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# Furnace villagers 'fed up' with lack of road danger response

A LEADING figure in the campaign to slow traffic through a Loch Fyne-side village says he is 'fed up' at the lack of response from either the Scottish Transport Minister or his department.

As *The Advertiser* revealed last year, residents of Furnace and people living in houses verging the A83 between Furnace and Minard are scared to use the roadside pavements. Speaking in November, Norma Jack, a resident of the row of houses at Coille Mhinnean, south of Furnace, said: 'I have a young family, and we are just to frightened to use the pavement to walk to school, particularly where the road is narrow. It's not unknown for lorries to have to mount the pavement to get past one another.'

Since then, a concerted campaign has been underway by Furnace Community Council, supported by the peo-

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ple of Minard, to have the existing speed limit between the villages reduced to 40mph. Transport Scotland instead intends to reduce it to 50mph.

This resulted in a petition - containing well more than 120 signatures - being submitted to Transport Scotland. Individual letters and emails have been sent to Transport Minister, Derek MacKay and his department.

Despite these appeals, neither Mr MacKay nor Transport Scotland have replied to the community.

Mike Masters, who chairs Furnace Community Council, said: 'There has been no response from Derek Mackay or Transport Scotland.'

'We are all getting a bit fed up with the delay and lack of response from them. I understand that there was another

accident on this section of road recently, (allegedly) caused by excessive speed at some temporary road works.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell has given his backing to local people.

After handing the petition to Mr MacKay, Mr Russell said: 'This is a long-running dispute, and whilst it continues lives remain at risk. There have been a number of accidents on the stretch in question and local people who use the road and the pavement as well as those who live adjacent to the accident blackspots are going in daily fear of their lives. Despite that, Transport Scotland remains intransigent.' Mr Russell added: 'I hope the Minister will realise that the strength of feeling on this matter reflects genuine concern about the possibility of

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## My heart's in the Highlands



Landowner Tuggy Delap of Cairndow, co-founder of the Fyne Ales brewery, is to feature in a new BBC television series to be screened on Monday March 7. More on page four. Photograph courtesy of BBC.

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## Register to vote

PEOPLE are being advised they may need to register to vote under a new registration system.

The old system had an electoral form sent to each household and the head of the household would fill it in and register everyone.

The new system means individuals have to register themselves, with 100,000 Scots have dropped off the register between March and December 2015.

The Electoral Commission says it managed to match 87 per cent of people with details held and they remained on the register. The other 13 per cent were asked to provide identification. The commission are running a public awareness campaign which will include television advertising between March 14 and

April 18. A spokesperson said: 'We send out a form every year to check if your still at the same address. If you don't respond and we can't confirm through other records, such as council documents, that you're still there, you could fall off the register.'

She added: 'We had a big rush before the independence referendum and there can be a bit of a lag changing people from old addresses to new addresses, so it is possible people were registered twice and this could account for some of the fall in numbers.'

People are reminded to make sure they are registered to vote. This can be done online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) and the deadline to register for the May Scottish parliamentary election is April 19.



Marine Harvest has operations at Carradale.

## Fish farming jobs go in Argyll

FISH farming companies Marine Harvest and Scottish Salmon Company are cutting 80 jobs after being hit by changes in the fish

farming industry. Two of these jobs will go in Argyll, where the company employs 52 people in a range of operations.

Lochaber has been worst affected by the restructuring, with 44 jobs losses coming as a blow to the area. Eleven jobs will go in Skye and Lochalsh, and 12 in Mallaig.

In the Western Isles, Lewis will lose three and South Uist two employees. Four jobs will go in Wester Ross and two in Rosyth.

The Scottish Salmon Company announced a fall in turnover in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Both companies have said they remain fully committed to Argyll, but the Scottish Salmon Company has recently put plans for a processing plant at Ardyne on hold.

### Site

A spokesperson said: 'It has been our intention to identify an appropriate site in Argyll and Bute to expand our current processing facilities at Cairndow.'

'Initial discussions had taken place with Ardyne Estates as a potential option.'

'Due to the size and complexity of the project, as well as oth-

er commitments in the business at present, it has been decided to adjust the original timeframes and revisit the project in the next 12-18 months.'

'The Scottish Salmon Company is very much committed to Argyll and Bute, we currently employ 161 staff across our marine, freshwater and administrative operations in the area and fully intend to continue our support and involvement, especially with the local communities in which we operate.'

Industry body, The Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, is

confident this is a short term problem and that the industry will quickly recover. Chief executive Scott Landsburgh said: '2015 was a blip in the market.'

'The longer term future of salmon farming remains extremely positive.'

'The industry has worked tirelessly to increase productivity and enhance processing in order to meet challenging market conditions.'

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## Police files

### Driving while using a mobile phone

POLICE stopped a car in Ardrishaig on February 24 at 2.30pm as the driver was using a mobile phone.

A fixed penalty notice was issued.

### Driving offences

A MALE driver was stopped for speeding near Dunadd Fort on February 28.

The man was issued with a fixed penalty notice.

### Theft

BETWEEN February 23 and 24 two 10ft steel doors were stolen from the entrance Drimlee Hydro station, Inveraray. Police are appealing for witnesses.

### Vandalism

THERE have been acts of vandalism on parked cars at Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrish-

aig, over two weekends. One was between 12.30pm on February 19 and 10am on February 20. The other was between 4pm on February 27 and 9am on February 28.

Police are appealing for information.

Anyone with details relating to the above incident should contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## Changes to council tax announced

FIRST Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced changes to council tax and an end to the council tax freeze from next year if the SNP is re-elected in May.

The Scottish Government would allow local authorities to raise the tax by up to three per cent a year. It says there will be some exemptions in place for those on low incomes and that up to £70 million could be raised.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'The progressive plans will see three quarters of households in Argyll and Bute paying the same or even less, while those at the top will pay a bit more to fund major new investment in schools.'

Highlands and Islands MSP John Finnie was not as supportive: 'In 2007, (Ms Sturgeon) said 'Labour's hated Council Tax is totally unfair, and any tinkering with bands won't make the system any fairer.' I think she was right then, and it is extremely disappointing she's planning to stick with the council tax after all.

'The council tax is regressive, it's unfair, and it makes Scotland's housing crisis worse by penalising development and repair. It has to go.'

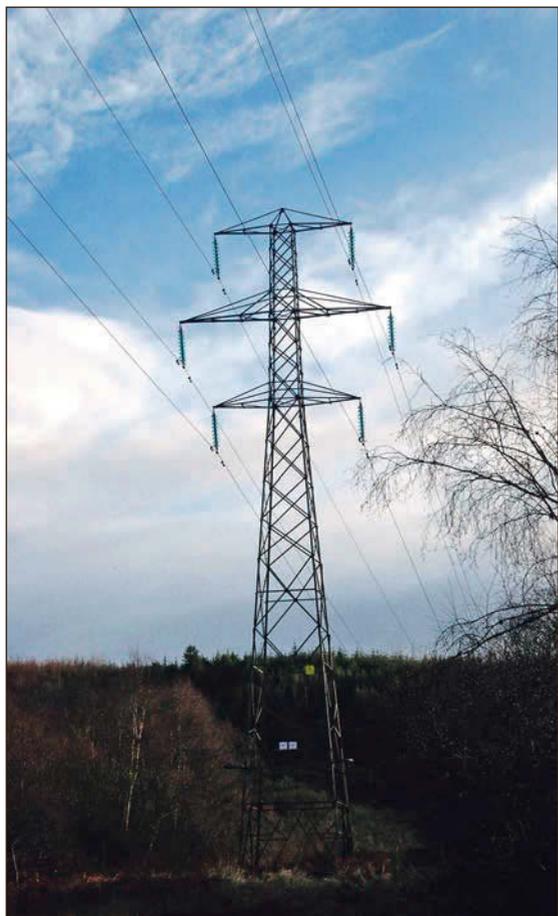
## 'Fed up' with lack of road danger response

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injury and fatalities if the current limits remain and will therefore act quickly to enforce a change of heart by Transport Scotland.'

A Transport Scotland spokesperson said: 'We are aware of the local community concerns regarding speed limits in the area.'

'We last wrote to Mike Russell MSP regarding this matter on January 5, and since then Transport Scotland has put considerable consideration to-



# Power to the people - new pylon routes on show

GROWING pressure on Argyll's electricity transmission network from renewable generation projects has led to a programme of line reinforcement, and now local people are to get the chance to comment.

SHE Transmission, which owns the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland, is consulting the public on three projects:

- Overhead line replacement between Inveraray and Crossaig.

- A new substation near Ardbrecknish and new overhead line to Dalmally.

- A new overhead line between Taynuilt and Ardbrecknish.

As part of the Inveraray to Crossaig project, a new 275kV overhead line will be installed, replacing the existing 132kV transmission line. A preferred route for the new line of pylons has been identified, and the public will now be asked for comments at a series of public exhibitions.

Jean Lewis, SHE Transmission development project manager for the Argyll region said: 'Over the last decade there has been a significant increase in

the amount of renewable generation looking to connect to the network which has led to us reviewing what network reinforcements are needed throughout our area.

'In Argyll, we have already reinforced the transmission network by developing the new subsea cable between Kintyre and Hunterston.

'Our proposals for further network reinforcements and what is driving the need for them will be set out at the upcoming consultation events we're holding. These proposals are at

various stages in development but it is important to us throughout all stages to get the views of local communities and other local stakeholders which is why we would encourage as many people to come along as possible.'

The first exhibition will be held at Inveraray's George Hotel on Tuesday March 8 between 2pm and 7.30pm. This will be followed by similar events in Skipness Village Hall (March 17); Village Hall, Tarbert (March 22); and the Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead (March 23).

## Expansion plans for Hollow Mountain hydro scheme

AN EXPANDED Cruachan hydro power scheme could mean 800 jobs and a 10-year programme of works, if operator Scottish Power secures planning permission.

A two-year feasibility study concluded it would be possible to increase the capacity of the 440 megawatt pumped storage hydro electric plant, near Oban.

The findings show it would be possible to develop between 400-600 MW additional capacity, with investment of

between £300 million to £400 million.

A new cavern would need to be excavated within Ben Cruachan and new dams could be built to increase the capacity of the upper reservoir.

Cruachan can produce electricity for the grid in two minutes – or 30 seconds if its turbines are already primed.

Cruachan can also store power, reversing its turbines and using excess electricity from the national grid to pump water back into the upper reservoir.

Hugh Finlay, generation director at Scottish Power, said: 'A new generation of pumped storage hydro would be a major asset for electricity systems worldwide. As well as being able to further support peak demand, expanded pumped storage would also be able to effectively store greater levels of electricity at times when renewable energy output is high but demand is low. Pumped storage hydro is the most cost effective, large-scale electricity storage technology in existence.'

## Argyll bus firm victim of bomb hoax

AN ARGYLL bus firm is said to have been the victim of a bomb hoax in a bid to extort money from the company.

Campbeltown-based West Coast Motors, which operates scheduled bus services across Argyll as well as links to Glasgow, also operates

open-top double decker bus tours of the city. Reports suggest the hoaxer demanded £400,000 from the company.

A police spokesperson said: 'Police Scotland can confirm a complaint was received in relation to an attempt to extort money from a

private business. Police Scotland treats all complaints of this nature seriously. The complaint was investigated and found to be a hoax.'

West Coast Motors was approached for comment, but had not responded as *The Advertiser* went to press.



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# No small beer for this lady laird

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THE LAND around Achadunan has been in her family for more than a century and Tuggy Delap has no intention of handing on the estate to the fifth generation in anything less than rude health.

A thriving brewery now provides a solid financial basis for running the estate and its future appears bright.

But it wasn't always the case. When Tuggy and her husband Jonny returned and took over the running of Achadunan, near Cairndow, in 1992, the farming industry was in decline.

A once-thriving sheep producing corner of Argyll had fallen on tougher times and prospects appeared bleak.

Wind back the clock half a century and there were perhaps 17 shepherds and many other staff employed on Ardinglas Estate, which ran around upper Loch Fyne between Dunderave in the west to St Catherines

towards Lochgoilhead in the east, including Glen Fyne and the hills of Glenkinglas, above Butterbridge.

The huge estate was bought by Tuggy's great grandfather, industrialist Sir Andrew Noble, in 1905.

The land was later divided between two of Sir Andrew's grandsons, Michael Noble and his brother John.

## Estate

Achadunan is part of the estate taken over by Michael, Tuggy's father and the former MP for Argyll, as well as Secretary of State for Scotland. Tuggy and Jonny moved to live at Achadunan in 1994.

Before long the couple were approached by someone about converting one of the farm buildings into a smokehouse. This never came to fruition, but what they were left with was a building with planning permission.

The family's 'lightbulb



Tuggy enjoys the fruits of the firm's labours in the newly-created bar area at Fyne Ales.

moment' arrived while Jonny and his sons were having a Sunday pint,

mulling over how to use the building in a way that would help support the rest of the estate.

Tuggy takes up the story, saying: 'It was me who eventually came out with the idea that we could open a brewery.

'Their response was; mum's obviously having a funny turn – let's just humour her.'

But after much re-

search and hard work, Fyne Ales was born, with the first 'Highlander' beer was brewed on St Andrew's Day, 2001.

Since then the business has garnered awards galore for its products and, in 2014, the family launched an expanded brewery, which quadrupled capacity.

Jonny passed away in 2010 and the brewery is

now run by Tuggy, with Jonny's son Jamie as managing director.

With a growing number of outlets selling the tantalising variety of beers brewed by Fyne Ales, business is clearly booming.

In conversation with Tuggy, however, it quickly becomes clear that her heart remains with the land and the river Fyne that Jonny loved so much.

## Cattle

Not far behind in her affections are her Highland Cattle.

With a 76-strong cattle herd and a sheep flock of 120, farming is still carried out at Achadunan, but on an entirely different scale to that witnessed in the mid to late 20th century.

Highlanders have an added benefit.

'When we first got the Highlanders in 2001, they fitted nicely with the brewery as rather attractive waste disposal units,' says Tuggy.

One of the principal by-products of the brewing process is draff – the damp remains of spent grain after brewing – which happens to be a valuable, and tasty, cattle feed.

Plans are also being drawn up for a deer park in Glen Fyne, adding another string to the bow and another revenue source.

'The brewery really started out as a way of providing the means to maintain what we have inherited,' concluded Tuggy.

'And if I can hand it on to my own boys in a healthy state, I'll be very happy.'

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## GRADUATION



CATRIONA DAYE

graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Nursing (Adult). Catriona is the daughter of Paul and Joanna Daye and a former pupil of Ardrishaig Primary and Lochgilphead High School. She has taken up a Staff Nurse post in Orthopaedics at Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool.

## Tuggy in TV spotlight

Tuggy Delap is to feature in a new two-part TV documentary – 'Lady Lairds' – following four female landowners and their families as they tackle the trials of managing their estates in the 21st century. Lady Lairds, a Friel Kean production for BBC Scotland, is due to be screened at 9pm on Monday March 7.

# Packed programme awaits at Argyll's 2016 tourism shindig

TOURISM is one of the cornerstones in the economy of Argyll and Bute, but how can we collaborate better to maximise opportunities?

That will be one of the main themes of the fifth annual Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) summit on March 15, aimed at people working in the tourism industry across the region.

Held during Scottish Tourism Week, this

year's theme will be 'Argyll and The Isles Tourism: Connected' – and the programme will explore 'collaboration and the day tripper economy'.

The Tower Digital Arts Centre in Helensburgh will host the event, and Calum Ross of the Loch Melfort Hotel will keep things moving along as the master of ceremonies.

The line-up of speakers is impressive.

Speaking by video link will be Nick Ferguson, chairman of Sky and of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum.

Ali Findlay of the Lane Agency will be launching AITC's CollaborAIT digital marketing strategy, with hot tips on how everyone can get involved.

Angus Farquhar of NVA will give an outline of the Hinterland project, linked to St Peter's Seminary: Kilma-

hew which will open to the public later the same week, launching the Festival of Architecture 2016.

Joost Van Der Made, Abellio's group director, strategic marketing and innovation along with and Cathy Craig, Scotrail's commercial director will speak on their innovative 'Inspiring Journeys' pilot initiative on the West Highland Line.

## Presentation

Tom Rice, of the Glasgow City Marketing Bureau, will give a presentation on joint working with AITC and 'City: Coast Connections'.

Chris McCoy MBE from VisitScotland will follow, with a presentation all about inclusive tourism, including tips on producing your own accessibility statement.



How do we reach markets close to home, encouraging people to visit beautiful Iona? Graeme Macfarlan of CalMac will explain.

Graeme Macfarlan of CalMac will present the latest thinking on the subject of extending our reach to markets sitting on our doorstep

Marc Crothall, CEO of Scottish Tourism Alliance will talk to delegates about Connecting2020.

Before all that, the event will be opened by AITC director for Helensburgh and the Clyde Sea Lochs, and chair of the Tower Trust,

Brian Keating. Mr Keating will give delegates a sneak preview of the newly-installed 50-foot, 39-tonne centrepiece for Scotland's first submarine museum, opening just a few weeks later for the 2016 season.

## Tasting dinner

The summit begins with the now-customary HIT Oyster Club six-course tasting dinner on the evening of March 14 at the Crerar Loch Fyne Hotel in Inveraray.

AITC is encouraging as many people to attend this extravaganza of food, wine and hospitality. Tickets or accommodation can be booked at [www.hitscotland.co.uk/events/2016/oyster-club](http://www.hitscotland.co.uk/events/2016/oyster-club).

Lunch at the main summit event is being provided by Food from Argyll, with support by VisitScotland.

Book your summit place at the [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) website.



Nick Ferguson addresses delegates at the 2015 AITC summit, held at the Ardgartan Hotel on the shores of Loch Long.



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## Replies from officials

IT IS disappointing that members of the public are kept waiting for months for replies from elected officials and civil servants about their concerns.

The people of Furnace and Minard have waited months for a reply from the powers-that-be about changing the speed limit to make the area safer. Elected officials perhaps need reminding that their constituents' concerns are very important to those involved and deserve a considered and timely response.

## Voter registration

IT IS important for everyone eligible to vote in the Scottish election, and the subsequent referendum on membership of the European Union, to make sure they are registered.

This is your chance to make your voice heard and no-one should lose it through being taken off the register due to the new register system.

Checking only takes a few minutes online. Remember also that over-16s are now eligible to vote in Scottish elections.

## Dance performances

MID Argyll seems to have embraced dance recently with KaSt and Dalriada Dance performing to a packed hall in Ardrishaig on February 27 and Plan B also coming to Ardrishaig on March 11 and Craignish the following day.

The sell-out audience enjoyed Dalriada as much as they enjoyed the professional dance company. Well done to them and best of luck in their performance in YDance in Glasgow tomorrow, March 8.

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## A83 resurfacing

Sir,  
I note your report last week that a one kilometre stretch of the A83 between Argyll Caravan Park and Auchnagoul is to be resurfaced. While this is better than nothing, there are many more stretches of the trunk road network in Argyll which urgently require resurfacing.

The Scottish Government must allocate far more spending to the Argyll trunk road network, otherwise motorists will continue to have to pay out for repairs due to the damage caused by the many pot-holes.

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

## Parking ticket

Sir,  
Last weekend I was on my way to Loch Melfort to celebrate my 75th birthday. I arrived at Colchester Square, Lochgilphhead, just minutes before 2pm, in bucketing rain and failed to spot a parking time restriction sign as I ran to the Argyll Cafe to escape the deluge and to go for a spot of lunch. At 2.32pm I returned to my car to discover a Penalty Charge Notice attached to my windscreen.

There was no sign of the parking warden or anyone else so I went to the police station where I was told that this was a council matter and was accordingly redirected to the council headquarters in Kilmory.

This was not the place to discuss parking problems and I was further directed to the other council office beside the Co-op. I spoke to the supervisor who

said she could not take into account the fact that I was only a matter of a few minutes late in going back to my car. I have never before been issued with a parking ticket in over 40 years of driving. But for my not seeing the parking limitation sign in the pouring rain, I would still be ticketless. I was asked if I wished to appeal the ticket.

This I did, also paying the fine and I requested a little humanity on this a special birthday of mine plus a request for a refund. I hoped for a favourable decision but, alas the appeals officer wrote to me turning down my appeal. Technically I was at fault in not spotting the sign but I was only too keen to get out of the rain. I must say that bureaucracy in Lochgilphhead seems to rule.

How heartless was the treatment that I, as an old guy received, that I do not propose coming to Lochgilphhead again and will be letting my friend know regarding the heartless individuals in Parking Services hiding behind the rulebook. Talk about encouraging visitors to your town.

This really caused me a lot of stress and sent me to Loch Melfort wondering why council officials were scared to show a little compassion in my case.

**Alan Dickie,**  
East Kilbride

## Rural funding

Sir,  
There is a growing crisis affecting our rural economy in Argyll and Bute and the rest of Scotland. The industry has been starved of half a billion pounds worth of funding because of the SNP government being unable to organise a pay-

ment system that delivers our farmers their farm payment on time.

A system that I might add that has run up a cost so far that is £75 million over budget and still does not work.

Payments to our farmers were supposed to be made by December yet as we head in to March our farmers are still going without.

This new payments system has been a shocking failure with some of our farmers being forced to use their bank account overdrafts and sell off some of their livestock in order to make ends meet.

If this problem was affecting urban areas of Scotland we would see a much more urgent response by the central belt obsessed government to their failure than we are getting now.

The Scottish government must act now and stop making excuses.

Argyll and Bute and the rest of rural Scotland deserves better than this SNP administration.

**Alastair Redman,**  
Islay

## Budget response

Sir,  
I was very surprised to see SNP councillors Taylor and Horn claim in your last two editions they supported the money to improve the Tarbert football pitch and the regeneration of Mid Argyll. Your readers should know that at the budget meeting, these two SNP councillors voted against allocating council money to these projects.

It was myself and councillors Robin Currie and Donnie MacMillan, working together over a long period, who per-

sueded the council administration to find the money for these projects which we then voted in favour of. On the other hand, SNP councillors Taylor and Horn did no work on this and voted against the money for these projects.

The SNP government's decision to cut the council's grant by £8 million this year meant that we had to take a lot of difficult decisions.

The SNP councillors are refusing to face up to reality. They claim the credit for the regeneration of the football pitch, but at the same time they are also claiming credit for trying to save the alternatives, which the council had to cut in order to find the money for the regeneration and the football pitch.

Every council in Scotland is having to save money because of the SNP government's cuts to our budgets.

I say to the SNP councillors, people aren't daft - they know you can't spend money twice.

**Councillor**  
**John McAlpine**  
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# Funding thanks as Mid Argyll Pipe Band eyes up promotion to a higher grade

MID ARGYLL Pipe Band is practising hard as it looks forward to a new competition season filled with promise. Running any pipe band is an expensive business and without local funding Mid Argyll Pipe

Band would not be able to continue to thrive and to represent the community. Pipe band president Allan McLean said: 'The band committee and members would like to thank Ardrish-

aig Community Trust and Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) for money donated in the last year towards the running costs of the band. This is very much appreciated.' A recognised charity,

Mid Argyll Pipe Band offers a fantastic opportunity for local people to learn pipes or drums at local meetings, held two to three times per week. There is also a chanter group for beginners.

The band achieved third place in last year's UK Pipe Band Championships at Grade 4B and is ranked tenth in the world, of 58 bands, in the grade.

## Competing

Allan continued: 'The band will be competing at the British Championships in Paisley in May, before travelling to Belfast, Dumbarton and Glasgow over the following months for the UK, Scottish and World Pipe Band Championships.'

'The hope is the band will achieve promotion to a higher grade over the next couple of years.'

To help fund this progress, a ceilidh will be held in Ardrishaig Pub-



Competing at Cowal Highland Gathering in 2015. 06\_a36cowalgames12



Last year's band prizewinners and assorted members: Back row - Allan McLean, president, and Craig Lang, Pipe Major. Front - Rod Buchanan, honorary member; Tom Catterwell, most improved chanter player; James Dunkley, president's award; Fergus Langlands, most improved drummer; Donald MacLachlan, honorary member, and Rhian McCuaig, most improved player.

lic Hall on Saturday March 5, with Gunna Sound playing.

## Tickets

There will be a licensed bar, buffet and a raffle. Tickets can be purchased in The Lorne Bar, Ardrishaig, and Ferguson's Butchers, Lochgilphead. They will also be available on the door.



The band gets in some practice ahead of the new season.

## Welcome return of apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS are making a comeback - and they can bring real benefits to businesses and, of course, to apprentices themselves.

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) has been using National Apprenticeship Week, which ends today (Friday March 4) to highlight the advantages of taking on an apprenticeship.

One local man who took up the challenge is Stuart Anderson, who works for Loch Fyne Oysters at Cairndow.

Stuart said: 'I signed up immediately.

'Learning while you work is a fantastic way to further your education while getting hands-on practical experience.'

Throughout his apprenticeship he built up his skills and has gradually been given more responsibility. He says: 'I am now accounta-



Stuart Anderson.

ble for several departments, managing large orders, arranging transport manifests and ensuring the hygiene of the entire factory.

'My manager became ill suddenly and I was required to temporarily step into his position.

'The apprenticeship modules ensured I was

prepared and the situation was handled successfully.'

General manager at Loch Fyne Oysters Raymond MacAffer believes Stuart is a good asset to the team: 'Stuart has now taken on further managerial duties and he's testament to what can be achieved by hard

work, determination and dedication.' Chairman of SDS John F McClelland CBE said: 'More and more employers see the benefits that apprentices bring to their businesses.'

'Apprenticeships mean businesses can find the talent they need for the growth they want.'

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Plan B will perform a new dance show.

## Plan B comes to Argyll

PLAN B dance company is coming to Argyll as part of its UK tour.

It will perform a new dance theatre production called *And Now* which looks at where we are going post-independence referendum.

It reflects on the sea change in Scotland in 2014 – a tribe of lost children, full of charm, playful innocence and a hint of mischief enter a beguiling dreamscape. They find an ethereal Neverland where present generations glimpse what promises may be before us when we finally grow up – if indeed we ever will.

Plan B founder and artistic director Frank McConnell said: 'The piece is a witty and inventive take on what it is we want to be when we grow up. It is as much to do with decision making in early adulthood and the choices we don't remember making, as redefining the shape of the nation in a post referendum world.'

There is a performance in Ardrishaig Public Hall at 7.30pm on March 11 and Craignish Village Hall at 7.30pm on March 12. Tickets for both nights are available on the door, £5 per ticket.

# Youngsters learn about Noah's Ark at the Messy church

YOUNGSTERS in Lochgilphead learned all about Noah's Ark at the latest session of Messy Church held at Lochgilphead Parish Church.

The children got busy making rainmakers and masks of different animals that were on the ark with Noah and his family at the event on February 25. The group of around 12 children also watched a video of



Youngsters take part in the action songs.

the story. They played some jumping and dancing games before eating

dinner in the Parish hall.

Messy Church takes place on the last Thursday of each month from

4pm until 6pm in the parish church.

Children and adults welcome. The event is free but donations welcome to cover the cost of the meal.



The children enjoyed the dancing.

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## Get set for the boating season!

WITH spring in the air after a very wet winter, thoughts are turning to the boating season and also to preparing yachts and motor boats for launching. Whilst some owners will have been assiduously working away over the winter months, for many the work will only be starting now.

With an early Easter, it's time to make your work lists up, get equipment required together, don the overalls and get cracking! And even before the work starts, liaise with the boatyard re a suitable slot for launching. Not only will you then ensure you get in when you want but this will give a deadline to work to.

Remember the professionals are all on hand for both advice and to carry out jobs required. But book as soon as possible since this is their busiest time of year. Be prepared with the right tools for the work in hand. Add to this an array of rags, silicone and grease, petroleum jelly, lubricating and penetrating oils, cleaning products, brushes, wet and dry sandpaper, rollers and tray, degreaser, rolls of tape, engine spares and treatments for your water and fuel tanks. It can often be a bewildering thought as to where to begin. But consider what the priorities are, start from the areas that will be under the water and work up. If time runs out, some jobs can be done when the boat is in the water.

### A good clean up on hull and topsides

Removing as much of the old antifouling as possible is important to ensure a good surface for re-application. Check the keel and keelboats for signs of rusting or pitting and wear at the keel to hull joint. Seek advice if there are areas that look suspect. Often the keel will need sanded and an epoxy protective coating applied. Inspect the rudder and skeg fittings as well as the propeller. Check for any play in bearings, stock or quadrant. Make sure bonding wires from the anode are sound and replace the anode if necessary. Grease shaft, steering cables and the log's paddle wheel.

Take advice from your chandler or boatyard on choice of anti-fouling which will depend on boat type, use and area kept. A wide range is available from specialist racing finishes to cruiser coatings. Apply according to instructions with a stronger build-up in high impact

areas - the leading edge of the keel and skeg and the keel to hull joint. Remember to paint keel and cradle support points before the boat is launched.

Then turn attention to the topsides and clean and repair any damage. When sound, apply a protective wax and polish well to keep the boat looking pristine throughout the season - an extensive range of products is on offer for all requirements.

### Engines

Service engines - both inboards and outboards. Most owners will get this done by a professional but if doing on your own remember to renew oil, filters, anodes and check exhaust fittings. Check engine belt tension and mounts are secure as well as the underside of the shaft - re bed if any leaks are apparent. With sail-drives the oil level and gaiter seal must be checked as well as earthing wires from the starter motor. Look for wear on hose and electrical connections. See batteries are up to charge. If they have not been on trickle charge over lay-up, re-charge now and monitor electrolyte levels

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if unsealed. Ensure the battery tray is dry and tighten securing straps making sure all gas vents are clear. Clean terminals and coat with petroleum jelly.

### Fuel Tanks and Gas System

Fuel tanks should be full from laying up. If not, drain water off and treat with a diesel biocide. Inspect the gas system regularly and thoroughly – alarms need to be working and ensure the system conforms to current gas regulations. Replace hoses and fittings according to manufacturer's recommendations.

### Bilges

Inspect bilge pump impellers and gaskets, grease and replace if necessary. With automatic bilge pumps, see float switches work and the strumbox is clear. Manual strum boxes should be pumped through to see hose is clear of blockages. Service seacocks.

### Deck gear

Decks need a good clean up of winter dirt. Service deck gear checking for wear and tear. Pay attention to stanchion bases for play and remove plastic lifeline sheathing to check for corrosion underneath. Inspect rigging looking for broken strands and any cracking at

terminals. Renew as required - boat insurance can be invalidated if it is suspect.

Before the mast is stepped look over the instrumentation and furling equipment at the masthead in case work is required. Overhaul winches and strip down any that are seized - soak components in degreaser and re-grease. Springs and pawls need a light oil.

Look at your warps and sheets and replace if worn. Similarly, look for corrosion on anchors and chain. Clean manual windlasses, check for wear and grease. Remove the gypsy in powered versions, grease the drum, look at the foot switch for wear, clean and grease electrical connections.

All wood on deck, teak slats etc should be oiled or varnished and paintwork touched up and stainless polished. This is an ideal time for maintenance of spray hoods and other cockpit coverings.



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**Interior**

Even if the interior was cleaned at lay-up it will probably need another wipe over. Most owners have a de-humidifier and heater installed over the winter so everything should be dry. Pump fresh water through the water tank and then fill for use and add a purifier. Add some washing up liquid to lubricate the hoses on the heads and pump through a few times.

Inspect central heating systems and reinstall VHF, navigation and other equipment etc removed for winter storage.

**Safety equipment**

If not already done, check all safety equipment. Lives may depend on it. Inspect fire extinguishers, flares, life-rafts, life-jackets, rubber dinghies. Replace or repair if in any doubt as to condition. Invert MOB lights to see they work and change bulb and batteries if not. Some WD40 on the copper contact strip inside will ensure good connection. Silicone grease rubber seals. An RNLI safety check is available free of charge to see if your safety and other equipment aboard the boat is up to scratch. Lifeboat stations will check your lifejackets. Make an inventory of where safety equipment is stored

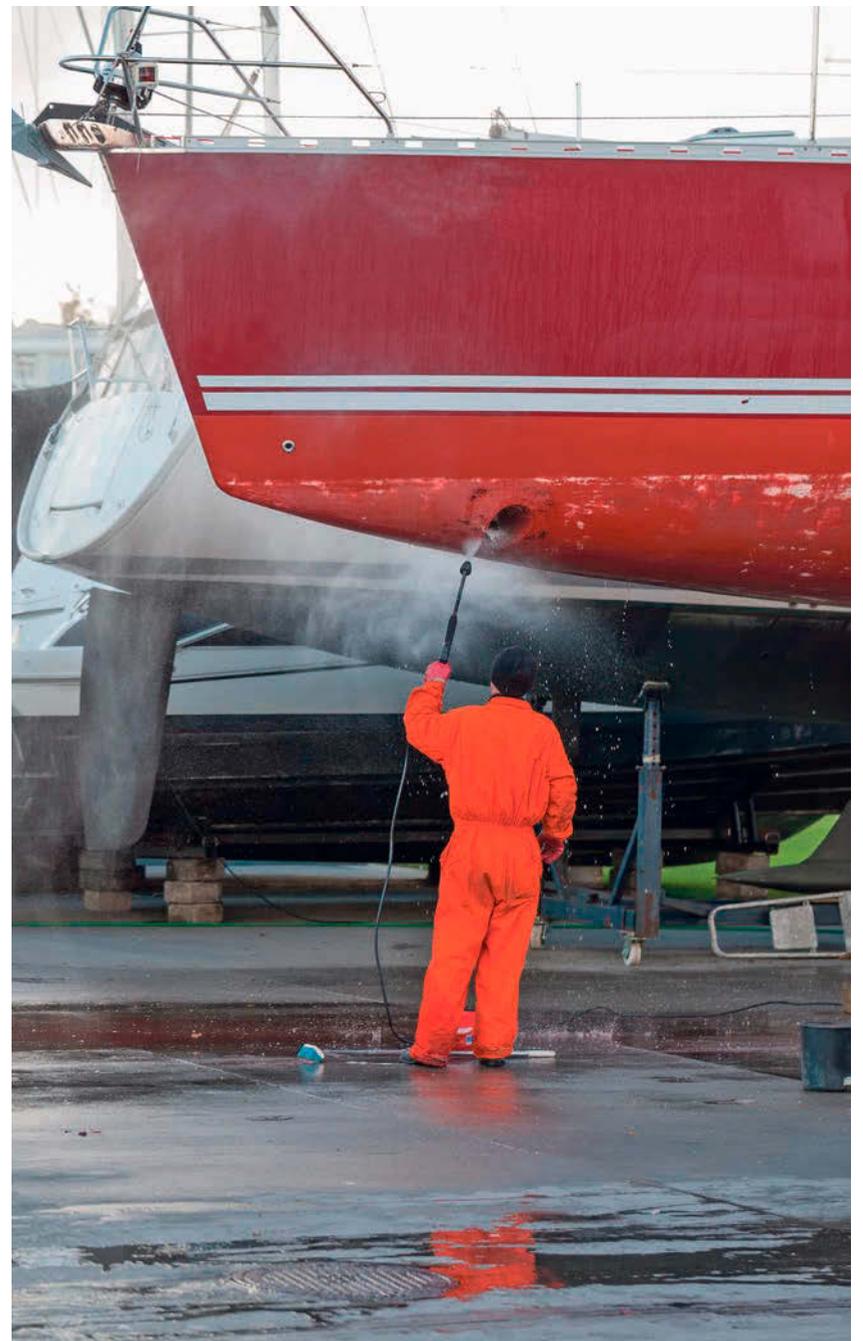
and display prominently in boat - items can be then be found quickly and easily in an emergency.

**Sails, sprayhoods and cushions**

Check sails, sprayhoods and other outdoor canvas for wear - it is always advisable to get a sail-maker/sail loft to attend to this. Similarly, clean your berth cushions as required - the interior should be fresh and inviting for the start of the 2016 season.

**Take advice from the experts**

Always remember there is professional advice on hand from boatyards, engineers, marine service and repair firms as well as chandlers and sail-makers. Each has their own area of expertise and don't hesitate to contact them for advice and to carry out work as required. Now thoughts can turn to planning your activities on the water - whether it be cruising, fishing, pottering or racing in your boat. Enjoy a safe and successful 2016 season!



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## TV look into Sybil and George's farming life

A WELL-known north Argyll farming couple are to feature in a major new BBC documentary series.

'This Farming Life', a 12-part series, follows the struggles and triumphs of five very different farming families in some of Scotland's most beautiful and remote landscapes.

The series will follow the ups and downs of hill farming life for Sybil and George MacPherson on Brackley Farm, Dalmally.

Filmed over a year, the series opens in the autumn of 2014 when preparations for tupping time are well under way for sheep farmers across the country.

It all stemmed from huge public interest in the series 'Lambing Live', said Sybil MacPherson. 'Hopefully the series will help the public to understand what we do,' she added.

'Farming is our business, but it is so much



Sybil and George at Brackley Farm, ready for the cameras to roll.

more than that. It's a way of life that also involves looking after the countryside and taking very good care of our animals.'

### Terrifying

Sybil continued: 'The filming was terrifying in some ways to begin with but in the end we became quite friendly with the crew.'

'Some of the questions

they were asking really made us stop and think about why we do things the way we do them. It really was interesting.'

Other farmers featured include hill farmers Bobby and Anne Lennox from Shantron Farm, Luss, and ex-bar-rister Sandy Granville on the Isle of Lewis.

BBC publicity material tells us: 'Allowing

the cameras on to their farms and into their lives, the families featured are trying to turn a profit in testing economic times. Life, at times, is tough - but never dull.'

This Farming Life starts on Monday, March 7. The series will be screened over four weeks, with three episodes per week.

## Stirling prime sheep sale

AT ITS sale in Stirling on Thursday February 25, United Auctions sold 3,796 prime sheep including 3,043 lambs - selling to an average price of 182.4p/kg - plus 753 ewes and rams.

### Lambs, per head

Easter Ochtermuthill (BTex) £106; Finnmount (Tex) £98; Boghall (Suff) £97; Ormiston Mains (Chev) £96.50; East Bracklinn (BF) £86; Luckenburn (Char) £83.

### Lambs, per kilo

Easter Ochtermuthill (BTex) 240p; Loanhead of Duchally (Tex) 220p; Loanhead of Duchally (Chev) 209p; Strone

(Suff) 200p; Connachan (BF) 189p; Luckenburn (Char) 182p; Drimsynie Est (Mule) 181p.

### Ewes

Loanhead of Duchally (Tex) £119; Mer-ryhill (Suff) £111.50; Drimsynie Est (Cont) £110.50; Aucheneck (ContX) £100; Overhill (Chev) £91.50; Leyden (Mule) £86.50; Dunruchan (BF) £74.50; High Dunasherry (Swale) £60.50.

### Tups

Windyhall (Suff) £113; Raemore (Tex) £103; Drumaghinier (BF) £83.50; Aikengall (BFL) £97; Glendamphly (BF) £81.

## Sales spring into life

SPRING is on the way at United Auctions.

The auction company will hold its early spring sale of cattle and sheep at Dalmally on Saturday March 5. Around 250 cattle of all classes are catalogued to go through the ring, as well as sheep. The action starts at 11am.

The following Saturday, March 12, it's over to Islay for another early spring sale. Enquiries are invited for the sale of around 1,000 grazing bullocks and heifers from this fertile inner Hebridean island.

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## Dog warning as lambing season begins

AS EWES move closer to lambing, Police Scotland has promised to enforce the law 'robustly' around sheep worrying by dogs.

A new three-month Police Scotland campaign has been launched to raise awareness amongst dog owners about the devastating effects of livestock worrying.

The campaign will see Scottish Natural Heritage working with the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime - a group which includes Police Scotland, the National Farmers Union of Scotland and Scottish Land and Estates - to encourage dog walkers to use the countryside responsibly.

Inspector Jane Don-

aldson, Police Scotland rural crime co-ordinator, said: 'The advice to anyone walking and exercising their dogs in the countryside is to ensure they are under control at all times and avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing.'

'The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says dogs shouldn't be taken into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals.'

### Investigated

Announcing the crack-down, Police Scotland said it 'will enforce the existing legislation robustly, ensuring all reported cases of sheep worrying are thoroughly investigated and offenders reported to the procurator fiscal'.

Allan Bowie, NFU

Scotland's president, said: 'NFU Scotland is extremely concerned by the growing issue of livestock worrying across many areas of Scotland.'

'Figures recently obtained by the union confirm that the numbers of instances are on the increase, and this is very worrying.'

'There have been a number of instances recently where the losses suffered by farmers have been substantial, both in terms of emotional impact and financial costs.'

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IT'S A that fact-nearly half the population of Europe cannot see the Milky Way because of light pollution. And entire generations have grown up seldom seeing star clusters or even constellations. Even for those who live in rural areas, there is nothing like seeing the sky as our ancestors did.

There's something about astronomy that is deeply ingrained in human culture, going as far back as music, dance and poetry.

Coll & The Cosmos is a weekend-long stargazing astronomical voyage of discovery on Scotland's first Dark Sky island, the Isle of Coll. A sparse population, geographic isolation and outdoor lighting management make the night skies over Coll among the darkest in Europe, garnering it a designation by the International Dark Sky Association.

'With skies that dark, many deep sky objects can be seen with the naked eye. Some of these include star clusters such as the Beehive and Double Cluster, nebulae such as the Great Orion Nebula and the Andromeda Galaxy,' said George McConnachie, manager of Coll Bunkhouse, and development manager for Development Coll, which promotes the sustainable development of the island. 'The bright band of the Milky Way can also be easily seen arching over the night sky regularly throughout the year.'

The course, a collaboration between Coll Bunkhouse and Cosmos Planetarium, is presented by astronomers James Green and Steven Gray, who lead participants in approximately 10 hours of hands-on learning and sky

gazing activities using a range of observation techniques and astronomical equipment, from binoculars to large telescopes with Bluetooth capabilities. Guests will enjoy the six-metre indoor planetarium – a digital, in-the-round immersive multi-media theatre experience, so even if the weather doesn't cooperate, participants can get a virtual tour of the night sky in all its glory. During the day, gazers will observe the sun's flares, filaments and sun spots using Hydrogen Alpha and white light solar telescopes.

'It doesn't matter if you're a complete beginner or a budding astronomer, the event is suitable for all,' George said. 'The indoor planetarium and digital projector make an amazing classroom to learn all about the major objects in the night sky, but the highlight of the event is hands-on stargazing using an array of astronomical equipment. Visitors can also bring along their own telescopes if they need help learning to use them.'

Time off during the afternoon means that stargazers can become beachcombers, and with 23 beautiful beaches to choose from, there is no shortage of places to go.

Coll has amazing stretches of coastline which make walking an absolute pleasure, and bikes can be hired from the local post office. There is an abundance of wildlife all year round, with a wide variety of bird and marine life.

Coll & The Cosmos weekends for 2016 will run on March 19-20, April 4-5, September 3-4 and October 8-9. For more information visit [collbunkhouse.com/dark-skies-coll-cosmos](http://collbunkhouse.com/dark-skies-coll-cosmos) or ring 01879 230217.



## Love it or loathe it

Top of the list of the most loathed home improvement trends of the past 50 years is 1970s favourite pebble dashing, while coloured bathroom suites also made the top three.

### Most Loved Home Improvement Trends:

- Indoor-outdoor flow i.e. bi-fold doors, conservatories (58%)
- Separate dining room (56%)
- TV/music/cinema room (44%)

### Least Loved Home Improvement Trends:

- Pebble dashing (52%)
- Crazy paving (43%)
- Coloured bathroom suite (42%)

IT'S NEARLY spring, and fancies turn to thoughts of...refreshing the home and garden. What better time to tackle those projects around the house and get it ready for the summertime? Whether you are thinking about a complete renovation, a coat of paint to brighten things up, or simply sprucing up the garden with cheery pops of colour, our guide will provide the inspiration!

### Hot home trends for spring

Springtime is a chance to inject some new life into your personal space. From bold colours to metal trimmings, here are five home design trends that are set to be all the rage for Spring 2016.

#### Trend #1 Year of the Metal

The 1950s and 1970s are hot trends in fashion right now, and it is no different in interiors. The year 2016 will see more and more designers include all different textures of metals in their designs and furniture pieces. Accessories and decorative objects such as lanterns, vases, and mirrors will have metal elements incorporated in their design, reflecting back to the Golden Era.

#### Trend #2 The Spirit of Nature

The spirit of nature can be seen in some elements of Scandinavian style, particularly in raw wooden elements.

By leveraging a natural feel for winter, the 'mountain lodge' look transports you directly into an enveloping cocooning atmosphere, simple and warming. With this design option, the ubiquity of white wood modernized, all made cosy with comfortable materials (linen, mohair, cashmere) seen on the accessories (rugs, cushions, carpets).

#### Trend #3 Bold Colours

Translating to wall colours and ceramic backsplashes, the presence of vivid colour is back. Creating bold, statement-colour combinations, the aim is to use strong shades to create fluid movement from room to room. Hard textures like cement and wood are also playing a key role in this trend for contrast.

#### Trend #4 The Age of sustainability

From the padding in our sofas to the premium wood sourced for counter worktops, sustainability is at the heart of everything next year. Recycling, repurposing, reinventing and reusing are all things that consumers are beginning to consider when they make purchases today.

#### Trend #5 Outdoor Living Areas

Porches, patios and decks inspired by interior design principles are replacing the

traditional backyard. From decorating smaller spaces with greenery to turning expansive backyards into glamping adventures, 2016 should bring in experimentation with nature into the home, for example buying furniture that can be used indoors and outdoors. In terms of interior décor, wall decor, accessories and small plant life inspired items are going to be hot.

#### Get Planting in the Garden

March is the month for sowing seeds and getting the garden ready for the summer months ahead, which includes a general tidy up, some essential pruning and getting some colour back into borders and pots.

#### Plant a rainbow

Plant a rainbow of colour to welcome in spring by packing patio pots and filling flower beds with primulas and polyanthus. These cheerful bedding plants offer great value, flowering their hearts out for weeks on end to brighten your outlook on even the dullest of days. Deep purple, bright pinks and sunshine yellow are all part of the primula colour spectrum - colours that promote creativity, nurturing and optimism. Small pot grown plants are available now as Plant of the Moment in gar-

den centres around the UK, making them perfect for creating instant displays in any garden, patio or courtyard or as blocks of colour in beds.

#### Expert advice

Seed sowing should be at the top of your 'to do' list at the moment. Give seeds soil that is wet and warm enough and off they go, and the bigger the seed the deeper it needs to be in the soil to germinate. Some seeds can be sown direct into the ground, such as vegetables, whilst some prefer to be in seed trays and a slighter warmer environment to be given a good fighting chance.

If you grow your own, then now is the time to plant your bare-root fruit trees, containers and cold-stored strawberry runners. It's a key month for strawberries - planting and sowing seeds of alpine varieties. You can also start to sow seeds such as broad beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions, peas, spinach, salad leaves and Swiss chard outdoors in mild areas, but be guided by the weather. Sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergine and globe artichokes can be sowed indoors this month.

Really big seeds - or as we call them, Michael Parry, founder of Grubby Gardeners

mer flowering. Here's what the experts suggest for March's gardening 'to do' list:

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden. -RHS

March is when winter turns to spring so start your month propagating and dividing and then get planting as the cold weather becomes milder. It's a great idea to plant your lilies at the end of the month and make sure you look after your snowdrops. -Country Life

When buying bulbs, everyone seems to think of daffodils, tulips, crocus, but forget there's some great summer flowering bulbs too. Think gladioli, lilies, freesias, as well as unusual ones such as Sparaxis and Tigridia. They are super colourful and extra easy to grow. Summer flowering bulbs are ideal for dropping into any gap in the border, so if you've bought shrubs which haven't filled out quite yet, fill that space in the meantime with some bulbs. - Michael Parry, founder of Grubby Gardeners

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# Full house for KaSt dance performance

DANCERS took to the stage in Ardrishaig Public Hall recently to perform a variety of dances.

KaSt Dance Company was the main performer but local youth dance company Dalriada Dance also performed to the sell-out audience.

Before the performance on February 27,

Dalriada Dance also got to see how the professional dance company went about rehearsing for its show and picked up some tips.

### Great success

Both KaSt and Dalriada Dance are led by Katie Milroy and she and her partner in KaSt, Steven Martin, choreographed the dances per-

formed. Katie said: 'It was a great success.'

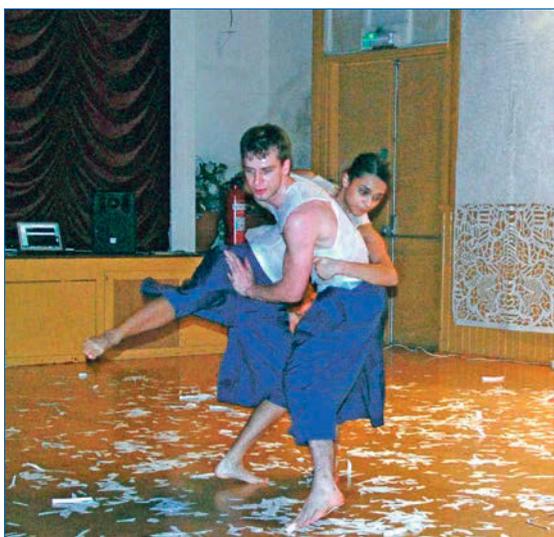
'The whole company had a brilliant time in the west coast and loved performing to such an appreciative audience.'

'Although it was a bit different from what people had expected, they enjoyed the very physical nature of the work and the music. They

seemed to enjoy watching the youth company, which has gone from strength to strength every year.'

### Opportunity

It was a good opportunity for Dalriada Dance to warm up before its next performance as part of Ydance in the Tramway, Glasgow, on March 5.



KaSt perform in Ardrishaig Hall.



Dancing the piece Fragile Papers.



Dalriada Dance performed.

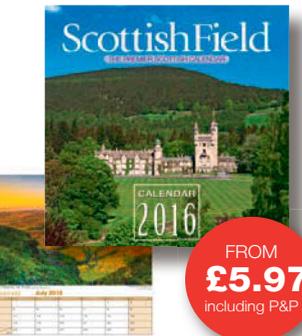
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## White Shore beach clean this weekend

FILLING more than 100 bags of rubbish is the aim of organisers behind this weekend's Tarbert beach clean.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust (TSCT), together with Tarbert Harbour Authority, set the target for

their beach clean of the White Shore on Saturday March 5.

Volunteers are needed. Anyone willing to help should go to Tarbert harbour office at 10am ahead of a 10.30am start. Groups will be dispersed around the shore from the harbour office to the White Shore. Armed with litter pickers and black bags, the mission will be to make a significant impact on the litter washed up over the winter.

Beach cleans used to be held regularly until 2011 and the organisers want to revive the tradition.

In a recent survey of path users by TSCT, nearly 60 per cent of replies highlighted that litter spoiled enjoyment of the path. The same survey said that 38 people would volunteer to clean the path and the shoreside.

One 10-year-old boy said: 'There is too much litter at the White Shore and if we don't clear it away there will be no White Shore.'

The White Shore path has been a popular route for generations. It is, however, in need of upgrading. The bridge is rickety, the path boggly and it is not accessible to everyone. TSCT is investigating ways in which the path can be improved by volunteers, funding to upgrade the path and finding an answer to the rickety bridge. The beach clean is the first activity to involve the community and bring the path up to standard.

### Warm welcome

Anyone willing to help tomorrow (Saturday), will be given a warm welcome, whatever age or ability, and they can go along for as little or as long a time as they can spare. Hot and cold snacks will be available at the harbour amenity area.

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## The battle of the banks vs building societies

SEVENTY-SEVEN per cent of building society variable rate accounts pay more than base rate, compared to 55 per cent of banks.



Bank variable rate ISAs have seen interest rates nearly halve in five years.

Bank easy-access account rates are down by more than a third in five years.

Average variable rates paid by building societies are 1.19 per cent compared to 0.88 per cent on similar accounts by banks.

Building societies are consistently offering better value to long-suffering savers than their banking counterparts, as rates continue to fall despite no movement in the Bank of England Base Rate.

Savers holding variable rate ISAs with banks have seen their interest rates fall by a massive 47 per cent in five years, down from an average of 1.72 per cent to just 0.91 per cent, while building society rates on the same products have fallen from 1.72 per cent to 1.25 per cent on average.

Those with easy-access accounts have also seen significant falls, with bank customers seeing their rates down by more than a third (36 per cent) from 0.91 per cent to 0.58 per cent

on average. Building society rates on these accounts have also fallen, but far less steeply from 1.03 per cent to 0.83 per cent at the end of last year.

Overall, building societies have more than three quarters (77 per cent) of their accounts paying more than the Base Rate, compared to just 55 per cent of bank accounts, a disparity which is remarkably similar to last year's data collated by Savings Champion. On average, banks will pay their customers 0.87 per cent in interest, while building societies pay an average of 1.17 per cent.

Susan Hannums, director at independent savings advice site Savingschampion.co.uk said: 'Building societies and challenger banks continue to show their support

to savers in the form of better rates. While the challenger banks work to entice new savers, the building societies work to keep their existing ones. The challenger banks are bucking the trend and without them the banks' figures would be even worse.

'It is clear that the traditional banks have little interest in encouraging existing or new savers to put more money with them, as the rates on offer continue to fall dramatically despite no movement in the Base Rate. For those savers who have an account with a traditional bank, it would be worth seeing how much better off they could be by switching.'

For example, the top variable rate ISA is currently with Teachers Building Society, and its Cash ISA Notice 90

Issue 5 is paying 1.50 per cent, way ahead of the bank average of 0.91 per cent and higher even than the average building society average rate on these products of 1.25 per cent.

Ms Hannums added: 'Talking about average rates gives a good indication of the direction banks and building societies are going, but it is important to look closely at what the best rates on offer are at any given time, and get them. This does not have to be a chore; it is one of the reasons we developed our rate tracker to help make this process easier.'

'People should vote with their feet and get a better deal for themselves, because one thing is for sure, if you are waiting for you bank to help you, you will be waiting for a very long time.'

### PLANNING

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](http://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.

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15/03316/PP	Change of use of land for siting of 2 portacabins	The Crystal Palace Furnace Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XN	Furnace Post Office
15/03385/PP	Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission reference 14/01943/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development -Borrow Pit 1) - to permit a partial restoration and facilitate continued use of the remainder of the borrow pit by Forestry Commission Scotland	Borrow Pit 1 Land at A'Cruch Kilmichael Forest Lochgair	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00267/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and rehabilitation of ruinous outbuilding to form additional accommodation, garage and workshop	Ladyfield Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XJ	Sub Post Office Inveraray
16/00372/PP	Removal of condition 4 of planning permission reference 15/00933/PP (Demolition of existing secondary school and associated outbuildings/structures and erection of new secondary school and piping pavilion with associated car parking, bus drop off facilities, playing fields and outbuildings) - in relation to noise levels	Campbeltown Grammar School Hutcheon Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

#### 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
15/03272/PP	Extension to public bar to create toilet facilities under beer garden	George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03273/LIB	Extension to public bar to create toilet facilities under beer garden	George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
16/00507/CONAC	Demolition of building (retrospective).	Old Joiners Shop MacBraynes Lane Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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 Ref: 813-SB

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## White is Britain's favourite car colour for third year running, as neutral palette dominates new market



FIGURES recently released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show white has retained its position as the UK's most popular new car colour for the third year running, with demand growing 2.2 per cent to 564,393 units.

Of the 2,635,518 new cars registered in 2015, 21.4 per cent were white, compared with less than one per cent a decade ago. The preference for white across most of the UK was not mirrored in the South East where more black cars were registered than white.

Blue cars also enjoyed a resurgence in demand, with more than one in six people choosing the colour. Blue used to be the nation's first choice of car colour in the late 1990s and, after a period of falling popularity at the start of the century, it has now seen three years of continued growth in demand.

Meanwhile, after eight years at the top between 2000 and 2008, silver continued its decline.

It now makes up just more than one in 10 new car registrations compared with its peak in 2004 when almost every third new car registered was silver. Overall, neutral tones continued to dominate, with black cars in second place after white and followed by grey, taking 19.4 per cent and 15.6 per cent of the market respectively.

But it wasn't all black and white, with more buyers opting to stand out on the roads with brighter colours.

The number of people choosing mauve cars rose by approximately a third in 2015 (30 per cent) to 12,414, taking the colour into the top 10 for the first time.

Demand for green cars grew by 31.2 per cent to 28,250 units to take its highest market share (1.07 per cent) for five years.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I TRIED to make sure that no-one saw me as I came out of the house and went into the car wearing my 'grey mouse onesie' which has a pink tail!

Soon, however, I felt totally at ease as all my other companions were also wearing onesies or pyjamas.

I was at Glenbarr school to highlight Fairtrade Fortnight, and enjoy the 'Big Breakfast'.

We talked about how breakfast is a very important meal and that it fuels us up for the day.

We also looked at the fact that by the time we have finished our regular breakfast, we have depended on over half the world for food.

Sadly, those who grow that food often cannot afford to eat well as they just do not get a fair deal on the world markets.

We also recognised how important it is to support our own farmers here in Argyll in all that they do to provide us with local food.

So we had cereals made from Chilean and South African raisins, bananas from Columbia, sugar from Malawi, juice from Brazilian oranges, tea from India, coffee from Kenya and chocolate from the cocoa of Cote d'Ivoire.

We enjoyed bread from the Argyll bakery, eggs and marmalade from the Bellochauty Farm Shop, Mull of Kintyre cheese, and wonderful pancakes made by Gavin.

We had a great time and staff, parents and pupils alike entered into the spirit with much enthusiasm.

The children then ran off some of their energy by playing the banana relay race and 'banana tag' while the adults relaxed.

The young people will now be going round the supermarkets to ensure that there are lots of products marked with the Fairtrade logo.

In this Fairtrade fortnight, please think of those struggling in this world of big business and help them by buying Fairtrade.

And you don't have to wear your PJs to do it, - but it is fun!

### KINTYRE

#### SWI quiz night

LARGIESIDE Scottish Women's Institute held its annual quiz night in Tayinloan Village Hall.

There was a good turnout with 12 tables competing and, as usual, the quiz was compiled by Helen Steel, Largieside President, who also took the role of quizmaster.

It was a very enjoyable evening with a lovely supper provided by the members of Largieside institute. The winning team, from Whitehouse, consisted of Michael and Dorothy O'Donnell, Tracey Priest and Peter Chambers.

Helen thanked everyone for coming to support Largieside and for everyone who helped in any way. Enid Williams thanked Helen Steel for, once again, providing a fun evening.

### LOCHGILPHEAD

#### Parish church coffee morning

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish Church held a coffee morning in the Parish Hall recently.

The event took place to raise money for church funds and was well attended with people enjoying the large selection of home baking on offer.

There was also some baking, jams and mar-

### INVERARAY



The Iain Cathcart Trio.

## Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club

INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club met in the Inveraray Inn for its February club night.

Guest artistes were the Iain Cathcart Trio, with Iain on accordion, Neil MacMillan on keyboard and Gus Millar on drums. They entertained the audience with a very well rehearsed programme offering a great variety

of sets. Supporting players were Fyne Folk - Nick MacFarlane on accordion, Sally Hall, Jake MacKay and Alex John MacLeod of fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

#### Moothie and keyboards

Also playing were 13-year-old Calum MacDonald on accordion; Archie MacAllister on fiddle and Don Pirie on guitar; Janet

Graham on accordion and Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard; with Jake and Agnes on moothie and keyboard.

Chairman, Niall Iain MacLean, thanked all the artistes for a most enjoyable evening and next week the club welcomes Leonard Brown from South Shields on accordion, accompanied by Malcolm Ross on drums.

malades to buy and take away for those that wanted a treat for later.

With thoughts turning to spring there was a bulb sale with tulips and small daffodils for sale at the event on February 27.

The raffle was popu-

lar as always, with happy customers leaving with toys, chocolate and wine among a variety of prizes.

### CRAIGNISH

#### Dead Stations

NEW production *Dead*

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On Friday February 26, 2016 at The Cruin, Loch Lomond, Hannah Jayne, daughter of Craig and Margaret to David, son of Alison Hagan. A truly wonderful day was had by all. Thanks to our family and friends for sharing our special day.

**GOLDEN WEDDING**



**MACMILLAN - MCCALLUM**

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**DEATHS**

**CURTIS** - Peacefully on February 29, 2016, at his home 47 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, with his family by his side, Charles Brian Curtis, in his 73rd year. Formerly of Kilmartin. Loving husband to Mary-Ann, devoted father, seair and brother. Will be sorely missed by all. Funeral service will take place in Lochgilhead Parish Church today, Friday, March 4, 2016, at 11.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. No Black Ties, please wear something colourful. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses and Marie Curie. All welcome.

**MACALISTER HALL** - Suddenly, after a long illness borne with courage and humour, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on February 23, 2016, Donald Diarmid Macalister Hall, in his 76th year, Torrissdale Castle, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Juliet, Niall and Kenneth and a loving grandpa and bubba.

**MACCALLUM** - Peacefully at the RAH Paisley on February 27, 2016, Marion Cleghorn MacCallum, in her 67th year, of 4 Weem Flats, Manse Brae, Lochgilhead. Loving mother of Ruairidh and Katie, and adored Granny Mac. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 11.15am, followed by a Memorial Service, at Lochgilhead Parish Church at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to Talking Newspapers & Befrienders. Please wear something purple.

**SCALLY** - Peacefully at Oban Hospital on February 26, 2016, Eleanor Mary Scally (née MacGregor), daughter of Iain and Eleanor. 10 Cuilfail Cottages, Kilmelford.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**DAVIDSON** - The family of the late Hetty Davidson would like to thank everyone for all their kind messages of support, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits. We would like to thank everyone who attended the Church Service and graveside. Thanks to Rev. Roddy MacLeod and David Eynon for their kind words at the service, and also Roddy, Fiona and the staff of Donald Macdonald for all their help and support on this difficult day. Thank you to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. We would also like to thank all the Doctors and Nurses who attended to mum's needs over the years. Special thanks to all the staff at Ardfenaig Care Home for making mum comfortable in her last few months. The collection raised £160 for Ardfenaig. Missed, loved and remembered always. John, Kenny, Sandra and families.

**HOLDEN** - Margaret and family would like to thank all friends and family for all their kindness and support following Bobby's death. Special thanks to paramedics and staff at A & E in Lochgilhead whose care of Bobby was delivered with such warmth and compassion. Bobby and the family could not have had better attention - thank you all very much. Margaret would also like to thank Mr MacGillivray of KJ Cars for all his kindness to her - a very special taxi driver. Thanks also to Rev. David Carruthers & Rev. Robert Macleod for conducting the service in Ardrishaig. Bobby would have so enjoyed the singing! Thanks to Mary, the organist; Jackie, the Church Officer; The Grey Gull for excellent purvey; Stan Lupton and his staff for attending to all the funeral arrangements with such professionalism, his help and efficiency were invaluable. Finally we would like to express our gratitude to all who came to the church and to the graveside to pay their last respects to Bobby, thank you so much for supporting us.

**MARTIN** - Janet and family would like to thank everyone for all their cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Elizabeth (Betty). Special thanks to Community Nurses and staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks also to Rev. William Crossan for a comforting service, to Kenneth Blair for his sensitive and efficient handling of funeral arrangements and to the Ardshiel Hotel.

**SCOBIE** - Jane Scobie would like to thank all family, neighbours and friends for their help, kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and letters following Kenneth's death. To Paramedics, Doctors and staff of Ward A Oban Hospital; Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient funeral arrangements and to all who travelled to Cardross to pay their last respects, where Rev. Dr Roddy MacLeod gave a very comforting service.

**SINCLAIR** - The family of the late Donald Sinclair, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the wonderful support and kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all emergency services who attended and for their efforts, to Matthew Ramsay for a fitting and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert

Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The donations for the Fishermen's Mission totalled £472.

**SMITH** - The family of the late Roida Smith would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Roida. Special thanks to Dr. Spink, district nurses, the paramedics and all the staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid-Argyll Hospital. Particular thanks to the carers who maintained contact with Roida after Norman's passing. Thanks also to Rev. Robert MacLeod for a fitting and dignified service, to Stan Lupton for caring and professional services, to West Loch Hotel for their excellent purvey, and finally, to all those who paid their respects at the church and graveside

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - In loving memory of my dear husband Joe, who died March 5, 2015. Remembered with love every day. - Margaret xx

**BROWN** - In loving memory of a dear dad, granda and great granda Joe, passed away March 5, 2015. Sadly missed and in our thoughts every day. - Love John, Lorna and families

**BROWN** - Treasured memories of a special dad and granda, Joe, who passed away on March 5, 2015. A beautiful memory, dearer than gold. Of a dad, whose worth can never be told. There's a place in our hearts, no one can fill. We miss you Dad, and always will. - Neil, Louise and Darren.

**BROWN** - In loving memory of a dear brother-in-law, Joe, died March 5, 2015. - Sadly missed. Mary & Willie.

**BURTON** - For our boys Paul and David. Always remembered with love by family and friends.

**CUNNINGHAM** - Christina Soudan, loving daughter, sister, aunt and great aunt. Born February 5, 1966, died March 7, 2015, aged 49 years. - Loved and remembered every day, Mum and all the family.

**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.

**JOHNSTON** - In ever loving memory of my dear wife Anne, who fell asleep on March 3, 2015. A little tribute true and tender, Just to show that we remember, Time may pass and fade away, But memories of you will always stay. - Love always, Eilidh, Daniel & Linzi. xxx

**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.

**MCGEACHY** - In loving memory of my dear wife Jasmine, who passed away on March 2, 2013. Missed too much to be forgotten. - Love John and family.

**MCMILLAN** - Gordon was taken nine years ago, we were not prepared but we had to let go. He is always remembered and forever will stay in our hearts and our minds every day. - We miss you G. x

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**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
(Sacrament of Holy Communion)  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
**World Day of Prayer Service**  
in Cumlodden Church on  
Friday 4th March  
at 7.30 pm  
**All Welcome**

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

**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
Morning Worship  
Glassary 10.00am  
All welcome  
**Friday 4th March**  
World Day of Prayer  
Bellanoch 7.00pm  
**Annual Stated Meeting**  
Tuesday 22nd March,  
7.30 pm Church Hall, Kilmartin  
The operation of the Unitary Constitution will be the major item on the agenda.  
SC0 02121

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
**11.00am**  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
**SPEAKER:** Graham McLean 'Changed'  
**Thursday 10th March 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
**Saturday 5th March 2016**  
9.15 for 9.30am  
Prayer Gathering  
**All Welcome to all services**

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

A Service will be held on **Friday 4th MARCH** at 7.00pm In St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church, Campbeltown  
**This year's theme – "Receive children, Receive Me"**  
Written by **Christians in Cuba**  
**ALL WELCOME**

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

**Sunday 6th March**  
Services in  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
and Achahoish at 12:30pm  
(including the Lord's Supper)

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead (SC013787)  
**Sundays 11.00 am**  
Eucharist & Coffee  
**St Columba's, Poltalloch,** (SC031391)  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 6 March**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
Mothering Sunday 11:30 am  
**Friday 4 March 7pm**  
Bellanoch Church  
World Day of Prayer Service  
**Saturday 5 March**  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall  
**Monday 7 March**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/mknapdalecofs

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Angela Stather  
**Friday 4th March**  
World Day of Prayer  
Tarbert Church 2.30pm  
Guild Meets Monday 7th March  
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
**Everyone very welcome**  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**

**LOCHGILHEAD**  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor  
01546 602380  
**All Welcome** (SCO002876)

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



**75 Longrow, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
11.00am Family  
Communion Service  
Mr John Ives, Southend.  
**Wednesday**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining in fellowship with  
Campbeltown Free Church for  
Prayer and Bible Study  
**Joint churches**  
**World Day of Prayer Service**  
7pm St Kieran's Roman  
Catholic Church  
Friday 4th March 2016  
For details, contact the church  
office on 01586 551200 or the  
Church Secretary on  
0586 551237.  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SCO14646



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 6th March**  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Morning Prayer 10.45am  
**Details of services are on the church door.**  
**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
**The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion**

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School  
followed by refreshments  
**Pastor Chris Holden**  
mainly music  
10.00 – 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
We meet at the Guide Hall,  
Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



**free church of scotland**

George Street, Campbeltown  
**Saturday 5th March**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
**Sunday 6th March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Dr David Ford  
2.00pm Explorers Club  
for all Primary School children  
**Wednesday 9th March**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe  
**All Welcome**  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

**Highland Parish Church**



SCO02493  
**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
The service will be conducted by  
Rev W Crossan  
and will be held in Kirk Street Hall  
at 11.15am  
Please note: There will be a Session  
Meeting at 10.45am prior to the service.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number  
SCO11686  
**Friday 4th March**  
World Day of Prayer - 7pm  
St Kierans Roman Catholic Church  
**Sunday 6th March**  
Service 11.15  
Next Generation Triple C Creche  
Rev P Wallace  
**Monday 7th March**  
Guild New Hall - 7.30pm  
**Tuesday 8th March**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 10th March**  
Choir 7.30pm  
**Friday 11th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
**Saturday 12th March**  
Guild Sale of Work  
Church Hall - 2pm



Campbeltown Corps  
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552046

**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Army Kidz  
4.00pm Evening Worship  
(please note change of time)  
**Tuesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
7.00 pm Make and  
Munch Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
All welcome



**LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 6th March 2016**  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
**Every Tuesday**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Final call for woodland votes

THERE is still time to nominate your favourite woodland for the Scotland's Finest Woods awards.

There are categories including community woodland, new native woods and schools awards.

Angela Douglas, Executive Director of Scotland's Finest Woods, said: 'We at Scotland's Finest Woods want to recognise the very best of Scotland's woods and all they can offer. We're looking forward to another exciting range of entries this year.'

'Forestry in Scotland contributes almost £1billion to the economy, so it's hugely important and our goal is to help celebrate that success by finding and celebrating the best examples of all the hard work that goes on - often away from public gaze and often over many years. There are several trophies and a total of £7,000 of prize money to be won so grab a short and simple application form and put your woodland forward before it's too late.'

You can nominate on the Scotland's Finest Woods Awards website until March 31.

## Kilmartin supports Smalls for All

LADIES of Kilmartin and the surrounding area recently rummaged through their underwear drawer for charity.

They donated almost 80 bras and 50 pairs of pants to charity Smalls for All, which will give them to women and children in Africa.

New and what the charity describes as 'gently worn' underwear can meet their basic hygiene needs.

The charity either donate or recycle for money and the charity also support a number of girls with their education.



## Winning dancers present cheque to Blarbuie

STRICTLY Lochgilphead winners Hannah Parker and Michael Allan have presented their cheque to their chosen charity, Blarbuie Woodland.

Each of the couples who competed in De-

cember's dancing competition were allocated £700 to give to a charity of their choice. Hannah said: 'It's quite a lot of money. I couldn't believe how quickly the event sold out.'

Grace MacLeod, director of Blarbuie Woodland said: 'Thanks to Hannah and Michael for choosing us as their charity.'

'We're building new paths around the woodland just now so the money will go towards that.'

**Patrick Harvey and Grace MacLeod from Blarbuie Woodland accept the cheque from Hannah and Michael. 08\_a10cheque01**

# Views on housing sought

ARGYLL and Bute Council is asking residents for their views on housing.

The council has proposed a local housing strategy and wants the public to give its feedback via an online survey.

All local councils are obliged to produce such a report every five years and get the views of interested parties.

Policy lead for housing at

Argyll and Bute Council, Robin Currie, said: 'It is extremely important that our communities are well represented. The strategy will set out actions and targets to improve the standard and condition of housing, as well as providing clear direction for housing investment.'

'It will enable the council to get a better understanding

of the need and demand for all types of housing, now and in the future, including the range of specialist accommodation required for housing support, and for aids and adaptations to enable independent living.'

'The report will help to identify any measures needed to improve energy efficiency, and the problems of fuel poverty which affects

a significant number of local households. It is therefore vital that the people of Argyll and Bute have their views and opinions heard so that changes can happen.'

A summary of the proposed strategy and the survey can be found on the council's website until March 13.

Hard copies can be requested from council offices.

## Budget cuts hit libraries

CHILDREN everywhere celebrated World Book Day this week but residents of Mull and Iona face a future where access for most to library books will effectively be removed.

The decision by Argyll and Bute Council to cut mobile libraries and remove school librarians prompted Tobermory High School Parent Council to launch a campaign. It's not clear how the cuts will affect the school library and one suggestion is a council-funded library assistant could run the library which would also be open to the public.

Retired Head teacher Caroline Wood comments: 'Over a long career I have experienced how motivational the access to a range of books is to the development of pupils literacy and learning and, as they get older, access to a qualified librarian. Cutting library services on the island seems to fly in the face of councillors laudable statement to maintain funding for the youngest and vulnerable members of our community.'

Mull and Iona Libraries Action group is looking into the legalities surrounding the council's duty to provide library services and has launched a petition to suspend the cuts.

## Furnace bra walk well supported

THE SHORES of Loch Fyne shone last Saturday as a parade of torches and fairy light-adorned underwear weaved its way between Argyll Caravan Park and Furnace.

The first charity Furnace Bra Walk saw 65 people take part, with an age range of ten to 80-plus years. Several dogs also participated.

On a lovely, dry but chilly February evening, the walkers set off at 5.30pm along the shore road towards Furnace.

Co-organiser Sybil Masters, of the Furnace shop, said: 'We could not have hoped for a more beautiful evening for the Bra Walk and the community effort was just amazing.'

A sociable evening of music, refreshments

and merriment awaited at Furnace Village Hall for the weary fundraisers. In total - with a little more still to come in - the Bra Walk raised £3,449 for the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow.

The walk was the brainchild of Sybil, but she explained: 'It really was a joint effort, and it wouldn't have happened without the help of Sharon McInnes.'

'Thanks for support too of everyone who took part and helped with things like raffle prizes. We also appreciate the support of our sponsors.'

The best decorated bra prize for men went to Mike Masters.

Best decorated female bra wearer was Eva Paterson.



There was colour a-plenty at the Furnace Bra Walk.

# Second half goals foil depleted Red Star

A DEPLETED Red Star side travelled to play Kings Park Rangers on Saturday with only 12 players available. Dougie Moore had to bring himself out of retirement and add himself to the bench for this league match.

The first half saw Star playing some nice football and they were looking dangerous going forward, creating a number of chances before K Moore was

<b>Kings Park Rangers</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Lochgilhead Red Star</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SAFL Premier Division Two</b>	

able to bundle home from close range to put Star a goal up.

Despite some good play throughout the match, set pieces would prove to be the downfall of the Lochgilhead side and this was how the equaliser came about. A free kick from

the right hand side was drilled across the goal with pace and met by the unmarked forward at the far post who headed past Kalache from close range to make the score 1-1.

Star continued to try and pass the ball and were rewarded when

McLean's through ball was met by Docherty, the forward was on his way round the keeper when the Kings number one pulled him down resulting in a spot kick but surprisingly no red card for the keeper.

Docherty dusted himself down and sent the ball into the bottom left corner, sending the keeper the wrong way in the process. The score at half time was 1-2.

The second half

belonged to the home side as Star were unable to deal with set pieces. The equaliser arrived when a corner wasn't cleared properly and after taking a number of deflections in the box, fell to the number seven who drilled home from 10 yards out for 2-2.

The match was an open contest now but it was Kings who grabbed the important fifth goal of the match, this time a smart breakaway

down the left saw the forward get his shot in which Kalache did well to save, but the ball fell to the other striker who scored from close range 3-2.

### Chances

Star were chasing the game now and had opportunities to pull level, but a lack of confidence in themselves saw them pass up some decent chances, both Docherty and D Moore went close

in hitting the post but the equaliser didn't come.

Kings wrapped the points up late on when the visitors were again found wanting as the Kings midfielder was able to head unmarked past Kalache to make the score 4-2 in a match that summed up Star's season so far.

On March 5, Star are in action at home to Easthall Star in the league with a 2pm kick off.

## Sports club lottery draws

KILMORY Camanchd Club's winning lottery numbers are 3, 16 and 19. There were no winners of the £300 jackpot, so it rises to £400 next week.

Tarbert Football Club's winning numbers were 3, 9 and 19. Four winners shared the £600 jackpot, so it will be back to £100 next week.

Inveraray Shinty Club's winning numbers were 1, 12 and 19. There were no winners so the jackpot for next week is £300.



Last year's Crinan Puffer runners. 06\_a18puffer02

## Entries open for the Crinan Puffer Run

SCOTTISH Sea Farm's Crinan Puffer Run will soon be open for entries.

The run is 8.5 miles along the length of the Crinan Canal, from Crinan to Ardrishaig. As it is flat along the canal towpath and has beautiful views, it is popular with runners of all abilities.

Runners raising more than £100 for MACpool will be given the option of having their entry money refunded.

Entries open at 9am on Monday March 7 and the race takes place on April 24.

Entry information is available at [www.crinanpuffer.co.uk](http://www.crinanpuffer.co.uk)

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# SPOT THE BALL

## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1550

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

J MacAulay  
Bishopton Road  
Lochgilhead

M Ross & I Taylor  
Bolgam Street  
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. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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## Tayvallich wins Marie Douglas trophy

TAYVALLICH have been awarded the Marie Douglas Trophy for carpet bowls after two close matches against Lochgilhead.

For the first leg on December 10 Tayvallich travelled to Lochgilhead. Tayvallich were soundly beaten by 72 points to 33.

Tayvallich rallied

for their home leg and staged a remarkable recovery beating Lochgilhead 73 to 28.

This was an aggregate score of Lochgilhead 100-106 Tayvallich.

### Outright

It is only the second time in 20 years Tayvallich have won the trophy outright with the other being in 2012.

# Cammanachd is coming



Action from an Inveraray versus Kyles match during the 2015 season.

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THE 2016 shinty season gets going this weekend, and there are some exciting matches in prospect across the divisions.

For the brace of Argyll clubs now in the Marine Harvest Premiership, there are no easy games ahead. For openers, Kyles will host Fort William, while Oban Cammanachd face a tricky journey to Drumnadrochit to play Glenurquhart.

Inveraray, this season plying their trade in the National Division, have a tough match ahead as they cross the Kyles of Bute to face an island side with a flourishing youth policy.

In south Division 1, Inveraray's second team play Lochside Rovers in Oban - again no easy task - while a Stra-

### SHINTY

chur team struggling for numbers will play Taynuit away. Newly-promoted ColGlen have another difficult proposition for their opener, travelling to play Oban Celtic.

Worth a mention, too, are a new team on the block in the form of Dunoon Camanachd.

The freshly-formed Cowal outfit will play its first league fixture when it hosts Glasgow Mid Argyll in South Division 2.

Lochgilhead's Kilmory Camanachd have a free Saturday this week.

All matches start at 2.30pm on Saturday, except the Dunoon fixture, which will throw up at noon.



Mike Leng and Colin MacInnes celebrate their win.

## Golf club prepares for new season

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club will begin its new season with competitions and subsidised coaching.

The mens March medal competition and lady's Nograll competition on March 26. The following day, March 27, the juniors take to the course for its Easter trophy competition.

The club is always keen to support members new and old and is providing subsidised coaching. There will be ladies coaching from 5.30pm until 5.30pm on Wednesdays April 13, 20 and 27. There will be a general session for men, women and juniors from 6.30pm until 7.30pm on the same days.

For more information contact Ele Hunter on 01546 602381.



The Dolphins will host a spring gala this weekend.

## Dolphins to host swimming gala

LOCAL swimming team, Mid Argyll Dolphins, is looking forward to welcoming swimmers from all over Scotland for its spring gala.

Teams from Campbeltown, Fort William, Ardvreck School and Glenalmond swim club will join the Dolphins to compete and make new friends.

There will be 40-metre

backstroke, front crawl, butterfly and breaststroke. There will also be medley and freestyle relay races.

### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place and the youngest girl and boy will get a prize.

### Tea

Dolphin's families will host a celebratory tea for swimmers

and helpers before the other teams leave. The Dolphins would like to thank its sponsor Landcatch, the board of Mid Argyll Community Pool (MacPool) as well as

Graham Love, manager and Kirsty Young, deputy manager, and their families for supporting this event which takes place at the MacPool from 3pm until 6pm on March 6.

## Mystery man in Lochgilhead Accies photo named



Lochgilhead Accies. a09accies01

LOCAL man Jackie Stewart managed to shed some light on the unnamed Lochgilhead Accies photo in *The Advertiser* last week.

Jackie said: 'His name was Eddie Hannopy. He was a bricklayer when they were building Glenfyne Crescent in Ardrishaig.'

Jackie said there used to be football year-round in the area and when he was playing for the Accies there were

nine teams in the local league: Tarbert FC, Tarbert Athletic, Ardrishaig, Lochgilhead FC, Lochgilhead Accies, A and B Athletic, Kilmichael Dynamo, Kilmartin and Ardletten.

Jackie believes the Accies stopped playing in the late 50s.

*The Advertiser* was also told about another team from Cairnbaan made up of forestry workers names The Forestry Rangers.

If you have an old picture you are looking for information about or would like to share email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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