



The Squeak returns to its old office

Staff return to 44 Argyll Street following three-month renovation

Police reassure parents on children's safety

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Housing crisis highlighted

A 60-year-old woman who has undergone a liver transplant and cares for her severely disabled daughter is being forced to sleep in a chair because of a lack of adequate housing.

Rhona Sinclair's story highlights Mid Argyll's housing crisis.

Full story, page 7.

Commonwealth baton in Mid Argyll

THE Commonwealth Games baton is to travel throughout Mid Argyll.

Games organisers have confirmed the baton will visit Inveraray, Furnace, Lochgilphead and Kilmartin on July 13.

Turn to page 3 for the full story.

Council pulls out begging bowl as it slashes budget



Ella MacKay took first place in the verse speaking solo competition for P4/5 pupils at the 35th annual Mid Argyll Music Festival. The Tayvallich Primary School pupil was one of hundreds of youngsters to take to the stage to recite poetry, sing and play instruments as part of the festivities. Turn to page 16 for more pictures. 06_a12mus04

Charities and community groups asked to maintain public places

COMMUNITY groups and charities are being asked to maintain public areas as Argyll and Bute Council slashes its street scene budget and makes staff redundant.

The local authority has confirmed it is asking members of the public to help keep streets clean, grass pitches neat and toilets open as its pinches more than £110,000 from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands (MAKI) area budget.

It will see public toilets in Crinan and Tayinloan closed, the cutting of grass sports pitches, maintenance of cemeteries and public amenity areas reduced and the up keep of green areas and flower beds scaled back.

The changes mean four full-time staff have lost their jobs in the MAKI area.

It is understood the local authority has already approached some community councils, urging representatives to fill the void left by the redundancies.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said a county-wide £400,000 cut in amenity services had been agreed as part of the 2013 budget.

Since then council officers have been deciding where the axe should fall.

The spokesman said: 'In the current financial climate, with public sector budgets reducing around the country, these savings are unavoidable. They have

been achieved through voluntary redundancies and natural wastage.

'We will be exploring third sector opportunities with local organisations, groups and businesses as well as community councils and sports clubs.'

Islay councillor Robin Currie said: 'This is a very dangerous road to go down.'

'Volunteers can say 'I'm not going to do it this week'.

'I know there is a shortage of money, but it is all about priorities. I think grass cutting and street sweeping should be a priority. These are services everybody benefits from.'

Bob Chicken, secretary of MAKI branch of the

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Drug scare man has sentence deferred

A MAN whose girlfriend ended up in hospital after he gave her Ecstasy has had his sentence deferred for six months.

Alexander Miller, 31, of Flat 13 Union Street, Lochgilphead pleaded guilty to committing the offence on July 6 of last year. At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Miller's lawyer: 'I think this gave him and his girlfriend a bit of a fright.'

She then asked Miller: 'Have you learnt your lesson?' He replied: 'Yes, I have.'

Sentence was deferred until September 25 for Miller to be of good behaviour.

New homes to rent planned for Inveraray

TWELVE social housing units could be built in Inveraray as part of Argyll Community Housing Association's (ACHA) plan to tackle the county's housing crisis.

The social housing landlord has submitted a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council for four one bedroom flats, four two bedroom flats and four three bedroom houses.

If the scheme, which

will cost £1.4 million, is given the go-ahead it will be built on land adjacent to Barn Park and Argyll Court within the next year.

The proposal is part of ACHA'S £13 million plan to build 102 homes in Argyll within the next year.

Ambition

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'ACHA goes from strength to strength. I strongly support both

the ambition it shows to provide more and more housing in Argyll and the realisation of that ambition on the ground in every part of Argyll.'

The application comes after councillors recently approved a development for eight social houses in Tarbert, while other developments are planned for Oban, Bowmore, Helensburgh and Bonawe.

To fund the programme ACHA received financial support from the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council.

Mr Russell added: 'These houses will provide much-needed attractive homes for local people and as they are being built they will provide jobs for local people too - that is a win/win, which we should all applaud.'

The entire project is expected to provide 162 construction jobs.

David Scott, secretary of Inveraray Community Council, said the proposal would be discussed at its next meeting on April 1 when it will make a formal comment on the Royal Burgh development.

Teenager on cannabis charge

A 16-year-old male has been charged with being in possession of cannabis in Ardrishaig. The teenager was detained by police and searched on Saturday March 8.



Youngsters from Craignish Primary School played on the new rope bridge that has been built in the playing field. 06_a12park02

Adventure play park opens at Craignish

A NEW adventure play ground has opened at Craignish Primary School, which will be used for both fun and educational purposes.

The park, which includes a rope bridge, swing bridge, stepping logs and a sand pit, was officially opened by pupils at a ceremony in the school field last week.

To mark the occasion

parents, teachers and residents gathered to watch pupils sing two songs then cut a special chain. The paper chain had the names of the school's pupils and the community groups that helped bring the project together written on it.

Money for the equipment, which cost more than £7,000, was raised by the parent council

and Craignish Community Council.

Iain Jameson, head teacher at the school, said: 'We would first and foremost like to thank everyone who made this possible. The equipment will be used for fun, but it will also be part of our health and well being work. It will be used through from the pre-five unit to P7.'

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative welcomes £150,000 boost from HIE

AN INNOVATIVE tourism co-operative that covers Argyll and the Isles has received a £150,000 boost from Highlands and the Islands Enterprise (HIE).

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) has been awarded the money to offer

training and support to local tourism groups and organisations.

AITC aims to build tourism across the region by working with marketing groups in the county, which aim to increase visitor numbers in their own areas.

The money comes after AITC

was recently awarded a similar amount by Argyll and Bute Council. The HIE funding and council money will be spread across three years, giving the organisation a guaranteed £100,000 each year before it applies for other funding.



Please join EDF Energy Renewables at our public consultation days to view and comment on plans for an 18 turbine wind farm to the west of Ardrishaig, near Loch Gilp in Argyll and Bute.

We are keen to continue our engagement with the local community, and would like to invite local residents or anyone else who might have an interest in these plans to attend one of our Community Consultation Days:

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Runner raises £200 at charity event

A MAN who is preparing to run the London Marathon for Children with Cancer UK raised £200 at a charity event on Saturday night.

James MacLachlan, from Ardrishaig, and his wife Debbie welcomed family and friends to the Argyll Arms for the fundraiser. The crowd was entertained by psychic John Irwin and dozens of raffle prizes were up for grabs.

James hopes to raise more than £2,000 for the charity when he runs the marathon on April 13.

The 30-year-old decided to complete the challenge after completing a number of half marathons to raise cash for the Friends of the Beatson.

James was inspired to take up running after he lost his father, Hector, to cancer.



Athletics club in 'jump to it' plea

A SECOND petition has been launched to boost sporting facilities in Lochgilphead just weeks after Argyll and Bute Council gave in to demands to install a 3G pitch in the town.

Launched by Mid Argyll Athletics Club, the petition calls on the local authority, Scottish Athletics and sportscotland to back the club's bid to create all-weather jump facilities at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The athletics club wants an all-weather track installed on the land in between the two grass pitches at the campus. It would allow athletes to compete outdoors in the long jump, triple jump, high jump and throwing events.

If created it would be the first such facility in Argyll and Bute.

It is hoped sportscot-

land will provide 50 per cent of the project's estimated £50,000 cost, while the athletics club has applied to four Argyll groups for match funding.

Bill MacCallum from the club, which has 150 members, said: 'Providing adequate outdoor facilities for athletics is vitally important for the development of our young athletes.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil said: 'While there is no funding identified within our capital programme for this project, we have been providing support in other ways - for example liaising with other agencies and giving advice about applying for grant funding - in regular meetings with the club and sportscotland.'

To sign the petition log on to www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/athletics-facilities-for-argyll.

No attempt to snatch child in Campbeltown

Police say incident was a misunderstanding

PARENTS throughout Argyll are being reassured about their children's safety after rumours circulated that a 'stranger' had tried to lure a teenager into a car in Kintyre.

Police Scotland have confirmed that the incident which took place

outside Campbeltown Grammar on Tuesday afternoon was a simple misunderstanding.

A spokesman from Lochgilphead Police Station said: 'Police received a report of a suspicious person in a vehicle speaking to a child outside Campbel-

town Grammar School. 'Full enquiries were carried out and this has now established that there were no criminal actions or intent involved in this incident.

'Police would like to reassure the public that they always treat such reports very serious-

ly but this incident was a misunderstanding and on this occasion there is no cause for concern.'

The announcement comes after social media sites were rife with comments that someone had attempted to snatch a child from the school gates.

Woman arrested over dog attack

A WOMAN has been arrested after her dog allegedly attacked another animal in Lochgilphead.

The 52-year-old was charged after her dog bit another dog, causing injury, on Campbell Street on Monday.

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Witnesses sought

MOTORISTS who witnessed a silver Mercedes van overtake vehicles in the face of on-coming traffic on the A83 near Auchindrain are being urged to call police.

The incident occurred at 9.40am on Monday and forced one driver to take evasive action to avoid a collision.

Police say they are following a positive line of enquiry but would urge all witnesses to contact them on 101.

Have your say on Ford future

HOUSEHOLDERS in Ford will have a chance this week to have their say on employment, housing, the environment and future village development.

Dunadd Community Council is hosting a public meeting to get people's views as part of a wider consultation about what people want to see happen in their area.

Any ideas will help the community council represent locals in its dealings with Argyll and Bute Council and other service providers.

The meeting, in Ford Village Hall at 7pm on March 25, comes after similar consultations in Glassary and Kilmartin.

Budget slashed

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Scottish Labour Party, said: 'This is exactly what we pay our council tax for. In principal it is wrong that people are being paid off by the second biggest employer in the area and then it is looking for volunteers and people within the community to carry out that work. I find myself strongly objecting to that.'

The cuts in service will come into effect in the next month.

Ice and fire walks in aid of centre

PEOPLE who would like to face their fears while raising money for a Lochgilphead charity are being urged to sign up for the MS Centre's ice and fire walks.

The event on May 11 will see people trained to walk barefoot on broken glass (ice), or on hot coals (fire).

The event comes after 33 people

signed up for the fire walk last year.

It created a spectacle in the town and raised more than £10,000 for the charity which supports people with MS and other long-term conditions.

People interested in the challenge must raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship. For more information call the MS Centre on 01546 606303.



Major Duncan McMillan was last year presented with a plate by former Argyll and Bute Provost Isobel Strong to mark the 70th anniversary of the battle of Longstop Hill. 06_a34painting02

Death of Argyll's Major Duncan McMillan

Last remaining survivor of the Battle of Longstop Hill passes away peacefully

THE LAST remaining survivor of a key battle of World War Two has died aged 94.

Major Duncan McMillan MM TD of Campbeltown, who was a member of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, passed away peacefully in his sleep at the weekend. His family said he had fallen ill around Christmas time and had to spend a number of weeks in Southern General Hospital in Glasgow before being allowed to return home.

His daughter, Fiona MacKinnon, said her father was 'very proud' of his military background.

Major McMillan,

who was well known throughout Argyll, took part in the Battle of Longstop Hill in Tunisia aged just 23.

It claimed the lives of more than 100 members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, but was decisive in allowing the allies to break through German defences and reach occupied Tunis. Major McMillan was awarded the Military Medal for his role in the conflict. Last year he was present for the Inveraray unveiling of a painting commissioned for the 70th anniversary of the battle.

He told of the 'pandemonium' at Longstop Hill, expressing how lucky he felt to have sur-

vived the war. After his military service, Major McMillan, of Dolsach, Low Askomil, started an upholstery business, first in Saddell Street in 1955, and later on Longrow, working well past his retirement. His family still runs the business today.

Major McMillan is survived by his wife May, his children James, William and Fiona, and three grandsons.

Mrs MacKinnon said: 'We would like to thank everyone for all their messages of support and kindness.'

The funeral will take place today (Friday) at Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown at 1pm.

Queen's Commonwealth Baton heads to Mid Argyll heartlands

THE CULTURAL sites and villages of Mid Argyll are to be at the heart of the Commonwealth Games celebrations when the Queen's baton reaches Argyll.

Games organisers have revealed the baton will

arrive on Sunday, July 13, and spend much of the day travelling through Inveraray, Furnace, Lochgilphead and Kilmartin. It is understood the baton will pass key landmarks such as Inveraray Castle, trav-

el to the top of Dunadd Fort, the said birthplace of Scotland, and alongside the renowned standing stones of Kilmartin Glen.

Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute's lead councillor for community and

culture, said: 'The relay is set to be a great event.'

'It will be a chance to cheer on local people as they carry the baton, to join in the excitement of an international celebration, and to showcase

Argyll and Bute to a global audience. The council will work with Glasgow 2014 to make it a success for our people and our area.'

The Argyll route is expected to be: Appin, Benderloch, Dunstaffan-

age, Oban, Kilmartin, Dunadd, Cairnbaan, Lochgilphead, Furnace, Inveraray, Strachur and Dunoon.

Around 100 baton bearers will carry the baton on each of its 40 days in Scotland.

Trust grants confirmed

ARDRISHAIG Community Trust confirmed on Wednesday it has agreed grants totalling £53,000.

The money from the trust's ACTION Fund is dished out twice a year to organisations that bring benefits to people living in the village.

A panel including trust directors, Ardrishaig

community councillors, councillor Donald MacMillan and Lynne Gorrie of the village Co-op recommended applications, which were finally approved by the trust board. Successful applicants will be notified this week and a full list of beneficiaries will be published in next week's *Advertiser*.

GRADUATIONS



NADYNE BROWN

graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BN (Adult). Nadyne is the daughter of Anke and the late Graeme Brown, Ardrishaig and the granddaughter of the late Neil and Irene Brown, Lochgilphead. She is a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School and is now working in Sunderland Hospital in ICU as a Staff Nurse.



KIRSTY MACNAB

graduated on the 29th November 2013 from St Andrew's University and was formally admitted to the Degree of Masters of Letters In Museum and Gallery Studies with Distinction.

Kirsty is the elder daughter of Bruce and Fiona MacNab and attended Ardrishaig Primary and Lochgilphead Secondary School. Kirsty firstly studied at Aberdeen University and graduated with an MA in History of Art in July 2010. Kirsty is now working as a Curatorial Assistant in the McManus Art Gallery & Museum, Dundee.



Claudia Foster, 12, left, Nicola Smyth, 12, and Molly Buchan, 12, learnt about the dangers of smoking. 06_a12smoke01

No Smoking Day at Lochgilphead

YOUNGSTERS at Lochgilphead High School have been learning about the dangers of smoking.

Members of the NHS Highland smoke free service and oral health improvement team stopped by the school last week to gave out information as part of Non Smoking Day.

Jars filled with tar, boxes show-

ing the chemicals found in cigarettes and a carbon monoxide meter for students to blow into were all on display.

George Durnan, smoking cessation advisor, said: 'We have come today to raise awareness for future generations about the dangers of smoking. The message is really don't start to do it. At the

moment about 23 percent of the Scottish population smoke. The Scottish Government wants that down to five percent by 2034.'

This year's No Smoking Day campaign, which is run by the British Heart Foundation, had a V for victory theme that aimed to inspire smokers to win their fight against cigarettes.

Fisherman thrown into harbour feared he would drown

'He struggled frantically to kick off his boots. He went under the water on a number of occasions'

A MAN thrown into the icy waters of Tarbert Harbour by another fisherman feared he was going to drown, a court heard last week.

Fiscal Eoin McGinty told Campbeltown Sheriff Court how the man, wearing full fishing gear and wellingtons, struggled as he tried to stop his footwear from dragging him under the water.

'He struggled frantically to kick off his boots. He actually went under the water on a number of occasions,' said Mr McGinty.

'He was eventually helped back on board a boat but said later he feared he was going to die.'

The fiscal said the fisherman had ended up in the water after being grabbed and thrown overboard by Francis Simpson, 20, crew member on another boat.

Simpson's boat had returned to Tarbert after experiencing difficulty with equipment while at sea.

According to the fiscal, crew on that boat felt it had been interfered with - exposing them to se-

rious danger. 'Rumblings' about this had led to Simpson throwing the fisherman overboard following a scuffle.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC wondered why Simpson was not charged with attempted murder instead of assault.

Simpson, of 6 Craeg Ghlas, Cairmbaan, Lochgilphead pled guilty to committing the assault on December 2 of last year.

Sentence was deferred on him until July 2 pending the outcome of another case.

Bowling competition will raise cash for Yorkhill Hospital

A KEEN Mid Argyll bowler is encouraging sport enthusiasts to enter a contest that aims to raise cash for Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

Robert Scott, whose two-year-old son Taylor has been treated by the Glasgow hospital since birth, will host an open pairs bowling tournament in Benderloch, north of Oban.

The competition, at 3pm on March 29 in the Victory Hall, will have a range of prizes on offer.

Taylor was born with

his bowel on the outside of his body and had an operation at the Yorkhill hospital when three weeks old.

Brilliant

Robert, from Cairmbaan Bowling Club, said: 'The service was brilliant and that's why we want to thank the hospital with this fundraiser. All the money raised will go towards machinery that supports children in Ward 2B.'

To enter the tournament call Robert on 07717 027436.

New council tax service now on-line

A NEW on-line service has been introduced by Argyll and Bute Council for people to pay their council tax.

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ARGYLL and Bute Council never fails to astonish in its proposals for saving money.

However its recent attempts at getting the tax payer to 'volunteer' to do the work of the local authority beggars belief.

The council appears to have forgotten what it is people pay their council tax for.

The very core function of the council is to provide public services and facilities - things such as bin collections, grass cutting and public toilets.

It is what it is designed to do.

The danger in an area like Argyll, where people have a great sense of community spirit, is that residents will fill the void left by the local authority. Their civic pride will lead them to cutting grass, picking up litter and maintaining cemeteries, ensuring they are fit to bear the remains of loved ones. But residents must remain steadfast in their resolve not to step into the shoes of the Street Scene staff Argyll and Bute Council has so easily cast aside.

It is these people who have kept Argyll and Bute such a wonderful place to live, work and visit. It is the litter pickers, wardens, bin men and women that have ensured Argyll's reputation as a place of unspoilt natural beauty has endured over the years.

It is the Street Scene staff who have helped Argyll to attract hundreds of thousands of tourists every year.

The latest proposal does little to help the council attract people to the area, either as a tourist or permanent resident.

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A83 Task Force challenged to come up with answers

Sir,

So the A83 Task Force is congratulating itself on its success - a few rocks were caught in a net - but nevertheless the road had to be closed 'to save lives'.

How many lives were saved? How many have been killed by A83 landslides over the past 50 years since the present road was built?

I challenge the A83 Task Force to produce statistical evidence for their claim - what fraction of a statistical life has been saved?

Landslides in steep sided glacial valleys are a natural occurrence, part of geological processes which reconfigure the landscape over time.

Landslides have been going on for thousands of years since the glaciers retreated and there is no reason to think they will stop just because man is engaged in road building - thus nets are a very temporary approach.

What happens when they are full of debris? Will it have to be dug out to make space for the next lot?

No doubt that operation would cause more road closures.

As many have already pointed out what is required is an open sided shelter which allows landslide material to pass over the road toward the valley below, without interfering with road traffic.

You cannot stop landslides - you have to make sure that when they happen they don't inconvenience us.

Please will the A83 Task Force arrange: 1: A proper in depth study carried out by experts who deal with such situations regularly, for example from Austria, Switzerland or another nearby mountainous country to point the way to an effective scheme for the A83?

2: A balance sheet showing money so far spent on A83 Task Force initiatives against days of road closure so far prevented by the measures adopted?

**John Dymant,
Achnamara.**

Road being turned into obstacle course

Sir,

On Monday travellers on the B842 were again subjected to a road closure.

Argyll and Bute Council was clearing ditches north of Carradale, trees were being felled at Brackley and Scottish Southern Energy was doing its best to turn the road into a cross between an obstacle course and a proving ground for off-road vehicles.

To make matters worse, the contractor responsible for taking the timber out of Brackley chose to take the timber north through Grogport and after four fully loaded trucks had passed through, one got stuck on Grogport Hill, closing the road.

Residents of Grogport have been told in the past that only empty timber lorries would go through the hamlet and loaded ones would use the forestry 'haul road'.

Clearly the contractor had other ideas. The B842 is a

narrow fragile road as are its bridges and culverts.

It would only take a bridge to fail to make the road impassable and that would involve significant detours for people trying to get to Campbeltown or Tarbert.

I do not think it is too much to ask of the contractors involved to think of the needs of the residents along the B842 before the road disappears altogether.

**Cameron McNair,
Grogport.**

Future of Clock Lodge

Sir,

Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust worked with the Lochgilthead Phoenix Project last year to study options for the re-use of the Clock Lodge and to consider how its repair could be funded.

While a number of the potential options envisaged the Phoenix Project working independently, it was always clear that the involvement of a commercial collaborator would increase the chances of successful project delivery.

Harbro's interest in the site, willingness to work with project and the significant investment that it proposes which would see the B-listed Clock Lodge secured and made wind and weather tight, are therefore very welcome.

We look forward to working with Lochgilthead Phoenix and Harbro to develop and deliver this important and exciting project.

**Sarah MacKinnon,
Strathclyde Building
Preservation Trust.**



Readers took to our Facebook page to give their views on Clock Lodge. Last week it was reported local businesses fiercely objected to a planning application to build a Harbro store on nearby land. Should the Clock Lodge be restored or demolished and if restored, how should it be paid for?

Callum Selfridge: 'It should be restored. The council obviously has money burning a hole in its pocket if it can afford to re-tar the Stag car park, Whitegates car park and the old rent office car park. Surely that money could have been used for this restoration project instead?'

Gary Davidson: 'It should be restored. It's part of the town's history. I can see where some would object as parking would be a huge issue. The priority must be to encourage businesses into the town. It's time to get Poundland, MacDonalds, Greggs and Primark in.'

Hugh Sansom: 'Maybe it's time for the main street to up its game and do something to keep the shoppers there. Right now everyone is heading to Oban and Glasgow. The council headquarters is based here, yet all the money seems to bypass Lochgilthead.'

Jill Preston: 'A good change is not drawing people away from the high street and destroying the businesses that are already there.'

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Rhona Sinclair, 60, is forced to sleep in a chair so she can look after her daughter

Lisa. Photo by Kevin McGlynn.

Pensioner who cares for daughter is forced to sleep in chair

A 60-year-old woman who has undergone a liver transplant and cares for her severely disabled daughter says she is being forced to sleep in a chair because of a lack of available adequate housing.

While her social housing provider is sympathetic, it says it has a limited number of homes which could be adapted to suit them.

Rhona Sinclair of Lochgilphead is a full time carer for her daughter Lisa, 33. Lisa suffers from Rett Syndrome and cannot walk or talk.

Their Argyll Housing Association Home (ACHA) at Union Street has been adapted so that there is a downstairs bedroom for Lisa.

There is space for her specialist hospital bed and equipment, including a hoist and shower tray.

But as the years have gone by Rhona's health has deteriorated, to the point that she struggles to get upstairs to her bedroom.

Liver transplant

She had a liver transplant six years ago as a result of suffering from primary sclerosing cholangitis, not caused by alcohol. When she came out of hospital she fell and broke her hip, and later had to undergo a hip replacement operation.

She suffers from fragile bones, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis and uses a trolley or crutches to move about the house.

Now Rhona says she is forced

to sleep in a reclining chair in her living room. Aside from the fact that she struggles to get up stairs, she must be close to Lisa, who suffers from epilepsy and could choke during the night.

Rhona claims she has been waiting for three years for a bungalow. She says it must be in a central location in the town, so that she can access the shops and Lisa is within easy reach of her resource centre.

Rhona, who also suffers from depression and anxiety as a result of her situation, said: 'I am a fighter. I try to be as independent as I possibly can. I have got lots of very good friends and I am not looking for a sympathy vote.'

'Doctors have said to me that if it wasn't for my love and care for Lisa, she was only supposed to live until she was 10, now she is nearly 34.'

Rhona added: 'I get up the stairs odd nights if I feel stronger, but if Lisa is not well at all I have got to sleep downstairs. She has epilepsy and takes fits. Sometimes I have to get the ambulance out in the middle of the night.'

Rhona said climbing the stairs was often a struggle.

'I have to stop every so often on my way up because of my knee grinding,' she said.

'Sometimes I get a good sleep in the chair, because I am so knackered. Other times my feet are sore and swollen.'

'I have letters from my trans-

plant doctor saying I need somewhere suitable.'

Rhona's other daughter, Christina, 26, also helps to look after Lisa and other carers visit the house to help Rhona get Lisa up in the morning and put her to bed at night.

'It [a new house] would make such a difference to my life. I used to love my wee house. If it didn't have stairs it would be fine. I would be so much more relaxed if I could get a decent night's sleep,' Rhona said. 'I intend to look after Lisa as long as I live.'

'I know when she is in pain. The social work have been supportive and all the support I have had from local people has been fantastic.'

Limited number

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'Unfortunately ACHA has only nine 4-bedroom properties in the Lochgilphead area and all of them have internal stairs which would not suit this family's needs.'

'The association has 57 3-bedroom properties within its stock in Lochgilphead and only a limited number of these would be adaptable.'

Mr MacGregor added: 'We are sympathetic to this family's needs and appreciate the difficulties Mrs Sinclair is faced with but, given the specific requirements for alternative housing I am unable to predict when she is likely to receive an offer of a suitable property.'

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Charity beetle drive at Ormsary

FAMILIES can enjoy a fun filled beetle drive in Ormsary next Friday, which will raise funds for Ruby Bosomworth's five-mile charity swim. Ruby, 14, plans to swim the length of the MACPool 400 times to complete her challenge on April 13 to raise funds for Argyll-based charity First Aid 4 Gambia.

The beetle drive will be held in Ormsary Hall and start at 7pm.

An Easter craft fayre will take place in the hall on Monday, April 21 and Easter weekend will see the return of the popular Scarecrow Festival.

There will be scarecrows of all shapes and sizes along the B8024.

People who drive along the road on Easter Monday can pop into Ormsary Hall for a soup, tea, cakes and home baking.



Skerryvore will headline this year's Best of the West Festival.

Best of the West Festival line-up announced

THE line-up for this year's Best of the West Festival has been announced with Tíree rockers Skerryvore and Capercaillie Celtic Argyll both headlining the event.

The acts will be joined by other great Argyll acts during the two-day festival, which takes place at Inveraray Castle on September 13 and 14.

Confirmed

Other acts confirmed for the festival include Taynuilt Gaelic Choir, Inveraray Young Musicians Traditional Inveraray and The Mighty

Camans Celtic Argyll. Now in its fourth year, the event promises to be fun for all the family and showcase the best food, drink and music Argyll has to offer.

Fyne Ales, George Hotel, Loch Fyne Whisky Shop, Winston Churchill Vension and Inverawe Smokehouse will all have stalls at the event.

There will be bungee trampolines, laser blast, climbing walls, archery and fly fishing instruction for all the family.

Arunda Wind Trio perform

THE UNUSUAL instrumental combinations of the Arunda Wind Trio was enjoyed by the Mid Argyll Arts Association on Saturday evening.

The Scottish group, Sarah Cruickshank, Jenny Stephenson and Anna Mary Lynch, replaced the previously engaged Illuminati Wind Quartet which had to cancel.

Before their performance the oboe, clarinet and bassoon players explained there is not a large repertoire written specifically for their combination of instruments.

Such compositions that did exist were generally of a short and light nature, lacking the grav-

itas of - say - Mozart's compositions for larger groups of wind instruments. Arunda's programme contained nine pieces and the standard of playing and technical ability was high.

Three groups of pieces by French composers, Jacques Ibert, Jacques Leclair and Jean Francaix demonstrated clearly how well these composers understood the instruments and the genre. The pieces were technically and rhythmically demanding, but combined with great wit.

Particularly memorable were Ibert's Allegro quasi marziale, the Trois Croissant Beurre from Leclair's La Petite Patis-

serie and the expressive Elegie by Francaix.

The combination of instruments, lacking as it does the more normal fourth and fifth instrument, can sometimes sound 'thin' and achieving the correct balance and dynamic between the upper registered instruments and lower is taxing.

Although generally the playing was crisp and well-balanced, there were occasions when the bassoon sounded a bit overpowering.

However, putting this aside, MAAA was given a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Philip Bowden Smith

Last of the Sounding Dunadd series

WHEN the sun sets on Templar Wood tomorrow (Saturday) night it will come to life through song, music and images as part of the Sounding Dunadd series.

Dunadd Singers, artwork by Lochgilphead High School pupils, juggler Graham Benson and storyteller Bob

Pegg will be at the forest to perform Twilight at Templar Wood.

The story tells the tale of three hunters and their dog who set off into the wood in pursuit of the Magic Monster Bear.

The event is the last of four events in the Sounding Dunadd series that has included a

story walk, a pilgrimage themed evening in Kilmichael Glassary Church and a performance of the Scottish folk tale The Hobyahs.

The series has been devised and directed by Bob Pegg in partnership with Kilmartin Museum. Tomorrow night's event will start at 5.30pm.

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Dance company to perform at Commonwealth festival

A DANCE group from Lochgilphead has been selected to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival this summer.

Dalriada Youth Company, which is made up of 15 dancers from Argyll, has been picked to perform at the festival alongside eight other Scottish groups.

Organised by YDance, a youth dance organisation, the festival will be held in Glasgow this July and celebrate the city hosting the Commonwealth Games.

Wowed

To secure a place at the festival the group wowed judges at a competition in Stirling last month.

They competed against 22 other dance companies for a place at the festival.

Katie Milroy, dance leader, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to have been selected.'

'The standard of dancing was extremely high, so we are very happy. Everyone is very excited.'

The winning routine was a Scottish-inspired piece called Walk in the Woods, which they will perform at the festival.

The group will join more than 400 dancers



The Dalriada Youth Company has been selected to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival.

at the three-day festival, including dance companies from Australia, New Zealand, India and Malta.

Mid Argyll residents will have the chance to see the winning routine

before anyone else.

Katie, who started the dance group in 2011, added: 'We have a show in Ardrishaig in April so we thought it would be great to showcase our routine.'

'We will also be performing a piece that is inspired by a Victorian school.'

The youth company, which is funded by the Big Lottery Community Fund, will perform in

Ardrishaig Public Hall on April 18. There will also be a duet performance with KaSt Dance - a professional dance company launched by Katie in Aberdeen with Steven Martin.



Rachel Bolwell, pictured with ex Dalriada dancer Rona Macmillan, will perform at the Commonwealth Youth Dance Festival.



Morwen Phillips and Niamh Mackeveney perform as part of the Dalriada Youth Company.

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9 Protected cove (3)

10 Shells (5)

12 Illness (7)

13 Reasoning (13)

15 Bravery (7)

17 Town chief (5)

19 Pretend to be someone else (3)

20 Blown up part (5,4)

22 Bait (5)

23 Drink if the sun is over it! (7)

Down

1 Manly (5)

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Returning to Argyll Street: Lisa Smith, Kali Lindsay and Edel Kenealy.

Squeak moves back home

Refurbished office now open for business

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser has today (Friday) returned to its offices at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, following a mass renovation of the premises.

Customers to the Squeak will now find an open-plan office which is fit for producing a newspaper in the digital age.

The office is home to Squeak receptionist and advertising executive Lisa Smith and reporters Edel Kenealy and Kali Lindsay.

Staff moved out of the office in December to allow a three-month programme of works to be completed. It saw walls knocked down, the building rewired and a new network cable installed alongside a new alarm system.

Refurbishment of the office, completed by Lochgilphead firm Donald MacDonald Builders, represents a significant investment by owners of the paper, Wyvex Media Ltd.

Arthur Gillies, general



The front door of the new office now opens on to Argyll Street.

manager of Wyvex Media Ltd, said: 'We are delighted to open our upgraded office today and hope it provides our staff with a pleasant and comfortable working environment.'

'The Argyllshire Advertiser is the latest Wyvex Media outlet to be renovated and marks the end of an improvement

programme the company launched two years ago. This restoration signals our long-term commitment to the Mid Argyll community and continued improvement of Lochgilphead High Street.'

Mr Gillies added: 'We look forward to working with our readers, residents and local busi-

ness community in developing a newspaper that meets the needs of the people of Mid Argyll now and in the years to come.'

The front door of the Squeak office now opens on to Argyll Street which, together with a more spacious layout, ensures the office is more accessible

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Argyll Street, showing the old shop front of the Argyllshire Advertiser's office.



Reporters Kali Lindsay and Edel Kenealy are making themselves comfortable in their new surroundings.



Receptionist Lisa Smith is looking forward to welcoming people into the newly decorated office on Argyll Street.

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United Auctions Stirling

UNITED Auctions had forward 2,026 store cattle, young bulls and cast cows, as well as 1,089 store sheep, at its Stirling sale last Wednesday.

Bullocks – averaged 234.40p (-10.60p) to 276.50p per kg for a 298kg SimX from Claish and £1400 for a 619kg CHX from Forneth.

Heifers averaged 224.80p (-6.38p) to 218.80p per kg for a 280kg SimX from Bowleys and £1270 for a 560kg LimX from Barlaugh.

B&W Bullocks averaged 166.75p (+10.71p) to 218.80p per kg for a 416kg BFX from Knockrivoock and £925 for a 564kg HFX from Bottoms.

Young Bulls averaged 199.84p to 251.90p per kg for a 254kg CHX from Knocklaugh and £1060 for 554kg SimX from Shawmill.

Forward Cattle averaged 178.85p to 218.30p per kg for a AAX from Ballarie and £1430 for a LimX from Netheron.

Cast Cows averaged 131.45p to 194.40p for a LimX from Drumoider and £1410 for a CHX from Westerhill.

Bullocks: Up to 250kgs: Gateside £680, 275.30p 251-300kgs- West Gormack £790, Claish 276.50p; 301-350kgs- Dalhanna £920, Mains of Pitgur 269.80p; 351-400kgs Dalhanna £920, Gilmour Farms 274.80p 401-450kgs - Carsloe £1160, Craignannet 204.20p; 451-500kgs- Barlaugh £1240, Cloquhairnan 253.20p; 501-550kgs- Over Buttergask £1300, 238.10p; 551-600kgs Barlaugh £1320, 234.00p; 601-650kgs- Forneth £1400, 226.20p; 651-700kgs- Neuk £1390, 212.90p.

Heifers: Up to 250kg - Drumgrange £500, 243.20p; 251-300kgs- Bowleys £760, 271.00p; 301-350kg Shoestanes £860, 252.20p 351-400kgs Gilmour Farms £940, 246.10p 401-450kgs- Barlaugh £990, Knockrivoock 232.80p; 451-500kgs- Hoprigshiels £1180, 246.90p 501-550kgs- Over Buttergask £1180, Barlaugh 228.80p 551-600kgs- Barlaugh £1270, 276.80p; 601-650kgs- Heathfield £1040, 171.10p. Young Bulls: 251-

300kgs- Knocklaugh £650, 251.90p; 301-350kg West-erhill £680, 216.60p 351-400kgs Knockallan £830, 217.80p 401-450kgs- Wee Carlton £920, South Brownhill 211.60p; 451-500kgs- Knockallan £1030, 215.90p 501-550kgs- Knockallan £1060, Knocklaugh 207.00p 551-600kgs- Shawmill £1060, 191.30p.

OTM Cows: Westfield of Pitlochrie (AA) £1290, 151.20p; Quixwood (BSH) £1110, 166.70p; Netheron (BRB) £1010, C&D Livestock 152.70p; Westerhill (CH) £1410, 164.60p; Kirvennie (HE) £1110, 174.00p; Drumoider (Lim) £1350, 194.40p; Carskerdo (HF) £1130, 110.10p; Forneth Est (Sim) £1250, 152.10p; Immerion (Lui) £1170, 146.30p; Graystale (Sal) £1030, Ashfield 165.80p.

OTM Bulls: Thornyhills (Her) £1210, 126.00p; Balmyle (CH) £1570, 151.50p; Gateside (Lim) £1070, 127.10p Rossburn (Sim) £1250, 127.80p

UNITED Auctions sold 6,613 Prime Sheep including 5,149 lambs and 1,464 ewes and rams at its Stirling sale last Thursday.

Lambs: South Flanders (Suff) £111; Easter Balgillo (Tex) £122; Luckenburn (TexX) £114; Easter Balgillo (Chev) £108; Easter Balgillo (Btex) £117; Cadogan (Mule) £98; Dyke (BF) £102.50; Hags (X) £95; South Flanders (Char) £110.50; Tewel (CharX) £100.

Lambs: Boghall (Suff) 226p; Luckenburn (Tex) 261p; East Skeroblin (TexX) 238p; Bal-lenny (Chev) 222p; Dalchalloch (Mule) 213p; Harviemailing (Btex) 258p; Woodhead of Aberdalgie (BF) 223p; Hole-house (X) 219p; Waterside (Char) 225p

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Rams: Gartvaigh (Suff) £108.50; West Meikle Pink-erton (BF) £85.50; Craigbank (Tex) £106.50; Wester Bow-leys (BFL) £108.50; Ballo-

chgaire (BTex) £81.50; Boren-ich (Chev) £77.50; Point (X) £78.50.

Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts sold 230 live cattle at their weekly primestock sale in Stirling last week, comprising 144 bullocks and heifers, 11 young bulls, nine OTM clean and 66 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks averaged 216.5p per kilo and sold to 251.5p per kg 644kg Limousin Learielaw farm, Broxburn or to £1789 per head for 834kg British Blue Rathillet Farm, Cupar.

Heifers averaged 222p per kilo and sold to 259.5p & 256.5p per kiloheavy Limousin crosses or to £1573 per head for 612kgs from Brockwoodlees Farm, Cannonbie.

Butchers Cattle sold in excess of 230p per kilo to average 240p per kilo and sold to 252.5p per kg 566kg Limousin heifer Mains of Cultmalundie Farm, Perth.

Young Bulls sold to 228.5p per kilo, for a 18 month 710kg Limousin or £1622 per head Gallowhill Farms

OTM Under 36 month Cattle sold to 211.5p per kg 580kg British Blue Rathillet Farm or to £1436 per head for 720kg Limousin Mains of Beath Farm.

Also forward were 75 cast cows, bulls and OTM cattle. Charolais cow sold to 153p per kg or £1455 from Fallenninch Farm, Stirling. Friesian cows sold to 124p per kg or £955 from Wharlawhill Farm, Kinross.

Leading Prices: Cows: AA-141p, £965 Immeroin, 137p, £935 Angle Park, 132p, £835 WrBraco, £925 Gelvan view; Lim- 152p, £1035 Upper Spittalton, 151p, £1065 Milton Mill; BB- 153p £995 Dalchirila; Char- 153p £1455 Fallenninch, 151p £1100 West Carse; Luing- 128p £825 Immeroin; Saller-126p £915 Greencraig; Sim- 137p £1005 Gelva View; Fr- 124p £955 Hillend, 121p £915 Wharlawhill, 122p £785 Graystale, 111p £805 Bonnyhill, 109p £835 Woodend.

Cast Bull: Sim- £1200 Mil-ton.

OTM: Lim- 209p £1413 Preston, 200p £1436 Keirs-beath; AA- 184p £1233 Durieshill.



New equipment has been installed at Campbeltown Creamery, turning whey into a product for the food chain. 08_c46creamery01

New equipment installed at Campbeltown Creamery

NEW equipment has been installed at Campbeltown Creamery turning waste into a product for the food chain.

In its sustainability report for 2013, First Milk, which owns the creamery, revealed that it can now turn whey - a waste product - into an edible ingredient using the new machinery.

The company also revealed it has achieved its target of send-

ing zero process and packaging waste to landfill.

First Milk is the UK's largest dairy co-operative with 1,600 farmers. It has also arranged joint haulage and milk swap initiatives to reduce transport by 422,000 miles and 75 per cent of its tankers are fitted with recycled rubber tyres. This saves 68 litres of oil per new tyre.

Kate Allum, First Milk chief

executive, said: 'We look constantly to improve the economic, environmental and ethical sustainability of our supply chain - learning from best practice in dairy around the world and in other industries.'

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It's important to arrange your launch date with the boatyard first and then prepare your work list prioritising on the important jobs. Be prepared with the right tools for the work in hand – rags, silicone and normal grease, petroleum jelly, lubricating and penetrating oils, degreaser, rolls of tape, engine spares and treatments for your water and fuel tanks.

If not doing your own preparation engage the professionals as soon as possible, remembering this is their busy time of year and you may have to wait!

Hull

It's important to remove as much old anti-fouling from the hull as possible to ensure a good surface for re-application and it may be necessary if there's a big build up to remove it all. Be guided by your chandler on choice of anti-fouling. This will be dictated by use of the boat and the area where the boat is kept. A wide range of anti-fouling is available from specialist racing finishes to cruiser and powerboat coatings. Apply according to instructions with a stronger build-up in high impact areas - leading edges, such as fin and skeg and keel to hull joints. Remember to anti-foul support points before the boat takes to the water.

Keel and Rudder

Before anti-fouling inspect the keel for signs of rusting, pitting and wear at the keel to hull joint – check for athwartships play and stress fractures and get a professional to look at any problems. Check keelbolts, inspect the rudder and skeg fitments as well as the propeller and grease the shaft well. Check for any play in bearings, stock or quadrant. There should be minimal movement. Grease steering cables. Note if the anode is doing its work and replace if necessary. At this stage it's good to look at the paddle wheel on the log and smear silicone grease on the blades to spin freely – if not then it needs to be taken apart and greased. Better now than when the boat is in the water.

Topsides

Topsides should be cleaned of winter dirt and any damage repaired. Apply a protective wax and polish well - an extensive range of products is available and your local chandler will advise. This will keep your boat looking pristine and protected throughout the season.

Powerhouse

Service inboards and outboards. Change oil if this wasn't done at lay up, filters, internal anodes and top up gear box oil if required. Check engine belt tension and engine mounts are secure and inspect the underside of the shaft log and have it re-bedded if there is any sign of leakage. In saildrives the oil level and integrity of the gaiter seal must be checked. Bonding wires from the anode and earthing wires from the starter motor need looked at as well as the seacocks. Clean the terminals and smear them with petroleum jelly. Check bilge pump impellers and gaskets, grease and replace if necessary. With automatic bilge pumps, check float switches work and the strumbox is clear. Manual strum boxes should be pumped through to see hose is clear of blockages. Look for wear on hoses and electrical connections as well as servicing seacocks. Dry the bilge thoroughly, so if water appears after launching you know there's a problem.

Inspect the gas system thoroughly – and any alarms that need to be working and ensure it conforms to current gas regulations. A manufacture or replacement date will be printed on it and replace if it's five years old. Check hose clips and tighten.

Batteries should have been on trickle charge over lay-up but if not re-charge now and check electrolyte levels if not sealed. Ensure the battery tray is dry tighten securing straps and see all gassing vents are clear. Clean terminals and coat with petroleum jelly.

Fuel tanks should be full from laying up. If not, drain water off and treat with a diesel biocide.

Deck

Before re-stepping mast, check sheaves for wear, any cracking at rigging terminals, swages for broken strands and tape split pins and bottlescrews once after rigged. Check masthead lights, instrumentation and VHF radio are working. Inspect stanchion bases for play and remove plastic lifeline sheathing to check for corrosion. Inspect anchors, chain and connections for corrosion, replacing anything suspect. Clean a manual windlass, check for wear and grease. Remove the gypsy in powered versions, grease the drum, look at the foot switch for wear, clean and grease electrical connections. Overhaul winches - strip down to check for wear, soak components in degreaser and regrease. Springs and pawls need a light oil. Check over furling gear to make sure of smooth operation. Varnish any wood on deck, touch up paintwork and polish bright work. Overhaul warps and sheets and replace as required.

Interior/ Safety equipment

Clean the interior thoroughly. Pump fresh water through the water tank, fill and add purifier. Run washing-up liquid into the heads and pump out several times. Re-install VHF, navigation and other equipment etc removed for winter storage. Thoroughly check safety equipment - fire extinguishers, flares, life-rafts, life-jackets, rubber dinghies and repair or replace. Inflate lifejackets using the mouth piece looking for wear and damage and leave inflated overnight to check for leaks. If automatic, check the firing head is still primed, unscrew the canister and look for wear, smear silicone grease on the firing cap and replace. Invert MOB lights to check they still work and change bulb and batteries if not squirting WD40 on the copper contact strip inside. Silicone grease should be used on rubber seals

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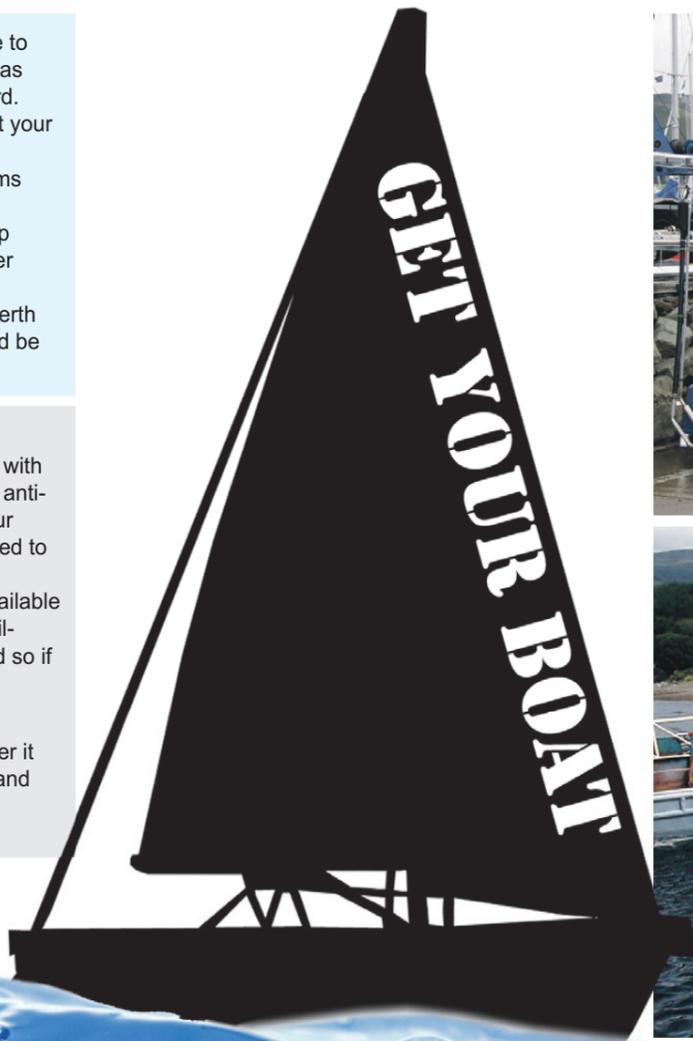
If sails were not checked for wear at laying up do so now and get advice from your sailmaker as required – stitching may need replaced, repair patching carried out. Similarly clean berth cushions before replacing - the interior should be fresh and inviting for the start your season.

Expert advice

If you launch the boat yourself get organised with tools and a selection of split pins, tape, extra anti-fouling and a brush. Otherwise liaise with your boatyard over launching and whether you need to be there.

Don't forget professional advice is always available from your boatyard manager, chandler, or sailmaker - these people are experts in their field so if in doubt about anything - ask.

After all the hard work, thoughts can turn to planning your activities on the water – whether it be cruising, fishing or racing to enjoy a safe and successful 2014 season.

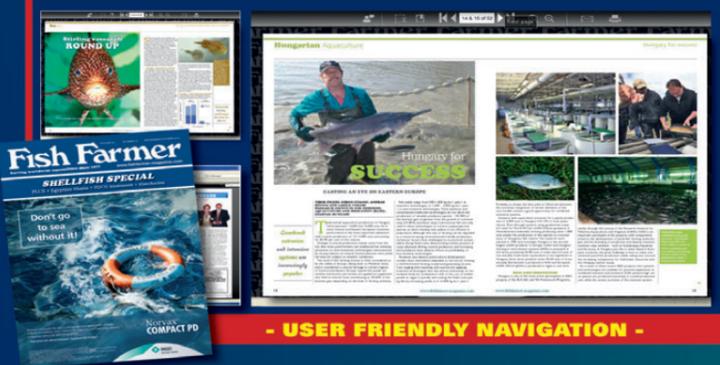


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Tighnabruaich woman raises £2,659 for charity by shaving head

A WOMAN who went head to head with a razor has raised £2,659 for two charities that are close to her heart.

Alison Mulholland, from Tighnabruaich, had her long hair shaved to boost funds for Yorkhill Children's Hospital and

C3 Cure Crohn's Colitis.

The 42-year-old was inspired by the bravery of her nephew who suffers from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, a disease that causes the body's bowel system to flare up and attack itself.

Reece Newlands has had more than 20 operations and radiotherapy to ease his symptoms, all of which had been carried out at Glasgow's Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

In a bid to raise awareness about the life-threatening illness and determined to help fund research into the disease, which is carried out by C3, Alison decided to play her part.

Symptoms

Joined by Reece, 14, and his sister Chloe, 14, who has started to show symptoms of the disease Alison had her hair shaved off at Portavadie Marina last Friday.

Alison, who works as a guest supervisor at the

marina, said: 'I am delighted to have raised so much money. I have reached my target of £2,000 for C3 Cure Crohn's Colitis and £659 will be donated to Yorkhill.'

Alison said 'thank you' to everyone who made a donation to her challenge, especially during these hard times.

She added: 'I would also like to personally thank Carol Jagielko and Iain Jurgensen, from Portavadie Marina and the team for everything they did to make the day extra special, from using the facilities as the venue to providing amazing accommodation for my family.'

'Thank you to Kim Atkinson, my manager, for supervising my niece Chloe and finishing the job off like a professional.'

Alison's hair raising story does not end there as her hair will now be donated to Little Princesses, a charity which makes wigs for chil-



Alison Mulholland, 42, raised £2,659 for two charities at a sponsored head shave.

dren who lose their hair through illness.

You can still donate to Alison's charities through her Just Giving

pages - www.justgiving.com/Alison-mulholland1 for C3 and www.justgiving.com/Alison-mulholland for Yorkhill.

Opinions sought on Scottish Beaver Trial

A SERIES of drop-in sessions will be held in Lochgilphead this week to allow business owners and residents to give feedback on the Scottish Beaver Trial.

The Scottish Wildlife Trust would like people to give their views on what kind of impact the trial has had on the local area in the last five years.

The trial is due to end in May and the information will be used as part of a report, which will be submitted to the Scottish Government. The government will then make a decision on the future of the beaver trial.

Simon Jones, project manager, said: 'We want to know whether people support the trial or if they don't support it. Has it been a good or a bad thing for the area? We are also running a big online questionnaire.'

Mr Jones said he was very happy with how the trial had gone.

'The final results won't be available for another year as the scientific findings are put together, but we are very pleased,' he said. 'We have had good television coverage, which has showcased the local area.'

Public events will be held in Lochgilphead Community Centre, MACPool and the Co-op.

New chief executive at wildlife trust

A NEW chief executive has been appointed at the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Jonathan Hughes has been involved in the trust for many years and will take over from Simon Milne immediately.

Mr Hughes began his career in conservation as a seasonal ranger at the trust's reserve on Loch Fleet in 1992 before becoming director of conservation.

As director Mr Hughes oversaw a number of landmark projects, which included the Scottish Beaver Trial.



Alison was joined by her niece, Chloe, nine, and nephew, Reece, 14, who inspired her fundraising event.

Duntrune Trekkers prepare for charity climb

A TRIO preparing to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for charity are guests this week at the University of the West of Scotland where they took part in a lab experiment.

The Duntrune Trekkers, made up of Duncan McGregor, Blair Johnston and Campbell Wright, were due to have the fitness levels tested to measure their V02 maximum as the Advertiser went to print.

The test measures the maximal rate of oxygen they use during exercise and is an excellent marker of aerobic fitness.

Blair said: 'Given our trek will require a certain level of fitness and also because oxygen supply will be compromised at altitude, this information could be very valuable for us.'

The test requires the men to cycle on a stationary bike for up to 20 minutes, starting off easy and getting progressively harder and harder.

Blair added: 'While we are exercising we will be monitoring a number of physiological responses including the air we breathe

in and out and our heart rate.' Following the test an analysis of the data is carried out to allow the trekkers to calculate their V02max and exercise thresholds.

'We would like to thank Dr Chris Easton PHD an exercise physiology lecturer at the university for making this session possible,' Blair said.

The trekkers will climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to raise funds for Rainbow Valley, Lochgilphead's MS Centre and the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation.

Ardrishaig windy bus tours

BUS tours to Allt Dearg Community Windfarm will start again next month after more than 150 people visited the site last summer.

The first trip will take place on Saturday, April 8 and will run once a month through to September. They will take place on May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2 and September 6.

Tickets can be booked in advance from the Peter Law and Son store in Ardrishaig.

Progress

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Argyll link to first fish farm in Sri Lanka

AN ARGYLL company has been part of a joint venture to set up the first fish farm in Sri Lanka.

Kames Fish Farming Industry Ltd, based near Oban, has been working with Sri Lankan company Oceanpick to launch the new fish farm.

Co-ordinated by Kames, the project has seen the fish farm set up in Tincomalee harbour in north-east Sri Lanka, which comprises four 40-metre pens.

It will initially be stocked with barramundi juveniles with plans to diversify into other species in the future.

The project will aim to raise the profile of the country's fishery sector and provide a balance between wild-caught and farmed production.

Whisky Month celebrations

THE POPULAR Scottish tippie, whisky, will be celebrated at this year's Loch Fyne Food Fair as part of Whisky Month.

There will be an area dedicated to the drink at the fair, to be held at Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, that will explore the connections between whisky and food.

People will be given advice on how to cook with whisky, what food it goes best with and how to use by-products from the whisky industry, such as smoking food with chips from whisky barrels.

The two-day event in May is one of four in Argyll which will celebrate Whisky Month, part of this year's Homecoming Scotland celebrations.

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Rose and Andrew Woodhouse showcased the best Islay has to offer in an advert screened on STV.

Advert showcases the best of Islay on TV

A UNIQUE advert which aimed to encourage Scots to head to Islay this Easter has been viewed by more than 1.46 million people this week.

VisitScotland and STV worked in partnership to create the advert that follows Scottish couple Rose and Andrew Woodhouse on their very first visit to the island.

Viewers could see the couple, from Skye, leave Kennacraig on the CalMac ferry, fine dine at Bridgend Hotel and discover more about whisky making at Laphroaig Distillery.

The advert was screened between March 14 and 20 during programmes, which included Mr Selfridge, The Cube and Scotland Tonight. It will also be

shown before programmes on STV player.

The island was recently voted the eighth best island in the UK in the Trip Advisor 2014 Travellers' Choice Islands Awards.

The commercial comes after VisitScotland recently teamed up with Caledonian MacBrayne and Serco NorthLink Ferries for Brilliant Islands Moments

- a campaign that offered 8,000 free tickets for offshore adventure.

The campaign aimed to encourage Scots to get out and have unforgettable adventures on Scotland's islands.

People who would like to find out more about the campaign can visit www.visitscotland.com/brilliantislands.

Plant business grows on-line

PEOPLE will be able to improve their gardens from the comfort of their own homes as a Cairndow plant nursery prepares to expand its range and go on-line.

Heather Forrester and her business partner Ryan Petersen started operating Loch Fyne Nurseries from the former site of Ardkinglas Estate Nurseries

site last September. In a bid to increase the existing stock and reach a wider market the pair plan to sell grow-your-own plants and vegetables through their website.

Heather, from Cairndow, said: 'We hope that the 'Grow your Own' range is what will really take off. People will be able to mail order them

and it will be a bit like Amazon except you order fruit and vegetables. 'They come in pots and will be delivered in a nice box.'

Heather said she hopes to have the company's website launched next month.

The business will continue to provide a wholesale plant nursery.

The 37-year-old, who

ran her own garden maintenance business for six years, said the first six months of business had been enjoyable.

She added: 'I had always wanted to run my own plant nursery and when the opportunity arose I had to take it as I couldn't face the prospect of the existing facility not being used.

'Ryan was a former customer of mine and garden enthusiast and he loved the idea.'

To set up the business Heather sought advice from Business Gateway.

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 605 459 or visit www.bgateway.com.

Surprise interest in Japanese whisky prompts job hopes at town shop

JAPANESE whisky has been the surprise hit at Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, which has seen a steady stream of trade since it opened in December.

Manager Euan Finlayson has been

surprised by the interest in the tippie from the far east, which has gained a popular following within the local area - while tourists tend to favour the Oban and Tobermory malts. Either way, the

selection of unusual and hard to find drams at the shop has seen it build a solid fan-base - and Euan hopes to be able to employ more staff in the summer. Euan was formerly manager

at Guise Clothing, his family's business on Argyll Square, which closed on February 1. The shop stocks fine wine as well as rare and unusual whiskies from across Scotland and the world.

Robust business plan essential

ANYONE looking to start their own company must create a robust business plan in a bid to succeed, says Donald Melville, from Business Gateway.

A good business plan will allow people to bring their project together, map out goals, show aims and objectives and define a strategy. Mr Melville said: 'There is a lot of truth in the adage 'Fail to plan and plan to fail'.'

A business plan must be more than a good idea, Mr Melville said, it must be thought through to maximise the chances of the business succeeding.

He added: 'The plan then brings the project together, turning your idea into a business, whilst becoming your own personal road map, showing you how you are going to achieve your objectives and overcome obstacles.'

The proposal will identify financial and practical support required to help people in the start up process.

A good plan, he said, is to keep it simple and to the point, using clear language, but detail will depend on the overall business idea.

To find out more about business planning, or if you want to talk to an adviser about starting up in business, please contact the Mid Argyll office on 01546 605 459 or visit www.bgateway.com.

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Mid Argyll Music Festival 2014 gets off to a good start

THE 2014 Mid Argyll Music Festival got off to a great start on Monday as youngsters let their personalities shimmer throughout the poetry recital competitions

Children from primary schools across Mid Argyll took to the stage of Ardrishaig Public Hall to perform both traditional and Scots verse poetry.

Medals, trophies and certificates have already been handed out to pupils of Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Tayvallich, Kilmartin, Inveraray and Ashfield primary schools.

Youths, teenagers and adults were preparing to perform in a range of musical competitions as the Advertiser went to press on Wednesday.

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

For a full report and more pictures see next week's Argyllshire Advertiser.



Megan Davies, Molly MacKay and Louis MacMillan of Tayvallich Primary School took the first three places in the verse speaking solo competition for P6/7. 06_a12mus09



Kilmartin Primary School received the Jean Ballantyne Plate after collectively performing two poems. 06_a12mus14



Children from Craignish Primary School performed well in the Scots verse speaking competitions on Monday afternoon. 06_a12mus11



Hannah Russell, Angus MacAskill and Tilly Cunningham were all smiles as they received their certificates of achievement. 06_a12mus05



Julia Spencer and Kay Hunter delighted the audience when they took part in verse speaking for adults. 06_a12mus13



Georgia Foster, Hannah Thomas and Alice Adair from Ashfield Primary School delighted the audience when they each recited Mum's Dead Coat by Michael Rosen. 06_a12mus01



Toby Craven from Lochgilphead Primary School performed in the verse speaking solo competition for P4/5 pupils. 06_a12mus02



Bea Catterwell of Craignish Primary with her first place medal. Bea recited The Spider's Legend in the verse speaking solo competition for P4/5. 06_a12mus08

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00501/PP	Erection of 70 metres high anemometer mast for a period of 5 years	Land North East of Lergchoniebeg Kilmelford Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
14/00537/PP	Erection of 70 metres high meteorological mast for a period of three years	Land North West of Garvachy Farm Minard Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8YF	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00555/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land East Of Brookfield Tayinloan Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
14/00596/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 08/01091/DET (Erection of 13 dwelling houses (6 terraced, 4 semi-detached and 3 detached and 2 detached garages), formation of access and landscaping)	Phase II Land South of Victoria Park Minard Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00668/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot C Land West of Corranmor Farm Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
14/00669/PPP	Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse - Renewal of planning permission in principle 11/00138/PPP	Plot A Land West of Corranmor Farm Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02507/PP	Erection of building incorporating 2 letting bedroom units, with associated car parking	Brambles Main Street West Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray
14/00425/LIB	Internal and external alterations including entrance canopy, illuminated menu signage and hot water tundish discharge	Kintyre Tearoom Arkland Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
14/00621/PP	Installation of replacement door	East Most Store Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>
 The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD.
 A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.
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Alan Reid MP
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Location	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
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(WGS84)
 Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Lochgilphead Library, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8QZ.
 Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:
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 Angela Gibson HR Officer, Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH.
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Isuzu has the edge with special edition pick-up

Isuzu UK has enhanced the rugged appeal of its award-winning pick-up range with the addition of a special edition, exclusive-to-the-UK model, the Isuzu D-Max Blade. With the new Blade, Isuzu hopes to attract new customers to the Brand including those who may not have considered a pick-up vehicle previously.

The new special edition, which goes on sale in April, boasts a long list of unique style enhancements and technology upgrades certain to help the vehicle stand out from the crowd. Based on a premium model from the D-Max range, the new Blade special edition features more than £5,000 worth of additional equipment and yet is available from just £24,995, representing a saving of £1,000 if the accessories were bought separately.

Prices for the new model are £24,995 for the six-speed manual or £25,995 for the five-speed auto, which compares favourably with similarly specified special edition models from Isuzu's nearest rivals.

The head-turning style of the D-Max Blade starts with the bold 18-inch, six-spoke 'Shadow' alloy wheels shod with 255/60 R18 Pirelli Scorpion Zero tyres. The exterior upgrades continue with a 'Shadow' grey front grille, privacy glass windows, black door and tailgate handles, black roof bars and rear bumper, and heavy-duty side steps. Each exterior addition creates a striking contrast to the two available body colours, solid 'Splash White' or mica 'Cosmic Black'.

The Isuzu D-Max Blade also comes standard with an under-rail bed liner for added practicality



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The high-value additions to the five-seat pick-up continue inside. Automatic climate control and premium black leather seats – which have been factory upgraded for 2014 and are heated in the front – will cosset Blade occupants. Customers of the new Blade will also benefit from DAB digital radio via a state-of-the-art Pioneer AVIC-F950 6.1-inch touchscreen navigation system, complete with integrated rear safety camera. The Pioneer system offers an enhanced audio experience and convenience over the already class leading 'surround' system found in Yukon and Utah models.

The Isuzu D-Max Blade is matched to the powerful-yet-efficient 2.5-litre twin-turbo diesel engine, producing 163 PS and 400 Nm of torque, while still returning a segment best fuel economy of 38.2 mpg (combined). The running gear has also been carried over by Isuzu, meaning customers benefit from a towing capacity of 3.5-tonnes and 1-tonne payload.

William Brown, General Manager at Isuzu UK, said: 'The new Isuzu D-Max Blade is a high-value, high-quality proposition that we hope will widen the appeal of the D-Max further and take us into new market segments. It's been designed to appeal to urban tradespeople as well as

recreational lifestyle users looking for a pick-up that stands out from the crowd. The Blade meets the growing demand for a stylish pick-up that doubles up as an everyday workhorse for those who need it.'

Isuzu UK enjoyed its best-ever sales in the UK in 2013 and continues to be the biggest market in Europe for the Japanese Brand by a considerable margin. Isuzu has ambitious growth plans in the UK, and the new Blade forms an important part of its push into new business areas. In addition to product developments, Isuzu is aiming to strengthen its 100 dealer strong network throughout 2014 with new dealer appointments in key areas.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I THINK it caught the imagination of us all as we witnessed first hand from our TVs, the life of the astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

The concept of space travel has fascinated human beings since Neil Armstrong first took that famous walk on the moon.

We wonder about life out there in space. Is there life on other planets?

If so will there be any resemblance to life as we know it?

Meanwhile, technology allows us a glimpse of the wonders of the universe, and it takes our breath away.

When we see our spinning planet Earth from space we are filled with wonder at its beauty.

The International Space Station completes a lap of the world in 90 minutes and travels at 17,500 miles per hour.

It is a remarkable triumph of science.

We saw it once on Iona as it glided through a starry sky.

Now we are invited by the crew to spend a day in the capsule with them. We are invited to see just what life is like outside our earthly home.

We witness how they cope with no gravity, how they have to train to overcome the physiological changes that being in space will bring, and how they cope emotionally.

The journey into space is something very few of us will ever undertake, but we can learn so much from those who do.

There are now wonderful images of our solar system; there are amazing photographs of the birth of stars and the death of stars.

The scientists reckon that our own sun will burn out and die too, but not for about five billion years.

So, as we watch the universe from the comfort of our own homes, maybe we too will cry aloud with the psalmist, 'the heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork'.

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Presentation to the Hendersons

DUNCAN and Elizabeth Henderson were presented with a beautiful glass bowl by members of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council this week.

The couple was given the gift after recently retiring from The Rest Post Office, which the pair ran for nearly 37 years.

Community councillor Bob Chicken said: 'We want to get you something that acknowledged the service you have given to the community. It has been really quite remarkable.'

Duncan thanked the councillors for their gift and said it had been a great pleasure working in the village.



Duncan and Elizabeth Henderson have retired from The Rest Post Office 06_a22post02

GIGHA

Collection of Argyll paintings on display

A COLLECTION of paintings and drawings showcasing Argyll is currently on display in the Gigha Gallery.

The exhibition features a range of work by Mull artist John Archibald and will be on display until April 4.

FURNACE

Craft fair

PEOPLE who would like to buy a last-minute Mother's Day gift can head to a craft fair at Furnace Village Hall on Sunday.

Money raised from event through renting stalls will be donated to a charity, which is still to be decided. The fair will run from 2pm until 4.30pm.

CRAIGNISH

International Women's Day Celebrations

SONGS, poems and stories were shared by a group of women who gathered in Ardfern to celebrate International Women's Day.

A joint event by Argyll and Bute Women's Aid and Argyll Women@work Project, the event was part of a world-wide celebration aimed at highlighting the achievements of women.

The group, which met in Craignish Village Hall, also made beaded jewellery and added hearts to a memory tree.

The tree was an opportunity to pay tribute to the women who have played an important role in their lives.

Charlotte Lee, from Argyll Women@work Project, said: 'Thank you to Janine Calder from Argyll and Bute Women's Aid for bringing everyone together and creating a warm and friendly space for us to gather and spend time together.'

FORD

Photographs from a sea place

THE LADIES of Ford SWRI were taken to another level when Ken Hayes gave a presentation of photographs taken during his flight over south west Argyll.

On a sea plane from Loch Lomond, Ken followed the route from Helensburgh to Easdale, taking in local highlights that included the Crinan Canal, Dunadd and the Corryvreckan.

When the flight went over Kilmartin and Ford a number of the members' houses could be seen.

Sue Grocock, from Ford SWRI, said: 'It was fascinating to see our locality from the air and quite difficult to name landmarks which, from the ground, are very obvious. Ken gave a very interesting and informative commentary of his trip leaving our mem-

bers enthralled by their virtual flight.'

This month's competition was for a small piece of sewing and was won by Marylyn Gill.

In second place was Heather Dixon and in third place was Sue Grocock.

LARGIESIDE

Largieside SWRI hold quiz night

MEMBERS of Largieside SWRI enjoyed a quiz night at Tayinloan Village Hall during their recent February meeting.

There was a good turnout with teams coming from as far north as Whitehouse and as far south as Southend.

Helen Steel compiled the quiz before conducting proceedings.

The winning team consisted of Adrienne Bradley, Pat Rawson and David and Wendy Spy.

Hostesses for the evening, Linda Hutchinson and Enid Williams, were helped by others because of the large number of people enjoying the successful evening.

TAYINLOAN

Rhunahaorine pupils go bananas for Fairtrade

RHUNAHAORINE Primary School pupils have done their bit for Fairtrade Fortnight, asking their school fruit supplier to send them only Fairtrade bananas.

Primary 6 pupils, who sent the letter, received a reply from Argyll-based fruit supplier Breckenridge explaining they will be giving them Fairtrade bananas in future.

The company also donated a basket of fruit to the school for their open day.

Pupils of all ages went bananas with stalls, baking, recipes and music while dressed in yellow or in their pyjamas.

Money raised will go towards Fairtrade Fortnight.

Ruth Reid, headteacher at Rhunahaorine said a big 'thank you' to Breckenridge for its support.

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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).

DEATHS

LIVINGSTONE - Peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on March 18, 2014, Alastair Livingstone, of 2 Croft View, North Connel and formerly of Ederline Farm, Ford, beloved husband of the late Mary, loving father of Douglas and father-in-law of Kate. Funeral service will be held in Ardchattan Church, North Connel, on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnaba Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCGAVIN - Peacefully, at the Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, on March 13, 2014, Jean, formerly of Crinan, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late John, loving mother, grandmother and sister.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at home, Dolsach, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, on March 15, 2014, Major Duncan McPhee McMillan, MM TD 8th Bn, A&SH, in his 95th year, dearly beloved husband of May Walker Watterson, much loved father of James, William and Fiona and a loving and much loved grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 1.00 p.m., funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of the Erskine Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CRAWFORD - Catherine, Joanne, Cara and family would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many flowers, cards, phone calls, words of comfort and kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of John. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff at the Mid Argyll and Golden Jubilee hospitals, and also to the paramedics for their efforts. Our thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for considerate and professional services and to the Stag hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, thank you to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £620 to date, for Macmillan Nurses and Mid Argyll Hospital.

FLOYD - The family of the late Morag Floyd would like to thank all relatives, friends, and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Heartfelt thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Mid Argyll Hospital, and to Marie Curie and district nursing teams for their kind care and attention to Morag

during her illness. Thanks also to Rev Tommy Bryson for comforting services at Ardrishaig and Cardoss, and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and caring services. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and crematorium to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £200 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

KIRK - Jim and the family of the late Betty Kirk would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Renal Unit, Western Infirmary for their care and attention, to both Betty and the family, also to the social work and home help teams for their care, and to Betty's friends from the rotary and church for their kindness and support too. Thank you to Rev Hilda Smith for comforting services at both Clydebank and Lochgilphead; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services and to the Stag Hotel and West Park Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, to all who attended at crematorium and church to pay their respects, your attendance was greatly appreciated by us all. The collection for Diabetes UK has raised £350.

MACKELLAR - The MacKellar family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Tarbert ambulancemen for their care and kindness, to Rev Thomas Bryson for his tribute and 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 Tarbert Parish Church raised in the region of £500.

STALKER - Alison, Malcolm, Gary and families would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbours for their support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of their mum, Jean. Thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff for their exceptional care and understanding over the years. A special thanks to the staff at Auchinlee Care Home for their care and support, without whose help over the last few weeks we could not have coped, Mairi Brown, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Grateful thanks to Agnes Stewart for her comforting and thoughtful service, Ardshiel Hotel for their hospitality and to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for excellent funeral arrangements. Final thanks to the many family and friends who attended the church and graveside services. A retiral collection of £808.60 was raised, which will go to Auchinlee Care Home.

IN MEMORIAM

CURRIE - Treasured memories of a much loved husband, Donald, who died March 25, 2000. Time won't heal the heart-ache.

- Moira.
CURRIE - In memory of my dad, Donald, who died March 25, 2000. Always in my thoughts.

- Iain.
CURRIE - Donald, March 25, 2000. Dad, fourteen years and still missed as much.

- Elspeth and Jim.
MCALLISTER - In memory of our dear brother, Roddy, passed away March 18, 2013.

Forever in our thoughts.

- From Christine, Dave and family, at home and away.
MCGEACHY - In loving memory of Margaret, taken from me on March 18, 2010.

Somewhere, in a place my eyes don't see

My lovely lady waits for me

She left me a gift when we had to part

Wrapped up in love, she gave me her heart.

Ae Fond Kiss.

- Leslie.
MCGEACHY - In loving memory of Margaret McGeachy, who died March 18, 2010.

In our hearts your memory lingers
Sweetly tender, fond and true

There is not a day, dear Mum

That we don't think of you.

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

SMITH - In loving memory of Duncan, died March 17, 2012, beloved brother and uncle.

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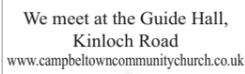
- Jean and family.

CHURCH NOTICES



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 23rd March
11.00 am
Visiting speaker
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Sunday school
Refreshments after the service

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George Street,
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Sunday 23rd March
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev Prof John Angus MacLeod

Thursday 27th March
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
All Welcome
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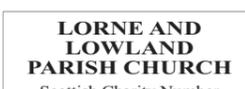


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Sunday 23rd March
11.15am Mr W Crossan
Sunday School in church

Tuesday 25th March
Badminton

Saturday 29th March
2.00pm Spring Tea

Sunday 30th March
12.15pm Church Business Meeting
Everyone very welcome



Scottish Charity Number
SC011686
Saturday 22nd March
Elder's Lunch
New Hall 12.30pm

Sunday 23rd March
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace
Followed by Church AGM

Tuesday 25th March
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm

Thursday 27th March
Choir practice 7.30pm

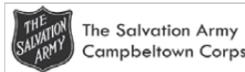
Friday 28th March
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 23rd March 2014 - all welcome!

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Table Quiz
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March 7.30 pm



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1.30pm Home League

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Thursday
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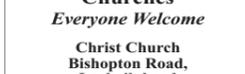
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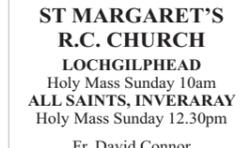
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Star continue good run with another fine win

Lochgilphead Red Star **4**
Jamestown **3**
SAFL Premier Division 2

RED STAR welcomed high flying Jamestown to Ropework Park on Saturday and damaged the visitors' title hopes while strengthening their own position in the Premier Two league table.

The match was played in tough conditions but it was the home side that adapted best and found themselves a goal ahead when Morrison broke in behind the Jamestown defence and finished neatly into the bottom

corner to make it 1-0 after 10 minutes.

Star doubled their lead when Peacock found space down the right channel. The forward's shot looped over the keeper's head into the bottom corner to make it 2-0.

Jamestown found a way back into the match on the stroke of half time, however, when the forward was able to turn on the edge of the box and fire an outstanding shot past Kalache.

Star's two-goal cushion was restored on the hour mark when Docherty's well struck free kick slid under the keeper on the greasy surface to make the score 3-1.

It was the visitors who got the next goal when the ball was crossed in from the right and the centre forward was on hand to cushion the ball past Kalache to make it 3-2.

The home side thought they had made the game safe when a swift counter saw Docherty cross into the box; Weir's initial effort was cleared by the keeper but before he could get to his feet the



Rab Docherty overcame the Jamestown defence to secure Star's third goal of the game. 06_a12star01

ball fell nicely to Kirk, who was able to lob the ball into an empty net and put Star 4-2 up with 15 minutes to go.

The visitors pulled a goal back late on but it

was a delighted Red Star that picked up the three points.

Luke Naisby was named man of the match for a commanding display at the heart of de-

fence.

Star face Argyll rivals Oban Saints in the second round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup on Sunday. The game, which kicks off at Ropework

Park at 2pm, will be a tough test for Star as their Premier League opponents have reached the last 16 of the Scottish Cup for the last two seasons.



Prizes and playful insults were handed out in equal measure at the Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league prize giving.

League final and Duffers Derby

By David Sinclair

BOTH Donald Carmichael and Grant MacDougall had putts to win the Lochgilphead Golf Club winter league but failed.

Their inability to make these putts could have been caused by Ross Sinclair jumping up and down in the background shouting miss, miss, but maybe it was

because they are both a pair of duffers in disguise. Ross was crowned the winter league winner again following strong weekly performances on the fairways.

In the Duffers Derby it was another close call.

Jim Hunter missed a six-inch putt on the eighth hole which in the end cost him the title and saw

Dougie Moore pick up his first Lochgilphead Golf Club trophy.

Frances Curran was third.

Celebrate

A prize giving event was held at the club on Saturday night to celebrate achievements and the commitment of the winter league golfers who compete in all weathers.

Inveraray deserved better against Newtonmore

INVERARAY player/manager Garry MacPherson believes his side deserved better from their encounter with champions Newtonmore last Saturday at The Eilan.

MacPherson spoke confidently of his team's chances in the build up to the tough away tie and claimed the 2-0 defeat didn't tell the full story.

'We deserved a point at least,' said MacPherson, who was impressed with his side's performance level in their first competitive game of the season.

'We missed a handful of good chances and stopped them creating their own.'

Newtonmore went ahead towards the end of the first half and added a second with the last

hit of the ball.

A dominant midfield display from the 'Ary men forced Newtonmore into a tactical reshuffle at half time.

There were standout performances from the McMurdo twins; Euan in his new role at centre was full of energy and Andrew shackled Newtonmore's main goal threat Danny MacRae.

But despite having much of the territory, a rusty Inveraray forward-line couldn't convert the chances on offer.

Calling for his side

to reproduce the same form for this weekend's tie with Lovat in Kiltarlity, MacPherson added: 'The work rate last week was fantastic. Our defence was solid and I thought our midfield dominated theirs.'

'Lovat are a fit, young team - probably how we were described a few years ago - and have been banging in the goals.'

Douglas Dando and David Robertson, who missed the Newtonmore trip, should be available this week.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: West of Scotland Cup, 4th round - Giffnock North 2, Oban Saints 2. Giffnock win 3-2 on penalties after extra time. Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Eaglesham 1; Hillington 2, v Dunoon 2; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star 4, Jamestown 3; Division 1A - Inverkip Thistle 1, Tarbert 2.

Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints v Castlemilk; Premier Division One - Paisley v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division 2 - Port Glasgow United v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1A - Tarbert v Bothwell and Uddingston Albion.

Sunday - Jimmy Marshall Trophy 2nd Round - Lochgilphead Red Star v Oban Saints.

Mid Argyll students miss out again in MAKI league

TARBERT Academy and Lochgilphead High School volleyball teams were again undone by their Campbeltown counterparts in the latest MAKI (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay) League contest.

The schools came together for

a volleyball competition at Islay High School last week and it was Campbeltown Grammar that were celebrating after an impressive display of power and skill.

Two teams from each school, consisting of S5 and S6 students,

played each other twice in a round robin format, before the overall scores were calculated.

The two teams from Campbeltown Grammar finished first and second resulting in a comfortable victory in the overall schools com-

petition; the Kintyre school also won the football and badminton tournaments earlier in the year.

Tarbert Academy impressed with some of their play throughout the day and were worthy runners up after narrowly pipping neighbours

Lochgilphead High by one point.

The schools will meet again in June for the final competition in the MAKI league. They will compete in the softball tournament, hosted by defending champions Tarbert Academy.

Kyles draw at Glenurquhart

KYLES Athletic looked to have halted their poor run of form and confidence is high going into a home match with Lochaber on Saturday.

After two defeats to start their 2014 campaign, Kyles managed a scoreless draw with Glenurquhart in Drumadrochit last week.

Kyles trainer James Perlich said: 'There are some positive signs that a good team is being formed and we are looking to improve again this week but essentially we need more goals.'

'This will happen once players gain more confidence in their positions and playing alongside each other more often.'

Club lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, with numbers 3, 10 and 18 drawn. The jackpot will be £1,100 next week.

Numbers 1, 4 and 11 were drawn in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.



Competitors of the Lochgilhead cycling time trial. a12cycle03

Hat trick for Barrie family in cycling challenge

Age taken into consideration in Sport Relief time trial

THE BARRIE family in Lochgilhead have officially become record holders after taking part in a cycling challenge for Sport Relief.

Richard, Tina and Lorne Barrie won the male, female and youth cycling time trials respectively when they each cycled the greater distance than their competitors in one hour.

A unique contest, the time trials, which took place on static bikes, took into consideration a person's age to ensure it was a fair fight.

Duel

In the men's race the duel between David Smart and Richard Barrie was enthralling.

Richard took the lead early on but David re-

mained a constant threat. And while Richard crossed the line triumphant, David's age-adjusted distance collapsed to just 183m behind the cycling Tour De Force that is Mr Barrie.

Stephen Whiston meanwhile established his intent right from the gun as he sped past the pacer and recorded an excellent third place overall.

There was high drama in the women's contest when Sarah Griffin recorded the highest female distance of 30.26km. However Tina Barrie's seniority flipped the positions to gain her the age-adjusted lead by a mere 167m.

Rosemary Negale took a well deserved third

place. Her efforts were emphasised when the age-adjustment was accounted for and she finished just 49m behind Sarah.

Measured

Lorne Barrie made his competitive cycling debut to take the youth award. The teenager put in a measured and mature performance well beyond his years.

Organiser of the event John Rea said: 'The big winner of the day was, of course, Sport Relief and so many thanks to the athletes and especially to MACPool for hosting the event.'

'Thanks also goes to TriathlonScotland, without whom the event would not have been possible.'

Red Star under 15s fail to convert their chances

Antonine	2
Lochgilhead Red Star	0
DFDL Under 15 League	

LAST Sunday Red Star under 15s went head to head with the league leaders Antonine but their inability to convert chances cost them the three points.

Playing up the slope and against the wind in the first half, the Star were looking to keep their opponents at bay until half time and their plan was successful as

Star enjoyed most of the possession in the early stages of the game.

Several chances were created for Blackstock, Mackay, Souden and Moore but the Antonine keeper was in his usual fine form.

Meanwhile Star's defence stood firm, ensuring the score was 0-0 going into the break.

Into the second half

and the game looked to be heading for a draw until some slack marking in the Star defence allowed Antonine's striker space to tap the ball over the advancing Pow to give his side the lead.

Antonine soon sealed the points as a shot from 18 yards was deflected in a ruck of players giving keeper Pow no chance of saving the shot.

This week the Star travel to Bearsden to play Milngavie in the League Cup.



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Good
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Kilmory sit proudly at the top of the table

Inverkip Thistle	1
Tarbert	2
SAFL - Division 1A	

TARBERT AFC boosted their league position after a convincing performance against Inverkip on Saturday.

Playing on Greenock's 3G surface, Tarbert soon got on top of their opponents and used the good surface to play some nice passing football on the deck.

The Dookers managed to take the lead on 25 minutes when a corner kick was only cleared as far as Jamie Stuart on the 18-yard line. His volley found the back of the net, despite taking a deflection off MacDougall on its way in.

When it looked like Tarbert would go and turn their good play into more goals the home team managed to equalise.

Headed

An Inverkip attack led to a corner kick and the unmarked defender easily headed into the net from six yards.

The away side remained determined however and five minutes before half time Tarbert regained the lead when an excellent through ball from McCormick found MacDougall in on goal. He made no mistake by firing across the goalkeeper into the far right-hand corner.

The second half of the game saw Tarbert shooting into the strong wind but this never affected their performance and the team maintained a strong defence to finish the game 2-1.

Nikki MacDougall was named man of the match for his role upfront.

Tarbert return to league action tomorrow when they take on Bothwell and Uddingston Albion at home.



Action from the Kilmory game on Saturday. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

Mid Argyll side defeat Lochside Rovers

KILMORY now sit top of South Division One league table after securing their first victory of the season last Saturday against Lochside Rovers.

Goals came from an Ian Robertson penalty, just after the half hour mark, and Dennis MacCurry scored on 85 minutes to finish the game 2-0. Tomorrow (Sat-

urday) the side travel to play Taynuilt who sit bottom of the table after losing their only match of the season against Ballachulish. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

Mini rugby Dalriada held in Lochgilthead

MORE than 60 young rugby players from across Argyll descended on Lochgilthead on Sunday as Mid Argyll RFC hosted the first mini tournament of the year.

The Mini Rugby Dalriada Festival saw teams from Oban, Mull, Taynuilt and Mid Argyll compete in a round robin format, with matches being played at age groups of P4/5 and P6/7.

Etive Vikings, from Taynuilt, came out on top in both age groups despite some fierce competition from the other teams.

Alan Wright, rugby development officer for Argyll and Bute, said: 'All the players impressed on the day with some fantastic rugby. This is a huge testament to their coaches who have been keeping them training over the winter months.'

The next rugby festival will take place in Taynuilt on March 30 at 12pm.

Strachur at home to Kyles Athletic this Saturday

STRACHUR will play the newly promoted Kyles Junior team at home tomorrow (Saturday) in South Division One.

The side had to settle for a 2-2 draw against Aberdour at the weekend, with goals from Rhys Campbell and Andrew Robertson. They now sit third in the table after two games.

The league game will throw up at 2.30pm.

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