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Axe hangs over evening and weekend x-rays

Concern over proposal to withdraw service from hospital

Doctors in the A&E department at Mid Argyll Community Hospital could be forced to work without an x-ray facility in the evenings and weekends, NHS Highland has confirmed.

The health authority said it is considering cutting the facility as part of a review of the out of hours radiography provision at the hospital. The proposal, if implemented, would see people needing an emergency scan transferred to another hospital.

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) established a steering group last year to explore ways of delivering x-ray services across the county but this week refused to say what the alternative options are.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'Patients, where clinically necessary, will be able to access these services within Argyll and Bute.'

The news has led to speculation that people with suspected broken limbs and those needing emergency chest x-rays could be transferred to Oban, Lorn and the Islands Hospital.

Robert Millar from Lochgilphead Community Council branded the proposal an 'unacceptable deterioration in service'.

'The principle in general concerns me as an individual, it is not an acceptable change to make.' He said. 'The implications of this would be really felt by local people and more travelling would have to be done to get basic health care services.'

'There's huge transport implications for people who do not drive.'

Ambulances

The news comes one week before the number of ambulances on duty at any one time in Mid Argyll is cut from three to two.

The Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) told the *Advertiser* that as of next week its paramedics would stop their on-call rota and transfer one ambulance from day duty to night shift.

Refusing to comment on whether or not slashing x-ray services at the Lochgilphead hospital would increase demand on ambulances,

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Girls saddle up for Comic Relief

THE COLD weather at the weekend did not stop two 11-year-old girls setting off on their bikes and cycling 15 miles to raise cash for Comic Relief.

Niamh Brady and Rowan MacIntyre left their homes in Ford on Saturday afternoon and cycled to Loch Awe Fish Farm and back. The youngsters, who are pupils at Kilmartin

Primary School, said they were delighted to have raised more than £200 in sponsorship from friends and family.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* before they headed off on their adventure, Niamh said: 'We really just wanted to do our bit for Comic Relief. We are so happy to have raised so much money.'



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Decision due on holiday homes

A HOLIDAY home provider hopes to secure planning permission for the development of 23 holiday homes at Inveraray by the end of the month.

Natural Retreats, a company that specialises in providing luxury self-catering accommodation, submitted its application to Argyll and Bute Council in November and is in the final stages of the planning consultation process.

The development would be spread across approximately 30 acres of land on the former Argyll Wildlife Park and include three or four bedroom houses, an apartment block of one or two bedrooms flats, reception area and service building.

Police and coastguard checks reveal defects on every vessel



EVERY boat checked by police and coastguard during safety checks in Tarbert and Campbeltown were found with defects – one serious enough to be detained.

Organised as part of Operation Myriad, inspections were carried out over Thursday and Friday last week, with seven boats checked.

Led by Campbeltown CID along with the Small Ports Unit, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Marine Scotland Compliance and Revenue and Customs, the inspections also saw boats checked for offences linked to drugs, illegal immigration and terrorism.

Two of the three vessels checked in Tarbert were found with serious problems and one requiring minor repair.

No-one was charged or arrested as a result. Four boats were

checked in Campbeltown, with one deemed so unsafe it was detained at the port until essential repairs were made. Two were found to have serious deficiencies requiring urgent repair and one a minor repair.

A spokeswoman for the MCA admitted it was unusual for every boat checked to be found with faults, but added that it was 'just like an MOT'.

She said: 'One vessel's defects were deemed serious enough to see it not allowed to sail. It may not have been able to cope in an emergency.'

'Repairs will be made in a matter of days and once complete the boat will be allowed to sail again.'

'With the major deficiencies, again, they will have to be repaired sooner rather than later.'

The boat inspections coincided with road vehicle checks throughout the week. For more on this story see page 5

Leading the inspections last week were Trainee Detective Constable Sarah Mason and Detective Constable Chris Bain. 20_c11myriad1

Argyll and Bute Council now offers free support to help local businesses supply goods and services to the public sector, through its membership of the Supplier Development Programme. This includes access to free workshops including:

Supplier Development Programme

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- **Thurs 11th April, Argyll and Bute Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead. 10.00 to 12.30**
- **Fri 19th April, Queen's Hall, Dunoon. 10.00 to 12.30**
- **Fri 26th April, Corran Halls, Oban. 10.00 to 12.30**

This workshop is designed for companies and third sector organisations that have had little or no experience of tendering for public sector contracts and would like to become 'tender ready'. It will help you decide if tendering is for you and if so how to go about it, give an overview of the tendering landscape and share some tips on successful tendering.

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- The buyers perspective

After attending this workshop you will be able to decide if supplying the public sector is right for you, implement the first stages of entering this market, recognise the compliance issues that must be addressed, understand the basic requirements of the market and find and examine initial opportunities through appropriate channels.

To book a place at this workshop please register with the Supplier Development Programme at www.sdpscotland.co.uk. Registration is free and takes only a few minutes. You will then be able to book for this workshop or any of the other free workshops offered across Scotland.

An informal 'Meet the Buyer' networking event will follow each of the workshops above, 12.30 - 14.00. Come along to meet members of the Council's procurement team, ask questions and find out about opportunities to supply the Council.

To find out more about the Supplier Development Programme visit www.sdpscotland.co.uk or contact Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team on 01546 605459.



Assault costs Tarbert man £450

A TARBERT man who assaulted a woman before having a go at police officers trying to detain him has been fined £450 by Oban Sheriff Court.

David Beckett, 36, of Braeside, Castle Street, Tarbert, pled guilty to the offences, including attempting to kick and headbutt officers at an address in Oban last December. Last week the court heard Beckett

had been out for the night with the woman and took the dog for a walk when they returned home.

After coming back an argument ensued during which he pushed the woman over.

Intoxicated

Procurator Fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'Police were called and during the course of detaining the accused he attempted to head and kick the

officers involved. He was noted to be particularly intoxicated. Officers also noticed an injury to the face of the complainer.'

Defence agent Ruben Murdanaigum said Beckett had a 'long history' of alcohol problems. He said: 'This got out of control. He has asked me to apologise to everyone involved. He is very ashamed of what he has done.'

Survey held on community pool website

A SURVEY has been launched to find out what people think about the Mid Argyll Community Pool website.

The pool is considering updating its current site and people are being asked to provide feedback on the potential benefits of new online features.

The survey, being carried out by Beinn Rutherford, a sport and recreation management student at the University of Edinburgh, will be anonymous and the results only made available to him, university staff and MACPool senior staff.

Residents praised for Fair Trade effort

RESIDENTS in Mid Argyll have been praised for their efforts to help make Scotland a Fair Trade nation.

Argyll and Bute councillor Louise Glen-Lee this week thanked Mid Argyll people who have, through active

campaigning, shown a commitment and effort to ensure Scotland was officially declared a Fair Trade nation.

Police files

POLICE arrested a man in Furnace on Friday after he allegedly assaulted another man. The 62-year-old was charged with assault and abusive behaviour at 5pm.



A 40-YEAR-OLD woman has been arrested for drinking alcohol in public and causing a breach of the peace. She was allegedly discovered by police in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Number of council meetings reduced

ARDRISHAIG Community Council will now hold meetings every other month as a result of the rising cost of hiring the hall.

The next meetings will be at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Tuesday, April 2, and Tuesday, June 4, before a break for the summer.

Concern over x-ray cuts plan

Continued from page one: which are already responsible for patient transfers, a spokesman for SAS said: 'The move will ensure provision of comprehensive ambulance cover in the area during the day and night and will be reviewed in September as part of the ongoing performance monitoring process.'

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Shira MacSkill, Zoe Mckillop, Rachael Watt and Carrie Blythe will be locked up in Inveraray Jail tomorrow (Saturday) to raise cash for Comic Relief. 06_a11jail01

Comic Relief fundraisers 'sentenced' to day behind bars

FOUR girls will find out what it was like to live behind bars in the Victorian era when they get locked up in Inveraray Jail tomorrow (Saturday).

Zoe Mckillop, Carrie Blythe, Rachael Watt and Shira MacSkill have been sentenced to a day in prison to raise funds for Comic Relief.

At the mercy of prison matron Hanna Nixon, the 11-year-olds will only be allowed out of their cells for exercise and will have to eat

food similar to that given to prisoners. Despite being forced to leave their home comforts behind the girls are looking forward to the challenge.

'We think it will be fun,' Zoe said. 'It'll be interesting to live like a prisoner for the day but we're not looking forward to prison food.'

The girls have already raised more than £300 in sponsorship and hope to raise even more tomorrow.

Argyll and Bute leader branded 'out of touch'

THE LEADER of Argyll and Bute Council James Robb has been branded 'out of touch' with SNP members and constituents as the row over Struan Lodge care home continues.

Mr Robb has been accused of acting in a 'callous manner' in an open letter signed by the Du-noon, Holy Loch and Strachur branches of the SNP. The letter states: 'The rank and file branch members in Cowal do not understand the way the SNP group is acting under your leadership.'

'We deplore the callous manner in which you're trying to close this home; we deplore you causing heartbreak or worse to the residents and we deplore that you appear not to care less about the staff who will be made redundant. Listen to your own party members

with whom you appear out of touch.'

But speaking to the Advertiser on Wednesday, Mr Robb branded the letter 'strange'.

He said: 'I am one of the most accessible councillors. People can contact me any time, people have my mobile number and I'm happy to listen to anyone's views on this. I'm happy to explain why we are taking forward this process.'

Mr Robb refused to say whether or not the

council would reconsider its decision to close the care home, and said it would be inappropriate to comment further whilst the consultation is on-going.

Asked about the ramifications this letter would have within the SNP, Mr Robb said he 'never comments on internal SNP party matters' but said the council administration was continuing to 'work effectively as a team'. To read the letter in full see page 6.

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Rotary Club honours Citizen of the Year

GLASSES were raised to honour a former Ardrishaig woman last week when the Rotary Club named her Campbeltown Citizen of the Year.

Solicitor Jane Gallacher could not hide her pride after Campbeltown Rotary Club president Chris Mordey presented her with a certificate marking her contribution to the community over 2012.

Chris congratulated Jane, a former pupil at Ardrishaig primary School, on her achievements over the past year at a ceremony in the Argyll Hotel in Campbeltown and said she was an inspiration to all.

Jane was nominated for the Citizen of the Year award thanks to her involvement with various

local groups and organisations. From 1991 to 2011, she was involved with helping young people with special educational needs and has served on the Kintyre Forum for Community Care.

She has also been involved in promoting and assisting with various sporting groups, including Campbeltown Tennis Club, the Canoe Club and Kintyre Sports Council.

After receiving the award, she said: 'It is flattering. I'm very honoured. I still don't know what to say - I'm just very grateful.'

Speaking afterwards, Chris said: 'Jane is thoroughly deserving of this award and we're delighted we could do something to recognise her work.'



Jane Gallacher receives her Citizen of the Year award from Campbeltown Rotary Club president Chris Mordey. 20_c11janegallacher1

Journalists descend on Inveraray

JOURNALISTS from around the world will descend on Inveraray next month as part of an international press trip, which has been organised by VisitScotland.

The trip has been organised as part of the company's plan to promote Mid Argyll as a tourist destination ahead of the VisitScotland Expo - the annual trade show held in Glasgow.

The trip is an opportunity for businesses to show journalists what the region has to offer so they can then publish material on their trip in national newspapers, maximising exposure for the area.

Crinan sailor wins Big Weekend drawing prize

A YOUNG sailor from Crinan has been crowned the winner of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland's Big Weekend drawing competition.

Isla Sloan, a member of Mid Argyll Watersports Club, had her picture of a sailing boat picked from more than 30 entries in the competition, which was run as part of RYA Scotland's Big Weekend sailing event last month.

The judges were bowled over by the 10-year-old's use of bright colours and attention to detail in her drawing.

The youngster won a signed photograph of Olympic silver medallist Luke Patience and an RYA Activity Book.

Ardrishaig road crossing re-think welcomed

A PEDESTRIAN crossing could still get the green light in Ardrishaig as Transport Scotland has confirmed it will review speeding levels in the village.

The roads authority earlier dismissed Ardrishaig Community Council's demands for a safe crossing, stating the frequency and speed of traffic in the village did not necessitate it.

However, at the most recent A83 Taskforce

meeting Transport Scotland said it would carry out another traffic survey; this time at the Co-op which is the busiest part of the A83 in Ardrishaig for motorists and pedestrians.

Assurance
Councillor Douglas Philand, one of the Argyll First councillors that launched the Sign for the A83 petition, said he received an assurance from Transport Scotland that the survey would

be done in the coming months.

Janet Laughton, of Ardrishaig Community council, said they were delighted to hear the company was rethinking its decision.

'It's really good news,' she said. 'It is definitely something that we need. A lot of people have requested it and we hope that it will slow the traffic down as well, as most people don't keep to the 30 mph speed limit.'

Police make arrests following town disturbance

A WOMAN has been charged with alleged police assault, abusive behaviour and resisting arrest after police were called to a disturbance

in Lochgilphead in the early hours of Saturday morning. The 22-year-old was detained by police after they were called to a

flat in Campbell Street. At the same incident a 32 year-old woman was charged with allegedly causing a disturbance.

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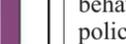












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It's back - the 34th Mid Argyll Music Festival

MORE than 1,000 musicians, singers and performers are due to take to the stage next week as the Mid Argyll Music Festival gets under way.

People of all ages will be descending on Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig to take part in a variety of competitions including poetry, Scots verse, solo and duet

singing, choral singing, piano, woodwind and brass instrumental classes, strings and Scots fiddle.

The event's popular Songs from the Shows will return to the programme on Wednesday evening, whilst Friday evening will be dedicated to adult choirs and solo singers.

The competition has attracted two new groups this year with Clachan Primary Community Choir taking part, as well as Lunga, Ardfern and Craignish Singers, known as L.A.R.C.S.

The bands competition will again provide a fitting end to the festival on Saturday evening when six bands will take



Holly Renton was named the most promising performer at the 33rd Mid Argyll Music Festival. The youngster was presented with the Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award, the most prestigious award at the festival, for showing the most promise and potential. 06_a12music69

to the stage, including, for the first time, the Lochgilphead-based Argyll Brass.

Judge

The renowned John Fernie will be returning to the festival to judge the band classes on Saturday for a second successive year, whilst

music adjudicators John Powell from Manchester and Margaret Smith from Leeds will be judging throughout the week.

The music adjudicators this year are newcomers to the festival, although Hilary Bombart, who will adjudicate the speech classes, was an

English teacher in Mid Argyll for more than 15 years.

Mid Argyll Music Festival runs Monday to Friday (excluding Tuesday) at Ardrishaig's North Church Hall and Public Hall and at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Saturday.

Fuel gauge damaged

A FUEL gauge and protective guard of an Oil tank at the rear of council premises on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, has been damaged. The gauge was tampered with sometime between 5pm on Monday, March 4, and 8am on March 11.

Police are appealing for anyone with any information to contact them on 01546 702200.

Fundraising toddlers praised

CAIRNDOW Community Childcare toddlers have been praised by Barnardo's Scotland for their fundraising efforts in the Big Toddler event.

The centre raised £186 for the charity when they dressed up as super heroes for the day.

Martin Crewe, director of Barnardo's Scotland, thanked the nurseries and playgroups in Argyll and Bute that took part in the event and raised more £2,500 for the charity.

Vans seized by police

TWO COMMERCIAL vans were seized in and around Lochgilphead last week as police continued their road checks as part of operation Myriad.

One van, stopped at 2.30pm last Tuesday on Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, was taken by the police after the 46 year-old driver was allegedly found driving without insurance and MOT.

The following morning the 36-year-old driver of another van was arrested for driving without insurance on the A83 at Kilmory. His vehicle was seized.

In a third incident last Tuesday evening a 60 year-old man was arrested by police on the A83 near Lochgilphead after he was allegedly found driving without insurance.

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A PROPOSAL to axe x-ray facilities during evenings and weekends at Mid Argyll Community Hospital's accident and emergency department has been met with great concern by the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

If the proposal, by NHS Highland, goes ahead it would have massive implications on residents, forcing them to travel as far as Oban to get a basic health check.

And, the news comes as the number of ambulances on duty throughout the region is cut from three to two next week, which will surely have further implications on our vital service and spread it even more thinly.

In an area where not everyone can drive and public transport is limited outwith 9am to 5pm, it is easy to see how the ambulance service could be forced to carry out even more inpatient transfers.

X-rays can be used to diagnose life-threatening conditions, not just broken bones, and if there is an emergency ambulance would be forced to travel an additional 40 miles with a patient in need of urgent attention.

As the summer season approaches and tourists flock to our region it is a sad reality that car accidents will increase. It is hoped the service, which is trying to deal with competing demands, will cope responding to emergencies in the area.

As NHS Highland managers meet in the coming months to discuss the proposal we hope they listen to Mid Argyll residents and maintain what is a basic and lifesaving facility in our hospital. The worry is once a service is axed it is almost impossible to get it back. This would be a massive and life threatening loss to Mid Argyll.

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Open letter to council leader

Sir,
This is an open letter to Cllr James Robb, leader of Argyll & Bute Council from the three SNP branches in Cowal.

We know that budgets are difficult and that tough times mean tough decisions. However, tough decisions need to be considered fairly and explained well. Your budget failed on both counts. Your position on closing Struan Lodge without taking the time and space to look at different ways of operating the care home is inexplicable. It is also manifestly unfair.

There must be ways in which costs can be cut; there must be ways in which additional income can be raised and there must, therefore, be ways of saving this highly valued facility.

The rank and file branch members in Cowal do not understand the way the SNP Group is acting under your leadership. We deplore the callous manner in which you're trying to close this home; we deplore you causing heartbreak or worse to the residents whose home this is and we deplore the fact that you appear not to care less about the staff who will be made redundant.

This will only worsen an already depressed Dunoon economy with all the other negative factors we've had to endure recently.

Please listen to the people of Dunoon, many of whom were among the 4,000 signatures wanting this home to be saved. Listen to your own party members with whom you appear out of touch. Don't be too stubborn to reconsider your

position on Struan Lodge. Do the right thing for Dunoon and think again.

Dunoon, Holy Loch and Strachur branches, SNP

Actions smack of hypocrisy

Sir,
In response to a letter from Alan Reid MP, which has been published in a regional newspaper, it is notable as always not just for distorting facts but also for what he omits to say.

Whilst I spend every waking moment fighting on behalf of my constituents in Argyll and Bute Mr Reid continues to support and prop up a failing and discredited Tory, Liberal Democrat coalition government at Westminster, which is heaping misery on hard pressed households across the constituency.

His actions smack of sheer hypocrisy as the coalition government at Westminster, which he is party of, is about to unleash the most savage welfare cuts imaginable.

This will include implementing the 'bedroom tax' this April, which will affect 1,400 households in the constituency. Despite telling constituents he was against this draconian and punitive new tax he did not even bother to turn up when he had the opportunity to vote against it.

If that is his idea of standing up for the people of Argyll and Bute it is no wonder support for his party is haemorrhaging in the way it is.

Michael Russell MSP.

Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise AGM

Sir,
Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise will hold its first AGM on

Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm in the Lees Centre at Argyll and Bute Hospital.

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b. To provide recreational facilities accessible to all, particularly those disadvantaged due to ill health or disability.

c. To create training, volunteering and assisted employment opportunities through the maintenance of a healthy, well-used and sustainable woodland.

d. To encourage artistic expression through interaction with the woodland.

We need more people with perhaps some knowledge of people and event management, marketing, woodland and environmental management etc.

This would enable us to continue the work that has been started to raise awareness and the accessibility of the woodland. Even if people do not feel ready to join us they should come along and enjoy the meeting.

If anyone has a problem with transport, please phone 01546 602701.

In the meantime, visit our website [www.blarbuiewood-](http://www.blarbuiewoodland.org)

land.org or like us on Facebook.

Jess Grant, on behalf of BWE Ltd Directors.

Lifeline in search for missing children

Sir,
Searching for a missing child or family member can often feel like looking for a needle in a haystack, but the more people who join the search the more likely it is missing children or vulnerable adults will be found safe and well.

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We would like to thank William and all players in Scotland because we could not search for missing people without such generous contributions, which make a huge difference to families. **Ross Miller, Missing People, Director of Supporters and Communications.**

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Tommy Welch pictured with his girlfriend Lauren McCallum will be zipping through the nation's most famous rugby posts to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Tommy to zip over Murrayfield on charity fundraising mission

Lochgilphead man faces fear of heights to raise money to fund research into treating and curing cystic fibrosis

A LOCHGILPHEAD man will tackle his fear of heights to help raise cash and awareness of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust when he zip wires across the hallowed turf at Murrayfield Stadium.

Tommy Welch will zip slide 200 metres from the south stand through the world famous goal posts, landing at the north west tunnel on Easter Sunday.

The charity is close to the 25 year old's heart as he suffers from cystic fibrosis and has spent most of his life in and out of hospital, but he has not let the disease hold him back.

Having missed out on a lot of his secondary education due to visits to the hospital Tommy went on to graduate from the University of Stirling before moving to Edinburgh, where he now works full time and lives with his girlfriend, Lauren McCallum.

Last year Tommy raised more than £1,000 for the trust when he organised a disco at the Argyll Hotel and he hopes to do the same again.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* about the challenge Tommy said he could not wait to get on the zip wire.

'I can't wait it should be really good but I'm quite nervous because I don't like heights,' he said. 'But its for a great cause and one which I like to get behind whenever I can. Cystic fibrosis can be difficult illness to live with and I try to live a normal life.'

Tommy will be just one of the many people who take to the zip wire on Easter Sunday to raise cash for the trust, which will be used to fund research into treating and curing the condition.

People can sponsor Tommy at www.justgiving.com/Thomas-Welch2.

Come and explore Mid Argyll

A NATIONAL tourism organisation has launched a number of campaigns to encourage people living in Scotland to come and explore Mid Argyll.

VisitScotland is encouraging people to holiday at home this year - in the Year of Natural Scotland - and visit the top tourist attraction.

The campaign highlights Mid Argyll's natural beauty and is aimed at both older and younger people who live within drive time of the region.

Top attractions involved in the campaign include Inveraray Jail, Kilmartin House Museum and Craignish Cruises, which are offering two for one or child goes free vouchers to families over the summer months.

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Race night boosts school funds

RUNNERS and riders were at the ready when the Lochgilphead Primary Parent Teacher Association (LPPTA) held a race night to raise funds for the new outdoor classroom.

People crammed into the Stag Hotel on Saturday night to have a bet on the horses and help raise cash for the £15,000 project.

The classroom would be the next

phase in the school's outdoor project, which has so far seen new play equipment built to the rear of the school.

Ishabel Bremner, chairwoman of the LPPTA said: 'It will be a chance for the children to get outside and take advantage of the good weather and it will also tie in with the eco work the school does.'

Argyll artist shortlisted for Jolomo Award

AN ARGYLL artist inspired by the land and seascapes in the county has been shortlisted for a Jolomo Award.

Dawnne McGeachy from Campbeltown is one of nine artists to be named a finalist in Scotland's biggest art award that offers £35,000 in prize money.

McGeachy, the daughter of a fisherman, grew up in Kintyre and has since been inspired by the ocean and waters that surround the peninsula. She says her paintings are 'an exploration of the sublime grandeur and mystery of the ocean'.

McGeachy, 43, trained at Glasgow School of Art, before taking an MFA at Ohio State University in the USA, and now lives in Glasgow.

The Jolomo award, established by Tayvallich-based artist John Lowrie Morrison in 2006, is open to all emerging artists committed to painting the Scottish landscape.

It saw its greatest number of entries (84) this year, from a range of nationalities including people from Poland, Trinidad and Korea. John, chairman of the judging panel, said: 'I

was extremely heartened to see the quality continuing from the 2011 awards, but what has heartened me even more is the spread of nationalities among the applicants and shortlisted artists.

'We look forward with some excitement to meeting the nine shortlisted artists and seeing their work in the flesh when we choose this year's winners.'

The winner of the Jolomo Award will be announced at a Gala Dinner at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum on June 19.



Volunteer Rachel Brolly served up homemade soup to hungry residents in Lochgilphead as part of the Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care Fundraising Group soup lunch at the weekend.

Tasty soup raises charity cash

VOLUNTEERS from the Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care Fundraising Group were on hand to thaw out Lochgilphead residents on a chilly Saturday morning at their soup lunch fundraiser.

The event was organised as part of the Marie Curie Cancer Care Great Daffodil Appeal, which is taking place this month, and hungry residents packed into Lochgilphead Baptist Church to show their support.

More than £160 was raised on the day, which will be used to support the local Marie Curie nursing team.

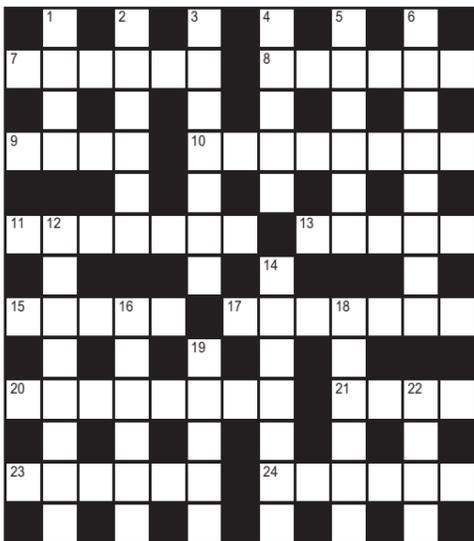
Judy Preston, chairwoman of the group, said: 'We would like to say thank you to everybody who came along and showed their support and to all the extra volunteers for their help.'

Later this month volunteers will be outside Lochgilphead Co-op selling daffodils to raise money.



Dawnne McGeachy's painting *Beaufort 03 gentle breeze - The Altair* has been shortlisted for the 2013 Jolomo Award.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



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| 10 On which to place your plate (8) | 4 Large amount of family (5) |
| 11 None of the two (7) | 5 Take as given (6) |
| 13 Adhesive branch? (5) | 6 Silent opinion (8) |
| 15 Lump of chewed matter (5) | 12 Abstruse (8) |
| 17 Press out (7) | 14 Cost (7) |
| 20 Medical administration (8) | 16 Land on Lake Victoria (6) |
| 21 Skyfall (4) | 18 Infrequent (6) |
| 23 Cheat (6) | 19 Industrious places (5) |
| 24 Red dog (6) | 22 Any thing (4) |

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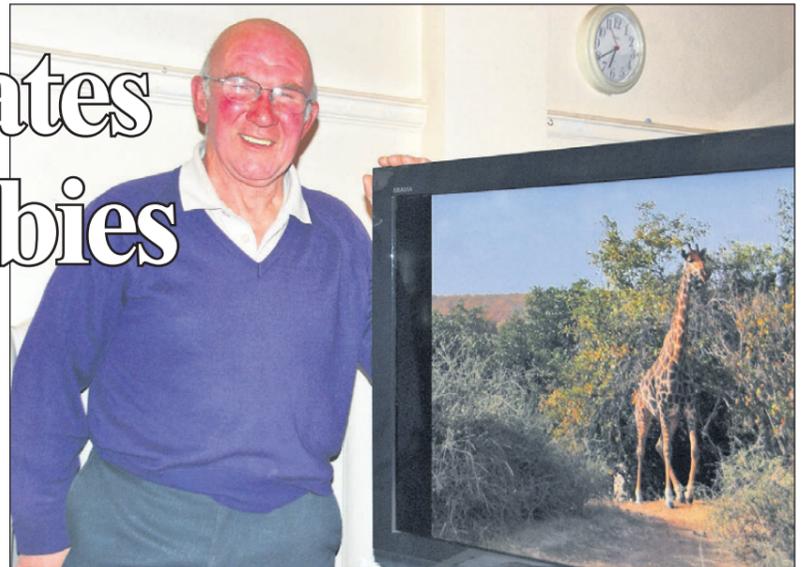
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Project celebrates crafts and hobbies



Keen photographer Peter McArthur showed friends and visitors his impressive array of photographs, depicting stunning Argyll scenery. Pictures taken by Rev Bezuidenhout and Kenny McLeod, were also shown on a slideshow on TV. 06_a11craft08

Scott MacLean shared his love of dinosaurs with people the event. 06_a11craft02

Inveraray Church hall awash with colour

INVERARAY Church Hall was awash with colour recently as people came together to show off their hobbies, interests and talents.

Meeting as part of the new 'Hands On' initiative, people of all ages descended on the church hall to celebrate the creativity, knowledge and skills of locals.

People with an interest in photography, painting, knitting, embroidery and other crafts displayed the fruits of their labour whilst explaining how they work to others interested in their chosen field.

Pictures

Meanwhile children had the opportunity to get 'crafty' with a dedicated children's table at the event, run by Marine Musseau and Gillian Clerk, with Reverend Louis Bezuidenhout teaching youngsters how to draw portrait pictures.

The next Hands On event will be held on April 24, between 5pm and 7pm, and in time it is hoped workshops will be organised, where people can share their expertise in a particular craft with other members of the group.



Youngsters from West Loch Fyneside got to grips with arts and crafts. 06_a11craft01



Elspeth Wells and Jan Williams with works involving intricate embroidery. 06_a11craft06



Wilma Wood and Dorothy Paterson have been knitting knee rugs. 06_a11craft05



Members of Fyne Art Club Theresa Newman and Ann Holt joined Reverend Louis Bezuidenhout in displaying paintings at the event. 06_a11craft04



Organisers of the successful event – Ruth Paterson, Caroline Wood, Jess Reynolds, Norina Coupur and Elsie Bezuidenhout. 06_a11craft07

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Saturday 16th March – 11.00 a.m. Beach Clean at The Twin Beaches

Saturday 16th March – Final darts league in the hotel bar at 9.00 p.m.

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March – Easter weekend – Three for two nights at the Gigha Hotel including vouchers for entry to Achamore Gardens, bike hire and a round of golf.

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While food is one of the main

things around Campbeltown, there are also gift shops, full of presents for birthdays or any special occasion.

There are splashes of colour from florists and plenty of DIY bits and bobs to keep you going no matter what the project.

Not only is Campbeltown a great place to buy things, but it's also one of the best places to visit.

There are beautiful beaches everywhere, which, on the right day, can offer bright blue seas and light coloured sand, and lots of potential activities to boot.

Water sports are a particularly popular attraction, as well as boat trips around the fascinating coast.

A stroll by the harbour shows off Campbeltown's esplanade, with palm trees which wouldn't look out of place in a tropical country.

The hive of activity surrounding the two quays shows Campbeltown is a bustling hub of activity for boats from all over the world.

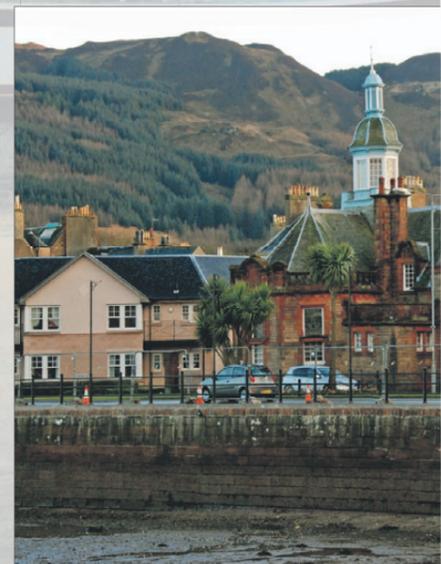
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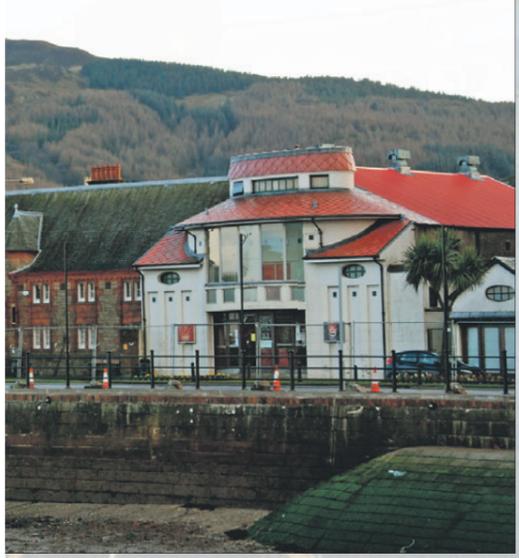
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Club youngsters cook up an iron age feast

YOUNGSTERS in Kilmartin House Museum's Great Auks archaeology club will be cooking up a feast 'iron age style' next Sunday.

Cooking on an open fire in the museum garden, the children will help prepare and make a mutton stew whilst learning about food that was typically available in the Iron Age period. They will help prepare the vegetables for the stew and cook their food in a cauldron, as people would have hundreds of years ago.

The cooking extravaganza will begin at 11am on March 24.



Mirren Scott, Keiran Blair, Jack Start and Rachel Sloan play with their sports equipment, donated by Active Schools.

Youngsters enjoy new play equipment

YOUNGSTERS from Tarbert After School Care have been taking advantage of the lovely weather recently and heading outdoors to play with a range of new

TARBERT

equipment gifted to the club.

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Children have been

playing football, basketball, softball and diabolo after Active Schools co-ordinator for Tarbert, Frances Hardie donated goods to the organisation.

Jennifer McDonald, manager of Tarbert After School Care, said: 'The children loved the new equipment and loved getting out in the good weather.'

Penny's bracelets, made with Keish Pearls.

In keeping with the jewellery theme, the competition was making a pretty necklace. This was won by Sue Phillis, with Sheena McNair second and Mairi McPhee third. The baking competition was for Easter Bonnet biscuits and was won by Liz Malcolm, with Janet Jardine a close second.

GLENDARUEL



Sadie Dixon-Spain will light up the small screen in a new TV show to be screened in the US. 06_a07play10

Sadie walking with ghosts

SADIE Dixon-Spain, artistic director of the Walking Theatre Company, took part in Haunted TV's latest ghost hunting programme.

Taking on the role of presenter, Sadie accompanied the film crew and the Glasgow Paranormal Investigators when they descended on Argyll in search of local ghosts.

The team filmed in some of the spookiest locations Argyll has to offer.

Sadie had a great time working with Haunted TV as they pieced together the broadcast for a pilot to be shown in the USA.

STRACHUR

Fiddle Club entertains

MEMBERS of Strachur and District SWRI were entertained by Lochgoilhead Fiddle Club at their recent meeting.

David Campbell and Alison Duncan made a guest appearance at the event, playing a variety of couthie tunes, which the women sung along to. Competition winners on the night were: Photo of a moonlight: 1. Anne Fiddes, 2. Anne Wylie, 3. May McCuaig. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20 when the guest speaker will be Peter Baxter from Benmore Gardens.

TIGNABRUAICH

Comic Relief curry and quiz night

PEOPLE can help raise cash for Comic Relief tomorrow (Saturday) night at a curry and quiz event at Portavadie Marina, which starts at 5.30pm. There will be a prize for the winning team and tables can be booked by calling 01700 811075.

Charity fashion show

LADIES seeking out the key fashion trends for spring and summer 2013 can head to the Portavadie and White Rabbit Boutique charity fashion show.

The catwalk event, on Saturday, March 23, will raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support and attendees can look forward to an evening of glamour, which will include a glass of fizz, three course dinner and goodie bag.

FORD

SWRI speaker shares love of jewellery

MEMBERS of Ford SWRI were able to indulge their love of beautifully crafted jewellery at their latest meeting as Penny Airlie descended on the group with a treasure trove of earrings, necklaces and bracelets in a variety of colours and gemstones. Penny treated the ladies to a very informative presentation of jewellery, alongside a

professional display of her work.

She shared her love of gemstones and how, in the early days, she would scour the beach collecting pebbles, bringing them home and tumbling them to bring out their true colour and quality. This hobby, she says, led to her adapting her skills to make jewellery.

Penny made a bracelet and matching pair of earrings at the meeting, demonstrating the skills that enable her to do the intricate work.

The raffle saw Susan Grocock win one of

FURNACE



Left to right: Eilidh Penman, Nina Crossey, David McCulloch, Andrew Crossey, Kieran Beaton, Andrew Boil and Jack Wilson tucked into cakes at the fundraising coffee morning for the village after school club. 06_a11kids01

Mother's Day coffee morning fun

CAKES and other sweet treats were up for grabs at the Furnace Kool Kids Mother's Day Coffee Morning on Saturday.

Residents packed into Furnace Village Hall to have a cup of tea on

a cold wintry morning and show the club their support. All the money raised on from the morning will be used to buy new paints and art material for the club, which runs in the school hall every afternoon.

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INVERARAY

History society

THE MARCH meeting of Inveraray and District History Society heard the story of Clyde Steam ships and their visits to Inveraray pier.

The audience was treated to an enlightening talk by Iain Quinn, member of Clyde River Steamer Club and joint author of *Clyde Steamers and Steamers of the Clyde and Western Isles*.

Iain's enthusiasm and knowledge of this subject was impressive.

Both Iain and the society look forward to the day when once again steamers might be able to come alongside Inveraray pier.

Rev Roddy McLeod will be the guest speaker at the April meeting of the society when he will be give a talk on the subject of schools in the district.



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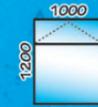
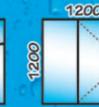
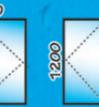
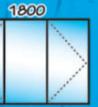
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AVA gain £10,000 towards social media café

A NEW social media café is to be launched in Mid Argyll, which will offer social media training to older and vulnerable people in a bid to reduce isolation.

Argyll Voluntary Action has been awarded nearly £10,000 from the Big Lottery Awards for All fund, which will be used to create the café.

The café will follow the format of an informal drop in session that will allow people to learn more about social media and increase their confidence about using it.

The sessions will be open to everyone with younger people involved in mentoring older people as part of the Train the Trainer programme. This will allow them to develop new skills and identify future career paths.

The project will be rolled out across Argyll and Bute next month.

SNH get ready to release daily fact file

A LONG list of odd and fascinating facts about nature have been compiled by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) who will share them through social media as part of the Year of Natural Scotland celebrations.

The facts, will reveal Scotland's oldest tree and what mammal eats 3,000 midges a night, will be released daily on the organisations Facebook and Twitter pages.

Ian Bainbridge, head of science at SNH, said: 'These fun facts really show off how wonderful and unique Scotland's nature is.'

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Shared headteacher plan splits Strachur and Lochgoilhead

Council proposes Strachur headteacher also takes responsibility for Lochgoilhead primary

A PROPOSAL as to whether or not Strachur and Lochgoilhead primary schools should share a headteacher has divided the two communities.

Meeting

Lochgoilhead Parent Council (LPC) and Strachur Parent Partnership Council (SPPC) both met this week to create a formal response to

Argyll and Bute Council's proposal that the headteacher at Strachur take responsibility for Lochgoilhead primary.

It has emerged that parents at Lochgoilhead primary, which is currently without a headteacher, have voted in favour of the proposal whilst parents at Strachur are not.

But Claudia Mont-

gomery, chairwoman of SPPC, said parents would be open to reconsidering the idea at a later date.

Focus

'General consensus is that Lochgoilhead should look for a new headteacher first,' she said. 'We currently have a number of our own changes coming up, such as the new pre-

five unit, and would like our headteacher to focus on those.'

Explaining the search for a headteacher could be lengthy, Lindy Thomson, chairwoman of LPC, said: 'We would have to advertise for a new teacher and go through the process which would be lengthy and we might not get the right candidate first time

around. It could resolve the problem quickly if both schools said yes, but parents do have concerns.'

Lochgoilhead Primary School has been without a permanent headteacher since last year, with a teacher currently in the post of 'acting headteacher'.

It was hoped the Strachur headteacher would

split her time between the two schools and bring some much-needed continuity to Lochgoilhead.

Both communities also expressed concern that if they were unhappy with the shared headship pilot, to last one academic year, they would be unable to go back to the existing management model at the schools.

Kilmartin House Museum opens doors to tourism providers

PEOPLE who work within the tourism industry descended on Kilmartin House Museum to get a sneak peek at what events and activities will be on offer over the summer months.

Visitors were given a tour of the museum, lunch and taken for a guided walk by staff as part of the Get To Know Kilmartin Museum and Glens event. With people well informed about the museum it is hoped they will tell tourists what the museum has to offer.

Museum development manager Ailsa Raeburn said: 'We want people to promote the museum as somewhere people can come and spend the entire day. We have a new café menu and walks so we hope people will recommend us to visitors.'

The event was a hit and Julie Grove, of Briar Bank Bed and Breakfast, said she saw the museum in a whole new light.

'I always thought it looked quite small but I can see there's so much more on offer and it is definitely worth the money,' she said. 'I will tell my visitors to come here, it's been a fantastic afternoon.'

Jane Darby, of Sheep Fank Cottage, said: 'It's brilliant, there's so much to do and for all ages. You really could come here and spend the entire day.'



Jane Darby and Julie Grove were two of the business owners to travel to Kilmartin House Museum to take part in the Get To Know event. 06_a11business01

Kilmichael woman meets Argyll and Bute MP on food poverty

A KILMICHAEL woman has met with Alan Reid MP and asked him to remind the government to address the root causes of hunger in next

week's budget. Marian Pallister, SCIAF ambassador and Justice and Peace commissioner for Argyll and the Isles, asked the

MP to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer to ensure they keep their promises on aid.

The government has

been asked to crack down on tax dodging by companies, which costs poor countries three times the amount they receive in UK aid.

Marian said: 'I'm happy I had my say on how the budget should be used to transform lives and build a better future.'

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Sale averages fell slightly short of last year's extremely high values but compared favourably with principal mainland centres.

Bullocks sold to average £868.88 per head or 229.31p per kilo against £884.93 last year.

Heifers sold to average £744.68 per head or 215.65p per kilo against £749.04 last year.

The top priced bullock per kilo came from the Eorrabus consignment of 100 head when their Limousin crosses sold to £1,245.

Ardbeg's consignment of 65 head led the prices per head and kilo in the heifer section when their Limousin crosses sold to £1,280 and 386pence per kilo respectively.

Leading the bullocks per kilo was Brybruich when a tremendous pen of five Charolais bullocks sold at 286pence.

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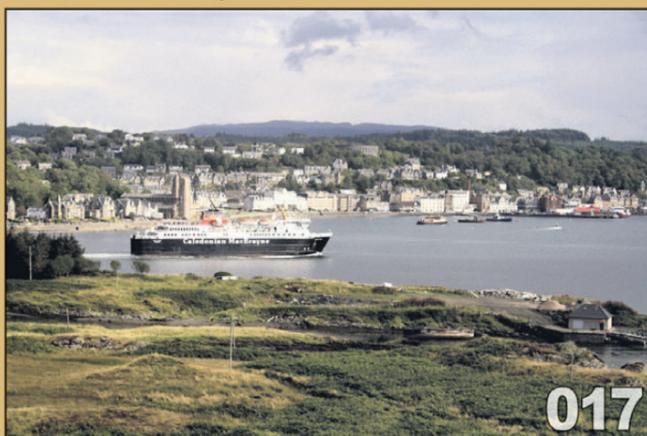
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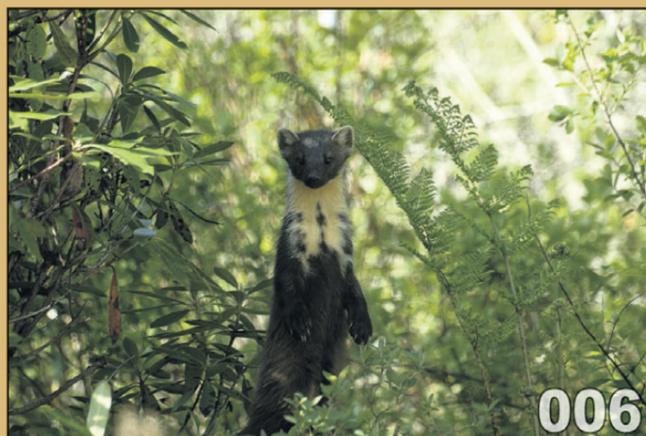
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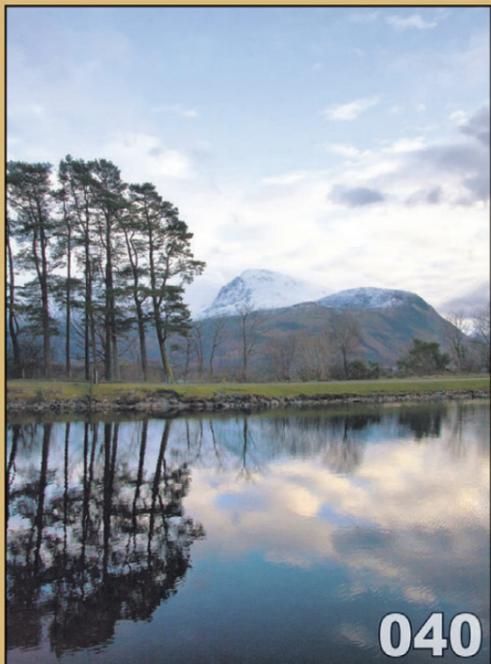
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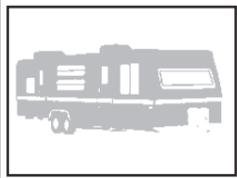


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| Ref No | Proposal | Site Address | Location Of Plans |
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| 13/00362/PP | Amendment to windows previously approved under 11/00795/PP to two pane white uPVC windows (Retrospective). Amendment to stairwell and Installation of roof lights | Corner House Bistro Castle Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UH | Sub Post Office Tarbert |

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A presentation covering Crinan Canal works will be followed by an update from our Property Dept. on our future aspirations. There will be a question & answer session to close the meeting.

Light refreshments will be provided.

It would be appreciated if those wishing to attend could register in advance, since numbers are unfortunately slightly limited by the venue.

Please contact the Crinan Canal Office on 01546 603210 or email alec.howie@scottishcanals.co.uk

PERSONALS

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank most sincerely all social work home carers in Campbeltown past and present who visited three times a day to attend to Jasmine's needs during her long illness. I feel the home carers do not get the recognition they deserve for all their patience and hard work, a lot of which is carried out during unsociable hours and goes unnoticed. Their help and kindness during what was a difficult time is very much appreciated by me and my family.

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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
BARR - BROWN - Craig and Mairi are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jack Craig, on March 2, 2013 at Campbeltown Maternity Unit. A second grandchild for John and Lorna and third grandchild for Andrew and Lorna. Special thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

ENGAGEMENTS

WILKINSON - ELLIOTT
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Iain, son of Alistair and Margaret, Campbeltown, to Caroline, daughter of Shiona, Glasgow, on February 10, 2013.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BEATON - MUNRO
 Robert and Frances, married at Inveraray, on March 15, 1963, by Rev D W McKenzie.

DEATHS
JORDAN - Suddenly, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, on Monday, March 11, 2013, Joseph Jordan, aged 87 years, Cairnban, North Connel, beloved husband of Dolly (née Livingstone), dear father of Neil, Lorna and Ian, a loving father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. Sorely missed.

MACBEAN - On March 3, 2013, suddenly at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, Gillian Sheena MacBean, in her 77th year, beloved sister of Janet and the late Forbes and Lily. Sadly missed. Funeral service at Achnaba Church, Benderloch, by Oban, on Wednesday, March 20, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Achnaba Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

MACDONALD - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 7, 2013, Dr Reginald William Donald MacDonald (Bill), in his 85th year, Hawthorne, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isabella McCallum Gillies MacKenzie (Isobel), much loved father of Isobel and the late Norman and Kenneth and a much loved grampa and great grampa.

MACINTYRE - Suddenly, at his home, 11 Sinclair Drive, Lochgilphead, James (Jim) MacIntyre, aged 50 years, much loved dad of Allan, cherished son of Nan and the late Eachan MacIntyre and dear brother of Iain and Margaret. Loving uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend, dear neighbour and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilchrenan Parish Church, at a date and time to be announced.

MICHIE - Suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on March 7, 2013, Ian Michie, aged 68 years, of 5 Dunadd View, Kilmichael

Glassary and formerly of Upper Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Pepe, much loved father of Iain, Allan and Katie, much respected father-in-law of Liz and Garry and loving papa of Colin, Kerry, Denise and Natalie. A dear brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 19 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the local ambulance service.

PYLE - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on February 22, 2013, Catherine McMaster, in her 87th year, Cardhu, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ken Pyle, much loved mother of the late Fiona, loving grandmother of Ben, Joanna and Jenny and great grandmother of Amber and Rafael. Service in St Kierans RC Church, Campbeltown on Friday, March 15 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

SMITH - On March 8, 2013, suddenly but peacefully, at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle on Tyne, Dugald Mitchell Smith, in his 85th year, beloved husband of the late Jessie Munro, much loved father of Lorna, Maureen, Sheena and the late Iain, a dearly loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church on Friday, March 15 at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for British Heart Foundation.

SOUDEN - Suddenly, but peacefully, after a long illness, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 9, 2013, Neil Souden, in his 72nd year, 149 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isobel McLean, much loved father of Louise, Ronnie and Paul and a loving and much loved grandfather and great grandfather.

STIMPSON - Suddenly, at Campbeltown Hospital, on March 12, 2013, Flora Scally (Fona), in her 78th year, 2 Millers Park, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Pete Stimpson, much loved mother of Dawn and Betty and a loving and much loved granny and great granny. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, March 16 at 12 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
MCGEACHY - John and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy and for cards, flowers and kindness shown to them in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to all the home carers for their personal care and attention to Jasmine, to Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting words and uplifting service and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficient help and professional services, also to Flora and staff at the Seafield Hotel for catering. Our thanks to everyone who paid their last respects at the church and at the graveside and to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection, which raised £587.58 for Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

MEENAN - Denis, Jamie, Margaret and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and visits received following their sad loss of Netta. Special thanks to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their exceptional care to Netta during her time there and to the nurses who cared for her at home. Our

thanks also to Father Azad for a lovely service and tribute, to Alasdair Blair for sensitive and efficient funeral arrangements and to the Ardsiel Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. The retiring collection for the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital raised £420.

IN MEMORIAMS

DILLON - Remembering today and every day our treasured Karon, who died March 14, 2005, in her thirty-eighth year. Beautiful memories, cherished forever
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 - Aunt Margaret.
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MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of Alasdair MacDougall, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007.
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 See you later x.
 - Love Mum, Dad and Keli x.
MACDOUGALL - Precious memories silently kept,
 Of one that we love and will never forget.
 Forever in our hearts and thoughts.
 - Love Nikki, Mhairi and Codi xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007.
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 From all your family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead xxx.

MACPHAIL - In loving memory of John, our son and brother.
 - Love Mum, Caroline and Linda.
MCCORMICK - In memory of Barbara, loving mum and granny.
 Sadly missed.
 - Leslie, Debbie and family xx.

MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, 2011.
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 Your presence we miss,
 Your memory we treasure,
 Loving you always,
 Forgetting you never.
 - Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan.
MCGEACHY - In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady, taken from me on March 18, 2010.
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 Ae Fond Kiss.
 - Leslie.

MCGEACHY - In memory of a much loved mum and granny, Margaret, who died March 18, 2010.
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 Today and tomorrow, our whole life through
 We will always love and cherish you.
 - Debbie, Gary, Leslie, Lesley and family.

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. Though absent you are very near
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.
 - Love Norma, Jim and family.
SMITH - In loving memory of Duncan, beloved brother and uncle, died March 17, 2012.
 Forever in our thoughts.
 - Jean and family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 17th March 2013
 11.15am Morning Service
 Mr. Matthew Ramsay
 Fun Day Club and JAM in Church
Tuesday 19th March 2013
 Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm
 Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm
Wednesday 20th March 2013
 Bible Study fellowship group
 Ballinwilline Farm 7.30pm
Thursday 21st March 2013
 Kirk Street Hall
 Congregational Board meet at 7pm
 Kirk Session meet at 7.45pm
Saturday 23rd March 2013
 Congregational Sale of Work
 Kirk Street Hall 2pm
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
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 (Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation)
 (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Tuesday, 19th March
 Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
 Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 21st March
 Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
 (in the manse)
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 22nd March
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

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Tarbert top guns celebrate

SHOOTERS from Tarbert Gun Club left their guns and ammo at home at the weekend and took their partners, family and friends to the Winter League prize giving ceremony.

A party of 67 shooters and guests gathered to celebrate success in a series of shoots held throughout the winter.

It was a particularly good year for the club with a lot of variety in the sporting section and an

impressive performance in the team competition. As expected the final scores were very close especially between John Paton's winning team, who held on to their lead to win the overall event, and Bob McColl's team of fine shooting teenagers.

The March shoot saw John's team - Lynn MacDonald, Craig Samborek, Michael Harvey and Donald Ferguson - put in an



The winning team for the year, left to right, Lynn MacDonald, Craig Samborek, John Paton, captain, and Michael Harvey. Not pictured is Donald Ferguson.

impressive performance and pip Bob McColl's team for the overall title by just one point.

After a poor start in the Winter League John Weir hit top form to

win the March shoot and help his group to success in the team shoot. **March winners:** Class A: 1 John Weir, 2 Ivor Ferguson; Class B: 1 Brian Thompson, 2

Niall Wilson; Class C: 1 Euan MacDonald, 2 David Thorburn; Class D: 1 Scott MacAllister, 2 Bill Bidmead; Class E: 1 David Duff, 2 David Johnson; Team shoot: 1 John Weir, Stewart MacAllister, Archie MacGilp, Michael Harvey and Ian Currie.

Winter League trophy winners: Class A: Ally McDonnell and Ivor Ferguson; Class B: Niall Wilson and Norman MacDonald; Class C: Euan MacDonald and Archie MacGilp Jnr, Class D: Archie MacGilp Snr and Bill Bidmead; Class E: Donald Ferguson and David Johnson; Top Junior: Niall Wilson.

Under 14s win vital league encounter

RED STAR under 14s endured strong winds and snow showers on Sunday to defeat opponents Helensburgh in a vital league game.

Star travelled to East King Street for the game with a strong squad and played against the elements in the first half.

Despite the conditions Star took the game to the home side with Mackay and Whitefield both going close in the early stages of the match.

The Burgh team countered mid way through the half, bringing out several great saves from Star keeper Ali Pow but half time came with neither side able to convert their chances.

With five minutes gone in the second half substitute Dougie Ritchie scored from six yards with his first touch of the game to give Star the lead.

This spurred the team on and with very creative play on the right between Caskie, Simpson and Mackay, the latter netted a goal after 45

minutes to put the team two up.

The much-deserved third goal came from a fierce half volley by Cammy MacCallum, who drilled the ball home from 14 yards.

Helensburgh replied when an unstoppable free kick from 20 yards was curled into the top corner, bringing the home side back into the game.

With seven minutes left skipper Craig Young clinched the points for Lochgilphead with a superb free kick dipping in under the bar from 25 yards, making it 1-4.

In the last few minutes keeper Pow, who had an excellent game, cleared a through ball and was then clattered by a Helensburgh striker. Unfortunately Ali had to leave the field with McVicar taking over for the remainder of the game.

Next week the lads are scheduled to return to Lomond to face Helensburgh United at Hermitage Academy's 3G pitch.

Golfers just miss out

GOLFERS from Inveraray travelled to play Balfron Golf Society in the Mail on Sunday's five-man team competition.

The match was a tightly fought contest, with Inveraray unfortunately being narrowly defeated 3-2.

George Morrison secured the only full point, with Jimmy Kerr and Derek McCulloch man-

aging to pick up a half point each in their respective games. Paul Armstrong and Iain MacDonald played well but were edged out in their matches. It was a great effort by all in a match that was played in conditions more suited to polar bears than golfers as the players endured freezing temperatures and blizzards.

Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 2, 3 and 17 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

THE JACKPOT in next week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw will be £700 as another week passes with no winner. This week's numbers were 9, 16 and 18.

THE NUMBERS in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw were 6, 10 and 17. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.



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Star revel in Whitehill revenge

RED STAR avenged a home defeat from earlier in the season in an exciting and closely fought battle against Whitehill FP on Saturday.

In a nerve-wrecking encounter on Glasgow Green, Star strikers Naisby and Peacock wreaked havoc with the Whitehill defence to secure three points and maintain the club's second place in the Division 1B league table.

Starting the game on a good footing Star scored in the first minute of the match after Whitehill gave the ball away straight from kick off. After some good work on the left channel, the ball fell to Naisby on the edge of the box who hit a powerful shot across the keeper to make it 0-1.

However the home side pulled themselves level shortly after when

Star failed to clear their lines and the ball was fired into the box; the Whitehill forward managed to back heel the ball through the legs of the unfortunate Kalache in goal.

Reacting to the home goal, Gregor Peacock soon cut inside his marker and unleashed a terrific strike past the Whitehill keeper to put Star 1-2 up.

The visitors went level again after Star failed to clear a long ball that hung in the wind before the home side's forward prodded the ball home in the midst of a goal-mouth scramble.

Star went ahead again just before the break when Weir crossed in a free kick and the ball fell to Morrison, who scored from close range to make it 2-3 Red Star at half time.

Whitehill scored first

after the break to equalise for the third time after the referee adjudged Forbes to have tripped the forward in the box. The forward stepped up and buried the penalty to make it 3-3.

Star did not let their heads drop however and pressed the Whitehill line back once again.

The pressure finally told with 20 minutes remaining when L.Peacock swung in a terrific cross from the right, which was met in the air by Naisby and the ball flew past the keeper to make it 3-4.

The referee soon blew for full time, leaving Star jubilant with the result.

Star are back in action tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Jamestown at home. The game kicks off at 2pm at Ropework Park.



Another narrow win for quickfire 'Aray

Inveraray were made to dig deep for their win against Oban Camanachd at Mossfield on Saturday after strolling to a 3-0 lead within 10 minutes through Garry MacPherson, Lewis MacNicol and Euan McMurdo. However, a determined comeback from the Oban side made for a nervy second half before McMurdo added his second goal 10 minutes before full time. The Royal Burgh face Lovat at Winterton Park this Saturday. Inveraray's David Robertson is pictured last Saturday battling with Oban Camanachd's David MacInnes. Photo by John MacTavish

Inveraray youngsters miss out on south final place

INVERARAY'S youth side narrowly missed out on a place in the final of the South of Scotland Indoor 5-a-side tournament, which returned to the shinty calendar after a year's absence.

Held at Atlantis Leisure, Oban, on Sunday, seven teams played a

round robin format that involved two teams from both Oban Camanachd and Oban Celtic, as well as Inveraray, Ardnalassies and Ardnamurchan.

The Royal Burgh lads lost their place in the final to Oban Camanachd's A team on goal

difference. They went on to play Oban Camanachd B for third place but the eventual player of the tournament, Camanachd's Lewis Buchanan, had his say in the final game inspiring his team to victory.

Oban Camanachd A won the event, beating Oban Celtic A in the final.



Inveraray under-14s. 15_111shinty01

Dunadd ladies on form

A YOUNG Dunadd women's team impressed at the weekend in a shinty friendly against Cowal and Bute.

Megan Yuill scored twice for the home side at Ardrishaig before Cowal and Bute replied before half time.

A few changes just before the break saw the introduction of 'the oldies' into Dunadd's line up and Roslyn McGuinness quickly add-

ed to the home side's lead with a well worked goal from Laurene Cameron's neat pass.

Dunadd continued to add to their tally with Laurene Cameron getting four goals, Roslyn McGuinness scoring a second and an excellent finish from Leone Airlie saw the game end 9-1.

Dunadd begin their season on March 24 with an away game to Cowal and Bute.

Moaning Sinclair brings out his best in golf league

by David Sinclair

ROSS Sinclair moaned the whole way round the course this week blaming everyone and anything for the handful of poor shots he hit.

This negative disposition brings out the best in his golf and as a result he has a healthy lead.

Simon Taylor was feeling the heat but some rare encouragement from Ross helped him put together a fine second nine and he moved into second.

In the Duffers Derby, John Downie is the unlikely leader. He is play-

ing good golf at the right time and could become the supreme Duffer.

Colin Rowan is thinking of playing the other eight holes as he finds that, even though he can put it on the green at the seventh every time, it gets a bit boring playing it 18 times - even if it means you win the nearest the pin every week.

Results: 38. R Sinclair, 34. S Taylor, A MacAulay, 33. D Sinclair, 15. K Cowan.

Duffers: 35. J Downie, 32. J Hunter, T Angus, 31. G MacDougall, 27. G MacDougall, L Hardman.

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Under 14s win
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Mid Argyll keen on kayaking

KAYAKING lessons have proved a massive hit in Mid Argyll as 24 people picked up their paddles at the weekend to take part in a series of classes.

Youngsters and adults dived into Mid Argyll Community Pool to take part in the lessons, which have been organised by Mid Argyll Water Sports Club, so people can practice capsizing in the safety of the pool.

Sunday morning's session was the first of three and on hand to help were eight qualified coaches, led by David McBride, rear commodore of kayaking for the club.

The classes come ahead of the summer months when they will go out onto the open lochs to kayak.

Campell makes league gain

RORY Campbell excelled himself in Inveraray Golf Club's Winter League last week, carding an excellent 39 to bring his best net down to 27 strokes, only two behind the absent league leader Derek McCulloch.

D.J. MacDonald also reduced his score by one to 28, leaving the competition wide-open going into the final round.

Iain MacDonald and Duncan Sinclair are not out of the running and all will go into the final round on March 17 hoping to challenge for the title.

Tarbert win again

THE DOOKERS maintained their winning streak at Millbeg on Saturday in division 1A league tie.

The 3-1 win is a massive boost to the Tarbert club but more hard work is needed if they are to move from their second last position in the league table.

The team have no game tomorrow (Saturday).

Misfiring Kilmory in bore draw



Kilmory's Mark Robinson clashes with Aberdour's female shinty player Lisa Norman.

KILMORY shinty team must convert their chances into goals if they are to climb the league table, the club's chairman Angus Gilmore has said.

The club drew a blank in a disappointing draw against Aberdour at the weekend, after failing to finish chances in front of the net.

The 0-0 result is a blow to the team, as Aberdour finished bottom of the South Division one league last year – one position below them.

'We are disappointed with the result,' Angus told the *Advertiser*. 'We had a lot of pressure that we didn't convert into goals and that's particularly disappointing when playing at home.'

'We were hoping to get a win at home; that will be particularly important this season.'

Admitting the team may be a little rusty at the start of the season, Angus said: 'The main thing is we have had two games now where

we had most of the chances; we need to get composure in front of goal. Once we get one goal, others will come.'

'We are going forward with a very young team this season.'

'They certainly have the potential and will benefit from gaining more experience.'

'The important thing is converting our chances into goals and once they score a few the confidence will come.'

Inspired Star in semi-final draw

RED STAR under-16s overcame their heart-breaking defeat last weekend to secure a place in the semi-finals of the league cup by winning by the odd goal in five against Ardencape at Ropework Park on Saturday.

The home side went ahead courtesy of a first minute strike from Whitefield after good work on the right wing by Guy and Hendry. However Ardencape soon equalised when Dudding inadvertently headed the ball into his own net.

Ardencape took the lead midway through the second half when an uncharacteristic mistake by McCulloch allowed a cross from their right find its way to the unmarked midfielder at the far post who had the simple task of finding the net.

It was time for the team to dig deep and find their way back into the game.

Galbraith displayed the spirit and character that has come to typify Star this season when he ran the length of the pitch to block an Ardencape chance, which came after Galbraith's own free kick had hit the post seconds earlier.

This seemed to inspire the team for the last 20 minutes and they equalised from the penalty spot through Hendry.

Star's hard work eventually paid off when, with 10 minutes to go, Moore floated in the perfect free kick for Whitefield to show great technique to volley the ball into the net.

The Lochgilphead lads return to league duty tomorrow as they take on league leaders Kilpatrick in Clydebank.

No place like home for rested Strachur

STRACHUR will welcome their first home game of the shinty season tomorrow (Saturday) after the team had a week's rest from competitive play.

Donald MacDonald's team take on Glasgow Mid Argyll and the Cowal lads are confident they can hold their own against an established team, despite being low on numbers.

The club was forced to include a number of 14 and 15-year-olds in their squad for their first game of the season against Oban Celtic.

Despite a 2-0 defeat,

they remain optimistic about the season ahead and are hoping to get their first points on the board.

Gerry Gibson, chairman of the club, said: 'If we can play like that with a number of the regular squad missing it probably does bode well for the rest of the season if we get them back into the harness.'

'We are hopeful we will get a result this week against Glasgow Mid Argyll.'

'There are few teams we wouldn't stand a chance against but we are optimistic.'

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