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Landslide work not good enough

'It didn't keep the road open, but it does stop anyone getting killed'

TRANSPORT Scotland's approach to reducing landslides closing the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful has been called into question after a five-day closure of the road.

Mid Argyll business leaders and politicians were disappointed last week when the A83 remained closed for several days despite the majority of debris in a landslide prevented from reaching the road.

The landslide in the early hours of March 6 had apparently been caught by a fence, with some rubble also captured by the pit at the bottom of the hill.

Jane MacLeod, of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'There will be a lot of questions asked at the A83 Task Force meeting next week.'

'At various task force meetings it was agreed that if there was debris/slurry on the road it would most likely be possible to maintain one lane open and manage traffic.'

'We need reassurances that this [netting] is going to work. If it means more netting or more work on the hillside that will have to be done.'

Meanwhile, Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly has called for a previous plan to build another road on the Forestry Commission track on the opposite side of Glen Croe to be revisited.

He said: 'Given the latest chain of events the Scottish Government has to look again at the preferred option of upgrading the Forestry Road adjacent to the Rest.'

Mike Story, chairman of the A83 Task Force, which will reconvene on Tuesday, said: 'The nets did a brilliant job of mitigating the danger to traffic from boulders, and they caught the majority of the heavy stuff. It didn't keep the road open, but it does stop anyone getting killed.'

Explaining the delay in opening the road, he added: 'We had a number of large boulders about 450 feet above the road, which we were worried could wash down onto the road.'

'The forecast was for extremely heavy rain overnight and there was a possibility these rocks would move.'



Engineers were destroying and removing large boulders at the top of Glen Croe as a result of the latest landslip at the Rest and Be Thankful, which carved a huge scar in the top of the hill.

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Ardrihaig Wind Farm scaled back

Potential £295,000 community benefit fund to be established

A THIRD planning application for a wind farm to sit in the hills above Ardrishaig is to be submitted to the Scottish government, as the developer insists it has listened to locals' concerns about the project.

EDF Energy, the company behind Cruach Brenfield Wind Farm, has said the proposed

number of turbines has dropped from 25 to 18, while the energy output is 59.4 megawatts.

Darren Cuming, on-shore wind development manager at EDF Energy Renewables, said: 'After presenting our initial design at exhibitions last year, we have listened to local opinion and taken on board their views.

'After also listening to statutory consultees and reviewing the environmental impact assessment, we are now submitting a revised proposal with fewer turbines which lessens the visual impact of the development.'

The news comes as EDF Energy suggests the community stands to

benefit from a potential £295,000 annual fund if the wind farm gets the go-ahead.

Promising to establish a dedicated community fund, the company suggests it will pay out £5,000 per MW of energy produced and explore ways the community can invest in the project.

The revised plans of the Cruach Brenfield Wind Farm will be available to view at public consultations held next week. The exhibitions will be held at Lochgilphead Community Centre on Tuesday, March 25, between 2pm-8pm and at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Wednesday, between 2pm-8pm.

The scale of the proposed wind farm means it must be assessed by the Scottish Government, as opposed to Argyll and Bute Council.

There is currently a number of planning applications for wind farms near Ardrishaig.

If all are agreed the number of turbines in the area would be 48.

Family gives talk on Mary's Meals

A LOCHGILPHEAD family that has witnessed the valuable work done by Mary's Meals will give a talk to the Christ Church congregation on Sunday.

The Payne family will speak at the church as the congregation is being encouraged to support the Argyll-based charity throughout Lent.

Mary's Meals provides free school meals in impoverished countries around the world, drawing children into the classroom.

The Payne family visited Malawi after Martha's blog raised more than £130,000 for Mary's Meals and were moved to meet the children being supported by the charity. Father Simon MacKenzie has invited his congregation to donate money, saved from Lenten fasts, to Mary's Meals.

He said: 'The less we eat or drink - the more they can. Why not join us in our Lenten fast and support this wonderful cause?'

Task Force pleased with A83 diversion

THE OLD Military Road is an effective diversion route for the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful, according to members of the A83 Taskforce.

A landslide at the Rest on March 6 closed the A83 and the Old Military Road opened as a diversion route first thing last Thursday morning. Mike Storey of the A83 Task Force said: 'The first convoy on the road was running at 6.50am in the morning and it was running at delays of between 20-30 minutes. As far as we're concerned, it worked really well. It's the first time it's been used - and it works.'

Argyllshire Advertiser readers were also impressed with the new diversion. See our Facebook page for their comments: www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser.



Young Andrew proves he has learned a lot

A YOUNG Lochgilphead man has been named runner up in the aquaculture award at the national 2013 LANTRA Learner of the Year Awards.

Andrew Cunningham, 20, was shortlisted for the awards, which recognise apprentices in land and aquaculture-based industries, after being nominated by colleagues at The Scottish Salmon Company.

Andrew, a marine operative, recently completed his Level II Modern Apprenticeship in Aquaculture - Fin Fish.

Andrew said: 'I'm really pleased to have been considered for this award especially as I was up against so many other really talented people.'

'It was quite a challenge balancing studying with my job at the same time but it's certainly been worth it and I'm happy my hard work's been noticed in this way.'

The LANTRA Awards judges took note of both the standard of Andrew's work and the short time frame in which he completed the course.

Andrew Cunningham, from Lochgilphead, has had his hard work recognised in the national 2013 LANTRA Learner of the Year Awards.

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Fears Furnace homes could fall into Loch Fyne

SHORESIDE residents in Furnace fear their homes may be plunged into Loch Fyne as seven metres of land between their homes and the shore has disappeared.

Fourteen householders on Queen Elizabeth Cottages, Furnace, have watched their back gardens vanish over the last decade, with some losing almost two metres during this winter's storms.

The excelled erosion, residents claim, has been caused by a pumping station, which was built in Furnace by Scottish Water 11 years ago.

With some homes just four metres from the shore, residents have started a group called Save the Land of

Our Shoreside Homes (SLOSH) to tackle the problem.

Lynda Syed, from SLOSH, said: 'This is an extremely serious situation and there are concerns that if nothing is done that people's homes will be affected if there is another bad winter.'

SLOSH has enlisted the help of Argyll and Bute Council and MSP Michael Russell to support their negotiations with Scottish Water.

Ms Syed said: 'Councillor Sandy Taylor and Mr Russell have been very supportive in what is a really frightening situation.'

'They have worked hard at bringing together the interested parties

to examine the possible causes and to seek a solution.'

Residents hope to see gabion baskets - large cages filled with rocks - built on the shore side to prevent further erosion, Ms Syed said.

A spokesman for Scottish Water said: 'Scottish Water's installation of sewers and a pumping station to improve our infrastructure and the environment in the area in 2005 was done in accordance with good industry practice and the relevant acts.'

'However, we acknowledge the residents' concern and we have agreed to review this matter again with Argyll and Bute Council.'



Youngsters join in coffee morning fun

Zoe Prentice and her little brother Fraser enjoyed a warm cuppa at a coffee morning hosted by Lochgilhead SWRI on Saturday. The Kilmichael youngsters were among the dozens of people who braved the cold and windy weather to feast on tea, cakes and coffee. The event, which was hosted in Lochgilhead's Red Cross Centre, raised more than £500 for the SWRI. 06_a11swri02

Ardrishaig man takes on London Marathon

AN ARDRISHAIG man will put on his running shoes and pound the streets of London next month to raise cash for Children with Cancer UK.

James MacLachlan hopes to raise more than £2,000 for the charity by running the London Marathon on April 13.

James, who works at Lochgilhead Royal Mail sorting office, first started running half marathons six years ago after he lost his father, Hector, to cancer.

Then raising funds

for the Friends of the Beatson, which supported his father, James has now decided to challenge himself further.

The 30-year-old said: 'I really wanted to do the London Marathon, but Friends of the Beatson do not do entries for long distance marathons so I chose another cancer charity.'

'I have children myself so I thought it was a great choice.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) James will host a fundraising night at the

Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig. Psychic John Irwin will be on hand to entertain the crowd.

'We have got some really good prizes from local businesses, which

will be raffled off during the night,' James said.

Anyone who would like to sponsor James can go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/jamesmaclachlan>.

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Clock Lodge proposal sparks outrage among businesses

A PLAN to upgrade the Clock Lodge in Lochgilphead could fall at the first hurdle as businesses in the town fiercely oppose the development of a Harbro store on nearby land.

A planning application has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council which, if agreed, would see a 200sqm retail unit, 300sqm storage unit and staff offices built within the grounds of the lodge.

Agriculture retailer Harbro submitted the application which also seeks to make the Clock Lodge wind and watertight.

If given the go-ahead, Harbro will vacate its existing outlet in Kilmory Industrial Estate and hand over the Grade B listed lodge to Lochgilphead Phoenix Project, which hopes to make it a community asset.

But 40 letters of objection have been lodged with Argyll and Bute Council; the majority are from Lochgilphead business owners.

Archie MacGill, owner of Fyne Tackle, wrote: 'If these plans get the go-ahead, I for one will lose my business and will no longer be able to employ staff.'

'This application would take even more people out of the town's centre, leaving any remaining shops struggling to pull anyone in their doors...'

Harbro, however, maintains it will not increase its provision of everyday goods, already sold in Lochgilphead shops, but increase its provision for bulk sales to businesses and farmers. Malcolm Sinclair of the Phoenix Project said: 'I would encourage people to look at the plans on the council's website.'

'There has been a lot of thought that has gone into the buildings and where they are situated to ensure there is very little impact on the Clock Lodge and surrounding area.'

To date only three letters supporting the application have been lodged with the council.



Lochgilphead Primary School pupils Ailsa Wilson, Connor Rennie, Andrew Ritchie and Rowan MacDonald, helped Douglas Philand, depute provost of Argyll and Bute, raise the Commonwealth flag at Kilmory Castle on Monday.

Excitement builds around Argyll for the Commonwealth Games

YOUNGSTERS and councillors across Argyll gathered to mark Commonwealth Day as excitement builds for the games in Glasgow this summer.

Pupils from Lochgilphead Primary School helped Councillor Douglas Philand, depute provost of Argyll and Bute Council, raise the Commonwealth flag at Kilmory Castle on Monday.

They were amongst hundreds of

people to raise the flag in communities across the UK.

Councillor Philand said: 'Our communities are busy getting active, marking the Commonwealth Games legacy, which promotes activities and the use of local facilities.'

'The council's Active Schools service has encouraged primary and secondary school pupils to take part in the Commonwealth

Games Passport project which awards points for each sporting activity in which they participate. Our primary schools are also participating in a Commonwealth Games art project to create a piece of cloth which represents Scotland's welcome to the Commonwealth in 2014.

'All in all, the Commonwealth Games will leave a lasting legacy for Argyll and Bute.'

Windfarm trust applications

A RECORD number of applications have been submitted to the Clachan Flats Windfarm Trust.

The trust has received 11 applications from community groups to receive funding, which is generated by the 15-turbine wind farm, near Cairndow.

Applications will be assessed by the trust, which includes representatives from Inveraray Community Council, by the end of the week.

The windfarm is operated by Scottish Power Renewables.

New chaplain for health authority

A NEW chaplain to support people in Argyll hospitals and their families has been appointed by the local health authority.

Raymond Deans has been appointed the lead chaplain for Argyll and Bute by the area's community health partnership.

Mr Deans said he was looking forward to working closely with patients and carers.

He said: 'I have tried to establish a routine

of visiting Dunoon on Monday, Bute on Tuesday, Helensburgh on Wednesday and Lochgilphead on Thursday and sometimes Friday as well. Not that this is a rigid list, but it should help staff to know when to expect me.'

Develop

'I would also like to develop chaplaincy visits for patients who are being cared for in their own homes and who might value a visit by the chaplain.'

Report bogus tradesmen

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being urged to report bogus tradesmen to the police and trading standards as public agencies unite to stamp out rogue traders in Scotland. Residents are reminded not to hand over money to tradesmen until work is completed to a satisfactory standard and never to feel under pressure to have work done to their home.

Anyone who is suspicious about untrustworthy tradesmen is urged to contact police or Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards team.

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Traffic wardens back on the street

TRAFFIC wardens will be roaming the streets of Lochgilphead from May onwards, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The local authority is in the process of de-criminalising on-street parking which means parking enforcement powers will be transferred from Police Scotland to the council.

A parking manager and four additional parking attendants are to be employed across the county to enforce parking restrictions.

A spokesman for the council said the renewed focus on parking would 'improve safety, the local economy and the quality of life within our communities'.

Fines issued by traffic wardens will be used to fund the enforcement policy, while any surplus will be used to improve parking facilities.

Trussell Trust could open a food bank in Lochgilphead

'We work with organisations to address the issues causing the need for a food bank'

STRUGGLING families in Mid Argyll could benefit from a food bank as a national charity confirms it has been approached to provide help.

The Trussell Trust, which provides emergency food relief to people in hardship, says it has been asked for support setting up a food supply in Lochgilphead.

The news comes in the same week that charity Moving on Mid Argyll (MoMA) said it was, on average, delivering around three food parcels per month after setting up an emergency food service in October.

Ewan Gurr, Scotland development officer for the Trussell Trust, said

he could not reveal who made the call for help.

But he said: 'We had an initial enquiry and that person is now exploring the options and speaking to people in the community.'

'We would then hold a meeting to see how we could work in partnership with the community to progress forward.'

Referral basis

Explaining the role of the trust, which operates 43 food banks in Scotland, Mr Gurr said: 'We do work on a referral basis and have had 56,000 people [in Scotland] referred to us in the last 11 months.'

'But we don't only want to offer a food bank, we want to look at the long-term issues.'



Reverend Angus MacNeill, chairman of MoMA, provides information on the work of the charity to Ardrishaig's Mary Stirling at the charity's annual coffee morning on Saturday. The event raised £402. 06_a11coffee01

'We work with organisations to actively address the issues causing the need for food banks.'

MoMA revealed on Monday it has handed out 15 emergency food parcels since October. The charity's primary business is providing household goods for homeless people who have finally found accommodation.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels

VOLUNTEERS are being urgently sought to deliver hot meals to elderly people in Lochgilphead as part of the area's Meals on Wheels service.

People would need to volunteer just two to four hours a month to make a difference in the community.

Meals on Wheels can often be a lifeline for older people who may not see anyone else during the day.

Volunteers work in pairs with one person driving and the other taking the hot meal into the house.

Anyone who volunteers will be given appropriate training. A recruitment day will be held in the Lochgilphead Co-op on March 27 and 28.

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Cycle training programme launched by the council

A CYCLE training programme that helps young people learn about road safety has been launched by Argyll and Bute Council.

iCycle allows youngsters in the area's schools to access information on-line, print materials and watch training videos.

Run in partnership with North Ayrshire Council, the website is a tool for both children and trainers.

GRADUATION



Susan Linklater recently graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh with a MA Honours of the second class (upper) in Accounting and Finance. Susan is the granddaughter of Chrissie and the late Neil McArthur, Fort Argyll, Campbeltown. Currently Susan is working for Serco Northlink at Scrabster and getting work experience from Victor T Fraser & Co in Caithness. Susan is the daughter of Christine and Bryan, Orkney.

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NEWS that a food bank could open in Mid Argyll has once again highlighted the fact families in the area are struggling to get by.

There is no doubt poverty is sky rocketing because of high energy bills, welfare reforms, low wages, higher costs of living and job insecurity.

It is now clear that as much needs to be done as possible to help people in the area.

If that means opening a food bank for families that is what must be done.

More than a dozen food parcels have been handed out in Mid Argyll in the last six months and the number will no doubt continue to rise.

With someone expressing an interest in opening a food bank with the Trussell Trust organisations must now pull together to make it happen.

There is talk about changes to the welfare system needing to be made, which is all very well, but right now people cannot afford to live. This is a problem we as a community can tackle together.

It makes you wonder how many other people cannot afford the basic essentials, but have nowhere to turn.

People should not be ashamed to step forward and admit that they need help.

As a community we can help remove the stigma that surrounds using a food bank.

This year the Trussell Trust has helped more than 50,000 people in Scotland alone; needing help is nothing to be ashamed of.

There is no light at the end of this very long and dark tunnel that we are in, but as a community we can help those who are in hardship.

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Short-term A83 solutions a waste of money

Sir,
Does the fact the A83 has been closed again by a landslip at the Rest still count as newsworthy?

It happens so often, after all. And again insufficient money will be spent to fix the immediate problem, to add to that already spent ineffectually.

At some time, perhaps it's already past, the bits and pieces spent on these short-term fixes will have been enough to do the job thoroughly, once and for all.

But will they do it? Don't hold your breath.

**Alec Logan,
Tarbert.**

Look to Madeira for landslide answers

Sir,
While on holiday in Madeira I enjoyed sightseeing the mountainous terrain of the area and the Spanish Government's answer to rock fall.

The government had applied to the EU for grants to meet the cost of well designed mountain-side concrete tunnels that were taking the brunt of any rock fall, while kept light and airy with portals to enable tourists to view the scenery.

With our climate being different from Madeira, many business and ordinary people, especially those living in the Mull of Kintyre, are looking for a stability in thinking not only in the area of the Rest and Be Thankful but in the numerous committees trying to

resolve this highly dangerous issue of life and limb that has cost millions over decades - before deaths results.

**T Glen,
Mid Argyll.**

Replace grass pitch with sprint practise area and long jump

Sir,
I read with interest Bill MacCallum's letter in last week's edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

I support his plea for an outdoor area for athletes to practise their sprints, which could be put in place at Lochgilthead Joint Campus, alongside an area for long jump.

According to Argyll and Bute Council, drainage work is required on the two grass pitches there this summer, and not for the first time.

Therefore, would this not be an ideal opportunity to put a sprint area, similar to the surface at Scotstoun Stadium, in place of one of the grass pitches?

The grass pitches are approximately 75 yards in length, similar to the area which the athletics club seeks to continue its fine work.

With the 3G pitch being put in place at the joint campus nearby, the need for two grass football pitches at the top of the site is unnecessary, especially given the drainage problems the pitches have endured so far.

If ever someone deserved better sporting facilities for his dedication to athletics over the years it is Bill MacCallum. Hopefully his request will be considered

and granted, which together with the new all-weather pitch, will improve sporting facilities immensely in Mid Argyll.

**Peter Laing,
Lochgilthead.**

Another fine building hits the dust

Sir,
I was intrigued to see Tigh-na-Linne referred to as an 'out building of the main Victorian hospital' in last week's *Advertiser*.

To me an outbuilding would usually be a byre, a stable, a shed, a garage or some such.

Tigh-na-Linne was a very fine Victorian villa built for the physician superintendent's occupation.

Subsequent to Dr I Mac Commond's retrial at the end of the 70s Tigh-na-Linne became offices.

I worked there very happily, as did many others, for several years.

Tigh-na-Linne even had a (friendly) ghost.

Yet another fine building bites the dust.

**Avril Stewart,
Lochgilthead.**



The closure of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful last week saw many Mid Argyll motorists take to Facebook to express their views on the landslide clean-up operation and the long-term solution to landslides at the troubled spot.

David A MacLeod: I'm sure the money is available. It's just pushed into the wrong kind of development.

The Rest has had problems with landslides for years.

Money has been poured into landslip detectors, catch nets and various other expensive but futile attempts. The traffic lights have been in place for the best part of 20 years now.

Surely the money could have been invested in making a more stable route through a different part of the glen. Yes very expensive initially but long-term, no roads closed means better transport in and out of Argyll.

Stephanie Opperman: New road needed - it is a main transport link. If this had happened on the M25, or M8 even, it would have been sorted within a month!

Zoe Airlie: 'I should have been in Kilmalcolm for 8am this morning [March 6] and yet again I'm having to contact my head office to explain my failure to attend. I have keys for a business; that now has a knock on affect to other people's working day. I am becoming unreliable due to these continued closures.'

Kenneth Rennie: Rest closed again! Inconvenient but no great surprise. What infuriates me is that no one in the authority puts road signs on the A815 telling us this. No wonder people get angry.

Terri Allan: If everyone claimed for loss of profits for the time the road has been closed they would have had it sorted by now.

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Plans to expand role of chief inspector

POLICE Scotland has proposed expanding the role of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) chief inspector Marlene Baillie.

Consultation has been underway for several months to have one chief inspector cover the MAKI and Oban, Lorn and the Isles (OLI) areas, scrapping the post in Oban.

The changes, which are proposed to take effect on April 1, are part of Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan's 'management reorganisation'.

Currently there are chief inspectors in MAKI, OLI and

Helensburgh, Cowal and Bute. The proposal will see the three posts reduced to two.

Oban and Campbeltown will retain their inspector posts.

Chief Inspector Baillie said: 'I don't think anyone will see any difference in front line policing.'

'It will just be that I will have greater responsibility in terms of geography. It's just the command structure changing slightly.'

She was keen to stress that the changes are not yet official but are in their final stages of consultation.



Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie. 20_c11marlene01

Community supports land purchase in Craignish

CRAIGNISH resident have voted in favour of plans to buy land on the Lower Glebe as villagers aim to create more affordable housing in the area.

Craignish Community Company (C3) asked people if they favoured the group buying four plots of land currently owned by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. With 90 per cent of people in favour of the organisation purchasing the land an independent land evaluation will now be carried out before plans progress.

Sandy Mckilligin,

chairman of C3, said: 'Once we have the evaluation we will work with the trustees to reach an agreement. What will be questionable is whether the trustees will agree to the evaluation. If they do not accept the evaluation we will not get funding.'

The trustees had a planning application for six social houses passed on the Glebe last year with a further four plots to be sold for private development. It is those four plots C3 plans to buy through funding from the Scottish Land Fund and its own capital. He

said: 'The results of the survey assure us the community backs what we are trying to do. The survey also gives SLF assurances that we have the support of the community.'

Mr Mckilligin said the group was confident it could raise the money and if a deal went ahead it would then look at how to develop the land.

'The survey showed there was desire for sheltered housing so we will look at how to fund that,' he said. 'But, I think that is something to look at in the future.'

MS Centre delight at car cash donation

THE MS Centre in Lochgilphead will be able to support more people in rural communities as it receives cash to buy a wheelchair-adapted car.

The charity received £25,000 on Tuesday from the Miss Smith Trust to fund the vehicle.

Karen McCurry, centre manager, said: 'We plan to buy a six or seven seater car.'

Positive

'This will make a huge and positive difference to our work.'

'For example, someone living on Jura, who uses a wheelchair,

will now be able to be taken to Islay to meet people there, come to our self-management sessions, go swimming or just enjoy the change of scenery.'

'We are so grateful to the trustees of the Miss Smith Trust for choosing to support us.'

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Community Open Days

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Clachan,	Clachan, Thursday 20th March	3pm - 6pm



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Jumble sale at Christ Church

A JUMBLE sale will be held at Christ Church, Lochgilhead next weekend which will mark the first fundraising venture since the arrival of Father Simon MacKenzie.

Bishopton House, which is attached to the church, became a hub of activity last year with an Easter fair, craft sales and coffee mornings that raised money for the restoration of the building.

With Father Simon now living in the house, it is no longer available so the congregation has been looking at new ways to boost church funds.

Next Saturday a 'good old fashioned' jumble sale will be in a marquee outside the church where people can rummage around and bag some bargains.

People who work up an appetite can then head into the church to enjoy tea, cakes and coffee.



Pupils at Tarbert Academy made animal masks to celebrate World Book Day.

Mid Argyll celebrates World Book Day

PRINCESSES, pirates and swamp monsters could be seen in Mid Argyll when youngsters dressed up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day.

Pupils at Tarbert Academy P1/2 class were inspired by Over the Swamp by Paul Geraghty and wrote their own swamp stories and made animal masks to mark the occasion. P2/3 pupils shared their favourite books with each other.

Lochgilhead Primary School youngsters dressed as pirates last Thursday to celebrate the event, which

aims to bring children together to enjoy reading.

More than 20 little ones headed to Lochgilhead Library's book bug session to enjoy a morning filled with songs, story telling and rhymes.

Popular

On the reading list was popular children's classic The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

The book was recently voted the number one children's book in a survey carried out by Play Talk Read - a Scottish Government initiative to develop learning in pre-school children.

Inveraray to hold two week family festival this summer

'We are hoping there will be something for everyone'

A TWO-week festival, which aims to bring the whole community together, will take place in Inveraray this summer.

Organised by Inveraray Community Council (ICC), Festival Fortnight will feature a mixture of events for children and adults.

The event will start on July 19 with the popular Dodgem Disco, which is run by the Evan's Family Fun Fair and culminate with a gala day on August 3.

The gala day will be held on Inveraray's front green and feature a host of activities for all the family.

There will be a gala

day queen and two princesses, fancy dress parade, family barbeque and football tournament.

In the middle of the two weeks there will be Inveraray Highland Games, which brings hundreds of people to the Royal Burgh each year.

ICC hopes the event will breathe new life into Inveraray.

Linda Divers, from ICC, said: 'Festival Fortnight used to run years ago but people lost interest and it faded out. We are trying to get a bit of community spirit back in Inveraray as we don't have any at

the moment.' She added: 'We are hoping there will be something for everyone.'

'We are planning to do a fun run, but still need to confirm that.'

But, to make it a success the council is looking for volunteers and community groups to play their part.

'What we really want just now is for people and local community groups to come forward to help out.'

'They could bring other ideas to the table,' Linda said. 'We are hoping to form a sub committee of the community council to take the project forward.'

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Youngsters from Tayvallich Primary School hosted an African-themed evening to raise funds for the Pelandaba orphan Fund. 06_a11tay02

African-themed evening raises £460 for charity

YOUNGSTERS from Tayvallich Primary School raised more than £460 for charity when they hosted an African-themed evening.

Organised by the P6-7 class, Tayvallich Village Hall was awash with activity when parents, teachers and school children gathered to enjoy an African feast.

The pupils prepared a two-course African-themed meal, which they served up to help



Jenny and Vinnie Buckley were two of the guest at the event. 06_a11tay03

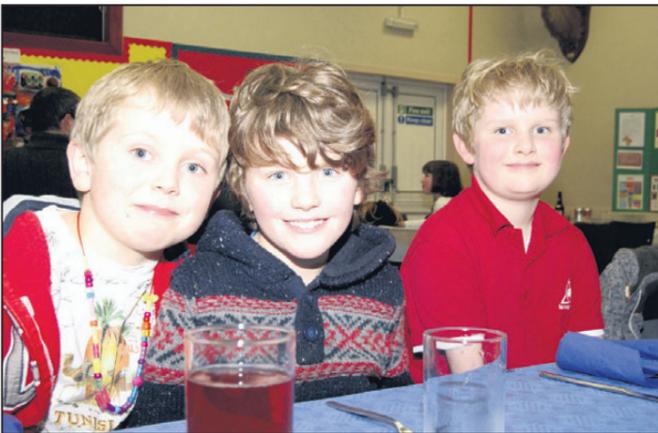
raise cash for the Pelandaba Orphan Fund. Cindy MacDonald,

who founded the charity, has been working with the youngsters and teaching them about her work. The charity pays the tuition fees of young people living in Zimbabwe to put them through education.

At the event last Friday, the children showcased their tie dyed artwork, which was made as part of the project and had a stand that showcased authentic African objects.



Megan Davies, 11, welcomed parents and school children to the African evening. 06_a11tay01



William Wilson, eight, Innes Paterson, nine, and Ruaridh Condie, nine, prepared to enjoy the meal. 06_a11tay05



Morven McVie, left, and Drew Buckley enjoyed a two-course African meal. 06_a11tay04

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- 1 Greedy person (7)
- 5 Two legged animal (5)
- 8 Once embarked upon, it's downhill all the way! (8,5)
- 9 Animal kept in the house (3)
- 10 Study of capital and investment (9)
- 12 Showy decoration (6)
- 13 Mark of disgrace (6)
- 15 Old firearm (9)
- 16 Brouhaha (3)
- 18 Where opportunities abound (7,6)
- 20 Nutrition for growing chicks (5)
- 21 What's left (7)

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- 1 Fill the tank when overseas (3,2)
- 2 Not meant (13)
- 3 On a need to know basis (3-6)
- 4 Thin (6)
- 5 Public transport (3)
- 6 Where new equipment and ideas are tested (7,6)
- 7 Not in shallow waters (4-3)
- 11 Verges (9)
- 12 Point of order when four have been made (7)
- 14 Grumpy old man (6)
- 17 A load of money (5)
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FARMING - at times it can seem that it is almost all about the weather.

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This time last year, by the end of March, the big problem was the snow.

Kintyre was hit badly, as was other parts of the country. Indeed, in Shropshire one disgruntled farmer was so frustrated that he wrote 'WHERE IS SPRING?' in 40ft-high letters on his snow-covered fields.

Beef farmer Nicholas Stokes, 57, used his quad bike to etch out the giant

letters on his land. 'This is the worst spell of freezing weather I have know and it's coming on the back of months of persistent rain,' he declared.

Let us hope that is not repeated this year in Kintyre because we have certainly had the months of persistent rain. Record amounts and the ground is still trying to recover.

However, because of the sodden winter this week's bursts of sunshine, even offered heat out of the wind, has been all the more welcome. Suddenly,

there is the promise of the land coming awakening and coming to life again. Wonderful.

It has been a time for farmers to grab the moment and try and get as many of spring's key tasks under way.

Spring, not surprisingly, can dictate how successful the rest of the year is.

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Farmers urged to speak up on CAP

ENGAGEMENT with Scotland's agriculture and rural sectors over radical changes to Scotland's farm payment system is being stepped up.

The Scottish Government is currently seeking views on how the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) should be implemented in Scotland and how farm payments should be distributed in Scotland over the next seven years.

Rural Affairs Secretary, Richard Lochhead, has set out his plan for the coming months and the next steps in the process.

He has also confirmed responses to the direct payments consultation will now be accepted up to March 28 2014 – almost two weeks later than the original deadline of March 17. It will then be followed in April by a programme of engagement with industry representatives, before seeking to announce final decisions by the end of June.

Mr Lochhead said: 'These CAP reforms are arguably the most radical in a generation, and the decisions made now will affect rural Scotland for years to come. It is imperative that the new CAP supports farming and food production, as well as responsible land use, and it is therefore imperative that we get these decisions right.'

'The biggest shake up will be to direct farm payments where we have a wide range of options open to us. Since the Scottish

Government's direct payment consultation opened in December there have been vigorous debates about how farm payments should be made.

'It is essential that we build up as detailed a picture as possible of the likely effect of these CAP reforms along with the views of those who will be at the front line of the changes.'

'That is why I am extending the deadline for responding to our direct payment consultation to March 28, 2014.'

'This will be followed in April by a series of meetings with key stakeholders and this programme of engagement will further inform my decision-making.'

'Even though we have until August 1 to take final decisions, I am aware of the need for Scottish farmers to have clarity on the shape of the new CAP sooner rather than later which is why I am aiming to announce my decisions by the end of June this year.'



Goose management solution sought at NFU event on Islay

MORE than 40 people from across Scotland gathered on Islay at the start of the week to try and find a solution to wild goose management.

NFU Scotland's event aimed to explore current goose management strategies both on the island and throughout Scotland, as well as find a way to improve the system. Site visits took place on Monday to

farms on Islay affected by geese, allowing those in attendance to see the damage caused by the birds.

Ongoing work

The group also visited the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Nature Reserve at Loch Gruinart to see the work ongoing to conserve the geese populations and to hear how they are working with local

farmers to bring geese to the reserve instead of onto nearby farmland.

NFU Scotland president, Nigel Miller, said: 'Islay provided a spectacular backdrop to the seminar which has focused on securing the success of goose conservation.'

'That success story has created population pressures which now degrade the farmland habitats

which provide vital wintering grounds.

'Sustainable solutions for both land and goose management are now key to the future.'

'Today was an opportunity to share experiences from across Scotland and Ireland and are the first steps towards conserving habitats, protected species and creating viable farming systems.'

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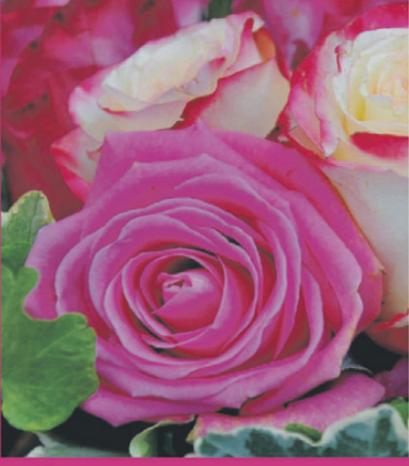
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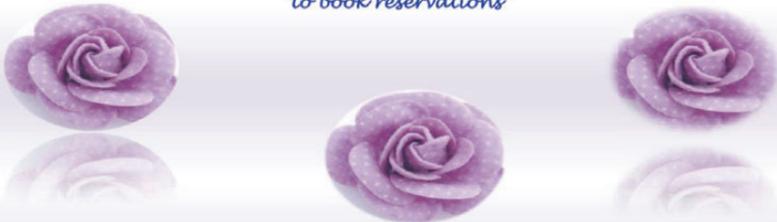
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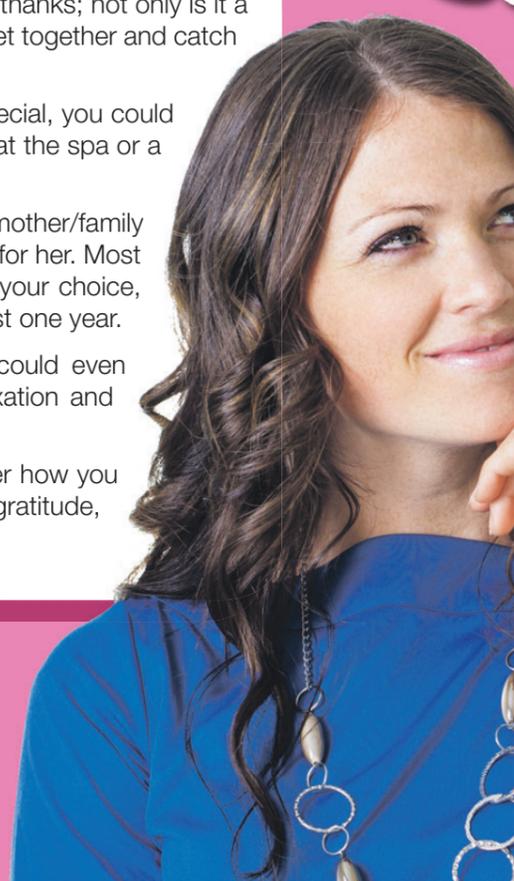
Taking mum out for a meal is a great way to say thanks; not only is it a nice treat, but it will give the family a chance to get together and catch up.

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Historian casts doubt over correct meaning of Inveraray

Author convinced modern name is result of mis-spelling

COULD the meaning of Inveraray's name be wrong? One Glasgow-based historian certainly thinks so.

Adam Ardrey, whose books *Finding Merlin* and *Finding Arthur* suggests that King Arthur's real-world homeland might have been Mid Argyll, has been delving into the history of the Royal Burgh after becoming convinced its modern name is the result of a mis-spelling.

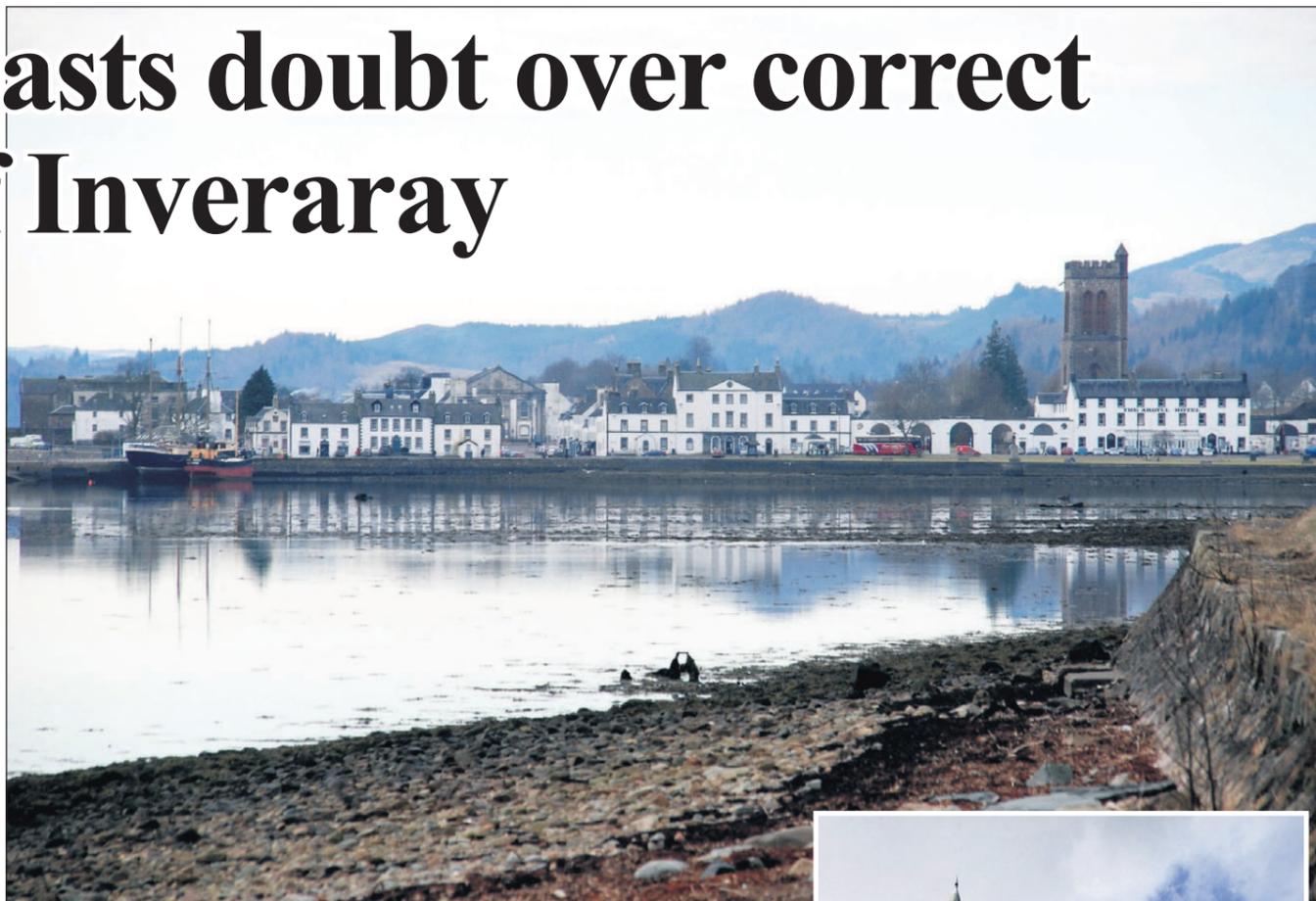
Currently, Inveraray's Gaelic translation is written as *Inbhir Aora*, which he says roughly translates to 'Inlet of the rough waters'.

Mr Ardrey suggests the correct spelling is *Inbhir Airigh*, or 'Inlet of the Lords' - reflecting the presence of the Duke of Argyll and previously, possibly, King Arthur.

Explaining his research, Mr Ardrey said: 'Inbhir means inlet, everyone agrees about this. What does 'aray' mean? That is the question.'

'The name Inveraray has had innumerable spellings over the centuries, including: *Inreyra*; *Innowreya*; *Inverarey*; *Invedraray*; *Inaoraora*; and *Inverairey*.

'Which one holds the key to the original meaning?



'The answer is *Inbhir Airigh*, Inlet of the Lord or Lords.'

To back up his case, he cites John O'Brien's *Focalóir Gaoidhilde-Sax-Bhéarla*: An Irish-English Dictionary (1768), a dictionary compiled with reference to first millennium texts. It says

Airigh means: 'Certain, particular, especially [sic]' and, in a separate entry, 'A prince, a nobleman'.

He adds: 'Airigh, according to O'Brien, does not mean a summer pasture or shieling which is what many modern Gaelic speakers will tell you it means. According to O'Brien, in the first millennium, summer pasture or shieling was *Airghe*.'

History further corroborates his story, he said. 'Dunardry or Dun Ard Airigh - Hillfort of the High Pasture? Why

would the main hillfort in Argyll, the hillfort that dominated the most important land route in Argyll (it was a land route before the canal was built) be named the hillfort of the high pasture? Is it not more likely that such a fort would be named the Hillfort of the High Lord/Lords? Of course it is.'

Translated

Glen Airigh should also be translated as Glen of the Lord or Lords, rather than Glen of the Pasture, and Lecknary between there and Kilmichael Glassary is a corrup-



Could Inveraray really mean Inlet of the Lords, instead of Inlet of Rough Water? The River Aray runs around the grounds of Inveraray Castle, home of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll. t10inveraraycastle1

tion of the Gaelic name, meaning not Flag Stone of the Serpent, but Flag Stone of the Lord or Lords.

'These are but a few of many more examples of Ard and Airigh place names in Argyll, all of which make sense if the ending 'aray' was originally Airigh - and if Airigh means Lord or Lords.'

Asked about the theory, Inveraray's Neil-Iain MacLean said: 'I doubt it, but the true meaning could have been lost in time.'

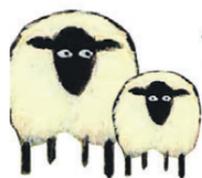
'Inver means inlet, everyone knows that. The name really comes from the River Aray, which runs around the back of

Inveraray Castle and out at the traffic lights [into Loch Fyne].

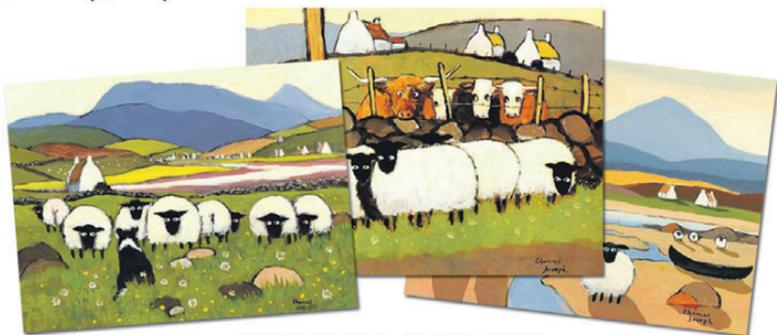
'The name does come from a place where landowners used to put their livestock for the summer, but I do suppose that could be wrong.'

As for the lords in question, they are looking at the research with interest, but the Duchess of Argyll admitted 'to have to start re-branding the castle would be a shame' but added: 'From what I gather, the pronunciation of the town should be Inver 'aira' and not Inver 'air-ee', which explains why the Gaelic spelling now is why it is - but I am no expert.'

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Could Inveraray's Gaelic translation be incorrect? Historian Adam Ardrey certainly seems to think so.



Women from the MS Centre in Lochgilphead met many MSPs including John Finnie at the Holyrood event.

MS Centre staff meet with Scotland's senior health officials

STAFF at the Mid Argyll MS Centre have met with Scotland's senior health officials in a bid to demonstrate how charities can tackle serious health problems.

Representatives of the Lochgilphead centre attended a meeting in Holyrood where they told health minister Alex Neil about their recent work helping more people with long term illnesses, as well as those living in remote and rural communities.

People from the MS Centre were invited to the event as previous winners of the IMPACT award.

Big difference

Run by healthcare company GSK, the awards offer grants to charities that are making a big difference to the lives of people with serious illness within their communities.

Karen McCurry, manager of the centre, said: 'We showed how

much we had developed the service since we won the award. We are supporting people with various other conditions, are doing outreach work and showed that we are developing all the time.'

Armed with their usual props - flippers, feather dusters and rubber gloves, centre staff encouraged MSPs and others to take part in the 'Try on MS' challenge which uses props to simulate the symptoms of MS.

New CEO for CMAL

A NEW chief executive officer has been appointed at Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL).

Tom Docherty, who is a marine engineer, has held a number of senior management positions within the maritime industry and will take over from Guy Platten in April.

CMAL owns 30 ferries that are leased to CalMac Ferries Ltd for use on ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides.

Cowal Highland Gathering to support sick children

COWAL Highland Gathering is to support sick children and their families as Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) becomes its first charity partner.

The gathering has committed to helping raise the profile of, and donations to, the charity, which provides the only hospice services in Scotland for children and young people.

CHAS will feature on the Highland gathering's website, Facebook and twitter accounts, promotional leaflets and its official programme, while people booking tickets online will have the option of making a donation to the charity.

Ronnie Cairns, chairman of Cowal Highland Gathering, said: 'Last year more than 17,000 people attended

the gathering, so even a small amount from each of those people would have raised a great deal of money for what is a fantastic charity.'

CHAS runs two children's hospices - Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch - and a home care service called CHAS at Home. Every day it costs £25,000 to run these services.

Mid Argyll Music Festival set to be best yet

Committee delighted with the overall increase in entries

MORE than 2,000 performers will take to the stage next week when the 35th Mid Argyll Music Festival gets underway.

The festival opens on Monday in Ardrishaig Public Hall with verse speaking and Scots verse recitations from primary, secondary and adult participants.

Free day

Tuesday is a free day and music is the theme for the remainder of the week. Vocal classes for primary pupils and the ever popular songs from shows will take place on Wednesday evening.

Duets and vocal solos from secondary pupils as well as piano classes will be centre stage on Thursday afternoon.

There will be an evening session as well when 18 singers will compete for the festival's premier vocal award - the Knapdale Gold Medal. It was donated in 1983 by Barbara Burke, a founder of the festival.

Instrumental classes for recorder and strings will be held next Friday morning while the afternoon and evening will be devoted to vocal ensembles and adult choirs.

The final day of the festival, next Saturday, will see the event move to Lochgilphead Joint Campus where primary and secondary choirs will compete, together with woodwind and brass competitions.

The festival draws to a conclusion on Saturday evening when bands from Campbeltown, Islay and Mid Argyll perform a wider range of music and bring the week-long event to a fitting close.

New faces

This year there is a number of new faces amongst the adjudicators. They are Joyce Mitchel, speech and Jackie Fosh and Stewart Fyffe, both general music. Richard Chester returns to adjudicate the instrumental classes on Saturday.

The festival committee has said it is delighted with the overall increase in entries and is keeping its fingers crossed for better weather this year.

Lookout for Lochwatch

A CHARITY committed to improving safety on Loch Awe is attempting to buy land in a bid to create a safe lookout on to the water.

Lochwatch has applied to the National Forest Land Scheme (NFLS) to purchase approximately two hectares of land at Kinachrechan on the side of Loch Awe.

Administered by Forestry Commission Scotland, the NFLS gives communities the opportunity to buy or lease land if their project provides public benefits.

Search for worst amateur football pitch in the UK

THE HUNT for the worst amateur football pitch in the UK has begun and clubs that prove their playing conditions are below par could win a £3,000 makeover for their ground.

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Woman goes head to head with razor to raise funds for Yorkhill

'Reece is one of the bravest boys I know'

A TIGNABRUACH woman inspired by the bravery of her nephew who is battling a life-threatening disease will have her hair shaved off to raise money for charity.

Alison Mulholand's nephew, Reece Newlands, suffers from Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis, a disease that causes the body's bowel systems to flare up and attack itself.

There is no cure for the illness and since Reece's diagnosis seven years ago he has

under gone more than 20 operations and had radiotherapy to help ease the symptoms.

Reece, who turns 14 today (Friday), has been left with numbness in his hands and feet following his latest treatment and has difficulty walking.

Today Alison will go head to head with the razor to raise funds for Yorkhill Children's Hospital, Glasgow, where Reece is treated.

The 42-year-old, who works as at Portavadie Marina, said: 'Reece is one of the bravest boys

I know to go through what he does. He has dropped to three stone and his blood levels are dangerously low at the minute, but he takes it all in his stride. Shaving my hair off is nothing compared to what he is going through.'

Reece's nine-year-old sister Chloe has also started to suffer symptoms of the disease.

Alison will also be raising money for C3 Cure Crohn's Colitis - a charity that funds research into the disease.

'My hope is a cure or at least a suitable treat-

ment can be found to reduce the impact and frequency of the surgeries he has had to experience at such a young age,' she said.

'I pray that a cure can be found so that Chloe will not be destined to the same fate as her big brother. Through fundraising, research is making progress but more needs to be done.'

Alison will have her hair donated to Little Princesses - a charity that makes wigs for children who suffer hair loss because of ill-



Alison Mulholand, centre, with her nephew niece Chloe, nine, and nephew Reece Newlands, 14. She will go head to head with a razor today (Friday) to raise cash for charity.

ness. She will have her locks cut off at Portavadie Marina at

3.30pm today. People who would like to make a donation can go to www.justgiving.com/Alison-mulholand or www.justgiving.com/Alison-mulholland1

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Mid Argyll Buddies looking for new members

A GROUP which empowers people with disabilities to do as much as possible for themselves and take an active role within their community is seeking new members.

Mid Argyll Buddies was established 18 months ago in a bid to bridge the gap that had been left by the closure of Neighbourhood Networks in the area.

The network had supported people with disabilities to manage things such as their finances and encouraged them to take part in more social activities.

Buddies, however, places a greater emphasis on what people are able to do and ensures all its members, whether they have a disability or not, are equally valued.

Bees Barker, a Mid Argyll Buddie, said the initiative was really about 'being neighbourly.'

She said: 'It's really a group of friends... people enjoy that sense of belonging and coming together.'

'Recently a group of people got together to share a meal; people from the network helped someone who has been ill; we have helped peo-

ple move house and sort household things.'

Fellow buddie, Lorna MacDonald said: 'What holds us together is that we want to look out for each other, be understood by others and to be accepted in our community.'

'We know we have something good by being part of buddies. Anyone can join - if you have a disability or if you don't - everyone is welcome from our community.'

For more information on Mid Argyll Buddies call Lorna MacDonald on 01546 88273.

Lochgilphead students speak at Scottish independence debate

By Holly Smith, Jura MacMillan and Ruby Bosomworth

THREE senior students from Lochgilphead High School recently went up against Argyll politicians during an inter-generational debate on Scottish independence.

Gareth Sansom and Anthony Flower joined politicians on the panel for the Question Time-style debate and gave their opinions on questions from the floor.

Tricky questions

Megan Rowe was amongst the audience at the event in Tarbert Academy who asked the panel a number of

tricky questions on how independence would affect Mid Argyll.

Organised by Argyll Voluntary Action, as part of its Building Community Bridges project, the event was an opportunity for the students, who are on the school's debating society, to brush up on their skills.

The debating society is run by religious education teacher Ian Watt and English teacher Ian Fulton.

After the event the three pupils also got the opportunity to meet with politicians from the panel who gave them tips on how to improve their debating skills.

Poor broadband restricting education

FAMILIES in rural areas have claimed poor broadband connections are restricting their education, according to new research.

A study by the National Farmers Union has revealed one in five families are unable to access online resources for their children's education.

Households are not only less likely to have access to broadband, but are also half as likely to use mobile broadband through 3G or 4G devices, the findings showed.

Council early years service now on Twitter

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE Standing Stone at Beacharr is quite a landmark just above Beachmenach, on the Kintyre peninsula.

Walking on the beach below, the stone looks like a man waving from the top of the hill.

It is a marker from the people who have gone before us – a sermon in stone in some ways.

But what does it say to us in this 21st century?

It is hard to know what these early settlers here wanted to convey by the markings on the stones, and the positioning of them.

There has been much speculation about standing stones by many knowledgeable people over the years, but there is still a mystery about them.

This is a solitary stone, unlike the groupings around the country at Callanish, Fortingall, Lam-lash, Machrie, Kilmartin and many other places.

I wonder what we will leave behind as our markers.

Will there be anything visible left from this computerised and technological age that will stand the test of time?

What will be our legacy?

It is said that if you want to see a tribute to Christopher Wren, visit St Paul's Cathedral.

This is indeed an amazing legacy, and one to which not many can aspire.

However, I think when we go into our wee churches which are scattered throughout the land, we do see a legacy.

We remember the saints who have witnessed and worshipped there and kept the flame of faith alive for us.

Their legacy is in the stories that are told of friendship, of faith, of holding fast in bad times as well as good.

It says in scripture that we are 'living stones' and we can all think of the folk we have loved and lost who left their indelible mark upon our community, our church and on our hearts.

They are the living stones who have built a sure foundation.

This will be our legacy.

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DUNOON

Dunoon girl competes in dental competition

A DENTAL student from Dunoon recently competed in the grand final of the first Dental Skills competition.

Shona Hamlet, who studies at Dundee University's School of Dentistry, completed a series of seven practical challenges against 14 other finalists.

In the final, which was held at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd), Shona was given two hours to complete the tasks that each tested a different set of skills.

To land a place in the final Shona fought off competition to come first in the Dundee heat.

Glitz and glamour arrives in Dunoon

HOLLYWOOD glamour arrived at Dunoon Cinema on Wednesday as the town hosted a film premier with a difference.

The red carpet was rolled out for a short feature, The Last Cigarette and a hard-hitting documentary which stars pupils from Dunoon Grammar School.

The documentary features people talking about their personal experiences of smoking. They include a non-smoker with mouth cancer and a smoker who has already lost a leg.

The pupils saw the whole filming experience and appear in the drama along with actor David Hyman. The screening of the films coincided with No Smoking Day.



Shona Hamlet, from Dunoon, competed in the Dental Skills competition after winning the Dundee heat where she was presented with a certificate and a trophy by judge Martin Donachie, RCSEd.

INVERARAY

Fundraising quiz night

SHINTY sticks will be put to one side later this month when locals gather for a fundraising quiz and curry night in aid of Inveraray Shinty Club.

The event will be held in the George Hotel in the burgh on March 21. Teams must be ready to begin at 6.30pm.

GLASSARY

Glassary youngsters sing at care home

YOUNGSTERS from Glassary Primary School P4-6 class paid a visit to Ardfernaig Care Home to entertain residents with poetry, songs, dance and music.

The children, who headed to the home as part of their citizenship project, performed Caledonia to residents.

There was also Irish dancing from Holly Helbert and Sian Johnston and Amy Anderson performed a flute solo.

Jilly Lefebvre gave a remarkable rendition of the cup song while Jacob Potter gave a stirring rendition of the

Star Wars theme on the chanter. For a finale the children sang Robert Burns' Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon.

The show proved so popular the children performed an encore with another chorus of Caledonia.

After the concert the performers mingled with the audience chatting and laughing together.

Everyone agreed that they should come again soon.

KILBERRY

Social group starts up

A NEW group has been set up in Kilberry, which will allow a local person to talk about their experiences and interests.

The Monthly Meet and Munch - a non-religious event - will be held on the second Tuesday of every month.

The first meeting was held this week and people were treated to a talk by local sailors Andrew and Trish Russell who spoke about 'Strange Things that Happen at Sea.'

The meetings are open to anyone all they have to do is bring a long a plate of finger food to share.

ARDFERN

Moss Road takes to the stage

LIVE music will be performed at The Galley of Lorne at the end of the month.

Moss Roads, which is made up of Danny Kennedy on bouzouki and vocals, Hugh fife on accordion and Steve Hunter on bass, will take to the stage on March 28.

The band, which formed in 2013, will perform classic Scottish ballads alongside traditional tunes, Americana and pop music.

Shop pipped to Rural Oscar

ARDFERN Village Shop narrowly missed out on winning a 'Rural Oscar' last week.

The shop, which is run by Bruce and Jude Barton, was a finalist in the 2013 Countryside Alliance Awards dubbed the Rural Oscars.

The couple attended a prize-giving ceremony at Holyrood in Edinburgh last week, but missed out on the accolade to Gargunock Village Store, Stirlingshire.

Bruce said: 'We attended the ceremony,

but were pipped at the post. We are obviously delighted to have been nominated.'

ARDRISHAIG

Psychic to raise cash for charity

PSYCHIC John Irwin will be in Ardrishaig tomorrow (Saturday) night to help raise cash for charity.

The medium will entertain the crowd at The Argyll Arms to help boost funds for the Children with Cancer UK. The event begins at 7.30pm.

MINARD

Table top sale and quiz

A FUNDRAISING table top sale and quiz will be held in Minard Village Hall next Saturday. The event will raise funds for Cumlodden Parish Church.

Doors open at 7.30pm.

ARDUAINE

Whale watching for visitors

A HOTEL that claims to have the best views in Scotland is offering its

guest a Whale of a time at Easter.

People staying at the The Loch Melfort Hotel, near Oban can arrange whale-watching trips during April.

Residents can also head next door to the National Trust for Scotland's Arduaine Garden, which is hosting an egg hunt and other Easter-related fun and games.

FURNACE

Quiz night in Funace Hall

A QUIZ night will be held in Furnace Village Hall tonight (Friday).

People who would like to take part should be there for 7.30pm.



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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



BAIN

Christopher and Helen are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Erika Macdougall Bain, on March 7, 2014. First grandchild for Jim and Lorna, Oban, and John and Jessie, Muasdale. Many thanks to Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the RAH, Paisley.

BROWN - Keith and Jenny are delighted to announce the birth of Duncan Robert, born February 24, 2014. A little brother for Niamh.

MCKEAN - David and Jo (née Chrystie) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Noah, on January 24, 2014 at Southern General Hospital. A beautiful wee brother for Luke and second grandchild for Colin and Florence.



RUTHVEN ARENSBACH

Thomas and Karen (née Ruthven) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Helena, on February 20, 2014, at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey. Grandparents absolutely delighted.

DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Suddenly at home, Sheanakill, Clachan, on March 6, 2014, Peter McSpornan Galbraith, in his 79th year, formerly of Glenbarr, dearly beloved husband of Helen Dickson and a much loved father of Rhona.

FLOYD - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 10, 2014, Morag Floyd, aged 67 years, of Talloch, Glengilp Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of Alexander (Sandy), much loved mother of Alex and Brian, loving gran and nana of Jamie, Alexander, Robert, Sophie and Melissa and dear sister of Margaret. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, in Ardrishaig Parish Church, followed by cremation service at Cardross Crematorium. Sadly missed.

MACDONALD - (Skye/Lochgilphead/Aberchirder). Suddenly, but peacefully, at Balhousie Care Home, Huntly, on Sunday, March 9, 2014, John Mackenzie Macdonald, aged 100 years, beloved husband of Annie, much loved dad of Allison, a loving grandpa and great grandpa, also a dear father-in-law. Funeral service was held in Strathbogie Church, Huntly on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

MACKELLAR - On March 10, 2014, peacefully at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, Mary MacKellar, née Bruce, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Archie MacKellar and much loved mother of Margaret, Donald and Bruce, a dear mother-in-law, gran, great gran and aunt. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, (today) Friday, March 14 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Tarbert Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - Dugald, Maureen and families of the late David Campbell would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers and telephone calls. Thanks to all doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital, district nurses, ICT Home Care, Carr Gomm girls and Lorne Campbell Court for all their care and attention over the last few years. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting service, Stuart Irvine for playing the organ, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements, Carradale Hotel, and finally to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. A retiral collection raised £297.09 for the Fishermen's Mission.

HAMILTON - The family of the late Angus Hamilton would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all medical staff involved in his care, thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the clock fund raised £130.

MACCOWAN - Pam. Her son and daughters, Hamish, Cathie, Ann and Maggie, wish to express their sincere thanks to friends and neighbours for all the support, kind expressions of sympathy and kindness shown to them on the sad passing of Pam. Sincere and grateful thanks to the staff of the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead for their exceptional care. A special word of thanks to Susan and the carers who made living at home possible for her. Thanks also to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care. A special word of thanks to Susan and the carers who made living at home possible for her. Thanks also to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care. A special word of thanks to Susan and the carers who made living at home possible for her. Thanks also to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our son, Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts, loved and missed always. See you later. - Mum and Dad xxx. **MACDOUGALL** - Precious memories of Alasdair. Gone but never forgotten and forever in our hearts. A huge miss! - Nikki, Mhairi, Codi and Esmée xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Memories are a gift to treasure, Ours of you will last forever. - From all your family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead xxx.

MCALLISTER - March 18, 2013. Partings come and hearts are broken, Loved ones go with words unspoken, Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept, For a husband and father we'll never forget. In quiet thoughts I live again, The days that used to be, How rich in kindness, love and care, How dear you were to me. I've lost my life's companion, A life linked to my own, You're still mine to remember, A husband proud to own. - Loving wife, Mary and family.

MCALLISTER - Roderick, March 18, 2013. I wish that I could see you, Dad, For just a little while, I wish that I could hug you, Dad, And see your lovely smile, But wishing gets me nowhere, And longing is in vain, So I will hold you in my heart, Until we meet again. - Your loving daughter, Michelle xx.

MCALLISTER - Roderick, March 18, 2013. No greater loss have we ever bore, Than the day your life here closed its door, The sadness, its pain, the emptiness will remain, Until on Heaven's doorstep we will meet again, With arms open wide, We will stand side by side, And no longer have to bear this incredible sorrow, So will wait till then with each new tomorrow. - From your loving children, Susan, Roddy, Hughie, Peter and all their families. We will remember, forever our dad. **MCALLISTER** - Roderick, March 18, 2013. Dad, a year ago you went away, You're loved and remembered every day. - Dolores, Alf and boys. **MCCORMICK** - Barbara, March 13. Mum and granny, sadly missed, never forgotten. - Leslie, Debbie and children.

MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, special mum and devoted granny. In our hearts you always stay, Loved and remembered every day. - Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan xxx. **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. In our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day. - Love, Norma, Jim and family. **STIMSON** - Treasured memories of Fona, who passed away March 12, 2013. Loved and remembered every day. - Dawn, Betty and families.

CHURCH NOTICES

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday school Refreshments after the service
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am Every Thursday
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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free church of scotland
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Thursday 20th March 12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
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Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

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Sunday 16th March Morning Worship 11.15am Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev. P Wallace
Tuesday 18th March Parents and Toddlers 9.45am BB Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Thursday 20th March Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 21st March Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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Quiz Minard Hall Saturday 22nd March 7.30 pm

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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 16th March 2014 11.00am Service
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Monday 17th March 2014 Ladies Meeting Tom McKay, Lochgair 2.30pm, Free Church Hall
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Duffers come good - eventually

By David Sinclair

THE DUFFERS took all the good scores in this week's Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league.

Jim Hunter and Lee Hardman tied on 41 points, with both men performing better in the warmer weather.

Colin Rowan hates the rain and is likely to walk off if a shower appears but Sunday was good for him.

Keith Cowan very nearly managed to achieve a rubbish score, but five poor scores took him into the disaster zone.

Tommy Angus had a good front nine holes, but Kenny Cameron beat him on a count back.

In the main event Ross has a two-shot lead on Donald Carmichael with one round to go. Simon Taylor is four back, but one good round could get the job done.

Simon was nearest the pin at the seventh hole and Alec MacAulay hit a beauty at the ninth.

The winter league prize giving will be held in Lochgilphead Golf Club on March 15.

Ross and David will be handing out the insults along with some very nice trophies and some quality golf balls.

Lottery numbers

NUMBERS 3, 9 and 10 were drawn in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

There were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club Lottery draw with the numbers 3, 7 and 20. Next week's jackpot is £1,000.



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Red Star do double over Dunoon Athletic

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RED STAR came out top once again when they took on Dunoon Athletic in their second Argyll derby of the season thanks to a Rab Docherty hat trick.

Star started the match with the strong wind against them and were pinned deep in their own half for long spells in the first half. But, a well organised defence, marshalled by Naisby and Crawford, offered good protection to McCulloch in goals.

Star took the lead just after the half hour mark when Docherty managed to get in behind the defence before firing his shot under the Dunoon keeper.

Star thought they had doubled their lead on the stroke of half time when a Keen flick on was met by Docherty in the air and the ball sailed into the net. Referee John Scott however called off side.

With the wind at their back in the second half, Star doubled their lead on 50 minutes when a well worked move down the left saw the ball fall to Docherty in the box who hit the back of the net.

The home team soon pulled a goal back after McCulloch did well to save an initial shot and the ball fell to the forward, who made no mistake from close range.

Star felt they had made the game safe when a good move between Keen and Peacock saw Docherty released down the right side. He managed to cut inside before firing past the keeper once more to complete his hat trick.

But Star was made to sweat when Dunoon pulled another back with five minutes to go; this time from a close range free kick.

The game was finally put to bed from the pen-



Top award for young Argyll golfer

ARGYLL golfer Robert MacIntyre has been named the country's most promising young player.

The 17-year-old picked up the Adam Hunter Award, for the best Scottish junior, at the Scottish Golf Awards this month.

The Oban High School pupil had been mentored by the late Adam Hunter and dedicated his win to the close family friend he referred to as 'uncle Adam'.

Robert, of Glencruitten Golf Club, said: 'I wouldn't be the player I am today without him.'

Robert won two national boys' tournaments in 2013.

'This award means more than any of the others because it has Adam's name on it.'

A former European Tour player, Adam died in 2011 of leukaemia.

Star Under 15s in 13-goal thriller

THERE were goals galore for spectators when Red Star under 15s played Dumbarton Riverside in a 13-goal thriller that edges the Lochgilphead side to the top of the Section B group.

Star travelled to Vale Academy for the league cup tie and stormed to an early lead with goals from Brown and Souden in the first eight minutes.

Riverside replied as Thomas Purdie's shot deceived keeper Pow

Dumbarton Riverside	4
Red Star Under 15s	9
DFDL League Cup	

and ended up in the net; the same player equalized on 20 minutes with a looping effort.

Spurred

The goal spurred Star on and some determined play on the left from Blair Mackay resulted in a super finish by Lorne MacFarlane from 16 yards.

Mackay then scored to

ally spot after Kirk was felled in the box. Stuart Crawford stepped up and sent the keeper the

wrong way to wrap up the points for Star.

Rab Docherty was named man of the match

for his hat trick.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star will play league leaders Jamestown and

hope avenge a 3-1 defeat from earlier in the season. The game kicks off at 2pm.

Shooters rise to challenge of flush shoot

ANOTHER wet day greeted competitors who turned out for the final shoot of the Tarbert Gun Club winter league.

As well as the normal Down The Line shoot, the club tried out a new set of targets.

The flush competition saw teams shoot together at 40 clays, with five traps used to throw the targets. The skills of the shooters were put to the test as the contest featured high, fast, slow and low targets.

Andrew MacDonald's lads, who were leading the team event, put in another good performance to inch further ahead of their competitors.

The DTL shoot was a closely fought competition, with only one point

separating the first three shooters. John Weir and John Paton shared first place, followed by Bob McColl.

The competition marked the end of the 2013/14 winter league.

Results: Class A: 1. John Weir, 2. John Paton, 3. Bob McColl; Class B: 1. Norman MacDonald, 2. Akram Khan, 3. Lynn MacDonald and Archie MacGilp Jnr; Class C: 1. Roy McNeil, 2. Hugh McLean, 3. Craig Samborek, Class D. 1. Malcolm Holder, 2. Shaun Johnson, 3. Ian Winnard; Class E: 1. Ian Currie, 2. James McLean, 3. Malcolm Weaver; Teams: 1. Andrew MacDonald, Alisdair MacCallum, Hugh McLean, Shaun Johnson and James McLean, 2. John Weir, Stewart MacAllister, John Cupples, Michael Harvey and Jennifer Campbell.

Kyles Athletic need a steady run of games

KYLES ATHLETIC find themselves in the unfamiliar position of bottom place of shinty's Orion Group Premiership after their first two games.

But the Kyles men had a disruptive pre-season and have played the league's two on-form teams.

Kyles trainer James Perlich says his team's priority is to settle into a steady run of games in a bid to

reverse their fortunes.

He said: 'We didn't play on grass at all during the off-season, because of the weather, so that is clearly affecting our early league performances.'

The Argyll team are scheduled to play another on-form team, Glenurquhart, at Tighnabruach this weekend.

Last week's heavy 5-1 defeat to

rivals Newtonmore would have been a sore one to take - only a 90th minute strike from Robbie MacLeod gave any consolation.

Perlich said: 'I think we gave Newtonmore a better game than the scoreline suggests.'

'Newtonmore took their chances early but we had the better of the second half and could just not convert our pressure into goals.'

Committee elected to head up Mid Argyll Sports Trust

A MIX of youth and experience will lead the newly formed committee of the Mid Argyll Sports Trust.

Hugh MacArthur, an original member of the sports trust formed in the '90s, has been elected chairman of the trust, while Fee Corner, who heads up the Inveraray Sports Hub, is his deputy. Inveraray Shinty Club's Ruairidh Graham will be trust secretary and Frances Hardie, Active Schools coordinator for Tarbert, will be treasurer.

Sheila MacCallum, Colin Weir, Graham Whitefield, Derek McCulloch, David Renwick, John Crawford and Peter Hogbin make up the remainder of the committee.

Collectively they represent sports including horse riding, football, shinty, golf, water sports, as well as Mid Argyll Show.

The committee, elected at the trust's recent annual general meeting, is committed to promoting participation in all sport in Mid Argyll.

Lochgilphead High makes skiing final

By Ruby Bosomworth, Holly Smith and Jura MacMillan

FOUR skiers from Lochgilphead High School have reached the final of the Scottish Schools Alpine Ski competition after thrashing competition in the qualifying round.

The skiers travelled to Nevis Range Ski Area to compete in the Scottish Schools Alpine Ski Qualifier last month.

Patrick Feeny, 16, Lawrence Lister, 15, Alexander Feeny, 14, and Jennifer Stocks, 15, finished first in the team category to land a place in the final.

Patrick finished first, Lawrence came second and Alexander finished third, while Jennifer was crowned the fastest female.

Mark Stocks, a science teacher at Lochgilphead High, who organised the team and took the young skiers to the competition, said: 'I thought they did really well and got some great times. It was an amazing experi-



Jennifer Stocks, Patrick Feeny, Lawrence Lister and Alexander Feeny, secured a place in the Scottish Alpine Ski final.

ence for them all.'

The team beat 62 competitors to secure their place in the final.

Patrick, who has competed in other skiing competitions, said: 'It felt good representing

the school. 'We were really tired afterwards but it was great fun.'

The skiers were due

to compete in the final at Cairngorm yesterday (Thursday) as the Advertiser went to press.

Scottish Amateur Football League results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup 7th Round - Oban Saints 0, Eastfield 2; Premier Division One - Paisley v Campbeltown Pupils; Hillington v Dunoon, both postponed; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 4; Division 1A - Millbeg v Tarbert postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, 4th round - Giffnock North v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Eaglesham; Hillington v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v Jamestown; Clydebank v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1A - Inverkip Thisle v Tarbert.

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This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are: M Soudan, Whitehouse, Tarbert and J McNeil, Woodside, Isle of Ghia



Caroline Waterhouse, Kilmartin, is among those taking part in the Sport Relief challenge. 06_a11cycle01

Lochgilphead record attempt for Sport Relief

SUPER cyclists and Sport Relief will both be winners at a record breaking attempt taking place at Mid Argyll Community Pool tomorrow (Saturday). Cyclists will compete to see how many miles they can cover in a single hour – but there is a twist.

Static bike

They will be covering the distance using a static bike, linked to a performance-analysing computer, which uses software to generate race-like conditions.

The cyclist who travels the greatest distance in a one-hour

stint will become the first ever Lochgilphead Hour record holder.

Organiser John Rea hopes the chance to set a record and raise money for charity will inspire people to swing into the saddle.

He explains: 'This is an event with a difference – we're using a static bike and software to record the distance covered by each cyclist.'

'We can personalise the bike and software to match the age, fitness and ability levels of each competitor to give them a challenging ride – and a realis-

tic chance of achieving a significant distance – all free from traffic and potholes.'

Encouraging

He added: 'Sport Relief is encouraging people to take part in sport for an hour this year.'

'We hope by having an indoor cycling event we can encourage more people to pedal, raise plenty of money and set a few records.'

Stuart Owen, MACPool manager, is delighted the pool can host the event.

'There's more to MACPool than just swimming. We're already the base for Jog Scotland

and now have regular static cycling session taking place every Tuesday evening,' he said.

'We're determined to help our community get fit and stay healthy so the more options there are the better.'

'I hope lots of people will come and have a go and raise a ton of money for Sport Relief.'

Because of limited numbers, slots need to be booked in advance to take part.

Anyone who would like to take part can contact John Rea by e-mail on daretotrilife@gmail.com.

Inveraray hope to get underway this weekend

INVERARAY shinty team have not yet played a game this season but are daring to believe they can get both points at Newtonmore this Saturday.

The Royal Burgh may be some people's tip for relegation this season but player/manager Garry MacPherson has set his sights higher - a victory against the defending champions in their own back yard.

He said: 'I would like to try and go for the win on Saturday.'

'No-one is getting on top of them, putting them on the back foot.'

'I'll be interested to see if we can do that and

how they will cope with it.

'They are strong at the back but we seem to score against them every time we play - the problem is they can score a lot back at us!'

MacPherson admits he would have preferred to have played a competitive match before the trip to Badenoch but has a full squad of players who are desperate to get their season underway.

'Newtonmore have got their season off to a flier but I know what we are capable of and if we can defend well there is no reason we can't get the win,' MacPherson added.

Kilmory take on Lochside Rovers

KILMORY face tough opposition tomorrow (Saturday) when they play Lochside Rovers away from home.

The Mid Argyll shinty side was defeat twice by Rovers in South Division One last season.

Alister MacArthur, from Kilmory, said: 'We are a bit apprehensive going into this game. They have a good young team, but we should have a full squad to take with us to the match.'

The game is scheduled to be played at Mossfield Park, Oban, but may change due to the weather. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

Strachur hope to build on positive start

STRACHUR will be back in league action on Saturday when they take on Aberdour. The side hope to build on their positive start to the shin-

ny season, which saw them draw 1-1 with Kilmory two weeks ago.

Tomorrow's match will be played at Strachur Park.

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