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# Lochgilphead's Martha meets Malawi president

## Ten-year-old invited to visit Her Excellency in State House

THIS week marked another momentous occasion for 10 year-old Martha Payne as she met president of Malawi Dr Joyce Banda and received an invitation to visit her Excellency in the State House in Malawi.

The Lochgilphead Primary School pupil and her father Dave met President Banda on Monday at a series of events held to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Scottish missionary David Livingstone.

Inviting the youngster to visit her in Malawi, Dr Banda described Martha as her 'little friend' and said they had 'a lot in common'.

Martha and Dave, recognised for their contribution to Mary's Meals, were invited to the *Scotland and Malawi: Livingstone's Living Legacy* event in Edinburgh and had earlier made a presentation to president Banda, focusing on the similarities between the two countries.

President Banda said Martha had a 'genuine' respect for African people.

'Martha is an inspiration not only to me but to all people her age,' she said 'That,

for me, is very inspiring. It inspires me because she is not Malawian and she has done all that she has done and achieved so much in reaching out and helping people in Malawi.'

Martha also spoke at the event, commenting on her NeverSeconds blog that helped raise £130,000 for Mary's Meals and how she met Ben, a Malawian school child helped by Mary's Meals.

She said: 'When I started my blog I thought my own school food was the most important thing about it.'

'I know now that the most important thing is the friends it has brought together and the help we have given each other.'

'I think about my friend Ben often, I think about him and his Mary's Meals, about him carrying water and about how he wants to be president when he grows up.'

'I'm not sure I want to be first minister when I grow up but I do want to be Ben's friend.'

Asked about taking president Banda up on her offer, Dave said: 'Never say never'.



Martha Payne and her father Dave met president of Malawi, Dr Joyce Banda, at a special event in Edinburgh on Monday.



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### Sailings and fares increase

THE NUMBER of early morning sailings between Dunoon and Gourock will increase next month at the same time the price of fares is to increase, Western Ferries has confirmed.

The new timetable will see the three-vessel service commence from 7am in the morning, Monday to Friday, with 7am, 7.20am and 7.40am departures from Hunter's Quay.

The price of fares is to increase in line with inflation but people travelling under the SPT Ferry concessionary scheme and customers who have a National Entitlement Card for the blind or partially sighted will not have to pay more.

### Another theft of fuel oil

OIL WAS siphoned from a fuel tank on a property on West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, between January 11 and March 13.

The theft comes after a spate of fuel thefts in the area and police are reminding householders to ensure their fuel tanks are secured.

# Parents slam ACHA decision to close Lochgilphead play park

## Nearest alternative means children crossing trunk road



Alison Macdonald, George Rhoddick, chairman of the Armed Forces Committee, with his daughter Helen and wife Betty who were on hand to serve up lunch. 06\_a12coffee01

PARENTS have slammed the decision by a social landlord to remove a popular play park in Lochgilphead, forcing youngsters to cross a trunk road to reach the nearest play area.

Parents of children living around Dewar Avenue play park have criticised Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) for not consulting them before closing the park.

ACHA fenced off the swings in the play area after they were deemed unsafe and said the play equipment would not be replaced. The housing authority confirmed it consulted with families living on Dewar Avenue but not those living on neighbouring streets.

Mary Stewart, a resident on Sinclair Drive, has two sons aged 12 and eight. She said they had been playing in the park since they were little.

'We should've been consulted,' she said. 'There's nowhere safe for them to play now and crossing the trunk road isn't acceptable.'

Gavin Robertson, another Sinclair Drive resident, said: 'It was a

busy wee place. They should be bringing more things in for the kids to do, rather than taking it away.'

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said the consultation with Dewar Avenue residents saw only five of 28 questionnaires returned to them.

He said: 'The consultation was confined to Dewar Avenue residents because at least 13 owner occupiers, all from Dewar Avenue, have a share of the play area in their title. No residents in any surrounding streets have a share to the area in their titles.'

'What ACHA has been unsure about is whether or not this means that they have inherited a share of ownership of the existing play equipment. Despite this ACHA has advised residents that we will pay for the removal of the play equipment at its own expense.'

Mr McGregor added ACHA was currently working with Lochgilphead Community Council to look at future options for the play area.

### Charity lunch raises £330

HUNGRY residents in Lochgilphead were treated to a light lunch and cakes on Saturday to raise money for two local charities.

Volunteers from the MS Centre and Lochgilphead Armed Forces

Committee served sandwiches and sweet treats to raise money for their two causes.

A total of £330 was raised at the event in the MS Centre, which has been split between the two groups.

### Cairndow water mains upgrade boosts homes

A PROJECT to upgrade a stretch of water mains at Cairndow will secure the water supply to 25 households after a number of pipes burst in the area recently.

Scottish Water is to

install 600 metres of new, heavy-duty pipes along a stretch of the Old Military Road in the village.

The £125,000 work, targeted on a stretch of existing cement pipe,

will begin on April 2 and last for six weeks.

#### Closed

It will see parts of the Old Military Road temporarily closed, with 150-yard stretches of the road closed at any

one time, with short diversions via side streets.

Some customers will also experience planned interruptions to their normal water supply during the work.

### Residents interested in maintaining pier

RESIDENTS in Inveraray have expressed an interest in taking over the maintenance of one of its most recognisable landmarks as it continues to fall into a bad state of repair.

Members of Inveraray Community Council have said they will investigate the possibility of taking over the management of Inveraray Pier in a bid to ensure it remains open to the public.

The Advertiser reported earlier

this year that the community council was concerned about public safety on the pier because of loose handrails and its rotten wooden structure.

#### Solution

The council hopes to work with the pier's owner, Archie McArthur, to come up with a solution to the problem.

Speaking to the Advertiser Garret Corner, chairman of Inveraray Community Council, said locals

were keen to take action. We are looking to see what we can do and hopefully the community council can take it on because at the moment it's going to get someone injured,' he said.

'If it comes to it the pier will have to be fenced off, I think Mr McArthur is going to have to do that.'

Archie McArthur was unavailable for comment when the Advertiser went to press.

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**Teenager arrested**

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The 19-year-old man was arrested after police were called to a disturbance in Ardpatrick Place, Lochgilphead, at 7.25pm on Saturday.

**Kilmory disturbance**

FOLLOWING a disturbance on Saturday night at a house near Kilmory, Lochgilphead, a 31 year-old man was arrested and charged with allegedly assaulting a woman.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Charged with vandalism**

A 20 YEAR-old man was arrested for allegedly knocking a wing mirror off a car parked in Harbour Street, Tarbert, on Friday night.

The man was traced by police and charged with vandalism.

**Theft appeal**

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a blue disability badge and a number of DVDs were stolen from a car parked in Lorne Street car park, Lochgilphead.

The theft occurred some time between March 4 and March 6. Anyone with information should contact 01546 702200.

**Great Inveraray Head Shave raises hospital cash**

DOZENS of men are wandering around the Royal Burgh with bald heads this week after going one on one with a razor to raise cash for charity.

More than 30 men shaved their hair off on Saturday after a bit of 'pub banter' got out of hand, and raised £5,600 for the Schiehallion Ward at Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital in Glasgow.

Dubbed the Great Inveraray Head Shave, the charity event was launched after Craig Owen suggested it one night in the pub after a few beers. Roping his firefighter father David in on his plan, Craig won the support of Inveraray Fire Crew and other West Loch Fyne-



**Jamie McCarthy on the left with fire fighters, Donald John MacDonald, David Owen, Craig Hendry, Matt Tierney and John Munro who were just a few of the people to go under the razor as part of the Great Inveraray Head Shave.** 06\_a12hair01

side residents passionate about the cause. Family and friends packed into Inveraray Fire Station on Saturday afternoon to watch

the men get the ultimate haircut and lose their luscious locks.

And, pledging to go the extra mile for charity the fire crew also

climbed the fire tower to the equivalent height of Munro Schiehallion, which stands at 3,553 feet.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* after the event David said the crew was devoted to raising cash for the children's hospital, as it had supported local families in the past.

'The total we raised was absolutely brilliant, we are delighted with the response we received,' he said. 'It is great everybody got involved in the appeal.'

David said his new cut would take a bit of getting used to and the cold weather could definitely be felt that bit more.

But, he added: 'At the end of the day it is well worth it because it is for a great cause.'

**Girls' day behind bars boosts Comic Relief**

POLICE sirens could be heard screeching through the streets of the Royal Burgh after a warrant was issued for the arrest of four girls who were sentenced to a day behind bars at Inveraray Jail.

Handcuffed and escorted to the jail in a police van Shira Macaskill, Cara Blyth, Zoe McKillop, Rachael Watt, Holly Renton, Anna McCallum and Chloe Charlton, raised more than £1,000 for Comic Relief when

they were given a taste of prisoner life.

Tried in the jail court, the 11-year-olds were sent to their cell and were at the mercy of prison matron Hanna Nixon who set the girls challenges throughout the day, which they were rewarded for.

The girls sang Scottish songs to visitors as they were forced to wash clothes in a bid to get basic food rations of porridge and bread.

Speaking about their

day behind bars Shira, who organised the event, said it had been a great experience and they were thrilled to have raised so much money.

'We were very amused and nobody was bored at any point. We had a very successful day, thank you to everyone who made it possible.'

Finally freed at 4pm the girls said they were happy to know someone somewhere would benefit from their day behind bars.

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# Third Argyll and Isles Tourism Summit

JUST weeks before the start of the 2013 tourism season representatives from business, hospitality and tourism sectors

joined public officials in coming together for the third annual Argyll and Isles Tourism Summit.

The *Advertiser*, operating in the heart of Argyll, has brought together news and analysis from the event.



Dozens of delegates from across Argyll and Bute came together to share ideas and experience at the Argyll and the Isles Tourism summit last week.

## Hopes for influx of wildlife visitors

ARGYLL and Bute could be set for an influx of wildlife visitors this year thanks to a national marketing campaign and a boom in nature tourism.

Scottish Natural Heritage will next week announce its 'Big Five' for wildlife tourism – and Argyll and Bute is one of the only areas in the country where all five can be readily found.

The campaign comes on the back of Wild Scotland's 'Wee Six' campaign, which highlights red deer, cetaceans such as dolphins, otters, seals, seabirds and birds of prey – all again can easily be spotted in

Argyll and the Isles.

Caroline Warburton, who runs Wild Scotland, believes the area is best placed to take a bigger slice of a tourism market, worth £1.4 billion to the Scottish economy.

She said: 'Nature-based tourism is massive. Of all the tourists that come to the UK, 56 per cent spend some time watching wildlife.'

### Adventure

'Wildlife tourism is reckoned to be one of the fastest growing sectors of tourism in the UK – and there's been a 200 per cent increase in adventure tourism.'

'Scottish Natural Heritage is also to announce its 'Big Five' in an national campaign

and all five are in Argyll. It is something to take advantage of.

'We have to recognise that some things we see as fairly ordinary can be exotic to people from other areas and countries. For example, there is an Atlantic puffin colony in America but the waiting list to see them is three years. Someone here can see them that afternoon. It's a big draw.'

Caroline, who started Wild Scotland as the Scottish Wildlife Association 10 years ago, added: 'We have to spread the message - why travel round the world to see dolphins or basking sharks etcetera when they're all right here?'

## Partnership working helped make event a success

THE ORGANISERS of last week's tourism summit on Bute say partnership working helped make the event a success.

Carron Tobin, of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance and project manager for Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, said: 'The success of this

year's summit was a direct reflection of the significant levels of partnership working on the day.'

### Supporting

'VisitScotland covered the cost of the catering, Mount Stuart had a team of no less than 36 staff supporting us and all transport was provided free of charge by West

Coast Motors, Calmac Ferries, Kintyre Express and Portavadie Marina.

'The summit event is an important element of the Argyll and The Isles 'Stronger Together' initiative.'

Plans for next year's summit have already started to take shape, with details to be announced later.

## Delegates told to 'steal' ideas

A SENIOR director at VisitScotland has told delegates at Argyll and Bute's tourism summit to 'steal' ideas, adding: 'I've never had an original idea in my life.'

Urging tourism businesses to look around and see what other areas are doing to promote themselves, Riddell Graham told delegates at Argyll and

the Isles Tourism summit: 'Look outside your area. I've always stolen someone else's ideas.'

'The best campaign I've done was a shameless steal from Aberdeen.'

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## Sort out A83 for good

ALAN Reid MP is pressing for the long-running landslide problems at the Rest and Be Thankful on the A83, the main route for tourists travelling in and out of Mid Argyll, to be resolved as soon as possible.

The MP for Argyll and Bute has called for the full £10 million needed to complete flow barrier and drainage work at the Rest to be allocated immediately.

Commenting on the range of options identified to solve the Rest's problems, Mr Reid said: 'The drainage option is the cheapest and most realistic.'

'I accept that other options suggested by the recent Jacobs report, at anything from £30 million to £520 million are not going to happen. However, I would like to see the full £10 million allocated immediately by the Scottish Government to see both lanes of the road opened again and travellers able to plan their journeys with confidence.'

A Scottish Government spokesman said: 'We do not recognise Mr Reid's investment figures. In terms of the Rest and Be Thankful, the Scottish Government has committed a further £4 million, on top of some £3.7million already provided, to begin the delivery of the agreed option as well as improve the overall safety and performance of the A83.'

## No forward strategy to promote Scotland

SCOTLAND'S national tourism body is 'finding it tough' to plan ahead after admitting there are no solid plans for marketing the country beyond 2014.

Speaking at Argyll and the Isles tourism summit on Bute last week, Riddell Graham, VisitScotland's director for partnership working, has laid the blame for a lack of planning at the door of the Scottish Government, but says

# Tarbert baffled at tourism snub

## Town's credentials ignored

RESIDENTS in Tarbert have been left baffled by Argyll and Bute Council's decision not to recognise the town as a key tourist destination.

The local authority failed to acknowledge the town's tourism credentials in the Local Development Plan (LDP), currently out for consultation, by missing it off the list of the county's top attractions.

Tarbert and Skinness Community Council has been left puzzled by the decision as the town is home to Robert the Bruce's castle, a parish church included in the St Columba route, officially marks the start of the Kintyre Way and has its own Tourism Information Centre.

The LDP has classed the historic fishing town as a 'tourism development area', meaning tourism projects could be created there in future.

The decision has left community councillors asking what more the town has to do.

Speaking to the *Ad-*

vertiser Brian Mearns, chairman of the council, said: 'We are definitely disappointed with what's happened.'

'It would have been nice if they had recognised Tarbert as more than just a tourism development area.'

'The question is what implications does this have for the town. Would it restrict us when applying for funding? Does it disadvantage us? This is what we really need to know.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said tourism development would be supported in the future through a number of partners such as Highland and Islands Enterprise.

'They will encourage the development of new, high quality tourism developments that are intended to add to the appeal of Argyll and Bute and its communities as compelling destinations for tourists and also as better places to live for local residents,' she said.



Lindsay Walker, treasurer of Strachur Bay Moorings Association (SBMA), Richard Scott, chairman of SBMA, tourism minister Fergus Ewing MSP, Ian Arnold, secretary SBMA, Steven Dott and Kerrien Grant of Highlands and Islands Enterprise and piper Michelle Speirs.

## Strachur delight as new pontoon opens

FOLLOWING years of hard work one Loch Fyne community got together this week to celebrate the official opening of a new pontoon, which they hope will bring more visitors to their area.

Members of Strachur Bay Moorings Association (SBMA) welcomed tourism minister Fergus Ewing MSP to the village on Monday when he officially opened the 90-metre single finger pontoon.

The £107,000 project has been developed by the association with the

support of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the pontoon will allow as many as four boats, up to 15 metres in length to berth at Strachur at any one time.

Iain Arnold, from the SBMA said they were delighted the pontoon was open and hopes the wider community will use it as well.

'We hope the new facility will make it safe and easy for visitors to stay and enjoy Loch Fyne,' he said.

'We wish to encourage a new generation within our community to develop an interest in boating and sailing activities, and to fully appreciate and

cherish their local environment.'

Speaking at the opening of the pontoon Mr Ewing said: 'It is great to be here today within the Strachur community to open this facility which will be a great asset to the community.'

The project is part of the EU funded Sail West Initiative, which aims to develop marine tourism and recreational activities on the west of Scotland.

The opening comes as the Otter Ferry Pier Association, which is part of the Sail West project, was awarded £21,600 to start phase two of its project to build a shower and toilet block on the shoreline.



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THE DECISION to remove a play park from Lochgilphead has been met with great frustration by residents living nearby.

Children living near Dewar Avenue play park will now be left with no swings as Argyll Community Housing Association decided not to replace them, following a consultation with residents on the street and a dispute over the ownership of the land they are on.

This has led to the parents on neighbouring streets asking: should authorities and communities not be trying to add facilities for youngsters to play with rather than take them away?

The little park may not seem a lot, but it gives youngsters on the surrounding streets somewhere safe to play and parents can rest assured that their children are nearby.

Youngsters will also now have to cross the main road to reach the only play park in the town, which is designed for younger children.

Of course the area has excellent sports facilities and clubs to join, but where can youngsters who do not want to take part in an organised sport and just hang out with their friends go?

For years campaigns have been underway to build a skateboard park in Lochgilphead but they have got no further forward; surely more should be done to make the area more attractive to young people?

Building these types of facilities requires the work of the entire community and for people to think about the future generations, which will be living within the town or villages in Mid Argyll.

The harsh reality is, once these facilities have gone, they almost never come back so it is quite right that parents fight for their retention.

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### Work must carry on to find permanent A83 solution

Sir,  
The emergency relief road at the Rest and Be Thankful has been completed, at last, six months behind schedule.

This is a step in the right direction, but work should be going ahead quickly on a proper solution.

Unfortunately, the SNP government has only allocated £3 million towards a permanent solution, even though their consultants advised them the cheapest solution would cost about £10 million.

I have written to the Scottish transport minister complaining about this and I am urging him to allocate the full £10 million so this vital work can go ahead quickly.

**Alan Reid MP.**

### What's being done with social housing cash?

Sir,  
One of the problems I get contacted about time and time again is the shortage and lack of funding available for social housing, which is a problem people in Argyll and Bute are quite rightfully worried about.

The council is always complaining about the lack of funds for the construction of social housing in Argyll and Bute, but are the council's complaints of lack of funding justified when there is currently £8,652,605 sitting in a ring fenced account at Kilmory in the second homes council tax fund for the construction of social housing in Argyll and Bute.

This has been sitting for many years now and in the last year alone £1,816,659 was paid in to the fund.

I would be very grateful for Argyll and Bute Council to inform the hard pressed council tax payers of when we can expect to see any direct benefit from this fund.

**Alastair Redman,**  
via e-mail.

### Marathon effort for Children's Trust

Sir,  
I will be running this year's Virgin London Marathon on Sunday, April 21 for the Children's Trust, a national charity that provides specialist care for some of the UK's most severely disabled children and rehabilitation to children with an acquired brain injury.

I would like to extend a special invitation to runners who have secured a place in the marathon, but have yet to decide on a worthy cause to support, to join me and be part of the trust's team.

Being part of a team offers a great way to enjoy the world famous running event, with lots of enthusiastic supporters cheering them along the route at four cheering sites.

There will be a warm welcome at the finish with physiotherapists on hand to massage weary legs and runners will be able to relax at a nearby venue with family and friends whilst enjoying food and refreshments.

For further information about The Children's Trust and details about the London marathon and other UK and overseas running events please visit [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/londonmarathon](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/londonmarathon) or telephone 01737 365018.

**Jenni Falconer,**  
Television presenter,  
on behalf of The Children's Trust.

### Nominations sought for epilepsy care awards

Sir,  
We are looking for people to nominate employers who do a great job supporting staff with epilepsy.

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**Allana Parker,**  
Epilepsy Scotland.

### Budget attacks many

Sir,  
This is a budget for the few by the few that attacks the many.

Millionaires are days away from getting a £40,000 tax cut from the Tories, but George Osborne is using the budget to attack hard-working public sector workers.

The worst chancellor in British history has gone further by giving big business another tax cut while staff caring for the sick get pay cuts. This chancellor's idea of aspiration

is a warped one. Nurses, police and public servants take a pay hit, while corporations and millionaires are allowed to duck their tax duties to the nation. Borrowing is up, growth is halved again and the chancellor is missing his debt targets. His litany of failures has left Britain hamstrung and there are no measures in the budget to give the economy the major boost it needs now. He is lining up the nation for further gloom and cuts in June through the spending review. His government means more misery for the majority.

The heralded £10,000 tax threshold offers little hope other than an extra pound or two in low waged workers' pockets, while again helping the higher-waged. If he really wanted to show he was on the side of the worse off, who aspire to get through the week, he should have raised the national minimum wage by £1 and drop the senseless plan to give millionaires a tax break.

**Len McCluskey, Unite general secretary.**

### Veggie month

Sir,  
The recent horsemeat scandal has shown consumers cannot trust what is in meat; and with British slaughterhouses embroiled in the affair, even local butchers may be compromised.

The only way to know what's in your food is to eat unprocessed, plant-based food. Take back trust in your food and go meat-free this Veggie Month. Request a free 'Go Veggie pack' from Animal Aid by calling 01732 364546 or emailing [info@animalaid.org.uk](mailto:info@animalaid.org.uk)

**Ben Martin, Animal Aid, London.**

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# Bet pays off as couple celebrate 50 happy years

A COUPLE who have fostered 76 youngsters - as well as raising six children of their own - celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, despite starting with a gamble.

As Brian and Mary Ann Curtis celebrated 50 years of marriage, they recalled how Brian was bet five shillings his future wife would not show up for their first date.

To mark the milestone, friends and family gathered in the Argyll Arms Hotel in Ardrishaig on Saturday night to party with the couple who met when they worked at the laundrette in Lochgilphead.

The couple went on to marry at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, and expanded their family to have six children, 14 grand children and have fostered 76 youngsters.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Mary Ann remembered their first date. 'A friend bet Brian five shillings I wouldn't turn up but I did. We went for a walk along the canal bank,' Mary Ann said. 'We had a chaperon who came with us on her bike.'

The secret to a long and happy marriage the couple said was a relationship built on love.

'It's been hard work

especially having so many children,' she said. 'But, you have to love each other that's the basis of it all.'

At the party, which was where they had their wedding breakfast, £500 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Care and partygoers were treated to a performance by 12-year-old Harry Adair on the bagpipes.

'There is so much cancer around and Macmillan do such a wonderful job we wanted to raise money for them,' Brian said. 'Thank you to everyone, our children for organising the party and to Harry.'



Brian and Mary Ann Curtis celebrate their golden wedding anniversary amongst friends and family on Saturday night. 06\_a11wedding01

## Council website scores well in survey

FOR THE second year in a row Argyll and Bute Council's website has been classed as a four star service.

The website has been listed in the top 20 listing survey, Better Connected 2013 as an example of a local authority website that is easy to use.

### Panel

Each year SOCITM, a public sector association for information and communication, examines every council website across the UK and asks a panel of internet users to visit each site to carry out certain tasks, such as reporting a pothole or enquiring about library books.

Results are then compared on a national basis and Argyll and Bute Council was one of eight Scottish local authorities to achieve four stars after it scored well against all criteria.

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## Green Schools Co-op cash up for grabs

THE CO-OPERATIVE has £18,000 up for grabs as part of its Green Schools Revolution Programme, which can be used to help schools realise their green ambitions.

### Showcase

To win the cash schools have been asked to showcase what they have done to bring The Co-operative's Green Schools Revolution to life to improve sustainability within their school and submit a plan on how the money will be used.

## Ardrishaig streetlight problem resolved

THE PROBLEM with the streetlights in Ardrishaig, which have been turning off at midnight, has been resolved, although it remains unclear why it happened or who was responsible.

Following months of investigations by Scotland Transerv and Scottish Southern Energy (SSE) residents will be pleased to know they can put down their torches when they have to walk along the side of the A83 at night.

The two companies joined forces to find a solution to the problem with Transerv investigating the lighting columns and SSE checking the distribution of electricity to the pillars with neither finding a fault.

But, at some point during the

investigations the problem appears to have been fixed though neither company knows how.

When the *Advertiser* spoke to the companies neither could give specific reason.

A spokeswoman for SSE said: 'It was not SSE's distribution of electricity contributing to the issue. If the problem has been resolved the shortage results with Transerv.'

Whilst a spokesman for Scotland Transerv said: 'SSE recently carried out a number of tests on the electricity supply to the street lights in Ardrishaig and following this process the lights appear to have returned to normal working order.'

## Passport website scam warning

A TARBERT woman who was scammed by fraudsters when trying to renew her passport is warning other Mid Argyll residents to be vigilant.

Morar Jackson went online to renew family members' passports and was misled by a website that said it would cost between

£18 and £34 for the service. The website however did not have the .gov address and turned out to be a scam.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Morar said: 'I had second thoughts, feeling slightly uneasy that this was some sort of scam. The Post Office in Lochgilphead confirmed

to me that it was. Seemingly others in the area have also been taken in by doing the same thing as I have done. I'm hoping this will save others from making the mistake I have.'

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Campbeltown Brass perform at the Scottish Brass Band Championships in Perth, where they placed eighth.

## Campbeltown Brass competes at Scottish Championships

CAMPBELTOWN'S talented brass players finished eighth in their section of the Scottish Brass Band Championships.

### Sixth

The band, which features members from Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll, played sixth in their section for adjudicators Tony Swainson and Alastair Orr, performing

*Plantagenets*, composed by Edward Gregson.

The championships, organised by The Scottish Brass Band Association, took place in Perth Concert Hall, where 52 of Scotland's brass bands took part.

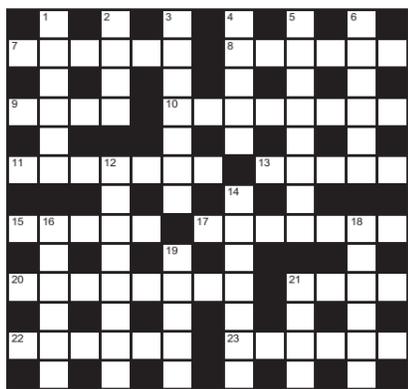
### Leagues

The bands are separated into five different

leagues, with the opportunity for promotion and relegation. Campbeltown Brass competed in the second section.

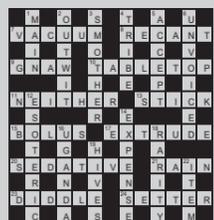
Those who come in the top two places in their section qualify to compete as Scotland's representatives at the 2013 National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



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| <b>Across</b>                                | <b>Down</b>            |
| 7 Member of a cavalry (6)                    | 1 Small study room (6) |
| 8 Work it out again (6)                      | 2 Over emotional (4)   |
| 9 Hunted (4)                                 | 3 Walked over (7)      |
| 10 Enlightening (8)                          | 4 Unrefined (5)        |
| 11 Midshipman of over four years (7)         | 5 Tick the list (5,3)  |
| 13 Specialty (5)                             | 6 Casual top (1-5)     |
| 15 Said quietly (5)                          | 12 Avoid (8)           |
| 17 A number of cars (7)                      | 14 Crow Blackbird (7)  |
| 20 Travelling speed (8)                      | 16 Close down (4,2)    |
| 21 Applied to fabric to improve strength (4) | 18 Hold back (6)       |
| 22 Arm bones (6)                             | 19 Broadcasting (2,3)  |
| 23 Desire (6)                                | 21 Item owed (4)       |

Last week's solution



## Stunning Crarae Garden springing into life

THE MOST stunning garden in Mid Argyll is getting ready to burst into bloom again as Spring gets into full swing.

Crarae Garden in Minard is preparing for the early seasonal flowers to bloom with countless rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and magnolias flowering to brighten up the banks of Loch Fyne.

Crarae is Britain's finest example of an exotic Himalayan-style woodland garden and this year, the Year

of Natural Scotland, it is hoped people will flock to the garden to experience its mature woody plants radiating out from the burn, creating a wonderful natural effect.

### Rich tints

Later in the season the rhododendrons and camellias will give way to the rich tints of foliage and fruit.

A haven for wildlife lovers and horticultural enthusiasts, the garden is family friendly and is kicking off the start of

the tourist season with an Easter egg hunt.

As well as hunting for buds and blooms, families can spend the Easter weekend on the Cadbury Easter Egg Trail, where youngsters can scavenge the garden for clues leading to a delicious Cadbury Easter egg.

The visitor centre at the garden, which closes throughout the winter, is looking forward to welcoming local families again when it reopens tomorrow (March 23).



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Mary Gillies' photograph *Tender Moment* was awarded top marks by the judge in this year's Argyll and Bute photography competition.

## Camera clubs battle it out in Lochgilphead

### Furnace photographer 'on fire' at competition

A PHOTOGRAPHER from Furnace has again been recognised for her talent in a regional competition.

Mary Gillies, former headteacher of Furnace Primary, gained top marks in the Argyll and Bute amateur photography competition for her image of an older couple sharing a tender moment.

Mary, a member of the Mid Argyll photography club, helped her teammates secure third place in the annual competition, which sees Argyll photography clubs battle it out to lift the Frank Walton Argyll inter-club Trophy.

The event, held in Lochgilphead last week, saw six photography clubs from Mid Argyll, Cowal, Oban, Helensburgh, Campbeltown

and Carradale enter 15 images in the competition, with no more than three from any one photographer.

The competition, judged by Duncan McEwan from Bridge of Weir, saw Mary's *Tender Moment* gain top marks alongside Campbeltown's Marjorie Leighton's *Dalvar* and *Infinity* by Guy Phillips of Helensburgh.

It was an unusually close competition but with 258 points it was Helensburgh that emerged triumphant, just beating Cowal's 254, whilst Mid Argyll came third with 244.

Each photography club takes turns to organise the event in their hometowns. The next competition will be held in Dunoon on March 10, 2014.

## Great Lochgilphead Bake Off

BAKING enthusiasts can take part in the Great Lochgilphead Bake Off tomorrow (Saturday), which will raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care Support.

People can head to Lochgilphead Baptist church for noon with their decorated cakes, which will be judged

by local bakers. The competition is open to anyone over the age of 12, but youngsters have not been forgotten as they can bring along decorated Easter eggs to be judged.

The event will be followed by a coffee afternoon, which will run from 1pm until 3pm.

# Rectory transformed into Easter Fair

TWO LOCAL businesswomen have joined forces with Christ Church Lochgilphead and local crafts people to create an Easter Fair selling an eclectic mix of vintage home furnishings, clothing and food from Argyll.

Sara Qualter and Kate Richie, who own West Coast Living – a company that hosts interiors fairs in various rural

locations throughout Argyll – is collaborating with the church to create a large fair to run over the Easter bank holiday weekend.

### Stallholders

The fair will see the church rectory and garden on Bishopton Road transformed to host a range of stallholders selling shabby chic furniture, handmade textiles, accessories,

gifts, art and photography, vintage clothing and food and drink produced in Argyll.

The event will showcase the wealth of local talent in Mid Argyll with Bill Baillie photography on display, alongside works from Studio Barn art gallery, whilst Lochgair microbrewery will keep everyone's thirst at bay.

The event, with stallholders including Calico Kate, Lazy Sunday, Lucy Malcolm Textiles, Zoe Ritchie weaving, Mogwai and Click Clocks, will be a major fundraising event for Lochgilphead ChristChurch as all stallholders will pay a fee to the church for their space.

The church is currently raising funds to restore the Rectory.

## Tarbert folk group delights Taynuilt ceilidh audience

TARBERT'S renowned folk group delighted music enthusiasts when they performed at the final Taynuilt ceilidh this winter.

'Na Seudan' - Hannah Prill, Niamh MacKaveney, Emma MacFarlane, Naomi Stanesby and Emma Kok - delighted the audience with a wonderful selection of songs in both Gaelic and English. The five girls, who won the folk group competition at last year's Royal National Mod in Dunoon, are all pupils

at Tarbert Academy. The girls Gaelic language tutor, Mod Silver Pendant winner Dr Neil MacDonald also performed at the event, giving a first class solo singing performance.

Mod Gold Medallist Catriona Watt also performed, whilst piper Donald Morrison started proceedings with a rousing selection of tunes. During the ceilidh, Meur Chruachain committee member Caroline Jamieson presented seven year-old Ealasaid



Folk group 'Na Seudan', left to right: Hannah Prill, Niamh MacKaveney, Emma MacFarlane, Naomi Stanesby and Emma Kok.

MacLean with the Angus Henderson Memorial Cup for achieving the highest aggregate mark in children's oral competitions

at last year's Mull Mod. Before returning to her seat, Ealasaid beautifully performed one of her songs.

an Taighe for the first time, kept proceedings flowing smoothly throughout the evening and amused the audience with her stories.

## Cuillin Sound 'high point' of winter arts programme

**Review by John Holt**  
THE PRESTIGIOUS Cuillin Sound performed for an 80-strong audience in Kilmory Council Chamber last Saturday. The concert, part of the Mid Argyll Arts Association winter programme, was described as the 'high point' of the year.

Cuillin Sound is a woodwind trio with a real difference.

Three of Britain's leading players - Amina Husain (flute), Sarah Watts (clarinets) and bassoonist Laurence Perkins - form a beautifully balanced ensemble.

They named their group after being in-

spired by the land and seascapes around Skye and Raasay, and their relaxed playing style comes to the fore in all their music, especially in their Scottish pieces.

Their generous programme was varied and included works by classical and contemporary composers.

Totally memorable was the first item after the interval, *The Heart of the Hebrides* by Rebecca Mackay, not only because of the evocative sounds of the music, but also for the accompanying visual images, superlative colour scenes of the Hebrides, projected onto a large screen. The combination was effective and strangely moving.

Two more pieces with a Scottish flavour were *Celtic Knotwork*, arranged for the trio by the respected Glasgow composer Eddie Maguire, and *From the Western Isles*, arrangements of Hebridean folk melo-



Cuillin Sound's performance at Kilmory Council Chamber was the high point in the Mid Argyll Arts Association winter programme.

dies by Laurence himself, who was also responsible for arranging most of the other music.

Other items in the more traditional classical style included pieces by Beethoven, Kummer, Lorenzo and Villa-Lobos. Gaspard Kummer's trio was skilfully crafted, often calling for virtuoso playing of the highest order.

The three artists watched one another carefully and blended perfectly, which was a great example to the young musicians attending the concert, especial-

ly when they performed *The Carnival of Venice* in a hilarious slapstick manner.

The evening was one

of great enjoyment and the musicians fully deserved the warm and long lasting applause at the end, which earned a sparkling short French encore - *Scherzo* by André Tomasi.

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# Festival's young star speakers



Angus Macaskill from Inveraray Primary School could not hide his delight at being named runner up in the Looth Tooth verse speaking contest. 06\_a12music02

YOUNGSTERS descended on Ardrishaig this week to recite poems and sing songs as the Mid Argyll Music Festival officially kicked off on Monday.

Proud parents and children could be seen descending on Ardrishaig Public Hall as the annual event, which is now in its 34<sup>th</sup> year got underway.

Already plenty of prizes and certificates have been handed out

and as the *Advertiser* went to print on Wednesday youngsters were preparing for a variety of musical events.

The festival continues in Ardrishaig today (Friday) and finishes at Lochgilhead Joint Campus tomorrow (Saturday) with the renowned bands' competition.

For a full report and pictures check out next week's *Advertiser*.



Molly MacKay won the Argyll Drama Festival Cup for the best overall English poem and the Tayvallich pupil was winner of the verse speaking solo for her recital of *What To Do About Grandma*. 06\_a12music05



Drew Buckley from Tayvallich Primary School was the winner of the Looth Tooth versus solo for primary 4/5 pupils. 06\_a12music01



Winner of the P2/3 Scots verse speaking solo Lewis McNeill of Clachan Primary School. 06\_a12music07



Left: Lewis McNeill, was winner of the P2/3 Scots verse speaking solo and sister Kayleigh McNeill was given a certificate of achievement for her recital of *What To Do About Grandma* in the in the P6/7 verse speaking solo. 06\_a12music06



Youngsters were presented with certificates for their efforts in the Scots verse speaking solo, where they recited *The Elephant*. 06\_a12music03



Rebecca Baillie from Kilmartin Primary School was presented with a winner's medal and certificate for her recital of *The Elephant in the Scots Verse Speaking Solo*. 06\_a12music04

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## Backpack Project appeal

AN APPEAL has been launched to schools, clubs, businesses, churches and individuals in Mid Argyll to fill backpacks with educational materials, which will be sent to children who benefit from Mary's Meal's.

The Backpack Project, run by the Argyll charity, asks people to fill a rucksack with pens, pencils or personal items such as a t-shirt or toothpaste, which will be sent to children.

The campaign has the support of Jamie McGrigor MSP, who has co-ordinated a collection at the Scottish Parliament.

## Grant boost for groups

COMMUNITY groups in Mid Argyll that work with children under the age of eight could benefit from a grant of £10,000, which is available from the Community and Families Fund.

Joint funded by the Scottish Government and Big Lottery Fund, small community groups that work with parents, children or families can apply for grants between £250 and £10,000. The fund is open to voluntary and community organisations, statutory bodies or a community councils for projects, which improve the life of children or enable communities to shape and deliver support for families. For more information people can go to [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communitiesandfamilies](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communitiesandfamilies).



Katie Clark, left, and her mum Ann Murray helped survey Tarbert Castle at the weekend. 06\_a12castle01

# High hopes for castle excavation

AN IN-DEPTH survey into Tarbert Castle's grounds has already uncovered a piece of medieval pottery and it is hoped the results of the work carried out this week could lead to a full excavation of the site.

Kilmartin House Museum's archaeologist Roddy Regan was at the castle over the weekend and will be back tomorrow (Saturday)

with more volunteers to continue the extensive survey, which includes measuring the walls surrounding the castle and completing a geophysical study.

A report is to be compiled after the survey is completed and the Tarbert Castle project hopes to be granted permission to excavate the site next year.

'We are hoping to get results with the geophysical study and see what is underneath the ground, hopefully something to dig up,' Roddy said. 'We have all the historical information and we can find out more information through excavation, which is our ultimate aim.'

'I'll put all the information we find into a report and take it from there.'



Right: Archaeologist Roddy Regan from Kilmartin House Museum, surveyed Tarbert Castle at the weekend with volunteers Katie Clark and Ann Murray, and discovered a piece of medieval pottery.

## College students arrange charity fundraising event

TWO LOCHGILP-HEAD community groups will benefit from a fundraising event with a masquerade theme next month, which has been organised by four students at Argyll College.

Abby Ashworth, Gyle Maxwell, Alica Battle and Marion MacLean were asked to organise an event as part of their NC Administration module and came up with the May Day Masquerade, which will raise money for the Lochgilphead Church

Renewal Fund and MS Centre. To raise money the girls will walk 13 miles along the Crinan Canal on April 27 and then host a soup lunch, which will include an afternoon of fun and games.

### Prize

To keep with the masquerade theme those who come along will have the chance to make their own masks, with a top prize for the best on the day.

Explaining their reasons for choosing the two charities Abby

said: 'We thought this would be great for the community as the two charities help people from all different walks of life. All the money raised will help fund the MS Centre yoga classes and be put towards the entrance doors for the parish church hall.'

The girls are currently seeking donations for prizes and sponsorship for their walk.

'Anyone who would like to sponsor us or donate prizes can contact us at the college,' Abby said.

## Community council backs campsite plan

A PLAN to develop a camp site near Tarbert, which could accommodate up to eight tents and ten campervans, has won the support of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Malcolm MacDonald, owner of West Loch Shores holiday park, has submitted an application to

Argyll and Bute Council for the development of the camp on land adjacent to the holiday park, for the erection of a reception, amenity and wardens building and a new access area.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council hope the camp will attract more visitors to the area

and will give campers a safe area to park rather than on the town's streets.

Ian MacIntyre said: 'The sooner the better I say. Hopefully it would increase the number of shoppers in the town and it would help take some of the caravans off the street.'

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Zoe Lawrence and Christopher Hunt quick-footed across the dance floor doing the Charleston. 06\_a12dance04



Rona McMillan and Ruaridh Aitken wowed the judges with the waltz. 06\_a12dance18



The first couple to hit the dancefloor with the salsa was Karen Dixon and Fraser MacNicol. 06\_a12dance01



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## School hold Strictly Come Dancing for Comic Relief

GLITZ and glamour descended on Lochgilphead High School when pupils hit the dance floor for their very own versions of BBC hit show *Strictly Come Dancing* to raise money for Comic Relief.

More than £1,000 was raised for the charity when six couples performed two routines and wowed the judges, family and friends with their quick feet and spectacular performances.

The cha cha cha, rumba and jive were just a few of the routines performed at the show with over head lifts, jumps and ball gowns all mixed together to give it the strictly feel.

### Thrilled

Speaking after the event head girl Mairi Bruce, who helped organise the show stopping performance, said they were thrilled to have raised so much money.

'We are absolutely amazed,' she said. 'Thank you to all the dancers, to everyone who came along and to everyone who helped organise the event.'

Head boy Ruaridh Aitken not only helped organise the event, but took to the dance floor with his partner Rona McMillan.

'It's been hard work but brilliant, we thought it would be something different to do and have been rehearsing for weeks,' he said. 'The main thing is we raised lots of money for a great cause.'



Proud parents Caroline and Jimmy Woods watched their son take to the dance floor on Friday night. 06\_a12dance11

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The twelve students who took to the dancer floor for the first ever Lochgilphead High School Strictly Come dancing raised more than £1,000 for Comic Relief. 06\_a12dance21



Judges on the night were, from left, Fred Boxmbart, Jess Malcom, Graeme Kemp and Catherine Zancanaro. 06\_a12dance16



Matthew Ferguson, Douglas Campbell, Alistair MacVicar, Kirsty MacVicar, Morven Campbell, Corne Wilson, Coral Weldon, Rupert Evertont. 06\_a12dance14



Head girl Mairi Bruce and head boy Ruiaridh Aitken organised the event and were delighted to have raised so much cash for charity. 06\_a12dance22



Winners of the Lochgilphead High School Strictly Come Dancing 2013 were Fabienne Renfrew and Newman Kyeremeh. 06\_a12dance19



From left are: Heather Unkles, Dana Clarkson, Hollie McGregor, Elizabeth MacEachern and Lorna Young. 06\_a12dance09



Hannah Curtis and Emma MacLean watched a show stopping performance of Lochgilphead's own Strictly Come Dancing. 06\_a12dance10



Left-right: Rhianna Duff, Eilish Malcolm, Lorna Unkles and Megan Yuill. 06\_a13dance13



Mum Linda Martin, left, and aunty Yvonne Litster came to support Rachel Martin who performed the waltz and rock 'n' roll. 06\_a12dance12

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## North Lorn hosts annual plough test this weekend

MORE than 30 competitors including three pairs of horses are expected to take the field on Saturday for this year's North Lorn Ploughing Match, which will this year be held at Ardachy Farm, North Connel, near Oban.

Entrants will come from as far afield as Fife, Angus, the Isle of Bute and Campbeltown to compete in the various classes, including trailing ploughs and mounted ploughs.

There are a variety of cups and trophies on offer, including *The Oban*

*Times Trophy* for the best rig.

There are lots of prizes too for spectators in a raffle and donations towards Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease are welcomed.

The competition, which was resurrected in the millennium year, starts at 10am.

The day's entertainment continues at 8pm when the Lorn Agricultural Show committee hosts a fundraising ceilidh and dance in North Connel Village Hall with Gunna Sound providing the music.

## Skipness lad wins Lantra award

A BUDDING young farmer from Skipness, who has his own flock of sheep, has been presented with a top award in recognition of the work he has done within agriculture as part of his studies at Argyll College UHI.

Sean Stewart was declared the winner of the Skills for Work Award 2013 at the Lantra Land-based and Aquaculture Learner of the Year Awards.

The budding farmer successfully completed the NPA Rural Skills programme, which was delivered through Argyll College UHI, with Tarbert Academy and the Forestry Commission. The course required him to gain hands-on practical experience. Sean was also required

to research various land-based industries within Argyll and now hopes to go on to study agriculture full time and make his dream come true.

On receiving the award Sean said: 'Farming has been an interest of mine for a long time. Winning this award will enable me to get closer to college and ultimately my dream – a farm of my own.'

Darlene Russell of Argyll College said the award was well deserved.

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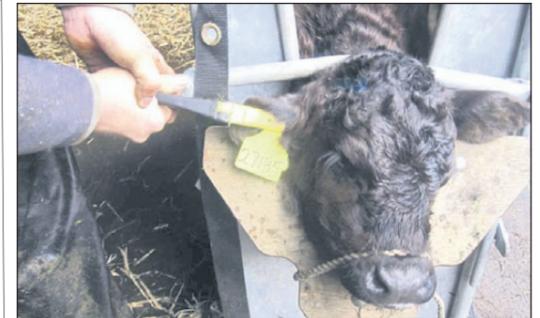
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## NFU gives cautious welcome to budget

SCOTT Walker, chief executive of the National Farmers Union Scotland, has cautiously welcomed the chancellor's budget, announced on Wednesday.

He said: 'The rural economy as a whole will be relieved to hear that the Chancellor has scrapped the proposed fuel duty rise scheduled for this September.'

### Welcomed

'This is will be welcomed by those living and working in the countryside - and especially those in remote areas - for whom personal and business transport costs

are much higher than in central and urban areas and for whom, it must be remembered, a car is a necessity rather than a luxury.'

### New allowance

'The new employment allowance - equivalent to a £2,000 reduction in National Insurance - will be valuable to those farmers with a workforce, as many farmers with employees only have one or two people on their payroll.'

But the country's leading figure in the farming industry added: 'There is little else in today's announcement that will

stimulate growth in the agricultural sector.'

### Increased capital

'NFUS has repeatedly called for increased capital allowances to encourage the kind of investment that could make a fundamental difference to farm businesses.'

'NFUS president Nigel Miller will raise this issue and other proposals the Union submitted to the UK Government before today's budget announcement to invigorate the rural economy at a meeting next Friday, March 29, in Inverness.'



Darlene Russell of Argyll College, with prizewinner Sean Stewart and Catherine Ralston from Argyll College.

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00178/PP	Change of use of rough ground to garden ground and alterations and replacement roof covering to dwellinghouse	Ardnafadmore Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PN	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/00359/PP	Change of use of land for formation of touring park, erection of reception, amenity and wardens building. Formation of new access, car parking areas and installation of mechanical treatment plant	Land 500m South of West Loch Shores Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6YF	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/00415/PP	Erection of 3 dwellinghouses	Land North East of Glenreisdale Lodge Whitehouse Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
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Margaret & Jack Barrett



Golden Wedding Anniversary  
23rd March 1963  
Congratulations Mum & Dad  
Lots of love from all the family  
xxx

Christopher, Michael & Paul Smith



Happy 21st for the 19th March  
All our love, Mum & Dad.

Happy 50th Birthday  
Auntie Margaret



Lots of love from Sophie  
xxx

Catherine Wareham would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards, telephone calls and good wishes received since going into hospital and returning home.



This wee girl, as cute as can be, Sitting here so innocently, Married to Nicky, with a little girl & boy,  
Doesn't seem long since she played with her toys, This week she was 30, If you see her in town, Say happy birthday baby Brown.  
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was a great buzz of conversation, but then one by one the audience fell silent as a spotlight lit up a single piper on the stage.

Down the aisles came a host of pipers and drummers and what a marvellous sound filled the Grammar School in Campbeltown.

It was an evening of amazing talent as the young people presented us with an extravaganza of outstanding ability.

From the smallest, whose pipes were almost as big as they were, to the senior pupils who had grown in confidence and poise, they kept us mesmerised all evening.

The big hall rang with music and the audience loved it.

Pipers, drummers, dancers and singers made it a night to remember.

What a tribute to the young folk of our community and to those who teach and encourage them.

When young people get a bad press these days it is very important to recognise that they really are in the minority.

So perhaps when we hear people being critical of young people we might tell them of the many talented, funny and kind young folks we know and love.

As we approach Palm Sunday, we think of the crowds who followed Jesus.

They waved palm branches at him, cheered him and called for him to be their king.

Then the mood changed because a few folk didn't want to see past their own prejudice, and soon they were buying for his blood.

It's easy to be swayed by the crowd.

It's easy to perpetuate a wrong opinion and to miss an opportunity to look for the good.

Jesus asked us to be slow to criticise and swift to praise.

Let us be swift to praise our young friends, to rejoice in their talents and encourage their potential. The pipes are quiet now, but an echo whispers of all that is yet to be.

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**Register for free insulation**

RESIDENTS in Dunoon are being urged to register for a free insulation scheme for hard to treat homes, which could save them £490 per year.

Michael Russell MSP is reminding people they have until the end of this month to apply for the Argyll and Bute universal home insulation scheme.

There is no qualifying criteria other than people have to live in a property which is not in the social rented sector, that is made of stone, and is a 'no fines' concrete construction and has a pre 70s timber frame of non traditional system built house.

Mr Russell said: 'Time is running out. Dunoon residents who want to feel warmer and save money on their fuel bills should register their interest before it is too late.'



**Nursery enjoys Comic Relief disco**

A CHILDREN'S nursery was awash with red when youngsters put on their best outfits and organised a disco to raise money for Comic Relief.

Children, staff and parents at Riverside Rascals Day Nursery put on their best red outfits to raise money for the charity, held a bake sale and played

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games. The group raised £140 for Red Nose Day and staff said thank you to everyone who participated on the day. a12riverside01no

**Beautiful crafts on sale at baptist church**

JEWELLERY, bags and other beautiful crafts, which have been made by two Zimbian women, will be on sale at the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI) Craft-fest on Easter Saturday.

Violet Banda and Mary Kubanga have made a variety of crafts,

which will be on sale in Lochgilphead Baptist Church from 10am with morning coffee, homemade soup and crusty bread also available for hungry shoppers.

All the proceeds from the event that has been organised MALI founder Marian Pallister, will

go towards building a secondary school in Violet and Mary's community. The school is the focus of the Mid Argyll based charity's fundraising efforts and will benefit many girls in the area who are currently do not have a chance of education.



Youngsters at Ashfield Primary School put on their waterproofs and grabbed their sponges to wash cars for Comic Relief.

**Car wash fun at primary school**

YOUNGSTERS at Ashfield Primary School put on their waterproofs and grabbed their sponges as part of a comical car-wash day they had organised to raise money for Red Nose Day.

Pupils were split into two teams with one grabbing their buckets of soapy water and the other served up tea, coffee and cakes for those waiting.

In total the children scrubbed 10 cars, though one lady gave them £5 not to stay away from

**ASHFIELD**

her car. The children said they had a great day and were glad they had their waterproofs on to keep them dry.

Pupil Claudia Foster said: 'We would have been extremely wet if we didn't have our waterproofs on, we would've been soaked through.'

'At the end we used so much soap that the pot-hole at the bottom of the playground was filled with soapy water.'

**ARDFERN**

**Village store hosts charity karaoke**

JOHNNY Cash, Pink and Marilyn Manson, were just a few of the pop icons shoppers could have mistakenly seen when they went to Ardfern Village Store last Friday, but in fact staff had dressed up to host their own fundraising karaoke.

**Costumes**

Staff put their costumes on and grabbed their microphones to entertain shoppers as part of Red Nose Day, were lucky enough to hear Abba and Greek singing legend Dimas Ruffo blast out their hits.

The event raised £450 for Comic Relief and one local man, Joe Gibson, has become an internet sensation on You Tube after grabbing the microphone and



Staff at Ardfern Village Store dressed up as pop icons for Red Nose Day. Chris Fox on the left was Johnny Cash with Marta Lemus as Marilyn Manson, Julie MacLean reinvented Pink whilst ABBA came back in the form of Judy Barton her husband Bruce was Greek singer Dimas Ruffo.

singing his own version of Celtic Clip.

Bruce Barton, owner of the store, said everyone had a thoroughly

enjoyable day. 'We sung a mixture of songs and were delighted to have raised so much money,' he said.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

... Commit yourself to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you ... (1 Samuel 7:3).

**BIRTHS**

**KERR – SULLIVAN** – The lovely Nancy Mariella Kerr arrived on March 9, 2013, at the Southern General Hospital. Parents, Fergus and Jessica and grandpa John are thrilled.



**MURPHY – GARTON**

On February 26, 2013 at Watford General, to Ross and Nicci, a son, Kenny Alexander, second grandchild to Brian and Lesley, 'Ardtalla', Lochgilphead and first grandchild for Ken and Margaret, Croxley.



**ROBERTSON – RAMSAY**

Karen Ann and Davie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Owen Thomas John Ramsay, born on February 27, 2013, at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for John and Anne Marie, Tarbert and Tom and Pat, Glasgow.

**TAYLOR** - Russell and Kirsty (née Hunter), are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Callan Russell and daughter Mara Skye on March 3, 2013 at Princess Royal Maternity Hospital. First grandchildren for Ron and Leslie Taylor, East Grinstead and Duncan and Anne Hunter, Lochgilphead.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**O'MAY – CRAWFORD**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Jamie, only son of Jamie and Anne, Ardrishaig, to Amanda, only daughter of Sandy and Fiona, Lochgilphead, on March 16, 2013. Congratulations!

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**



**MITCHELL – CAMPBELL**

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**DEATHS**

**MACDONALD** – Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on March 19, 2013, Mary Ann Wedderburn, in her 92nd year, formerly of Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan MacDonald, much loved mother of Willie, Margaret and Ann and a loving granny and great granny. Funeral private.

**MACKAY** – Helen Mackay (Nell), formerly of Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, at Dunoon Hospital, on March 14, 2013. Friends are respectfully invited to Greenock Crematorium, on March 28 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to M S Society.

**MCALLISTER** – Peacefully at home, 90 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, surrounded by his loving family, on March 18, 2013, Roderick Stuart McAllister, in his 82nd year, dearly beloved husband of Mary Bridget Dooley and a loving and much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. RIP.

**SPENCE** – Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 16, 2013, Andrew James Phillip Spence (Andy), in his 74th year, Ardmore, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Black and a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

**SUGARMAN** – Peacefully at home, 15 Bayview, Machrihanish, with her family, on March 15, 2013, Elizabeth McDougall MacMaster, in her 87th year, dearly beloved wife of Len Sugarman, devoted mother of Gail, Yvonne and the late Leonora and a loving and much loved granny of Evan, Kieran, Charlotte and Tia.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**LINDSAY MACDOUGALL** – The relatives of the late Katherine Lindsay-McDougall, would like to thank everyone, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Bishop Douglas Cameron and Rev Peter Rice for conducting the service and to John Summers organist and piper Niall Shaw, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Galley of Lorne for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Christ Church and at Kilvaree. Donations for the Zanzibar Educational Project raised £327.

**MACDONALD** – Eva, Christine and Christopher wish to convey heartfelt gratitude to Canon Keith Pagan for the comforting service and for the reading of Christine and Christopher's personal tribute. Sincere thanks also go to David McEwan for invaluable advice following our sad loss and for the playing of Chris's favourite Gaelic airs and also to Anne Marie for the moving Gaelic solo. Dr Norrie's care and compassion was a constant reassurance as was Dr Anderson's and Dr Villalba's attention to Chris. The unfailing and loving care delivered by all staff at the Kintyre Care Centre will never be forgotten and has been a great comfort to us. All cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received by us have given great strength and support, as have the kind words and thoughts from all friends, Advocacy Service, Court Witness Service, Crime Prevention Panel, Strathclyde Police, Victim Support Scotland and

Young Firefighters. Gratitude must also be expressed to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for the support and compassionate funeral arrangements and to Hazel McIntyre for the comforting reassurance given to us all. The support of those who attended the graveside was greatly appreciated and the playing of The Skye Boat Song by Pipe Major John McGeachy was a most fitting final tribute to the end of Chris's journey.

**SMITH** – Lorna, Maureen and Sheena, wish to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dugald's sister Margaret and nieces and nephews, Vivien, Bruce and Nigel in New Zealand, for all their concern and support. To Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for British Heart Foundation raised £250.

**STIMSON** – Dawn, Betty and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sudden sad loss of Fona. Special thanks to Dr Villalba and nursing staff who attended Mum, to Nina, Allison and June for care and time spent with Mum, to Rev Burroughs for an uplifting and comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their sensitive efficient help and professional service and the Argyll Hotel for catering. Our thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**CAMPBELL** – Treasured memories of Vanessa Campbell, dearly loved mother of David and Barry, sadly missed sister, friend and colleague. Forever in our thoughts and an ever present inspiration to us all.

**CURRIE** – Treasured memories of a much loved husband, Donald, died March 25, 2000. Missing you is heartache That never goes away. - Moira.

**CURRIE** – In memory of my dad, Donald, died March 25, 2000. Always in my thoughts. - Iain.

**CURRIE** – Donald, March 25, 2000. Dad, thirteen years have come and gone, But special memories still live on. - Elspeth and Jim.

**KELLY** – In loving memory of Betty, died March 23, 2008, beloved mum, wife, and sister. Always in our thoughts, - Laura, Lucille, John, Cathie, Stephen and Elizabeth.

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 "Possession of the rest"

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Charity Number SC001002  
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 Tayvallich Church 10 am  
 Palm Sunday

**Thursday 28 March**  
 Tayvallich Church 7 pm  
 Maundy Communion

**Friday 29 March**  
 Bellanoch Church 7 pm  
 Good Friday Meditations

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**SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2013**  
 11.00 am Worship Service  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
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**FRIDAY 29th March 2013**  
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 Rev. Hilda Smith

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**Sunday 24th March 2013**  
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 Ms. Marilyn Shedden  
 Fun Day Club and JAM in Church

**Tuesday 26th March 2013**  
 Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall  
 Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm  
 Primary 6 & 7 7pm – 8pm  
 Last meeting this season.

**Wednesday 27th March 2013**  
 Bible Study fellowship group  
 Balliwilline Farm 7.30pm

**Friday 29th March 2013**  
 Joint Service with Lorne & Lowland Church  
 Good Friday Communion  
 Highland Parish Church 7pm  
 Rev. Catriona Hood  
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**Sunday 24th March 2013**  
 Palm Sunday  
 8.30am Holy Communion  
 10.45am Family Communion

**Friday 29th March 2013**  
 Good Friday  
 10.45am Devotional Service  
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**Sunday, 24th March**  
 PALM SUNDAY  
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.  
 (Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation)  
 (Rev. Philip Burroughs)

**Monday, 25th March**  
 Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
 (New Hall)  
 The Guild Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 26th March**  
 Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
 (New Hall)

Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
 Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.  
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.

**Congregational Annual General Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**  
 (New Hall)

**Wednesday, 27th March**  
 Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 28th March**  
 Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, 29th March**  
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Music teacher Stephen Povey and student Joe Redman imitate their sporting heroes before leaving the guitars at school and race six miles through Kilmory woods. Photograph: Olivia Foster

# Pair race six miles for Comic Relief

## Pupil and teacher take on forest challenge

TODAY (Friday) will see a music teacher and senior pupil from Lochgilphead Joint Campus go head to head as they take on a six-mile race for Comic Relief.

Teacher Stephen Povey and Joe Redman agreed to participate in the race on the forestry tracks of Kilmory woods after being persuaded by fellow pupils and staff.

Asked about his training techniques and strategies for defeating his

By Rebecca Foster, Olivia Kerr & Megan Rowe

younger and questionably fitter opponent, music teacher Stephen said: 'We've had a stressful and busy week in the music department due to exams; therefore I've not had as many opportunities to train as I'd hoped for.'

Despite this, Stephen has been doing himself favours by cutting out fast food from his diet

and 'making fewer trips to the local chippy'.

Joe also confessed he has been watching his food intake by 'eating much more fruit', but added he has not been doing as much exercise as he'd planned to.

Although neither claims to be competitive, both talked of their advantages over one another with Stephen saying: 'I play football on the school teachers' team once a week, which helps to improve my endurance and fitness.'

### Advantage

Meanwhile Joe said he has youth on his side, which he states will be his 'main advantage'.

Overall, both hope to get something out of the experience. Their targets are to pace themselves and not stop running. They both hope that this will inspire them to do more exercise and improve their general health for the future.

# Lochgilphead Red Star Under 14s create 'chances galore'

RED STAR under 14s returned to Helensburgh for the third week in succession looking for a hat trick of victories.

They managed to again thrash their opponents, creating a 13-goal lead from the struggling Helensburgh United.

Within the first sixteen minutes the visitors were three up with goals from Caskie, Souden and Liam Scott, whilst Star's back four of Simpson, Young, Cameron and Williamson looked too

strong for the United front line. Lochgilphead striker Scott grabbed his second by tucking the ball into the bottom corner from a Souden pass and completed his hat trick just before half time with a fine left footed drive (0-5).

Star were forced to make changes at the interval with Dougie Ritchie and debutant Robbie Brown replacing the injured Young and MacKay.

Shortly after the restart Souden netted his second

with a fine individual goal. Next Caskie added to the goal tally with a fierce strike past keeper Andy Irvine. Full back Simpson then sent Ritchie clear, who passed to Robbie Brown who scored his first goal for the club.

### Total control

The visitors' midfield of Caskie, Whitefield, Souden and McCallum were in total control, creating chances galore and Starkeeper McVicar coped well with Helensburgh's

attacks. Stand in Captain Scott, now playing at the back, sent a long clearance over the United defence for Ritchie to score. Shortly after, Souden cut the ball back to set up Brown for his second strike from six yards. Next Ritchie nicked in for his second goal of the game. Souden then finished from an acute angle to round off the dozen.

The home side counter attacked and were awarded a penalty when Cameron Dyce

was pushed in the box. Keiran McVey calmly drilled the ball high into the net (1-12).

However Star's Allan Cameron soon headed his first goal of the season from a Whitefield corner and with two minutes left Caskie completed his hat trick with a fine finish to make it 1-14.

The result takes the Mid Argyll side to third equal place in the league, five points behind Antonine with four games in hand.



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## SHINTY

**INVERARAY** play-er-manager Garry MacPherson has only seen his team win in Kingussie once in the history of the premier league but admits the current side is an unknown quantity.

The Royal Burgh travel to Badenoch without the suspended Allan MacDonald, who has been a standout performer this season but was dismissed in last weekend's home draw with Lovat.

MacPherson said: 'I don't know what to make of Kingussie this season. I noticed they had two good results at the start of the season but the report I got from Mossfield last week wasn't very favourable towards them.'

Inveraray were boosted last week by the signing of ex-Kilmallie player Peter MacIntyre, who almost scored a debut goal last Saturday against Lovat at Winterton Park.

Chris Crawford opened the scoring for Inveraray against the run of play but it was cancelled out by Ryan Ferguson.

As the game approached stalemate at full time, MacDonald was sent off for two bookings and Lovat's Greg Matheson popped up to score what looked the winner.

But Inveraray's decorated veterans revel in high-pressure situations and David 'Bingo' Robertson – a Camanachd Cup winning captain – scored an equaliser with virtually the last chance of the game.

MacPherson said: 'At the end of the game we got a corner and everyone went up for it. It just fell for Bingo and he hammered it home.'

'When they went 2-1 up it looked as though there was no way back for us but they played their spare man in defence, so they weren't all over us and that gave



Chris Crawford opened the scoring for Inveraray against the run of play. 06\_a12shinty03

us the chance we needed.'

**KILMORY** upped their game on Saturday, putting in their best performance of the season so far and finally secured their first goal as they took on Oban Celtic at home.

Despite a 3-1 defeat against the North Lorne side, Kilmory Club chairman Angus Gilmour said he was encouraged by the team's performance in their third game of the season.

'We played a lot better than we have in the last few weeks, our attitude and commitment was much better,' Angus said. 'The game could have gone either way. Celtic made better use of the wind than we perhaps did, it was quite strong, and that gave them the advantage for that particular part of the game.'

'There wasn't much between the teams and our application was much better than in previous weeks. Although it was a defeat we were encouraged that we are moving in the right direction.'

Kilmory's first goal came from Craig Taylor, who shot past the keeper in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute of the game. The goal saw the team sit 2-1 behind Celtic but a final goal from their opponents in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute put the game out of reach for



Craig Taylor scored Kilmory's first goal of the season in front of a home crowd when the side took on Oban Celtic.

the home side. Kilmory will play away to Tainuill tomorrow (Saturday) and the team are expecting a tough match.

Angus said: 'I think they are going to be a difficult team to beat. They have been up and down like ourselves but certainly were a tough side in the games we played against them last year and I expect that again on Saturday.'

**KYLES** Athletic trainer James Perlich says the result of this weekend's crunch tie with Newtonmore will not have a bearing on the league title.

The Tighnabruaich men could open up a three-point lead on the title holders with a home win this weekend.

But Perlich claims the game between the two

title favourites had come too early to be of much significance.

He said: 'Newtonmore is a team we enjoy playing against because there is nothing between the two teams.'

'I don't think the result will have any bearing on the title race because the league is so tight and teams can take points off each other.'

'So far we are the only team not to drop points, so there is no pressure on us. The pressure is all on them.'

Kyles have injury concerns ahead of the game and could be missing Calum Miller, Andrew King and David Zavaroni through injury.

However the Argyll side seems to have found a new position for defender Cammy Keith, who excelled at full forward last Saturday in a 4-0 victory over Fort William.

Talisman Roddy MacDonald scored a double and Thomas Whyte and Duncan Kerr added late goals to secure the points.

Perlich said: 'We had a weaker defence than I would have liked last Saturday but the guys that came in stepped up to the mark and played well against a good forwardline that included Gary Innes.'

'Kenny had a few good saves too, so I am very pleased with the clean sheet.'

# Star triumphant after beating league leaders

A STELLAR performance by Red Star under 16s saw the team beat a previously undefeated Kilpatrick when they took to the pitch in Clydebank on Saturday.

The Lochgilphead lads put four goals past the league leaders who this season had secured eight wins from eight games.

Both teams started the game well but failed to capitalise on their chances in the early stages.

However an off the ball challenge from a Kilpatrick defender was soon to prove costly for the home team as Star took the lead from the resultant free kick. Moore provided an excellent free kick that found Whitefield in the box, who steered his shot into the goal to open the scoring in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute.

Another free kick was given when the same defender picked up a booking for another tough challenge. Again

Moore delivered a deep kick to the far post and with the Kilpatrick defence thinking the ball was going out of play; Whitefield did well to pull the ball back for McCallum, who shot the ball into the goal to make it two nil.

The second goal seemed to give Red Star the belief that they could win the game and the visitors embarked on a series of great passing play, much to the delight of coaches McCulloch and Lindsay.

The second half started as the first had ended with Whitefield having a shot on goal. The defining moment of the half came when the Kilpatrick defender received his second yellow card and subsequent red for holding down Hendry as they both tried to get back on their feet at the corner flag.

Playing against ten men Star controlled the game, adding a third goal when Whitefield

burst through from the half way line and shot for goal. The keeper got a hand on the ball but could not stop it from going in to the goal via his right post.

Coates added a fourth when his shot from the right crept over the line.

Kilpatrick tried to get back into the game but good work by McCulloch in goal and Galbraith kept the home side at bay.

Speaking after the game, Star coach Dougie Moore said: 'This was a fantastic squad effort against a team, who were unbeaten in the league this season. The boys got out of the game what they put in; they expressed themselves in the game and made their intent clear. They must use and build on this for the remainder of the season.'

The boys are back in action tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Milngavie at home.

## GOLF

ALEC MacAulay is so consistent that there really was not a good week for Keith to play him in the Lochgilphead Winter League knockout cup final. Despite putting it off for as long as possible he still got stuffed. Keith very nearly won some of the holes but in the end he had to settle for the runners up spot.

Ross Sinclair played his best ever winter golf with 16 birdie putts, he was just brilliant. He does take a long time over his putts however and could learn a lot

from David Sinclair and Kenny Cameron who just walk up and hit them. But perhaps not as they miss most of theirs.

Simon Taylor played well but did not score like he can. The drama of watching Keith getting thrashed by Alec proved to be a distraction but he will do better next week.

Meanwhile in the Duffers Derby there was the welcome return of Donald Carmichael who has been to Africa to see a witch doctor in the search for a cure to his bad back. The treatment seems to have worked and he played quite well.

John Downie cannot tell the difference between petrol and diesel and Jim Hunter cannot tell the difference between mutton and lamb, John Davidson cannot

make up his mind about anything and it is a wonder that they can hit the ball at all. This is why they are so at home in the Duffers Derby, which is a bit like the school sports day where everybody gets a prize.

Next week sees the final round of both competitions and Kenny Cameron has predicted that the winners will be the two players who have the best scores which means that he will get at least one prediction correct this winter.

Results: 44. R Sinclair, 40. A MacAulay, 37. D Sinclair, 35. J Downie, 32. L Hardman, & C Rowan, 31. K Cameron, S Taylor & J Hunter, 30. D Carmichael, K Cowan & G MacDougall, 26. J Davidson, 24. T Angus. Nearest the pin: J Downie and K Cameron.

## Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 5, 6 and 16 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

THE NUMBERS in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw were 1, 4 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

## Tarbert summer league tees off

THE PRESIDENT and vice president of Tarbert Golf Club will go head to head on the fairways this weekend as the club's summer league gets underway.

The traditional opener to the season, the game will see the two club stalwarts pick their teams from

club members in the clubhouse tomorrow (Saturday) at 12.30pm. The winter league ended last weekend with Kenny MacFarlane taking the top honours. Kenny showed some great form over the 12-week league programme and hopes to carry it forward into the summer season.

## Red Star left disappointed after letting good start slip

RED STAR got off to the perfect start in their latest league game on Saturday but were left disappointed in the end after a poor performance handed Jamestown all three points.

The home side started brightly and for the second match in a row found themselves a goal up in the opening minute. After some good battling by Peacock to win the ball in the Jamestown box he laid the ball inside to Naisby who supplied the finish to make it 1-0.

### Side netting

Star continued to press and could have been further ahead but chances were missed by Weir who could only find the side netting and Naisby, whose shot went wide after some good play involving Crawford and Peacock.

The home side were soon made to pay for their missed chances when, from a direct free kick, the Jamestown

midfielder curled the ball into the far corner of the net after a foul was awarded on the edge of the area.

Star were behind just before the break when they once again failed to clear their lines from a set piece and the ball was bundled in by the Jamestown forward to make it 1-2 at the break

### Lead

The second half was a much scrappier affair which suited the visitors as they looked to protect their lead.

Star's task was made almost impossible after an hour however as Alderson saw red after picking up a second booking following an altercation with the Jamestown midfielder who went unpunished.

### Safe

Despite having plenty possession, it was the visitors who made the game safe as the Star defence was left exposed to the counter attack and the Jamestown forward



Star striker Gregor Peacock on the ball with Luke Naisby close by.

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was on hand to fire past Kalache and make the game safe.

Tomorrow Star are in

action at home again and will need to put in a much-improved performance if they are

to get back on track against Inverkip Thistle. The game kicks off at 2pm.

## Derek lifts winter golf league title

GOLF

DEREK McCulloch managed to maintain his lead on the fairways of the Royal Burgh on Sunday and lift the Inveraray Golf Club Winter League Title.

None of Derek's leading competitors managed to improve their score in difficult conditions at the weekend, with Derek ultimately winning with a best net score of 25 strokes – a score he had managed to compile with three impressive, or some would say lucky, rounds during the course of the competition.

It was, however a close contest amongst the top three golfers and Derek took the title by only two strokes from Rory Campbell, who carded 27. D.J. Mac-

Donald was in third place with 28.

It was a tight finish to a closely fought competition, with almost half the competitors managing to post scores of 30 or below.

No one managed to rustle up a lucky two over the six weeks of the league so the ever growing prize fund will now roll over onto the Summer Stableford League, ensuring a good turnout for the first round of that competition.

This week sees the new 2013 season tee off with the March Medal on Sunday, March 24 with the usual ballot times available.

## Glasgow Mid Argyll put six past Strachur

SHINTY

STRACHUR Shinty Club suffered a heavy defeat to Glasgow Mid Argyll on Saturday.

Gerry Gibson, chairman of the Cowal club, had earlier been hopeful about his side's chance of gaining their first point in the match but the on-form Glasgow team managed to put six

past the Strachur goal with no reply. The team will welcome Bute to their pitch tomorrow (Saturday).

The islanders were left red faced last weekend after losing 5-4 at Aberdour, who finished bottom of South Division One last year.

## Back in league action

FOOTBALL

TARBERT AFC are back in league action tomorrow as they play away to East Kilbride.

It will be a tough game despite the Dookers recent good form, with East Kilbride AFC currently sitting at the top of the Division

1A league table.

Tarbert remains joint bottom of the league, sharing nine points with Eaglesham B. They are one point behind Millbeg.



Mark Caldwell storms out of Carradale on his way to winning last year's relay.

## Kintyre Way relay deadline looms

### Entries already in from far afield

THERE are only nine days left for runners to get their entries in for this year's Kintyre Way relay, which takes place on May 11.

The two trail-running events will be closing for standard entries on March 31.

Runners start from either Tarbert at 6am or Tayinloan at 9.30am and make their way southwards along hill paths, forest trails and seaside beaches, alternating from east to west.

As an incentive to keep

the runners running, there is plenty of home baking and other refreshments on offer at the various village halls on the way.

Of the 68 entries already received for the run, 15 per cent are from outside Scotland, including one from Chamonix in France, and 95 per cent of entries are from outside Argyll.

A total of 22 runners have already signed up to do the full 67-mile course in one day, twice the amount of any other year, with another 18

wanting to take part in the 35-mile option.

On reaching Campbeltown, the finish line, every runner receives a commemorative mug, a personalised certificate, a free massage, and hot food at the post-race party. Further information and entry forms can be found at [www.kintyrewayrelay.co.uk](http://www.kintyrewayrelay.co.uk).

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