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Iconic front green trees face the chop



ONE OF Lochgilphead's most iconic landmarks could be lost in the next five years.

The horse chestnut trees, which are believed to have lined the front green for the last century, are to be taken down in the next few years as they continue to deteriorate.

The planned felling of the trees was only revealed by Argyll and Bute Council this week after workers were spotted digging holes for replacement trees on Tuesday afternoon, sparking concern amongst locals.

Alarmed to hear the 'iconic' trees could

be felled, Lochgilphead businesswoman and member of the Phoenix Project Jane MacDonald, said the trees 'are a defining characteristic of the town'.

'I can't be sure but I think the trees were planted in 1915 and it was something to do with a King George V visit.'

Explaining the trees are part of the history of Lochgilphead, Jane said they feature in so many pictures of Lochgilphead from years gone by.

'I understand that if they are almost 100 years old they may be past their best but I

do take umbrage to the fact that the council did not inform us of what was happening,' Jane added.

Confirming many of the trees are diseased, the council said it was planting 14 heavy standard horse chestnuts in between the existing trees, which they would monitor for the next six to 10 years.

A spokeswoman from the council said: 'For nearly 10 years, some of the horse chestnut trees along the front at Lochgilphead have been diseased while others are in poor health,

with dead boughs and poor leaf growth. It makes sense to replant now, as there is a possibility that at least some of the old trees may have to be removed during the next decade and we do not want to be left with a bare area with no tree cover.'

Explaining Lochgilphead front green is an area of conservation the spokeswoman said the council would have to gain planning permission before felling any tree.

The existing trees will continue to be monitored for health and safety reasons.

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Be wary of wildlife

RESIDENTS are being urged to be wary of vulnerable wildlife as spring approaches.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is encouraging walkers and cyclists to be on the look out for lambs and ground nesting birds as they venture into the countryside over the coming weeks.

The organisation, responsible for promoting and protecting Scotland's natural landscape, is reminding people to keep their dog under control, avoid fires and to pick up litter when enjoying the countryside this spring.

Getting the most out of Euro funding

A PROGRAMME to maximise EU funding will be drawn up by Argyll and Bute Council.

The programme will set out how the council would like to see European funds delivered in the Highlands and Islands and what projects in the county would be eligible for a European grant.

The plan follows the successful acquisition of funding for a variety of projects across Argyll and Bute.

SNH windfarm guidelines

NEW GUIDELINES on windfarm development were published by Scottish National Heritage (SNH) on Tuesday.

The guide outlines what is considered an appropriate site for a windfarm development and highlights the impact windfarms can have on the environment they operate in. Energy minister Fergus Ewing MSP said the guidelines would help developers consider the needs of people, renewable energy and nature and will help ensure a consistent, streamlined approach to wind turbine applications.

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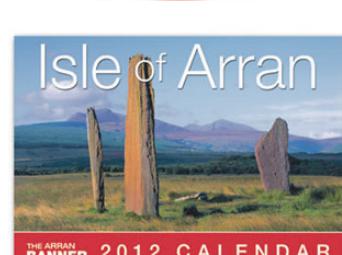
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Lachie with his owner Rhona Barnett. 06_a11cruffs01

Crufts prize for Lochgilphead's Lachie

LOCHGILPHEAD dog Lachie has won a major prize at Crufts.

The German short-haired pointer, who's stage name is Puddledub Poit Dhubh, finished as second-best gundog in the hunt, point and retrieve section of the world's most famous dog show.

Owner Rhona Barnett of Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, said: 'I'm absolutely over the moon. Lachie's had quite a career and he's only two years old.'

'After our old dog died, I didn't go out looking for a show dog, but when I went to see a litter of pups I was just drawn to him.'

As a puppy Lachie quickly made an impact on the competitive dog show scene, winning his puppy class at his debut at the Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show 2010.

Further awards soon ensued, including the Dog Challenge Certificate in Belfast, Gundog

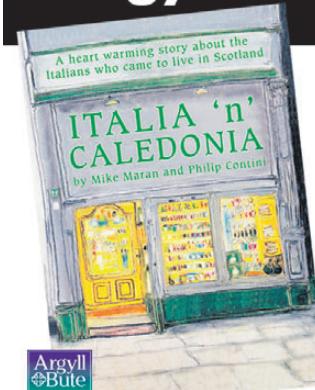
of Wales and Gundog Breeds of Scotland, but his rosette from Crufts surely trumps them all.

Following his big success Lachie is back at home, taking it easy before his next show. Despite the trappings of fame, he remains a dog of simple tastes, enjoying nothing more than cavorting around in the back garden with his best pal Pru the cat.

Described by his owner as a very obedient dog, Rhona said Lachie is energetic and boisterous, with a friendly, outgoing personality.

He's won a number of awards but first and foremost he's a family dog,' Rhona said.

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Town could benefit from windfarm windfall

MID ARGYLL's largest town could benefit from thousands of pounds of investment in the future as the town has been identified as an area to benefit from a windfarm windfall.

Lochgilphead could see a portion of funds from A'Chruach Windfarm Trust invested in projects in the town after it was suggested the town would be affected by the development.

At a meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council on Monday, it was suggested that the community would endure disruption on local roads whilst the windfarm was under construction and so should gain a share of community funds from the trust.

Infinis, the company constructing the windfarm in Kilmichael Forest in Minard, last year announced a community trust worth up to £96,000 a year would be established for the benefit of Mid Argyll residents. Although it was originally planned that all of the funds be retained within West Loch Fyne, a reassessment of the development has proposed that Dunadd and Lochgilphead gain a share of the money, with members of each community council sitting on the community trust board.

Addressing Lochgilphead Community Council, Jamie said: 'I am not pessimistic; I think money will still come to Lochgilphead because of the services that are based here. People from Dunadd and Minard come to Lochgilphead to use the facilities here so it would be sensible to support Lochgilphead-based projects and services.'

Argyll and Bute Council is currently assessing revisions to the consented A'Chruach windfarm, which sits five kilometres north west of Minard.

The renewed planning application sees an additional turbine added to the site, with the total 21 turbines situated closer together and on slightly higher ground.

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Police files

POLICE investigating break-ins to more than a dozen mobile homes in Argyll Caravan Park are seeking information about a red car seen in the area.

A dark red car was reportedly parked in a lay-by near the caravan park on February 23 and three men were seen walking towards the caravan site at about 8.30pm.

Police are urging anyone with information about the car or the three men to contact Campbeltown CID on 01586 862200.

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A 46-year-old man was detained at Lochgilphead Police Station at the weekend after being arrested on a warrant.

The man, who was arrested at 1pm last Friday afternoon and who is not from Mid Argyll, appeared before Dunoon Sheriff Court on Monday.

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A LOCAL man, aged 32, failed a breath test when he was stopped by police officers on Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead, at 9.15pm last Saturday.

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THE FRONT door of the Tree Shop in Cairndow was found smashed on Monday morning after burglars attempted to break in.

Failing to gain entry to the property at the head of Loch Fyne, the break-in attempt happened sometime between Friday evening and Monday morning.



Fur-eedom - Spike the ferret was thwarted in his escape attempt but owner Tiegan Holroyd couldn't be happier to have him back. 08_a11ferret01

Pet ferret sparks frantic search

A PET ferret sparked a hunt after escaping from his hutch.

Owner Tiegan Holroyd, 11, feared she might never see her beloved pet again, but thanks to the efforts of a local police officer she has finally been reunited with the furry fugitive.

Tiegan's mother, Debbie, said she had no idea how he got out of the house. 'When I noticed he was missing I went around asking everyone I saw if they had seen a ferret; they all seemed quite bemused,' she said.

Debbie contacted the police who put a message on their notice-board but she feared her daughter would never see Spike again.

Fortunately the missing mammal was spotted running down Lochnell Street and PC Iain MacVicar finally brought his escapades to an end.

Now that Spike is safely back behind bars, Tiegan is delighted. The youngster had pestered

her mother to buy a ferret since reading about them on the internet.

Debbie, who is not quite so enthusiastic about having him back, said: 'She spends every day with that smelly beast, but she was so upset when he disappeared and I'm very grateful to Iain MacVicar.'

'Spike would be dead if it wasn't for the police officer and a girl would be left heartbroken.'

Delight as Ardfern homes get go-ahead

FAMILIES in Ardfern this week learnt that affordable housing should be available in the village by the summer of 2013.

Fyne Homes has announced it plans building six homes in the Lower Glebe in Ardfern including two three-bedroom semi-detached houses and four two-bedroom cottage flats.

The development was drawn up after Fyne Homes and the Church of Scotland, which owns the Lower Glebe, agreed the sale of a portion of land. The Church of Scotland will sell the remaining five plots to private individuals.

Chris Thornhill, who has long campaigned for more social housing in Craignish, said he was delighted the village would finally see some affordable accommodation built in next two years.

'We have been working away on this, the parish of Craignish Parish Church for the last 14 years to get affordable housing in the village,' Mr Thornhill said.

'We have been on a rollercoaster journey with highs and lows and the downturn in the economy and lack of funding from central government put paid to many other projects.'

Living in hope

'People have been living in hope that this would one day happen and whilst it is just six units it is a step in the right direction.'

Planning permission for the houses will be sought in the coming weeks but Argyll and Bute Council has already showed its support for the development, granting the £700,000 scheme £293,000 from

its Rural Housing Development Fund.

Welcoming the funding boost, Peter McDonald, new business manager with Fyne Homes said: 'Without the council making this funding available it could have been another three years before we could have done something.'

'Although this development is smaller than originally planned, it is viewed positively as it offers a real opportunity to build some much needed affordable housing for the people of Ardfern.'

The announcement comes after the Church of Scotland rejected a 14-unit housing scheme in November last year because it left the church with no access road to the Upper Glebe, land that it also owns.

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More than 60 caught in Kilninver speed trap

POLICE issued 63 charges or warnings to drivers in six weeks for speeding through the village of Kilninver on the Lochgilphead to Oban road.

Despite closely monitoring the speed of drivers through the village since February 1, Oban Police chief inspector Brian Auld expressed frustration that drivers continued to flout the 30mph limit past the village primary school.

The most serious recent incident involved a seven-and-a-half tonne lorry travelling at 45mph last Saturday afternoon.

Jobless total continues to rise

UNEMPLOYMENT in Scotland is still on the increase according to figures released on Wednesday.

The total number of people out of work increased by 28,000 to 2.67 million over the last three months.

Timber group pledges cash to 'shorter' A83 diversion route

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds have this week been released to create a 'shorter' diversion route for motorists travelling on the A83 when the road is closed at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS) agreed to pledge £800,000 to upgrading the Glen Croe forestry road at a meeting on Tuesday.

She said: 'This is not seen as a permanent solution to the A83 landslips but provides a reasonable alternative option for traffic for the foreseeable future.'

Referring to a meeting hosted by the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, Kirsty said concerns had been raised by hauliers about the proposed convoy system that will guide vehicles from one end of the route to the other.

'The meeting highlighted the need for Transport Scotland to consider very carefully the traffic management regime that would be required on the diversion route to ensure the travel time is minimised and not so time consuming that it makes the route impractical,' Kirsty said. 'This along with other reservations voiced at the meeting are echoed by members of ATTG and we will strive to ensure that the most practical, cost effective solution is implemented which is safe for all road users.'

At the meeting Transport Scotland officials confirmed they would investigate the possibility of the convoy travelling at a faster speed than the initially planned 10mph. David Hamilton, national network manager with Transport Scotland, said the convoy speed could be increased if it was safe to do so.



Students of Lochgilphead High collect their John Muir Awards with the help of Education secretary Michael Russell MSP.

John Muir Award presented to pupils

LOCHGILPHEAD High pupils were presented with the John Muir Award during an awards ceremony at the school on Friday.

Education secretary Michael Russell was on hand to congratulate the S2 students and their S5 mentor.

He said: 'The John Muir Award provides a great way of engaging young people and recognising their achievements.'

Gordon Dickson of Lochgilphead High School said: 'The John Muir Award scheme has highlighted the pupils as successful learners, confident young people and responsible citizens.'

The John Muir Trust, founded in 1983, is an environmental charity dedicated to the protection and promotion of unspoilt land across the UK.

Countdown to local government elections

AS THE local government elections edge ever closer preparations are underway for campaigns and the official electioneering period has been announced.

The time, known as purdah, means on a practical level readers will see

far fewer comments from politicians than there usually would be in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

We will be running a summary of candidates standing for councils in our area in the run up to the election on May 4.

Council approves housing grants

PROPOSALS to build affordable housing in three of Argyll and Bute's rural communities have been given a financial boost.

Argyll and Bute Council agreed to award grants of almost £1million to schemes in Ardfearn, Iona and Islay last week.

A Rural Housing Development Fund was established by the council in November last year with a view to addressing the acute housing needs in some of the region's rural communities.

The funding released will help build 17 properties - six in Ardfearn, eight in Port Ellen and three on Iona - at a total development cost of nearly £2.3million.

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Union and Shanks re-open talks

UNION officials representing Shanks' staff across Argyll and Bute will attempt to sit down with company bosses again as it aims to avoid further strikes.

Staff in Lochgilphead have been joined by colleagues across the county in staging three walkouts so far this year in a dispute over a proposed one third cut to sick pay entitlement, in return for a four per cent pay increase offer over three years.

Shanks had previously told staff that they were risking their jobs in staging the protests and had withdrawn their pay increase offer.

Alec McClucky of the GMB Union is hoping the company will return to talks. He said: 'We want to have further discussions before we consider taking any further action. We have now offered to meet with them for negotiations to see if we can move things on.'

'Shanks are currently having a chat over our offer and we hope to hear from them in the imminent future.'

Shanks confirmed that talks between the parties have now reopened.

Reducing the stress of reporting deaths

A NEW service will reduce the stress of reporting births and deaths when it is launched by Argyll and Bute Council on Monday.

Tell Us Once was set up so that people only have to make a single call to local or national governments to report births and deaths, as opposed to making repetitive calls to different agencies and departments.

Judy Orr, head of customer and support services, said: 'We realise that when people come in to register a death they are doing so under very difficult circumstances.'

'I am delighted we can go some way to making this process easier.'

Home care plans welcomed but more residential places needed

PLANS to help elderly people live at home for as long as possible have been welcomed by Mid Argyll medical professionals but they warn more care home places are needed in the area.

Plans, agreed by Argyll and Bute Council last week, will see more people cared for in the community but less money invested in residential care.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute's Executive Committee last week agreed to transfer £450,000 from residential care into community services over the next three years.

This, the council confirmed, would reduce the number of care home places and hospital beds throughout the county.

A council spokeswoman told the *Advertiser* that the council would not cut residential places from its care homes but would purchase fewer

beds from the independent sector.

The plans, part of the reshaping care for older people project, will however see the Scottish Government invest £1.7 million in community-based care over the three-year period.

The funding, from the government's Change Fund will be invested in preventative services including falls prevention, medicine management, telehealthcare, dementia

services, equipment and end of life services.

Dr Adrian Ward, from Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre, said he welcomed the investment in community care but warned that more care home places were needed in the area.

Commenting on the transfer of funds from residential care to the community, Dr Ward said: 'Locally we probably need more of both

- care in the community and residential places, bearing in mind that there are far less residential care home places in Mid Argyll per head of population than any other area in Argyll.'

Cleland Sneddon, executive director of community services at Argyll and Bute Council said the project would maximise older people's independence.

'Over the past 18 months Argyll and Bute

Community Health Partnership (CHP) has been shifting the balance of care in favour of more people being supported to stay at home independently compared with those looked after in long term residential or hospital care,' Mr Sneddon said.

The reshaping care for older people project is a partnership between the council, Argyll and Bute CHP and the third sector.



Nursery chatterbox challenge surprise

PRE-FIVE children at Lochgilphead Primary School were surprised to find a kayak in the middle of their playroom recently.

The boat was part of a week-long activity session in association with the I Can Chatterbox challenge,

which, saw the children singing songs such as *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*.

The challenge is designed to help youngsters develop their communication skills through a variety of fun activities.

Community council meeting reminder

FLYERS are to be distributed reminding Lochgilphead residents to attend monthly community council meetings if they have a question or concern about the local community.

Meetings are held in room six of Lochgilphead Community Centre at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every month except in January and July.

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THE FUTURE looked bleak for Dalavich Primary School as we went to press yesterday (Thursday).

The community has been fighting moves by Argyll and Bute Council to close the seven-pupil school on grounds of its low school roll, the authority's financial crisis and pressures from the financial watchdog, the Accounts Commission, to cut down on surplus school places.

The latest development came last month when the council's area committee for Oban, Lorn and the Isles, voted narrowly in favour of its closure and the transferral of pupils to Kilchrenan primary, around nine miles away.



AN ASTONISHING three month fundraising blitz spearheaded by Ardrishaig man William Holmes has raised over £3,000 for the Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital in Glasgow.

William presented a £3,223 cheque to the hospital's Schiehallion Unit, which is to get more than £2,000 worth of toys and equipment. The remaining £1,000 was divided between the Dreamflight Project which takes terminally ill children to Disneyland in Florida, and Ronald McDonald House where parents stay while their children are in hospital.



A SPOKESMAN for the Post Office has said Tayvallich Post Office will re-open 'as soon as possible', although a date has not been set.

The village's only Post Office has been closed since October 25, forcing residents to travel to Bellanoch or Lochgilphead to send parcels or collect their pensions.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedd



WE JUST couldn't believe our eyes! There in the night sky above us at Clachan on March 3 was an amazing sight.

We thought it was a plane on fire or a helicopter. This strange object had a trail of fire attached to it and was visible for just about 20 seconds.

We watched in disbelief, as we had never seen anything like it before. It was going south down the peninsula and we wondered where it would land - and I hoped it wouldn't be on top of our house. The next day we discovered that thousands of people all over the UK had witnessed this event, and we were to learn that it was a meteorite.

This object had come from outer space to make impact with the Earth's surface and cause great excitement with many Earthlings.

The sky at night holds many wonders and secrets and leaves us star struck by its beauty.

On March 5, Mars, the Red Planet, was at its closest to Earth for a few years, at a mere 62.6 million miles away. Meanwhile just a few nights ago Jupiter and Venus had a glittering rendezvous with the Moon and the heavens seemed to dance with joy. The psalmist sang: 'The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim his handiwork.'

No wonder he also added: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them?'

It is difficult for our finite brains to grasp the concept of infinity and when we gaze into the star-studded sky, to which there is no ending, we can only stand and wonder. It is even more amazing to know that in all the wonders of the Universe, that the same God who flung the stars into space is the one who has the hairs of our head counted.

Letters to the Editor

Onshore wind will continue to play key role

Sir,

The Scottish Government's Economic Strategy (published last September) reaffirms a commitment to delivering increasingly sustainable economic growth and so, while we welcome the headline news about the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult (Orec), let's not forget that onshore wind will continue to play a key role in achieving Scotland's rightly ambitious targets.

Other technologies, including tidal and wave, while advancing rapidly, are unlikely to fill the gap in capacity in time.

So the spotlight should now be on finding ways of sharing the benefits of onshore wind generation with local communities. Schemes like the Community and Renewable Energy Schemes (CARES) to help fund the early stages of community-led projects are to be commended and, it is hoped, repeated and extended.

Let's not forget, too, the role of sustainable development in reducing carbon emissions. Exciting strides are being made in the energy efficiency of buildings, but there is still huge potential for architects and building engineers to design for biodiversity which can contribute to efficiency, and a place for environmental consultancies to be working in the heart of our major cities.

Stewart Lowther
Managing Director,
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Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by Mrs Rennie from Lochgilphead. The picture shows the primary seven class of Lochgilphead Primary School on a class trip to Culross on the east coast of Scotland in 1991. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Barnardos Big Toddle thanks

Sir,

We would like to thank all the toddlers in Argyll and Bute who took part in 2011's wild safari animal-themed Big Toddle for Barnardo's Scotland.

As we look to this year's superhero walk, we would also like to take the time and thank the nurseries, childminders, parents and grandparents, guardians and carers for joining

in the fun. The Big Toddle is a short sponsored walk for under-fives, which saw more than 300,000 toddling in 2011.

In Argyll and Bute alone, children raised £396.29 - all funds raised by the fantastic youngsters help to support Barnardo's Early Years work, supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable children, including those with physical and learning difficulties.

Pauline Clark,
235 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh.

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Scottish Parliament be treated any differently?

Raising money to pay the road repair bill by selling the Scottish Parliament might not realise the £450 million it cost the taxpayers (too many design faults for the discerning buyer) but the logic is undeniable.

It would mean that Westminster would have to work a bit harder, but the long-term savings would be enormous, more than enough to return Scotland's rural roads to a reasonable standard.

Politicians are expendable, communities are not.

Neil Duncan,
Stonefield Farms, Tarbert.

Act now on tax dodging

Sir,

When the Budget is announced next week on March 21, we will all be asked to make sacrifices in order to deal with our economic problems.

At the same time many multinational companies continue to avoid billions in taxes every year. In spite of tough talk on cracking down on tax dodging, the government is planning on opening a new tax loophole which will make it easier for multinationals to avoid paying their bills around the world.

Action Aid estimates that developing countries could lose £4 billion; money urgently needed to fight poverty, while the Treasury's own figures show the UK will lose £1 billion a year. When companies dodge taxes it is ordinary people in the UK, and around the world, who pick up the bill.

When these changes are debated in parliament, I am calling on our MPs to make sure the government urgently rethinks its plans.

Surely it is time to stop offshore accounts being tax-free. The only people that can use them are those who do not need them. It is disgusting that these unscrupulous people get away with it, people in positions of high regard and responsibility.

Big business should be taxed to make up for the years they have been stashing cash away to avoid tax.

MB Wilkins,
Lochgilphead.

Fisherman says thanks

MIRACLE fisherman Sean Taylor is this week saying thank you to the organisations that helped him get back on his feet after a fishing accident last year.

Sean, who fell overboard the *Blue Angel* fishing boat last January, is hosting a dance to raise funds for the many organisations that supported him following the accident.

The dance, which takes place tomorrow (Saturday) night at Tarbert Village Hall, will raise funds for Fisherman's Mission, RNLI, Intensive Care Unit of Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock and HMS Gannet.

The dance will see performances by Tarbert duo Lauren and Caragh and Monkey Shoulder, which will be followed by a disco.

Coastal grant

CHARITIES and organisations are being urged to make good use of the Coastal Communities Fund.

The fund, which will distribute half the profits made by the Crown Estate from its marine holdings, is currently open for grant applications.



Sephton McGuire, Vice Convenor Dunbritton Housing Association, Alistair McLaren, Third Sector Partnership Argyll Voluntary Action, Derek Leslie, General Manager Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership, Suzie Vestri, 'See Me' Campaign Director, Marlene Baillie, Chief Inspector Strathclyde Police, Douglas Cowan, Area Manager Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Colin Renfrew, Chief Executive Fyne Homes, Paul Connelly, Area Commander Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Transport officials quizzed on Ardrishaig road safety

A SAFE crossing and speeding motorists were on the agenda of Ardrishaig Community Council last week as Transport Scotland officials visited the village.

Andrew Anderson and Phil Hinchliffe from Transport Scotland were questioned about the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures on Ardrishaig's Chalmers Street and the A83, when they attended the meeting last Tuesday.

The visit follows several years of campaigning by Ardrishaig Community Council to create a safe crossing in the village.

Convenor of the council Edward Laughton warned of the seriousness of the situation, adding that the lack of a crossing point meant 'you just

dash across whenever you can.' Mr Hinchliffe, Transport Scotland's area manager for Argyll, said the roads authority would investigate the possibility of installing a safe crossing in the heart of the village as part of its overall investigation into the future of the A83. Plans to stop motorists from speeding through the village were also discussed at the meeting.

Ardishaig resident John Woods suggested an increased police presence in the village would deter people from speeding. Referring to the police presence at Lochgilphead High School, Mr Woods said: 'The reduction in speed at the other side of the loch has been phenomenal and I would put that down to a high police presence.'

Mary's Meals in spotlight

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Mid Argyll will soon be taking part in an important charity awareness week.

The Mary's Meals campaign – for every child to receive a daily meal in a place of education in the world's poorer countries – will be highlighted in local schools from March 26–30.

Tony Begley, education co-ordinator for the charity, said: 'We thought it would be

good to give children a chance to compare their opportunities – access to food and education – with poor children in developing countries who struggle to get these basic rights.'

All pupils have to do to contribute is eat a school meal for lunch – 10p from every meal will go directly to the charity. For those who take packed lunches to school, boxes will be available for voluntary donations.

Police and council target anti-social behaviour

THE POLICE and Argyll and Bute Council are joining forces this month to combat anti-social behaviour.

Tackling everything from excessive noise from residential and commercial properties, bogus callers and doorstep sellers to dog fouling and littering, the two authorities will target specific areas of concern throughout March.

Anyone found in breach of the law could be fined or issued a fixed penalty notice.

New strategy supports good mental health

Partnership urges local organisations to think about the wider community

A NEW strategy that supports and promotes good mental health in Argyll was launched in Inveraray last week.

The Mental Wellbeing strategy for Argyll and Bute, launched by Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership, provides guidance for agencies on how to help locals look after their mental health.

Urging local organisations to think about the wider community and not just people diagnosed with a mental health condition, the strategy recommends improving opportunities for people to access social activities, linking people in with welfare rights services and promoting counselling and support services throughout the county.

Outlining a vision of good mental health, the strategy suggests people have strong and supportive social networks, a sense of optimism and hope for the future, being active in their local communities and have the resilience to deal with adversity.

Commitment

Explaining there are a lot of things local people and companies can do to positively influence good mental health, Derek Leslie, chairman of the Community Planning Partnership management committee said: 'On behalf of the Community Planning Partnership I wholeheartedly welcome this strategy but this is just the start of an ongoing process where partners will work with commit-

ment and resolve to develop and take forward plans of how to implement the strategy in their area of work.'

Welcoming the launch of the strategy last week a host of agencies operating throughout Argyll pledged their support to reducing the stigma attached to poor mental health.

Fyne Homes, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, NHS Highland, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Partnership, Dunbritton Housing Association, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Strathclyde Police all signed the See Me Pledge.

The organisations have committed to implementing plans to actively reduce the stigma associated with mental ill health.

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New Love to appear at the Royal Concert Hall

A ROCK band from Lochgilphead will this month play at one of the country's most prestigious venues after being shortlisted to take part in Live and Unsigned.

New Love, a four-piece band, has been selected to play at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow after being chosen by a panel of judges from the UK-wide music competition.

The band – John Kennedy, Joe Redman, Kai Cairney and Kyle Macvicar – will play to

a 300-strong audience in the latest round of Live and Unsigned, which gives unsigned acts the opportunity to play at amazing venues all over the UK.

Auditioned

The boys, aged between 16 and 26, fought off competition from more than 100 musical acts when they auditioned for a place in the Glasgow concert last month.

Impressing four judges from the music industry with a rendition of their song Dream, the boys

said they were surprised to get through.

'The audition didn't really go according to plan as we only had two minutes to perform the song and we made some changes at the last minute,' the boys said.

Explaining they were looking forward to the Glasgow concert, where they will join 26 acts performing one song each, Kai said: 'We are hopeful that we could get through to the next round but either way it is a good opportunity to

get our name out there and get noticed.'

Six of the 26 acts performing will be chosen to go to the next round of the competition, which will see musicians from Scotland and North England play in Newcastle. Finalists in the competition will win the opportunity to play in London's O2 arena.

To follow New Love in the Live and Unsigned competition see the band's facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Love>.



Lochgilphead's New Love – John Kennedy, Joe Redman, Kai Cairney and Kyle Macvicar – will perform at Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow this month.



Rising stars of Scottish Music, the Rua Macmillan Trio – Rua Macmillan, Tia Files and Adam Brown.

Rua Macmillan Trio at Tayvallich

ONE OF the brightest rising stars on the Scottish music scene will entertain audiences in Tayvallich next weekend.

The Rua Macmillan Trio, fast earning a reputation in the world of Scottish traditional music, will play Tayvallich Village Hall next Saturday.

Fiddler Rua, voted BBC Scotland's Traditional Musician of the Year in 2009, guitarist Tia Files and Adam Brown, on bodhran, make up the musical trio.

The group has toured the UK extensively in recent years, performing at the Cambridge Folk Festival, the UK's biggest folk festival, the Hebridean festival in Stornoway, as well as this year's Celtic Connections Festival.

Boating bargains at Craignish

SAILING enthusiasts from across Scotland and Ireland will be in Craignish next week in a bid to bag a boating bargain at the annual boat jumble sale.

A key event on the Craignish social calendar, the boat jumble and car boot sale this year has attracted sellers from Ireland, Edinburgh, Ayrshire and Caithness.

The sale, which kicks off at Craignish Village Hall on Saturday, March

24, is one of a number of boat jumbles that take place around the country, attracting professional and amateur sellers of nautical goods.

Rummaging

Over the years an amazing number of bargains have changed hands in Craignish and there are boats sailing throughout Argyll kitted-out with weird and wonderful gadgets found after much rummaging through stalls.

But for those who prefer to remain on dry land, there will be a number of car boot sales in the car park filled with goodies for keen shoppers.

Tea, coffee and cake will also be available at the sale to revive bargain hunters after a hard day's work.

The boat and jumble sale, organised by Craignish Community Company, opens next Saturday at 10.15am and closes at 2pm.

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Mull Theatre Company to perform *Italia 'n' Caledonia*

A PLAY celebrating the lives of Italians in Scotland during the 20th century will be performed across Mid Argyll this month.

The play, *Italia 'n' Caledonia*, is the latest production from Mull Theatre Company and is written and performed by Mike Maran.

Italia 'n' Caledonia reflects on the role of Italians within Scottish History as seen through the history of Philip Contini's grandfather, Alfonso, using material drawn from Mary Contini's book *Dear Olivia*.

The play sees stories of Italian chip shops and ice-cream parlours brought to life and highlights the tragedy of World War II, which affected every Italian in Scotland.

Home movies of great picnics of the 30s when Italians from all over Scotland would gather in Alva Glen also feature throughout the play.

Italia 'n' Caledonia will be performed at Tarbert Village Hall on March 22, Strachur Memorial Hall on March 25 and Gibson Hall, Garelochhead on March 28. All performances begin at 7.30pm.

Joy launches new album

ARGYLL vocalist Joy Dunlop will be launching her new album next week with the start of a nationwide tour.

The Mod Gold medal winner will launch her *Fiere* album tour at St. Andrew's in the Square, in Glasgow, next Friday.

Fiere, a Scots word for friend or companion, sees Joy perform alongside harp duo Twelfth Day for an album that celebrates the lives, loves and experiences of women in Scotland.

Fiere features songs in English, Scots and Gaelic that were all originally poems written by renowned Scottish writers including Liz Lochhead, Jackie Kay and Mòrag NicGumaraid.

Kosmos Trio go down a storm at Kilmory Castle

John Holt reviews the group's performance

AN EXPECTANT audience, with not an empty seat in Kilmory Council Chamber, welcomed string trio Kosmos on Saturday evening.

Harriet Mackenzie on violin, Meg Hamilton on viola and Shirley Smart on cello provided one of the most enthralling and captivating nights of music ever staged by Argyll and Bute Concert Tours (ABCT) and the Mid Argyll Arts Association.

In a concert that lasted for 100 magical minutes, Kosmos played 15 different scenarios which



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featured Balkan, Arabic, Klezmer, Tango, Gypsy, Russian and Greek folk music

Throughout the concert the close understanding between the Kosmos trio shone out over and over again, as themes were tossed one to another and violin, viola and cello took it in turns to play solo, in unison and in harmony.

Interchanging

In the centre, the role of the cello was vital – at times a guitar, then a walking double bass, plucked strings and bow constantly interchanging, with Shirley's relaxed rhythmic playing

fascinating to behold. The cello provided the necessary stability and sonority for the trio, permitting the virtuoso playing of the violin and the viola to take the eager audience on a musical journey few had ever encountered before.

Lively, passionate, poignant, serene, mesmerising.... words are inadequate to convey the magic of the playing. The musical arrangements, compositions and improvisations flowed, all very different and unique, yet strangely linked together by the unifying feature of being played in a minor key.

It is impossible to single out any one performance, Piazzolla's *Liber-tango* though was really special and the Greek and Klezmer items were particularly memorable.

The virtuoso playing of Kosmos was quite exceptional - passionate yet always refined and controlled - and the unique programme presented by Harriet, Meg and Shirley for this ABCT tour broke new ground and will long be remembered.



Coffee morning raises £330

ST MARGARET'S church held a coffee morning at the Baptist Church Hall on Saturday in aid of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF). In total £330 was raised towards helping the disabled in India. Father David Connor said: 'People think India is a well-off country but you'll find there is still a lot of poverty, and five per cent of the population have disabilities.' 06_a11coffee01

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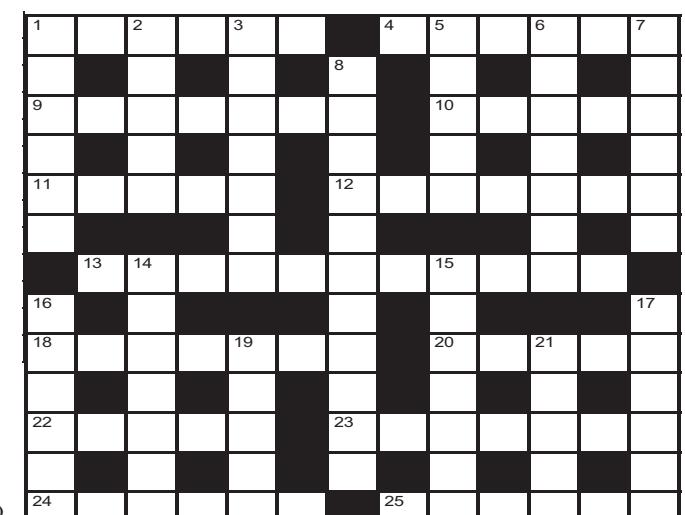
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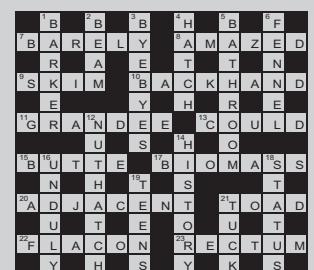
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Last week's solution



Recycling roadshow visits town

RECYCLING was made fun when a roadshow came to Lochgilphead on Thursday.

The Scottish Government's recycling roadshow, supported by Argyll and Bute Council, was at the local Tesco to demonstrate the range of products that can be recycled.

Jim Smith, the council's head of amenity services, said: 'We all need to do our bit to create a cleaner, greener Scotland.'

'Recycling more and giving things another life is one of the ways we can do this.'

The roadshow, which will visit locations all across the country, is part of a campaign launched to encourage recycling to help combat climate change.

The Scottish Government is aiming to ensure 70 per cent of all waste in Scotland is recycled by 2025.

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Five-day Mid Argyll Music Festival showcases talent



Fiona Cupples, from Lochgilphead, was awarded The Scottish Premier Festivals Trophy in 2011. 06_a12music56

33rd event gets underway

MUSICIANS, singers and school pupils will once again show their skill in performing songs and Scots prose this week as the 33rd Mid Argyll Music Festival gets underway.

The festival, which celebrates music and Scottish poetry, kicks off on Monday with verse speaking, Scots verse solo speaking and choral verse speaking competitions in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Adjudicator Brian Marjoribanks will return to the festival to judge these classes.

Vocal competitions continue on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with the ever-popular songs from the shows on Wednesday evening.

In a change to the usual schedule piano forte classes will take place on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Friday will be devoted to recorder, string and instrumental classes during the day, whilst adult solo performers, ensembles and choirs

will take to the stage in the evening.

On Saturday, the final day of the festival, performers from all over Argyll and beyond will be heard throughout the day in a number of choral and instrumental classes which culminates in the bands competition.

Renowned as the 'big band night' the evening competition features bands from Islay, Kintyre, Kirkintilloch and Campbeltown.

Impresses

The Scottish Premier Festivals Award will also be presented to one performer that impresses judges throughout the five-day competition on Saturday night.

The general music classes of the competition will be judged by Edinburgh's Margaret Murray-McLeod and Anne Strachan from Glasgow.

Renowned brass and adjudicator Alan Fernie will join the ladies to adjudicate Saturday's competitions.

Jura Stores cuts opening hours

JURA Stores reduced its opening hours on Monday in a bid to curb running costs.

Owner Stephen Martin said the changes were not permanent and he would reconsider the times when the tourist season started.

The island is expected to see an influx of visitors when the Tayvallich to Jura passenger ferry resumes service in the summer.

Mr Martin said the changes, which will see the shop operate half days Monday to Friday, were due to a lack of support from islanders.

His one member of staff has secured employment elsewhere on the island.

Jura Stores will still be able to deliver groceries to the north end of the island, despite concerns this service would cease.

Club returns to former home

GUESTS of Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club are being reminded that the club will be returning to its former home, the Argyll Inn, for its monthly music sessions.

The club will meet in the function suite of the hotel on March 20, where members will be joined by The Burns Brothers from Glasgow.

The club was forced to relocate to Lochgilphead's Red Cross Centre for its monthly sessions when the Lochnell Street hotel closed suddenly in December.

The March session kicks off on Tuesday night at 7.30pm.

Broadcaster in training for high altitude charity hike

ISLAY-born broadcaster Glenn Campbell is in training for a high altitude charity hike in the Andes.

The 36-year-old Newsnight Scotland presenter and BBC correspondent hopes to raise at least £4,215 for Macmillan Cancer Support on a four day hike from Cusco to the lost city of the Incas at Machu Picchu.

The fundraising target

matches the highest point on the Inca Trail, 4,215 metres at Dead Woman's Pass. The former Bowmore Primary and Islay High School pupil, who now lives in East Lothian, is one of 44 people from across the UK taking part in the expedition and volunteered to join team Macmillan in the Andes following the death of his father, Lamont, in June 2010.



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Blarbuie Woodland re-opens after volunteers clear up after storm

WALKERS looking for peace and quiet can once again seek solace at Blarbuie Woodland as it re-opens tomorrow (Saturday).

The woodland closed a few months ago after storms and high winds destroyed trees and blocked the woodland walkways.

But now, thanks to a host of local volunteers and tree fellers, the woodland is open.

Hugh Fife of Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise said: 'We have been very fortunate to have offers from several local tree fellers to volunteer in the big tidy up.'

'John Frier and son John, Gary O'Neill and Ira Munroe of Scottish and Southern Energy, Charlie Self, John Rees and Fraser Campbell have all been very busy on site dealing with some very large

pines and larch trees. The board of directors and staff of this local social enterprise and charity are very grateful for this help, and the ongoing efforts of the regular woodland workers.'

Celebrating the re-opening of the woodland, an open day will be held on Saturday when people can get involved in tree planting, games, arts and crafts.



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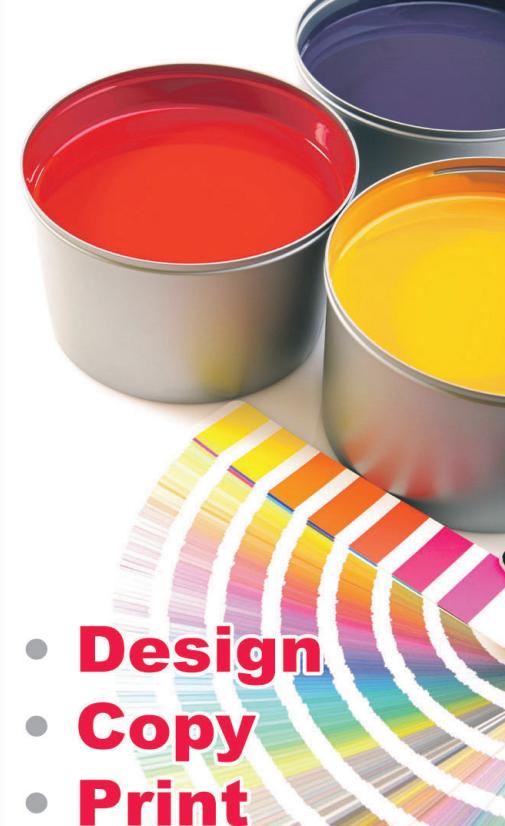
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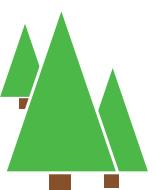
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Heavy horses to line up at ploughing match

THREE pairs of heavy horses will be amongst the competitors for the annual Lorn Ploughing Competition to be held this year at Shenavallie Farm, Benderloch, near Oban by kind permission of Mr Duncan Buchanan.

The popular event, which will take place on Saturday, March 24 has already attracted 32 entries who will compete for a wide variety of awards and trophies. Competitors come from throughout Argyll and further afield with Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Bute well-represented.

The fun day will also act as a fundraiser for the local heart charity Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD) and ample parking and refreshments will be available.

UNITED Auctions held their annual March sale of 791 cattle at Islay Auction Mart last Saturday. The 497 bullocks sold to average at £884.93 per head and 236.11 pence per kilo and to a top of £1,255 per head for Charolais crosses from Eorrabus and 301pence per kilo for Limousin crosses from Eorrabus and 273 pence per kilo for Limousin crosses from Ardbeg.

The 294 heifers sold

to average £749.04 per head or 223.32 pence per kilo and to a top of £1,155 for Limousin crosses from Eorrabus and 273 pence per kilo for Limousin crosses from Ardbeg.

An excellent show of quality cattle sold at keen rates and to a good following of mainland buyers.

Breeding cattle from Starchmill sold to £1,350 for in-calf cows.



Market reports

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United Auctions

Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: £975(3) Craigfad £970(6) and £955(12) Aoradh £945 Brybruiich and Craigens(9) £925 Octofad and Scarrabus (2) £915(6) and £910(6) Craigens £905 Aoradh £875 Ardfarnal £855 Aoradh(4) and Sunderland. British Blue X: £1045(3) Ardbeg £895 Eorrabus. CharolaisX: £1255 and £1245 Aoradh £1175(4) and £1155(3) Craigfad £1145(13) Eorrabus £1095 Aoradh £1075(2) Craigfad £1070(5) and £1055 Aoradh £1035(3) Eorrabus £1015 Aoradh(7) and Ballinaby (2) £995(8) Brybruiich £985(7) Craigens £975 Aoradh(4) and Eorrabus(5) £950 Eorrabus £945(4) Aoradh £935(4) Craigens £915(5) Aoradh £905 Tallant £850(4) Ballinaby. LimousinX: £1255 Eorrabus and Lossit £1235 and £1195 Lossit £1185(2) and £1175(2) Octofad £1145 Ardbeg(2), Kilchiaran and Lossit (4) £1135 and £1125 Eorrabus £1085(8) and £1075(5) Ardbeg £1075(3) Blackrock £1045(6) Octofad £1035 Eorrabus £1025 Brybruiich £1015(2) Ardbeg £995 Brybruiich £985(4) Tallant £985 Kilchiaran and Sunderland(3) £975 Ardbeg(2) and Sunderland £965 Kilchiaran £950 Ardbeg £955 Eorrabus(4) and Lossit £950(4) Eorrabus £940(9) Sunderland £885 Kilchiaran £875(8) Aoradh £865(5) Blackrock £840(9) Ardbeg £835 Grulinbeg £830(7) £805(3) Knocklearach £800(7) Octofad. SimmentalX: £965 Craigfad.

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Prices per kilo

Bullocks Aberdeen Angus X: 271p(2) and 266p Calumkill 255p(2) Scarabus 251p(12) and 250p(9) Aoradh. British Blue X: 279p(3) Ardbeg CharolaisX: 274p Ardbeg 266p(2) Aoradh 266p(5) Calumkill 265p(5) and 264p(7) Ardbeg 264p Knocklearach(4) and Smaladh(2) 262p(4) Tallant 261p(2) and 260p(2) Ardbeg 258p(3) Knocklearach 256p Lossit 254p(6) and 252p(7) Tallant 250p(2) Brybruiich. SimmentalX: 266p(5) and 245p(2) Calumkill. Heifers Aberdeen Angus X: 279p(5), 274p(3) and 273p Blackrock 269p Grulinbeg(2) and Lossit(4) 267p(2) Ardbeg 264p Knocklearach(4) and Smaladh(2) 262p(4) Tallant 261p(2) and 260p(2) Ardbeg 258p(3) Knocklearach 256p Lossit 254p(6) and 252p(7) Tallant 250p(2) Brybruiich. SimmentalX: 266p(5) and 245p(2) Calumkill. Heifers Up to 250kgs Braendam £550, 225.4p; 251-300kgs Kepculloch £770 Edinbeg 269.2p 301-350kgs Mid Shawton £940, 283.1p; 351-400kgs Killocrew £1140, 293.8p; 401-450kgs Drumalbin £1280, 293.6p; 451-500kgs Drumalbin £1130, Cretlevane 238.9p; 501-550kgs Drumalbin £1500, 297.6p; 551-600kgs Midfield £1800, 322.6p; 601-650kgs Hillridge £1190, 197.7p.

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OTM Cows

Mid Cambushinnie (Cha) £1615, 175.5p; Quixwood (Lim) £1475, Drumalbin 205.5p; Quixwood (AA) £1325, 185.6p; Quixwood (BS) £1255, 180.8p; Ben Challum (Sim) £11235, Ballaggan 182.2p; South Hill of Dripps (BB) £1185, 177.9p; Wester Moffat (Lui) £1085, Ben Challum 158.3p; Ballgan (Sho) £1045, 168.5p; Meikle Harelaw (HE) £1045, 150.1p. OTM Bulls Back O'Muir (Sim) £1545, 146.9p.

Sheep

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Farmers warned that May IACS deadline fast approaching

THE TIME is fast approaching for farmers to complete their IACS claim forms and lodge them with the Scottish Government.

Penalties for mistakes

While the news at the moment is about rich bankers who claim subsidies but do no farming in return, for working crofters and farmers the

deadline to claim their essential payments is May 15.

Many struggle at this time of year and penalties for mistakes made with the detailed and complex forms can be severe.

Faced with the danger of reduced income many turn to consultants for help. 'The surgeries we

hold at this time of year can be pretty intense,' said Oban-based SAC consultant Niall Campbell.

'Last year, between us, we handled 570 applications and it was important we got each one right.'

'There are strict rules about what can be claimed and what con-

ditions apply.'

'Inspectors and even EU auditors make spot checks and farmers can have their single farm payments docked if they are found to be making false declarations.'

Niall added: 'Living this far from the market and in the climate we have, the support payments make the differ-

ence between a viable unit and one making a loss.'

SAC Consultants will be holding surgeries in various part of the region.

Farmers and crofters are urged to contact their local FRBS office for details. Oban on 01631 563093 or Campbeltown 01586 552502.

SFP could gain RDP cash

FARMERS in the Highlands and Islands could receive an unexpected bumper boost to their payments next year.

The Single Farm Payments (SFP) scheme will be increased by £25 million in 2013 after the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) is cut by the same amount.

Extra year

George Lyon, MEP for Scotland, who revealed the change in payments said: 'The Commission's plans for a transition year until the new Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) comes into force in 2014 contains no powers for the Scottish Government to use voluntary modulation to top up their rural development programme for next year.'



George Lyon, MEP revealed changes

'The Commission has not made any changes to their plans so far as it is only the four administrations in the UK that use them.'

The move comes as the current European Union CAP financing ends in December 2012 and new legislation allowing the CAP to continue

for an extra year does not allow the Scottish Government to transfer money from direct payments into rural development funding.

This means unless the Commission's proposals are amended on the regulation of the application of direct payments for the year 2013, the SRDP will be cut and instead Scottish farmers will enjoy a huge boost to their SFP.

Mr Lyon added: 'I have heard nothing from the Scottish Government about whether they want these powers or not. I hope it has not escaped their attention that they are about to lose them.'

'It would certainly be very unusual for the Cabinet Secretary to want to give up powers that he has.'

Kintyre cattle top Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 2,610 store cattle and 364 store and breeding sheep at Stirling last Thursday when bullocks sold to 311.5p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Kintyre.

Bullocks averaged 234.36p (+17.10p) and sold to 311.5p per kg for a 366kg Limousin cross from Rodney Lines, Killock and £1,370 for a 627kg Limousin cross from Carmichael Est.

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LOCHGILPHEAD

Bookbug calls in at library

Youngsters at Friday's weekly Bookbug session in Lochgilphead Library got a surprise when the Bookbug himself made an appearance, enthraling an audience of 40 children with stories and songs.

Bookbug is a Scottish Government-funded initiative to encourage children to get involved in reading.

Footpath praised

THE RECENTLY completed footpath near the Fyne Homes building site came in for praise at Lochgilphead's community council meeting on Monday.

Community council chairman Robert Millar proposed writing a letter of gratitude to Sandy MacTaggart, Argyll and Bute Council's executive director for development and infrastructure.

Robert said: 'They did an excellent job; it's a wonderful footpath.'

'People can use it for cycling as well as for walking which is excellent.'

Noticeboard application

A PLANNING application for a new community notice board has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Lochgilphead Phoenix Project, an organisation that aims to improve the quality of life of people living and working in the town, submitted the plans to build the noticeboard on Lochgilphead front green.

The group was able to pay for the application thanks to Matthew Wattkiss, who raised £200 in sponsorship for the project after running the 2011 Edinburgh Marathon.

It is hoped a decision on the application will be made later this month.

New council treasurer confirmed

HELEN Rhodick was confirmed as the new treasurer for Lochgilphead Community Council during Monday's meeting at Lochgilphead Community Centre.

The decision was taken following the resignation of John McFadden.



Tarbert's David Harvey is £1,750 better off after winning *The Oban Times* Spot the Ball competition. 06_a11spot01

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TARBERT

David spots the ball!

A KEEN player of *The Oban Times* Spot the Ball competition is this week finally enjoying the fruits of his labour.

David Harvey, from Tarbert, says he is delighted he won the competition after years of trying to 'spot the ball' every week.

The surprised 40-year-old is now thinking about how to spend his £1,750 winnings after successfully spotting the ball in the paper three weeks ago.

'I play spot the ball almost every week and I have come close many times but I have never won; I'm pleased all of my effort has paid off,' David said.

Explaining he was shocked to finally win, he said: 'I was in Tesco in Oban when I got the call from the paper and I thought what have I done now; I wasn't expecting it at all.'

David, who lives in Tarbert with his wife Eileen, said they might put the money towards a holiday.

'We normally go over to the Isle of Mull in the summer so perhaps we will put some of the money towards our trip,' David said, 'hopefully we can make it across when the better weather comes in.'

COWAL

Boost for befrienders

AN ELDERLY befriending scheme is £5,000 better off thanks to a grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland.

Cowal Elderly Befriending Scheme provides a minibus service to over 150 elderly people a year, allowing them to attend events such as social gatherings and hospital appointments.

Befriending scheme coordinator Pauline Livingstone said the money would go towards paying the salaries of the minibus drivers. 'We're delighted with the grant,' she said.

LOCHGAIR

Healer in class

A SPIRITUALIST healer was at Monday's Tai Chi class in Lochgair.

Jim Biggin, a minister with the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists, took part in the class and was also on hand to provide Jan Williams with some healing hands.

Convener Edward Laughton said: 'Businesses in the village have raised the issue and are quite frustrated.'

bargains for sailing enthusiasts.

Puppet show fun

FAMILY fun will be on offer when puppet-show *Peter and the Wolf* comes to Craignish Village Hall on Sunday, March 25.

Based on the famous children's symphony by Prokofiev, the show features both actors and life-sized animal puppets.

Produced by Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre as part of the Puppet Animation Festival, it is described as one of the company's most successful touring shows ever.

KILMARTIN

Museum unearths Iron Age fort

STAFF from Kilmartin House Museum unearthed an Iron Age fort on Colonsay during a recent survey of the island.

The discovery is one of over 200 prehistoric sites found on the island since the last survey was carried out in November 2011.

Amongst the findings were several rock shelters and the remains of several hut circles, which are thought to date back to prehistoric times.

Roddy Regan, field archaeologist with the museum, said: 'We now have a much better picture of how the islanders' ancestors would have lived and worked on the island.'

Jeanette Laughton said: 'It caused a problem with an ambulance with flashing lights – it caused a delay of two to three minutes and that's not something we want happening on a regular basis.'

There have also been reports of lorries and buses having to move into the middle of the road in order to avoid the van.

Convener Edward Laughton said: 'Businesses in the village have raised the issue and are quite frustrated.'



Mid Argyll school pupils had a blast when they performed the Big Bang Show at Inveraray primary last Monday.

Big Bang Show rocks school

MID ARGYLL school children had a blast when the Big Bang Show came to Inveraray Primary School on Monday.

The show was put on as part of Scottish Opera's schools tour and featured primary 5-7 pupils from schools across

the area including Furnace, Minard, Kilmodan, Strachur and Tighnabruaich.

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Councillors are to be elected for each of the 11 Wards of Argyll and Bute Council. The number of Councillors to be elected for a ward is as follows:-

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
1 South Kintyre	3
2 Kintyre and the Islands	3
3 Mid Argyll	3
4 Oban South and the Isles	4
5 Oban North and Lorn	4
6 Cowal	3
7 Dunoon	3
8 Isle of Bute	3
9 Lomond North	3
10 Helensburgh Central	4
11 Helensburgh and Lomond South	3

Nomination forms can be obtained from The Election Office, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT after the date of this Notice. This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Completed nomination papers MUST be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by 4.00pm on Thursday 29 March 2012.

If the election is contested, the poll will take place between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm on Thursday, 3 May 2012.

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Sally Loudon, Returning Officer, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead PA31 8RT

13 March 2012

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1 Nomination Packs : Nomination packs may also be downloaded from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections. The website gives a list of local offices where nomination papers may be obtained (but not lodged) and other election information.

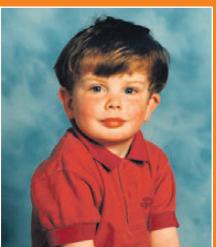
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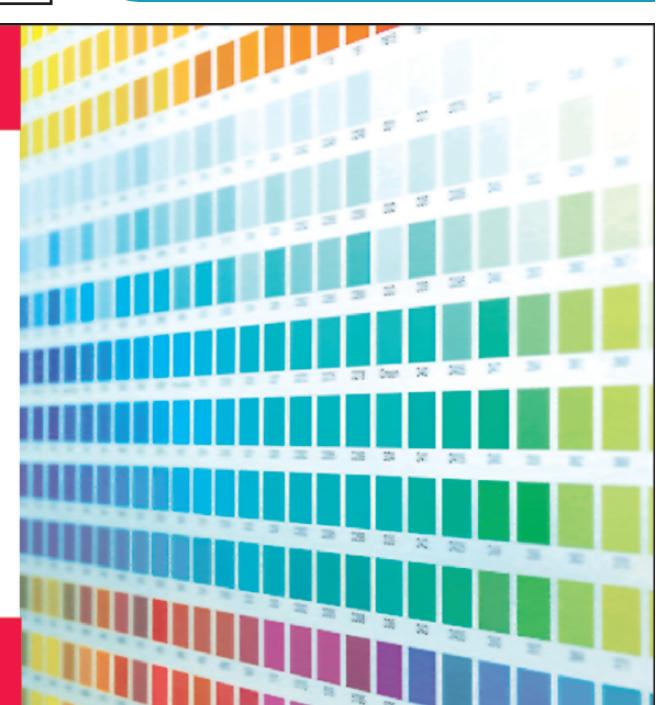
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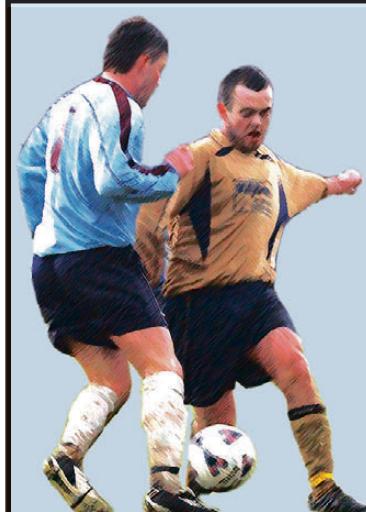
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

BIRTHS

MACDOUGALL – John is delighted to announce the safe, but speedy, arrival of his little brother, Campbell Aitchison Robert, born on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at home in Tarbert. Fourth grandchild of John and Margaret MacDougall and second grandson of Alexander Martin, Moira and Lachie Wood and Wilma MacKenzie. Special thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit.

PHILIPS – Robert and Alison, née MacNicol, are delighted to announce the birth of Alasdair Derek, born on February 3, 2012 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for Alasdair and Fiona MacNicol, Turnalt, and the late Derek and Isa Philips, Ardriishaig. Many thanks to the midwives in Lochgilphead and Paisley and the staff at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

DEATHS

COLVILLE – Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on March 7, 2012, Frances Robertson, in her 67th year, 37 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Hugh Colville, much loved mother of John, Andrew and David and a loving and much loved grandmother.

CRAWFORD - Duncan MacVicar, Brencloch. At home on Friday March 9, 2012, dearly loved husband of Phyllis (nee Baxter), loving and much loved father of Jane, Duncan, Mairi, Colin and Ernie, devoted Papa of eighteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on March 14, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery.

GEDDES – Peacefully, after an illness, borne bravely, at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, on March 13, 2012, Patricia (Pat) Geddes, née Gibson, aged 68 years, of 'Tara', Ormsary Road, by Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Bill, much loved mum of Fiona, Jackie and Stuart and loving gran of Rory and Olly. Funeral service will be held in Ardriishaig Parish Church, on Monday, March 19, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. No cards or letters please, donations if desired, to 'Friends of the Beatson' and the Anthony Nolan Trust.

MCINTOSH – Peacefully, at home, 8 Tormore, Carradale, as she wished, on March 6, 2012, Flora McFadyen (Big Flo), in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Douglas McIntosh, dearly loved mother of Duncan and Wendy, a much loved and valued mother-in-law of Gail and Coleen and a devoted and much loved grandmother of Laurene, Rowan and Douglas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCGOWN – Cathie and Wallace would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the recent loss of John. We have been overwhelmed by the number of cards, gifts and messages of support we received. A special thanks to Dr Lazarus and the staff at the Campbeltown Health Centre and Hospital and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their very personal service. Finally, special thanks to the Rev Burroughs for a very fitting church service and to all who paid their respects at both the church and at the graveside. The retiral collection raised the sum of £650 for the Lorne and Lowland Church.

IN MEMORIAMS

EDWARD – In memory of my beloved husband, George, died March 21, 2011. Sadly missed, never forgotten.

- Jean.

EDWARD – In loving memory of our dear dad, George, passed away March 21, 2011.

Forever loved.

- Jeanette, Clive, Alex and family.

FERGUSON – Barbara (Granny Babs), died March 4, 2009 and Mary Crawford (Gren), died March 12, 1999.

Never forgotten.

- Charles, Fiona, Lorna, Andrew, Cameron, Ewan, Holly and Anna x.

GRAHAM – Charlie, died March 22, 2011.

A year has passed since you were taken away

Love and miss you more than words can say.

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

MACDOUGALL – Precious memories of Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts

A huge loss, missed so very much!

- Mum, Dad and Keli See you Later x.

MACDOUGALL – Alasdair.

Remembering you is easy We do it every day It's just the pain of losing you

That never goes away.

Forever in our hearts.

- Nikki, Mhairi and Codi xxx.

MACPHAIL – In loving memory of John, our son and brother, died March 15, 1995.

Always in our thoughts.

- Love Mum, Caroline and Linda.

MCGEACHY – In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady, taken from me on March 18, 2010.

There's no lips to kiss me tenderly

And make me smile again Or arms to gently hold me And soothe away my pain.

Our time on earth together So sadly had to end

Angels carried a soul up to Heaven

That soul was my best friend.

Ae fond kiss.

- Leslie.

MCGEACHY – Treasured memories of a much loved mum and granny, Margaret, passed away March 18, 2010. Gone from our lives, but not from our hearts.

- Debbie, Leslie, Lesley, Gary, Hollie, Connor, Lewis and Logan.

MCGEACHY – In loving memory of Margaret, much loved sister-in-law and great aunt.

You went to help in God's garden

Where the angels dance and sing.

- From Betty, Margaret and Bob and families at home and USA.

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SUNDAY 18th MARCH 2012

11.00 am

Worship Service

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All Welcome

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Sunday 18th March 2012

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Sunday School 11.20am

Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre

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Sunday 18th March

11.15am

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Tuesday 20th March

Badminton Club

6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5

7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7

Wednesday 21st March

7.15pm

Bible Studies for Lent -

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Advance Note:

The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held after the morning service on 25th March.

Rev Michael J Lind

Everyone always welcome

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Sunday 18th March

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Saturday, 17th March

Guild Annual Sale Of Work - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, 18th March

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs

Monday, 19th March

The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th March

Mothers and Toddlers -

9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 22nd March

Bible Study (in the manse) -

7:30 p.m.

Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 23rd March

Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

Ian White in Concert

(The Wee Picture House) - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th March

A.G.M. in the New Hall- 7:30 p.m.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARIN

Sunday 18 March 2012

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages

followed by light lunch

Speaker: Stan Holloway

"Sit or Stand"

Thursday 22 March 2012

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

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Mini rugby at Garmony

MID ARGYLL youngsters took part in the second Mini Rugby Dalriada tournament of 2012 at Mull's Garmony pitch last Sunday.

The P4-5 team took part in four matches, winning two and losing two, including a good win against the hosts Mull.

The team's fixture list was completed with a win over Oban Lorne and defeats against Taynuilt's first and second teams.

Commenting on the young team, which is still learning the basics of

rugby, coach of Mid Argyll Mini Rugby, Duncan Aitken said: 'They are doing well; at the tournament last week they beat Oban and Mull and gave Taynuilt a run for their money.'

'It is only their second tournament and they are getting the hang of it now. It has been difficult to do tackle training on the pitch at the joint campus so when the better weather comes in hopefully we can do some more training on the grass pitch.'

The P4/5 tournament saw Etive Vikings continue their 100 per cent winning record this season, winning all four games while scoring an impressive 24 tries.

Plaudits

The P6/7 event also took place at the Mull competition, where it was the Isle of Mull who took the plaudits for winning both their games against Oban Lorne and the Vikings.

After the group games, the teams played two 10-a-side games with



Sunday's Mini Rugby Dalriada on the Isle of Mull saw a great display of rugby on show.

scrumms and lineouts in preparation for playing against touring teams as well as improving their skills.

Proving to be a good day for youth rugby throughout Argyll, the day saw some very high-scoring games and a lot

of impressive rugby on display.

The next Dalriada tournament will take place in Taynuilt on April 29.



Tarbert's Carolyn McAlpine, who ran the London Marathon for the Anthony Nolan Trust last year, is one of two new leaders with Tarbert Jog Scotland.

Tarbert Jog Scotland supports Sport Relief

TARBERT Jog Scotland is supporting Sport Relief this month by donating £1 for every registered member of the group.

The group, which meets every week for walking and jogging sessions, will take part in the Sport Relief Mile next week and collect donations for the charity.

The group will be collecting donations when it meets on Wednesday March 28 and Thursday 29.

Sport Relief Week also marks the beginning of a new programme of activities for the Tarbert group which is launching a new Nordic walking session.

Commenting on the new addition to the Tarbert programme, jog leader Lesley Scott, said: 'Nordic Walking is fast growing in popularity across the country and

is an excellent way to build up fitness levels. These sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, meeting at 6.30pm at Tarbert Outdoor Gym. No experience is required and walking poles will be provided.'

The group's jogging programme will be continuing on Thursday evenings, with joggers meeting at Tarbert Bowling Club at 6.30pm.

Registration

Welcoming new and existing members to take part in the spring and Sport Relief events, a registration and information evening is being held at Tarbert Bowling Club on Thursday, March 22.

March also sees the introduction of two new Jog Scotland leaders at the Tarbert group including Carolyn McAlpine, who ran the London Marathon last year.

Mid Argyll parents praised

PARENTS in Mid Argyll are being praised for joining forces and helping to transport their children to sports events.

Duncan Aitken, rugby coach for primary and high school children in Mid Argyll, said parents from as far afield as Tayinloan have been driving children to coaching sessions every week.

'We have a great nucleus of parents who help transport the children; a lot of parents travelled with the team last Sunday to Mull and parents often take turns driving children to coaching at the joint campus.'

Mr Aitken also reminded parents that children can join the rugby classes, which take place on Tuesday evenings at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, at any time of the year.

Amateur football fixtures

PREMIER Division - Oban Saints v St Joseph's; Premier Division Two - Campbeltown Pupils v Centre; Alba Thistle v Dunoon; Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Aikenhead Thistle 'B'; Tarbert v Duncanrig FP 'B'.

All games scheduled to kick-off at 2pm.



The winners of Tarbert Gun Club's winter shoot collected their trophies at the annual dinner and prize-giving night. The full list of winners will be published in next week's Argyllshire Advertiser.

Dunaverty Am Am tee off times

TEE OFF times at the Dunaverty Golf Club's annual Am Am competition are booking up fast.

Mid Argyll golfers hoping to take part in the four-person competition on April 7 are being urged to contact Dunaverty clubhouse.

Golfers can leave a message on the clubhouse answering machine by calling 01586 830677 or email dunavertygc@aol.com.

All competitors must hold a current handicap.

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 5, 9 and 11. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 8, 15 and 16 drawn. The jackpot will be £500 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week drew numbers 4, 10 and 20. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

The jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £625 next week after another week passes with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 1, 9 and 18.

Good scores carded at Glenralloch

SOME good scores were carded at Glenralloch Golf Course last weekend after a slow start to week 14 of Tarbert Golf Club's winter league.

Keith Blair had a poor start but soon found some form to finish strong and card 17 points, taking first place. Steve Bleasby came a close second to Keith, scoring 16 points in what was his first round of golf this year.

This weekend will see the winter league come to a conclusion, with awards presented after the final competition in the clubhouse.

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Euan is the new shinty development officer

ONE OF Inveraray's most dynamic forwards has this week taken up the role of shinty development officer with the Camanachd Association.

Euan McMurdo, well known in shinty circles as a forward with Inveraray Shinty Club, has gained responsibility for improving the sport across the county.

Already an enthusiastic volunteer and coach with a number of schools and youth shinty teams in Mid Argyll, Euan says his aim is to improve shinty at all levels from primary school right through to the national team.

Euan, from Kilmartin, hopes to continue suc-

cessful projects already underway in Mid Argyll, which is introducing more children to shinty via after school clubs.

Explaining part of the Camanachd Association's strategic plan is to increase participation in the sport, Euan said he was pleased that shinty had been reintroduced to Lochgilphead High School.

'Active schools in Mid Argyll has helped roll out shinty training with the help of volunteers from Dunadd, Inveraray and Kilmory shinty clubs at primary school level,' Euan said. 'This, combined with the shinty high school team, means that Mid Argyll youngsters can play the sport

from age seven through to club level.'

Euan, a fitness instructor with the Mid Argyll Sports Centre, is also hoping to work with shinty clubs across the county in a bid to improve the infrastructure and resources available for players.

'In terms of infrastructure we can look at club houses, equipment, team structures and let clubs know that they are not on their own. Simple things such as making a development plan, ensuring clubs know how to access funding and sharing knowledge between clubs is important,' he said.

Looking to the future, the 29-year-old added:

'I am passionate about shinty and that drives me to do the best that I can; I am also passionate about the area so I am looking forward to working hard to improve the overall standard of shinty in the south.'

Welcoming Euan to the Camanachd Association, Torquil Macleod, chief operating officer at the association, said: 'We are delighted Euan will be joining the team. His past professional and playing experience, coupled with his enthusiasm for the sport, will strengthen the association and I am sure he will have a very positive impact upon the further development of shinty in Argyll and Bute.'

Dunadd throw away half time lead

DUNADD Camanachd travelled to Aberdour on Sunday March 11 for their first game of the season.

Aberdour started the stronger team but could

not make this count in front of goal.

They were awarded a penalty after a Dunadd defender handled the ball, but they were let off as Aberdour pulled their

shot wide. Against the run of play, Dunadd took the lead through Roslyn McGuiness and Megan Yuill soon doubled their lead after pouncing onto a save by the Aberdours keeper.

Half time score: Aberdour 0-2 Dunadd.

Pressure

Aberdour came out fighting in the second half and scored quickly after the break to put the pressure back on Dunadd.

Both teams battled hard in windy conditions but it was Aberdour who scored their second goal to even things up.

Katie Donald and Laurene Cameron had a very

tough shift in the Dunadd defence and kept the home team's chances to a minimum in the closing stages.

After a number of corners for Aberdour, they scored a third in the dying minutes, leaving Dunadd with little time to find a reply.

Full time score: Aberdour 3-2 Dunadd.

A battered and bruised Laurene Cameron was named Dunadd's player of the match, and the team would like to thank Inveraray Shinty Club for the use of their minibus and to Eric for driving.

Dunadd's next game is at home to Tir Conaill Harps on March 25.



The winners of the Tarbert Indoor Junior Bowls collected their trophies at a presentation on Friday. L-R: Fergus Galbraith, Elma Burns, Blair MacKay, club president Bruce Harris, Sadie Meenan and Archie Mair.



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