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Call for animal wardens to track down dirty dogs using DNA kits

SNOOPING on pooping Mid Argyll dogs might be simpler with DNA tracing.

Ardrishaig, Inveraray, Lochgilphead and Tarbert have all seen a rise in the last six weeks in the amount of dog mess left by owners walking their pets.

Ardrishaig man Ian Macfarlane said: 'In a lot of American cities the dog wardens have a DNA kit making it easy to identify a dog that has left mess.'

At this week's Ardrishaig community council it was also suggested that increasing fines, to more than the current £40 fixed penalty might deter more people.

Mr Macfarlane said: 'I go to lots of places in the UK where the fine is £1,000 and it makes no difference.'

Argyll and Bute council environmental officer, Graham Hatton, has made a plea to the public to report persistent alleged offenders to his office.

He said that peo-

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ple phone to complain about mounds of faeces on pavements but do not want to identify the owner.

Mr Hatton said: 'A few hours later it all comes out on social media.'

'It is reaching the point where it has to be curtailed before the summer season when lots of visitors arrive.'

Mr Hatton told community council members that when dog owners were identified a fixed penalty was issued.

Mr Hatton said that he often talked to owners and took them through the process of dealing with their pet's dirt including supplying plastic bags issued by the council.

He explained that the bag did not have to be put in a dedicated bin.

Mr Hatton said: 'Please do not think I am going to go and strong arm someone who is alleged to have allowed

their dog to foul. I am not asking anybody to be a stool pigeon I do my own dirty work.'

'If I find specific black-spots I will get the council graphics people to make a sign.'

Jacqui Middleton, who runs Mid Argyll Watersports, said that the beach by Ardrishaig was full of mess.

She said: 'It might help if there was a notice put by the beach to remind people. Perhaps the community council could use some wind farm trust money to invest in new bins?'

Mr Hatton said: 'The beach is not exempt, the only exceptions are working dogs such as police or rescue dogs on duty.'

He said that he had seen an esplanade in Turkey where there were water bowls for the dogs to get a drink, special bins and plastic bag dispensers.



Fire breaks out in Inveraray café

FIRE engines were called out to an Inveraray café on Wednesday morning after a fire broke out.

The incident happened at 10.30am in The Scullery café when owner Kenny Renton

was setting up for the day.

Sergeant Davie Scott said: 'The owner was working at the time. As far as I'm aware there were no customers in the premises. Initially he tried to extinguish the fire

himself but realised it was a job for the fire brigade. It was a fairly minor incident.'

Kenny said: 'The fire started from one of the cookers in the kitchen. No-one was hurt.' 08_10fire01

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Retained role still important in firefighting

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid wants the Scottish government to start a recruitment drive for retained firefighters.

He said that in Argyll and Bute they were vital role but in 2013-14 numbers fell by five per cent across Scotland.

The total number of retained personnel dropped from 2,940 to

2,665 and in the same period full-time equivalent staff have also fallen from 8,125 to 7,690. Mr Reid said: 'Last year the Scottish Parliament was told that the fire and rescue service in Scotland was 'on its knees' and with this drop in numbers I don't see any sign of this vital service being helped back up onto its feet.'

TV writer's real life drama

AN AWARD-WINNING television writer had a lucky escape on Saturday when her car nearly plunged into Tarbert Harbour.

Donna Franceschild, 61, who won a BAFTA in 1994, watched open mouthed as her pride and joy slid towards the water.

Luckily, the four wheel drive Honda, which she has owned since it was new in 1998, stopped, resting precariously on the stonework.

Moved Originally from Illinois, in the United States, Mrs Franceschild moved to Tarbert in 1996.

Harbour barge-master, Craig Robinson, 32, used his crane to lift the vehicle back onto solid ground.

Mr Robinson said: 'I have only been here five weeks and this is the second car I have seen which has nearly plunged into the water.'



Craig Robinson attaches a strap to the stricken car. 08_a10harbour01

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Police files

Theft of vehicle

A WOMAN was arrested after a car was stolen from Duncholgen caravan site in Lochgilhead.

The vehicle was stolen from the site between 2pm and 3.30pm on Tuesday February 24.

A 26-year-old woman is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Drug possession

A WOMAN has been allegedly caught in possession of a class B drug.

On Tuesday, February 24 at 6.30pm the 26-year-old was stopped

on Lochnell Street in Lochgilhead and suspected of having amphetamine. She is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

A YOUNG man was arrested in Lochgilhead after suspected of being found in possession of diazepam tablets.

The incident happened at 7.50pm last Friday on the town's Lochnell Street.

The 18-year-old is now the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

A MAN was allegedly found in possession of the prescription drug

methadone last week.

The 34-year-old was arrested at 1am on Sunday on Poltalloch Street in Lochgilhead.

He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of bail

A MAN was arrested on suspicion of breaching his bail conditions on Saturday, February 28.

The 30-year-old was stopped at 12.30pm in Lochgilhead. He remains in custody to pending his court appearance.

Assault

A 22-YEAR-old man was arrested following an assault that took

place in Tarbert.

Last Saturday a 37-year-old man was assaulted at 11pm on Harbour Street.

The man arrested was being held in custody pending a court appearance.

Disturbance

POLICE who attended a disturbance on Oakfield in Tarbert later arrested a 27-year-old man.

The incident took place at 3.30pm on Sunday.

The man was being held in custody pending a court appearance.

Driving offences

TWO PEOPLE were arrested last week after their vehicle was stopped by police.

The 25-year-old male driver of the car and a 35-year-old female passenger are now subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for various road traffic offences.

The woman was also suspected of being in possession of cannabis.

The pair were stopped on the A83 near to Castleton, Lochgilhead at 9.25pm on Saturday, February 28.

Any member of the public with information in relation to the above, or any incident, can contact a local police office on telephone 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Donate to fishermen's charity

STAFF at an Inveraray seafood restaurant are supporting a national charity for workers at sea.

The team at Samphire in Arkland are collecting donations for the Fishermen's Mission which is the only charity providing emergency support alongside practical, financial, spiritual and emotional care and helps all fishermen, active or retired, and their families.

Chef proprietor Andrew MacLugash's menu divides its dishes into field and glen and loch and sea; the latter sourced locally through independent fishermen so he said he was proud to support the mission.

Viking festival talk at Kilberry Meet and Munch

ORGANISERS of the Viking Festival are to give a talk in Kilberry church on Tuesday afternoon next week.

Hans Kok and Phil Robertson will be holding a power point presentation for an audience at the monthly Meet and Munch session.

They will talk about how the idea came about and how the festival is growing on not only a national, but international scale.

The meet will take place at 12pm in the church. People are asked to bring finger food.

This year the Viking boat will sail to Norway as part of the festival.

Rough road causes rage

A FURIOUS Furnace man's complaints about the shocking state of a village road have forced a housing association to take action.

Ian Brogan, 46, lives in one of five Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) rented houses on Bridge Terrace.

Mr Brogan said that for nearly two years he had been trying to get something done about the surface of the road which has been washed away and is littered with potholes and rocks.

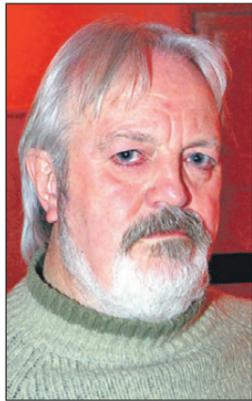
He spoke at Furnace community council meeting last Thursday.

Mr Brogan said: 'It is beyond a joke, it has been more than 18 months since I first raised this at a meeting here and nothing has been done.'

'At the end of last year I paid out nearly £1,000 for springs and bushes on my car's suspension, which have been worn out by this road.'

Community council chairman Mike Masters said that as the road was not adopted it was not the responsibility of Argyll and Bute council to fix it.

Mr Masters said that any repairs would be shared between ACHA as the owners of the properties and two houses which are privately owned. Mr Masters said that the com-



Ian Brogan.
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munity council was aware that the road was in a bad state but he thought that a resolution had been reached with property owners being asked to pay a

contribution.

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor told the *Argyllshire Advertiser* this week: 'ACHA does not own the road but has five tenants affected by it.'

'We are liaising with the other homeowners and road users affected by its current condition.'

'ACHA has got prices for the repair and an agreement has been reached with all parties involved to share the cost.'

'A contractor is in place to repair the road which will be completed, weather permitting during the week commencing March 9.'



Part of the washed away surface in Bridge Terrace. 08_a10ianbrogan02

Furnace first aid course

FIRST aid courses may be held in Furnace village hall run by the Red Cross.

Community council vice-chairman Robbie Bell said that a course was being offered at a cost of £15 per person

which would be free to children and those aged over 60.

Members agreed to put up posters in the village as a minimum of 10 people would be needed to make the courses viable.



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Lochgilphead high school pupils praise mock interview training



Mairi McNiven. 08_a10interview01

A GROUP of Rotarians grilled Lochgilphead high school pupils in mock interviews last week.

Working from Wednesday in three teams of two the businessmen and women subjected 64 S6 teenagers to tough question and answer sessions.

The interviews were based on the application form which a Rotarian would have to complete and constructive feedback.

The voluntary initiative started six years ago after the late Ian McCarton, a former member of Mid Argyll Rotary Club, suggested it as a way to boost pupils' chances when applying for jobs or university.

The specialised training, overseen by guidance teacher Craig Lemmon, has now become part of the curriculum and is also given to pu-



Len Simpson, left and Andy Lees interview Ryan McCuaig, 18. 08_a10interview02

pils at Tarbert Academy. Rotarian Len Simpson, 66, from Ardrishaig said that it had to be a huge benefit to pupils, as when he finished school he was just heaved out.

Mr Simpson, who spent 26 years in the Royal Navy and a further 20 years as an engineer with an insurance company, includes all that experience when conducting the interviews.

His colleague Andy Lees, 70, said: 'Many of the pupils we see have not had an interview as serious as ours.'

'For pupils this is often the first time they have been asked search-

ing questions by two people.' The Rotarians work to a script so that each pupil has the same questions and chance to shine but the questions can be altered depending on what is on the application form.

At the interview each candidate is scored marks out of 10 on 11 key competencies including being neat, tidy and appropriately dressed and managing to control nerves without fidgeting.

A career plan, teamwork, academic discipline, self-motivation and written communication are also scrutinised.

Mr Lemmon said:

'This interview by real business people is a unique opportunity for our sixth years.'

'We set up informal interviews as practise but it does not have the same fear factor because they are familiar with the school staff.'

Realistic

'It is a chance to have a realistic interview with someone they have never met and for many it is daunting and nerve wracking.'

'They get instant real time honest feedback which they can then use to their advantage.'

Mairi McNiven, 17, plans to take a gap year before possibly study-

ing psychology at university.

She said: 'I was quite nervous before the interview but some of my friends went first and put my mind at ease.'

'I don't think I filled in the form as well as I should have done so that was a lesson learned.'

Mr Lees said: 'This year's pupils have been well prepared and are of a very good standard.'

Mid Argyll Rotary Club was formed in 1968 and currently has 28 members.

It has had many successes over the years and this year Andy Lees will be elected as district governor up to 2016.

Council secretary sought

FURNACE community council secretary Lynda Syed has resigned due to other pressures on her time.

At a meeting last Thursday members discussed the possibility of employing someone to do the job.

It was decided that the cost of about £1,000 per annum would be too high and it would be better to try to recruit another volunteer.

Norse myths and Scots legends in the spotlight

RENOWNED storyteller Patsy Dyer will visit a Lochgilphead book shop tomorrow (March 7).

During four sessions between 1pm and 3.15pm, Mrs Dyer will tell a mixture of Norwegian and Scottish tales to celebrate world book day.

Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a cuppa and piece of cake for a small donation with proceeds going to one of three charities; multiple

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End of the road for family transport firm

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Coach company ceases trading after 44 years

A FAMILY transport firm founded 44 years ago in Tayvallich ceased trading last week.

It was the end of an era for Anderson Coaches (Argyll) Ltd started by Irving 'Fergie' Anderson from a village garage in 1971.

On Sunday, Mr Anderson's son Roddy, who has run the business for the past 14 years told the *Argyllshire Advertiser* that the firm was being wound up.

At the finish there were nine full and part-time drivers who have all found alternative employment.

A former driver who worked for the company from 2003 until December 2014 said that expansion plans

had not worked out and West Coast Motors had regained services operated on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council by Andersons. Just last October Anderson Coaches took over the council tendered 418 route between Oban and the Isle of Seil, including stops in Kilmore, Kilninver, and Park primary school.

Last week a message on Argyll and Bute Council's website said that the service would be run by West Coast Motors in the future.

Anderson Coaches previously operated Mid Argyll services 421 - Kilmaluag, Ardrishaig and on to Inverliever, 422 - Ardrishaig to Lochgilphead shuttle



An Anderson coach which operated the 418 route in Oban.

and 423 - Oban, Lochgilphead and on to Ardrishaig.

Anderson notified the council that they would cease to operate those routes with effect from

December 20 2014.

Those services were also re-tendered to West Coast Motors on a short-term basis until a formal tendering process can be set up.

Fergie Anderson said: 'When I ran the company we never had any of the problems that affect a public transport firm today.

'I had amicable

relationships with all the other Argyll firms.'

Mr Anderson bought an existing transport business, McLauchlan, which had run buses in Argyll since the 1920s.

Originally his registered office was at Seaview, a house on the shore in Tayvallich, but latterly the business address was in Hamilton.

The firm he bought, in 1971, was based in a Tayvallich garage on the site of what is now the village inn.

By 1976 he had demolished the garage and built the inn which he then ran until 1980 alongside the transport firm.

By 2001 he was ready to retire from the bus company and son Roddy came on board.

In a further twist the pair re-purchased the inn in 2003 and Roddy was the chef until 2008.

His father came out of retirement to help out at Anderson Coaches during that period.

Fergie has retired again and spends most of the winter in sunny Portugal but summers in Argyll.

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PUPILS who will soon leave Lochgilphead high school were put through their paces at mock interview sessions.

Sixty-four teenagers were given valuable life skills by a group of business people in their 60s and 70s.

The youths gained marks for being neat, tidy and appropriately dressed, in the present days of ties at half mast and trainers.

Lochgilphead Rotary Club members started running the scheme six years ago and it is now part of the curriculum in two Mid Argyll schools.

These club members selflessly devote their own time to giving Mid Argyll youngsters a realistic interview experience.

It is an invaluable project that rotary club members are running and this initiative needs to be recognised and commended within the community.

It is this kind of knowledge that youths can gain from older members of the population and let's hope it demonstrates the importance of their elders.



AFTER playing sustained, attacking football for 70 minutes, Tarbert were unlucky to go down 2-1 in the Coronation Cup.

It seems they played a fierce game, giving no quarter and soon netted an early goal.

However, repeated attacks in the second half gave the Dookers little chance to fight back.

Rosehill's equaliser seemed not have crossed the line, but the referee gave a goal.

Possibly with that in mind a Tarbert player allegedly verbally abused the referee and was shown the red card.

Reduced to just 10 men and with 10 minutes left to play, defence was all they had left, but it was apparent their run in the cup was over.

On hindsight it seems that a throwaway comment from one of their own had lost the Dookers not only the game, but also the cup.

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Too little, too late with screening

Sir,
The Advertiser's coverage of the ante-natal scanning issue has been excellent and helped to produce a result.

However, NHS Highland's response is both too little - only three trained staff - and very late - it will only happen in late 2016.

This means that, for a further 18 months, mums-to-be will have to continue travelling for eight or more hours to get their scans. Surely some interim measures could be implemented e.g. Trained staff from Glasgow and Clyde visiting Argyll and Bute or even the use of locum sonographers.

Whilst it is very easy to criticise NHS Highland for this debacle, the true blame must lie with the Scottish Government whose experts produced these more exacting guidelines for pre-natal care. Predictably they failed to ensure that there were adequate numbers of trained sonographers to carry out the greater workload.

This is fine for mums-to-be who live within easy range of the facilities but, for women in Argyll and Bute, a vital local service has been lost for at least three years - unless, of course, the Scottish government can produce trained staff out of hot air.

For a government which promised greater equality and fairness it does not look equal or fair for women here in Argyll and Bute.

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

Dog fouling dilemma

Sir,
How can we deal with people deliberately letting their dogs foul in public places and where children play.

The bus stop yesterday afternoon was very busy with people waiting for the Glasgow to Campbeltown bus.

A well dressed man led his dog to the grass to allow it to poop next to the children's playground. He made no attempt to clear it up despite two shops in the vicinity selling poop bags.

This is the first time I have seen such a deliberate act of this nature. I have dogs and place no blame with the dog.

However, it is a bit scary to confront a tall man in a public place in front of a number of people. I am interested in how other people would have dealt with it.

Name and address supplied.

Rejuvenation could create jobs

Sir,
I read with interest the letter 'let's regenerate the front green' in last week's edition.

The idea of developing the neglected piece of foreshore land to turn it into a local wildlife conservation and picnic area for everyone is very attractive. To include a tourist information centre (TIC), with parking next to it, is worthy of consideration.

Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig need a new TIC and such a place could point visitors to places like Dunadd, Kilmartin Museum, Arduaine Gardens as well as forest walks at Ardcastle,

Lochgair, Crarae Gardens, Auchendrain Farming Museum and Inveraray with all its attractions.

Maybe, too, the Kintyre Trail could be promoted before visitors to the area discover it by accident if they happen to take the road down to Kintyre with its beautiful scenery and places like Tarbert, Kilberry, ferries to Portavadie, Islay and Jura, Gigha, and, who knows, perhaps Northern Ireland once again. As for golf courses, it would take more money to complete such a development. But, with support from the local enterprise company, maybe a cash strapped council, Visit Scotland, hard work from the local populace, and even Holyrood it could be achieved.

It might create a few jobs too, helping to keep our young people here.

Niall Iain MacLean, Inveraray.

Voting confusion

Sir,
It must be devastating for Argyll and Bute Labour candidate Mary Galbraith to discover significant opinion in the Labour party is urging Labour voters in Argyll and Bute to vote against her and vote for the Conservatives.

Robert James McNeill, vice chairman of the East Lothian constituency Labour party and chair of the Tranent local labour party did this on February 22. He is also a member of the Scottish Labour party policy forum, which develops the Scottish Labour manifesto.

He includes in his suggestion a large number of seats in which Labour supporters

should vote Tory against their own candidate and others in which they should also vote against Labour and vote LibDem. This is panic. Confusion abounds. What is certain is that if Scotland votes SNP, as it appears likely to do, Scotland will get a powerful Scottish voice that will go to London with only one aim - to stick up for Scotland.

Tory bashes bankers

Sir,
City bonuses rose to record levels when Labour were in charge.

This encouraged bankers to behave recklessly, and worry about making a quick profit, instead of thinking about what could go wrong further down the line and if banks did get in trouble, and had to pay fines to the regulator, the money just went back to other banks.

We have been fixing the system - so bonuses do not encourage recklessness, and banks pay their fair share, city bonuses are now around a fifth of what they were under Labour according to forecasts. While the Unionist and Conservatives are curbing Labour's city excess legacy we are also delivering for our pensioners as we are committing to protect the winter fuel payment, free bus passes, television licences, prescriptions and eye tests.

As part of our long-term economic plan we will build a country which rewards those in Argyll and Bute and the rest of Britain who have worked hard, saved and paid their taxes.

Alastair Redman, Unionist and Conservative candidate, Argyll and Bute.

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'Purrfect' ending as mystery Stag Hotel cat is reunited with owners

A MYSTERY cat who took up residence in a Lochgilphead hotel has been reunited with her owner.

Two weeks ago tabby Titi made headlines when her night-time wailings woke Stag residents in the early hours.

Gillian Voinot, 51, who lives opposite was amazed to see Titi in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* and surprised that the former feral cat had got herself trapped in a stairwell.

Mrs Voinot has a menagerie of animals including a rescue parrot, ferrets, a dog and five other cats.

She said: 'Titi came

to me as a rescued feral kitten eight years ago and at first could be quite vicious.

'Since an accident last August when a van ran her down she's been nervous and timid around people.'

It was touch and go whether Titi would survive the crash. She was

x-rayed and found to have a crushed pelvis and had to be confined to a cage for eight weeks while it mended.

However, she escaped and was away for about eight weeks before returning, in October, able to walk again and well fed.

This latest disappear-

ance was for about a week.

'Titi is good at feeding herself and will always seek out food. I don't know why she would have gone into the Stag as there must have been something really worthwhile to persuade her to cross the road,' said Mrs Voinot.

Gillian Voinot and Titi at home. 08_a10cat01

Winning touch for Diana's new career

AT LAST week's Scottish Wedding Awards there was more than a touch of the Oscars.

There was a red carpet, champagne and everyone was dressed to impress at the event in Glasgow's Crowne Plaza Hotel. And for Diana Mackenzie there was even an 'Oscar'.

The Saddell mum was named north-west region winner in the hair and makeup category - chosen from a shortlist of seven. 'It was amazing to win,' she said. 'I was shocked and delighted. I was so pleased to make the shortlist - I never considered I would win. It was a lovely evening and there was a great party in the city later at 29 Private Members Club.'

Her husband Douglas was there to share her moment of glory. The couple had handed their nine-month-old son, John, over to Diana's

mother Dianne Brodie, who lives in Campbeltown, for 24 hours so they could enjoy the occasion together.

Diana was an admin worker until a few years ago before focusing on her passion for makeup.

Now, following a break for the birth of her son, the 39-year-old is trying to become fully established as a professional freelance and hair artist working across Argyll.

Much of her work involves helping brides look their best on their big day - something that gives Diana a lot of satisfaction.

'It is exciting to play such a key role in someone's special day.'

She also does makeup lessons, makeup parties and prepares models for photo shoots.

'Winning the award is great for my confidence,' she said, 'and it will boost my profile.'



Diana with her Scottish Weddings Award for hair and makeup.

Bellanoch celebrates World Day of Prayer

A BELLANOCH church congregation at Crinan will join an estimated three million people on World Day of Prayer today (Friday).

It is an interdenominational, inter-church organisation and is the only service in the Christian church which is prepared and taken by women from a different

part of the world each year.

Congregations in 170 countries will observe the day written by the women of the Bahamas, translated into more than 1,000 languages. In Scotland more than 600 services will be held.

The theme of the service is taken from the gospel of St John chapter 13 verses one to 17: 'Je-

sus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?" This challenges Christians to demonstrate the same radical and unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service at Bellanoch church just off the Crinan road.

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Around the world traditions celebrate women and recognise the often-unsung work of mothers.

In Scotland, the Christian festival is celebrated by Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians and it falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday.

This was either a large local church, or more often, the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone a-mothering, although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear.

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members.

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Anna's mother, Ann Jarvis, was a peace activist who had cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day work clubs to address public health issues.

Anna's mother had passed away three years and it was in her memory that she wanted to honour her own mother by continuing the charity work she'd started - and to set aside a day to celebrate all mothers.

Americans officially recognised the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day by proclamation of president Woodrow Wilson in 1914.

In the UK in 1920, inspired by Anna Jarvis's efforts in the United States, Constance Penswick-Smith created the Mothering Sunday Movement and in 1921 she wrote a book asking for the revival of the festival.

Constance was the daughter of the vicar of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, and there is a memorial in Coddington's church.

Its wide scale revival was through the influence of American and Canadian soldiers serving abroad during World War II; the traditions of Mothering Sunday, still practised by the Church of England and Church of Ireland were merged with the newly imported traditions and celebrated in the wider catholic and secular society.



Children and young people who were in service as household servants were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families.

The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

By 1920 the celebration of mothers on the fourth Sunday of Lent had fallen away.

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Hotels valued at £4.8 million up for sale

Owners look to scale back their Scottish operation

INVERARAY'S Argyll hotel is for sale as its owners scale back their Scottish operation.

At a price of £1.5 million, it joins three other Argyll and Bute hotels owned by the same London investors since 2006 with a total value of £4.8 million.

The others are; The Regent in Oban priced at £2,250,000, The Western Isles in Tobermory at £700,000 and The Victoria in Tarbert selling for £350,000.

Selling agent Alistair Letham, a director at the Edinburgh branch of Colliers International, said The Argyll was first advertised in a small way in December 2014, but now it is on the open market.

Mr Letham said: 'These investors are not naturally hotel owners which is why day-to-day operations are managed by Warrington-based Bespoke Hotels.'

A member of staff at the Argyll, who did not wish to be named, said since 2006 three management companies had run it - Oxford Inns and Hotels, Swallow and Bespoke.

During that time the owners have placed it on the market at different times to see if there is any interest.

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press no-one from Bespoke was available to comment.

Officials

The Argyll was built by the Duke of Argyll in the 1750s for visiting officials to Inveraray Castle and was owned by the estate until the trustees of the 10th Duke of Argyll sold it in 1989.

Designed by renowned architect John Adam, the 36-bed-roomed hotel has been in continuous use since that time.

It is believed traveller and writer Dr Samuel



The front of the Argyll Hotel, Inveraray. 08_a10argyllhotel01

Johnson stayed at the Argyll Hotel during his 1773 visit to Inveraray. Unusually for him, he enthused about the area,

describing its castle and the 'total defiance of expense,' while adding: 'There are not many places where you can

see a designer made castle, designer made grounds and bridge and a designer made town for good measure. I

would say idyllic sums it up.'

Musicians

The hotel is currently home to Inveraray and

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Ardrishaig Primary School Choir won the Primary Choir and the Primary Choir Scots competitions for the third year, last year. 06_a12mus46

Mid Argyll Music Festival

LOCAL musicians are getting geared up to exercise their talents again this month for the annual Mid Argyll Music Festival.

And there are going to be more contestants taking part than there have been in four years, according to organisers.

They have been thrilled by the sudden increase in entrants for the 2015 festival.

Sheila McCallum, founder and organiser, said: 'For the past few years entries have been falling. We haven't reached 500 in the last four years. So it is fantastic that the festival has had so much interest this year.'

Schools and individuals will be travelling from across Argyll to take part in the competitions, which are set to be held in the Public Hall and North Hall in Ardrishaig through the week and in Lochgilhead Joint Campus on the Saturday, March 21.

Demonstrate

Pupils from Helensburgh, Oban and Campbeltown will demonstrate their musical skills to adjudicators this year.

And some of the smaller local primary schools have teamed up to enter as choirs.

Sheila said: 'Achahoish and Kilmartin joined together, as have Minard and Furnace, and

Craignish and Kilninver. In fact, this is the first time we have had Kilninver primary school, so I am hopeful that it will be a rewarding experience for them.

'Tarbert Academy has also entered primary pupils after a number of years away from the competition.

'We have never really had groups from the smaller schools because there just aren't enough pupils. It is terrific that they will come together for this.

'It is such a community driven event and it really brings people from all over together.'

There have also been more

adults entering into the competition. With seven bands set to play on the last day of the week-long festival, a number that has been unheard of in recent years, the trophies will be up for the taking in 2015.

This year marks the 36th Mid Argyll Music Festival. The annual competition began in 1980 as a one-day event and kept growing into what it is today.

The festival begins on Monday, March 16 and will end on Saturday, March 21.

For more information go to <http://www.midargyllmusicfestival.webeden.co.uk/home/>



Lorna Young last year won the Tom and Margaret McInnes Plate and the Smidby Bistro trophy for piano. 06_a12mus26



From left: Holly Renton and Cara Blyth won the 2014 S1-3 Vocal Duet competition. 06_a12mus24

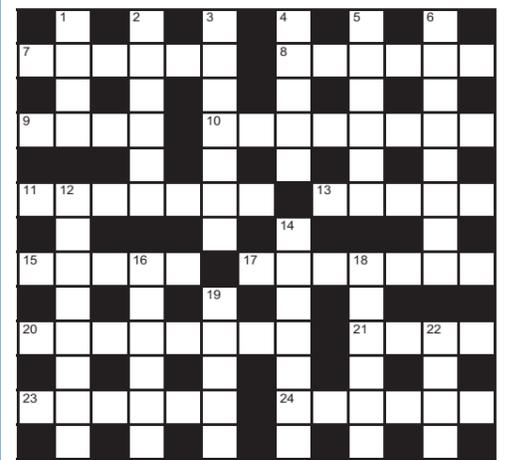


From left: Alison McGinty and Catriona Mclean won the Adult Vocal Duet competition in 2014. 06_a12mus29



Hannah Prill and Emma McFarlane won the S4-6 Vocal Duet competition in 2014. 06_a12mus25

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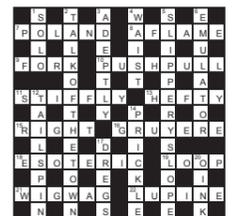
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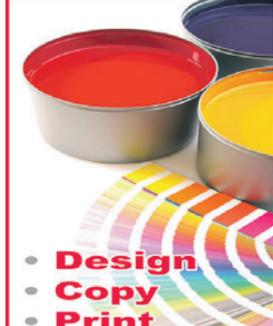
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- 17 Used in ammunition (7)
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- 3 Enterprising (2-5)
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- 6 Overdetermined (4-4)
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Garden grounds help health

VOLUNTEERS at Tarbert Community Healing Garden are celebrating after buying an 'indestructible' greenhouse.

A grant from the Royal Horticultural Society Scotland for £1,305 has helped pay for a special tunnel house, which will be erected behind the ambulance bay at Campbeltown Road.

The garden was started a decade ago after the village's new health centre was built on the grounds of Tarbert's former manse.

There are now at least 15 raised

beds, which have been designated to various groups and individuals; including the after school club.

Now they have four hens and a cockerel in a run that are currently laying about eight eggs each week.

Volunteers gathered for the first seed sowing of the year and also planted some early potatoes

Toddler Aiden McBride, three, was helping out in the garden during the celebration. He was very pleased when he found a fresh egg laid on Saturday.



Health garden volunteers from left: Ed Tyler, Jim Paterson, Connor Frew, six, Dr Carina Spink, Alison and her son Aiden McBride, Hans Kok, Malcolm MacFarlane and Iain MacLaughlan. 08_a10garden01



Bar None choir during a rehearsal conducted by Stephen Povey. 08_a10choir03

Singers in fine voice

A LOCHGILPHEAD choir is hoping to reach the high notes when it competes at the Mid Argyll Music Festival (MAMF) later this month.

Since Bar None was founded by Liz Perkins and Fiona Munro in May 2013, numbers have steadily grown.

Up to 50 people aged from 18 to 80 years old attend Monday rehearsals at the parish church hall.

As well as choir mem-

bers Ms Perkins says that the choir has been very lucky to find a unique conductor, Stephen Povey, 26, a music teacher at the Lochgilphead High School.

Mr Povey, who studied music and education at Aberdeen University, adds his own interpretation to songs creating special arrangements.

'Part of my deal for doing this is that I have freedom to make up my own arrangements of some of the songs,' said

Mr Povey, adding: 'I am a percussionist and although orchestrally trained had not worked with a choir before. So far it has been a great experience.'

He is supported by keyboardist Gary Devlin and Struan Thorpe, a piper who also plays guitar.

Last Monday Ms Perkins and Mr Povey announced plans to sing at MAMF on Friday March 20.

They said that al-

though it was a festival the event was very competitive but that members should just see it as an opportunity to perform in public.

Later in the year Bar None will perform at the Kilmichael Festival and Mid Argyll Music and Arts Festival in September.

Prospective new members are welcome to attend rehearsals on Monday evening from 7.30 to 9pm in the parish church hall.



One section of the choir practise their part. 08_a10choir04



Three members practising one section of a song. 08_a10choir01



Stephen Povey conducting Bar None. 08_a10choir02



Another section singing their hearts out at rehearsal. 08_a10choir05

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John Armour, NFU food policy manager, second from left, and John Smith, third from right, outside the Scottish parliament after a meeting with MSPs last Thursday.

Dairy farming industry needs government help, says Smith

DRUMALEA farmer John Smith has urged the Scottish Government to step in and help the area's beleaguered dairy industry.

Attending a meeting between NFU Scotland members and MSPs at Holyrood last Thursday, Mr Smith said: 'The problems faced by dairy producers in the Kintyre peninsula and on Gigha mean they have little option but to continue to supply the First Milk co-operative.

'First Milk has recently cut milk prices to its members and introduced higher capital investment charges.

'It has to be said that there has been a lack of investment in Campbeltown Creamery, and that further support is needed from the Scottish government to improve its facilities.'

Graeme Kilpatrick, Ayrshire farmer and chairman of NFU Scot-

land's milk committee, said: 'It is important that the price paid to farmers for their milk is increased and that Scottish branded dairy products on supermarket shelves are given more exposure, as dairy farmers are facing exceptional circumstances.'

Alex Fergusson, MSP for Galloway and Uppr Nithsdale, said: 'The Scottish parliament's rural affairs, climate change and environment committee has held an urgent inquiry into the situation, but it is important that those MSPs not directly involved find out for themselves just how serious it is.'

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'There is support from MSPs across the political spectrum for the dairy sector.'

'Kintyre farmer John Smith gave a first-class presentation on the challenges facing family

dairy farms like his own and the need for the future of First Milk to be secured and for investment in the Campbeltown Creamery which is a vital processing facility.

'We also see need to seek extra support for marketing our dairy produce and clarity on labelling, so consumers know they are buying dairy products made and processed in Scotland with Scottish milk.'

'I am hopeful that the parliament will be able to find time in the next few weeks to have a debate on the rural affairs committee's recent report on the challenges facing the dairy sector and I would hope to participate in such a debate.'

Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Our dairy farmers are so important to the Kintyre economy, and I am continuing to call on the



Drumalea farmer John Smith hopes to see Scottish government action to help Campbeltown Creamery, and the Kintyre dairy industry.

Scottish government to do all it possibly can to assist our dairy farmers during the severe challenges they are facing at present and ensure the industry is stable and

has a sustainable future.' Also part of the NFU contingent was John Armour from Campbeltown, who recently became its food policy manager.

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Those attending will enjoy a three-course dinner followed by live music from Fyne Fusion. During the evening there will be a charity auction for some of the fabulous prizes which

generous corporate sponsors have donated.

There is even a specially-chartered return bus service available from Lochgilphead bus stop leaving at 6.30pm on the evening.

Tickets priced at £35 per person are available in Tarbert at Dental and Cut 'n' Crew and at Lochgilphead's Argyll Book Centre and Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland. For further information call Julie on 07720719307, Kellie on 07849783308 or see www.facebook.com/midargyllmariecurie

Stag party prop hits the road



Archie Currie and Ally MacDonald with Dolly their sheep. 08_a10stag01

DRIVERS on the A83 leaving Tarbert on Saturday morning might have seen two men and an inflatable sheep.

It was Archie Currie, 45, and Ally MacDonald, 43, waiting for a minibus to take them to a stag do in Stirling for former Ardrishaig man Stuart McLugash.

Mr Currie said: 'You have to take an animal to Stirling for the mart.'



Volunteers at the Fairtrade coffee meeting from left: Mary Scott, Lisa MacFarlane, Anne McDougall, Millicent Reid, Sheena MacFarlane, Donna Franceschild and Liz Armstrong. 08_a10clock01

Coffee drinkers boost church clock funds

THIRSTY Tarbert folk raised £200 at a coffee morning towards getting the church clock ticking again.

Liz Armstrong, Co-op worker, who helped out at the Fairtrade coffee morning in the village, also made sure that all the products, including cake ingredients, were Fairtrade.

The clock tower appeal was launched three years ago when the clock was

left damaged by severe weather conditions and it has already raised £6,800. The money was used to pay for the 1886 clock to be restored in 2014.

But further funds are needed to finish the work and get it ticking again.

Lisa MacFarlane from the Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal committee said: '£3,000 is needed to

finish the work, half of that is vat reclaimed from the initial payment. We will have to fundraise to find the rest but the company that did the work has given us six months to pay.'

Work already carried out saw the movement converted to electric with much smaller weights than originally fitted, but it is not fully operational yet.

Artist's first solo show for five years

RENOWNED Mid Argyll artist Lesley Burr has opened her first solo show for five years at the Crinan Hotel.

Invited guests packed the gallery on Saturday to see Luminous Places, a 36-strong body of work including many local scenes such as; Summer View to the Pier, Ardrishaig; A View Down Loch Fyne and Summer Sea at Crinan Harbour.

Lesley also exhibited paintings from further afield including; Over to Varena, Lake Como; Crossing Turkey and Swiss Mountain Sun.

Lesley, from Loch-

gilphead, graduated in fine art from Glasgow School of Art in 1985 and went on to take a masters at Dundee.

Originally from Stirling, she has spent the past 10 years in Argyll and Bute, with the landscape and coastline providing inspiration.

Lesley said: 'I tend to work outside initially and do sketches from life. I have a group show coming up this autumn in Glasgow with two other artists.'

The exhibition at Crinan Gallery runs until March 26, to check opening times phone the hotel on 01546-830261.



Lesley Burr next to her work Summer Sea at Crinan Harbour. 08_a10burr01

Ardrishaig hosts jazz cabaret night as part of concert series



Pianist Paul Harrison.

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll can enjoy a jazz cabaret evening in Ardrishaig Village Hall next week.

The event is part of the Mid Argyll Arts Association's (MAAA) concert series.

However, the jazz night has adopted a slightly different style to the usual concert evening held by MAAA.

The Spirit of Jazz event will feature music from the dawn of the musical genre up to current styles.

Clarinetist and saxophonist Dick Lee and pianist Paul Harrison will perform on Saturday, March 14 at 7.30pm. Tickets at £9, concessions are £8 and students are free.



Dick Lee.

Grant ensures it's curtain up on new stage and seating at Craignish hall

CRAIGNISH village hall committee has received a grant to purchase a dual-purpose stage and tiered seating system.

Awards for All Scotland gave £6,283 to buy a modular system which creates multiple levels for local drama productions, the primary school and bands.

Hall manager Diane Steele said:

'We have found that more and more touring theatre companies set up on the floor, which poses a problem for us as folk often cannot see what is happening from the back half of the seated audience.'

A successful performing arts programme has been run in the hall for more than nine years,

bringing drama, music, dance, puppetry and comedy to the rural community. After a thorough look at potential options it was decided to use a dual purpose system that matches in with the staging already at the hall. There is the added advantage of using the staging as tables for events such as the upcoming Boat Jumble.

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Marriage service with a difference

A CELEBRANT ordained to conduct same sex marriages in Argyll and Bute has spoken of her love for her unique role. Ceci Alderton, 54, from Strachur is thrilled to be able to give people

who are in same sex relationships the opportunity to seal their commitment to one another.

In addition to a civil partnership ceremony, which has been available to same sex couples since December 2005, they can now have a civil marriage ceremony.

Ceci has been conducting wedding, funeral and baby-naming services for 10 years and is passionate about her work.

Once a land ranger for Benmore Botanic Gardens, she first started out as a celebrant because she loved people and celebrating the



Ceci is thrilled to be able to carry out same sex marriage ceremonies.



Ceci toasts the bride and groom using mead at a service held at Jubilee Point, Loch Eck.

lives of others. She performs ceremonies based in natural surroundings and tailors her services to individual needs.

She said: 'I was once asked to marry a couple in their garden at home.

'I did a blessing that meant that any negativity in their lives would stop outside the garden and not be brought into the home. It was really special for the couple and they loved it.

'I have always felt it was unfair for two people of the same sex not to be able to marry. I always felt that they were missing out. I am both proud and delighted to be able to conduct same sex wedding ceremonies.

'I believe it is important that all couples entering into a relationship have the right, if they so wish, to express that commitment through marriage and to achieve the same recognition in law and society as all other married couples.'

Ceci feels more at home in nature, which is perhaps what brought her to Argyll all the way from Suffolk, where she grew up.

She said: 'I have travelled all over to marry people in some of the most beautiful locations in Scotland. One in particular that I enjoyed was on top of Dunadd hill fort. It was the most beautiful location, although I maybe wouldn't have worn heels if I'd have thought it through.

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put their feet in the footprint on top of the hill as a symbol of their first step into their new lives.'

When asked about opposing views over same sex couples getting married, she said: 'It is unfortunate that some people have closed minds.

'Sometimes all it takes is for people to sit down

and talk to each other for them to realise that they have more in common than they thought.'

She remains in contact with all of the people she has married and has even been asked to conduct some of their baby-naming services.

Ceci said: 'You create a special bond with people when planning these

ceremonies. I have met the greatest of friends and have met people from all over the United Kingdom and broad such as Sweden and Istanbul.'

Ceci will perform her first same sex marriage on the May 1 this year.

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The wedding of Louise Park and Graeme Golding at Birnam Oak, Dunkeld on the September 21 2013. The couple are exchanging vows and rings in this picture.

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These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00061/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse.	Land North East of Ferry House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/00205/PP	Erection of windfarm comprising 13 wind turbines (maximum height of 100 metres) together with ancillary infrastructure including a permanent wind monitoring mast, access tracks, crane hardstandings, substations, control building, temporary construction compound and borrow pit search areas	Escart Farm Skipness Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/00455/PP	Erection of 3 dwellinghouses	Land East of Tayanna Creagan Dearg Tayvallich Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00443/PP	Renovation of steading to form new dwellinghouse and renovation of derelict cottage within same curtilage to form ancillary accommodation for that one dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Kirkton Steading Ardfern Argyll and Bute PA31 8DS	Sub Post Office Ardfern

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 15/00205/PP
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ESCART FARM, SKIPNESS, ARGYLL AND BUTE

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by PI Renewables Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of windfarm comprising 13 wind turbines (maximum height of 100 metres) together with ancillary infrastructure including a permanent wind monitoring mast, access tracks, crane hardstandings, substations, control building, temporary construction compound and borrow pit search areas, notified to Argyll and Bute Council. A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from PI Renewables Ltd, Westwood House, Five Sisters Business Park, Westwood, West Calder, EH55 8PN.

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

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In accordance with the provisions of the said Act, a list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the aforementioned offices, during normal business hours on the two business days prior to the date of this meeting.

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In Alloa for a meeting of the Cabinet, the First Minister and Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil visited the home of Craig and Jude Deacons, who purchased a home with assistance from the scheme.

Ms Sturgeon said: 'We want to help today's generation of young people to access home ownership where this is sensible and sustainable for them.

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Jude Deacons said: 'Craig and I are grateful for the scheme as it has allowed us to secure a great first home fit for our family life.

'We got married in 2009 just as the housing market changed significantly. We were unable to buy our first home as we had no way of securing the sizeable deposit required, despite both being in full-time employment.

'As both of us were first-time buyers, the OMSE scheme allowed us to purchase a house fit for purpose to accommodate our two children.'

'Another benefit to the OMSE scheme was that we could look at all homes and not just new builds.

'This opened up more choice with regards to purchasing the right home for us.'

Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil said: 'The Open Market Shared Equity scheme has not only helped people to buy their first home, it has also helped 'second-steppers' to be able to sell their home and to move to a new property.

'The scheme has also helped free up houses in the social rented sector and it will continue to provide priority access to social renters, disabled people, serving members of the armed forces and veterans.'

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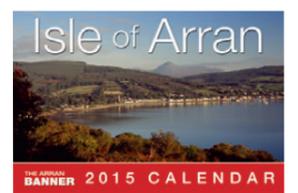
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I WAS WAKENED in the wee small hours by a familiar sound.

I am used to hearing it every day in Kintyre but I didn't expect to hear it in Kincardine. It was the call of an oystercatcher.

I had gone with a friend to a weekend conference at Tulliallan about developments in the ministry of children. It was a wonderful few days and our heads were bursting with new ideas and thoughts. We met many interesting people who were all concerned about the missing children in our churches.

The conference began with some words from the Very Rev Lorna Hood who had felt saddened when as moderator, she visited so many churches throughout the country with no young people.

It was so good to share with people who had the same concerns and who feel that the family of God is incomplete without its young folk.

I was impressed by the wealth of resources available from so many organisations. I was uplifted by the number of people who are passionate about the welfare and spiritual needs of young people and who are willing to help in so many ways. I was encouraged by the stories of ministers and leaders who had found new ways to reach out to young folk. There were stories of inspiration and imagination, stories of caring and connecting, stories of God's family reunited.

However in all the hours of words and questions and theories, one phrase has stayed in my mind, 'If our responsibility is to pass on the faith, should we not be putting the needs and wishes of the next generation first?'

The family of God needs to change and adapt in ways that will welcome our inquisitive, lively, challenging and spiritually aware children.

I hope one day we will be awakened by the sound of children's voices in that unexpected place called the church.

TAYVALLICH

First meeting for new community council

A NEWLY formed community council met for the first time last week.

Members of North Knapdale, representing Crinan, Bellanoch, Tayvallich, and Achnamara, met in Tayvallich Inn.

During the meeting member Peter Burrell told others that potholes on the road to Taynish car park were very deep.

He said: 'That road is practically impassable by a normal car, it is an adopted road so Argyll and Bute council should maintain it.'

Argyll and Bute councillor Sandy Taylor said that last year's winter road budget was largely used up sorting out drainage problems.

Convenor Iain Ritchie informed members that courses on social media and governance were available to them, run by Argyll and Bute council.

Acoustic sessions

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Members and the public at the new North Knapdale community council meeting. 08_a09tayv01

musicians should head to the Tayvallich Inn for jamming sessions.

Everyone is welcome at 9pm. Just bring an instrument - new players are especially welcome.

Round Table race night

MID ARGYLL Round Table is holding a race night on Saturday, March 7 in Tayvallich Village Hall to raise funds for the sailing club and cygnets.

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Crofting class

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TARBERT

Fashion second time round

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show this evening (Friday, March 6) at 7pm.

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Clubbercise

THE exercise craze sweeping the nation has taken off in Tarbert with more than 25 people regularly dancing themselves to fitness.

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FURNACE

Furnace primary school rolls out the red carpet

THE MOVIE 'A Jar Full of Butterflies' will have its national premiere at Furnace village hall on Friday, March 27.

Produced, edited and filmed by Furnace primary pupils as part of a media studies project, the film will be the highlight of a flashy Oscars ceremony.

Trophy winners will walk down the red carpet on an evening sure to rival anything in Hollywood.

As well as a full length feature film there will be some short animations.

It is expected that the local paparazzi, in the form of parents, will fill the hall to snap the presentations.

Movie fans are requested to dress up to the nines and will have a chance to vote on the Oscar winners.

Anyone interested in being involved should phone the school on 01499 500627.

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Campbell and Lewis McFall of Water Adventures pictured at Portavadie.

Wildlife water tours set sail

A YOUNG sailor who is living life on the ocean wave, has turned a dream into reality by launching his own business.

Lewis McFall, 16, a Royal Yachting Association instructor, and his granddad Campbell McFall are

PORTAVADIE

offering water wildlife tours starting in April from Portavadie.

The pair hope to take eight paying passengers on board a seven-metre inflatable boat.

Lewis said: 'I've only

ever wanted to work with boats and I'm really lucky to have this chance to be at Portavadie which is my favourite place to be on the water. I think wildlife tours will be popular as dolphins, minke whales and basking sharks are common sights.'

INVERARAY

Walking out together

TOMORROW (Saturday, March 7) there is a eight-mile with Mid Argyll and Kintyre Ramblers walk down the side of Loch Fyne from Inveraray to Furnace passing through Kenmore and Pennymore.

The meeting place for

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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



MCMURDO

Andrew and Iona are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Skye Grace, on December 31, 2014. Both families are over the moon. Special thanks to Lochgilphead midwives and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.



STEWART - TEVEN

David and Tasha are delighted to announce the early but safe arrival of their son, David Ian, on February 13, 2015. Beautiful grandson for David and Joanne Stewart, first grandchild for Tracy and Bob.

ENGAGEMENTS



O'HANLON - MACKINTOSH

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Jessica, daughter of Christine and Harry, Beacharr, to Kyle, son of Christine Clark and Kenneth Mackintosh, Glasgow, on February 13, 2015, in Australia.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS



ANDERSON - WILKINSON

On March 9, 1955 at the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, Archie to Sally. Present address, 3 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Peacefully at her home, Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, with her family by her side, on February 27, 2015, Mabel Jessie Galbraith, née Wilson, in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Malcolm Galbraith, much loved mum of Marina and Alasdair, adored Nannie Mabel to all her grandchildren; great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and a dear mother-in-law of Roy and Judy. A dear friend,

good neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

JOHNSTON - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 3, 2015, Anne Rebecca MacArthur, in her 61st year, 49 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, wife of Richard Johnston, mother of Robert and Richard, a much loved granny and loving daughter of Margaret and the late Dan MacArthur. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1.30pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

KEEGAN - Joe (Michael Ivan). Unexpectedly on February 23, 2015, in the comfort of his own home in Ardrishaig, Joe, after a full and diverse journey, succumbed to the rigours that brought him so much enjoyment during his life. The family would like anyone who participated in or observed his journey to join them at the Lorne Street Funeral Parlour in Lochgilphead, on March 11, 2015 at 12.00 noon for a commemoration to mark his passing and thereafter to an interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only and on the day those wishing to make a contribution can donate to a project very close to Joe's heart.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, surrounded by her family, on February 28, 2015, Catherine Bannerman Cunningham, in her 72nd year, 56 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jackie Robertson, much loved sister of Billy, Charles, Peter and the late Tina, Mary and Theresa and a loving and much loved aunt. RIP.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDERSON - The family of the late Hannah (Anna) Anderson would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the overwhelming kindness and support received following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to Dr Villalba and the doctors and nurses of Campbeltown Hospital, to Maggie and Kitty, the Macmillan nurses and to the community nurses, without whom we would not have been able to care for mum at home in her last days. Thanks to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for the professional and personal manner in which all arrangements were made and carried out. Thanks also to Rev Wallace for his comforting service, to David McEwan for the music in the church, to Iain McKerral for piping at the graveside and to the Ardshiel Hotel for

hospitality. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and generously donated towards the retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Church, which raised £821.92.

BUNTAIN - The family of the late Janet (Jenny) would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to the doctors and staff of Mid Argyll Community Hospital. Appreciation to the Rev David Carruthers for the comforting service at church and crematorium and D MacDonald Funeral Directors for the caring and professional funeral arrangements. Thanks also to Social Work, health professionals and carers. Special mention to neighbours for their care over many years.

MACKINLAY - The family of the late Alex MacKinlay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus and Dr Toledo, Kate Currie and all nursing staff for the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a very fitting and comforting service, to organist David McEwan for his excellent playing, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

MCINTYRE - The family of the late Mary McIntyre greatly appreciated the many expressions of sympathy received following the death of their much loved mother. Thanks to Rev William Crossan for personal and appropriate service, to Mr David McEwan for the music, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for excellent professional services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey. Thanks also to community nurses and Auchinlee staff for care and compassion in Mum's final days and to all who paid their respects at church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMs

BURTON - For our boys, Paul Gordon Burton and David Campbell Burton. Our love always. - The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

GALBRAITH - Treasured memories of a dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010.

In the hours of lonely thinking Thoughts of you are very near

We who loved you, sadly miss you As it dawns another year. - Sorely missed, Mum, Dad, and Christine.

GILCHRIST - Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and grandad, who passed away March 5, 2010. We will always love and miss you. - Your loving wife Gloria and family, home and away.

MC MILLAN - "Take me wandering through these streets, where bright lights and angels meet, stone to stone they take me on, I'm walking till the break of dawn". Always in our thoughts, Gordon. - Love, all the family x.

SOUDEN - Fond memories of Neil, who passed away March 9, 2013.

Loved and remembered always by wife Isobel and Louise, Ronnie, Paul and families.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow, We love you. - Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx.

WARDROP - Lynsey, our beloved granddaughter. Thinking about you every day. Miss you so much. - Granny and all the family, at home and abroad.

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

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
 Sunday 8th March 2015 11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche Oaths and Promises (Matthew 5:33-37) Pastor Ross Ferguson
 Wednesday 11th March 2015 10.00am Toddlers Group
 Thursday 12th March 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SCO14646

lochgilphead baptist church
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
 Sunday 8th March 2015 11.00am with communion
 Monday 9th 2.30pm Ladies Meeting Dr Alison Hay
 Wednesday 11th Messy Church 5pm mainly music Tuesday at 10am
 Jumpstart Friday from 10am Scottish Charity SC015187

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
 Services 8th March 2015 - all welcome!
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097 Moming Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
 Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665 Moming Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 Seirbheis Ghàidhlig Gaelic Service in Lochgsir Church at 3 pm
 World Day of Prayer Services Friday 6th March Lochgair Church at 7 pm Chalmers Court, Inveraray at 7 pm

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 Sunday 8th March 2015 Tarbert Service 11.30am Rev. Ann McIver World Day of Prayer
 Friday 6th March Church Hall 2.30pm
 Guild meets Monday 9th March Church Hall 2.30pm
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday 8th March Morning Worship Ford 11.45 am Mr. James Malcolm
 Friday 6th March World Day of Prayer Bellanoch 7pm
 Thursday 12th March Messy Church 4-6pm Living Stones Hall, Kilmartin, Thursday 12th March Stated General Meeting 7.30pm Kilmartin Church Hall All welcome SC0 02121

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 YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:
 Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.
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 Scottish Prayer Book
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 Father Simon Mackenzie Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran 01546 602315

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 Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SC0002876)

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 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
 Sunday 8th March 11.15 am Service Creeche Triple C Next Generation Rev. P Wallace
 Monday 9th March Guild New Hall 7.30pm
 Tuesday 10th March Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am Boys' Brigade Church Hall Anchor Boys 6pm
 Thursday 12th March Choir 7.30pm
 Friday 13th March Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

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

free church of scotland
 George Street, Campbeltown
 Sunday 8th March 11.15am Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie
 11.15am Sunday School
 Wednesday 11th March 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer 2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Cafe
 All Welcome
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.com Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
 Saturday 7 March 2015 Quarterly Prayer Gathering 9.30-9.45am: Tea or Coffee 10.00am: Praise & Prayer followed by snack lunch
 Sunday 8 March 2015 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "Behold I stand at the door and knock"
 Thursday 12 March 2015 10.00am Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC0011002
 Sunday 8 March Tayvallich Church Morning Worship 10 am James Malcolm
 Friday 6 March World Day of Prayer Service Bellanoch Church 7 pm Thursday 12 March Messy Church 4 - 6 pm Living Stones, Kilmartin All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/mknapdalecofs

Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church:
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 Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent 10.45am Holy Communion All Welcome
 Details of services are on the church door
 Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Highland Parish Church
 SCO02493
 Sunday 8th March The service will be held in the Church at 11.15am And will be led by Elizabeth Kennedy
 Saturday 14th March Concert in Kirk Street Hall at 7.30pm
 Featuring Sequence Ladies Choir and Campbeltown Grammar Senior Student soloists
 Junior badminton club every Tuesday evening in Kirk Street hall. Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
 "It is good to sing praises to our God"
 Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald and Lupton please turn to page 23.

Sinclair hails cousins' putting skills

IT WAS all bickering and quarrels on Sunday as the golfers took to Lochgilphead Golf Club for a game.

Ross Sinclair got fed up with the time that David Sinclair was taking to line up his putt.

David had been trying to sweep aside a hail shower before he putted.

The putt was sunk and the pair moved on to the next hole to continue their quest to complete the round, squabbling all the way as they do each week.

Donald Carmichael, who can play the game, was particularly distracted on Sunday. Donald had left all of his golfing gear in his car, which stalled the game riling Ross even more.

James Scott watched the squabbling on the green with a certain detachment. He was focusing more on the game as he thinks he could be a good bet for the duffers' derby trophy.

All the while Tommy Angus misread the weather forecast, and appeared for the game dressed for a day at the beach. But it did not affect his performance.

Andy Law is used to the cross-country-up-to-the-ears-in-mud scenario and thrived in these difficult conditions.

However, Grant MacDougall did not have a good day on the green, whilst Alec MacAulay had a great front nine holes.

Results: 35 R Sinclair 32 D Sinclair 32 T Angus 31 A Macaulay 28 D Carmichael 26 J Scott 26 A Law 24 G MacDougall.

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Dolphins on the left and swimmers from Ardvreck school in the water before the gala started. 08_a10gala02

Mid Argyll Dolphins smash personal best times in Spring Gala in the MACPool

SPEEDY swimmers smashed their personal best times during the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) Spring Gala.

Mid Argyll Dolphins and competitors from Ardvreck School, Crieff posted a 99 per cent improvement in finishing times at the Sunday afternoon event.

Gala organiser Arlene Green said: 'Dolphin's swimmers were very happy with many knocking up to 10 seconds off their previous personal best times.'

I was looking for a few seconds and they all achieved well in the first gala in the MACPool of its type.'

All swims were two lengths of the 20-me-

tre pool. Full results for each gala race, excluding the relays which used mixed teams from Dolphins and Ardvreck, are as follows:

Boys' butterfly: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Angus Kennedy, Ardvreck; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Jake Spurway, Ardvreck; 2 Ben Maddox, Dolphins; 3 Oliver Summer, Dolphins; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Felix Maddox, Dolphins; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Ian Munro, Dolphins; 2 Lorne Barrie, Dolphins.

Girls' butterfly: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Aileen Barr, Dolphins; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Jilly Lefebvre, Dolphins; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Isla Sloan, Dolphins; 2 Alan-

nah Grieve, Ardvreck; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Ruby Bosomworth, Dolphins.

Boys' breaststroke: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Angus Kennedy, Ardvreck; 2 Christopher McCartan, Dolphins; 3 Jago McIntosh, Ardvreck; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Ben Maddox, Dolphins; 2 Niall Dundee, Ardvreck; 3 Charles Tuke, Ardvreck; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Felix Maddox, Dolphins; 2 Blair Morton, Ardvreck; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Lorne Barrie, Dolphins.

Girls' breaststroke: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Anya Gritten, Dolphins; 2 Constance Tough, Ardvreck; 3 Amelia Colquhoun, Ardvreck; 10 and 11-year-

olds: 1 Brooke McDermott, Ardvreck; 2 Jagoda Chmielewska, Dolphins; 3 Arasi Kasirajan, Dolphins; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Megan Dawson, Dolphins; 2 Alannah Grieve, Ardvreck; 3 Joey Luxmore, Dolphins; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Rachel Bolwell, Dolphins.

Boys' backstroke: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Christopher McCartan, Dolphins; 2 Jago McIntosh, Ardvreck; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Niall Dundee, Ardvreck; 2 Jake Spurway, Ardvreck; 3 Oliver Summer, Dolphins; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Blair Morton, Ardvreck; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Ian Munro, Dolphins.

Girls' backstroke: eight and nine-year-olds: 1

Aileen Barr, Dolphins; 2 Anya Gritten, Dolphins; 3 Constance Tough, Ardvreck; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Jilly Lefebvre, Dolphins; 2 Brooke McDermott, Ardvreck; 3 Niamh Kelly, Ardvreck; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Isla Sloan, Dolphins; 2 Megan Danson, Dolphins; 3 Niamh Kelly, Ardvreck; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Rachel Bolwell, Dolphins; 2 Ruby Bosomworth, Dolphins.

Boys' freestyle: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Angus Kennedy, Ardvreck; 2 Christopher McCartan, Dolphins; 3 Jago McIntosh, Ardvreck; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Jake Spurway, Ardvreck; 2 Niall Dun-

de, Ardvreck; 3 Hercules Bullough, Ardvreck; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Blair Morton, Ardvreck; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Lorne Barrie, Dolphins; 2 Ian Munro, Dolphins.

Girls' freestyle: eight and nine-year-olds: 1 Aileen Barr, Dolphins; 2 Constance Tough, Ardvreck; 3 Anya Gritten, Dolphins; 10 and 11-year-olds: 1 Brooke McDermott, Ardvreck; 2 Jilly Lefebvre, Dolphins; 3 Jagoda Chmielewska, Dolphins; 12 and 13-year-olds: 1 Megan Danson, Dolphins; 2 Isla Sloan, Dolphins; 3 Alannah Grieve, Ardvreck; 14-year-olds and above: 1 Ruby Bosomworth, Dolphins; 2 Rachel Bolwell, Dolphins.

Furnace fitness grant aided

EXERCISE classes will resume in a Loch Fyne-side village, thanks to a wind farm micro grant.

Members of Furnace community council voted unanimously to give £250 to The Fitness Furnace Club enabling it to run a six session range of classes.

Although the full commercial rate would be charged for two sessions each of fusion, tai chi and clubbercise, members agreed that a subsidy could be necessary to get them started.

Lottery draws

TARBERT football club lottery numbers drawn last week were, 2, 16 and 20. There were no winners. Next week's jackpot totals £900.

The numbers for Kilmory Camanchd Club were 8, 11 and 18. There were no winners of the £300, therefore next week's jackpot will be £400.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers drawn were 2, 14, 18. There were no winners, therefore next week's jackpot will be £200.



The winning team: Jack Campbell, Nicol Ferguson, Ivor Ferguson, Ian Currie and Scott MacAllistair.

The last of the big shots

IT WAS a full house of teams and shooters last Sunday for the final competition of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league.

And they were all trying to avoid the dreaded wooden spoon and go home with silverware.

There was a complete change of targets this time - the club had set up a flurry of clays all at different speeds and heights

to confuse the shooters.

There were no individual shoots as all five members of each team shot together, firstly going for 60 targets and then for 80 and finally 100 clays. The barrels must have been hot by the end.

After the first 60 clays Bob McColl's team increased their lead overall, but the team began to crack under pressure in the

two rounds that followed, as they lost targets.

The best team on the day was Ivor Ferguson's squad, winning the second and third rounds by some margin.

But did they do enough to win?

On Saturday night all is set to be revealed at the club's dinner and prize-giving.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils 1, Alba Thistle 2; Premier Division One - Dunoon 2, Rutherglen 2; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star no game; Jimmy Marshall Cup 2nd round - Oban Saints v Jamestown postponed; Coronation Cup 2nd round - Rosehill Star 2, Tarbert 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints v Haldane United; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Inverclyde; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v South Camlachie; Ferguslie Star v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1B - Roshill Star v Tarbert.

Kid on the Run

CHILDREN will be looking out their running shoes for the second session of Kid on the Run.

The Inveraray after school kids' running club, organised by JogScotland leader Fiona Corner, started back this week and will take place every Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm at Inveraray primary school.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT **£3050**

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
A Ronald Mill Cottage Southend
D Craig/I Soudan Albyn Avenue Campbeltown

All you have to do

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

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

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

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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Spot the
ball jackpot
now at
£3050!

No crowning glory for the Dookers

TARBERT AFC run in the Coronation Cup ended early against a good Rosehill Star side last Saturday.

The Dookers were keen to progress after reaching the semi finals of the competition in the previous two seasons.

Top scorer James Prentice was back after a one-game suspension and he partnered MacDougall in attack as part of a 3-5-2 formation.

Ferocious pace

The tie started at a ferocious pace, and after weathering some early pressure the Dookers found themselves in front when a Blair defence-splitting pass found MacDougall who rounded the keeper before scoring.

MacIver was seeing a lot of the ball in centre midfield and a well-worked exchange be-

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tween him and Ronald almost created another opening however Rosehill managed to scramble the ball clear.

A period of sustained pressure at the start of the second half gave the home side a number of shots on goal and produced a series of outstanding blocks from the Tarbert defence.

The Dookers were always dangerous on the break and with an hour played could have doubled their advantage.

Johnson played a one two with MacDougall that cut the Rosehill defence in half, however, his shot was saved well by the home keeper.

Another Rosehill at-

tack after 70 minutes resulted in another effort on goal which was once again superbly cleared by the Tarbert defence, however the referee decided to give a goal despite the ball not going over the line.

Worse was to follow when a straight red card was awarded to MacDougall for a robust comment towards the referee.

Counter attack

The Dookers battled superbly despite being a man down, playing on the counter attack as Rosehill continued to have the majority of the possession.

The winning goal arrived with just 10 min-

utes remaining when a Rosehill attack played into the striker on the right hand side of the penalty area. He made no mistake finishing low to the keeper's right to spark wild celebrations from the home team.

Deflecting

The Tarbert side created one last chance in the final moments when they won a free kick on the edge of the box but Prentice's effort went just wide after deflecting off the wall.

The Argyll outfit have an immediate opportunity for revenge when they face the same team again this weekend in a league encounter.

Tarbert squad: Martin, Johnstone, Blair, Talbot (capt), Ronald, MacIver, Johnson, MacDougall, MacNaughton, Prentice, Guy, Meechan, Liddell, Scott, Campbell.



Nikki MacDougall scored before being shown the red card.

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INVERARAY player/coach Garry MacPherson said his squad, reduced in size from last season, would be aiming just to stay in the premier league.

And despite his team being regarded as cup specialists, MacPherson remains tight-lipped over the club's chances of silverware this season, having been unable to add any new faces to the squad pre-season.

MacPherson said: 'We seem to have a smaller squad than last year, so we will need to have a consistency in team selection and have as many players as possible available throughout the season.'

'We have talented young players coming through but I think introducing them to the premier league just now would be too soon for

them physically. Technically, they are good enough.'

MacPherson explained there may also be a need for some re-organisation in the starting line-up this season, to spread his experienced players across key positions.

ONE TO WATCH: Halfback John Kennedy played his first season in the premier league last term and acquitted himself well. An ageing and under-resourced Inveraray side will be relying more on Kennedy and other young players such as winger Ali McDonald this season.

THIS season is looking promising for **KYLES ATHLETIC** after finishing fifth in the league last season.

The club has a smaller squad than some teams, but still managed a

mid-table finish in shinty's top tier last season.

Club secretary Mick Atkinson said: 'This year we are hoping to take what we had last season and build on it. I expect a good year from the team.'

The side won the Glasgow Celtic Society cup in 2014 and hope for more silverware this season.

With a couple of players departing, Kyles have welcomed back Andrew King, 25, who was injured last season.

Two promising players this year are Matthew MacColl, 26, a full forward in the second team and Gordon Whyte, 21, centre player in the second team, who may be called up to the first team when needed.

ONE TO WATCH: Forward Roddy MacDonald has consistently

been one of the club's top scorers in past seasons. Kyles will be looking for him to continue his sharp shooting as the side aim for a strong showing in both league and cup action.

STRACHUR are looking forward to the 2015 season with a few fresh faces in the team.

Manager Brian Dickie has led the players in a good pre-season training period, and they're ready and eager for the season to begin.

Last season, the side managed a mid-table finish after their 14 games in the Marine Harvest South Division One.

The club's aim is to build on last season and continue to playing the side's trademark fast, attacking-style of shinty.

Club secretary Colin

Cameron said: 'South Division One looks likely to have 10 teams this year - two more than expected - so it will be a really competitive division.'

'We are looking forward to getting points on the board early in the season and building from there. But it's going to be a long season with 18 league ties plus cup games.'

ONE TO WATCH: With a wealth of experience, loyal stalwart and captain of the club, James Roy, will be a reliable rock in the heart of the Strachur defence this season.

KILMORY will be hoping for an improvement on last year's performance in the Marine Harvest South Division One, finishing bottom last season, but avoid-

ing relegation due to league restructuring.

The Lochgilphead side travel north on Saturday to face Oban Celtic, a first fixture of the season for both teams.

Celtic will prove tough opponents, as they are hoping for promotion following a third-place finish last season.

By coincidence, Kilmory will also travel to face Oban Celtic in the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Celtic Society Cup first round on March 28.

Their other first round draw includes an away tie against Kilmallie in the Balliemore Cup in April.

No-one from the club was available for comment at the time of going to press regarding the season ahead.

Saturday's fixture will throw up at 2.30pm



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