.

It can be expensive; thanks to the high cost of buying land throughout large areas of the west Highlands, but it can represent a saving over homes already in place.

If you do go down this route, remember there are other items to consider; drainage, parking, electrical wiring and even renewable energy options. Building a home isn't just a case of putting bricks and mortar together.

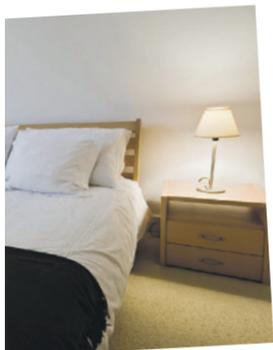
The drawback is, of course, that it is not instant fix and you may want to move in straight away.

So if you don't want to hang about; take a look at the options marketed by your local estate agent. There you'll find options for most locations, price ranges and sizes - and you might just stumble across the odd bargain too just waiting to be done up.

Estate agents can also advise of properties about to come onto the market and can even keep your contact details to hand just in case a property comes up that meets your criteria.

Either way, this can give you a temperature of the market and provide perfect inspiration - even if just to do up your own home.

As with all the above options, decorating and furnishing your home is another important point not to skip over. Take a look at interior designers first to see if they can do things to your liking and price range; but if not there are plenty of local companies who can help you either give your existing home a new look, or get your new house feeling exactly like a home.



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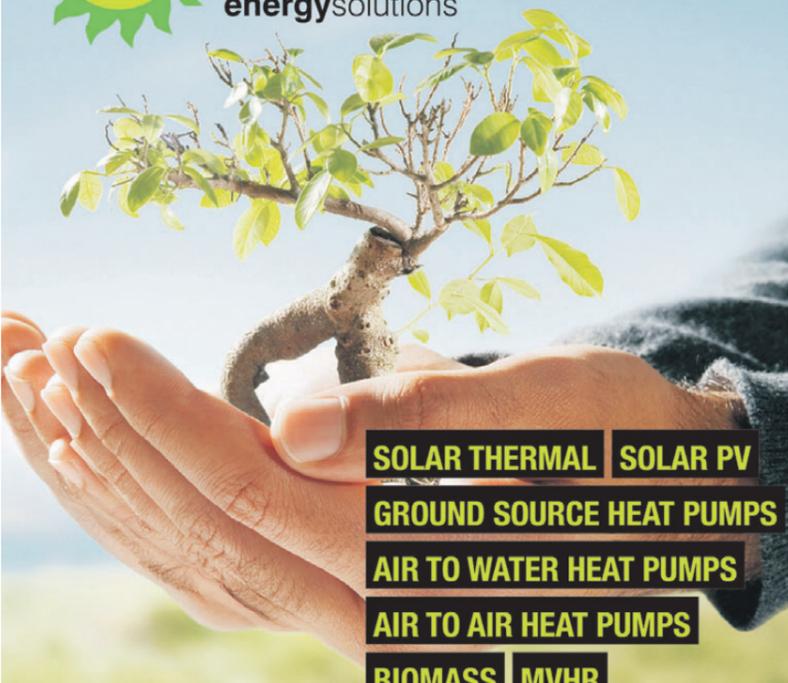
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Ruby goes the distance for First Aid 4 Gambia

Teenager to swim five miles - 400 laps of MACPool - to raise cash

ORMSARY swimmer, Ruby Bosomworth, 14, is going to swim five miles at MACPool to raise funds for the Argyll-based charity, First Aid 4 Gambia.

A member of Dalriada Dolphins, Ruby is now training for her swim, building up to the 400 lengths of MACPool she will need to swim on the day of her challenge, April 13.

The swim will take around six hours to complete and on the day there will be a team of supporters and lap counters to encourage Ruby and

help her keep track of how far she has left to go.

A student at Lochgilphead High School, Ruby was inspired to raise money for First Aid 4 Gambia after taking part in a previous one-mile sponsored swim.

'I did a sponsored swim for Gambia and doing a longer swim seemed like a good way of raising even more money,' Ruby said.

'And I can practise my swimming at the same time, so it's good for me and good for Gambia.'

Last year Ruby trained

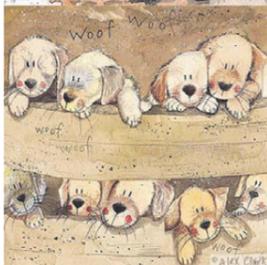
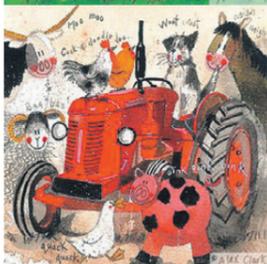
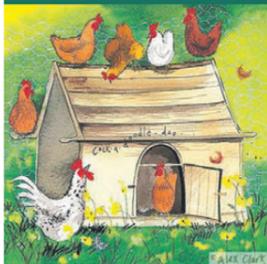
under the watchful eye of Olympic and Commonwealth swimmer David Carry and will be putting his advice to good use as she trains. She will also be getting help from Dolphin's coach Arlene Green, who successfully coached Qatar's first ever Olympic swimmer.

MACPool will be following Ruby's progress during training with regular Facebook updates and hopes to invite swimmers to join Ruby for a length or 50 when she takes to the water for her big challenge on April 13.



Ruby, an avid runner and swimmer, will put her sporting skills to good use next month when she swims five miles for charity.

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Calls for a dialysis unit in Lochgilphead

Politicians back campaign for improved facilities for kidney patients

THERE are increasing calls for a dialysis unit to be established in Lochgilphead as politicians say increased support for people with kidney problems is needed.

Currently there are no dialysis units anywhere in Argyll; people have to travel to the Vale of Leven Hospital several times a week for the treatment.

Jamie McGrigor, MSP

for the Highlands and Islands, and councillor Donald Kelly are calling on NHS Highland to make the treatment available somewhere in the county.

Mr Kelly said: 'As a local councillor I have had representations from a number of constituents who have expressed to me their strong desire for Argyll and Bute to have a dedicated dialy-

sis unit, perhaps in Lochgilphead as a central location in Argyll and Bute.

'I am very aware of the distress and inconvenience travelling can cause to patients and the setting up of a dialysis unit in Argyll would be a huge boost to local dialysis patients and is long overdue.'

Mr McGrigor has written to the chief executive of NHS Highland and Alex Neil, Scottish health secretary, urging them to look into the issue.

Dialysis is a treatment given to people whose kidneys are failing. It works by filtering the blood and getting rid of harmful waste, extra salt, and water.

Wind farm plans submitted

A PLANNING application for a 15-turbine wind farm to the north west of Inveraray has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Energy giant RWE Innogy has applied for permission to build the proposed Archonnel Wind Farm, which is capable of producing up to 45 megawatts of energy.

The wind turbines will measure 111 metres from blade to tip.

The application includes construction of a new track on site, along with the widening and upgrading of access tracks off the A83.

It also seeks permission to build an electricity substation and erect one permanent and two temporary anemometry masts up to 80 metres in height.

More than 100 comments about the proposal have already been lodged with Argyll and Bute Council.

Abseil at Ganavan Crag

THE VENUE for the MS Centre's fundraising abseil has been confirmed as Ganavan Crag.

The 60-foot abseil, to be completed on August 30, is the latest challenge to be undertaken by supporters of the Lochgilphead charity.

In the last year friends of the charity, which supports people with MS and other long-term conditions, have walked on fire, trekked the Kintyre Way and stayed overnight in some of Mid Argyll's scariest buildings to raise funds for the organisation.

Music concert raises £700 for Tarbert clock

GENEROUS Tarbert residents helped to raise £700 for the restoration of the village's church clock at a music concert.

The event was the first to be held by Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal committee, which hopes to raise at least £4,000 for the project.

The money will be used to buy a new electric mechanism to make the church clock, which has been out of action for the last two years, chime again.

At the event in Tarbert Village Hall locals were treated to performances by Tarbert Gaelic Choir, Na Seudan, Tarbert Academy Primary Choir and secondary musicians.

Still time to help Duntrune Trekkers raise cash

IT IS not too late to join the Duntrune Trekkers in climbing a munro and raising vital cash for charity.

The trekking trio - Blair Johnston, Duncan McGregor and Campbell Wright - will climb mount Kilimanjaro in September but are this month taking on Ben Lomond. The men, fundraising for Rainbow Valley, Mid Argyll MS Centre and the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation, are urging other people to join them on their Lomond challenge on March 22. The challenge is open to anyone over the age of 14 and of every fitness level. It will give people the chance to climb their first munro.

People wanting to take part can get more information at www.duntrunetrekking.org.

Inveraray birdwatcher makes unusual sighting in Kintyre



The American herring gull is the larger of the birds photographed. Photograph courtesy of Jim Dickson.

A KEEN bird watcher from Inveraray has become only the second person on mainland Scotland to have a recorded sighting of a gull normally only seen in America.

Dan Brown spotted the American Herring Gull on February 6 just outside Campbeltown. The species had not been seen on the mainland since 1999 when it was recorded in Scrabster.

Dan, who celebrated his find on the Rare Bird Alert website, said: 'Earlier in the year I had been discussing the never-ending stream of depressions coming across the Atlantic and what they might bring. As well as Kumlien's, American Herring Gull seemed to be a good bet, so I decided if there was to be any chance of finding one I needed to get down to Campbeltown.'

'Just south of Kilmichael farm an exten-

sive flood stuffed full of birds was just too good to ignore. As I scanned through the few gulls present...I was smacked in the face by a large dusk gull with a white face - the American Herring Gull!

'The next morning I headed back down to the floods and met Jim Dickson, the Argyll recorder. After an hour of checking the floods and fields we relocated it back on the original flood.'

Loch

The gull has since been spotted on a large shingle island at the mouth of Campbeltown Loch.

Dedicated birdwatchers, or twitchers, who keep in contact by pager to help each other find their elusive targets, have been arriving in Campbeltown ever since.

It is expected more than 150 people will make the pilgrimage to see the elusive creature.

Sports coaches taught how to get the most from students

YOUNG sports leaders coaching primary school children across a range of sports in Mid Argyll have been taught how to recognise effort in youth sport, as opposed to winning.

The leaders, students of Lochgilphead High School, recently took part in a Positive Coaching Scotland (PCS) workshop which focuses on creating a positive environment for young people taking part in sport.

The teens were encouraged to celebrate effort, learning and im-

proved performance, while shown how to foster healthy competition amongst youngsters.

The workshop was conducted by football development officer for Argyll and Bute Martin Rae, who urged the sports leaders to share their personal experiences in sport.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools coordinator for Mid Argyll, organised the workshop. He said: 'The PCS workshop provides coaches with information on how to get the best out of their athletes whilst also help-

ing to make them better people. There does tend to be a win at all costs mentality within certain areas of youth sport in this country and that's something we're looking to change. It's really important that we educate as many young coaches as possible through the PCS programme as they are obviously the future of sports development in this country.'

The sports leaders have been coaching at primary after-school clubs as well as community clubs in Mid Argyll for several months.

Service point changes confirmed by council

CHANGES to Argyll and Bute Council's customer service point in Lochgilphead have been confirmed by the local authority.

The existing office in Colchester Square and staff will be moving to the council's Manse Brae building.

The change will allow people to access all the council's services, speak to staff face to face, report problems, request services and make payments under one roof.

People will also be able to make appointments with specialist teams such as the registrars, ben-

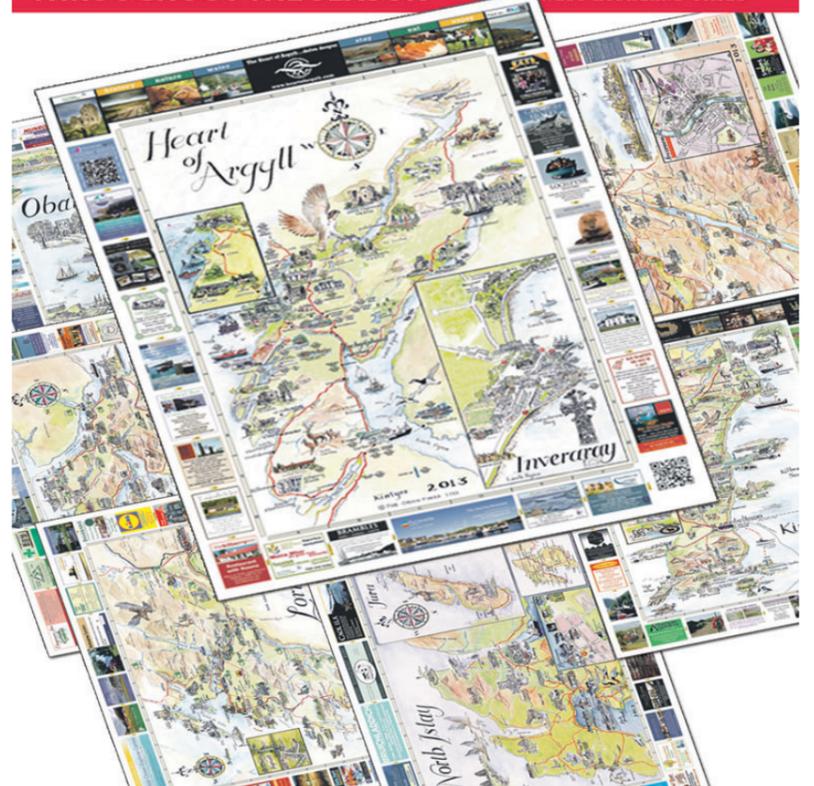
efits and housing advisor or planning staff.

The local authority said better parking and the central location would make the office more convenient for customers.

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The Tender Portals Made Easy workshop takes place on March 11 in Inveraray.

Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards

EATERIES in Mid Argyll are being urged to enter the 2014 Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards.

Awards are available across 12 categories and cover themes such as the environment, health, new products and independent retailers.

The awards, which last year saw Gigha Halibut receive an accolade for excellence, are open to entries until April 23.

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Tourism funding sources run dry and a major visitor attraction closes

HoATA to apply to wind farm funds for investment in tourism projects

A CHALLENGING year lies ahead for the organisation charged with promoting Mid Argyll as a tourist destination as funding sources run dry and a major visitor attraction closes.

But the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), which hosted its annual general meeting on Tuesday, says it is well-placed to see continued success in 2014/15.

The organisation is remaining positive about its prospects of attracting wildlife enthusiasts to the area when the Scottish Beaver Trial formally comes to a close in May this year.

A five-year project which saw beavers temporarily reintroduced to Knapdale Forest, the trial saw tourists from across the UK and beyond travel to Mid Argyll to see the once extinct mammals.

Andrew Wilson, chairman of HoATA, said: 'We face an interesting year this year regarding the award-winning Scottish Beaver Trial. A decision will be made on the reintroduction of the animals and we will have to lobby to remain the



Phil Robertson and Hans Kok from Loch Fyne Viking Festival, Darren Dobson of Cairnbaan Hotel, Adam Ardrey, Calum Ross vice chairman of AITC and Andrew Wilson, chairman of Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance addressed attendees of the AGM. a10hoata01

focal point of the programme, even if the majority of the animals are reintroduced elsewhere. We want to keep a visitors centre here and the interest in the beavers here. That for me is one of the biggest challenges we face this year.'

This year also sees

HoATA's two-year funding package from Creative Scotland come to an end.

The cash has helped fund the HeART OF ARGYLL initiative which saw Artmap Argyll artists run a series of art workshops and projects to draw visitors

to the area. A particularly successful venture, it is hoped the initiative will continue into 2014 and again have a presence at the Best of the West Fest and Scottish Series festivals.

And the tourism alliance is looking at more innovative ways of se-

curing investment in such initiatives this year. Andrew added: 'Although it may seem strange for a destination marketing organisation to consider applying to community wind farm benefit funds, the board has taken the view that if the devel-

opments are going to be built, then tourism in the area, where the impact will be felt, should benefit from the funds to mitigate the damage that may be done.

'We will be applying to proposed developments around Ardrishaig for funds to aid our efforts.'

Argyll and Bute canteen food contracts worth up to £60,000 up for grabs

CONTRACTS worth £60,000 to supply meat and fish to Argyll and Bute Council's schools, care homes and canteens are up for grabs.

The tender will be discussed at the council's upcoming suppliers' forum, which will be held on March 25 and the local authority is urging any fresh meat or fresh

fish suppliers or distributors to come along.

Process

The event, which aims to support small and medium-sized businesses, will outline the tendering process and explore the possibility of suppliers and distributors working together.

Council buyers for the meat and

fish tender will be in attendance and available for questions.

The event will take place in the council chambers at Kilmory Castle between 10am and noon.

Businesses can book a place by contacting Elaine Appleby, through email, Elaine.appleby@argyll-bute.gov.uk, or calling 01369 708594.

Help with summer staff rules

EMPLOYERS taking on seasonal staff for the tourist season are being reminded of their obligations towards their temporary workforce.

Business Gateway is offering a range of services to help businesses through the recruitment process, ensuring all legal requirements are met.

The business support service, based in Lochgilphead, can offer

template letters and contracts of employment, as well as advice and workshops.

New half day workshops - Becoming an Employer and Getting the Most out of your People - will be available in the spring.

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	55° 36.205'N	05° 48.144' W		55° 44.337'N	04° 57.438'W
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	55° 35.311'N	05° 41.534' W	55° 44.558'N	04° 56.680'W	
Tiree to Mull (FKB/Z305)	56° 34.818'N	06° 16.814' W	55° 44.594'N	04° 56.644'W	
	56° 34.155'N	06° 18.689' W	Bute to Cowal (FKB/Z312)	55° 51.481'N	05° 03.731'W
	56° 33.032'N	06° 23.834' W		55° 51.671'N	05° 02.964'W
	56° 31.252' N	06° 29.970' W		55° 51.917'N	05° 02.176'W
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Mull to Oban (FKB/Z303)	56° 29.979'N	06° 48.450' W	Kintyre to Cowal (FKB/Z313)	56° 01.379'N	05° 21.858'W
	56° 26.878'N	05° 39.751' W		56° 01.016'N	05° 21.212'W
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Ardmurchan to Mull (FKB/Z304)	56° 26.251'N	05° 28.167' W	Kintyre to Arran (FKB/Z314)	55° 28.228'N	05° 32.507'W
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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00147/PPP	Site for erection of dwellinghouse	Land South East of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00506/PP	Variation of Condition 1 relative to planning permission reference 07/00490/DET (Berthing of a 30 metre barge for use as a floating restaurant) - extension of time from 5 years to 10 years	Berthing West of Earra Gael Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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The jury, reflecting the interests and tastes of 58 journalists from 22 European countries, delivered its verdict on the strong line-up of seven finalist models pre-selected in December - with the new Peugeot 308 declared the winner.

The 2014 'Car of the Year' sums up the car's elegance and dynamic design and an advanced approach to weight reduction and driving experience courtesy of innovative instruments and controls (the Peugeot i-Cockpit).

Sales success has already been achieved, with more than 55,000 orders recorded since the launch of the model.

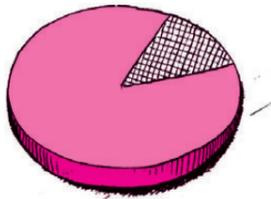
The new 308 is also contributing towards the brand's move upmarket, confirmed by the mix of the orders.

Receiving the award from Hakan Matson, the president of the jury, Maxime Picat, director-general of Automobiles Peugeot, said: 'With the new Peugeot 308 we were convinced we had achieved a leap in concept, technology and quality which would lead its category in Europe.'

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Application forms available from each of the associations' websites, or by contacting May Tosh on may@westhighlandha.co.uk, tel: 01631 566 451. Applications required to be returned by Friday 28 March 2014 and interviews will be held the week beginning 7 April 2014.



Mull and Iona Community Trust VACANCY - Ulva Ferry, Isle of Mull Local Development Officer (0.5 full-time equivalent)

Salary £24,000 per annum (pro rata)

Mull and Iona Community Trust is looking to recruit a self motivated individual to act as a catalyst for innovative and sustainable community development in the Ulva Ferry area. Reporting to the General Manager, the Local Development Officer will work closely with a local steering group and with the community as a whole.

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The applicant will have a good understanding of the issues affecting fragile rural areas. Strong computer skills are desirable, as are strong diplomacy and communications skills.

A relevant qualification or prior experience in community-led development would be advantageous as would a knowledge and affinity for the locality. Support and training is available for the right person. The position will be a job share for 2.5 days per week.

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To view the job description visit www.mict.co.uk, then contact Moray Finch, General Manager of the Community Trust (enquiries@mict.co.uk) for an application pack;

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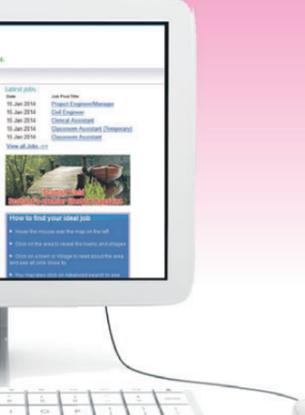
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To Mum & Dad Love, Robert, Stephen & families.

To Granny & Granda Love, Liz, James & the girls XXXX

Janette MacIver

would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who came to her surprise party and made it such a special night - I was totally shocked and overwhelmed by it all. Also a big thank you for all the beautiful gifts and cards I received, everyone has been so kind, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the Tarbert Hotel, also Fearghas MacKavney for the disco, it was brilliant (Well done Fearghas!) Finally, a massive thank you to my family, Colly, Carol, Malcolm, Abbie and Shaun. You are one special daughter Carol who made it all possible. Thanks a million! XXXX

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS looking through some photographs of our trip, many years ago, to Jerusalem.

There was one of the Upper Room, and I can remember so clearly being totally overwhelmed that I was actually standing in such a holy place.

Obviously this is not the exact room referred to in scripture, as it has been reconstructed many times since Jesus' day.

But we were on holy ground and in a room which holds such significance for Christians throughout the world.

It is believed to be the room in which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples.

It is believed to be where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, where he appeared after his Resurrection, where the disciples gathered after Jesus' Ascension, and where the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples at Pentecost.

It is a spiritual space and even with all the crowds milling about, it retains an atmosphere of wonder.

This Sunday will be the first Sunday in Lent and so, once again, we begin our spiritual journey which ends in the day our faith began.

Jesus' journey in his final days began with a homecoming and ended with a hanging; it began with a welcome and ended in a witch hunt; it began with cheering and ended in crucifixion.

A crowd turned into a mob, and that is very dangerous indeed.

A mob is a nasty business.

We are seeing evidence of this every day on our TV screens and we recoil in horror at what human beings are doing to one another.

But a mob can mobilise very simply and very quickly. It can start by a whisper; it can start by a disparaging word about others; it can start by referring to those who are different as if they were of less value.

A mob is dangerous. Ask Jesus.

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A pantomime raised more than £1,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital and Cragnish Primary School. Members of the local community recently took to the stage at Cragnish Village Hall to perform Peter Pan. J.M. Barrie, the author of the children's classic, gifted the rights of Peter Pan to the hospital. The organisers of the event decided to honour this by making a donation to the London-based hospital. a09panto06

ARDFERN

New adventure play park

PLANS to open a new adventure play park at Cragnish Primary School have been put on hold because of the bad weather.

The park was scheduled to open last week but heavy rain has meant construction has been halted.

Head teacher Iain Jameson said the park, which will be on land behind the school, will open as soon as possible.

TAYVALLICH

Old fashioned gardening skills

PRIMARY School children in Tayvallich are having master classes this term in the old fashioned skill of gardening.

Youngsters at the school have been flexing their green fingers under the watchful eye of the Tayvallich Flower Show Committee as they continue to learn more about the environment.

Concentrating on container growing, the first lesson has already introduced the children to the skill of 'chitting' their seed potatoes and they will each plant up a container with their seed potato, be taught how to tend the plant and in August the root crop will be weighed to see who has

been most successful.

Classes are also planned in growing flowers.

Sunflowers will be grown - to see whose becomes the tallest - and scotch marigolds, which will be judged in the annual flower show.

Later there will be classes in baking, decoration and presentation, building on the basic skills the children have already acquired, while a photography lesson, showing pupils how to find, frame and shoot a well composed picture will also take place.

Norman Rea of the Tayvallich Flower Show Committee said: 'The head teacher and staff at the village school are very enthusiastic and supportive of this initiative and are particularly keen to see the skills required for winning the School Cup as wide as possible, giving greater opportunities for winning to a broader group of children.'

KILMARTIN

Seed swap at Kilmartin Museum

GARDENING enthusiasts can head to Kilmartin Museum for a seed swap tomorrow (Saturday).

People can take along vegetable or flower packets, which are labelled with the variety and either date collected or sow by date.

The seeds can be exchanged or, if people do not have anything to swap, they can make a donation.

There will also be information about seed saving and heritage plants.

Anyone who would like to swap their seeds can visit the museum between 10am and 4pm.

TARBERT

Independence debate

MORE than 50 people gathered in Tarbert Academy for an inter-generational debate which focused on the impact Scottish independence would have in Mid Argyll.

Pupils from the school were joined by students from Lochgilphead High School to put a panel of experts - Councillor Anne Horn, Councillor Rory Colville, Ed Tyler and conservative Alastair Redman - through their paces.

A few students from each school also sat on the panel.

Organised by Argyll Voluntary Action as part of its Building Community Bridges project, the event was an opportunity for young people to express their concerns and views on the issue.

Senga Cakebread, from AVA, said: 'The debate, although animated at times, showcased the students of Tarbert and Lochgilphead as mature, well informed indi-

viduals.

'Their concerns included membership of the EU, continuing oil and gas production and renewable energy.'

STRACHUR

The Old Boars will entertain the ladies

THE LADIES of Strachur SWRI will welcome The Old Boars to their next meeting.

The trio, made up of veteran musicians Derek MacDonald, John Kelly and John Thomson, will entertain the ladies with Scottish and Irish music.

Based in Dunoon, the group performs with a variety of instruments that include the accordion, mandolin, banjo and harmonica.

The group will play at Strachur Memorial Hall on March 19.

LARGIESIDE

SWRI hold quiz night

MEMBERS of Largieside SWRI enjoyed a quiz night at Tayinloan Village Hall during their recent February meeting.

There was a good turnout with teams coming from as far north as Whitehouse and as far south as Southend.

Helen Steel compiled the quiz before conducting proceedings.

The winning team consisted of Adrienne Bradley, Pat Rawson and David and Wendy Spy.

Linda Hutchison and Enid Williams were hostesses for the evening, and because of the large number of people, other members helped out when and where they could.

In all it was a very enjoyable and successful evening.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant' (Psalm 135:3).

BIRTHS



ROONEY

Seamus and Ann are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Daniel James, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the Southern General Hospital. First grandchild for delighted grandparents Jackie and Jim McLaughay, Bridgend, and Gerry and Phil Rooney, Haddington. Thanks to midwives and staff at Southern General.

ENGAGEMENTS

SCOTT - GLEN - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on February 14, 2014, of Michelle, only daughter of Mike and Anne Scott, to Alan, youngest son of Alistair and the late Patricia Glen.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at home, 20 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on February 27, 2014, David MacDonald Campbell, in his 76th year, formerly of Tormore, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of the late Catherine McIntosh, much loved father of Dugald and Maureen and a loving and much loved papa, grandpapa and great grandpapa.

CRAWFORD - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on Friday, February 28, 2014, John Crawford (Painter and Decorator), aged 66 years, of Glennan, 30A Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead and formerly of Furnace, loving husband of Catherine (née MacKinnon), much loved father of Joanne and Cara, devoted pappy of Charley and Lewis, dear brother of Moira and Christine and a much loved brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and much respected work colleague to many. A popular member of the local community. Funeral service will be held in Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, today, Friday, March 7 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. Family flowers only please. Donations to Macmillan Nurses and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

KIRK - Peacefully at her home, 6 Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, with her family by her side, on Monday, March 3, 2014, Betty Kirk, aged 79 years, beloved wife of Jim, much loved mum of Elspeth and Alison, adored granny of Heather, Cameron and Kieran, dear sister of Jack and the late Billy and much respected sister-in-law of Irene and Margaret. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held at Clydebank Crematorium on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 10.00am, thereafter a memorial service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church at 2.30pm. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Diabetes UK.

HAMILTON - On February 28, 2014, peacefully at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, Angus Hamilton, of Glenorchy Villa, Tarbert and formerly City of Glasgow Police, in his 81st year, beloved husband of the late Kathleen Singleton and much loved dad of Eileen, Christopher, Sandy and Nicola, a dearly loved brother, brother-in-law, grandfather, father-in-law and uncle. Funeral service at Tarbert Loch Fyne Free Church, (today) Friday, March 7, at 12.00noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Tarbert Parish Church, Clock Fund.

MACDONALD - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on February 27, 2014, Norman W Macdonald, aged 69 years, of Ardindrean, Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead, much loved partner of Sandra Shanks, beloved father of Stuart, Ewan and Fraser. Funeral service was held in Westburn Parish Church, Greenock, on Thursday, March 6, thereafter to Greenock Crematorium.

MCKAY - Peacefully, at his home in Dunipace, on March 1, 2014, Archie, aged 81 years, beloved husband of Maureen, dearly loved father of John, Elizabeth, Margaret and Jim, also a sadly missed father-in-law and devoted papa to all his grandchildren. RIP.

STALKER - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2014, Jean Revie Thomson, in her 84th year, formerly of Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Dan Stalker, much loved mother of Alison, Malcolm and Gary, a loving mother-in-law, grandmother of Alyn, Rachael and Bethany and great grandmother of Rowyn.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BARRETT - Margaret and all the family wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, telephone calls, baking and personal tributes shown to them following the sad loss of Jack. Grateful thanks to all doctors and staff in the renal units at The Western Infirmary and Vale of Leven hospitals for all the personal care and attention given to Jack. Also Dr Villalba, Dr Lazarus and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Our thanks to Rev Wallace for comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and to the Ardsheel Hotel for the purvey. Finally, our sincere thanks to all who attended the church and graveside, at which the sum of £565.89 was raised for the Renal Unit at the Glasgow Western Infirmary.

DURNAN - The family of Charlie Durnan sincerely thanks all relatives, friends and neighbours for their help and expressions of sympathy following the sudden, sad loss of Charlie. Grateful thanks to Rev P Wallace for support and comforting service and to the Ardsheel for their hospitality. Special thanks to Alasdair, Kenny and Rhys for their help over and above the call of duty. A total of £238 was donated to the Cat Rescue, Campbeltown. Many thanks.

HAMILTON - Elizabeth, Helen and Margaret would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends, col-

leagues and neighbours for their support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of their mum, Betty. Special thanks to the staff of Kintyre Care Centre and all those involved in Mum's care over the past five years. Grateful thanks to the Macmillan nurse and district nurses for their advice and support. Our thanks also to Reverend P Wallace for a comforting service, Kenneth Blair for professional funeral arrangements and the Ardsheel Hotel for catering. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection for Alzheimer's Research raised £475.90.

LIVINGSTONE - The family of the late Alastair Livingstone would like to thank all relatives and friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Mid Argyll Hospital, and to carers at Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig for their care and support shown to Alastair. Our thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to the Cairnbaan Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £135 for Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll.

MCGHIE - The family of Margaret McGhie would like to thank all the staff at Kintyre Care Centre for all the wonderful care and attention they gave to her in her last years. I would also like to thank Dr Anderson for all his help and kindness. Lastly, thanks to T A Blair for their sympathetic and expert funeral arrangements.

RANALLI - The family of the late Sheena Ranalli (née Milne) would like to thank most sincerely all those who supported them on their sad loss. Thanks to all the staff who looked after Sheena in the Sunshine Room, with a big thank you to Hilary, Kate, Kitty and Linda. Thanks to Mr Crossan for his comforting service and to T A Blair for professional funeral arrangements.

WALLACE - Robert Wallace and family would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy received during Margaret's illness and since our sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr Norrie and staff at Campbeltown Hospital and to the wonderful community, Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses without whose help we could not have coped at home. Also to Rev P Wallace for a lovely service, Alasdair Blair for excellent funeral arrangements and the Ardsheel Hotel for a lovely purvey.

IN MEMORIAMs

BURTON - For our boys, Paul and David Burton. Always in our hearts and minds.

- The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

FERGUSON - In loving memory of Barbara, who died March 4, 2009. Never forgotten.

- Charles, Dadie and family.

GALBRAITH - In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010.

If memories bring you closer, We are never far apart,

Not a day will we forget you, You're always in our hearts. So sadly missed.

- Mum, Dad and Christine. **GILCHRIST** - Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and granddad, who passed away March 5, 2010. Will always love and miss you.

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

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

Loved and remembered always.

- Eva, Christine and Christopher.

MCMILLAN - Seven years have passed now, Gordon And there's nothing we can say

You're missed and loved as much

As the day you went away.

- All the family x.

SMITH - In memory of Dugald Mitchell Smith, who passed away on March 8, 2013.

Greatly missed father of Lorna, Maureen, Sheena, the late Iain, and husband of the late Jessie Smith.

SOUDEN - In loving memory of Neil, passed away March 9, 2013.

Loved and remembered every day.

- Love, beloved wife, Isobel, and Louise, Ronnie, Paul and families.

STUDHOLME - In loving memory of Margaret (Peggie), née Holdsworth Beel, wife of the late William Studholme, a beloved grandmother and mother-in-law and a good friend to many, died August 2013.

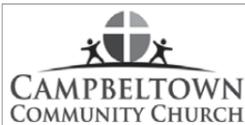
WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow, We love you so much.

- Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx.

WARDROP - Lynsey, our beloved granddaughter. Thinking about you every day, Miss you so much.

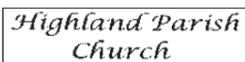
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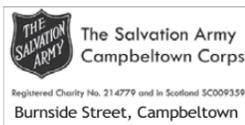


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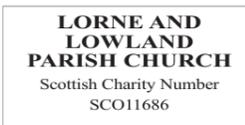
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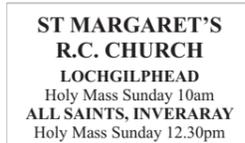
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George Street, Campbeltown
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12.45pm Worship Service
Rev Angus Howat
Thursday 13th March
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
Friday 14th March
6.30pm Christianity Explored Course
(meeting in Church flat at 4f Albert Place)
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9th March 2014 - all welcome!
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Charity No. SC016665
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Rev. Dr. Robin Mackenzie, Interim Moderator
Gaelic Service
Lochgair at 3 pm.

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Friday 7th March
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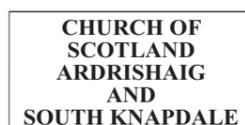
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Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson
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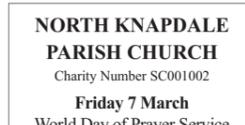
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"Led by the Spirit of God"
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7.30pm
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All Welcome



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Sunday 9th
Who is God?
King of Kings
Services in
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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MacAulay injury scare - but he is not carping about it

By David Sinclair

GOLF

THERE is not much to separate the top six players who played in round one of the Lochgilphead Golf Club Winter League Final.

Ross Sinclair and Donald Carmichael tied on 37 points with some fine play. Donald's practise has been restricted by the dark nights, while Ross does not need to practise as he just changes the rules if all is not going well.

Simon Taylor returned and had the satisfaction of seeing Francis Curran winning the dubious handicap of the week prize.

David Sinclair got off to a bad start but moaned and moaned until things got better, which he has seen Ross do on many an occasion.

Meanwhile the 'Duffers' were trying really hard to win the biggest and best trophy.

Pace setters

Francis Curran and Dougie Moore are the early pace setters with two of the 'dodgiest' handicaps in winter golf.

Francis was nearest the pin at the seventh and scored a five pointer at the eleventh hole.

He could be playing off a single figure handicap next week if the handicap committee (Ross) is in a bad mood.

Jim Hunter was playing in a t-shirt in a cunning attempt to stay cool and not lose his temper for a change.

The rest of the scores from the other duffers were too poor to mention and they will all need to play better next week.

Grant MacDougall was nearest the pin again at the last hole.

Results: 37. R Sinclair, D Carmichael, 36. G MacDougall, 34. S Taylor, D Sinclair, 33. A MacAulay. Duffers: 40. F Curran, 36. D Moore, 34. J Hunter, 32. T Angus, 31. L Hardman, K Cowan, 26. J Downie, 25. R Flanagan, C Rowan.



Red Star under 15s drew against Ardencaple in a section cup tie on Saturday.

Late penalty stops Star Under 15 cup victory

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star under 15s were unlucky not to win their sectional cup tie against Ardencaple when the visitors scored a penalty in the final minutes.

The sides took to Ropework Park for the game, which started off fairly even in the opening stages.

But, it was the visitors who took the lead with a header from Caleb Phipps.

Star's Soudan opened the scoring for the home side when he was brought down in the box

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just after the half hour mark, scoring from the penalty spot. Three minutes later it was almost an action replay, except Souden's second penalty went wide of the post.

Both sides went for victory in the second half with Ardencaple taking advantage of a slack clearance, following a corner, with Harry Hudspith scoring from

20 yards. The home side replied as Ryan Blackstock outpaced the Ardencaple defence and fired in an equalizer from 16 yards.

Star pressed hard for a winner, they were rewarded when Liam Scott prodded the ball home from two yards following a scramble in the six yard box. Substitute Dougie Ritchie was

unlucky to see his header just go over the bar.

Star kept the pressure on, but Ardencaple keeper's Butt was in good form keeping their attempts out.

With three minutes to go the dreaded counter attack by Ardencaple resulted in a penalty being awarded to the visitors.

Phipps stepped up to convert and win his team a share of the points.

This week Star travel to Alexandria to play Dumbarton Riverside in the second match of the cup section.

Lochfyneside suffer heavy defeat at hands of Point Media

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LOCHFYNESIDE suffered a 7-1 defeat against point Media A team, when they were forced to travel to Glasgow for the fifth time to fulfil a 'home' fixture.

The side travelled to Scotstoun for the match, which saw both teams start brightly.

Point Media opened the scoring, but Lochfyneside were quickly back on levels terms when Johnstone fired home the equaliser.

Chances

Lochfyneside squandered a few chances, ending the first half on level terms.

The match restarted very much like it had ended with Lochfyneside creating and missing chances and this proved to be costly for 'home' side.

Point Media doubled their tally mid way through the second half, which ultimately proved to be the turning point

in the game. The side grew stronger and Lochfyneside faded late on conceding a further five goals. As the match drew to a close the side began to tire while the opposition maintained a strong pace.

The missed chances allied with Point Media's sharper fitness was a defining factor.

Jim Divers, Lochfyneside manager, said: 'The pitch at Furnace has been unplayable for most of the season and playing all our games as virtual away games has not helped us at all this season.'

Well drained

'The park is well drained in places, but there are a few patches that never seem to dry - given the amount of rain this winter it's no surprise.'

The team have free weekend with a cup tie against Oban Athletic moved to March 15.



Kyles Athletic Shinty Club made a disappointing start to their 2014 campaign, going down 2-0 to Lovat in Kiltarlity. Chasing the game from the 18th minute onwards, Kyles suffered a killer blow on 90 minutes when Greg Matheson scored the second for the home side. The Tighnabruaich men face a tough home tie against defending champions Newtonmore this Saturday. Photograph by Neil Paterson.

Dunadd shinty ladies back in action

THE LADIES of Dunadd Shinty Club are back in action tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Cowal and Bute in the first match of the 2014 season.

The side narrowly missed out on the Division two league title last year when they lost to Glasgow Mid Argyll in

the final match of the season. But, coach Alister MacArthur says the women are feeling as confident as ever.

'We have a squad of about 18 girls, which is great when there are eight players on a team,' he said. 'Unfortunately we lost the decider last season, but to finish sec-

ond was a great achievement. This season we want to go one better and win.'

A reshuffle to the league means that the side will have more games and further to travel.

'It will be more of a challenge playing different teams, but I don't

see why we can't win the league,' Alister said.

Looking to tomorrow's match Alister said: 'We beat them twice last season at home and away. Cowal is a good team, but we do feel quite confident going into it.' The match will be played on the King George V play park, Ardrishaig.

Strachur season off to a good start

South Division One Strachur 1 Kimory 1

A LATE goal by Preston Shuttleworth meant Strachur got their new season off to a positive start with a 1-1 draw against Kilmory.

The league match was moved to Strachur Park from MacRae Park be-

cause of the bad weather and the heavy pitch proved a challenge for both teams.

The Cowal men went a goal down when Alister MacArthur scored for Kilmory on 46 minutes.

But, the Strachur side came back to dominate the remainder of the match with Shuttle-

worth finding the net on 87 minutes.

John Montgomery, Strachur manager, says he feels confident the side will be able to go one step further and win against Oban Celtic tomorrow (Saturday).

He said: 'There will be a few tweaks to the match this weekend, but

we really want to try and get a consistent team.

'Again, I think we are quite evenly matched. Last season we were disappointed to lose against them.'

The match will be played at Strachur Park - weather permitting - with throw up at 2.30pm.

Tarbert 10k aims to keep up a winning tempo

'We hope to make it a special weekend for competitors travelling a long way to get here'

TARBERT'S 10k road race is running hot on the heels of Campbeltown's MOKrun success story.

Last August's inaugural Tarbert event went so well it has been named the second best 10k in the UK in Runner's World online poll, just behind the MOKrun, which has topped the poll consistently in recent years.

Organisers of the event are hoping the accolade will bring the same benefits of those enjoyed by the MOK half marathon, with people travelling from all over the UK to compete.

Jessica Little, who organised the Tarbert 10K with fellow jogscotland leader Lorraine MacDonald, said: 'We were amazed to get such a positive response to last year.

'People highlighted the good carnival atmosphere and marshals who encouraged them round.

'The unusual, pottery medals, made by Campbeltown Pottery, were also praised.'

Last year being its first, Tarbert limited entries to under 200 in the 10k and under 100 in the 5k race.



Runners in last year's inaugural Tarbert 10k and 5k races loved the event. 08_c34run08

Duly encouraged, this year's entry limits will soar to 350 and 150 respectively - and chipped timing will be introduced.

'That will remove a finishing line huge stress and free up more people to help with marshalling,' said Jessica.

This year's event, pencilled in for Saturday,

August 16, will feature the same 'challenging' 10k and fast 5k courses.

Entries will open online at the end of this month, with an exact date to be confirmed.

However, they could go fast, thanks to the Runner's World effect.

Like MOKrun, Jessica believes the Tarbert races could prove a

substantial boost for the tourism industry, as well as giving the burgeoning local running scene much-needed races that do not involve a lot of travelling.

Jessica added: 'MOKrun has been a remarkable success story and we are more than happy to use it as a template.

'Like Campbeltown,

we hope to make it a special weekend for competitors travelling a long way to get here.

'We are chatting to the local pubs to see if they can put on music and other events, and with this being Commonwealth Games year in Glasgow we are looking to involve local schoolchildren in some way.'

Grass football pitches to have work done on them this summer

GRASS football pitches in Mid Argyll will again this summer have works completed to address problems caused by persistent heavy rain. Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed ABC Schools, the company responsible for maintaining facilities at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, will complete drainage works on the two small pitches.

Meanwhile surveys are to be carried out on Ropework Park and Cil Andres to assess the extent of the damage and the cost of repairs.

It comes after Tarbert AFC was forced to realign the width of its pitch on a previous Saturday because of its uneven surface at the parameters.

The local authority said maintenance work and any required improvements will be completed over a six-week period in the summer. More than £110,000 was spent upgrading the Lochgilphead and Tarbert pitches last year.



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**Kinlochshiel
could present
problems
for 'Aray**

INVERARAY will be hoping they don't have an uphill struggle when they travel to Kinlochshiel this Saturday.

'Aray have not yet lost to 'Shiel but player-manager Garry MacPherson says the unpredictable north side could present plenty of problems. He said: 'We are confident going into the match but it is not the best pitch to play on because of the steep slope. It is usually a game of two halves, because of the hill.

'If we can take our chances early on we should be alright but you can't predict how these games will go.

'Kinlochshiel have had some fantastic results at home in recent years and have a cracking forwardline.'

Inveraray's match against Kingussie was postponed last week, following the death of dedicated club supporter John Crawford, uncle to players Scott and David Robertson.

**Kilmory take on
Kyles Athletic**

KILMORY hope to improve on last week's performance when they take on Kyle Athletic B tomorrow (Saturday).

The Mid Argyll side were unlucky to conceded a goal in the final minutes when they played Strachur at the weekend to finish the game 1-1.

The team dominated much of the match, with a goal from Alister MacArthur in the 46th minute.

Tomorrow's game at MacRae Park will be the first time the side had faced Kyles Athletic B, which joined South Division One after a league re-shuffle. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

**Red Star under 17s clinch win in
first home game for four months**



Cammy Hendry keeps possession at the Baljaffray corner. 06_a10foot02

Red Star	3
Baljaffray	2
DFDL Under 17s League Cup	

THE FIRST home game for four months saw Red Star under 17s put in a convincing performance against Baljaffray to run out winners.

Star, the current DFDL Cup holders, took the lead against the run of play in bizarre circumstances after 13 minutes.

Josh Coates' back heel flick past the visiting keeper barely had the strength to cross the line.

But the attempted clearance by Baljaffray's right back rebounded off the unfortunate keeper and into the net.

The home side took confidence from this and maintained good possession of the ball. Al-

though this did not turn into Star goals despite having the ball in the net on one occasion.

The equaliser came half way through the first period, quickly followed by a good strike for the visitors' second.

But, following some words of encouragement during the break, Star turned their possession into chances, with a fine through ball dispatched by Scott MacCalman for his first goal for the club.

The winner came from a Ryan Deans corner on the right midway through the half. Aaron Moore rose at the back post to head home for a deserved win for the Argyll boys.

Lottery winners

THERE were two winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club Lottery with numbers 3, 9, 1 drawn. Margaret MacNicol and Lilyanne MacDonald split the £300 winnings. Next week's jackpot will be £100.

NUMBERS 2, 8 and 18 were drawn in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £900 next week.

THERE were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with the numbers 4, 6, 15 drawn. Next week's jackpot is £900.

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