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# People power prompts a U-turn on grass cutting

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PUBLIC protest has prompted councillors to look again at plans to reduce grass cutting in Mid Argyll.

As part of a series of cost-cutting measures – known as Service Choices – last year aimed at closing a (then) £10 million funding gap, the council decided to reduce its grass-cutting services in some areas and stop it completely in others. In taking these steps, councillors hoped to save £18,000 from the budget.

A report to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee last week stated, however, that ‘significant representation’ had since been received by members and officers from local people complaining about unkempt and untidy

grassed areas resulting from the savings measure.

The various administrative areas of Argyll and Bute operated individual grass cutting schedules prior to 2016, so the impact of the cost-saving measures differed between regions.

At last Wednesday’s area committee, councillors approved a proposal to standardise cyclical cuts to 14 per year across all areas – a move nonetheless aimed at achieving the same overall budget saving.

The area committee also recommended that further detail be provided on the external amenity contracts across all council areas.

Councillor Sandy Taylor said: ‘This decision sees a return to

the frequency of cuts to that which prevailed before the Service Choices “cuts”, and the problems associated with that.’

He added: ‘All in all, this is a good outcome for the people and businesses of Mid Argyll, one which should see an improvement in ground maintenance in the year ahead. If not, we will revisit the programme again next year.’

Councillor Dougie Philand added: ‘This allows areas that were hardly cut last year now to be cut on a more regular basis, hence the reason for the cut frequency.’

‘This is also on the proviso that we, as members, get feedback to allow the new councillors for next year to take another look at this year’s outcomes and change accordingly.’



Working away to feed the hungry hordes were, left to right, Helen Rhodick, Betty Rhodick, Mandy Awcott, Sophie Maclver, Jan Williams and Linda Tighe. 06\_a10Rural06

## Tasty competition for Mid Argyll rural ladies

A DAY of keen competition for Mid Argyll SWI institutes was accompanied by some delicious

home baking, served up by some cheery volunteers.

Full story on page 12.

### INSIDE YOUR ADVERTISER THIS WEEK

#### Lively debate over police cuts

THERE was a frank exchange of views at a council meeting between a councillor and a senior police officer over station closures and the police presence in Argyll.

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#### Youth policing

ARGYLL and Bute has a new youth engagement police officer tasked with building community relations.

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#### Charity lesson

KILMARTIN nursery youngsters have been learning about charities after a visit to the Mary’s Meals shop in Lochgilphead.

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#### Skiff relaunch

TARBERT Academy students are helping refurbish a skiff.

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#### Mega marathon

A TARBERT woman has completed a mammoth marathon in aid of a cancer charity.

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## Number of homeless applications decreases

THE NUMBER of homeless applications received by Argyll and Bute Council has fallen by 15 per cent over the past five years.

The council's policy lead for housing, Councillor Robin Currie, said: 'There are now a wider range of housing options for people living in Argyll and Bute. The council provides people with advice at an early stage which helps us address any concerns that could have caused more significant problems at a later date if they had been left.'

Some 47 per cent of households given housing options advice at an early stage were assisted to remain in their current accommodation.

# Meet Argyll and Bute's new youth engagement officer

POLICE Scotland is appointing youth engagement officers around Argyll and Bute as part of nationwide plan to strengthen relationships between communities, young people and local police.

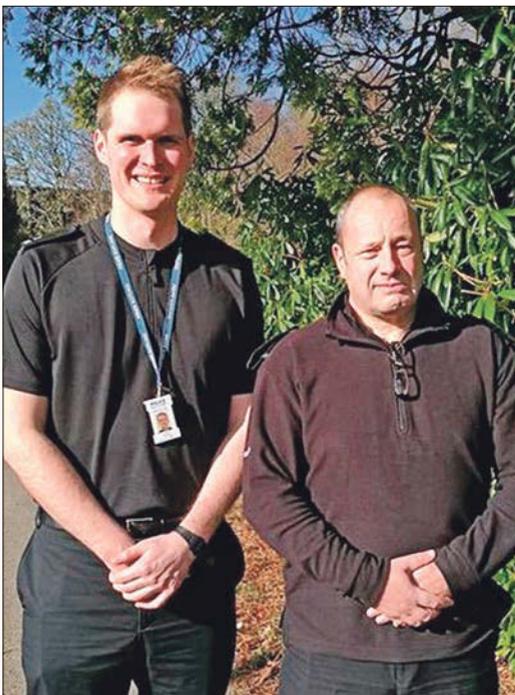
PC Craig Stamp, 28, is the first youth engagement officer to be appointed in the region and is based in Helensburgh. Speaking about his duties in the role, PC Stamp explained: 'My job is to try to break down barriers and stereotypes between the police and youths in Argyll by being a visible presence around schools and communities.'

Anti-social behaviour and youth disorder

are important issues of engagement for PC Stamp, who aims to work with other organisations in the community to prevent such activity.

PC Stamp also believes teaching young people about internet safety and the dangers of cyber-bullying and online crime is more important than ever and wants to promote the 'Don't know? Click No' campaign.

Two more youth engagement officers are set to be appointed in Dunoon and Oban in the near future. Divisional Commander for Argyll, Grant Manders, however, is hopeful that a similar scheme and position will be set up in Lochgilhead.



PC Craig Stamp with Chief Superintendent and Divisional Commander for Argyll and West Dumbartonshire, Grant Manders.

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## Police files

### Careless driving

AT 8.40am on Monday February 27, on the A83 about four miles south of Tarbert, a blue Honda Civic car was being driven carelessly.

The 53-year-old male driver was traced and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### No MOT

A CAR stopped by police on the A83 was found to have no MOT.

Officers stopped the vehicle at 12.55pm on Monday February 27 at Inverneill.

A 33-year-old man was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

### Cars damaged

SOMETIME between 8.30pm on Tuesday February 28 and 7.30am on Wednesday March 1, a silver Honda Civic, parked in Lorne Street, Lochgilhead, was scratched along the passenger side doors.

The car also had all four tyres deflated. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

BETWEEN 7.15pm on Tuesday February 28 and 11.45am on Wednesday March 1, a black Fiat Punto,

parked in MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilhead, was scratched along the driver side wing.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Witness appeal

POLICE are seeking witnesses after a white Honda Civic car was reportedly driven at excessive speed and in a dangerous manner, which caused another motorist to have to brake sharply to avoid a collision.

The alleged incident happened at 4.05pm on Wednesday March 1 on the A83 about two miles north of Tarbert.

Any witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Disturbance

REPORTS were received by police of a disturbance at a house in MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilhead, at about 8am on Thursday March 2.

A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour, vandalism and driving under the influence of drugs.

He was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Assault

AT AROUND 8am on Friday March 3, at the bus stop near the Ardrishaig Co-op, a boy was allegedly assaulted by another boy.

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# Police station closures fuel fire during council debate

THE CLOSURE of local police stations was the subject of heated debate at a council meeting.

The performance review and scrutiny committee met last Friday, where police divisional commander for Argyll, Chief Superintendent Grant Manders, presented a positive report to the scrutiny commit-

tee, with crimes of violence figures having fallen while call handling was said to have improved.

Councillor John McAlpine quickly challenged Chief Superintendent Manders on the subject of ongoing police savings measures, which

includes plans to close village police offices, including the Tarbert station.

Councillor McAlpine said: 'I think we've been told porkies over years by the police about retaining a presence in local towns and villages.'

He went on to state that, though not based in Tarbert, there were a number of police officers who lived in the village.

'There is now no police station between Campbeltown and Lochgilphead, and it's all about centralisation. 'Communities have not been consulted over these cuts, and

there's a disrespect there.'

Chief Superintendent Manders responded to Mr McAlpine: 'We are the same as the council - we don't have any money.'

'I have made some tough decisions which had to be made. And there will be more to come. We cannot make savings without reduc-

ing head count, as this accounts for 90 per cent of our costs.'

He added: 'I have worked very hard to protect services in Argyll and Bute. If I sound a bit heartfelt here, it's because I resent any implication that I have been complicit in any diminution of the police service in this area.'

## Bird of prey watchers wanted

SCOTTISH Natural Heritage and the Heads Up for Harrier project are asking the people of Argyll to report sightings of hen harriers.

Hen harriers remain one of Scotland's rarest and most spectacular birds of prey.

The Heads Up for Harriers project wants to hear from anyone who is lucky enough to see these birds.

### Sightings

The project is led by the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime Scotland and encourages people to report sightings, as well as trialling nest and roost cameras, and encouraging land managers to retain hen harrier-friendly habitat.

Anyone spotting these spectacular birds is asked to email details to [HenHarrier@snh.gov.uk](mailto:HenHarrier@snh.gov.uk) or call 07767 671973.

# Russell urges health chiefs to listen to service users

FACED with a need to save £22 million - 8.5 per cent of the budget - over the next two years, health and social care chiefs want to hear from the people of Mid Argyll.

At a 'conversation cafe' or drop-in event last Friday, local health and social care managers were there to meet members of the public. The afternoon and evening event saw a steady stream of people visit Lochgilphead Community Centre to take part.

### Plans

The main purpose of the meeting - part of a series of consultation events throughout Argyll and Bute - was to discuss Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) financial plans for the next two years.

The board governing the HSCP, known as the Integrated Joint Board, will meet on March 29 to decide on a budget plan to achieve the £22 million savings required.

One of those who attended the drop-in was Argyll and Bute MSP

Michael Russell, who told the *Advertiser*: 'It's important that the HSCP consults people.'

'There is no doubt service change has to happen, but I am concerned about what is happening at Auchinlee [Campbeltown] and Struan Lodge [Dunoon] care homes, where the local communities don't understand the reasons behind decisions and

don't feel engaged. I am also willing to engage with the process if it is being done positively, and that's why I came along today.'

### Listen

He added: 'It is difficult for people to make sense of what the funding situation is for the HSCP, and I want to encourage them to do more of this, and to listen to people - the service users.'



Mr Russell discusses healthcare with officials and the public last Friday.

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## Cailean MacUlarig

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## Colin Kennedy

Your voice in Crofting

Five years ago a monumental moment in crofting happened... six crofters were elected to the Crofting Commission to see the internal workings of an organisation that had previously been led by government appointment. The change was dramatic for the first time people who worked the land were on the committee of peers. Who better to know how crofting should work than the crofters themselves?

However, the way crofting worked for government was not the way it should work for us - fair and equitably across the country. It seems to me that those of us elected to serve were to be silent upon the commission - and not speak out about the things that we saw inside that organisation that were simply unfair. We had six crofters who knew what had to be delivered to make the system work best. Of course we saw issues such as one area being allowed to do one thing, while other areas were not allowed to do the very same thing. A set of laws that were simply not adhered to universally across the country. While we all made some progress in the commission, I realised that we needed a governance review of the whole organisation. I had identified a list of all the wrong doing and took it to the government saying that we had to have an external review in August 2016.

In response to my request a maelstrom blew up and what I got for it was attacks in the media, and abuse. However those who set out against me - calling for my resignation - did not have the rhino hide I seem to have. They couldn't get rid of Colin Kennedy and here I am standing again. Should you wish to retain an open, transparent, accountable and active area commissioner with your interests foremost in his mind, who will continue to strive to ensure the rights of crofters are recognised and that Crofters are treated in an equitable manner then vote for me. It is time to look ahead, with the vote to leave the EU it is more important than ever that you have a representative who has vision and understanding of the issues facing crofters who will fight to the last and deliver for crofters going forward. My in-depth understanding of the current regime sets me apart from others and be assured Colin Kennedy is the candidate to continue representing Argyll and Lochaber who will ensure your voice is heard above others within the heart of Crofting. As a real Highland crofter who continues to graft every day at the coal face of crofting while also representing your interests. Look out for the voting paper and return immediately, it only takes five minutes and in return for your vote you will receive another five years of dedicated service.



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# BT apologises after three-week Lochgilphead broadband fault



BT Openreach contractors at work on the fault last Wednesday. a10openreach02

HOMES and businesses in Lochgilphead left without telephone landline or broadband services for around three weeks have been reconnected.

A fault occurred on BT equipment in early February but, as days turned into weeks, frustration began to build as business and domestic customers were forced to make other arrangements to stay connected.

One Lochgilphead

householder said last week: 'We have had no landline or broadband in our house for three weeks now. Our complaint has been escalated to BT, and the latest is they need a multi-skilled manhole engineer to repair fibre optic cable.'

#### Lost

A Lochgilphead garage was left with no phone line for two weeks, but with intermittent broadband. But that service, too, was lost after a week.

A spokesperson for the garage said at the time: 'Now the broad-

band has gone also, we can't take calls, take card payments and now we have had to purchase a dongle so we can do MOTs. It's a joke and really not very funny.'

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* contacted BT on Wednesday March 1, and a spokesman for BT responded: 'A small number of customers in the Lochgilphead area may be experiencing a problem with their phone or broadband services.

A damaged cable requires complex work to repair it.'

BT Openreach engineers finally managed to identify and repair the fault on Thursday March 2.

#### Help

The BT spokesman continued: 'Anyone with a fault should speak to their service provider, who may be able to help with practicalities such as diverting incoming calls to a mobile phone where possible. Service providers can also help with any queries on compensation.'

He added: 'We're sorry for any inconvenience.'

## Gents to join ladies at institute meeting?

KILMICHAEL Glasgary SWI met at Kilmartin Church Hall on Tuesday February 14, where the audience was welcomed by the president, Heather Ritchie, and enjoyed a talk and slide show from Walter Ritchie on photography.

Walter told of his lifelong love of photography, from his beginnings with a Box Brownie up to the present digital age.

He concluded that photographs are simply a memory and it doesn't really matter if other people don't like them – all that is important is that the photographer likes them.

Business took place during tea which was served by Jean McIver, assisted by helpers, and a raffle was drawn in aid of institute funds.

Competition results: three spiced biscuits – Betty Rhodick.

The March meeting will be on Tuesday March 14 at Kilmartin Church Hall, where the talk will be trials and triumphs of starting a new business with Jennifer and Everett Jaime from Marmalade Deli in Lochgilphead.

This is an open meeting and everyone, including gentlemen, will be made welcome.

The competitions will be lime marmalade, a piece of weaving and three cheese scones.

## Aspiring teacher's top marks in new qualification course

LOCHGILPHEAD teacher Lena Carter gained an outstanding pass after completing the new Into Headship qualification and being awarded with the Standard for Headship.

Her final assignment is set to be used as an example of good practice with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI).

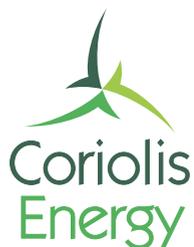
The 12-month programme focuses spe-

cifically on headship and the strategic leadership role which head teachers play in schools. It is designed to ensure aspiring head teachers are supported to develop and continue to build the necessary knowledge, skills, confidence and understanding that is required of senior leaders to successfully manage a school community.

Led by the Scottish

College for Educational Leadership, the course is provided by the UHI, with support from Argyll and Bute Council.

Mrs Carter started the course while on secondment as the education officer for additional support needs. She is currently the acting head of learning and teaching (secondary) at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.



### Blarghour Wind Farm Public Exhibition

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At the exhibition you will have the opportunity to view information relating to the proposals, and members of the project team will also be on hand to answer any questions. We welcome comments and suggestions that could help inform the design and layout of the proposed wind farm. Comment Forms can be completed on the day or returned as per the details below by no later than Tuesday 18th April.

(Please note that comments made will be to the prospective applicant, not the planning authority. There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the planning authority upon submission of an application.)

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# Kilmartin nursery visits Mary's Meals charity shop

PUPILS from Kilmartin Nursery visited a Lochgilphead charity shop to find out just how they can help those less fortunate than themselves.

Taking with them items to donate, the youngsters were excited to see how Mary's

Meals runs. Marina Campbell, manager of the Lochgilphead shop, showed the children what happens to the items they donate and explained what the charity does.

After learning all about Mary's Meals, the youngsters were

excited to go shopping themselves, knowing that the money they spent would help feed children less fortunate than themselves around the world.

The nursery pupils have been working on a Helping Others Project and visiting Mary's Meals was a part of this.

Nursery teacher Rosemary Neagle commented: 'The children listened really well and we would like to thank Marina for helping with our project. She gave us lots of information about what Mary's Meals does and told us all about another way we can help others.'

Marina Campbell said: 'It's been great having the children visit. They donated lovely items and saw how we process donations.'

'It is great for us to be able to help people understand a bit more about what we do and to teach young people the same age as them might not be as well off and how we can help them.'

'And maybe some of the children who visited today will decide to become volunteers when they're older.'

As part of the project the youngsters have also given their parents a hand by tidying up



Marina Campbell shows the pupils where in the world Mary's Meals works. 08\_a10marysmeals01



The youngsters got to buy new toys on their visit to the shop. 08\_a10marysmeals02

around the house and one pupil decided to help his dad with some fishing creels.

The pupils have also helped the wildlife by

feeding the birds and cleaning the school pond for the frogs but when this attracted a newt they decided to save some frog spawn

and move it to a special pond. They are now keeping a keen eye on the tadpoles, waiting for them to turn into frogs.



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## Well done, Elaine

FIRST of all this week we should offer congratulations to Elaine MacEachern. The 18-year-old has returned from her inaugural world championship motocross race with a placing well into the top half of the table going into the second round in Italy.

And that is despite mechanical problems and intense humid heat and rainfall.

We wish Elaine all the best for the rest of the racing season as she flies the flag for Mid Argyll.

## Tough choices

THE spirited discussion at Kilmory between a councillor and police officer over police service savings is entirely understandable.

We are living in cash-strapped times, particularly for our public services. Hard choices are being made across the board, and we, as service users, will increasingly notice the difference.

But for all the talk, over years now, of sharing of buildings, vehicles, equipment, staff, budgets and utility/supply contracts among public sector bodies, there seems to be nothing actually happening. The pace of this sort of fundamental change must be seen to happen at a faster speed.

## People power?

WHETHER grass is cut or left to grow wild is not the most earth-shatteringly important issue, but it is one that folk care about. It affects the look of our towns and villages, and therefore the wellbeing of residents and visitors.

If people power has played a part in the decision to take a fresh look at grass cutting 'cuts', long may it continue.

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## Young Tarbert people needed

Sir,

I have now completed 18 years as an active chairperson of the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre Trust's Trustees, and have decided that, at 70, I am no longer able to continue in this role.

I owe untold thanks to all those who have helped me over the years, and I hope that our efforts have secured a viable venue in Tarbert for the varied activities which take place.

However, I am sure that there are many in the locality who would wish to take this management role forward to bigger and better things. I have found it tremendously rewarding to work for the people of Tarbert and around, and would urge anyone interested in serving on our committee to attend the AGM on Friday March 24 at 7.30pm.

I shall still remain as a trustee in order to facilitate continuity, for some time but, looking forward, younger people are needed.

**Mary Smith,  
Tarbert.**

## Drop obsession with Brexit

Sir,

I do not know Alastair Redman, but from his regular letters I have built up a picture in my mind of an elderly gentleman, usually dressed in tweeds and brogues and smoking a pipe, who, many years ago, left his native Surrey to live

on a Scottish island on a romantic notion and now finds himself trapped on Islay with the drizzle and midges longing to go back to civilisation. His only comfort is to write his letters to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* decrying Scotland and all things Scottish. This may be wide of the mark, but I'm afraid that's the image that pops into my head when I see the name Alastair Redman.

I note that this week he is parroting the line used by all Tory MPs and MSPs and even the Prime Minister that the SNP government should drop its obsession with independence and get on with running the country. This has all the hallmarks of a strategy dreamed up in London by a spin doctor who has absolutely no direct knowledge of Scottish affairs. In the past two years I have had two major skin graft operations in Glasgow and I find it hard to imagine better care and attention. Secondly, my grandsons attend Lochgilphead High School, and every contact I have with the school I find it and the staff most impressive. Perhaps Mr Redman should contact the Prime Minister and suggest that she drop her obsession with Brexit and concentrate on running her country.

**John McCall,  
Lochgilphead.**

## Nominations sought for awards

Sir,

I write to urge readers to consider nominating

a stroke survivor for the Stroke Association's Life After Stroke Awards, a charity for which I am a patron.

Just like many readers, I know how stroke can turn a life upside down in an instant. In 2009, I went to bed with a dreadful headache and woke up with no sensation in my left hand and very little feeling in my face. At the hospital, they confirmed that I'd had a stroke.

I was unable to return home for three months and, even then, I struggled to write and speak. The hardest thing was being told I could never drive again because of my impaired vision. But, thanks to the fantastic support I received, I'm still here.

The Stroke Association's Life After Stroke Awards celebrate the courage and dedication shown by stroke survivors, carers, volunteers and healthcare professionals who overcome the extra challenges that a stroke brings.

**Hilary Devey CBE.**

## Welcome boost for Kilmartin church

Sir,

Many thanks to everyone who supported our pop-up soup and sweet lunch in Kilmartin Church Hall last Sunday.

We raised more than £220, which is a welcome boost to church funds.

**Linda Tighe,  
session clerk,  
Glassary, Kilmartin and  
Ford Church.**

## Congratulations to the Co-op

Sir,

The refurbished Co-op in Lochgilphead is a delight and a credit to everyone concerned.

**Neil Vassie,  
Lochgilphead.**

## Affected by diabetes?

Sir,

We are reaching out to people across Argyll who are affected by diabetes, particularly type one diabetes, to find out more about their experience of diabetes technology such as insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM).

We believe everyone has the right to the support, treatment and technology that can enable them to live well. We are calling on people who are living with, or caring for someone who is living with, diabetes to add their voice to our campaign, The Next Step.

If everyone in the diabetes community works together, we can drive Scotland forward to become a leader in diabetes technology and care so that everyone affected by the condition can live happy, healthy lives. This will not happen overnight but we are confident we are on the right path.

To find out more or to get involved, call 0141 245 6380 or email gavin.thomson@diabetes.org.uk.

**Gavin Thomson,  
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# Seeds event grows into something big



IT IS an idea that might just take root across the region.

Kilmartin Museum last Saturday held a seed swap event, where anyone could come along and exchange surplus seeds for new ones. Seedless visitors could also make a donation in return for seeds.

There was much more than simply seeds on offer, with willow sapplings, organic seed potatoes, shrubs and even

**Sally Wilkin with some of the horticultural produce.** 06\_a10SeedsSwap03

a bonsai Scots pine for sale.

The seed swap was supported by the Blarbuie Roots project, based at the Blarbuie Woodland in Lochgilphead. This scheme encourages people to grow fruit, vegetables or flowers on raised beds, which are available to hire.

Speaking at the event, seed swap organiser Sally Wilkin said: 'It has been a very good day, with a steady trickle of people coming in and out.

'We have everything from parsnips to petunia seeds, so there is something for every gardener out there.'



**Some of the wide variety of seeds available – but there was much more than just seeds to swap.** 06\_a10SeedsSwap02



**Ryan, Jack and Daniel with Chris Malkin, chairman of RNHT.**

## Wee Dooker set for re-launch thanks to Tarbert pupils

SINCE the Loch Fyne Skiff 2017 refit project was announced in December, each week Tarbert Academy has taken part in two hands-on sessions.

The youngsters involved – Kayleigh McNeill, Ryan Frew, Jack Heggarty and Daniel Sloss – have been learning how to make decking boards and clean a boat hull, as well as practising copper riveting, planing and sanding. Currently, they are in the process of coating the boat with Stockholm tar to preserve the timber.

All of these activities form part of traditional boat building, which has played a huge part in Tarbert's history as a major fishing port on

Loch Fyne. The young recruits have also visited Shemaron, the ring net fishing boat now based in Tarbert harbour and owned by the Ring Net Heritage Trust (RNHT).

Linda MacPhail, youth worker at Tarbert Academy, said: 'Participation in this project has given the young people involved a chance to engage in their local community and learn about their local heritage while strengthening and developing their skills.'

Within the next few weeks, Wee Dooker will be re-launched and ready for use this summer season, sailing locally and joining Shemaron as she visits events in the area.



**Kayleigh working on bench.**

## Argyll and Bute candidates contest youth elections

THE Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) election fortnight kicked off last week and young people across Scotland are being encouraged to vote and make their voices heard.

The SYP is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. The parliament's vision is to forge a

stronger, more inclusive Scotland that empowers young people by involving them in the decision-making process.

Four candidates are running for election in the Argyll and Bute constituency: Ailie Stewart, Jamie Murray, Alexander Hardie and David MacKinnon.

Young people aged 12-25 can

vote in the Scottish Youth Parliament elections during the election fortnight which runs from Friday March 3 to Friday March 17.

For more information on candidates standing for election, and details on how to place your vote, visit [www.syp.org.uk/stand4syp](http://www.syp.org.uk/stand4syp).

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# Staff changes at Craignish Hall ahead of Clod Ensemble's visit

THERE have been some significant changes in personnel at Craignish Village Hall recently.

John Saich has been appointed as the new arts programmes manager and has taken up responsibility for all theatre, music and dance programming at the hall, while Tiziana Tedoldi is now the hall manager.

Working with a committed team of volunteers, both new managers are planning exciting projects for the year ahead and rolling out the final few weeks of the 2016-17 arts programme.

The 2016-17 season will be culminating in style with a number of performances, most notably Clod Ensemble's award-winning production, *The Red Chair*, which has

recently featured on BBC Radio Scotland's Janice Forsyth show. The performance will take place on Wednesday March 15, starting at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend and get a taste of what's to come from John and the team in the future.

*The Red Chair* is an intimate new show from the ensemble and has a dark, original fairy tale at its heart.

## Ballad

The show takes the form of a surreal ballad that centres on a man who could not stop eating, a wife doomed to cook his meals and their invisible daughter. Writer and performer Sarah Cameron uses Scots dialect and traditional music to tell a story of compulsion, complacency and drudgery.



Clod Ensemble's award-winning show, *The Red Chair*, comes to Craignish Hall.

Craignish Village Hall has gained a reputation as a first-class community hub and arts venue.

John is very much looking forward to working with Tiziana,

all the volunteers and members of the community to build on the successes of the recent tenth anniversary programme.

The programme offers some outstand-

ing performances, with shows and events through until April.

## Tickets

For news and ticket information on all events at Craignish Village Hall, visit

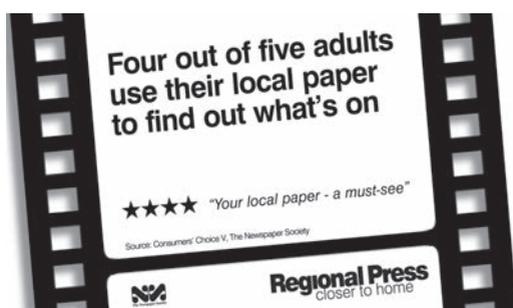
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You can also keep up to date with news and events at [facebook.com/craignish-villagehall](http://facebook.com/craignish-villagehall).

## Mid Argyll Arts Association gets into the swing

ARDRISHAIG Hall will play host to a frenzy of jazz as Swing 2017 come to Mid Argyll. The Mid Argyll Arts Association has once again secured top quality musicians to come and perform this Saturday, March 11, with doors opening at 7.30pm. The group – comprising Roy Percy on double bass, John Russell on guitar and vocals, Stephen Coutts on electric guitar and Seonaid Aitken on piano – are currently on a tour of Argyll and Bute. Swing 2017 has, in various formats, been playing across Scotland with the band's unique style of jazz since 1980. The group play the music of classic jazz composers and musicians, such as Django Reinhardt, Count Basie, Fats Waller, Duke Ellington and others. Ardrishaig Hall will be set up in a relaxed café style format for this concert and you are welcome to bring your own bottle.

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### Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society 'Glasgow Art Club and Argyll Connections'

by Efric MacNeil in the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown, on Wednesday 15 March 2017, at 7.30 p.m.  
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Manran playing to a packed crowd at last year's BOWFest. Photograph: Stephen Lawson

# Best of the West's line-up announced

DETAILS of the biggest music festival in Mid Argyll were announced last week as super early bird tickets go on sale.

On September 8, 9 and 10 the gates to the grounds of the iconic Inveraray Castle will

open for the seventh annual instalment of the Best of the West Festival.

### Festival

BOWFest is now arguably Scotland's finest boutique festival, one where music and food lovers from the world over gather to celebrate the very best in Scottish music, food and drink.

### Extended

As well as an impressive line-up of 21 musical acts performing on two stages, the festival has been extended to three days. The BOWFest festival kitchen will host local celebrity chefs on the Saturday and Sun-

day cooking some of their signature dishes. The festival's tagline – 'mud-free and under canvas' – will certainly be appealing to festival-goers as most of the festival is inside marquees and BOWFest organisers claim that there is not a single drop of mud to

be found anywhere. Super early bird tickets are now on sale and available at [www.bowfest.co.uk](http://www.bowfest.co.uk).

### Headliners

Headliners include Skipinnish, Skerryvore, Blazin' Fiddles, Hunter and the Bear, Tide Lines, Heron Valley and Eddi Reader.

## Mac is back in Lochgilphead

THE ARGYLL Book Centre was a magnet for youngsters as popular children's author Alan Windram came to town.

Alan visited on Saturday playing the character of Mac from his series of colourful books which tell the tales of Mac and his dog Bob, and their adventures on the farm. Plenty of songs and audience participation kept the youngsters enthralled at the Lochgilphead bookshop, and the occasional parent was observed joining in the fun.

Following on from the first book – *The Unexpected Visitor*, Alan's latest book on Mac and Bob's escapades is called *The Party Problem*, which is available from the Argyll Book Centre and other bookshops.



Mac, aka Alan, keeps the youngsters entertained. 06\_a10BookMac02

## MAMA Fest looking for musicians

MID ARGYLL Music and Arts Festival is on the lookout for talented Argyll musicians for this year's event from September 1 to 3.

Bands, solo acts, performers and artists are all welcome and urged to contact the festival organisers.

If you are interested in getting involved in MAMA Fest 2017, to be held in Ardrishaig Hall, contact the organisers at [musicians@mamafest.co.uk](mailto:mamafest.co.uk) or get in touch via their Facebook page.

## Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall Sat 11 & Sun 12 March



**Sing** (U) Sat 11, 2pm / 108 mins  
Hilarious animation from the team behind *Despicable Me* and *The Secret Life of Pets* - the world's greatest singing competition comes to town.

**Hacksaw Ridge** (15) Sat 11, 4.30pm / 139 mins  
Mel Gibson directs Andrew Garfield in the Oscar-winning true story of an inspiring World War II hero who never fired a shot.

**Fifty Shades Darker** (18) Sat 11, 8pm / 118 mins  
Anna Steele and Christian Grey are back for more in the eagerly awaited sequel. Dark secrets, old flames and new rules add up to an erotic smash.

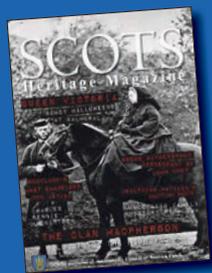
**The LEGO Batman Movie** (U) Sun 12, 12.30pm / 111 mins  
Awesome! Welcome to LEGO Gotham, home of notorious villains and badass heroes for a brilliantly funny smash hit spin off.

**Hidden Figures** (PG) Sun 12, 3pm / 127 mins  
NASA put men into space, but the women on the ground were the unsung heroes. True story of three pioneering African-American women.

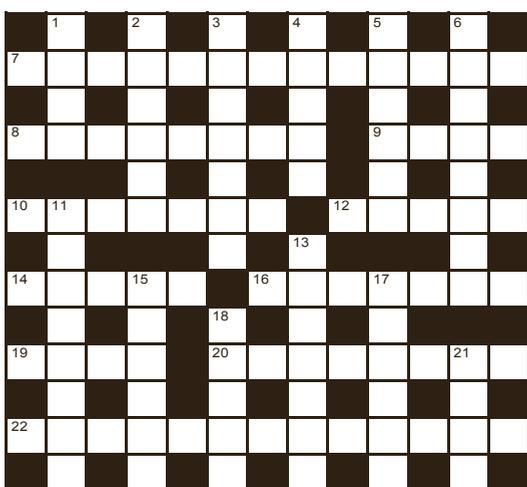
**Lion** (PG) Sun 12, 6pm / 118 mins  
Extraordinary true story of Saroo Brierley who got lost in India aged 5. Adopted and brought up in Australia, years later he decides to track down his real family relying on a few faint memories and Google Earth.

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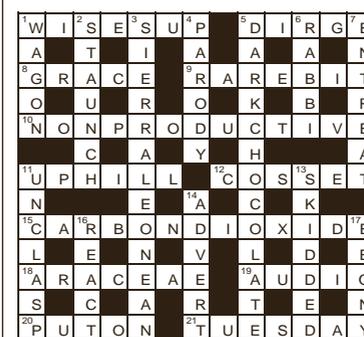
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- 17 Cherry or beef (6)
- 18 Type of ray (5)
- 21 Put one's foot down? (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## Book day guest thrills youngsters

THE YOUNGER children at Badden Farm Nursery celebrated World Book Day by joining together to enjoy a book bug session.

The children were absolutely captivated by the story of Henrietta the hen and her chick Hattie – a story that en-

compassed the books the children have been enjoying such as *Going on a Bear Hunt* and *The Tiger that Came to Tea*.

Henrietta and Hattie had a very special guest arrive for a birthday tea – and much to the children's delight

a live hamster was the guest.

Jean Evans of the nursery said: 'Thanks to Becky and Agnes for putting this lovely World Book Day celebration together last Thursday and thanks as well to Lucky, the very cute hamster.'



The room was abuzz with excitement when Lucky the hamster made an appearance.



The children are enthralled by the tale of Henrietta and Hattie.

## Beatson charity gets cheque boost

A TARBERT marathon runner presented a cheque to the Beatson Cancer Charity last week after embarking on an arduous challenge to raise funds for the Scottish organisation.

Carolyn McAlpine, 33, took time out of her day job at the Argyll and Bute Council headquarters to present some of the team from the charity with a cheque for £15,029, the final fundraising total raised from her Mega Marathon.

Carolyn embarked on a gruelling challenge last year to complete 15 marathons in 15 days across the entire catchment area of the charity on the West Coast of Scotland.

Having successfully trudged 393 miles in almost a fortnight, she was pleased to finally present the Beatson Cancer Charity with a cheque for the money raised from her exploits. As well as the fundraising, Carolyn is

keen to raise awareness of the huge area the charity serves and the difficulty some people experience when accessing treatment.

Carolyn has been an ambassador for the charity since its establishment and helped celebrate the organisation's third birthday last month. In those three years, Beatson Cancer Charity has raised more than £14 million, which has been used to improve and expand services provided to cancer patients and their families across the West Coast.

Carolyn's mega marathon came off the back of previous running events in which she took part in to raise money for Friends of Beatson, the predecessor to the Beatson Cancer Charity. She has a long-running affiliation with the charity, as she explains: 'I've lost both parents and an auntie to cancer which is why I have connections with the Beatson.



Carolyn presenting her cheque to a member of the Beatson team.

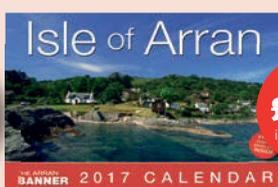
The last of my marathons, which finished up at the Beatson centre, marked a year to the day that my mum passed away.'

To find out more details of Carolyn's mega marathon, visit her JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.co.uk/beat15](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/beat15). Also, keep up to date on Facebook @beat15run.

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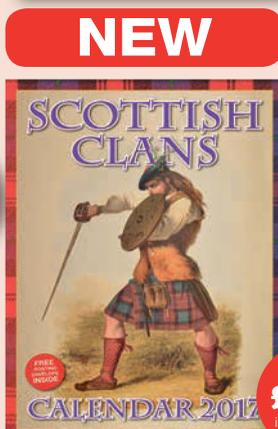
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# Scotland star converted to Scotch beef

AHEAD of tomorrow's Calcutta Cup match, Scotland rugby star Stuart Hogg took a little time out to learn more about Scotch Beef PGI.

He was joined by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) chairman and Perthshire beef farmer, Jim McLaren; butcher Bel Forbes from Bel's Butchers in Edzell, Angus, who is a member of the QMS Scotch Butchers Club run by QMS; and Jeff Bland, executive chef at the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh, a member of the Scotch Beef Club.



**Beefy rugby ace Stuart Hogg with chef Jeff Bland, left, Bel Forbes and Jim McLaren, right.**

The formidable four-some mustered earlier this week in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle to mark the launch of a Quality Meat Scotland campaign to raise the profile Scotch Beef PGI and all that sets it apart.

London and the home counties will be the focus of the two-month campaign which aims to communicate the exceptional taste and quality of the Scotch beef brand which has earned a global reputation for quality and flavour.

As a professional sportsman at the top of his game, eating a healthy diet is something Stuart takes seriously. 'In this job it is incredibly important to fuel your body correctly,' he explained. 'All the training and conviction in the world won't make up for a diet that is not right.'

'Like most people, I was very aware of the Scotch beef brand be-

fore today but I have learned a great deal more about what sets it apart. It's been great to hear all about the traceability and quality assurance behind Scotch beef, and to get a sense of the passion and pride of those who work in the beef industry in Scotland.'

The Scotch beef campaign has a strapline of: 'There's beef, there's Scottish beef, then there's Scotch beef.' It aims to showcase Scotch beef and the flavour, provenance and integrity which underpin the brand's PGI (protected geographical indication) status.

Jim McLaren thanked Stuart for his support, adding: 'Those who work in all parts of our industry are immensely proud of the Scotch beef PGI brand.'

'The care and commitment which goes into producing it is second to none and that dedication, together

with the traceability and quality assurance which underpin the brand, delivers a world-class product.

'We are looking forward to taking Stuart to visit a beef cattle farm to get a better insight into the high standards of welfare

and stockmanship involved as well as the role of livestock farming in the sustainability of Scotland's iconic landscape. We appreciate, however, that he has other priorities at the moment and we wish him all the best with those.'

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# Coffee, cakes and competition for Mid Argyll rural institutes

A RURAL gathering would not be the same without delicious home baking, and that's exactly what was being served at the Mid Argyll SWI group coffee morning.

Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall was filled with friends and members of institutes from Kilmichael Glassary, Ford, Tarbert and Lochgilphead for the event, at which the beautiful Kilmartin cloth was on display.

There was baking, but it would not have been a Rural gathering without a competition, and last Saturday's coffee morning also saw Mid Argyll institutes compete in contests for embroidery with an Easter theme, savoury biscuits and three-fruit marmalade.

Judges Mavis Yuill of Kilmartin and Lochgil-



**Winner of the marmalade competition Jean McIvor with her champion preserve.**

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head's Pat Cairns performed the tricky job of judging the entries, before the winners were announced.

The Kilmartin cloth, awarded for embroidery, was won by Lochgilphead SWI.

Ford institute was the winner of the Mid Argyll SWI group silver salver for three types

of savoury biscuit. The marmalade competition was won by Jean McIvor of Kilmichael Glassary for her preserve made from orange, lemon and red grapefruit.

Jean now goes on to

represent Mid Argyll in the Argyll SWI federation competition later this year. Jean told the *Advertiser*: 'I've never won this before, so I'm pleased.'

She added: 'I'm a wee bit surprised, because I

didn't think it was that good when I tasted it. I would have preferred a white grapefruit, but you can't get them these days.'

The coffee morning raised just over £500 for SWI funding.



**The hall was packed for the coffee morning and competition.**

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## Wildlife Wonders

in association with Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation



WELCOME to the first of a new column from Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation, a charity committed to environmental education, and to making it fun.

Come and explore with us and unearth some of nature's secrets.

We are about to take over the lease on Barr an Daimh near Bellanoch, a former farm with a magnificent compost loo and open frame barn. The site is by a track that leads to one of the most beautiful views in Argyll. Barr an Daimh will be our base for a range of events and walks – discovering the amazing moths and bats that are active while we sleep, bio-blitzes, checking out Knapdale's beavers and finding what lives in our lochs, ponds and seashores. You can even build and fire your own recycled rocket and discover great ways of recording what you see on your smartphone. See how renewable energy powers our centre (we are off-grid), why it's important to record our native plants and animals, and how our amazing biodiversity affects us and the way we live.

As the year progresses, we will keep you updated on what our local wildlife is up to. At present spring is rushing ahead. The hazel catkins, crocus and willows are providing vital resources for the first pollinating insects and our trees, mighty powerhouses, are pumping nutrient-rich sap to help create thousands of leaves. A mature Atlantic oak can shift up to 70kg of sap per hour at its peak flow.

Some of the first birds to nest are ravens, which pair for life. Highly intelligent, they are surrounded by thousands of years of myth and legend. It is no surprise then that Norse god Odin's ravens were named Thought and Memory.

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**Judge Mavis Yuill samples Jean's marmalade.**

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**One of the lovely walks at Barr an Daimh.**



**Ravens – highly intelligent creatures.**

# Success looms for weaving business

A FORMER heating engineer who discovered a love for weaving is now selling his handmade shawls to customers around the world.

Jonty Arnot and his wife Catriona set up Weaving Home, based in Tarbert, last year and, with support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, has steadily grown the business using Facebook as a way to engage with potential and existing customers.

Weaving Home produces hand-woven, unique scarves and shawls using a variety of yarn and colours, taking on commissions from across Scotland and the UK, Bangla-

desh, America, Italy and Kurdistan.

Jonty said: 'The business has progressed in a way I didn't initially expect, with the response and feedback being so overwhelmingly positive that we have sold a lot more of our shawls and scarves than originally envisaged for the year.'

## Following

'We have built up a solid following on Facebook which has helped us get our name out there and connect with customers from all over the world.'

'Business Gateway's one-to-one advice and workshops, especially the one on internet trading, were extremely helpful and gave us the confidence and the



Jonty works on his latest creation.

skills to set up an online business allowing us to potentially reach anywhere in the world from our home in Tar-

bert.' Jonty, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 20 years ago, wanted a job that gave him the flexibil-

ity to work at home while also managing his illness.

After completing a basic weaving course, in Oban, Jonty began experimenting with colours and invested in a new state-of-the-art loom.

## Second loom

Now he is planning on buying a second loom for Catriona to work on, as well as adding smaller products to their range, including multi-media framed art and cards.

Later this year they will attend their first trade show in the Scottish Borders with the aim of increasing the number of commissions received.

Jonty added: 'I find weaving very thera-

peutic and working from home gives me peace of mind that if any of my symptoms flare up I can take a rest and get back to it later.'

'I've always been creative but now I really get to explore that side of me, playing around with colours and different yarn.'

'I'm finding it very enjoyable and when I finish a shawl or scarf I do have a great sense of achievement.'

'The plan is to get Catriona more involved in the weaving process which would double our output, as well as opening our workshop to the public during the tourist season.'

'All of this will hopefully help us increase our sales and in par-

ticular the amount of commissions we get, which would be fantastic for us and our business.'

## New skills

Donald Melville, business adviser with Business Gateway, said: 'By accessing both our expert advisory support and our fully-funded workshops, Jonty made sure he was best placed to start up his online business by learning new skills and gaining the knowledge needed to succeed.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business, call 01546 808363 or visit [www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute](http://www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute).

## Business support scheme offers funding options

BUSINESSES across Argyll and Bute are taking advantage of a European-funded business support programme launched at the end of last year.

More than 20 local businesses have registered for the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme and four have already been approved for grant funding.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is encouraging growing businesses to get in touch to find out more about how they could benefit from the support available.

The programme gives growing local businesses the chance to access grant funding and specialist advice to help them expand.

The programme, totalling almost £550,000, is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund and is open until the end of December 2018 or until funds are fully allocated, if sooner.

The types of grant available are

a growth grant of up to £5,000, a new employee or graduate placement grant of up to £12,000, and training, trade fair and accreditation grants of up to £1,500 for businesses in key growth sectors.

The specialist advice on offer from subject experts includes up to two days of free advice on human resources, eCommerce, digital, marketing, growth strategy, funding and tendering.

To access support, businesses must first register for the programme.

The programme is open to micro-, small- or medium-sized businesses based in Argyll and Bute aiming to increase their turnover by £50,000 or more within the next three years.

Anyone wanting to register or discuss their eligibility should visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap) or talk to a Business Gateway adviser on 01546 604 555.

A Business Gateway adviser will work with businesses registered for the programme to de-

velop a growth plan and access relevant support. The programme is an additional service and complementary to the support already offered by Business Gateway. Anyone not eligible for the programme is also being encouraged to talk to Business Gateway as other external sources of funding may be available to help a business start-up, survive, or grow.

## Workshop places still available

A LIMITED number of spaces are still available at free business workshops coming up soon in Mid Argyll.

The half-day 'Better business websites' workshop on March 14 in Inveraray is for businesses already online.

Having the right website, which is planned, designed, optimised and managed to match business objectives, will help deliver real measurable results and this workshop covers how to improve a

website through design, content, usability and search engine optimisation. It is being delivered for Business Gateway by Gary Ennis, founder of NS Design Ltd, an award-winning digital agency. Gary has delivered hundreds of digital workshops for Business Gateway across Scotland and is a former CEO of the Year at the Digital Technology Awards.

The half-day 'Practical basic book-keeping' workshop will run in Lochgilphead on March 21. Those new to business and with little or no formal training in book-keeping will benefit from this workshop, which provides the starting point for good record keeping and understanding financial information.

Aimed at beginners to e-commerce looking to build their own website or looking for some guidance before approaching a web designer, the one-day 'Build your own business website' course is running on March 28 in Inveraray. No prior knowl-

edge or skills are required other than basic web browsing and text editing skills.

This practical workshop goes step by step through how to develop a basic business website and maintain it using a free content management tool.

Four additional digital skills workshops are taking place in Oban in the coming weeks. 'Introduction to social media' on March 22, DigitalBoost 'Digital marketing strategy' on April 5, DigitalBoost 'Paid-for digital advertising' on April 5 and DigitalBoost 'Producing engaging online content' on April 6.

To book a place at any of these workshops, contact Business Gateway on 01546 604 555 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

Several of these workshops are not due to be repeated until the autumn so anyone currently interested in improving their skills is encouraged to book a place at these spring workshops.

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This year Red Nose Day is back on March 24. People of all ages can get involved in the event, whether it's nursery children dressing up as noses and having a party, or older school children holding talent shows, having 'red' non uniform days and bake sales, or anyone else who wants to do a sponsored event in aid of the occasion. The money raised by the public is spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, across the UK and the world's poorest communities.

To find out more about how you can get involved, visit <http://www.comicrelief.com/>.

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## NOTICES UNDER SCHEDULE 3 OF THE AIRPORTS ACT 1986

Notice is hereby given that Highlands & Islands Airports Limited ("HIAL") are proposing to formally adopt new Byelaws for the following airports which HIAL operate (replacing the existing 1986 Byelaws for these airports in each case) :- Inverness, Sumburgh, Stornoway, Tiree, Wick, Benbecula, Kirkwall and Islay.

Notice is also hereby given that HIAL are proposing to formally adopt Byelaws for the following airports which HIAL operate (Byelaws do not currently exist in respect of these airports):- Barra and Campbeltown.

In addition, notice is hereby given that Dundee Airport Limited ("DAL") are proposing to formally adopt Byelaws for Dundee airport which DAL operate (no Byelaws currently exist in respect of Dundee airport).

In all cases, a draft of the Byelaws which HIAL or DAL (as appropriate) are proposing to formally adopt in respect of the relevant airport is now available for public scrutiny and comment until 18th April 2017. A copy of the relevant proposed Byelaws can be viewed free of charge during normal business hours at each relevant airport. A copy of all or part of the relevant proposed Byelaws can be obtained (on a written request to that effect and on payment of a nominal charge from any relevant airport management team.

Any comments on these proposed new Byelaws should be submitted in writing (by no later than 18 April 2017) to:

Scottish Ministers, c/o Michael Bratcher  
Aviation Policy, Area 2F (N)  
Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ  
or by e-mail to the following address:  
Michael.Bratcher@transport.gov.scot

### WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WINDFARM TRUST

Applications are invited for funding from this year's first disbursement from the above Trust. Grants may be available for Capital or Revenue funding; projects, groups, halls, charities and churches within the West Kintyre Community Council area ranging from Whitehouse in the north to Kilkenzie in the south. Advice, details and application forms are available from the Convener, Margaret Pratt, on 01880 730244 or by email margaretp Pratt@btinternet.com. Closing date for receipt of applications is: Friday 7th April 2017. Disbursement meeting: Monday 24th April 2017, 7.30pm at Tayinloan Village Hall.

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#### PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 -13.30-16:00 hrs 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.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/00428/MFF	Increase in grid size from 60 metres to 70 metres, additional cage increasing number from 9 to 10 and retrospective permission for raft to support feed pipes (no increase in biomass)	Quarry Point Fish Farm Crae Argyll And Bute PA32 8YA	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/00471/PP	Formation of access road from the B843	Land North Of Dunelm Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/02924/LIB	Removal of clay ridge capping and replacement with lead covered ridge	Chamberlains House Front Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/00427/MFF	Modification of existing fin fish farm site to include 1 additional cage and increase in extent of mooring area (to facilitate proposed increase in biomass from 1372 tonnes to 1568 tonnes)	Ardcastle Fish Farm Lochgair Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/00422/PP	Change of use of land for the temporary siting of caravan and erection of shed/store	Plot 10S Land West Of Craobh House Craobh Haven Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ardferr
17/00429/MFF	Increase to grid size (cage spacing) from 40 metres to 60 metres (to facilitate increase in biomass from 1030 tonnes to 1568 tonnes).	Fish Farm Tarbert South Loch Fyne Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
16/02925/LIB	Removal of clay ridge capping and replacement with lead covered ridge	Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Council's website.

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Completed applications must be received no later than **31 May 2017**, and applications received after the closing date will **NOT** be considered except in exceptional circumstances. Please note application forms will be accepted before examination results are received.

Clerk to the Governors, Charles and Barbara Tyre Trust,  
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For further information please contact Team Lead Nurse, Hazel Whiston or to apply for the post contact Practice Manager, Corinne Cheetham on 01546 462002.

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  - Must be able to work on own initiative and as part of a team

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[david.graham3@jewson.co.uk](mailto:david.graham3@jewson.co.uk)  
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## Argyll and Bute Council

### Leisure and Libraries Charitable Trust – Independent Board Members

Argyll and Bute Council is currently progressing the establishment of a Charitable Trust, whose purpose will be to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities by developing and promoting library, sport and leisure services.

The Trust will deliver these services on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council and aim to be acknowledged and respected as the leading organisation in its field. Its ambition will be to grow the business in a sustainable way, by providing high quality services that the public value and trust.

The main business of the Trust will be to deliver a Service Delivery Contract for the Council across the Company's main areas of work:

- Libraries
- Leisure Facilities
- Active Schools
- Archives
- Halls
- Sport Development
- Museum
- Community Centres
- Community Lets

The Council is seeking to recruit 3 Independent Board Members to assist with creating and developing the new charitable company and to provide strategic direction and governance along with expert advice and support to its management team.

The Council would welcome applications from individuals with:

- A successful track record in business or community management
- Experience of working as part of a Board or Senior Management Team of a charity or large organisation
- Knowledge of and interest in libraries, sport and/or leisure sector
- Relevant business skills that could contribute to the development of the company including financial, legal, property, marketing, and ICT.

Positions will be unpaid but reasonable expenses will be available.

For an application form please contact Diane McMillan on 01546 604232 or e-mail [LLTrust@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:LLTrust@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

The closing date for submissions is 5pm on 24th March 2017.

Interviews will take place towards the end of April 2017.

For an informal chat regarding the Trust please contact Donald MacVicar, Head of Community and Culture on 01546 604364.

Please note that this appointment is not open to employees of Argyll and Bute Council.



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**Details: Full Time, Permanent**

**Location: Furnace Smolt Unit, near Inveraray, Argyll**

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Reporting to the Freshwater Manager, the Freshwater Operative is responsible for all aspects of day-to-day husbandry throughout the freshwater production cycle, whilst maintaining the site's high standards of hygiene & biosecurity.

You will be expected to participate in an alarm and weekend duty rota and be prepared to work flexible hours should the needs arise.

Qualifications/Skills required but not essential as full training can be given:

- Experience working in an Aquaculture Recirculation Unit
- Ability to participate in an Alarm Duty rota system
- Good understanding of the aquaculture industry
- Candidate must be flexible with regard to hours worked, weekend working will be required
- Be a good team player but have the ability to work alone when required
- Inter-personal and excellent communication skills
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You may be required to assist with other financial activities within the business over this busy period.

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Further information is available on line at [www.sams.ac.uk](http://www.sams.ac.uk). Alternatively, please write to: Human Resources, Purchase Ledger Assistant, Job Ref D12/16.JM The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA or e-mail [recruitment@sams.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@sams.ac.uk)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 17th March 2017**

Interviews will be held soon after the closing date.

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For further information, a full job description and details of how to apply, contact Ron Inglis, Project Manager at [ron.inglis@craigmount.org](mailto:ron.inglis@craigmount.org)  
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Margaret Taylor would like to express her thanks to the emergency services and all at Accident & Emergency, Campbeltown for their care. Also to family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers, gifts, visits and telephone calls while in hospital and since coming home. Hamish and I appreciate the love and support we have received over the last few weeks. We are both recovering now. Thank you all again.

**THANK YOU**

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I LOVED a story I heard recently about two wee boys who wanted to get exactly the same haircut so their teacher couldn't tell them apart.

Delighted with the result, they set off for school to dupe their teacher. They were bitterly disappointed when it didn't work.

Neither had realised that one wee boy was black and the other was white. If only the world could be that simple.

I mentioned the subject of musicals recently, and my fondness for the works of Rogers and Hammerstein. The lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein were clever and political. He had a passion for justice and a concern for race relations, always making the point that our differences are only skin deep and that, fundamentally, human beings are the same everywhere.

South Pacific contains one of Hammerstein's most biting pieces of social commentary and criticism in the song: 'You've got to be carefully taught' with its message that racial and class prejudice are acquired and instilled and are not natural or inborn.

'You've got to be taught, to hate and fear,  
You've got to be taught, from year to year,  
It's got to be drummed  
In your dear little ear

You've got to be carefully taught.  
You've got to be taught to be afraid  
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,  
And people whose skin is a diff'rent shade,  
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught before it's too late,  
Before you are six or seven or eight,  
To hate all the people your relatives hate,  
You've got to be carefully taught!

Can we teach our children different values,  
until the only difference we will notice is a haircut?

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The finalists will be up against competitors from across Scotland when the overall winners are revealed at the awards on Thursday March 16.



Young pipers after the annual Strachur piping school, which is the type of event the ball will help support.

## Haggis Hunters' Ball supports young pipers

A HAGGIS-FILLED evening of fun is in store this weekend at Strachur Memorial Hall.

The annual Haggis Hunters' Ball will be held, with dancing to

### STRACHUR

the sound of – appropriately enough – Canned Haggis.

The evening is run by Strachur and District

Piping Association to help promote piping among the young people of Argyll.

Haggis, neeps, tatties and trifle will be served, and it is bring your own bottle.

The fun begins at 7.30pm on Saturday March 11, and tickets are available from members of the piping association. For more information, call 01369 860081 or 860749.

### TAYVALLICH

### Acrobatics in Mid Argyll

A YOUTH circus class has begun in Tayvallich.

Organiser Ellie Dubois teaches tricks, including acrobalance, handstands and some basic acrobatics.

Classes are aimed at youngsters from seven

to 18 years of age and are held in Tayvallich Village Hall on Friday evenings.

### LOCHGILPHEAD

### New Sunday school starts

A NEW Sunday school is being held for children from pre-fives to P7, run by Lochgilphead Parish Church.

Youngsters are very

welcome to come along to the church hall at 10.50am every second Sunday.

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The first Sunday school was held last Sunday, so the next will be on Sunday March 19.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**DEATHS**

**BERGIUS** - Peacefully at home, Achnaha, Glenbarr, on March 3, 2017, Adam Bergius DSO, in his 92nd year, beloved husband of the late Fiona, devoted father of Charles, Cara, Peter, Johnny and Pol and a loving grandfather and great grandfather. Service will be held in A'Chleit Church, on Saturday, March 18 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**CRAWFORD** - Madeline Helen (Maddy), peacefully after a short, but bravely fought illness, at Crosshouse Hospital, Ayrshire, on Sunday March 5, 2017, surrounded by her family, very dearly loved partner of Robert, loving mother of Cara and Lauren and proud grandmother of Sophie and Daisy-Mae. Eldest daughter of Archie and the late Maureen Crawford and much loved sister to David, Kevin, Angela and Bryan. Funeral service will take place at 11.00am, on Saturday March 11, at St Brides RC Church, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang, G72 8JB, and thereafter to St Mungo's Chapel, Linn Crematorium, 413 Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow, G45 9SP, arriving 12.00 noon. Family flowers only.

**GRAHAM** - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital on Friday, March 3, 2017, Margaret Buchanan, of Fairwinds, Peninver, Campbeltown, in her 93rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie, much loved mother of Cameron and Duncan, mother-in-law of Elizabeth and Lynn and loving grandmother of Andrew, Jack and Austin. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Chest Heart and Stroke Association.

**MACPHEE** - Mrs Edna MacPhee (née Thom), formerly of Barnluasgan and Cairnbaan, devoted wife to the late Johnny and greatly loved mother of John, Esther and Elizabeth. Also much loved mother-in-law to Richard, David and Jacqueline and a

grandmother and great grandmother. Passed away peacefully on February 28, 2017, at home. She will be sorely missed, but remain in our hearts.

**MCLUNDIE** - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 8, 2017, Pauline McLundie, née Jackson, aged 77 years, of Tigh Na Sruthain, Killinchoch, Kilmichael Glassary, by Lochgilphead, much loved wife of Captain Robert (Bob) McLundie, adored mother of Malcolm, Eileen, Alistair and Andrew, cherished granny of Iona, Lewis, Katie, Ewan, Scott and the late Ross and a dearly loved sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Great Ormond Street Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**SHUTTLEWORTH** - Peacefully at her home, An Airigh, Lochgair, on March 3, 2017, Rosemary Annie Shuttleworth, aged 84 years, beloved wife of Donald Shuttleworth, much loved mother of Donald Kenneth, Mhairi, Ruairidh and Kirsten and an adored granny and great granny. A dear neighbour and good friend to many. Funeral service was held in Tarbert Free Church, on Thursday, March 9, followed by interment at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert. Sadly missed.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BLACKWOOD** - Jean and family of the late Robert would like to thank most sincerely all family, friends and neighbours for their support and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Many thanks to staff at Lorn and Islands and Mid Argyll hospitals for their care and kindness to Bob. Thanks also to Roddy and Fiona for efficient and helpful funeral arrangements. Finally, our thanks to everyone who attended Ardrishaig and Gigha services, which were so thoughtfully and fittingly conducted by Rev David Carruthers. The retiral collection raised £530 for Ardrishaig Parish Church.

**GALBRAITH** - Archie, Elizabeth Ann and Sandra would like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards following the sad loss of their mum (Grace). Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting service. Grateful thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for caring professionalism. Also

thanks to the Glen Bar and Restaurant for excellent purvey and to all who attended the church and graveyard.

**KERR** - Annie and the family of the late John Kerr would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, support and friendship at this sad time. Thanks to Dr Villalba and James and Calum, the ambulance boys, for their help. Thanks also to Rev Philip Wallace for a fitting service and to Mr Gardner for the music. Grateful thanks to the Blair family and staff for their caring professionalism, to all who attended the church and graveside, and to the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey. The retiral collection for Lorne and Lowland Church raised £1,513.67.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - Special memories of a dear dad and granda, Joseph Lang Brown (Joe), passed away on March 5, 2015.

Thinking on you this day and every other day!  
- Love John, Lorna and families xxx.

**MCMILLAN** - How can it be ten years since we saw your face? Ten years is a decade... a lifetime... one hundred and twenty months... The time has passed so quickly, in many ways too fast, but life's gone on for all of us no matter what we do... the only thing that's never changed is our love, Gordon... it's still here for you.

- With love from all the family x.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006, and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Love and miss you always.

- Norma and Jim, Margaret and Jim, Leslie and Ron.

**RONALD** - Precious memories of Isobel, a devoted wife, mum and granny, who passed away March 14, 2016. Forever in our hearts.

- Your loving husband, John, and children, Heather, Isla, Ibbie, Archie and families x.

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

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All Believers Welcome

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Sunday 12 March Tayvallich Church 10 am Communion  
Followed by Annual Stated Meeting  
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Saturday 11 March Achnamara Hall  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 - 12:30  
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Thursday 16th March AGM 7.30pm, Church Hall, Kilmartin.  
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SC0 02121

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St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
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Sunday 19th March  
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Session meeting at 7.00pm in Kirk Street Hall.  
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Tuesday 14th March  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
BBs Church Hall  
Anchor Boys 6pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Company Section 7pm  
Thursday 16th March  
Choir Practice  
Friday 17th March  
Lunch Club New Hall 12.00 noon  
Next Generation 7.30pm  
Saturday 18th March  
Guild Sale of Work  
Church Hall 2.00pm

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1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
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# Shinty clubs ready for 2017 season

Last Saturday saw the start of the 2017 shinty season. Although the weekend's fixture schedule was severely hampered by the weather, all the clubs and players are raring to kickstart their respective campaigns after a long winter without any action. Looking ahead to the coming season, we asked local clubs about their ambitions for the campaign.

## Bute

ROTHESAY was the centre of some of the biggest news in the close season after the Camanachd Association announced that the club have withdrawn their entry to the National Division and will, instead, enter South Division 2.

Manager John MacCallum explains the decision: 'With Skye and Strathglass now in the National Division, there were genuine fears that Bute would not be able to fulfil the season with two teams.'

As a result of voluntarily dropping down a division, Bute will start eight points in arrears before a stick is swung in anger. With an exciting crop of teenagers comprising the backbone of the squad this season, 2017 will be an intriguing year for Bute.

The second team will again be marshalled by David Kilpatrick and the coach is excited by the number of young players who will be at his disposal this year. Aided by some veterans, the young reserve side will hope to improve on their fifth-place finish in last year's campaign.

## Col Glen

IT WILL be up to a young Col Glen outfit once again to show

their mettle in South Division 1 this season. Following recent successes for the club, and a mid-table finish last season, Col Glen will continue to look to the youth in the side to consolidate their position in South 1. The squad this year contains a number of players under 16 and club secretary Brian MacNaughton says: 'This season, we are struggling for experience in the side. However, we are fortunate to have a good crop of youngsters who will hopefully form the core of the club in the future.'

Having had a successful spell as head coach, for which the club thanks him, James Edgar has decided to stand down for the coming season. The club have opted for the experience of Peter Kennedy, Ronnie MacVicar and Brian MacNaughton to lead the young squad to the next level. Exciting times lie ahead at Col Glen Shinty Club.

## Dunoon

HAVING made their senior shinty debut last year, Dunoon Camanachd are looking to build on this and climb off the bottom of the table this year. Club president Roddy Cairns explained: 'We now have some fresh faces to add to the mainstays from last



Kyles Athletic winning the 2016 Celtic Society Cup.

year as interest in the town grows and grows. This is why we set up the team – to either get people back into shinty or to give them a start in the sport.'

Despite finishing bottom of the league last year, Cairns says Dunoon should be able to push every team in the league. As was the case last year, the club wants to fulfil its fixture schedule and further prove its worth in the senior ranks. With a more settled squad this year and with all the hurdles of establishing a new club overcome, Dunoon are hoping to kick on with a fruitful 2017. The team will also be competing in the Bullough Cup.

Dunoon Camanachd kickstart their South Division 2 league campaign on March 11 with a cross-country trip to face fellow strugglers from last year, Aberdeen Camanachd.

## Glenorchy

HAVING come close to relegation in the past two seasons, Glenorchy are looking to use this season to consolidate and establish themselves in South Division 1. The club are currently facing struggles in keep-

ing hold of players and maintaining a settled squad. Club secretary Duncan Smith said: 'We have lost a few players to other clubs in the close season but that's the nature with village shinty clubs, so we just get on with it.'

All in all, this season will be used as a platform for the club to propel themselves back into national league shinty in the near future.

The club want to be a collective force on the field while embedding more young players, like teenage prospect Arik MacKechnie, into the senior set-up. With the aim to uphold their South Division 1 status this season, the club will hope for some success in the cup competitions and will be looking to progress in the Celtic Society Cup and the Balliemore Cup.

## Inveraray

SIMILARLY to other village clubs in the area, Inveraray Shinty Club will be faced with the prospect of fielding two teams each week. The aim this year is to fulfil the fixtures schedule for both teams without any mishaps. Euan MacMurdo, the club chairman, is realistic about the team's ambitions: 'We have a small squad,' he explained, 'and face challenges of dealing with injuries and suspensions throughout the season as well as already having some players retiring.' The first team has an unrecognisable squad from previous seasons,

while the second team will be looking to prepare a few players for the first-team squad.

The club's aim this year is ultimately to win promotion back to the Premiership but MacMurdo acknowledges that it will be extremely difficult to do, saying: 'A lot will depend on how the squad reacts to the challenges but we hope to be back at the top tier sooner rather than later.' The club will also want to maintain their lofty reputation in the cup competitions.

## Kilmory

DUE TO Kilmory's stellar performances last year in South Division 2, the Camanachd Association voted to promote the club to South Division 1 this year, despite not having won the South Division title. With Kilmory trouncing teams by up to 15 goals last year, the decision to voluntarily promote the club will mean the players will face a tougher test this season, while teams in South Division 2 will be breathing a sigh of relief.

Clearly, Kilmory will be looking to emulate last season's success. Although pipped

to the league title by Tayforth at the end of last season, the team will be confident they can compete at the top of South 1 and dominate teams at home in Lochgilphead as they did so convincingly in 2016. The team's first game of the season on Saturday – one of the few matches to survive the weather – saw them slump to a 4-0 defeat at the hands of Taynuilt. Having added a couple of new names to a settled squad this season, Kilmory will want to get over that opening-day defeat and look ahead positively.

## Kyles Athletic

FINISHING runner-up in the Premiership and being crowned Celtic Cup champions last season, Kyles Athletic are tipped to be the closest challengers to Newtonmore this year in the title race and stand a good chance of wresting the league title from the grasp of the Badenoch club.

As such, many in the shinty world will be hoping for a strong league campaign for the Tighnabruach men. Club secretary Mick Atkinson is a bit more modest as he explains: 'The aim this season is to avoid injury, take it a game at a time and see where it takes us. Our future aim is to keep improving and retain our place as one of shinty's top clubs.'

James Perlich will take over as first team manager this season after Norman MacDonald stepped down

from the role following a long stint at the helm. Peter Mobeck will continue to manage the second team, who will be competing in South Division 1. Atkinson said: 'The club would like to thank Norman for all he has done and wish James and Peter all the best for the upcoming season.'

## Strachur

STRACHUR make a welcome return to senior shinty in 2017 after a year-long break from competing. Playing in South Division 2 this season, Strachur are rebuilding and developing for the future and hope to return to league competition fully rejuvenated after their absence.

Manager Alistair Mirlees simply states: 'The ambition for this season is to field a team for every fixture with a longer term plan to stick together and continue to play and represent Strachur on the field.'

The introduction of young talent will be pivotal and will help freshen up the squad. With the likes of Sam Bulloch, Charlie Ferguson, Ethan Collier, Steven Thomson and Alex Macphail all stepping up to senior level, Strachur look to maintain a solid, consistent line-up each week. If they can do so, the team could be contenders for the South Division 2 title. As well as league duty, Strachur will compete in the Bullough Cup this year and will be eager to progress to the latter stages of the tournament.



Inveraray Shinty Club.



Kilmory Camanachd.

# Heat on for swimmers in boiler fundraiser

SWIMMERS from Mid Argyll are to hold a swimathon later this month in a bid to raise much-needed funds.

In the first event of its kind for Mid Argyll Dolphins, the swimathon will be held on Thursday March 30, with juniors taking to the pool between 5pm and 6pm and seniors from 6pm until 7pm.

Swimmers will tackle a target distance of

2,000m – equivalent to 100 laps of the MACPool. Club members are hoping to raise funds through sponsorship towards a badly-needed new boiler for Mid Argyll Community Pool also for a printer at the MS centre in Lochgilphead. If anyone would like to donate funds to the young swimmers, these can be left at the pool.



Logan with his swimmer of the month trophy.

## Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Inveraray Shinty Club lotto were 1, 13 and 19. There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £1,500.

At the Kilmory Camanachd club lottery, also drawn on Mon-

day, the numbers were 4, 9 and 17. There were no winners and next week's prize will be £800.

In the Tarbert Football Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 6 and 17. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £800.

## Logan takes top monthly prize

Logan Allan, aged 11, was named Mid Argyll Dolphins' swimmer of the month for February. Swimming coach Arlene Green said: 'Logan is such a dedicated swimmer in the club and always works hard.'

## Derek takes the helm at shinty's governing body

A NEW chief has been recruited at the Camanachd Association.

Derek Keir has been appointed to replace Torquil MacLeod as chief executive officer, taking up his post in May.

Derek is currently working as a partnership manager for SportsScotland, covering four local authorities and he has previously been the CEO of a charity, Umutima, which provides education through sport for young people in Zambia.

Camanachd Association president Jim Barr said: 'Derek's work experience, combined with a BSc (Hons) degree in sport and exercise management and a postgraduate diploma in physical education, will ensure he is well prepared for the chal-



Derek Keir.

lenges that lie ahead.' Mr Barr added: 'He has been assured of support from the board and staff as well as from SportsScotland to ensure a smooth transition into the post.'

Mr Keir's predecessor in the post was a popular figure during his six years at the helm of shinty's governing body. Torquil MacLeod moves on to take up a role with VisitScotland in the events directorate.

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## Comfortable Red Star see off Castlemilk BC

IT WAS a comfortable victory for the home side in their first game at the Ropework since November as they took on Castlemilk.

Although the pitch was quite soft on Saturday, Argyll and Bute Council ground staff did a great job creating a slick passing surface that both teams would enjoy.

Red Star looked to get on the front foot early and put their visitors under pressure and were doing so with Rab Docherty and Kieran Moore harrying the Castlemilk defenders at every opportunity.

Star were beginning to get their own passing game going and

<b>Lochgilhead Red Star</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Castlemilk BC</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SAFL Premier Division 2A</b>	

### Rivals to meet in Hall Cup

**LOCAL rivals Red Star and Tarbert have been drawn in the same section of the Hall Cup which begins in the coming weeks. The two Mid Argyll sides are joined in section one by Houston United and Premier 2B title favourites Arkleston.**

**The top two sides in each section progress to the quarter-finals.**

were creating some good chances, Kieran Moore volleying a Colin Weir cross just wide of the post before Docherty had an effort from the edge of the box which just sailed over.

The scoring was opened after 12 minutes when Kieran Moore found himself on the edge of a Lee MacLean through ball and was able to dink the ball over the keeper from eight yards to

put Star 1-0 up. Star continued to press and were having some joy down the flanks as full-backs Connor Crawford and Andy Weir looked to join the attack where possible.

The second goal came after half an hour when a nice move down the right saw Ciaran MacPhie and Andy Weir link up before crossing the ball to the back post where Aaron Moore was well placed to head home and give Star a 2-0 lead at the break.

Manager Dougie Moore asked his side to remain on the front foot in the second half and the team did so, and, though Castlemilk tried to force a way



**Red Star's Kieran Moore sees the Castlemilk keeper committed as he opens the scoring.** 06\_a10RedStar02

back into the game, it was a reasonably comfortable afternoon for centre-backs Luke Naisby and Ali Provan.

The match was sealed as a contest on the hour mark when Star were awarded a free kick 22 yards out after a rash Castlemilk challenge. The kick was

taken by Kieran Moore who curled a superb effort into the top corner, leaving the keeper with no chance.

The visitors didn't lie down, and looked to force a way back into the game. They were awarded a dubious penalty when the referee penalised Luke Naisby, though the Star defender appeared to play the ball. The hosts breathed a sigh of relief as the forward stepped up and saw his effort sail over Kala- che's bar.

Castlemilk did get on the scoresheet with 15 minutes left when a corner was met by the number eight who headed home from close range as Star yet

again conceded from a set piece.

The three-goal cushion was restored for the hosts almost straight from the kick-off. This time a surging run was brought to an abrupt end as Aaron Moore was felled in the box. Up stepped younger brother Kieran to complete his hat-trick to secure a 4-1 win and edge himself close to Rab Docherty in the golden boot race.

Red Star still retain an outside chance of promotion and will look to keep the pressure on the teams above them when they take on Broomhill AFC tomorrow, Saturday, at home. The game kicks off at 2pm.



**Elaine waits to compete, and this photo gives an indication of the conditions.**

## Elaine right at home with the world's best

MID ARGYLL motocross racer Elaine MacEachern has been in Indonesia competing in the world championships.

Elaine, 18, performed well to finish the weekend in 13th position in the championships from a field of 35 rid-

ers. Writing on Facebook, Elaine, from Ormsary, said: 'What an experience. The weather was as bad if not worse than Scotland. A big thanks to my dad for looking after me all week, and to the family back at home. You're all legends for

giving me a chance at my dream.

'Thank you to everyone for the kind messages and support it means a lot, and a huge thank you to all my sponsors who have made this opportunity possible.

'I have much more

speed and potential to get better results and be faster,' Elaine concluded, 'but it was a hard weekend with the track conditions, heat and humidity.'

The second round of the championships will be held next month in Italy.



**The flush shoot winners on the final day of the winter season – Akram Khan, Roy Laird and Andrew Gall.**

## Flush shoot ends winter season

SHOOTING with a difference was the order of the day at Tarbert Gun Club.

Members gathered last Sunday, March 5, for the final shoot of the winter league. In a change of format, this was a flush shoot, with teams taking aim at a flush of 60, 80 and 100 'birds' from the traps.

A sharp eye – and a

handy 'clicker' – was needed by the scorers for this event, but as the dust settled the winner was declared as Akram Khan's team. Tarbert Gun Club will hold its annual dinner and prize-giving tomorrow (Saturday March 11) at the Islay Frigate in Tarbert when 14 trophies will be presented.



**Teams take aim in the rare flush shoot.**

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