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TODAY, Friday March 11, sees the launch of a major campaign by *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and sister title, *The Campbeltown Courier*.

The point of this campaign is simple – to press the Scottish Government to commit serious investment to finding the correct long-term solution to the landslide issue at the Rest and Be Thankful, in the shortest possible timescale.

Often described as ‘Argyll’s M8’, the A83 trunk road is a vital artery serving Argyll and the Isles. But the artery has a problem in the form of disruptive – and potentially dangerous – landslides at the Rest.

Argyll and Bute has a fragile economy. Our population is scattered and isolated by geography. Bucking the Scottish national trend, our region has a declining – and ageing – population. We need the A83 to be reliable at all times, and in all weathers, to underpin economic activity and confidence within Argyll and the Isles.

To achieve this, taxpayers, voters and business owners in this region need the wholehearted support of national government – and the help of politicians at every level, from all political backgrounds.

■ More on the campaign and how you can get involved, on page 5.



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Body found in Clachan burn

POLICE Scotland were called to an incident at Clachan in north Kintyre on Saturday March 5 after a man was found lying in a burn near the A83 around 1.30pm.

The 54-year-old, who was from the area, has not been named.

Police are treating the death as unexplained but do not believe it to be suspicious at this time.

A post mortem examination will be carried out and a report sent to the Procurator Fiscal.



Companies submit ferry tenders



Lochinvar on the Tarbert - Portavadie sailing. 08_a38ferry01

FERRY companies Caledonian MacBrayne, (CalMac) and Serco have submitted tenders for the Hebridean and Clyde ferry routes.

The contract covers local ferry services such as Kennacraig to Islay, Tarbert to Portavadie, Colintraive to Rhubodach and Tayinloan to Gigha.

It will also cover the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry.

A decision is expected to be announced by the Scottish government in May. CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'I believe the bid we submitted last week is an outstanding piece of work and makes a compelling case for CalMac to win this hugely important contract. I'm confident we will be the clear winner when a decision is reached in May and, if so, I'm determined that we'll deliver our best service levels yet.'

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Serco, which took over Northlink ferry routes to Orkney and Shetland in 2012, is also tendering for the £1 billion contract.

Serco bid director for Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services Jonathan Riley said: 'After two years of eating, sleeping and breathing Clyde and Hebridean Ferry Services I am delighted to confirm that we have submitted our communities-led ferries proposal.' 'My team have put their hearts and souls into this.'

'I have worked in the UK transport industry for over 30 years but I have to admit that I was humbled by the knowledge and passion from the people who rely on these lifeline services.'

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc



Argyll Reinforcements



Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (SHE Transmission) intends to reinforce the existing transmission network in Argyll to enable renewable energy to connect to the network and enhance security of supply. We will be holding public exhibitions in regards to three projects, two of which are new:

- Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line replacement project
- New substation located near Ardbrecknish and new overhead line to Dalmally (new)
- Replacement overhead line between Taynuilt and Ardbrecknish (new)

We will be holding public exhibitions on the following dates where we warmly welcome members of the public to find out more and comment on the proposals.

Exhibitions

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Inveraray	The George Hotel	Tues 8 March	14:00 – 19:30
Dalmally	Community Centre	Weds 9 March	14:00 – 19:30
Taynuilt	Village Hall	Thurs 10 March	14:00 – 19:00
Kilchrenan	Village Hall	Tues 15 March	14:00 – 19:30
Portsonachan	Village Hall	Weds 16 March	14:00 – 19:30
Skipness	Village Hall	Thurs 17 March	14:00 – 19:30
Tarbert	Village Hall	Tues 22 March	14:00 – 19:30
Lochgilphead	Argyll Inn	Wed 23 March	14:00 – 19:30

For further details about the project please visit our website: www.ssepdc.co.uk or contact our Community Liaison Manager, Kelly Scott on 0734 202 6270 or Kelly.Scott2@sse.com.



Police files

Possession of drugs

A CAR was stopped for routine checks at 8.45pm on Wednesday March 2 in Inveraray.

A 27-year-old man was found with cannabis and a recorded police warning was issued.

Theft

TOOLS and equipment were stolen from Eastfield, Tarbert, between 4.30am on March 2 and 8am on March 3.

Enquiries are ongoing and police are appealing for witnesses.

Assault

THREE people were assaulted at Craobh Haven at 12.30am on March 3.

A 26-year-old man was charged with causing a disturbance.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Serious assault

AT 4AM on March 6, a woman was allegedly seriously assaulted on Union Street, Lochgilphead.

A 22-year-old man was charged.

A report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Breach of the peace

A 22-YEAR-OLD man was arrested following reports of a person shouting and swearing at Burnbank Terrace, Ardrishaig, at 12.45pm on March 3.

THE Co-op supermarket in Lochgilphead is to be given a new look.

Much of the work to be done overnight to minimise disruption to shoppers. Work will begin on

March 14 and will be completed on April 22. To allow the work to be carried out, the shop will close completely from 7pm on April 10 and will re-open on April 15.

Store manager Emma Scott said: 'While it is shut, we will have a pop-up shop and will be offering a pick-and-pack service. Customers can hand in an order and we will deliver to their door.'

The work is also expected to create 10 new jobs. Area manager Kate Graham said: 'We are recruiting up to 10 new people to join our store team. We are thrilled to be making such a significant investment in Lochgilphead and delighted that we will have a fantastic new store to serve the community.'



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Speech therapy in schools axed

REPORT By EALA MacALISTER
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

PARENTS of children receiving speech therapy in their school were angered when they discovered the service was to be cut.

From April, children will have to travel to clinics for appointments. Mum Natalie McEchern, whose son Danaidh is five and gets speech therapy, said: 'The school is their normal place and children aren't going to be at

their best in a clinical environment.'

She added: 'Up until now he's left class, gone for his speech therapy and then jumped right back into his class. Now we'll have to travel half-an-hour to Mid Argyll hospital, he'll have his session there that will take up to 45 minutes, and then half-an-hour back to school again. It will be a big chunk out of his day.'



Natalie MacEchern with Steaphan and Rhys.

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Steaphan MacEchern with younger sister Rhys. 08_a11therapy01

tine can be upsetting.

Natalie's younger son Steaphan is due to start school in August, he has autism and Natalie worries he won't get the support he needs when he starts due to council budget cuts. 'He will need one-to-one support and just now a lot of kids who need that are getting two-to-one. Children who have things like dyslexia could easily get left behind, as they're not disruptive so it's not disturbing the class.'

Speech therapists work with adults and children with a range of speech and language problems such as stuttering and delayed speech as well as people with brain injuries. They also often work with children with autism for whom this kind of change in rou-



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Community councils need youth

INVERARAY Community Council is looking for young people to become members.

A recruitment campaign is under way using social media.

A post on the Inveraray Community Council Facebook page said: 'We are keen to engage with young people as early as possible in the decision making process, sharing knowledge and power, working with them to develop new ideas and solutions, rather than commenting on suggestions and proposals already shaped.'

'Community Councils offer the opportunity to be at the forefront of this, pioneering new co-design new models of participation at a local level with young people.'

If you are interested - and aged between 16 and 18 - the next community council meeting is on April 6.

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Left to right: Neil Anderson; Lauren Swan, environmental adviser; Leanne Bennett, land manager; Kelly Scott, community liaison officer; Jean Lewis, project manager and Scott Gardiner, lead engineer. 06_a11s-
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Penguin migrating from Loch Fyne?

IT HAS been a landmark at Inveraray pier for 21 years, but now the much-photographed *Arctic Penguin* could be on the move.

The *Arctic Penguin* once operated as a maritime museum at the pier, but when the enterprise closed its doors the 100-foot schooner was placed on the open mar-

ket. After several failed bids over the past decade to buy the 106-year-old ship, which was built in Dublin as a lighthouse tender, a new owner has been found.

Work began earlier this week to dredge a channel so that the 400-tonne ship could be moved to deeper water beside the wooden pier.

It is understood that the owner plans to have the *Arctic Penguin* towed for repairs on the Clyde coast as soon as spring tides allow refloating to take place.

An excavator begins dredging work at the end of Inveraray's stone pier, as the Arctic Penguin awaits her fate. 06_a11arcticpenguin12

Major new power lines to be built across Argyll

MAJOR changes are about to take place in the way electricity is distributed around Argyll.

At the George Hotel, Inveraray, on Tuesday evening, staff from SSE Power Distribution outlined plans to construct a new power line on pylons between Glen Aray and Dalmally. The company also proposes an upgrade and reinforce-

ment of existing lines of pylons between Taynuilt, across Loch Awe to a new north Argyll substation in the hills behind Neil Munro's monument above Glen Aray.

Another major scheme involves the replacement of power lines and pylons between Glen Shira and Crossaig, on the Kintyre coast between Skipness and Carradale.

The company has a 1km-wide preferred route snaking between Inveraray and north Kintyre; this to be narrowed down after consultations and engineering studies are completed.

The reason for the upgrade is to accommodate generation capacity from renewable energy schemes, but also to improve resilience in the event of faults on the network. Designed to operate at 275kV rather than the present 132kV, the new lines will be carried on towers, or pylons, taller - at 46 metres - than the existing 26 metre structures. But there will be fewer of these, as spans will be greater between them.

A new substation will be needed to connect the

new line to the existing electricity network, and SSE plans to build this at one of four proposed locations, situated in forested areas between Port Ann and Achnabreac.

Tuesday's display, the first of a series of planned consultation evenings over the next few weeks, saw a steady flow of local residents and business people during the six-hour event.

SSE's community manager, Neil Anderson, said: 'We have to provide a connection to the network when a developer wants to build a wind farm, for example. But it's not just about renewables, as we are creating what is in effect a ring circuit between here and Hunterston to improve resilience.'

He added: 'We've had some really interested people through our doors today in Inveraray, with some very sensible suggestions.'

The projects will be subject to the planning process, and applications should be submitted by the end of this year. The new lines are expected to be completed and operational within the next five years.

GRADUATION



SARENA VICTORIA ANNE DUFF
MSc FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Graduated with Distinction from Glasgow Caledonian University and Winner of the David Shewan Memorial Prize for Best Dissertation. Sarena is now a Trainee Forensic Psychologist for the Prison Service. Daughter of Anne and Owen Duff, pupil of Ardrishaig Primary and Lochgilphead High Schools.



As the Invest in the Rest campaign is launched, it is only right we open by hearing from hardened campaigners who have been leading from the front over a number of years. The article below is by Councillor Dougie Philand and Councillor Donald Kelly, of the Argyll First group within the local authority.

IN 2011, Argyll First decided to start a campaign to raise the profile of issues in respect to the A83 which we felt required to be addressed by the Scottish Government.

The issues of concern were the trunking of the road between Kennacraig and Campbeltown, the removal of the pinch points at Inveraray and between Ernes and Tarbert, to provide safe crossing points at Ardishaig and Tarbert, and to get a permanent solution for the Rest and be Thankful.

We started a petition which recorded over 10,000 signatures from members of the public and received support from over 400 businesses from outwith and within Argyll and Bute. The petition also received support from both local and national politicians from across the political spectrum.

In 2012 we attended the Scottish parliament to address the parliamentary petitions committee. As a direct result of our efforts so far, the A83 taskforce was formed and a number of the original issues on the petition have now been addressed.

The main item still outstanding is a permanent solution for the Rest and be Thankful. The lack of real commitment on this issue led us to re-petitioning the parliament in 2015. This petition still remains live and continues to receive support from members of the petitions committee.



Dougie Philand.
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Argyll First feels that the residents of Argyll and Bute are being discriminated against because we live in a rural area. This, in our opinion, can be justified when you look at how quickly the Scottish Government resolved the crisis at the Forth Road bridge.

Argyll First would encourage everyone who supported the initial petition to write directly to the petitions committee at the Scottish Parliament in support of our current petition.

This just could be our last chance to get this issue resolved once and for all.'



Donald Kelly.

Help Argyll prosper - invest in the Rest and be Thankful

THE A83 trunk road is a vital artery serving Argyll and the Isles. But the artery has a problem with blockages.

Over the years since a very wet spell in August 2004 triggered landslides across Scotland, the stretch of this road at the Rest and be Thankful has been increasingly prone to disruption by debris flows. Some argue that climate change is at the root of increased rainfall, but whatever the reason the resultant road closures have caused significant disruption and cost to travellers and businesses in Argyll and the Isles.

The reputation of risk now attached to the A83 in the wake of regular national media reports of 'closures on the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful' has had a chronic negative impact on tourist traffic year after year.

Responsibility for the trunk road network lies with the Scottish Government department, Transport Scotland. Many people across Argyll and the Isles believe that the measures so far taken by the agency to counteract, or mitigate, landslides are nothing more than a sticking



The A83 at the Rest, showing protective netting designed to mitigate the effects of landslides - but is it enough? 06_a11Rest01

plaster, and that more money and effort needs to be spent to provide a more permanent solution.

A recent narrow escape by a Lochgilphead motorist, whose car was almost pushed into Glen Croe by landslide debris, brings the issue into sharper focus than ever before.

Positive

The positive campaign in *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbeltown Courier* will press for investment that treats this matter with the seriousness it deserves.

Look elsewhere in Scotland. The new Forth

bridge crossing has an estimated price tag of £1.35 BILLION. Upgrading the A9 will cost in the region of £3 BILLION. The Aberdeen bypass will take £0.745 BILLION of taxpayers' money.

Including recently-announced measures to build more fencing and improve the old mili-

tary road as a detour, the Scottish Government will have invested £13.5 million in the Rest and be Thankful since a significant landslip in 2007.

This equates £0.0135 billion - and that is over the best part of a decade.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that if 'Argyll's M8' was a major

route serving Edinburgh with its government departments, parliament and financial institutions, the matter would have been resolved long ago. The fact is that, in relative terms, the A83 is at least as important to the people of Kintyre, Gigha, Mid Argyll, Islay and Jura, upper Cowal, and beyond.

We need the whole-hearted support of national government, and politicians of every hue.

It is within the gift of Transport Scotland, the Transport Minister and the Scottish Government to provide a solution at the Rest that will remove the economic and safety risks completely, or as far as practicable.

All it takes is the political will to address this on behalf of the taxpayers, voters and long-suffering people of Argyll and the Isles - and for everyone who wants to visit this beautiful gem on the west coast.

Get involved: tell us what you think

INVEST in the Rest is a community campaign, so we are very interested in hearing what people think across Argyll and the Isles.

Tell us what you think of the current situation at the Rest and be Thankful, whether you use the road for business or private reasons. What are your experiences?

And we want to hear from you about solutions.

How could things be changed around this area of the A83?

What message would you like to send to the decision-makers about the Rest and be Thankful?

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Clyde fishermen take stock MPAs carry on regardless

REPORT BY COLIN CAMERON

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YOU WILL notice that *The Advertiser*, in conjunction with *The Campbeltown Courier*, has launched a campaign in a bid to keep the Rest and be Thankful in the forefront of the minds of decision makers.

We want to hear from our readers, and there are many ways to contact the paper - all set out on page 5.

Let's build up a head of steam on this one. Not to fall into the paranoia trap - but we have been let down on mobile signal provision, broadband connection and we regularly bear the brunt of steep delivery charges. Fuel is dearer and goods cost more in general across Argyll.

So let's stand up for ourselves on the A83. There are engineering solutions that would offer more protection than the fencing already installed, which will only ever catch small quantities of debris and are designed to take the momentum out of a moderate slide. But any sort of debris flow above 2,000 tonnes - which is not unheard of - could simply flatten the fencing and carry on regardless.

The notorious Jacobs Report, now three-years-old, proposed six alternatives to counteract landslides at the Rest. The Scottish Government chose the cheapest option.

Would this have been the case if Scottish ministers were using this road to drive to work every day?

This will be a positive campaign, for the good of Argyll.

Let's push for a long-term solution for the Rest, and we will be thankful when it is delivered. Honest.

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Response

Sir,

With reference to Councillor McAlpine's letter in *The Argyllshire Advertiser* dated March 4, I am disappointed that he felt it necessary to go print to criticise me. I am of the belief that working together will always be of more benefit to our communities. Councillor McAlpine knows my telephone number and where I live, and like everyone else he is always welcome.

**Councillor Anne Horn,
Tarbert**

Threat to job security

Sir,

Our UK defence secretary Mr Fallon has announced an extra £640 million investment in Trident-related programmes, helping ensure jobs and security in Helensburgh and the rest of Scotland.

Nicola Sturgeon and the republican Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn stood shoulder to shoulder at the latest CND rally in favour of scrapping Britain's deterrent and throwing 11,000 jobs on the scrapheap.

It's clear that the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party is not only best placed to stand up to the SNP, rather than the weak, nationalist appeasing, Labour party, but is also the only main party wholeheartedly backing our Trident deterrent.

The SNP's stance against Trident shows it will always put separation before anything else and with Labour members arguing amongst themselves over the policy, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party is the only party stick-

ing up for those highly-skilled workers and their families.

Labour is finished, it's time that the real opposition to the SNP is given the seats to take the fight to the nationalists, so give your support to the Conservative and Unionist party in the upcoming Scottish election and help see the SNP held to account.

**Alistair Redman,
Islay**

Trident

Sir,

Living, as we all do in Mid Argyll, in the shadow of Faslane, I was shocked by the statement from Tory Defence Secretary Michael Fallon, prior to his visit last week that 'Trident renewal is already under way'.

As he announced further spending of £640million (whilst councils struggle to fulfil their obligations), he claimed it was 'extraordinary' for opposition MPs to 'almost deny it is happening', and also stated that the Commons vote will not be on whether or not to replace Trident but a vote on the principle of the nuclear deterrent. So much for democracy.

**David Hay
Minard**

Speed limit

Sir,

The people of Furnace and Minard have my full support in their campaign to reduce the speed limit between their villages to 40mph.

This campaign has been going on for a long time. When I was the Argyll and Bute MP, I supported this campaign. The power to set speed limits in Scotland lies at Holyrood, not Westminster, and the local

SNP MSPs have failed so far to deliver a 40mph speed limit. If I were your MSP, I would be on my feet in Holyrood demanding action to reduce the speed limit here to 40mph, not just making statements to the press.

**Alan Reid,
Dunoon,
Lib Dem Candidate
for Argyll and Bute**

Liberal Democrats

Sir,

The reason the Liberal Democrats lost Argyll and Bute narrowly to the SNP's Jim Mather in 2007, in the last result announced which gave the SNP the one seat that put it in government, was the decade of LibDem obfuscation and waffle about the ferry service into Dunoon. The fact that no boats had been commissioned as we approached that election or had even been discussed at government level despite years of promises, and the construction of a roll-on-roll off facility for them, was well known to the people of Cowal. The LibDem vote in this area collapsed, despite holding up everywhere else in Argyll and Bute. I can provide the figures to show this if need be.

I share the anger most people in this area have about the ridiculous and unsuitable passenger-only service that has been inflicted on Dunoon, but I will not have Alan Reid suggesting that it is nothing to do with the Labour/LibDem administration that set this up by abandoning their many promises to us on this issue.

I am rather more concerned, however, by Alan Reid's attempt to disguise the LibDem result at the last Scottish election in which they came in

fourth with just over 3,000 votes. Unless they can multiply that by four they won't be challenging anywhere if the evidence of their recent conference is anything to go by.

A legitimate and scary vote to allow fracking by a gathering of delegates in a sparsely-attended conference has since been countermaned in panic by the LibDem leadership which gives an accurate reflection of where the party is.

**Dave McEwen Hill
Sandbank**

International Women's day

Sir,

Tuesday was International Women's Day, which celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

A day that has been celebrated internationally for more than 40 years – I think it is important to celebrate this day now more than ever. As the first female President of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, it is a great honour to be at the forefront of an international organisation. But it has taken 144 years for this to happen. So how do we make the next generation of women aware of the exciting opportunities in engineering open to them? One way is by recognising and celebrating the women that already work in the industry. I can honestly say that working as a female engineer is one of the most exciting, fast-moving and challenging places to be at the moment.

**Naomi Climer
Institution of Engineering
and Technology**

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From left: Norma Litster, Maureen MacKintosh and Dan Robertson.

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Autism donation from dancers

DANCERS from Strictly Lochgilphead have donated £700 to Autism Argyll.

Norma Litster and Dan Robertson took part in the dance competition in Lochgilphead last December. Dan's verdict: 'We loved it.'

Charity

It is a charity close to their hearts as Norma explained: 'We chose Autism Argyll because my niece has autism.'

The charity was delighted to receive the donation.

Maureen Mackintosh, Autism Argyll said: 'We're having a speaker, Peter Vermeulen, coming from Belgium to speak to 100 people on March 16. This money will go a long way to funding that.'

Peter has done considerable research into autism and has published books on the subject.

Kids create reading characters

CHILDREN from primary schools in Mid Argyll got together recently to award the winners of a character creation competition.

The children were asked to come up with a character that would inspire people of their own age to read more.

Lots of fun characters were dreamed up by the creative youngsters and two winners, one from junior primary and one from senior primary,

had their character made into a toy and were also given a book token.

Eight-year-old Morven McIver from Lochgilphead Primary won the prize for the junior school for her character Book Buddy.

Drew Buckley, 11, from Tayvallich won for the seniors with her Reading Rhino character.

The prizes were awarded at an event in Lochgilphead Library



**Education co-ordinator
Cathy Wilkie presents
Morven with Book Buddy.**

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on March 4 and some of the children spoke about their favourite books. They also had a poetry reading before having some juice and biscuits.



Drew receives her Reading Rhino. 08_a11Drew01

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Best selling author launches new book



ROMANCE novelist Katie Fford paid a visit to Mid Argyll to launch her new book, *A Summer at Sea*.

The book is set aboard the puffer, Vic 32, and the book was launched in Crinan on March 5.

Before the evening event Katie and her friend, novelist Judy Astley went to the Argyll Book Centre in Loch-

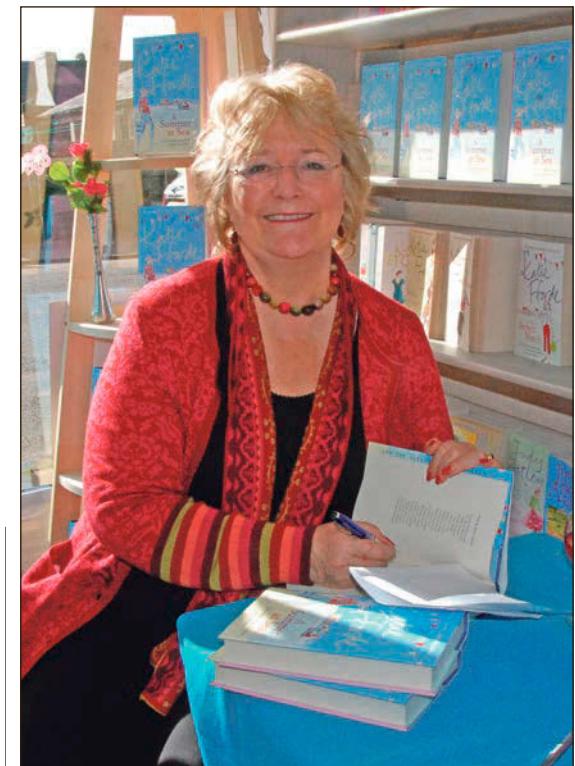
gilhead to meet readers and sign copies of their books.

Conversation

Many fans gathered and conversation flowed with the author discussing her book and why she was inspired to set the book in this area.

The bookshop had also laid on some wine, juice and nibbles that were enjoyed.

Author Katie Ford meets Sheila Johnston and her daughter Katie. 08_a11katie01



Katie Fford signs her book. 08_a11katie02

Sculpture workshop in Lochgilphead

A SECOND immersion weekend was held by Artmap Argyll and it was the turn of youngsters in Lochgilphead to get creative.

The children got the chance to spend two days exploring light, movement and sculpture with digital artist Stefan Baumberger and lantern maker Jane Walker.

The event took place on March 5 and 6 at the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service building in Lochgilphead.

There was the chance to use different materials to weave and sculpt something creative and original. Throughout the weekend new and different lanterns took shape.

The lanterns and other light crafts should form part of the lantern parade which organisers hope to resurrect for bonfire night in November.



Lauren Kalache, Daniel Kennedy and Beth Qualter-Buncall with artists Stefan Baumberger and Jane Walker. 08_a11workshop01



Bar None Community Choir won the adult choir prize last year.

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Mid Argyll Music Festival tunes up

LOCAL musicians of all ages are preparing to exercise their talents for the annual Mid Argyll Music Festival.

This is one of the musical highlights in the community and provides a platform for solo singers, instrumentalists ensembles, choirs and bands to show what they can do. The main aim of the event taking place next week, March 14 to 19, is to nurture musicians and give them a platform to gain experience and showcase their skills before an audience.



Ardishaig Primary choir with their award at last year's event. 08_a13ardishaigpschoir01

Performers will come from all corners of Argyll, including Islay, to take part in the competitions which are set to take place in the Public Hall and North Hall in Ardrishaig as well as Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall



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Sunday 13 March

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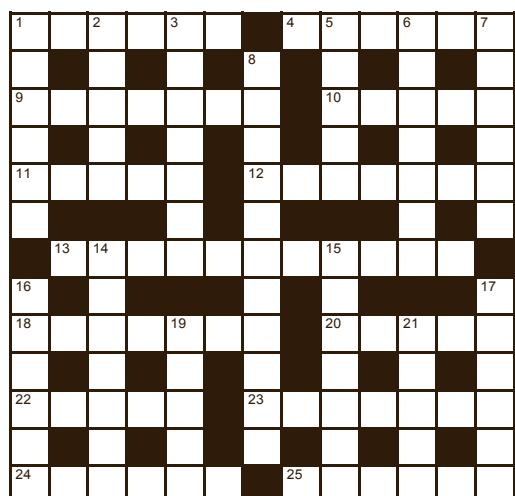
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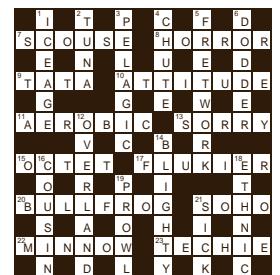
Across

- 1 One of an America Indian people (6)
- 4 It has points in the desert (6)
- 9 Chauffer-driven vehicle! (7)
- 10 Exhausted, broken (5)
- 11 Warm and damp (5)
- 12 Describing me, and now you (7)
- 13 Fussy (3-8)
- 18 Performance of music (7)
- 20 Back in (5)
- 22 A concept by Niccolò Machiavelli centered on the ability of a leader (5)
- 23 Instrument when blown by oneself, is boastful! (7)
- 24 Jams (3-3)
- 25 British man (6)

Down

- 1 Young dragonflies (6)
- 2 Poison (5)
- 3 Black bird (7)
- 5 Lower joint of the leg (5)
- 6 Without the upper half (7)
- 7 Detonate (3,3)
- 8 Something which doesn't usually occur (11)
- 14 Alfalfa (7)
- 15 Encourage (7)
- 16 Iron stand (6)
- 17 Information found at the bottom of the page (6)
- 19 Card game like the sound from an instrument (5)
- 21 November birthstone (5)

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About you

Q3 - Thinking about your personal circumstances, what is your attitude towards your present household income?

Select one

- Comfortable On Present Income
- Coping On Present Income
- Finding It Difficult On Present Income
- Finding It Very Difficult On Present Income

Q4 - Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which you are involved in your household finances?

Select one

- I make all the decisions for the household
- I share the responsibility with my partner
- I have very little input as someone else in the household deals with them

Q5 - To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (please select one per line).

- | | Agree strongly | Agree slightly | Disagree slightly | Disagree strongly | No opinion |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| I don't like the idea of being in debt | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I am more aware of personal finance than I used to be | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Financial security after retirement is your own responsibility | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| It is important to be well insured for everything | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I trust Banks/Building Societies to look after my money | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I look for profitable ways to invest my money | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I prefer to get paper bills and statements rather than access them online | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I usually consult a professional Financial Adviser before deciding on financial matters | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I'm interested in Financial Services advertising | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Price comparison websites have helped me reduce my household outgoings. | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I only take out loans when they are absolutely necessary | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

Q6 - When do you think you will retire?

Select one

- I am retired
- I'll retire in the next 10 years
- I'll retire in the next 20 years
- I'll retire in the next 30 years
- I've got more than 30+ years before retirement

Retirement planning

Last year witnessed unprecedented changes to the retirement landscape and increasingly financial security after retirement is your own responsibility.

Q7 - How would you describe your current attitude to saving for retirement?

Select one

- I don't currently save anything towards retirement.
- I've embraced the idea of a pension and save a significant amount.
- I've embraced the idea of a pension and save an adequate amount.
- I've embraced the idea of a pension, but don't think that I save enough.

Q9 - Where will you go for guidance and advice about your pension when it comes to retirement?

Select all that apply

- Friends & family
- Paid-for professional adviser
- Internet search engine
- My current pension provider
- My employer
- Pension wise
- Other
- Don't know.

Q10 - When you are retired which of these options would be preferred for managing your finances?

Select one

- Taking some cash to spend in the early years of retirement, and using the rest to provide a guaranteed income for life.
- Investing in a pension plan and drawing income from it each year.
- Using all my money to buy a product that will give me a guaranteed income for the rest of my life.
- Taking all my money as cash and investing it how I see fit.
- Investing it in buy to let properties.
- Don't know.

Q11 - Thinking about the types of pension that exist, how well do you feel that you understand them?

(Please select just one option per line).

	I fully understand	I have some knowledge, but would like to know more	I've heard the terms, but I'm not interested	I've not heard of this
Annuity	○	○	○	○
Retirement income drawdown	○	○	○	○
Workplace pensions	○	○	○	○
Individual savings pensions	○	○	○	○

Q12 - The UK government has introduced the New State Pension, how well do you feel that you understand the following elements?

(Please select just one option per line).

	I fully understand	I have some knowledge, but would like to know more	I've heard the terms, but I'm not interested	I've not heard of this
How much state pension you are likely to receive when you retire.	○	○	○	○
The effect of having been contracted out of the state scheme at any working life.	○	○	○	○
How the new state pension will be calculated	○	○	○	○
How to top up your state pension	○	○	○	○

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Banking

Q13 - Thinking about your bank; to what extent do you agree or disagree with the relative importance of each attribute in your choice of bank (please select one per line).

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
Locality (having a branch that is local to me)	<input type="radio"/>				
Company reputation (trust)	<input type="radio"/>				
Counter staff / Personal service	<input type="radio"/>				
Interest rates (on savings and or loan)	<input type="radio"/>				
Personal experience	<input type="radio"/>				
Telephone / internet banking facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Range of services	<input type="radio"/>				
Overdraft charges	<input type="radio"/>				
Loyalty scheme	<input type="radio"/>				
Personal recommendation	<input type="radio"/>				
Reviews	<input type="radio"/>				
Advertising	<input type="radio"/>				
Introductory offers	<input type="radio"/>				

Q14 - And what is your preferred method for accessing your banking services?

Select one

- Via the internet.
- Via the telephone talking to someone
- Via the telephone using an automated service.
- In a branch
- Via an ATM
- By post.

Q15 - Increasingly banks are offering current accounts with a bundle of benefits, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the relative importance of each benefit that could be offered. (Please select one per line).

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
Cash back on utility bills or travel	<input type="radio"/>				
Cash back on direct debits	<input type="radio"/>				
Car insurance	<input type="radio"/>				
Travel Insurance	<input type="radio"/>				
Mobile phone insurance	<input type="radio"/>				
Home insurance (Buildings & contents)	<input type="radio"/>				
Enhanced ISA interest rate	<input type="radio"/>				
Extended warranty cover on white goods purchased in the last year.	<input type="radio"/>				
Access to a 24-hour home emergency service	<input type="radio"/>				

Q16 - Would you consider paying a monthly fee to your bank to access the benefits of a product bundle?

Select one

- No - I would not
- Yes - if the overall bundle resulted in my annual outlay on these products decreasing.
- Yes - if it was a tiered approach that allowed me to select the benefits I wanted.

Q17 - Would you consider switching your bank account to another provider?

Select one

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Relationship with your local weekly newspaper

Q18 - To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (please select just one option per line).

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
I rely on my local newspaper to keep me up to date with the latest offers from local shops.	<input type="radio"/>				
I trust what I read in my local newspaper.	<input type="radio"/>				
I find the adverts in my local newspaper are most useful in helping me make purchase decisions?	<input type="radio"/>				
I know that if something is advertised in my local newspaper, then it will be available in my area.	<input type="radio"/>				

Q19 - Which of the following have you personally done as a result of seeing something advertised in your local newspaper?

(please select all that apply)

	In the last 3 months	In the last 12 months
Researched a product in a shop.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Talked about a brand either through word of mouth or via social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recommended a product / brand or service to someone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
None of the above.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In order for us to analyse the information, please can you categorise yourself

Q20 - What gender are you?

Select one

- Male
- Female

Q21 - Which age group do you fall into?

Select one

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65+

Q22 - What is your current employment status?

Select one

- Working Full-time (30+ Hours per week)
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- Working Part-time (less than 8 hours per week)
- Not working – Retired
- Not working – Long term Illness / Disabled.
- Not working – Other

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Campaign launched to raise awareness of autism

THE NATIONAL Autistic Society Scotland has launched a campaign amongst candidates in the Scottish Parliament election.

As part of the drive for greater understanding, the charity is asking autistic people and their families in Argyll and Bute to join in by organising coffee mornings with their local election candidates.

Jenny Paterson, director of The National Autistic Society Scotland, explained: 'One in 100 people is autistic. We want autistic people in Argyll and Bute to meet their local candidates, say 'I'm One' and tell them what life is like

in the constituency they want to represent.

'Our candidate coffee mornings are designed to be informal and easy to organise. There are lots of resources on our website to help, so please get involved and help us to raise awareness of autism amongst Scotland's future leaders.'

Vickie Sutherland organised a coffee morning last year for the general election.

She said: 'I hadn't organised anything for politicians before, but I thought that having a coffee morning would be a good opportunity to start building relationships with deci-

sion-makers in our area. I was quite nervous but it was easy to set up and the National Autistic Society Scotland helped out whenever I needed them.'

'We managed to meet three of our local candidates. Some of them really didn't understand autism and the impact it can have, so they found the coffee morning helpful and we gave them lots to think about.'

To find out more about the I'm One campaign, and for advice on holding your own candidate coffee morning, visit autism.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/scotland.

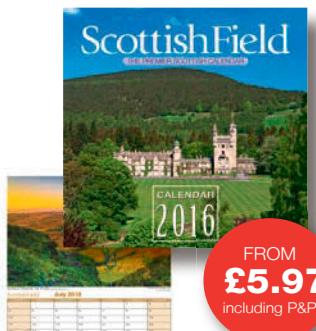
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Volunteers with plenty bottle give Tarbert a scrub-up

SATURDAY March 5 dawned bright and fresh for the White Shore beach and path clean in Tarbert.

In lovely sunshine and light winds, 40 volunteers of all ages took part in the event, organised by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust. Armed with litter pickers and black bags, the volunteers walked or took a boat to the remote spots.

In just two hours they collected 122 bags of rubbish - including part of a lawn mower, several traffic cones, piles of cotton buds, a Calor Gas bottle and endless plastic bottles.

One volunteer was heard to remark that he 'didn't want to see an-



Volunteers hard at work cleaning the foreshore.

other plastic bottle for a very long time'.

Jane Cowen, from Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, said:



Just six volunteers filled these 25 bags - just some of 122 gathered in total.

'The rubbish bin on the White Shore was been removed, as it was never emptied. There are plenty of lovely spots

for a picnic now and we can all take our rubbish home or to the nearest bin.'

At the end of the clean everybody had a chance to relax with a hot drink, biscuits and a chat in the sunshine.

Jane added: 'We hope to make the beach clean an annual event, and if we keep on top of it then it won't get so dirty again. The trust wants to thank all those who volunteered their time; Tarbert Harbour Authority, the Co-op, Cadora, Ian Y McIntyre and the GRAB Trust for all the support.'



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Sturgeon draws union sting with late cash deal for farmers

JUST AS Scotland's farming leaders walked through the gates of Holyrood on Tuesday for crunch talks with the First Minister, the government announced a cash deal to ease pressure on beleaguered Scottish farmers.

Welcoming the surprise move, NFU Scotland President Allan Bowie called for an investigation into the flawed computer system that created long delays in subsidy payments, forcing many farming businesses to the brink.

Farmers and crofters still waiting for a direct

subsidy payment at the end of March will now receive a cash advance from the Scottish Government.

The First Minister said that the Scottish Government will use up to £200 million of national funds to provide cash support while Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) claims are being processed.

Speaking ahead of a meeting with NFU Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon said: 'We are less than half way through the payment window allowed by Europe, and the majority of Scot-

tish producers – more than 10,000 – have already received a subsidy payment. However, payments are not being made as quickly as we would like.

'I very much recognise the cash flow issues facing Scottish agriculture, which underpins our £14 billion food and drink industry.'

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead also confirmed that Scottish Beef Scheme payments will be made in the middle of April, in line with previous years.

'We welcome the First Minister's involvement and intervention,' said Allan Bowie, 'and finally we have clear timelines drawn when all basic payment scheme claimants will receive the majority of their claims; when hill farmers and crofters will receive the majority of their Less Favoured Areas scheme money and beef payments have been promised in mid-April.'

'The flawed IT system to deliver CAP payments, funded by £180 million of taxpayers' money, desperately needs to be addressed and investigated and that must happen in due course. Not least because the 2016 scheme is expected to open for electronic applications in a few days' time.'

He added: 'Right now, let's focus on getting this vital money into circulation, fill the £300 million hole that has been created in Scotland's rural economy and let's get Scotland's farmers and crofters back to the job of producing food and doing business again with all those trades that rely on a thriving agricultural sector.'

Plans for a protest yesterday (Thursday) by farmers outside the Scottish Parliament - to highlight the deepening cash crisis within the industry - were understood to be unchanged by the last minute deal.

Busy early spring sale at Dalmally mart

UNITED Auctions held its annual March sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday, March 5.

Bullocks sold to an average of £746.67 per head or 239.26 pence per kilo. Heifers averaged £676.88 per head or 215.65 pence per kilo. Bullocks sold to 301 pence per kilo for a pen of six Charolais from Barnakill; and Achnacone Farm led the kilo prices for heifers with Limousin crosses selling to 262 pence. In keeping with current trends, averages were back on the year though levels compared favourably to prices obtained

at principal mainland centres.

A good selection of grazing cattle were on offer. Breeding cattle sold to £1,400 for a pair of in-calf heifers from Achnacone. All classes of sheep sold well.

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MANAGING suckler cows according to their condition score can have a huge impact on herd output and profitability, according to Dr Basil Lowman, Beef Specialist with SAC Consulting, a division of SRUC (Scotland's Rural College).

In two short videos launched this week by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS), Dr Lowman demonstrates how and why to condition score and also emphasises the importance of using this

key management tool at this time of year, for both spring and autumn calving herds.

'The national herd goes from lean to fat on an annual basis depending on grass growth and forage quality, and condition scoring simply reflects this. It is the variation within herds which is most important for farmers to deal with,' observed Dr Lowman.

The most crucial aspect of condition scoring, according to Dr

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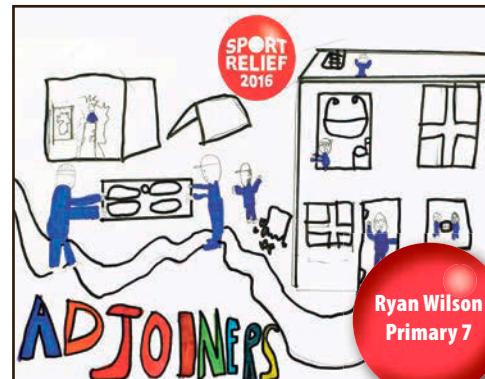
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Children celebrate World Book Day

MR MEN, Spiderman, Harry Potter and The Cat in the Hat were among many favourite

children's book characters spotted at Lochgilphead Joint Campus for World Book Day.

Children were encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters and some of the teachers and

other staff couldn't resist joining in too.

Furnace and Minard schools joined together

for a pyjama and bedtime story party for the book celebration on March 3.

Children and staff dressed up in pyjamas and onesies for a day of book related activities.

Below: Lochgilphead Primary 3 class came as their favourite character.



Lochgilphead P1 class enjoyed dressing up.



Furnace and Minard Primary came to school in Pyjamas.



Tayvallich author signs her Wild Island

ALTHOUGH Colonsay and Oronsay are only two hours by ferry from Oban, many of us in Argyll have never visited these islands.

Tayvallich-based artist Jane Smith has spent the last four years travelling there on short trips, to paint. She was so impressed with the rich wildlife that she found there, that she has produced a book to share her experience with others.

'I was lucky enough to stay on Oronsay with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,' explained Jane. 'Their management of the island allows traditional Hebridean wildlife to flourish, and there was so much for

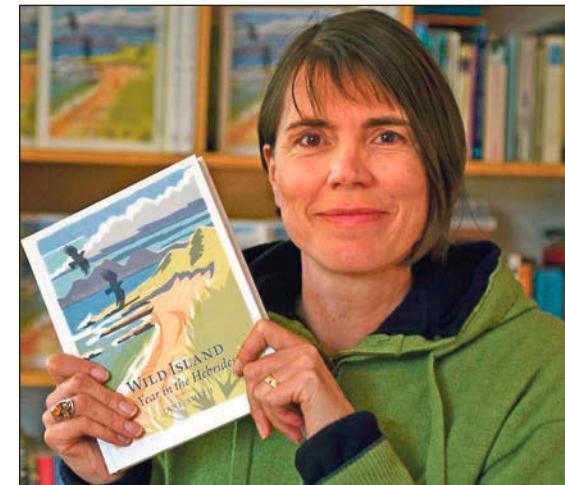
me to draw; characterful red-billed choughs, beautiful hay meadows where the rare corncrakes nest, and grey seals breeding on the shores.'

Delighted

Before moving to Argyll 20 years ago, Jane used to make wildlife films all over the world. 'I saw so much mistreatment of the natural world that I was delighted to find this wild island on my doorstep, where there was such a good news conservation story.'

Her book is full of colourful artwork and amusing stories of island life.

Jane will be signing copies of *Wild Island* at the Argyll Book Centre on Saturday March 19, from 2pm.



Jane Smith with her new work – and she's coming to Lochgilphead.

Argyll and Isles businesses hope to star at Scottish tourism 'Oscars'

KINTYRE'S Torrisdale Castle Estate, Ninth Wave Restaurant on Mull, and Tiree Music Festival are among a host of Argyll and the Isles finalists flying the flag for the region at Scottish tourism's equivalent of the Oscar award.

Eight Argyll and Isles finalists will compete with tourism businesses from around Scotland at the national final of the Scottish Thistle Awards later this month.

Led by a panel of industry experts, the Scottish Thistle Awards celebrate tourism businesses or individuals across the country who have gone the extra mile to offer an outstanding visitor experience.

Comedian Fred MacAulay will announce this year's winners during a glittering ceremony at the Edinburgh International Con-

ference Centre on Friday March 18.

The flagship awards event, now in its 28th year, is led by several organisations, including VisitScotland, Aberdeen City and Shire Awards,



Fred MacAulay gets his teeth into the awards.

Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards, Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland, Scotland Food and Drink, Scottish Licensed Trade Association, Scottish Tourism Alliance and Wild Scotland.

Stephen Carter OBE,

VisitScotland board member and chairman of the Scottish Thistle Awards Industry Panel, said: 'I'm thrilled that Fred will be joining us at the Scottish Thistle Awards to celebrate the stars of Scottish tourism, including those from Argyll and the Isles.'

'Tourism is at the centre of economic success in Argyll and the Isles, supporting 6,000 jobs, sustaining communities and providing a shop window for business activity. It is therefore only right that we take the time to recognise those who continue to go that extra mile for visitors.'

The Argyll and the Isles finalists across the categories at Scottish Thistle Awards 2015/2016 are:

Forest Holidays, Ardgartan, Argyll – best holiday accommodation

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Formal wear

The Morning Dress/Suit: A traditional choice consisting of a tailcoat, waistcoat, and (striped) trousers. Morning suits should only be worn for noon/early afternoon weddings.

The Tuxedo: Classic black tie evening wear, complete with satin-striped trousers and bow tie (cummerbund optional). Should be worn to evening weddings only. Avoid coloured bows and cummerbunds at all cost (we're not in 1983!).

Dress Kilt: Kilts are a romantic Highland tradition that is very popular in this part of the world, especially if you have your own tartan. Pair with a new jacket, waistcoat and flairs for a dashing look. The groomsman and ushers can wear their own tartans for a mix and match look, or hire matching tartans.

In the casual corner we have:

Casual Suit/Jacket: A linen or cotton suit makes a casual and very comfortable wedding outfit for the summer groom. In winter, try a wool jacket and trousers instead. Either can be accessorised with a great bow-tie to make a groom stand out in a fun and relaxed way.

Modern Day Suit: Simple, elegant, preferably slim-fit (depending on the groom) two piece suit and easily accessorised with a fun colourful tie to coordinate with the bridal party. Choose a slim cut three piece suit for a dapper alternative.

Waistcoat & Bowtie/tie: Relaxed and informal look for a groom, best for a summer wedding. Probably best to buy a jacket to fall back on just in case!

Stationery and favours

They say success is in the details, and it's no different with a wedding. Stationery and favours may seem like small niceties, but they will make the first and last impressions on your guests. Check out our fun ideas and see how you can get creative!

Stationery

Unless it's a small casual affair, your day will require wedding stationery. You'll need invitations, along with RSVP cards, inserts and place cards, thank you cards and, for large affairs, a programme.

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Order your menu cards, programs and thank-you notes with your invitations. That way, your stationer can include all of the pieces in one order, which may save you money and time. Also, don't forget those little items like favour tags and welcome bag notes.

Custom monograms—not the letter-locking designs of the past—are taking on a whole new look, with elements that are meaningful and representative of the to-be-weds. Steal this idea for everything, from your wedding invitations and cocktail napkins.

Gold foil is popping up everywhere, from invitation text to small escort details. Be adventurous with a heavily patterned gold design, or use the technique to highlight your names or your wedding date. Silver foil is a close runner-up, and copper is not far behind. Consider mixing two metallic foils for a daring design.

Favours

How to make sure your guests will eagerly snap up their favours? Make them edible, make them memorable, and maybe even make them yourself. Here are some ideas to get you going:

Getting married at the beach? Give boxes of saltwater taffy (preferably from a local purveyor) tied with ribbon in your wedding colours. For a barn wedding, present your guests with jars of local jam or honey to echo your wedding theme.

In the autumn, caramel apples decorated with sprinkles in your wedding colours are hard to resist. For a winter wedding, a few teabags in a decorative box together with some elegant tea cookies will let your guests reminisce about your wedding as they relax by a roaring fire.

For spring and summer consider seed packets tied with ribbon, or a heart-shaped card made out of handmade paper embedded with wildflower seeds that your guests can plant where they wish. Or place one tulip and two crocus bulbs each in tulle squares, tied with ribbon that matches your wedding colours. Another option that provides visual impact at your reception is to place small plants in pots painted in your wedding colours, or wrapped in matching fabric.

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Do you like the photographer's style?

Look on a prospective photographer's website. Look through examples of his or her work, or if they have a studio go in and have a look around. This can give you some idea of how the photographer works, and if you like what you see then they should be able to do the same for you.

Can the wedding photographer do the job within your budget?

There is always a limit to how much you can spend on your wedding photos. Sadly, it is no good finding someone who does amazing shoots but then charges you the earth for the time and prints afterwards. So always look at the small

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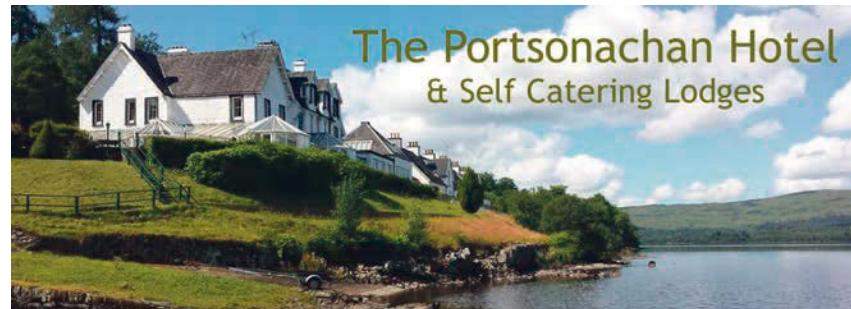
Does the photographer have a right character for your wedding?

Always arrange a meeting with the photographer or their company. Talk to them and get to know them just a little. You need to know if this is someone you can work with or even like. You need to look for someone who is not too shy so they can get people together for the shots you want. On the other hand you do not want the wedding photographer who is so overpowering that they take over your wedding.

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Hamish a Mason for 70 years

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Hamish was also congratulated by Lodge Loch Fyne Master, David Sinclair, Kenneth R Johnson, Provincial Grand Master

of Argyll and the Isles and Charles Wolridge Gordon, of Esslemont, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Hamish joined Lodge Loch Fyne in 1946 at the age of 23 before moving to Devon in 1951.

Six years later he moved to New Zealand where he remained active in Freemasonry although he has found it more difficult to attend recently due to his age.

Hamish still has family in Argyll and has visited the lodge in Lochgilphead on many occasions.

The lodge is very proud of his many years of service which may not have been exceeded in its 128 year history.

Hamish would delighted to hear from old friends and family in Argyll and can be contacted on hamishwgp@gmail.com.



Left: Hamish with district grand master, North Shore, New Zealand, Dr Barry Rushton. a11Hamish02

Training for Argyll rowers



Above: The group have a team talk.



Left: Rowers take to the water.

ARGYLL Coastal Rowing held a cox training weekend on Easdale which was attended by many enthusiastic rowers.

Trainees heard about the theory of being a cox from Ali Grant from Portobello and Andy from St Andrews. They heard about how to use a VHF radio, weather, tide and crew morale during a full day at Easdale Village Hall on March 5.

The following day the participants finally got to take to the water as they were divided into three different crews with everyone having a turn at being cox. Balvicar Bay resounded to the sounds of racing starts, 360 degree turns and radio signals. Folk also got to try out the other clubs' boats.

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Argyll festivals get funding boost

ARGYLL festivals have been given funding from Event Scotland in its latest round of grants.

The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance festival, Oban Live and Butefest have all been awarded funding.

The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival takes place in Oban between April 29 and May 1. Over 1,000 competitors take part in 125 different competitions at the annual event.

Oban Live has its first festival this year on the back of the highly successful Skerryvore Decade concert held in the town last year. It takes place at Mossfield Stadium on May 13 and 14.

Community Director Neil McKay said: 'The support from EventScotland is invaluable not only in assisting the launch of Oban Live but, more specifically, in helping create an infrastructure that will allow



Skerryvore play Oban Live and Butefest. 08_a38Bowfest33

more vendors and businesses to trade and benefit from this new event.

'It is amazing for the Oban community to have a major con-

cert arena created in the heart of the town for what will be an incredible weekend of live music, food and west coast hospitality.'

Butefest takes place in Rothesay from July 29 to 31 and has an eclectic range of music from Skerryvore to the Magic Numbers.

Argyll newspapers do the talking

'If you're sighted you quite often just scan the paper but if you listen you maybe pay more attention and remember better'

ARGYLL Talking Newspapers has been providing audio newspapers to visually impaired people since the mid-1980s and now provides weekly news to around 200 people in Argyll and beyond for free.

People get the newspapers on memory sticks then send the sticks back for the audio version of the new issue to be put on it.

Chairman Morag Hunter said: 'Not everyone sends theirs back every week so its difficult to keep track of exact numbers. If it's not returned we try to find out why.'

There's a pool of volunteers who come in to read the papers on a Friday and a Monday. The volunteers are a sociable bunch and also enjoy a chat over a cup of tea during their short break.

The Post Office will post the small parcels for free if the person receiving or sending them is registered blind, which saves the charity and those receiving the papers postage costs.

The papers available are *The Oban Times*, *Argyllshire Advertiser*, *Campbeltown Courier*, *Illeach*, *Dunoon Observer* and *The Buteman*. *Round and About* from Mull is recorded and distributed by a group on the island.

Informed

Being able to hear the news allows blind and partially-sighted people to remain informed of what's going on in their communities and the group explained they do local rather than national papers because people can find out about national news through TV and radio.

A recent survey of users found some people think

they're better informed, Secretary Dorothy Hogbin says: 'One said they thought they knew more about the local news. If

you're sighted you often just scan the paper, but if you listen you maybe pay more attention and remember better.'

If you or someone you know would benefit from free talking newspapers, you can get in touch with Morag on

chairman@argylltalkingnewspapers.org.uk or Dorothy at secretary@argylltalkingnewspapers.org.uk.



The team recording the news. 08_a11papers01

Presentation on the Tinkers' Heart



Jess Smith at the Tinkers' Heart.

INVERARAY and District Historical Society were delighted to find out about the Tinkers' Heart from guest speaker Jess Smith.

She and her husband travelled from Perth to be at the event and deliver the presentation.

Mrs Smith is responsible for persuading the Scottish Government to recognise the Tinkers' Heart as a monument of national importance, protecting it for the travelling people.

Travelling people have recognised the site as a special one, where baptisms and marriages were held.

Mrs Smith gave an enthralling story about her life as a member of a travelling family of which she is proud.

Jess Smith has written several books, *Jessie's Journey*, *The Way of the Wanderers*, *Tears for a Tinker* and *Tales from a Tent*. She writes poetry and has made CDs of her singing and poetry.

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Tarbert seamstress stitches family methods into her new business

A SKILL passed down through the generations has helped a Tarbert woman set up her own soft furnishings business. Bea McAllister launched Tarbert Soft Furnishings last year with support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, creating and repairing items, offering alterations and even making wedding dresses.

Sewing was a big feature of Bea's childhood, with her grandparents, mother and uncles all skilled at it, and she carried this into her career working for factories and dressmakers.

After living in Tarbert for 18 years, Bea decided to set up her own venture which is already attracting customers from across the area.

Bea said: 'Growing up my whole family learned how to sew and we often repaired our clothes and made items

for the house. Sewing was just something we all did from a young age and it made sense that I use it in my career.'

'But more importantly, I love it, so this meant I always did at home too for my children and friends. Recently, more and more people have been asking me to repair or make things for them and it made sense to set up my own business.'

Tarbert Soft Furnishings offer a variety of services which appeals to my customers who perhaps initially want a dress altered but then come back to get cushion covers made or upholstery done.'

Although I am based in Tarbert we have customers in Campbeltown and Lochgilphead which is fantastic.

As well as alterations and tailoring I have made wedding dresses, upholstered couches, headboards, mattresses and carried

out large jobs for commercial properties.'

Bea has recently completed working on the Islay Frigate Hotel's soft furnishings as well as local yachts and fishermen's waterproofs.

This mix of work has meant Bea is now expecting to employ someone before the end of the year to cope with demand.

She added: 'The smaller pieces of work like alterations keep me busy and we have had some bigger contracts which are challenging but extremely worthwhile. If I continue in the same way and keep securing larger work it is inevitable I will need to take someone on a lot sooner than I envisaged.'

'Seeing the finished piece regardless of what it is has always been a thrill and now it is my own business it's even more satisfying.'

'A friend of ours Da-



Bea at Islay's Frigate Hotel.

vid Steel told us about the support that was available to us locally. Business Gateway then guided me in the right direction and my adviser Donald has been a rock throughout the whole process.'

'There were so many

things I had not thought of that Donald helped me with such as advising me on tax issues and making sure I understood the legalities of setting up a business.'

Donald Melville, Business Adviser, Business Gateway Argyll and

Bute said: 'Bea is using a lifelong skill to set up her own business and her experience and talent has ensured that Tarbert Soft Furnishings get off to a flying start.'

'We have given Bea one-to-one advice on a number of areas which

enabled her to launch her business confidently and effectively.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 808 363 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute

initial idea into a business is not always easy and that running a company can be daunting. That is why they offer a range of services that will give you the knowledge, skills and motivation to kick start your entrepreneurial dreams.

As well as one-to-one advice, they offer a programme of fully funded events throughout the year. These provide information on a range of business topics and allows you to meet like-minded people in the area.

The guides, event section and other resources at www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute will ensure you have all the information you need at your fingertips.

How to get your start up running in Argyll

through the early stages of setting up.

'I enjoy demystifying the jargon and helping people work through their ideas so the clients can see their idea simply set out before them. This puts people at ease and usually gives them real confidence to push ahead with their venture.'

'Rurality is a big issue in Argyll and having lived on an island for the majority of my adulthood, I am well used to the issues that people face whilst living and working in a remote location.'

'But starting a business here does have its advantages; you have access to a smaller but usually much more loyal workforce, premises can be cheaper and the stunning landscape and natural resources here are an asset to many businesses.'

Boost sales

'Strong regional provenance can help boost sales and the use of scenic photography can help with promoting your service or product, especially to an international market.'

'Due to the geography of Argyll and Bute,

making the most of telecommunications and ecommerce is important.'

'The technological advances in the last two decades have completely changed how we communicate so nowadays where your company is based isn't as important as it once was. From an office in Argyll you can communicate quickly with customers around the world.'

'Another positive of launching a business in a smaller community is the capacity for collaborations. This can be on joint promotional ven-

tures or taking on large more diverse jobs together. It can lead to a great deal of success not just for the businesses involved, but also the larger local economy.'

'People often ask me my top tips and over the years I have learned a lot of things. My top three tips however, are:

1. When taking on an employee make sure you get the right person.

I have a phrase that I tell people who are looking to recruit and that is: 'Recruit for attitude, train for skills'.

With the right attitude and training you can get

the most from an employee. Training makes their position in the business more interesting and rewarding and makes them feel empowered.'

2. Have fun at work. Not only will you enjoy the long hours required in running a business, but your employees and customers will be happier.

3. Keep on top of invoices. If you are not getting paid then cash flow is compromised and can lead to all sorts of trouble.'

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
15/03407/PP	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 2 no replacement timber doors of the same style and finish	1 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03409/PP	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	6 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03408/LIB	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 2 no replacement timber doors of the same style and finish	1 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03410/LIB	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	6 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03411/PP	Installation of 6 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	7 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03413/LIB	Installation of 6 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	7 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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15/03415/LIB	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 1 no replacement timber door of the same style and finish	12 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03416/PP	Installation of 6 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 1 no replacement timber door of the same style and finish	4 Relief Land Main Street South Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UA	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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15/03422/PP	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 2 no replacement timber doors of the same style and finish	6 Front Street East Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03423/LIB	Installation of 5 no replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 2 no replacement timber doors of the same style and finish	6 Front Street East Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
16/00403/PP	Internal and external alterations (including installation of replacement door and formation of new door opening in existing north window opening)	1 Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
16/00405/LIB	Internal and external alterations (including installation of replacement door and formation of new door opening in existing north window opening)	1 Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
16/00394/PP	Erection of 18 metre high lattice tower with a 3 metre head frame supporting 3 no. antennas, 2 no dishes and 2 no equipment cabinets within fenced compound	Land West Of Aucharua Farm Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03241/PP	Installation of biomass boiler cabin with associated flue	Tarbert Academy School Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TE	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
16/00551/PP	Siting of external gym exercise equipment	Blarbuie Woodland Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LD	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00498/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land South East Of Ballochroy Tayinloan Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan

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

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in Ormsary Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2016 from 4.30pm – 6.00pm. Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail – Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by Tel: 01546 604184. He will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

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Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

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Councillor John Armour (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

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Councillor Robin Currie (E.W.2 Kintyre and the Islands)

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Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Donnie MacMillan can be contacted by email – Donald.MacMillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by Tel: 01546 603222 / 07555 994109. Councillor MacMillan will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 Planning Application Pre-Application Consultation

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is conducting pre-application consultation on the development of a land based re-circulation fish farm at Machrihanish, Argyll (by the existing Marine Environmental Research Laboratory). A public drop-in information session will be held on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at the Ugadale Hotel (Kintyre Club Room) from 11am-8pm. Any interested persons may attend at any point during that time.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposal should do so by writing to the following address by 1st April 2016: Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Environmental Department, Stob Ban House, Glen Nevis Business Park, PH33 6RX. Alternatively, please email david.biggins@marineharvest.com.

PLEASE NOTE – No application has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council in relation to this proposal. Any comments made to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the Council and would not be considered as part of any future application. If the prospective applicant subsequently submits a formal application for planning permission there would be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the Council. Further information can be obtained from Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Tel: 01397 715071.

First Registration of a Croft

Maryanne Logie has registered their croft Tigh-na-Croit, North Knapdale, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 26th November 2016.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home.

The croft registration number is C2428.

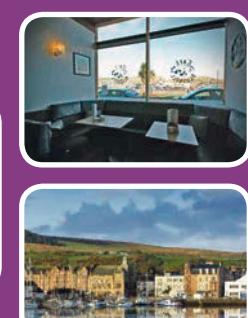
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Eaglesham Garage soars high as Isuzu dealer of the year 2015



A stellar contribution to Isuzu sales and customer service has earned Eaglesham Garage of Glasgow the accolade of Isuzu Dealer of the Year for 2015.

As an Isuzu specialist since 1989, Eaglesham Garage was able to count on its extensive experience and expertise as it ranked among the best dealers in the United Kingdom on sales alone. The Scottish team sold 112 of the multi-award winning D-Max pick-ups throughout the year – a 17 per cent increase on its 2014 total.

In addition to vehicle, parts and accessories sales, the Dealer of the Year award jury – made up of Isuzu UK's senior management team – takes into account sales aftercare and general customer service when appraising the network's numerous sales and service dealer sites.

William Brown, General Manager of Isuzu UK, said: 'It was not just Eaglesham Garage's strong sales results – ranked among the best of all Isuzu dealers – that helped it to win this prestigious Isuzu Dealer of the Year award. Its excellent improvement over its performance in 2014 was taken into consideration, as well as a general all-round excellence in its approach to catering for customers' needs.'

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IT WAS a glorious sunny day, but with a sharp northerly wind.

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It was the pups' third birthday and we had made them a special doggy cake.

We had a lovely time and all came home tired but happy.

People keep telling me that they are no longer 'pups' and while I realise this only too well, I just cannot believe those three years have gone so quickly.

We have often said that we would like to have them back as tiny pups just for a day, with the knowledge of how well they would grow up.

Most of all we think of all the life-changing joy and love they have brought into our lives in these three short years.

I am sure many parents long for some of the precious childhood years back.

I am sure they would love to relive those moments of first steps, first tooth, first word and so much more.

In this busy world where time dominates all we do, many people regret the time they did not spend on the important things of life.

They regret the times they always put work first, the times they did not take time.

Time can be the greatest gift we have and we should spend it wisely.

At this time of Lent, Jesus took time with his disciples.

He made sure he said all the things he wanted to say and told them all they would need to know.

He told them he loved them, he shared stories with them, he created memories for them for when he would not be around.

Spend time with those you love, leave your footprints on the shore of their lives – and watch out for the paw-prints too.



A member of Kids on the Run models one of the new hats donated by Active Schools.

Kids on the Run step out in new warm hats

INVERARAY

YOUNG members of Inveraray Kids on the Run group are being protected from the cold with new hats supplied by Active Schools.

At their last session the kids tackled a pyramid relay before heading off for a hill run.

With some of the youngsters taking part in the mini Inveraray jail break, some practice was done by running around Inveraray Castle grounds.

Tilly Cunningham was named runner of the week.

She has been running outwith the group as well and has shown great improvement recently.

Jog leader Fee Corner would like to thank Jacquie Patrick, Florence Aura, Paul Honey and Janet Riddoch for their help.

LADIES at Ford Scottish Women's Institute had an interesting presentation on gardening at its latest meeting. The presentation was given by Maurice Wilkins who recently retired from his position as head gardener at Arduaine Gardens and his years of experience were displayed in photos.

CRAIGNISH

Spring Gathering at Craignish

CRAIGNISH Village Hall is playing host to rural promoters from across Scotland at a Spring Gathering.

The event is designed to bring together promoters, performers, funders and other professionals and has the theme of audience development.

The gathering began yesterday, March 10, and continues until March 12.

There are also events open to the public including a musical mash up tonight, March 11, which begins at 7pm at the hall.

FORD

Spotlight on gardening at SWI

There will be craft activities and a bookbug session to keep the children entertained and refreshments will be available.

His presentation gave a fascinating insight into working in gardens, both here and abroad, tracing plants, leading tour groups and forming friendships with like-minded people across the world.

There were challenges in pronouncing the latin names for some plants and the women were interested to hear about the number of plants and ferns that grow in their gardens despite the unpredictable weather.

The April meeting will be a quiz night with members of Lochgilphead and Kilmichael Glassary institutes.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Easter fun at Little Gaelic Voices

GAEILIC children's group Guthan Beaga, Little Gaelic Voices, will host some Easter fun for youngsters in Lochgilphead.

As well as adding to the total, the event will support Sport Relief with proceeds raised going towards the charity.

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One of the main events of the morning will be an Easter egg hunt.

The event is free and runs in Lochgilphead Community Centre from 10am until 11.30 tomorrow, March 12.

The event is aimed at pre-school children but older siblings are welcome.

TARBERT

Run and row to Rio

TARBERT Academy is looking for parents and friends to help it add to its mileage as it attempts to cover the distance from Tarbert to Rio in Brazil before the Olympics there this summer.

The school is holding a run and row to Rio day at Tarbert Academy on March 15.

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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



MCEACHERAN

Avery Willow McEachran, born on February 29, 2016, at Campbeltown Hospital. A beautiful little sister for Eleyna and Zac. Many thanks to Isobel and Becky.

DEATHS

CASCI - On March 6, 2016, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Gina Casci, née Guidi, in her 99th year, beloved wife of the late Primo Casci, much loved mother of Gloria, Giuliano and Paul, dearly loved gran of Steven, Angela and Adrian and a dear great gran. Requiem Mass will take place at St Margaret's RC Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, March 14, at 10.30am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to SCIAF.

DOCHERTY - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 6, 2016, George Docherty, in his 82nd year, 23 Castleacres and formerly of Glebe Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary McCallum, much loved father of Caroline, father-in-law of Eddie, loving and much loved granda of Nicole, Lynzi and Abbi, great granda of Calvin and a loving brother-in-law and uncle. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retriwal collection will be held in aid of Intensive Care Unit 4, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow.

LEES - Suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on March 3, 2016, Andrew (Andy) Grant Lees, aged 71 years, of Torwood, Tayvallich, beloved husband of Liz, much loved dad of Fiona and Grant, adored grampa of Lewis and Jenna and a much respected father-in-law. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Serving District Governor of Rotary District 1230. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held today,

Friday, March 11, 2016, at Tayvallich Parish Church, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Marie Curie and Rotary Foundation.

MCDougall - Suddenly at home, Northview, Lochpark, Carradale, on March 2, 2016, Charles McKinlay McDougall (Charlie), in his 91st year, dearly beloved son of the late Charles and Liz McDougall and a loving and much loved uncle.

MCGUINNESS - On March 8, 2016, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Robert Hood McGuinness, aged 59 years, beloved son of the late Robert and Annie McGuinness, much loved brother of Peter, Ebbie, Anne and the late Ian, dear brother-in-law of Dugald, devoted uncle of Anne and a dearly loved uncle of all the family. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Saturday, March 12, at 10.30am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Lochgilphead Parish Church.

SCALLY - Peacefully after a short illness, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 3, 2016, Mary Thomson Duncan (May), in her 77th year, Lorne Campbell Court and formerly of Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jim Scally and the late Davie Paterson, much loved mother of John, Davie and the late Jim and a loving and much loved granny.

THOMSON - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 6, 2016, James McArthur Thomson, in his 94th year, 12 Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McIntyre and a much loved father, grandpa and great grandpa. Service in Kilkerran Cemetery on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 11.30am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. To all attending the service please meet at the cemetery gates at 11.20am.

WHITEFIELD - Peacefully at home in Kilmartin, on March 5, 2016, Nan, in her 80th year, loving wife to John, much loved mother to Graham, Joyce, Janice and Irene, dear mother-in-law to Alison, Keith, Robert and Donald, and adored granny to Craig, Ross, Lewis, Ashleigh, Rebecca, Keir, Aaron, Caitlin, Eoghan and Isla. A dear sister, aunt, good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CURTIS - Mary-Ann and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss of Brian. Special thanks to Dr Phillips, Dr Harris, Jackie Gilmour and the whole team at the Mid Argyll Hospital for their exceptional care and attention given to Brian. Our thanks are also extended to Rev Hilda Smith and Father David Connor for a most appropriate, personal and uplifting service, and also for their continued support. Also, to Rev Derek Gibson for his visits. Grateful thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring arrangements, and to Harry for piping at the graveside. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. We were overwhelmed by the great numbers in attendance. The retriwal collection has raised over £1,100 for Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses.

MACALISTER HALL - The family of the late Donald Macalister Hall would like to thank all relatives and friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Thank you to doctors and nurses at Lorne and the Islands Hospital, Oban, to Donna, Sandra and Gillian at the MacMillan Unit in Oban and to Kitty in Campbeltown and Dr Elder. Thank you to Rev Steve Fulcher for all his support and for conducting a very uplifting service, to David McEwan for playing the organ so beautifully and to choir members from Tarbert Gaelic Choir and Ceann an Tuirc for their lovely singing. Thanks too to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their handling of funeral arrangements and to the Glen Restaurant for the lovely tea. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to pay their respects at the church and the graveside - I think Donald would have enjoyed the service. The retriwal collection in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care and Saddell and Carradale Parish Church raised £1,200.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Your name we often mention, our thoughts are with you still, You haven't been forgotten, and Alasdair, you never will. - Love from all the family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead xxx.

MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, 2011. Five years have gone since you passed away, Loved and remembered every day.

- Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan xxxx
MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, 2011. Sadly missed.

- Leslie, Debbie and children.
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. Silent thoughts of times together, Still hold memories that will last forever.

- Love Norma, Jim and family.
WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow, We love you so much.
- Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx.

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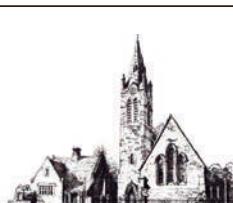
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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 13th March 2016
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 10.00am
All welcome
Annual Stated Meeting

Tuesday 22nd March,
7.30 pm Church Hall, Kilmartin.
The operation of the Unitary
Constitution will
be the major item on the agenda.
SCO 02121



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 13th March 2016
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

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

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 13th March

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

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead
(SCO13787)

Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist & Coffee

St Columba's, Poltalloch,
(SCO31391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 13 March
Inverlussa Church
Prayer meeting 10:30 am
Morning Worship 11:30 am

Saturday 12 March
CAFE CONNECT
10:30 am
Achnamara Hall

Monday 14 March
Tayvallich Church

Prayer meeting 10:30 am
Thursday 17 March
Tayvallich Hall

Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.arryllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 13th March 2016

Skipness Service 10.00am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Mr James McLellan

For all church enquiries and
pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim
Moderator on 07826 235735

Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am

ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY

Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN

Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor

01546 602380

All Welcome (SCO002876)

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 13th March 2016

11.00am
Worship Service for all ages
followed by a light lunch

SPEAKER: Norman Weir

'Come & Dine'

Thursday 17th March 2016

7.30pm

Prayer, Word and Sharing

All Welcome

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CHURCH NOTICES



Argyll Street, Campbeltown

St Kieran Episcopal Church:

Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 13th March

Passion Sunday

Holy Communion 10.45am

Details of services are on the church door.

Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



Sunday 13th March 2016

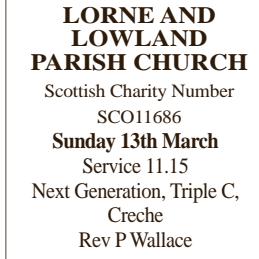
The service will be held in the Church

at 11.15 am

And will be conducted by Rev Chris Fulcher

There will be a Church Board meeting at the end of the service

The Annual Stated Meeting will be held on Sunday 20th March.



Tuesday 15th March

Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am

Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Junior Section 7.15pm

Church Hall

Wednesday 16th March

12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

2.00pm Water of Life Cafe

All Welcome

www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk

Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



Sunday Service

11.00 am

with Sunday School

followed by refreshments

Pastor Chris Holden

mainly music

10.00 – 11.30 am

every Thursday (term time only)

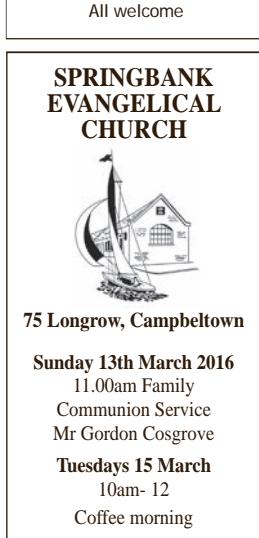
Registration required

We meet at the Guide Hall,

Kinloch Road

www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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Sunday Services

No morning meeting

6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday

12.15pm Lunch Club

1.30pm Home League

Swimming talent on show at gala

TALENTED swimmers gathered at Lochgilphead's MACpool for the Mid Argyll Dolphin's Spring Gala.

Seventy-four young contestants from Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Lochaber, Glenalmond and Crieff were supported by friends and family making it standing room only at the event.

There were races for boys and girls in butterfly, freestyle, backstroke and breast stroke as well as relays.

Ninety-six personal bests were set by the Mid Argyll Dolphins and 22 records fell.

After the racing was done there was a well deserved feast of pizza, cake and other food for the hungry swimmers.

Results: Girls nine-and-under 40m butterfly: 1 Claudia Graham, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Iona Renton, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Iona Dignan, Lochaber Swim Team. Girls 10 and 11 40m Butterfly: 1 Jilly Lefebvre, Mid Argyll Dolphins; 2 Caitlin Russell, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Rhianna MacCallum, Lochaber Swim Team.

Boys nine and under 40m Butterfly: 1 Arturs Ludborz, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Evan Atkinson, Lochaber Swim Team.

Boys 10 and 11 40m Butterfly: 1 Euan Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Oliver Reid, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 12 and 13 40m Butterfly: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ruby Bosomsworth, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Boys 14 and over 40m Butterfly: 1 Dora Shepherd, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Emma Lazarus, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 10 and 11 40m Backstroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Oliver Reid, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 12 and 13 40m Backstroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 14 and over 40m Backstroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 10 and 11 40m Breaststroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

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Boys 14 and over 40m Breaststroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 10 and 11 40m Freestyle: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

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Girls 12 and 13 40m Butterfly: 1 Kayleigh Howden, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Jenna MacLean, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Jodie Daynes, Lochaber Swim Team.

Girls 14 and over 40m Butterfly: 1 Dora Shepherd, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Emma Lazarus, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Ruby Bosomsworth, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Girls 10 and 11 40m Backstroke: 1 Jilly Lefebvre, Mid Argyll Dolphins; 2 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Iona Dignan, Lochaber Swim Team.

Girls 12 and 13 40m Backstroke: 1 Jenna MacLean, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Anna MacDonald, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Amber MacWilliam, Lochaber Swim Team.

Girls 14 and over 40m Backstroke: 1 Ruby Bosomsworth, Mid Argyll Dolphins; 2 Dora Shepherd, Lochaber Swim Team.

Girls 10 and 11 40m Breaststroke: 1 Iona Dignan, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Kirsti Renton, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Violet Campbell, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Girls 12 and 13 40m Breaststroke: 1 Siobhan Gordon, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Anna MacDonald - Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Megan Danson, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Boys 10 and 11 40m Breaststroke: 1 Kai Malcolm, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 equal Kyle Nolan, Lochaber Swim Team; and Angus Kennedy, Ardreck Swim Team.

Boys 12 and 13 40m Breaststroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Alfie Smith, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Boys 14 and over 40m Breaststroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Alfie Smith, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

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The Dolphins get in the pool.

Barrie - Mid Argyll Dolphins; 3 Felix Maddox, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Girls nine and under 40m Breaststroke: 1 Iona Dignan, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Kirsti Renton, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Felix Maddox, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Girls 9 and under 40m Freestyle: 1 Claudia Graham, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Iona Renton, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Aileen Barr, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Girls 10 and 11 40m Breaststroke: 1 Evie Jay Clark, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Logan Colville, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Astrid MacLellan, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Girls 12 and 13 40m Breaststroke: 1 Siobhan Gordon, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Anna MacDonald - Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Alice-Ann Macpherson, Lochaber Swim Team.

Girls 14 and over 40m Breaststroke: 1 Jenna MacLean, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Siobhan Gordon, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Jodie Daynes, Lochaber Swim Team.

Boys 10 and 11 40m Breaststroke: 1 Alex Atkinson, Lochaber Swim Team; 2 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 3 Max Graham, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club.

Boys 12 and 13 40m Breaststroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Alfie Smith, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

Boys 14 and over 40m Breaststroke: 1 Sean Charlwood, Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club; 2 Ben Britton, Lochaber Swim Team; 3 Alfie Smith, Mid Argyll Dolphins.

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Alex, Shaun and Euan got medals for nine and under breaststroke. 08_a11boys8breast01



The 10 and 11 girls backstroke winners Jilly, Logan and Evie Jay get their medals from MACpool Manager Graham Love and his wife Ruth. 08_a11girls10back01

Medal table
Lochaber Swim Team: 15 Gold, 14 Silver, 10 Bronze, 39 total
Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club: 12 Gold, 14 Silver, 5 Bronze, 31 total
Mid Argyll Dolphins: 5 Gold, 3 Silver, 13 Bronze, 21 total
Ardreck Swim Team: 1 Silver, 1 total.

Youngsters seal Argyll final qualifier at indoor athletics

JUST under 70 children took part in this year's indoor athletics competition to decide who would qualify for the upcoming Argyll finals.

Sixty nine youngsters competed across five different age categories over seven disciplines, including running, high jump and javelin.

Mid Argyll's young athletes travelled to the event at Campbeltown

Grammar School last Saturday.

The children seemed to relish the competition, which saw them jumping, throwing and running to try and claim a trophy and a qualifying place.

Castlehill, Dalintober and Carradale schools shared the honours in the younger age groups, with three overall champions from Castlehill,

Dalintober had two champions, and Carradale and Dalintober tied in the Under-11 girls' contest.

Medals were handed to all participants, with the top six in each age group qualifying for the Argyll finals. The overall winner was presented with a trophy.

The Argyll final will be held at the Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban on



The overall category winners of this year's competition celebrating their victories.

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The under-9 boys category enjoying the day's competition.

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Sunday March 20, starting at noon with registration from 11am.

A spokesperson said: 'Thanks are due to the eight sports leaders from the Grammar School who helped officiate at the events and ensured the day was a success.'

Full competition results and qualifiers: Girl's Competition: Under-7s: 1: Erin Ralston, 2: Ayla Campbell, 3: Lucy McFadzean, 4: Grazia Graham and Ail-

ie Renton. Under-9s: 1: Kirstie Renton, 2: Violet Campbell, 3: Erin Green, 4: Evie Judge and 5: Niamh Quinn. Under-11s: 1: Claudia Graham and Anna Gemmill, 3: Sophie Duran and 4: Sophie Renton. Under-13s: 1: Jane Scott, 2: Caryn Kerr, 3: Christina McTaggart and 4: Emma Matthews. Under-17s: 1: Ashley Connor, 2: Jenny Semple, 3: Isla MacKinnon and 4: Iona Reid.

Boys Competition: Under-7s: 1: Ryan Johnstone, 2: Liam Judge, 3: Jack Green, 4: Isiah Doxsey and 5: Taylor Purser Under-9s: 1: Oliver Reid, 2: Sean Charlwood, 3: Callum McAllister, 4: Conor Morris, 5: Angus Matthews and 6: Max Graham. Under-11s: 1: Euan Charlwood, 2: Callum Ellis, 3: Owen Reid, 4: Ruaraidh Campbell and 5: Lewis Gilchrist and Ryan Shields. Under-

13s: 1: Lochlain Ellis. Under 15s: Miller Irwin.

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SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1600

**LAST
WEEK'S
BALL
WAS
HERE...**



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

**D Stewart
Cairnbaan
Lochgilphead**

**B Young
Kilbrannan
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Strachur take a year out of senior shinty

THE ARGYLL shinty community was shocked last Thursday as long-established shinty club, Strachur and District, pulled out of all senior competitions in 2016 – less than 48 hours before the new season started.

A club spokesman put the difficult decision down to lack of players.

The Strachur club, with an unbroken history going back to 1879, intends to continue participation in primary and under-14 competitions, whilst hoping to rebuild their senior squad for future seasons.

In a statement, the sport's ruling body said: 'The Camanachd Association recognises this decision is a huge disappointment for all those connected with Strachur and District Shinty Club and hopes to meet with club officials at the earliest opportunity to review the position and discuss what support is available to assist the rebuilding process.'

The withdrawal of Strachur leaves eight teams to contest South Division One and gives Bute a bye in the first round of the Celtic Society Cup competition. Teams scheduled to play Strachur during the league season will either have no game or a rescheduled fixture on that date.

Junior and senior shinty

A PRIMARY school shinty tournament will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at Lochgilphead joint campus.

There will be tournaments for various age groups throughout the day, between 10.30am and 4.30pm, and teams are expected from Kilmory, Inveraray and Oban.

Kilmory senior team makes its 2016 league debut tomorrow (Saturday), when they travel to Fife to face Aberdour.

Inveraray held by islanders in shinty league opener

Inveraray	0
Bute	0

Marine Harvest National League

THIS was no easy opener for Inveraray as they faced up to life in shinty's second tier.

Newly-promoted Bute were the visitors, and despite being short of a few first team regulars they offered a stiff test for Aray at the Winter-ton.

For both teams, this trip on to grass was a rare treat after a very wet winter - Inveraray having played just once on grass during pre-season, against Newtonmore, while Bute hadn't seen the greensward since winning South Division One in November.

The home side started Saturday's match the stronger, moving the ball fluently through the forwards without testing MacDonald too much.

Bute, though, with

Bute goalkeeper and captain, Kevin Queen, was unavailable, so team manager Ted MacDonald had to dust off his boots to step between the sticks.

Injury

Inveraray, too, were short of a number of well known faces through work commitments and injury, but welcomed back Grant Griffin after a prolonged spell out through injury.

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Former Lovat forward Duncan Davidson, now with Bute, finds it tough as Inveraray's Andrew McMurdo defends. 06_a11shintyInv01

a sprinkling of young players in the ranks, settled into the game, defending doggedly to

repel frequent Aray attacks and gradually gaining confidence at the half wore on.

Into the second half, Inveraray stepped it up as they looked to shake out the early season rustiness.

The visitors' defence held out, as their forwards showed occasional flashes of danger on the counter-attack, to which young Inveraray

Kyles start and finish well to see off Fort

Kyles Athletic	5
Fort William	3

Marine Harvest Premiership

at half back, driving his side on.

The breakthrough for Kyles came with a smartly-taken trademark Roddy MacDonald goal after 63 minutes.

The Kyles half backs and centre line were on

top, and with the visitors struggling to clear, it was Dunky Kerr who wrapped things up with a goal from a narrow angle that some Fort defenders believed had sneaked through a hole in the net. In the end it mattered little, and as

referee David Mitchell blew for full-time, Kyles could reflect on a solid start to 2016.

Kyles coach, James Perlich, said: 'Unplayable parks during pre-season meant that was our first run out on grass since hanging up the sticks last year.'

'All players had put in a good training programme though and looked fit, but the outstanding player was the return on Sandy MacVicar at half back.'

'It was good to get the win, as we dropped points against Fort William last year at home.'

Looking forward to this weekend's fixture away to joint premiership leaders, Oban Camanachd, James added: 'Oban away will be a very difficult game, and the players will need to step it up a gear.'



The chase is on as Fort William mount a second half attack. 06_a11shintyKyles01

Sports club lottery results

Kilmory Camanachd Club winning lottery numbers this week are 2, 12 and 16. There were no winners so next week's jackpot goes up to £500.

Tarbert Football club lottery numbers are 3, 7 and 13. Mary MacKinnon won the £100 jackpot. Next week's jackpot is £100.

Inveraray Shinty Club drew numbers 4, 16 and 20 in the lottery. There were no winners and next week's jackpot goes up to £400.

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