



# Garage owner brands A83 proposal 'a waste of time'

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A LOCHGILPHEAD garage owner has branded the proposal to reduce the speed limit on a vital trunk road linking Tarbert and Ardriish-aig 'a waste of time'.

This comes as Scotland's transport minister says he will 'take a closer look' at the proposal after being challenged over the issue by Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor.

The proposal suggests that a 13-mile stretch of the A83 trunk road speed limit be reduced from 60mph to 50mph.

On Wednesday when the *Argyllshire Advertiser* spoke to Steven Dunlop, owner of Argyll Tyres on Bishopton Road, he said: 'I have just come back from Tarbert and didn't drive more than 50mph on the way there or the way back, because that was the pace of the traffic.'

'There is no point in reducing the speed limit when that is already the pace of the cars on the road.'

'If it [Transport Scotland] is going to reduce the 60mph to 50mph then it will have to do that all over. Where does it stop? Cars will still go

over the limit and crashes will still happen.

'They will just happen at a slower pace.'

Mr Dunlop only recently became aware of the proposal.

He added: 'Bringing the speed limit down is not going to make one bit of difference to road safety. But then nor is it likely that the road will be widened. And how long would that take?'

#### Convoy system

There is currently a convoy system in place on the road while work is underway to cut down trees at the Erines Narrows.

Mr Dunlop added: 'I waited around 10 minutes on my way to Tarbert and around six minutes on the way back. What would it be like if they tried to widen that road?'

'The argument is a waste of time. There are points on both sides but neither would work.'

Kintyre and Islands councillor Robin Currie and Mr McGrigor have called for an extension to the consultation period for the proposal.

Mr McGrigor claimed that there was not enough evidence to sup-

port the restriction for the benefit of the safety of travellers on the road.

He challenged transport minister Derek McKay at Question Time in the Scottish Parliament last Wednesday.

He asked Mr McKay if he would 'undertake to look into this issue and address the concerns of Argyll residents and businesses'.

Mr McKay said he would take a closer look at the proposal but added that safety was paramount.

Afterwards Mr McGrigor said: 'I am glad that the transport minister has said that he will look at Transport Scotland's proposal closely.'

'All of us want to see everything possible done to reduce accidents but speed limit changes must be based on robust evidence. Many constituents have suggested to me that improving this important section of the A83 and widening the road should be the Scottish Government's main focus and priority rather than reducing the speed limit and I agree that extra investment is needed on this leg of the A83.'

See P5 for readers' views on the proposal.



## Dancing the night away at Strictly Inveraray

Strictly Inveraray winners Emma and Alastair Rodden were presented with the Glitter Ball trophy by judge Lorraine Crawford. It was the Burgh's first ever dance competition like BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing. For more pictures see pages 14 and 15 . 08\_a12strictlyinveraray08

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# Sneak thief snatches charity box from Lochgilphead café

CAFÉ managers are warning other shops to look out for thieves after their charity box was stolen last week.

May Davidson and Fiona Moore, who co-manage Café 35 on Argyll Street in Lochgilphead were targeted by a thief who pocketed a half full Maggie's Centre charity box.

It is thought to have gone missing from the serving counter between 12pm and 4.30pm on Saturday, March 14.

May said: 'We haven't a clue who could have taken it, we were busy and it's just been lifted.'

'We have had it in the shop for about three years now and this has never happened.'

'It's awful to think that someone was in the shop and just took the box.'

'We want to warn other shops in the area to be vigilant.'

'It is more annoying than anything, to think



A charity collection box was stolen from Café 35. 08\_a12cafe01

that someone could steal a money box for charity.'

The theft has been reported to the police, but the women do not think they will catch

their culprit. They have replaced the box and have attached it to the counter with a chain to prevent a similar incident from happening in the future.

Right: A box the same as the one pictured was taken from the cafe. 08\_a12theft01



## Police files

### Car vandalised

A CAR was vandalised on Sinclair Drive in Lochgilphead and police are appealing for witnesses.

The vehicle's tyre was slashed on Monday, March 9 at 9.30pm.

Police are asking anyone who has information in relation to the damage to contact Constable McInnes at Lochgilphead on telephone number 101.

### Drug arrests

TWO PEOPLE were arrested last Tuesday following a property search in Lochgilphead.

At 2pm on Tuesday, March 10 a 32-year-old man and 20-year-old woman were arrested at a flat on Lochnell Street on suspicion of various drug offences.

They are now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

### Careless driving

A 29-YEAR-old was booked on suspicion of careless driving on the A83 near to Auchindrain, Furnace.

Police stopped a vehicle after it was seen travelling at excessive speed in poor weather conditions at 3pm on Thursday, March 12.

He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal. If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Consultation extended

POLICE Scotland will continue to consult the public on its plans to restructure local policing in Argyll and Bute.

Divisional and area commanders are keen to continue discussions to ensure any future de-

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The public consultation began on December 10, 2014 as part of wider proposals to strengthen local policing in the west of Scotland.

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# Warning as con men step up phone scam

BANK customers in Argyll and Bute have been targeted by fraudsters, The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) has warned.

An increasingly common type of fraud that has been fooling vulnerable and elderly people across the region is 'vishing'.

Vishing is when a fraudster calls the victim and pretends to be from the bank, the police or another trusted institution. They might say there has been fraudulent activity on the victim's account and encourage the person to transfer their money to safety.

They may say that a person has fraud on their account and that they need to transfer the



Fiona Easton of The Royal Bank of Scotland warns people in Argyll of vishing scams.

money to safety. Fiona Easton, regional director for the west of Scotland RBS, said: 'To gain your trust they may ask you to verify the call by phoning the telephone number printed on

the back of your card, or give you another number to call.'

'However, they don't hang up. The fraudster stays on the line holding your phone line open, so that when you try to dial out, they can intercept and re-answer the call, claiming to be the bank or law enforcement.'

'The fraudster will then ask you to transfer your money into a new, safe account that they will give you details for.'

Fiona has spoken out to people in Argyll and Bute to remind them of a few key tips on how to stop them falling for scams.

She said: 'Never hand over your bank card, your PIN, card details or online and or

telephone banking log-in credentials. If you receive a call asking for full details of your PIN, password, card details or online and or telephone banking log-in credentials, end the call immediately.'

'With any suspicious or unexpected call, always verify the caller using an independently-checked telephone number and use a different phone line.'

'When a second phone line is not available, try calling a friend on the line first or delay your response for at least five minutes by which time the line will have been closed down.'

'The fraudster will find it difficult to impersonate a voice that is known to you.'



Kyle Renton. a12politics01

## Inveraray lad to lead youths into work and education

KYLE Renton hopes to make a difference to young people working and learning in Argyll and Bute, as part of his new role in the Scottish Youth Parliament.

The 17-year-old was announced as one of two young people to become a member of the Scottish youth parliament (MSYP) for Argyll and Bute.

Kyle, from Inveraray has a passion to drive forward change in Scotland and hopes this is the first step in a long career in politics.

He said: 'To be a member of the youth parliament has been something I've wanted to do for a long time. It's a great experience for anyone that wants to see change happen in their community.'

### Opportunities

Kyle, whose family own the Scullery cafe in Inveraray, recognises that there are fewer opportunities for young people in Argyll to get involved in activities and new areas of work.

And this is what Kyle wants to change. He said: 'I will aim to work alongside the council and local businesses to create other forms of work experience and apprenticeships for teens in the area.'

'The Scottish Youth Parliament strives to tackle many issues that affect teens, but the three main issues to tackle are child poverty, votes for 16 and 17 year olds and addressing issues surrounding personal social and health education (PSHE).'

Kyle is looking forward to working with Jamie Murray, Rothesay, who will also represent the region.

# Wind farm cash row erupts

A SENIOR member of West Lochfyne community council has hit back at claims it does not want to share money from wind farms with other community councils in Mid Argyll.

Last week it was reported that Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead community councils had decided to form a coalition to benefit from wind farm projects in the future, and to form a communities trust led by the two bodies.

It was claimed that West Lochfyne community council had decided against joining

the coalition, as it did not want to co-operate with other community councils on wind farm projects.

However, Leonard McNeill, vice convener of West Lochfyne community council, strenuously denied claims it was unco-operative.

He pointed out that West Lochfyne, Lochgilphead and Dunadd community councils were already co-operating on the A' Cruach wind farm, 5km north-west of Minard.

He said: 'We have had this arrangement in place since planning was approved in

2011 for the wind farm, and the idea goes back even further to around six or eight years ago when initial discussions about the wind farm were in place. To say that we are unwilling to co-operate is totally incorrect; in fact we have co-operated fully and included Lochgilphead community council into the arrangement since Infinis took over the wind farm construction, as initially it was only going to be ourselves and Dunadd community council which benefited. The plans are

in place and will remain that way, as agreed with Foundation Scotland.

'Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig community councils are of course free to make any arrangements about future projects as they wish.'

The arrangement between Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead community councils will involve the formation of a community trust – a separate entity that will exist outwith the community councils.

Betty Roddick, who is secretary of Lochgilphead community council, wished

to stress the importance of community councils working together for the benefit of the local area.

She said: 'Although the community councils will be the steering group behind the trust, anyone from the local community can become a member. This arrangement may include future projects such as a wind farm but this does not affect the arrangement we already have in place with Dunadd and West Lochfyne community councils regarding the A' Cruach wind farm.'

## Café and kitchen extension on Riverside garage menu

A ROADSIDE diner may open in Lochgilphead if plans are approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

M & K MacLeod Ltd has applied for planning permission to build a kitchen extension and 12 seater café at its Riverside filling station in Oban Road. There were no objections when news of the applica-

tion was revealed at a Lochgilphead community council meeting last week, with members agreeing it would be good for the town.

Since Riverside started serving hot food seven years ago business for its homemade products has boomed.

The operation started with one staff member selling bacon rolls in

the mornings and now it employs three full time workers and much more space is needed.

Riverside manager Callum Charwood, 46, said: 'We are aiming for a 12 seater café where our office is currently, with big windows looking out across the forecourt.'

'Initially the plan is to open from 6am to 6pm but the seating would be available till the service station closes at 11pm for people using the hot drinks machine.'

At present all the rolls are filled and plastic wrapped on site with one person constantly replenishing the chiller cabinet.

Lynda Rennie, who has worked in the kitchen from the start, said that in a typically day she filled 275 rolls - not including baguettes - as well as making many other products.

She said: 'I worked in the garage behind the counter and moved into the kitchen when it first started.'

'Now we really need a bigger space.'



Lynda Rennie making filled rolls in the existing kitchen. 08\_a12lyndarennie01



Riverside filling station. 08\_a12riversidefilling01

## Kilmichael Wind Farm

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Pupils learned how to check for changes that might indicate cancer of the mouth. 08\_asmoking01



From left: Margaret, Lorraine and Rebecca are keen to raise awareness surrounding the dangers of smoking. 08\_a11smoking02

## A lesson in why not to smoke

NURSES marked national No Smoking Day at Lochgilphead Joint Campus by flagging up the risks of mouth cancer.

Margaret Morrison, oral health nurse, Lorraine MacIntyre, smoking cessation nurse, and Rebecca Quelch, nursery nurse, all came from Mid Argyll Hospital to make pupils aware of the dangers of smoking.

The trio set up a stand in the main hall over lunchtime last Wednesday, where they offered practical advice on how to

check the mouth for changes.

Margaret said: 'We are really trying to raise awareness for mouth cancer after a 40 per cent increase over the past 10 years. We are targeting teens because they often associate smoking with body image. They can be likely to replace eating for smoking and don't see the damage that they are doing to themselves in the process.'

Figures show that in Britain 150,000 young people between 11 and 15 years smoked in

2012. One S1 pupil Aidan Kerr said: 'I think what they are doing is really important because smoking doesn't only affect the person doing it, it affects others around them. I know a few people who smoke, but they don't know that they are harming other people close to them.'

The stand offered pupils the chance to check their own mouths, see all of the different chemicals that are in cigarettes, two rubber replicas of a non-smoker and smokers' lung, which children could pump up

to see the difference in inflation.

Anne Devine, principal head teacher, said: 'They are coming in to help with the social education programme and the health and well being aspect of the curriculum. It is excellent to have such a strong partnership with the health service.'

'We will make sure that we continue to promote what the nurses are doing with our pupils. We are very grateful to the ladies for coming along to the school.'

## Citizen of the year award deadline

THE DEADLINE for the Citizen of the Year awards run by Mid Argyll Rotary Club is fast approaching.

People are being urged to nominate a remarkable member of their communities for the 2015 award.

The award is made to people of any age who live in Mid Argyll and who has made a significant contribution to their local community or have demonstrated a remarkable and worthy achievement.

Ian Davidson said: 'We all know of kind-hearted people, those who do odd jobs or go shopping for the elderly, those who go the extra mile to help others in times of

need or crisis, the person who does an incredible amount for charity, or those who dedicate their spare time to helping young people. The club would like to recognise their contributions to our community.'

Last year's winner was Fiona Macdonald in recognition of her service to music in Mid Argyll.

Nominations should be sent to club secretary Garry Kidd, Rroups End, Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SZ.

Entries must be in by March 31 2015. The winner will receive their award and be a guest at the Rotary Club's Charter Dinner to be held at the Stonefield Castle Hotel on May 9.

## Pipe band fundraiser

A SWISH and candle will be held tonight in aid of Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Ladies can swap clothes and will be able to purchase candles on the night, which is organised by the fundraising sub-committee.

Any money raised will go towards competition fees, new kit and trips for the award-winning band.

The event starts at 7.30pm in the Stag Hotel on Argyll Street.

## Mixed views as wind farm plan is revealed

A WIND farm of up to 43 turbines could be in the pipeline for Kilmichael Forest.

If successful the wind farm could benefit Mid Argyll communities including Kilmichael, Lochgilphead and Minard.

The Forestry Commission has awarded exclusive rights to E-on to explore the land for the potential development and the first public consultation of the proposal is set to be held this month.

After receiving leaflets from the company last week there were some mixed responses from residents.

Robert Wakeham, of Kilmichael, said: 'I can understand the Forestry Commission's enthusi-

asm for maximising the opportunity of developing the Add river basin, as it's an 'area of search' identified in the local plan and may be suitable for wind turbines, due to its concealment from the 'outside world'.

'However, when you add this proposal to what's being built next door, to what's already built above Stronachullin, and to the two neighbouring proposals between Stronachullin and Ardishaig, it's a hell of a lot of turbines in a relatively small area.'

While Dunadd Community Council convenor Jim Malcolm remains open minded, he is cautious.

Jim said: 'E-on started off on the wrong foot as it has called it Kilmi-

chael wind farm, that is likely to cause concern for people in the village, when actually it seems that it will be up in the hills somewhere.'

'The community council has contacted the company to suggest that it reconsiders the name of the wind farm.'

'We have no idea what the company is proposing yet and I will certainly be attending the public consultation next week.'

'A'cruach wind farm is virtually invisible from anywhere.'

'As far as this new one is concerned it would depend on the exact area where the company is proposing to build it.'

'Everyone has concerns and that is under-

standable and we are not the type of council to just take anything that might benefit the community.'

'We are, however, keeping an open mind and would see no harm if it was tucked away out of sight.'

'We are sensitive to the scenic area that we live in and are keen to preserve the views.'

A public consultation will take place in Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, from 4pm until 8pm on Tuesday March 24, Lochgilphead Community Centre on Manse Brae from 3.30pm until 7.30pm on Wednesday March 25 and Minard Village Hall, Minard from 4pm until 8pm on Thursday March 26.

# Should there be a 50mph speed limit between Tarbert and Ardrishaig?



**Andrew Kerr, owner of Premier Laundry Service in Ardrishaig, said: 'They should be concentrating on the conditions of the roads. Improvements to the road would make a bigger impact on safety than 10mph.'** 08\_a12vox01

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**Valerie Gay, of Ardrishaig, said: 'Yes I think it is a good idea. I think visitors to the area in the summer feel obliged to drive at 60mph, because it is the limit, when they don't know the road well enough. The police would have to be seen to enforce the 50mph. I am against the widening of the road because I wouldn't like to see them destroy the environment just to let people drive at 60mph.'** 08\_a12vox02

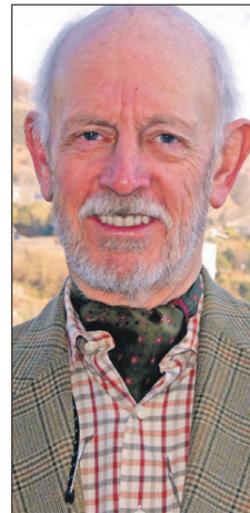
Fred Bruce, convenor of West Lochfyneside Community Council, said: 'The speed limit change is ill-conceived. All of these concerns were raised 20 years ago when the Erines was built and people called for the area to be widened during what we called the 'Erines Project'. I do not support it at all.'



**Sarah Taylor, of Lochgilphead, said: 'It's not going to make a difference. It would be safer to widen the road. It would be more beneficial.'**



**Mhairi MacDougall, of Tarbert, travels to Ardrishaig every day for work. She said: 'I think it would be better if parts of the road were to be widened. I don't think that people will stick to a 50mph speed restriction. I think that people will just break the law. The main problem is the road condition.'** 08\_a12vox04



**David Bridge, of Kennacraig, runs a part time taxi service. He said: 'The restriction is not a good idea because much of the road is okay at 60mph. It will increase frustrations because people will not be able to overtake.'** 08\_a12vox05



**Councillor Robin Currie: 'Rather than cut down on accidents, I strongly believe that it will lead to more accidents as traffic will be running slower and drivers will take chances whereas just now they won't as there is a steady flow of traffic. The majority of traffic at present travels probably at less than 50 mph but what the present system allows is overtaking on the straight stretches of road. Cutting the limit to 50mph will not allow this.'**

'Cutting the national speed limit on over 10 miles of road is completely over the top. This is the only road to Kintyre and the islands.'

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## Stolen charity money box is sad but theft cannot be condoned

IT WAS a sad to hear a charity donation box was stolen from under people's noses in Lochgilphead last week.

The Maggie's Centre box was snatched from a busy cafe on Argyll Street and has not yet been returned.

The questions are: was the thief selfish and greedy or was it someone so desperate that they would do anything, including steal from charity, to feed themselves or a family?

The bottom line is sometimes we cannot fathom what people are going through or what is on their minds, but whether the person committed the crime in desperation or greed does not make it acceptable.

People in the community can only hope that the thief sees sense and returns the box or that the police catch up to him or her.

Hopefully this was a one-off incident and there will be no more repeats in the near future.

## Spread the word about A83

AFTER being out on the streets of Mid Argyll our reporters found that many people were still unaware of the proposal to reduce the 60mph speed limit to 50mph between Ardrishaig and Tarbert.

That particular section of road is a vital life-line for people and no matter which way the speed limit reduction proposal goes more people should know about the plans and have a chance to have their say.

With a time extension being looked at over the consultation period, it should be imperative that local people have their voices heard, if more time was granted. It is possible to stand out and be heard in a rural area like this. So, take advantage and spread the word. Let's hear what the people have to say.

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The prospect of Ed Miliband and Alex Salmond in Downing Street giving up Britain's last line of defence is all too real if the Conservatives and Unionist party does not win the election.

Vince Cable has stated in the national press that he is open to the idea of a rainbow coalition that includes the Lib-Dems and the SNP. If you want to ensure Trident's future, safeguard all of the employment it creates and the help many local businesses depend on by keeping Faslane open, then a vote for the Conservative and Unionist Party is the best and only option for Argyll and Bute.

**Alastair Redman,**  
Unionist and Conservative candidate.

## Thanks from Mid Argyll choir

Sir,  
On behalf of Coisir Og Dal-

riada, the local junior Gaelic choir, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the curry quiz night at the George Hotel in Inveraray.

We have raised more than £500 towards costs for the choir to take part in the national and local mods this year. Special thanks to all the staff at the George Hotel for all their help and our excellent quiz master, Rhona Crawford, who organised the event.

**Lorraine MacIntyre.**

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All entries must be in by

Wednesday, March 25 2015.

**John Barrowman,**  
National Lottery Awards Ambassador.

## NHS shortages

Sir,  
Over the past year it has become obvious that the Scottish NHS is failing. There have been numerous reports of targets not being met in both physical and especially mental health. A decision taken by the SNP government to cut hospital beds is now having disastrous results.

Colin Howie, President of the British Orthopaedic Association says that the bed shortage has year-round repercussions for patients with planned surgery being either cancelled or moved to private hospitals elsewhere.

He described this practice as 'creeping privatisation'. In the first six weeks of this year more than 800 patients had their operations cancelled.

Over the past five years UK-wide funding for the NHS has increased yet in Scotland under the SNP it dropped. There are not only bed shortages but reported shortages of GPs, consultants and nursing staff throughout Scotland not to mention dentists. Sadly as a result of decisions taken by SNP health ministers there have been 3,000 fewer nurse training places available.

In addition there are other worries as pointed out by professor George Crooks, medical director of NHS 24 Scotland.

He states: 'We are under such pressure we may not be able to cope long term.' This is very worrying when it comes to light that they are 33 clinical front line staff short,

which is 10 per cent of the posts unfilled.

Because of the shortages there is an increase in those on sick leave. It is a pressure point about to blow and patient care will suffer. The SNP government needs to address these issues urgently and spend all the money for health that comes via the Barnett Formula on our Scottish NHS.

**Ursula Craig,**  
Rossarden,  
Shore Road,  
Cove.

## Dog fouling

Sir,  
In view of the lead article two week's ago ('Call for animal wardens to track down dirty dogs using DNA kits'; Friday, March 6), I feel I must respond to the letter in the opinions column on the same subject ('Dog fouling dilemma').

I hope to put your correspondent's worries to rest.

Your correspondent was shocked to see a tall, well-dressed man allow his dog to defecate on Lochgilphead Front Green and make no attempt to clear it up. Had your correspondent seen how the incident unfolded, she would have seen that the man, mortified to find his pockets empty of their usual supply of poo bags, dashed back to his car, which was parked round the corner on Argyll Street, to collect some poo bags. He returned immediately to clear up his dog's mess. Far from being 'scary', the man would have been only too pleased to talk to your correspondent about the importance of cleaning up after your dog.

**Name and address supplied.**

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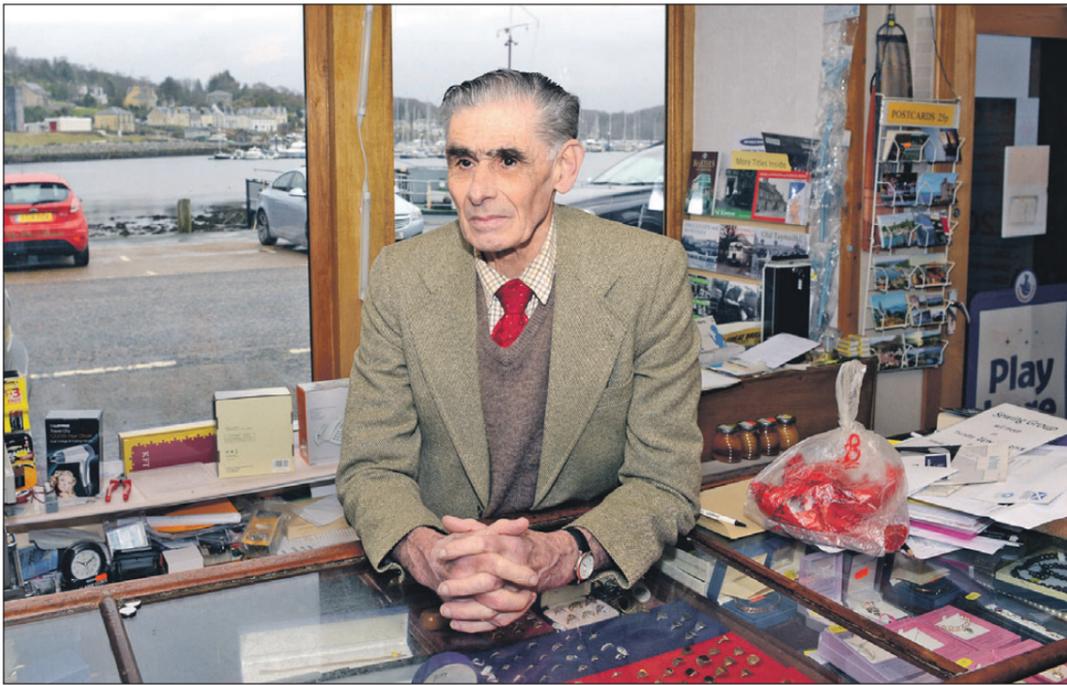
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Ian Macintyre in his harbour side shop. 08\_a12ianmacintyre01

# Irish tourists could boost Kintyre economy

A TARBERT shop keeper has renewed his call for the reinstatement of a ferry service from Kintyre to Northern Ireland.

Ian Macintyre, 82, who has run a tobacconist and confectioners in Harbour Street for 45 years is determined to get the Campbeltown to Ballycastle vehicle ferry back in operation.

The service ran for three summers from 1997 to 1999 but Mr Macintyre thinks it should restart as an all-year-round service.

He claims that a pledge the Scottish National

Party made in 2007 to restart the service has never been honoured. Now, with Scotland's increased powers, he says it would be an ideal time to get the ferry running again.

### Indication

Mr Macintyre said: 'In the years the ferry ran, when I counted the tills at the end of each day, more than half the notes were Irish in origin. That gives an indication of the increase in trade which came from that source.'

'Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce did a survey round hotels which

showed that 50 per cent reckoned the service had increased business.'

Mr Macintyre said that it had been claimed that the Forth Road Crossing had come in at £50 million under budget.

He said that just a small portion of that money could go to subsidising a ferry operation which would benefit a wide area on both sides of the Irish Sea.

While there is support from the Scottish government, it is not reciprocated in Northern Ireland.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I

am personally very supportive of a vehicle ferry between Ballycastle and Campbeltown and the Scottish Government remains supportive too but it needs two to tango.'

'There is no Governmental support in Northern Ireland or rather no prioritisation of the service in its transport plans.'

'The traffic likely to flow on the route is also very limited at present given the preference of hauliers to use the shorter Larne to Cairnryan service.'

### Praise

Mr Russell went on to praise the Kintyre Express passenger ferry which operates this year from May 1 to September 28.

It has an early morning departure on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from Campbeltown at 7.30am and on the same days an afternoon service from Ballycastle at 4.30pm.

It also runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the end of August leaving Campbeltown at 12 noon and departing Ballycastle at 2pm.

Mr Russell said: 'The Kintyre Express has been successful and could be expanded as demand grows from golfers and tour groups.'

## Help for flood victims

A GROUP of fundraisers are calling on Mid Argyll people to donate cash to support victims of floods in Malawi.

The Mid Argyll Malawi Twinning Group visited the Lake Malawi in March 2014 after raising cash during a severe drought, but this year the area has been hit hard by floods.

Members of the group are urging local churches to help with donations at their services on

Sunday, March 22.

Ruth Carruthers, a member of the group said: 'This year, the picture is very different. Although we are not there to see how the country is faring, but the Mid-Argyll Malawi Twinning Group keeps in touch with people in Kasamba.'

Donations can also be made at the Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead. Envelopes should be marked Malawi floods.

## Cut tourist tax

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid is backing a national campaign to cut value added tax (VAT) on tourism.

The Cut Tourism VAT Campaign run by a coalition of hotels, self-catering, caravan sites, bed and breakfast owners and visitor attractions wants the UK government to reduce the rate from 20 to five per cent. Mr Reid claims the cut would boost Argyll and Bute's economy by £9.1 million.



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## Long serving church elders

TWO church elders received long service certificates at Kilmar-

tin Church Hall last week. Sheena McNair and

Jim Brown, both from Ford, were presented with the certificates by Reverend Cliff Acklam during the Stated Annual meeting of Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church.

Sheena has spent 34 years with the church, while Jim has spent 30 years.

During her 34 years Sheena has dedicated some of her years to serve on the board and as a session clerk. Jim has also been a member of the board during his time with the church.



From left: Sheena McNair, Rev. Cliff Acklam and Jim Brown.

# HAPPY EASTER!

**EASTER** means so many things to many people.

For many it is the greatest celebration of the religious calendar – early Easter Sunday service will see dawn break open with joyful singing on hillsides. It is a time of year when people from every denomination come together to marvel in the death and resurrection of Christ.

As children many of us will remember rolling our decorated boiled eggs down a hillside – representing, of course, the stone being rolled away from the tomb where Jesus was buried when he was taken from the cross at Calvary.

Easter is also a time of family celebration. Winter is over, hopefully, and for many living on the west coast it is time to begin the season again.

In every area there will be loads to do whether the weather is good or bad.

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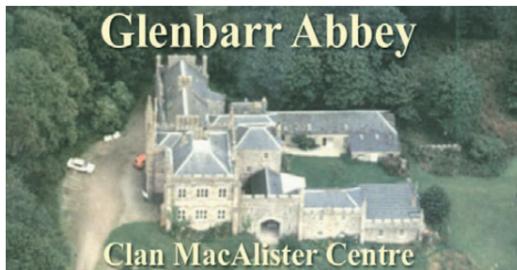


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# EASTER TRADITIONS

Since its origins, Easter has been a time of celebration and feasting and many Traditional Easter games and customs developed, such as egg rolling, egg tapping, pace egging and egg decorating.



## GREAT BRITAIN

Marshmallow bunnies and candy eggs in an Easter basket. In some cultures rabbits, which represent fertility, are a symbol of Easter.

Throughout the English-speaking world, many Easter traditions are similar with only minor differences. For example, Saturday is traditionally spent decorating Easter eggs and hunting for them with children on Sunday morning, by which time they have been mysteriously hidden all over the house and garden. Other traditions involve parents telling their children that eggs and other treats such as chocolate eggs or rabbits, and marshmallow chicks (Peeps), have been delivered by the Easter Bunny in an Easter basket, which children find waiting for them when they wake up.

Families observe the religious aspects of Easter by attending Sunday Mass or services in the morning and then participating in a feast or party in the afternoon. Some families have a traditional Sunday roast, often of either roast lamb or ham.

Easter breads such as Simnel cake, a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls representing the eleven faithful apostles, or nut breads such as potica are traditionally served. Hot cross buns, spiced buns with a cross on top, are traditionally associated with Good Friday, but today are often eaten well before and after.

In Scotland, the north of England, and Northern Ireland, the traditions of rolling decorated eggs

down steep hills and pace egging can still be seen. Pace comes from the Latin Pacha which means Easter.

## NORTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In Louisiana, USA, egg tapping is known as egg knocking. Marksville, Louisiana claims to host the oldest egg-knocking competition in the US, dating back to the 1950s. Competitors pair up on the steps of the courthouse on Easter Sunday and knock the tips of two eggs together.

If the shell of your egg cracks you have to forfeit it, a process that continues until just one egg remains. In the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, historically famous for growing and exporting the Easter lily, the most notable feature of the Easter celebration is the flying of kites to symbolize Christ's ascent.

Traditional Bermuda kites are constructed by Bermudians of all ages as Easter approaches, and are normally only flown at Easter. In addition to hot cross buns and Easter eggs, fish cakes are traditionally eaten in Bermuda at this time. In Jamaica, eating bun and cheese is a highly anticipated custom by Jamaican nationals all over the world. The Jamaica Easter Buns are spiced and have raisins, and baked in a loaf tin. The buns are sliced and eaten with a slice of cheese. It is a common practice for employers to make gifts of bun and cheese or a single loaf of bun to staff members.

## EASTERN EUROPE

In Bulgaria widespread tradition is to fight with eggs by pair and one's egg become last surviving is called borak. The tradition is to display the decorated eggs on the Easter table together with the Easter dinner consisting of roasted lamb, a salad called Easter salad (lettuce with cucumbers) and a sweet bread called kozunak.

In the Czech Republic and Slovakia, a tradition of spanking or whipping is carried out on Easter Monday. In the morning, men spank women with a special handmade whip called a pomlázka (in Czech) or korbáč (in Slovak), in eastern regions of former Czechoslovakia Moravia and Slovakia they also throw cold water on them.

The pomlázka/korbáč consists of eight, twelve or even twenty-four withies (willow rods), is usually from half a me-

ter to two meters long and decorated with coloured ribbons at the end. The spanking may be painful, but it's not intended to cause suffering. A legend says that women should be spanked with a whip in order to keep their health and beauty during the whole next year.

An additional purpose can be for men to exhibit their attraction to women; unvisited women can even feel offended.

Traditionally, the spanked woman gives a coloured egg (kraslica) prepared by themselves, invites to eat and drink as a sign of her thanks to the man. If the visitor is a small boy, he is usually provided with sweets, and a small amount of money.

In some regions, the women can get revenge in the afternoon or the following day when they can pour a bucket of cold water on any man.

The habit slightly varies across Slovakia and the Czech Republic. A similar tradition existed in Poland (where it is called Dyngus Day), but it is now little more than an all-day water fight.

In Germany, decorated eggs are hung on branches of bushes and trees to make them Easter egg trees. Eggs also used to dress wells for Easter.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia, a basket of food is prepared and covered

with a handmade cloth, and brought to the church to be blessed. A typical Easter basket includes bread, colored eggs, ham, horseradish, and a type of nut cake called potica.

The butter lamb (Baranek wielkanocny) is a traditional addition to the Easter Meal for many Polish Catholics. Butter is shaped into a lamb either by hand or in a lamb-shaped mould.

## ITALY

Italian traditional Easter

cake called the Colomba Pasquale

In Florence, Italy, the unique custom of the Scoppio del carro is observed in which a holy fire lit from stone shards from the Holy Sepulchre are used to light a fire during the singing of the Gloria of the Easter Sunday mass, which is used to ignite a rocket in the form of a dove, representing peace and the holy spirit, which following a wire in turn lights a cart containing pyrotechnics in the small square before the Cathedral.

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**New thinking needed in Ardrishaig**

RESIDENTS of Ardrishaig could have a chance to influence new community projects.

The village's recent community council meeting heard that more locals need to share their ideas on what sort of projects community funds could be spent on.

John Woods, member of the community council, said: 'We need to try to tease out more ideas from people in the village.'

The suggestion could be put into practice at the monthly table top sale in the village hall.

Community councillor Mary MacCallum Sullivan said at the meeting: 'Perhaps a stall could be booked for May and people asked to contribute through post-it notes.'



**Susan Davidson and Theresa Sinclair with some of the home baking on offer.** 08\_a12coffeemorning01

**Sandwiches, scones and sponges**

PEOPLE turned out for the home baking at the ever-popular St Margaret's Catholic Church monthly coffee morning.

Susan Davidson, Theresa Sinclair and Cecilia Rees kept the coffee flowing at the event held last Saturday in the Lochgilphead church, while Cathleen McFadyen and Anne MacKay ran the busy cake and jam stall.

Organisers hosted a raffle at the coffee



**Cathleen McFadyen and Anne Mackay on the produce stall.** 08\_a12coffeemorning02

morning, held to raise cash funds for the day-to-day running of the church.

**Flamenco Flow to appear in Tayvallich**

AN ACCLAIMED duo are set to bring the magic of flamenco to Tayvallich.

Well-travelled guitar player Ricardo Garcia and dancer Nanako Aramaki will perform in the village hall on Saturday March 28

Coming from Andalusia, Ricardo's family left for France during the Franco years. Flamenco was a way of holding on to their roots and he was brought up in the family tradition learning guitar from his uncle Antonio.

Ricardo settled in Barcelona and continues to travel mainly between Spain and France, although he performs on four continents.

Recently returned from a tour of Kenya and Zanzibar, Ricardo Garcia and Flamenco dancer Nanako Aramaki present both classic and contemporary Flamenco music and dance.

Born in Tokyo, Nanako and her family moved to Canada when she was three, where she began her dance and music training in ballet and piano. It gave her the platform to flourish in the art of flamenco. She began her professional dance career at the age of 20 in 2003 and pursued her dream by moving to Spain in September 2006.

Together, they are Flamenco Flow.

Tickets are available from The Square Peg on Argyll Street in Lochgilphead and Tayvallich Village Shop.

The duo will also offer Flamenco classes in Ardfern on Sunday, March 29.



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# Youngsters set the bar high at music festival



Verse speaking Scots solo: Feorlin Renton.

MID ARGYLL Music Festival got off to a lively start with poetry competitions on Monday.

Large audience numbers enjoyed performances from dozens of children throughout the day.

The festival has been on all week and Ardrishaig has been hosting instrumental competitions, choirs, ensembles and poets. Today's (Friday) feature is Scots

songs.

Tomorrow (Saturday) instrumental soloists, groups and bands will be competing in Lochgilphead Joint Campus, along with children's choirs.

In the verse speaking Scots P2-3 Charlie McKinnon and Ben McEwan came second and third, respectively, behind winner Feorlin Renton.

Monday saw Kilmartin primary school entertain when they performed in the verse speaking choir competition.

Lauren Johnson won the verse speaking P6-7 competition. Freya Urquhart and Hazel Selfridge came second and third place, respectively.

Argyll Drama Festival Cup winner for best English Poem by a primary soloist was Lauren Johnson.

The Kilmartin School Board Plate for best Scots poem by a primary soloist went to Angus McAskill.



Verse speaking P 4-5, left to right: 3rd Tilly Cunningham, Winner Georgia Foster and 2nd Ella Pollock.



Verse Speaking Scots P6-7, from left: 3rd equal Jock Spencer, 1st Angus McAskill, 2nd Lauren Johnson, 3rd equal Ella MacKay.



Verse speaking Scots P4-5, from left: 3rd equal Ella Pollock, 1st Ruth Neville, 2nd Morven Anderson, 3rd equal Rose McCallum and Eilidh Cameron



Verse speaking Primary 2-3, from left: 2nd Keri McDougal, Winner Sophie McCallum, 3rd Ben McEwan.

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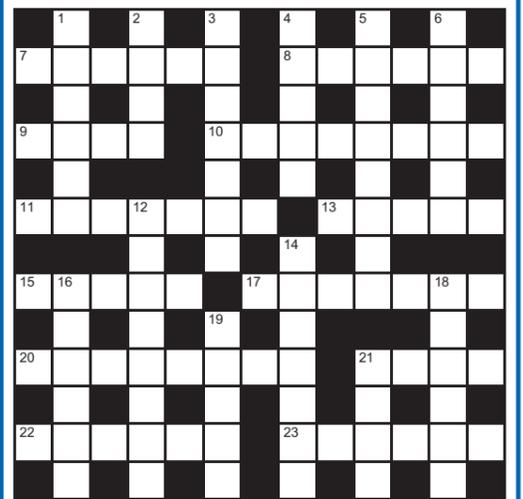
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Last week's solution



# Children collect cash for Comic Relief

## Mid Argyll kids do something funny for money

KILMARTIN nursery school children wore red noses and cooked cakes last week for Comic Relief.

The flapjacks and cup cakes were sold to primary pupils and staff at break time to raise funds for the charity.

P7 pupil Jojo, who

wore a shocking red wig, said that he liked dressing up and researched his outfit on the computer.

Lolly, who is also in P7, said: 'Red Nose Day is good because you are giving something to people who don't have that much.'



TARBERT academy early level to primary seven got into the spirit of Comic Relief last Friday. They all paid £1 to dress in red and P5 and P6 children held a sponsored silence. 08\_a12tarbertps01



Below: Kilmartin nursery and primary children wearing red. 08\_a12kilmartinps01

## Care home's comic cakes

RESIDENTS and staff at an Ardrishaig care home combined forces to create colourful cakes complete with red noses last Friday.

Ardfenaig care worker Angela Tustin said that many residents joined in by dressing in red and helping to decorate cakes which were made by the catering staff.



From left: Resident Amy Mouat, care workers: Angela Tustin, Mary McGovern, Kerstine Fairman and residents Betty McLean and Lilian Weir. 08\_a12ardfenaig01

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## Chinese history brought to life

TERRACOTTA warriors transported a Mid Argyll audience 5,000 years into China's past last week.

Children from Craignish and Kilniver primary schools led by a team from Scottish Opera's education department recreated the world of the first Chinese emperor Qin Shi Huang.

Forty-five pupils took part in the fully costumed 45-minute operatic production.

Alan McKenzie, 40, from Scottish Opera in Glasgow said: 'The pupils learn all the songs in advance with their

teachers. They also do artwork and other projects about the history of the terracotta army.

'We came in the morning to rehearse and by the end of the afternoon

they had staged a complete opera in a day.'

Head teacher Berni McMillan was full of praise for the production team and said it had been a great project for the schools.

Mrs McMillan said: 'They have been learning the songs for six

weeks. One of our class teachers, Sue Damattos, has a flair for art and has led children to design the large figures and backgrounds.

'A parent who is a spe-

cialist in ceramics led a project to make ceremonial tea bowls.

'During class work there has been an emphasis on the history and culture of the period.'



Craignish and Kilniver children with production team members. 08\_a12craignishPS01

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## First Milk has new chief executive

FIRST Milk, the co-operative involving Kintyre's dairy farmers, has appointed Mike Gallacher as its new chief executive.

He replaces Kate Allum and started his new job on Wednesday.

Mr Gallacher has spent most of his career with Mars Inc. where he held a series of senior leadership positions, most recently as UK managing director for Mars Petcare.

He led significant business turnarounds in Asia for Mars as well as working in regional leadership positions in both Asia Pacific and Europe.



Mike Gallacher is First Milk's new chief executive.

Prior to Mars, he was an army officer for eight years.

Sir Jim Paice MP, First Milk chairman, said: 'Mike has all the attributes to put our business back where we want it to be. He has considerable leadership qualities, has turned around businesses in different geographies, and has experience in some of our key export markets.'

'He demonstrated throughout the interview process that he has rapidly built high performing teams and organisations throughout his career and I look forward to working with him.'

'On behalf of the board, members and employees, I would like to thank Kate Allum for her drive and leadership over the past six years and wish her well for the future.'

Mr Gallacher added: 'I look forward to meeting farmer members, employees, partners and customers as we work together to address the challenges facing the dairy industry with urgency and focus.'



Alistair Carmichael, centre, with a Mull of Kintyre block of cheese after meeting some of the area's dairy producers and MP Alan Reid at Machrihanish Farm.

## Secretary of state meets dairy farmers

KINTYRE farmers met Alistair Carmichael, secretary of state for Scotland, last week to discuss the future of the region's dairy industry.

Drastic milk price cuts, slashed from 32p per litre of milk produced to 20p per litre since last June, were on the agenda when Sandy Pirie hosted Mr Carmichael and Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, at his Machrihanish Farm.

Fellow dairy producers John Smith, Malcolm Ronald and David Barbour and David Bolt, the area's NFU branch

chairman, attended.

Mr Carmichael, MP for Orkney and Shetland since 2001, said: 'This was a valuable opportunity to meet with dairy farmers to find out first-hand the impact of market volatility, in one of our more isolated communities.'

'Clearly, money must be invested to help First Milk and the Campbeltown Creamery, otherwise a critical mass of dairy farmers could be lost in the area.'

Mr Smith said: 'The secretary of state was well briefed on the dire

situation the whole Scottish dairy industry finds itself in.

'We need Scottish products like the fantastic Mull of Kintyre cheese on our supermarket shelves, to make it easier for consumers to buy local produce and support Scottish farmers, ensuring their retail spend stays within Scotland.'

'For that to happen we need the release of vital funding to upgrade the Campbeltown Creamery, and get a company like First Milk back on its feet.'

### Market report:

#### United Auctions Islay

A CATALOGUED entry of 965 store cattle at United Auctions Islay Auction Mart on March 14 met with a very satisfying trade.

An excellent show of quality cattle was on offer and sold to a good ringside of regular mainland buyers.

Charolais Cross bullocks from Tallant Farm sold to £1,335 whilst Limousin Cross bullocks from Smaladh led the kilo prices at 339p.

Ardbeg Farm led the prices per head for Heifers with Limousin Crosses selling to £1,105

whilst Woodend took the top price per kilo at 286p in this section, also with Limousin Crosses.

Principal lots and prices: top prices per head - bullocks

AAx: £1,175 - Aoradh Farm: £1,045 - Craigens (8) and Octomore (2) : £1,035 - Aoradh(2) : £955 - Octomore: £945 (5) 905 (3) - Tallant.

CHARx: £1,335 - Tallant: £1,215 - Eorabus: £1,175 (3) - Aoradh: £1,135 (2) - Eorabus: £1,095 (2) - Tallant: £1,085 (6) - Aoradh: £1,085 - Tallant: £1,075 - Craigens (5), Eorabus (8) and Tallant (4): £1,065 - Aoradh (11) and Octofad (3): £1,015 - Aoradh and Octofad (7): £985 (5) - Craigens: £975 (7) - Eorabus: £965 - Craigens (4) and Aoradh (4): £925 (2) - Eorabus: £915 (6) - Tallant.

LIMx: £1,235 and £1,175 - Eorabus: £1,165 (2) - Octofad: £1,145 - Eorabus and Octofad: £1,125 (2) and £1,115 (7) - Ardbeg: £1,095 - Mulindry: £1,085 - Carrabus and Tallant (8): £1,075 - Eorabus (2) and Tallant (2): £1,055 (7) - Octofad: £1,050 - Carrabus: £1,045 - Eorabus, Lossit (2), Ardbeg (2) and Carrabus:

£1,045 - Mulindry (2), Lossit, Ardbeg and Foreland Estate: £1,015 and £1,005 - Aoradh: £995 - Ardbeg (2) and Octofad (3): £990 (4) - Eorabus: £975 - Octofad (14), Octomore, Ardbeg (5) and Eorabus (2): £955 - Ardbeg (3), Tallant (8) and Mulindry (9): £945 - Tallant and Ardbeg (5): £935 - Mulindry: £925 (3) - Octofad: £920 (7) - Starchmill: £915 (5) - Aoradh: £915 - Tallant, Blackrock (5) and Eorabus (6).

SIMx: £895 (9) - Cladville. BRBx: £1,325 and £1,205 - Knocklearach Farm: £1,165 - Octofad: £1,075 - Starchmill: £1,015 (3) - Octofad: £945 (3) - Foreland Estate: £925 - Octofad.

Heifers - AAx: £975 (2) - Octomore: £865 - Blackrock. CHARx: £1,085 - Aoradh: £1,065 (2) - Eorabus: £925 (3) - Aoradh: £915 (8) - Eorabus: £905 - Craigens (4) and Aoradh (9): £895 (15) - Eorabus: £885 (9) - Octofad.

LIMx: £1,105 - Ardbeg: £1,085 (3) - Lossit: £1,045 - Blackrock: £985 - Lossit: £975 - Ardbeg: £965 (2) - Eorabus: £955 (2) - Octofad: £945 (2) - Carrabus: £915 and £905 - Eorabus: £895 (3) - Octofad: £885 (16) - Ardbeg: £870 (12)

- Starchmill. LUINGx: £635 (7) - Duich. SIMx: £845 (4) - Cladville. BRBx: £895 and £855 (4) - Octofad.

Top prices per kilo - bullocks  
AAx: 302p - Aoradh: 281p (8) - Craigens: 269p (2) - Aoradh: 260p (3) - Ardmensh: 255p (6) - Aoradh: 254p (4) and 253p - Tallant: 252p (2) - Aoradh.

CHARx: 317p (2) - Aoradh: 305p (4) - Tallant: 304p (2), 302p (3), 297p (2) and 294p (9) - Aoradh: 291p (2), 289p and 285p (4) - Carrabus: 284p (2) - Tallant: £282p - Carrabus: 280p (2) - Aoradh: 277p - Tallant: 276p - Aoradh (6) and Carrabus (6): 271p - Carrabus and Aoradh (5): 268p (4) - Aoradh: 265p (6) and 262p (3) - Tallant.

LIMx: 339p (2), 311p (5) and 305p - Smaladh: 304p (2) and 295p (4) - Aoradh: 295p(2) - Smaladh: 294p(3) - Carrabus: 291p(3) - Kinnabus Estate: 287p - Ardbeg(7), Kinnabus Estate (3) and Carrabus (5): 254p - Tallant (8) and Kinnabus Estate (2): 281p - Carrabus: 280p (2) - Tallant: 278p - Octofad: 277p (7) - Tallant: 276p (6) - Carrabus: 275p - Carrabus and Tallant (8): 274p (2) - Ardbeg: 273p (4) - Ardbeg: 271p - Carrabus: 265p - Aoradh (11) and Tallant (3): 262p

- Aoradh (11) and Tallant: 261p - Carrabus (6), Ardbeg (9) and Kinnabus Estate (2): 257p (2) - Kinnabus Estate: 255p - Eorabus, Tallant (2) and Octofad (5): 254p (7) - Starchmill: 252p - Aoradh (2) and Starchmill: 251p (5) - Aoradh: 250p (3) - Octofad.

SIMx: 287p - Carrabus: 248p(4) - Kinnabus Estate.

BRBx: 267p - Starchmill: 266p (3) - Octofad: 263p and 260p - Knocklearach: 250p - Octofad.

Heifers - AAx: 268p - Cruach (E and J Brown): 254p (5) - Aoradh. CHARx: 281p (7) - Aoradh: 276p (6) - Carrabus: 275p (9) - Aoradh: 266p (4) - Tallant: 263p - Carrabus (6) and Tallant (2): 260p - Octofad (9) and Aoradh (9): 257p (9) - Aoradh: 256p (3) - Tallant: 254p (3) - Carrabus.

LIMx: 286p - Woodend: 277p (14) - Tallant: 274p (2) - Mulindry: 271p (11) - Ardbeg: 268p - Ardbeg and Carrabus: 263p (5) - Ardbeg: 262p - Tallant: 259p - Ardbeg (5) and Carrabus (3): 258p (4) - Aoradh: 257p (7) - Ardbeg: 256p - Tallant: 254p - Smaladh (2) and Carrabus: 252p - Aoradh (7) and Kinnabus Farm (3): 251p - Lossit (3) and Carrabus (3): 250p - Smaladh.

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Jinty Burke and Martin Twyman dance the quickstep. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray13



Salsa dancers Callum Adams and Leanne Anderson. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray10



Young dancers get the crowd warmed up. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray14



All the couples before the competition. From left: Jinty Lynne and Andy Stewart, Bobby and Mary Johnston, Emma Rodden, Kyle Renton and Mairi Paterson and M

# Charleston waltz to v

STRICTLY Inveraray's winning dancers entertained the judges with some magical moves on Saturday.

Emma and Alastair Rodden's simple swings in the roaring twenties Charleston swept them into the dance-off, where they secured the audience's approval to win the final dance-off.

Eight couples of all ages fought to win the Burgh's first ever strictly style competition judged by a panel of experts in aid of three charities, The Beatson Cancer Centre, Parkinson's UK and Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital.

Host Margaret Renton of the Scullery café, who organised the event with her mum Margaret Campbell, explained the evening's format before handing over to co-host Alistair Galbraith.

Mr Galbraith introduced the judges: Norman Beaton, Dorothy Paterson, Philip Elliot - who tried to mimic the hard demeanour of television's Craig Revel Horwood - Lorraine Crawford and Hamish McCorkindale.

First off were Miss Inveraray 2014, Mairi Paterson and Kyle Renton dancing the Macarena. They set the standard scoring a creditable 32.

At the last minute some dancers from Dalmally

had agreed to take part as a number of Inveraray couples pulled out.

Next to take the floor were John and Jean Twort from Connel, who took up dancing lessons in Dalmally after their golden wedding anniversary three years ago. Their waltz split the judges and resulted in a score of 31.

Norrie Campbell and Liz Reive danced the first of three Charlstones and took the scoring up to 39.

Another Charleston from Andy and Lynne Stewart had the audience in rapture and the standard soared when they scored 41 points.

Dalmally couple Bobby and Mary Johnston's rumba was a 'bit too serious' for the judges and resulted in a low 27 points.

Despite this the couple enjoyed their moment in the limelight.

A simmering sensual salsa from Callum Adams and Leanne Anderson, in £20 outfits bought online, pushed the marking back up to 41.

Alastair and Emma Rodden's first Charleston had the judges in rapture and took the highest points at 48.

Hamish McCorkindale said: 'Your dance was nothing less than brilliant.'

For Martin Twyman and Jinty Burke from Dalmally



Lynne and Andy Stewart's Charleston. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray12



Emma and Alastair Rodden pulled their best moves for judges. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray09

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ty Burke and Martin Twyman, John and Jean Twort, Callum Adams and Leanne Anderson, Alastair and Norrie Campbell and Liz Reive. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray03



Norrie Campbell and Liz Reive dance the Charleston. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray05



Bobby and Mary Johnston dance the rumba. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray04

# n couple ictory

ly, it was a hard act to follow and although their quickstep gained some good comments, the score was only 40, which just put them out of the dance-off.

Leanne Anderson and Callum Adams finished third with Andy and Lynne Stewart second.

Emma and Alastair Rodden said: 'We could not believe that we had won the competition.'

The night was held in the town's Argyll Hotel on Saturday, followed by a raffle and disco, raising more than £1,718 to be divided equally between the three charities.

Margaret Renton said: 'Thanks to the Argyll hotel for the use of the room for practice, all the donations of raffle prizes and all the people of Inveraray in the audience who made it such a special night.'



Some support from the crowd. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray11



Jean and John Twort waltz the night away. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray15



Manning the door are Norina Couper and one of the organisers, Margaret Campbell. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray01



Mairi Paterson and Kyle Renton with their young dance troupe. 08\_a12strictlyinveraray07

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# Mainly Music mums celebrate group's first anniversary

'MAINLY Mums' enjoyed a special quarterly dinner last week marking Lochgilphead's Mainly Music group's first anniversary.

Mainly Mums is part of the mainly music programme run in Lochgilphead Baptist Church.

The programme is a world wide Christian themed fun weekly event which has been running for 25 years.

It is a meeting for families with children from birth to age five to enjoy music, movement, rhymes and learning, with a healthy snack and home baking followed by play.

Lochgilphead chef John Fisher, his son John and daugh-

ter Arran cooked the two-course meal and demonstrated its creation for 27 ladies attending the evening.

Mr Fisher's first course was roast chicken breast stuffed with Stornoway black pudding served on a bed of tossed warm baby potato and fennel salad.

Dessert, a key lime sundae, started a desperate competition to recall the recipe. Fiona Elder won the spot prize for being closest.

It was her lucky night as she was also one of four mums who won a bottle of Prosecco to enjoy when trying John's recipes at home.

Mainly Music runs on Tuesdays from 10am to 11.30am in Lochgilphead Baptist Church.



Part of the Mainly Mums group. Inset: Mainly Music logo.

# Eileen's in the swim at hydrotherapy class

'The water transforms me into a mermaid'

REPORT By MARK DAVEY  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

THE president of a year-round, open water swimming club is taking hydrotherapy classes to improve her fitness after a heart scare.

Eileen Barr, 85, from Tayvallich, has swum all her life and is leader of the Sound of Jura Swimming Club.

Its members, who include Mrs Barr's daughter Iona, swim in the sea every day of the year come rain or shine.

However, for 11 years Mrs Barr (snr) has suffered from atrial fibrillation, a condition that causes an irregular and often abnormally fast heart rate.

Up until last year it was well controlled, but after complications and starting new medication, Mrs Barr is now getting back to fitness.

In addition her balance is not as good as it used to be due to labyrinthitis, an ailment of the inner ear.

In her youth she was

a sportswoman of note and at Glasgow University won an athletics blue, the highest award for sport at university. She excelled at hurdling, hockey and high jump.

In her 50s she took up marathon running and later kayaking.

Mrs Barr said: 'I try to master something new every five years but have had to slow up a bit recently.'

'Five years ago I had one hip replaced but that did not stop my swimming.'

In a strange twist for someone who has spent so much of her life in the water, hydrotherapy is proving to be the right rehabilitation.

Mrs Barr said: 'I feel like I am transformed into a mermaid in the water.'

Sally MacLeod who takes the class at the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) said: '90 per cent of a

person's body weight is supported in the water so it is ideal where balance is an issue.

'For the first half hour we do structured exercises which are very much tailor made to whoever comes to a session.'

The hydrotherapy class at MACPool, in its current form, started in January this year and is run in blocks of 12 weeks.

It is recommended for anyone with any health issue but is especially beneficial for those who

have multiple sclerosis or joint replacements.

Mrs MacLeod said: 'We have all ages attending and if a helper comes they get free entry to the pool.'

'As well as the physical activity which leaves people feeling better about themselves, it is also good for self confidence and socializing with other people.'

The MACPool is always looking for volunteers to help with the hydrotherapy sessions from 11am to 12 noon on a Thursday.



Eileen Barr in the water at the MACPool.  
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15/00599/PP	Variation of condition 25 relative to planning permission reference 10/00909/PP (Erection of 10 Wind Turbines (111.25m to blade tip), permanent anemometer, electric sub-station and ancillary works) - private water supply	Cour Wind Farm Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00622/PP	Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01182/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 1) - to allow a further year of operation	Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178501 651983) Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00626/PP	Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01183/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 2) - to allow a further year of operation	Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178103 650686) Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00627/PP	Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01184/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 3) to allow a further year of operation	Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178472 650329) Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00628/PP	Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01185/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 4) - to allow a further year of operation	Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178688 648107) Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00629/PP	Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01186/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 5) - to allow a further year of operation	Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178394 647649) Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00520/LIB	Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic panels	Town Hall 54 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AB	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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 PA31 8RD.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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### DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (OFF STREET DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) ORDER 201\_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the introduction of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the order will be to make it an offence for anyone to park in a marked disabled persons' parking place unless they are the holder of a valid blue badge and are using it in accordance with the terms of the national blue badge legislation.

This Order affects all Argyll and Bute Council off street car parks that are not already covered by a controlling order.

Full details of these proposals, which form the proposed "The Argyll and Bute Council (Off Street Disabled Person's Parking Places Order 201\_)", and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available to view at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk), or can be inspected during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at Argyll and Bute Council Offices at:- 1) 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; 2) Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown and 3) Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll by 10th April 2015.

**Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD**



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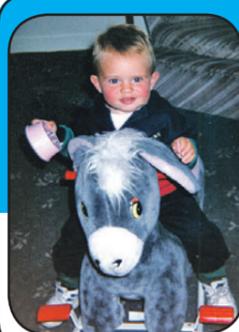
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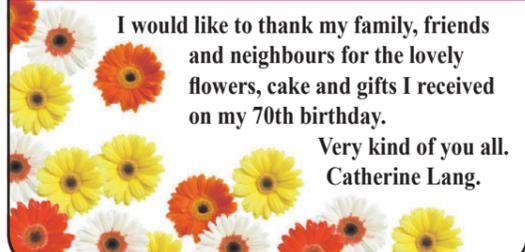
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



THE world will turn a little darker this morning as the moon wanders across the face of the sun and casts a dark shadow over parts of Europe and the Arctic Ocean.

In Scotland, from around 8.25am the moon will hide more than 90% of the sun.

In Lewis it will be most spectacular as the moon will actually cover 98% of the sun.

Hundreds of people will gather at the famous Callanish standing stones to witness this event.

Dedicated solar eclipse cruises will be stopping off in Shetland and Orkney with more than 2500 passengers heading north to take advantage of the islands' dark skies and minimal light pollution.

Such astronomical events fascinate us as we continue to marvel at the world around us.

The stars and planets have intrigued human beings since time began and it is a truly awesome experience to stand under a clear night sky studded with a myriad of stars.

It is mind blowing to think that the light from the farthest stars detected left the stars 10 to 11 billion years ago.

Our finite minds cannot really process such information – we can only wonder at it.

The sun is so spectacular that we are well warned not to look at it with the naked eye, as this would burn the retina and seriously damage our eyesight.

I thought of Moses who was warned by God to cover his face and not look directly at him.

God's presence would be too overpowering for human beings to look upon the face of God.

God said he would 'pass by' Moses and in this way his glory would be revealed.

Perhaps today in the remarkable signs in the heavens, God will indeed 'pass by' his people and remind us once again of his presence around us and within us.

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**Full steam ahead for boat jumble**

SAILORS should steer to Ardfern's annual boat jumble on Saturday, March 28 from 10.15am to 2pm at Craignish village hall and car park.

**Perfect puppets**

THE UK's largest performing arts event for children comes to Craignish village hall, Ardfern, on the Easter weekend.

Puppet Animation Festival 2015, which is now in its 31st year, offers children and their families the opportunity to be transported to magical worlds of make-believe.

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**Kids on the run**

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All the runners were enthusiastic and performed very well.

Coll MacKay was given the star runner award for great pacing during the session,

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**Where are they now?**

**AN Ardrishaig man has sent in a village school photograph from the 1960s and wonders how many of the above pupils are still local?**

The teacher on the left is John Smith.

concentrating on setting his own pace and not getting distracted and racing up the hill.

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**February**

**50/50 draw results**

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**Young snappers sought**

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The competition is open to all current Tarbert Academy pupils, both primary and secondary. It is limited to a maximum of five entries per person with the individual entry with the most likes at midnight on April 30 winning the camera.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**BLACKWELL**

Jennifer and Ross are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jacob David, born on March 8, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A first grandchild for Moyra and David Sutherland, Slockavullin and Christine and Robert Blackwell, Kilmichael Glen.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**KRONER - CAMERON** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Markus, only son of Wolfi and Giorsal, Arran, to Fiona, youngest daughter of Thomas and Mary, Gartvaigh Farm, Southend.

**MARRIAGES**



**HYND - COLEMAN**

At Glenbervie House Hotel, Larbert, on February 28, 2015, Innes Robert, only son of Jan and Bob, Glasgow to Moyra Elizabeth, only daughter of David and Fiona, Linlithgow. A truly happy day was enjoyed by all.

**DEATHS**

**GILCHRIST** - Suddenly, in Durban, South Africa, on March 11, 2015, Duncan Paterson Gilchrist, in his 52nd year, dear father of Patrick and Stephan, loving son of Maureen and dear brother of Helen, John and Andrew.

**MACCALLUM** - On March 2, 2015, suddenly in Thailand, Norman MacCallum, in his 59th year, beloved elder son of Ethel and the late Archie MacCallum, much loved brother of Duncan and the late Catherine and dear uncle of Natalie. A memorial service will be held at Inveraray Parish Church, on Monday, March 23 at 12.00 noon, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for Cancer Research UK and British Heart Foundation. A private interment of ashes will follow.

**MACTIER** - Lady Mary

Mactier, formerly of Tayvallich, died peacefully in her sleep, aged 100 years, on February 28, 2015 at Whitemark, Flinders Island, Tasmania. She is survived by her sons, Hugh (Flinders Island) and Andrew (Adelaide, South Australia).

**MACVICAR** - Peacefully at home, with her family by her side, on March 16, 2015, Peggy MacVicar, in her 84th year, beloved wife of Robbie and much loved mum to Archie, Donnie, Isabel, Robert, Margaret and David. Cherished nana and great grandmother. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service will take place at Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11.00am, on Saturday, March 21, 2015, thereafter to Achtnabreac Cemetery.

**MCSHANNON** - Peacefully, at Carrondale Care Home, Falkirk, surrounded by her family, on March 15, 2015, Jean Alexander Grant, in her 89th year, formerly of Hazelbank Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Dugald M McShannon, much loved mother of Fiona and Ronald, mother-in-law of Fiona and Steve and adored grandmother of Thomas and Lois. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**REID** - Peacefully at home, “Braeside”, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, on March 13, 2015, Mary Baillie Reid (Molly), in her 92nd year, dearly beloved wife and dance partner of the late Frederick Reid (Fred), very much loved mother of Ann and Gordon, dearly loved cool granny of Maxwell and loved sister-in-law, aunt, and cousin to all the family. Private family service. Family flowers only please. A celebration of Molly’s life will be held on Thursday, March 26, at an Open House from 2.00pm until 6.00pm, in her home. Family, friends and neighbours are respectfully invited. Donations in memoriam, to Glasgow City Mission or Marie Curie Nurses, greatly appreciated.

**ROBERTSON** - Peacefully at home, 6 Castleacres, Campbeltown, with his family by his side, on March 13, 2015, Lawrence Robertson, in his 80th year, dearly beloved husband of Mary Black, much loved father of Andrew, Mairi and Lawrence, loved and respected father-in-law of Donald and Caroline and a much loved grandfather of Michael, William, Lauren and Kate.

**SHAW** - Peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, surrounded by his family, on March 16, 2015, Alexander Shaw, in his 86th year, of Lergychonie Cottage, Barbreck, by Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Mary MacNeil, much loved father of Sandra, Robert, Donald and Mairi and a treasured father-in-law, grandfather,

great grandfather, brother and much respected friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Parish Church, on Friday, March 20 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilvaree Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**JOHNSTON** - Ricki and Robert Johnston and their children would like to thank all family and friends for their support following the loss of their much loved mum and granny. Special thanks to Kerry, who has always been an amazing help to Mum. She thought of you as a daughter and I really don’t know how we would have managed without you. Thanks also to the nurses who looked after Mum and to Catherine Ann and Ibbey for being there for her when she needed you. Thank you all again for your support through this very difficult time. Love, Ricki, Robert and the grandchildren.

**KERR** - The family of the late Ellen Kerr, Meadow Park, would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support in their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to the doctors and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Our sincere thanks to the home care team and all others who supported her in her home. Thanks to Dr Cameron for a very personal service at Woodside Crematorium. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for caring and professional arrangements.

**RALSTON** - David and Mairi would like to thank all staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley and Campbeltown Maternity Unit, with special thanks to Isobel. Born asleep, on February 25, 2015, Iona Mairi, sister to Erin and Louise. Thank you to all relatives, family and friends for their love and support. Thanks to Kenneth at T A Blair Funeral Directors, to Reverend Philip Wallace and to the Ardshiel Hotel. You took a part of us with you and you will always be in our hearts.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CURRIE** - Treasured memories of a much loved husband, Donald, died March 25, 2000. Time won’t heal the heartache, - Moira.

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

**CURRIE** - Donald, March 25, 2000. Dad, fifteen years have come and gone, but happy memories still live on. - Elspeth and Jim.

**LAFFERTY** - Archie, March 20, 2005. Always remembered. - Roberta and Kim, Kay, Iain, Sylvia and Kira.

**MCGEACHY** - In loving memory of Margaret, died March 18, 2010. Wi sparkling een and gentle smile. A beauty nane wull ere surpass. Wan day ye stole awa ma hert. Ye hae it still ma bonnie lass. Ae fond kiss. - Leslie.

**MCGEACHY** - In memory of our beloved mum and granny, Margaret, who died March 18, 2010. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you are always there. - Love, Debbie, Leslie, Gary and family.

**REID** - Remembering our lovely dad and granddad, Fred, who died March 19, 2004. Dearly loved, deeply missed, always in our hearts. - Ann, Gordon and Max.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277

**Sunday 22nd March**  
Passion Sunday  
10.45am Holy Communion  
All Welcome  
Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

*“It is good to sing praises to our God”*

Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

Retiral Collection in aid of Malawi Flood Relief

**The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps**

Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552046

**Saturday 21st March**  
Coffee Morning

**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Tuesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League

**Wednesday**  
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
Lt. Mark Scoulding

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 22nd March**  
Morning Worship  
Kilmartin 11.45 am  
Rev. Stanley Hood

**Thursday 26th March**  
Messy Church 4-6pm  
Tayvallich Village Hall  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

**Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)**

**Sundays**  
11.00 am Eucharist service  
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins  
& 11am Eucharist Service  
Coffee & Cake follows the service

**St Columba’s, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)**  
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service  
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book  
**All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)**  
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran  
01546 602315

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 22nd March 2015 - all welcome!**

**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 22nd March 2015**  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
Kirk Session Meeting

**Guild meets Monday 23rd March**  
Church Hall 2.30pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome  
SC002622

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015**  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Dr. John L. Morrison OBE

**Saturday 21st March**  
MO-MA Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon

**Every Tuesday**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
All Welcome  
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School followed by refreshments

**Baby & Toddler Group**  
10.00 - 11.45 am  
every Thursday (term-time)  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

**Baptist Union of Scotland**  
We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland  
SC043322

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

**Sunday 22nd March**  
11.15 am Service  
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation  
Rev P Wallace

**Monday 23rd March**  
Guild AGM 7.30pm  
New Hall

**Tuesday 24th March**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys’ Brigade Church Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm

**Thursday 26th March**  
Choir 7.30pm

**Friday 27th March**  
Lunch Club  
12.00 noon New Hall

**ST MARGARET’S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**

Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**ST KIERAN’S CAMPBELTOWN**  
Saturday 5pm

Fr. David Connor  
01546 602380  
All Welcome  
(SC0002876)

**free church of scotland**

George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 22nd March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Dr David Ford

11.15am Sunday School

**Wednesday 25th March**  
12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Water of Life Cafe  
All Welcome  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co  
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Sunday 22nd March 2015**  
11.00am Family Service with Communion with creche  
Mr John Ives, Southend

**No toddler group this week**

**Thursday 26th March**  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SC014646

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002

**Sunday 22 March**  
Tayvallich Church  
Morning Worship 10 am  
Retiral offering for Malawi Flood Aid followed by Annual Stated Meeting  
Rev. C. Acklam

**Tuesday 24 March**  
Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm  
Congregational Board

**Thursday 26 March**  
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm  
Tayvallich Hall  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**Highland Parish Church**

SCO02493

**Sunday 22nd March**  
The service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers at 11.15am and will be held in the Church. The Annual Stated Meeting will follow immediately after the service.

**Badminton Club**  
Tuesday evening in Kirk Street Hall  
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm  
This will be the last night of the club for this session

**Saturday 28th March**  
Spring Tea in Kirk Street Hall at 2.00pm  
Everyone very welcome

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:**

Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.  
Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae  
Minister: Rev. R Macleod  
Prayer Time  
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm  
Ladies Bible Study 2pm (fortnightly)  
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)  
All welcome.

**lochgilphead baptist church**

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

**Sunday 22nd March 2015**  
11.00am with communion  
mainly music  
Tuesday at 10am  
Jumpstart  
Friday from 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 22 March 2015**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Bobby Owens from U.S.A.

**Thursday 27 March 2015**  
10.00am  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

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Juniors set off in the second run. 08\_a12run02



Ewan Dudding was up front when the senior pupils set off from the front of the school. 08\_a12run01

# School raises cash for charity



The juniors ran a one-kilometre race 08\_a12run05

EWAN Dudding came first in Lochgilhead Joint Campus' annual Fun Run once again.

Around 500 pupils and teachers aged three up to 53 ran last Friday to raise cash for Comic Relief.

The sun was shining and it was blue skies for miles as the school raised more than £1,000 for charity.

Senior pupil Ewan blew his own personal best out of the water to run 5k around the school woodland in just 20 minutes and 20 seconds.

It is a standard that will prove hard to beat in the future, according to Eoghan Smith, teacher and organiser of the fun run.

The first senior girl to cross the finish line was Eilish Malcolm, who managed the course in



Ewan Dudding was pleased to win the overall race. 08\_a12run07

just 28 minutes and 26 seconds.

While senior pupils ran 5k in a challenging cross country course, wee ones ran one kilometre along the path to Kilmory. The one kilometre route also incorporated those with disabilities and wheelchair users.

The winning junior boy was Lewis MacMillan, in 22 minutes and 38 seconds and he came

a promising fifth overall.

His sister, Jura MacMillan, was the first junior girl to cross the line at 30 minutes and six seconds.

Mr Smith retained his title as fastest teacher. He came fourth overall on the day.

He said: 'The fun run has two purposes. Firstly, to encourage pupils to get into running and exercise; and so we are very grateful to Raymond, from the Youth Forum, for covering the cost of trophies, medals and numbers. We couldn't have achieved the day without the Youth Forum's sponsorship. Secondly, we used it to fundraise for charity. The money will be included in the Joint Campus's donation to Comic Relief.'



Conor McIntyre keeps the pace 08\_a12run06



Primary pupils get set to run their 1k. 08\_a12run03



Pre-school pupils leap off to a good start. 08\_a12run04

**Fyne peddlers to set off**

KEEN cyclists who want to get back on their bikes can join Fyne Peddlers. The group, an extension of jogscotland's running group, is led by Fiona Corner.

A social cycle at a pace suitable for everyone will take place on Sunday, March 22 from 12.30pm at Inveraray primary school, allowing time for bicycle repairs before the group sets off at 1pm.

Anyone who wishes to have their bike repaired on the day, or who wishes to borrow a bike or safety equipment should contact Fiona on 01499302160.

**Lottery numbers**

TARBERT Football Club's lottery numbers drawn this week were 1, 2 and 8. The winner of the £1,000 jackpot was Chrisann Prentice.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 7, 14 and 19. Roddy MacDiarmid was the lucky winner of the £300 jackpot.

Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers were 16, 3 and 15 this week. There were no winners, therefore next week's jackpot will be £600.

# Depleted Red Star lose by odd goal in five

Port Glasgow	3
Lochgilphhead Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

RED STAR travelled to Inverclyde on Saturday for a league game against Port Glasgow with a thin squad of just twelve players.

A mix up in communication meant that keeper Kalache would miss the kick off and Naisby had to take up an unusual position in goals for the team.

The game was played on the 3G pitch at Parklea and both sides were keen to get the ball down and play it on the synthetic surface.

Moore had a chance to put his side in front after a surging run from midfield onto Meikle's through pass. However, his touch let him down at the crucial moment and the ball was met by the on-rushing Port keeper.

Cammy Hendry also

went close to opening the scoring but his shot went agonisingly past the post after a nice piece of build-up play.

Port Glasgow came into the game as the first half wore on and forced Naisby into a couple of saves but the makeshift goalkeeper was equal to the hosts' shots and managed to maintain a clean sheet at the break as the sides went off at 0-0.

**Open contest**

In the second half, both sides felt that the game was there to be won which made for an open contest.

The deadlock was broken by Port Glasgow after 50 minutes when Star lost possession in midfield, the ball was cut back to the forward. This time Naisby had no chance as the

forward poked the ball home from close range to make it 1-0. Star came straight back into the game however and were level after a Forbes free kick was punched clear by the keeper, but only as far as Hendry who fired home a volley from the edge of the box to make it 1-1.

The match was beginning to get stretched now and the hosts were back in front when Star again gave the ball away in a dangerous area.

Just like the opener the Port Glasgow striker was left with a simple task of firing past Naisby from close range to make the scoreline 2-1 with 20 minutes remaining.

The game looked as good as over soon after when Port stretched their advantage; this time a ball over the top was met by the Port Glasgow number 10, who found the bottom corner with a neat finish. Red Star gave them-



**Colin Weir**

selves a lifeline as Hendry bagged his second of the afternoon. A neat through-ball was met by the forward who slid his shot under the goalkeeper to make it 3-2 with just eight minutes remaining.

The visitors pressed for an equaliser and were left furious when Moore closed down a clearance from the keeper, before rolling the ball into Peacock who finished into

an empty net. However, the referee adjudged the Star player to have handled the ball and the match ended 3-2.

Manager Weir was disappointed with the result of a match that Red Star should really have taken something from.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Lochgilphhead team are at home as they look to get back on track against Neilston, who have been performing well so far this season.

**SAFL results and fixtures**

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Oban Saints no game; Campbeltown Pupils 0, Kings Park Rangers 1; Premier Division One - Shawlands 2, Dunoon 1; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic 3, Drumchapel Colts 8; Port Glasgow 3, Lochgilphhead Red Star 2; Division 1B - Tarbert 4, Shawlands 'B' 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round - Oban Saints v Jamestown; Premier Division - Thorn Athletic v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division One - Rutherglen v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphhead Red Star v Neilston; Motherwell Thistle v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1B - Tarbert v Milton of Colquoun.

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## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT **£3150**

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
**J MacMillan**  
 Kintyre Gardens  
 Campbeltown  
**P Marshall**  
 Burnside Cottages  
 Campbeltown

**All you have to do**

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

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**Entry will be void if crosses overlap.** Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

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**Easy to enter**

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

**Competition Rules**

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School raises cash for charity

Football news

Spot the ball jackpot now at £3150!

# Inveraray lose out in first game of the season



Inveraray's Ali McDonald gets his block in during last Saturday's game against Glenurquhart. 08\_a12inveraray05

Inveraray	0
Glenurquhart	2
Marine Harvest Premiership	

INVERARAY were resilient in defeat giving away just two goals to Glenurquhart last Saturday.

With most of the play in the Inveraray goal area only some valiant defending, particularly from goalkeeper Graham McPherson, stopped the Drumnadrochit side from inflicting more damage.

Glenurquhart's Fraser Heath made the most of his opportunities scor-

ing in the 40th and again in the 75th minute.

In the latter part of the game Inveraray had to cope a man down after an altercation which resulted in a red card for Euan McMurdo.

### First outing

Inveraray coach Joe Fife said: 'It was good for the first outing of the season against a team which finished third in the league last year and made it to two major cup finals.'

'It was not a bad result against a superior side.'

Billy MacLean, co-manager of Glenurquhart said: 'We had most of the play today and really deserved to get the win.'

'Although we dominated with loads of chances Inveraray got bodies round the ball and stopped our shots going in. Their defence and goal keeping was very good.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Inveraray are at home for what could be another hard game against Newtonmore. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

# Dookers pick up a valuable three points against second placed rivals

Tarbert	4
Shawlands 'B'	2
SAFL Division 1B	

TARBERT played an important league encounter during their first game at Cil Andreis since early December on Saturday, March 14.

The home side currently sits in fifth place in the league, however, they have a number of games in hand, including against the team they faced.

Therefore, the team knew it was a must-win if they were to continue their quest for promotion.

Manager Prentice made two changes to the starting line up with Jamie Meechan returning to central defence and Jamie Stuart leading the attack in a 4-4-2 formation.

### Aggression

The Dookers started the game with a controlled aggression, closing down their opponents at every opportunity and generally making life very difficult for the Shawlands side.

Tarbert broke the deadlock midway through the first half when a home attack gave the Dookers space on the left.

Prentice found Guy on the edge of the penalty box and he curled a beautiful shot into the top right hand corner giving the keeper no chance.

There was an air of confidence within the home ranks with coach MacNab and MacDougall spurring on the players and that all important second goal arrived shortly before half time with a fantastic team effort.

After a string of passes involving the whole team, the ball was played to Ronald who played in Johnson. His effort was parried by the keeper however he managed to retrieve and find Prentice, who unselfishly played in Stuart allowing him to send a composed finish over the keeper and into the net.

The home side were dealt a massive blow shortly after when captain Talbot was forced to go off with a nasty

knee injury. He was replaced by Campbell as the Dookers reshuffled.

In the second half, Tarbert keeper John Martin's quiet afternoon did not last long. He was soon picking the ball out of the net after a somewhat fortuitous goal from the away side.

A soft free kick was conceded 20 yards out and the resultant effort was deflected off the otherwise impressive Meechan and past the home keeper.

The Dookers regained their two-goal cushion with 70 minutes played and it was top scorer Prentice who got the all-important strike.

Stuart was causing all

sorts of problems in attack and he sent a fierce shot at goal, which rebounded off the post and after some calamitous defending fell to the striker who finished from six yards.

Prentice was at it again shortly after when he played a quick one two with Johnson before slotting past the keeper, sparking wild celebrations from the home faithful.

Shawlands did grab a consolation with the last kick of the game when Tarbert failed to deal with a corner allowing the striker to tap into an empty net.

A gutsy performance from the Dookers and in terms of commitment it was an excellent display. Tarbert are at home this weekend when they face Milton of Colquhoun in the league.



Euan McMurdo scraps for the ball. 08\_a12inverarayshinty02

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