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Parent's appeal as 'terrifying' cuts loom – don't axe centre

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HEALTH and social care services in Mid Argyll will be caught up in planned cuts described as 'terrifying' by the region's MSP.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) – an amalgamation of services formerly managed separately by NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council – last week made a cryptic announcement of likely staff cuts as it attempts to bridge a gap of £6 million in its 2018/19 budget on top of existing savings – potentially a total of £13 million.

This prompted an angry response from trade union UNISON, as it broke ranks to reveal that as many as 400 job cuts are planned by health and social care bosses.

The union also claimed there were plans to close council-run care homes, including Ardfenaig in Ardrishaig, close hospital wards and cut learning disability centres.

One such is Lochgilhead Resource Centre and the mum of one child attending the centre was horrified at the thought of closure.

She told the *Advertiser*: 'The resource centre is a place for young people and adults with learning disabilities to come together, to learn and to make social relationships. There is no other place like this or any other opportunities for people with learning disabilities within 40 miles of Lochgilhead.'

'Every member of staff has been trained to a gold star specification by management – and management is not

behind a desk crunching figures. This is a service we cannot lose.

'How many children with disabilities are leaving school this year? Where will they go? Where will they feel valued?'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell pointed the finger of blame at HSCP management, saying: 'Despite their spin to the contrary, the reality is the recurring financial problems facing the senior management and board of the Argyll and Bute HSCP are, in substantial part, the result of their own shortcomings.'

The board overseeing the HSCP, the Integrated Joint Board, will decide on Wednesday March 28 which cuts to implement to meet its £263m budget for 2018-19.

Mr Russell added: 'To make matters



Feorlin Renton, of Inveraray Primary School, has been enjoying success at Mid Argyll Music Festival which returned for a week of poetry, piping, singing and more on Saturday March 17.

Feorlin scored the highest mark out of the primary four and five poetry classes, winning the Kilmartin School Board Plate, performing 'Please Mrs Butler'. More on pages 8 and 9.

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worse, the partnership is not being open about what it is planning. While they will put a few things on the table next week at their open

meeting, they have now admitted to keeping secret a document which they intend to discuss later in private and which details a ter-

rifying further range of options for more cost cutting.'

UNISON said: 'We will not stand by and see our members made

redundant or privatised, and the services they deliver and rely on slashed. There is another way. Let's work together to achieve it.'



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'Operational issues' delay Lochnell Street resurfacing

WORK to resurface a busy Lochgilphead street, which doubles as part of the A83, resumed on Wednesday March 21.

A project by trunk road management firm BEAR Scotland to repair the severely potholed Lochnell Street began a week earlier and was due to be completed the following day.

Contractors and machinery, however, had left the site unfinished by Friday, leaving drivers dodging exposed manhole covers on the planned road surface.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'Resurfacing in Lochgilphead was delayed due to operational issues last week.'

'The project is part of a wider programme of surfacing repairs across the north west network and the work was re-programmed for completion from Wednesday March 21.'

'We thank motorists for their continued patience while our teams work to carry out the programme of urgent surfacing repairs across the north west trunk road network.'



Resurfacing work resumed on Wednesday morning. 06_a12LochnellStreet01

Police files

Dangerous driving

At 9.50am on Wednesday March 14, a silver Vauxhall Astra car was stopped by police on the A83 near Achnagoul, Inveraray. The male driver was charged with driving in a dangerous manner while overtaking other vehicles.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Car windows smashed

Sometime between 7pm on Wednesday March 14 and 6am on Thursday March 15, in Main Street South, Inveraray, the rear windshields of a red Ford Fiesta and a grey Renault Megane were smashed.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Unreported road incident

A vehicle struck the 'passing place' sign and a section of privately-owned fence on the B8024 near Tarbert Golf Club sometime between 6pm on Wednesday March 14 and 2.45pm on Thursday March 15.

The person responsible has not been traced so far and inquiries continue. Anyone with information should contact PC Jack Muir at Lochgilphead Police Station on 101.

Change of date for overnight A83 closures at Strone Point

THE A83 will close for three nights at the beginning of next month after a change of plan by BEAR Scotland.

The trunk road at Strone Point will now be closed for three nights from Tuesday April 3 after closures intended for three nights from

Monday March 26 were cancelled.

BEAR Scotland design manager Ian Stewart said: 'Unfortunately the progress

on site has not advanced as anticipated. Taking the Easter holidays into account, the planned overnight closures have been re-programmed

to start on Tuesday April 3 to minimise disruption.'

The road will be closed between 9pm to 5am over the three nights.

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Search for Lochgair woman called off as body is found

A SEARCH for a missing Lochgair woman was called off on Tuesday after a body was recovered from a nearby loch.

Violet Lamb, aged 74, was reported missing after she failed to return to her Lochgair home after last being seen walking in the village beside the A83 on the afternoon of March 19.

In a statement, Police Scotland said: 'Around 10.45am on Tuesday March 20, police received a report of a woman's body being found in Loch Glashan, near Lochgair.'

'No formal identification has been carried out, however, it is believed to be 74-year-old Violet Lamb.'

'Her family has been made aware and a re-

port will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

Lochgilphead-based Inspector Julie McLeish added: 'We would like to thank the coastguard teams and all members of the public who provided information and assisted with this search.'

'Our thoughts are with Violet's family at this time.'

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Working away quietly for Nancy Glen families

RESEARCH vessel *Severn Sea* was working on her own above the Nancy Glen this week clearing debris from the wreck.

Lying at a depth of around 140 metres at the bottom of Loch Fyne, the Nancy Glen is beyond diving range.

Equipped with underwater remotely operated vehicles, the *Severn Sea* was deployed to carry out the task before the wreck can be raised.

When conditions allow, a complex operation will begin to lift the Tarbert fishing boat which sank on January 18 with the loss of skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk, who are thought to have gone down with the boat.



The Severn Sea on her lonely task. 06_a12SevernSea01

Beauty and bubbles for Macmillan

MID ARGYLL Fundraising Group is hosting a beauty and bubbles night at the Parish Church Hall, Lochgilphead, on Friday March 30 at 7.30pm.

The evening will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, with make-up, hair and nail demonstrations, jewellery and a Belle of the Ball photo booth.

Tickets cost £10 per person which includes Prosecco. For more information and tickets contact 01546 605278 or 01546 602118.

Just one snag - the cables are flapping



Loose telephone cabling on the external walls at Relief Land. 06_a11InverarayCARS_Cables02

INVERARAY residents have voiced concern that electric wiring and BT cables are lying exposed on buildings a week before the deadline for the conclusion of a £2.1m Inveraray refurbishment scheme.

A few weeks ago, Argyll and Bute Council announced that the five-year Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, part-funded to the tune of almost £1 million by Historic Environment Scotland, would formally end on March 31.

But a week before the deadline, people in Inveraray are not convinced the job is

complete. The contractors have left Relief Land and Arkland – two of five buildings refurbished under the scheme – but electricity cables and BT wiring which had previously been neatly tacked to the buildings are now flapping in the breeze.

Linda Divers, convener of Inveraray Community Council said: 'It has been mentioned, but no-one wants to know.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'These works are included on our snagging list and we hope to have them completed as soon as possible.'



Street lighting cables loose on the Arkland gable end. 06_a11Inveraray-CARS_Cables07

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Gentleman Jim signs off with note to Archie



Archie's autograph album is rapidly filling up, with more than 40 celebrity signatures already tucked away. 06_a12Archieautograph02

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WE LOST a 1980s' television legend with the recent passing of comedian and game show host Jim Bowen, host of long-running show Bullseye.

But a little bit of Jim will linger in Mid Argyll through the efforts of 13-year-old Archie MacColl-Smith.

The Inveraray teenager collects autographs and one of the last provided by Jim Bowen was sent to young Archie just two weeks before the veteran entertainer died on March 14, aged 80.

Archie, who only started his new hobby in November last year, explained: 'About three weeks ago I asked my grandpa if he had anyone in mind that I should request an autograph from.'

'He thought of Jim Bowen, because grandpa and I spent many a late night watching Bullseye. I recall staying up to about 2.30am with my grandpa and all we did was eat cheese toasties and



Archie's prized possession - a signed photograph from the legendary Jim Bowen. 06_a12Archieautograph01

watch Bullseye. I contacted Jim Bowen about how I loved the show as did my grandpa and requested an autograph.'

On February 28 a letter arrived with a picture of Jim and the words from him 'Best wishes Archie, Jim Bowen'.

It was after watching an episode of 'The Big Bang Theory' that Archie decided to start collecting autographs.

'One of the characters wrote a fan letter, so I thought I would Google 'fan mail' to see how to go about it,' Archie said.

His first success came when he hooked the autograph of actor and celebrity angler Robson Greene. He hasn't looked back since. A growing album contains the signatures of celebrities from film, television and sport and even a signed

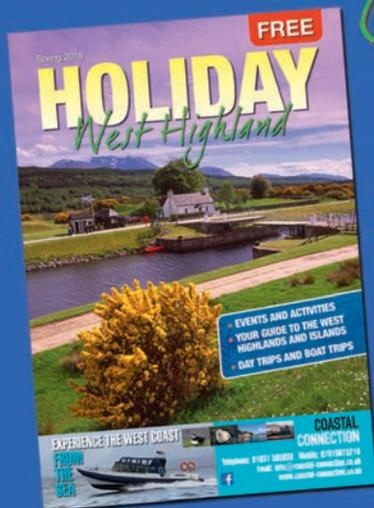
photo from Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

Archie continued: 'Some of my favourites are from Dame Judi Dench and Sir Ian McKellen. I have signatures from footballers and from the three main Harry Potter characters.'

'I feel very privileged to receive autographs,' Archie concluded, 'and I am grateful Jim Bowen took time to send me his.'

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Zipline Zinger holds no fears for Team Pickering

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman is set to conquer her fears by taking on a challenge for the MS Society.

On Saturday May 5 at Crieff, Karen Pickering will be joined by mum Eli, sister Marte, brother Marc and his partner Christine in the 230-metre Zipline Zinger for the MS Society Scotland.

Karen, who has MS, said: 'I am so chuffed I am able to take part in a fundraiser for them. Since this is fully accessible, I can do it. Finally!

'It's a small way of saying thank you and I can do something totally out of my comfort zone.'

A Just Giving page has been set up - just search for Team Pickering's page.

Eli writes on the page: 'Karen has been living with and fighting MS for over 10 years now, so this is a charity close to our hearts. We would like to raise as much money as we can for the MS Society to help in the fight to stop MS. Your generosity is appreciated.'



Karen was raising money for the challenge by selling refreshments with Robbie Bell at last weekend's Argyll Wedding Show. 06_a12WeddingShow22

Where will you go when you visit Argyll?



Ann Thomas, 1918

THE COUNCIL had proposed shutting two in every three public toilets across Argyll and Bute as part of a raft of cuts in the 2018/19 budget.

Councillors, in the end, decided against it - but that doesn't mean public rest rooms can relax.

Had it gone ahead, Argyll and Bute Council would have closed 36 of 57 public toilets.

Encourage

It also planned to 'lease out facilities where refreshment kiosks can also be provided, encourage businesses to make their toilets

available or make available for community asset transfer where interest is shown'.

Make no mistake - the council would prefer not to be operating public toilets.

In the current stay of execution, the council says that 'alternatives for reducing

their cost will be sought in 2018'. The notion of having no public toilets got the creative juices flowing for Tarbert artist Ann Thomas, who sent the *Advertiser* this image of the future without loos - but with alternative arrangements for visitors to Argyll and Bute.

Recycling on the rise in Argyll and Bute

ARGYLL and Bute Council now recycles almost half of the waste produced in the region.

The council says the amount of waste going to landfill fell by three per cent in 2017, compared to the previous year.

At the council's Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee, members heard how 18,556 tonnes of biodegradable waste went to landfill last year, compared with 20,949 tonnes in 2016 - a drop of 2.5 per cent.

Members also heard how 49.4 per cent of waste in Argyll and Bute is now recycled, composted and recovered, compared with 46.5 per cent in 2016.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, the coun-

cil's policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'These figures are extremely encouraging and I would like to thank our local communities for getting on board with us and doing their bit for the environment. This isn't something that we can do alone - we really need people to get on side.'

'It's important, however, that we don't become complacent. We need to continue our efforts to ensure our recycling rates continue to rise, and our landfill figures continue to decrease.'





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Civilised or not?

WE WERE approached this week by the parent of a child with, in her own words, 'complex disabilities'.

She is extremely concerned the powers-that-be could be about to close Lochgilphead Resource Centre, a service upon which she, her child and many other people depend.

And there will be others worrying about the future of publicly-run care homes such as Ardfenaig.

As the concerned parent told us: 'A civilised society is judged by the way it treats the most vulnerable.'

Where does that leave Argyll and Bute?

Support our music

WHY NOT go to the joint campus to enjoy some great musical competition this Saturday? If we don't support the Mid Argyll Music Festival it will go the way of the local Mod and MAMAFest, though options are being considered for this.

Caman kings

AND FINALLY, well done to the Lochgilphead Primary School shinty players who impressed at the national finals last weekend. Keep up the clash of the ash in Mid Argyll.

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Ambulances need funding

Sir,
The recent announcement by Connectivity Secretary Fergus Ewing of plans to build up to 70 new telecommunications masts in Argyll and the Isles is of concern to the Scottish taxpayer.

An investment of £25 million in mobile connectivity should raise questions as to this government's priorities. These masts are not about connecting remote communities. They are 'in-filling' to cover any potential blackspots and the question should be asked as to whether this huge amount of money could have been better spent.

I would urge readers to email their MSPs to ask serious questions regarding why their money is being used to ensure 100 per cent mobile coverage when we have many other issues in the Highlands, not least the lack of funding within the NHS.

As a former member of the ambulance service, I am acutely aware of the limited resources at the forefront of emergency care. This lack of resources does not include a need for 100 per cent mobile coverage or 4G but are more about maintaining vehicles with mile-

ages equivalent to the distance needed to get to the moon.

Creaking and unsanitary conditions are present in ambulances because they are so old. It is not unusual for vehicles to break down. Some essential equipment is almost at the point of being unusable. Only the very hard work of ambulance staff keep these vehicles on the road.

Have a good look at an ambulance next time you can and think about where that £25 million should really go.

Nicholas MacInneskar, Barrahormaid Farm, Tayvallich.

Remember our seafarers

Sir,
The world's oldest maritime welfare charity is asking churches in Argyll to remember the world's seafarers in a special service.

Congregations from around the world will take part in Sea Sunday services on Sunday July 8 in aid of the Sailors' Society.

Each year, the Christian charity, which celebrated its 200th birthday on Sunday March 18, asks churchgoers to pray and give thanks for the world's 1.6 million seafarers.

Whether they know it or not, the people of Argyll

rely upon seafarers.

More than 90 per cent of everything we own comes by sea – our clothes, phones, cars – even the bricks used to build our homes. All of these goods are brought into the country by seafarers who risk extreme loneliness, dangerous storms and piracy.

Holding a Sea Sunday service for Sailors' Society is a fantastic way of recognising the amazing work seafarers do.

The charity has created a variety of resources for churches, which are available to download at www.seasundayhero.org.

The resource pack includes a sermon outline, PowerPoint, videos, posters and Sunday School lesson plan and activities.

Stuart Rivers, chief executive officer, Sailors' Society.

Ignoring rural Scotland

Sir,
Shockingly 30 per cent of A roads in Scotland are now classed as red or amber, meaning they are in need of inspection or requiring work.

Despite Scotland spending significantly more than the UK average on maintaining roads, only three per cent of A roads in England were in poor condi-

tion, compared to 30 per cent in Scotland. These figures are shocking and have a huge knock-on for motorists who face increased damage to their cars, vans and motorbikes.

Ultimately the SNP has failed to improve the situation and motorists are the ones paying the price for inaction. When you include the challenges that we in rural constituencies like Argyll and Bute face with the large upcoming spike in logging tonnage on our roads and the continued growth of heavy freight from our world famous distilleries, it's clear a piecemeal approach to road maintenance is not enough.

Argyll and Bute Council has stepped up to the plate with plans to spend £15 million on roads over the next two years.

Now it's time for the SNP at a national level to act. For far too long the separatists in the Scottish Government have focused too much on urban areas while ignoring rural Scotland.

With the large scale losses inflicted on the separatists in the last election, particularly in rural constituencies, the SNP must heed public anger on this matter or face an even faster decline.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Isle of Islay.

Tarbert exhibition explores teenage years

THE TRAVELLING Gallery brought contemporary art to Argyll this week.

Templar Arts and Leisure Centre in Tarbert was the venue on Tuesday and Wednesday, before the roadshow pitched up at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Thursday and today (Friday).

The current exhibition is called 'Are teenage dreams so hard to beat?' and features teenage portraits by photographer Arpita Shah; imaginative performance and film works from Holly White and 3D film 'The Next Step' by Alice Theobald.

The show considers the contrasts of adolescent experiences past and present, exploring the phenomenon of prolonged adolescence witnessed these days.

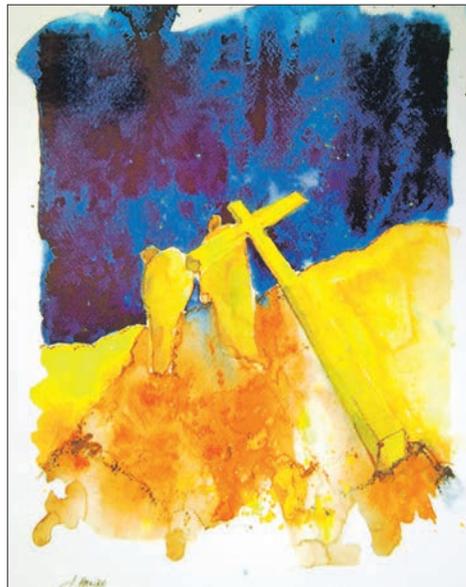
There is still time to catch the end of the exhibition on Friday from noon until 4pm.

It's almost Easter - get the picture?

MID ARGYLL churches are joining forces to tell the story of Easter through a fun competition.

Colourful pictures, each representing an aspect of the seasonal story, will be strategically placed around Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig. They might be on a church noticeboard or in a shop window. After picking up an entry form from the Mailbox post office, Lochgilphead, or from one of the local churches, the challenge is to find all 14 images, note their location and match them to the pictures on the form.

The winner, to be drawn at an Easter Monday drop-in cafe at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, will receive a big chocolate Easter egg. Every entrant will receive an Easter egg, albeit a slightly smaller one.



An example of the colourful images to be found around the area. 06_a12EasterCompChurches02

A glimpse into the castle archives

MEMBERS of Inveraray History Society were intrigued by 'Stories from the Archives' told by Alison Diamond, Inveraray castle archivist, at the March meeting.

Archives in the castle go back hundreds of years and reveal interesting insights to life in the castle and Inveraray. Though many of the records relate to marriage contracts and land transfers, others give more depth into certain characters and fascinating incidents over the centuries.

Members indicated interest in visiting the archives and seeing for themselves the extent of the records and research involved in developing historical records.

Everyone is welcome to attend the April meeting when Crawford Grier will be speaking on 'The Story of Kilmartin Glen', on Tuesday April 3 at 7.30pm in the Nicoll Hall.

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Animalcules magic

RECENTLY I ate a very peppery bacon sandwich. Delicious, and it got me thinking about a legendary figure in the history of microbiology.

In the 1670s a Dutchman from Delft called Antoni van Leeuwenhoek made the first ever microscope.

He was a draper by trade, and used magnifying lenses to count the thread density of cloth as a judge of its quality.

This led him to grind his own lenses and soon he was using

these - and the microscope that followed - to magnify anything that interested him.

Among the first things he looked at was pepper to see how it produced its spicy taste - he thought perhaps it might contain scratchy prickles or spikes.

He soaked the pepper in water for three weeks and then peered at it under his lens, but he couldn't solve the mystery of the spicy taste (which, we now know, is caused by the chemical capsaicin).

Nevertheless, he did

see some tiny creatures, which he called 'animalcules' - now known as bacteria - moving about in the water under his lens.

This was the first-ever glimpse of the world of microbes.

Excited, Leeuwenhoek took to examining all manner of things, including 'scurf from a man's teeth'.

In a letter to the Royal Society in London he declared the number of these tiny creatures in this material to be 'so many that I believe they exceed the num-

ber of Men in a kingdom'.

He went on: 'For upon the examination of a small parcel of it, no thicker than a horse-hair, I found too many living animals therein, that I guess there might have been 1000 in a quantity of matter no bigger than a 1/100th part of a [grain of] sand.'

Fellows of the Royal Society were sceptical, but were eventually convinced when

others, including the famous scientist of the day, Robert Hooke, repeated the observation. Meanwhile Leeuwenhoek went on to describe spermatozoa, muscle fibres and blood cells flowing in capillaries.

A truly amazing self-taught man, now known as 'the father of microbiology'.

But I wonder how many animalcules were lurking in my bacon sandwich?



The father of microbiology - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek.



Argyll's own Heron Valley will get the gig off to a rocking start.

Gig in the Goil kicks off festival season

BACK for the third consecutive year, Gig in the Goil is set to be bigger and better than ever before.

The boutique festival will showcase the very best of Scottish musical talent over three days from May 11 for what will be a fantastic weekend for music lovers of all ages.

More than 50 acts will perform over the weekend with some of the country's finest acoustic, contemporary, folk and traditional artists coming to-

gether for the festival, set in scenic Lochgoilhead.

Making their return to Gig in the Goil over the weekend is popular Cowal six-piece Heron Valley, who will open the festival with an energetic set of traditional music.

Festival headliners Skipinnish will entertain the crowd on the Saturday night.

Eclectic Scots folk band Hö-rö - who recently won 'Up and Coming Artist of the Year' at the 2017 Scot

Trad awards - will bring the event to a close on Sunday night.

Calum Gray, event co-ordinator at Argyll Holidays which is hosting the weekend, said: 'It's great to offer something a little different from the bigger, commercial festivals that dominate the summer months, and really showcase the immense talent we have right here in Scotland.'

'Each year we're able to invite more outstanding performers to our holiday park and

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Music extravaganza returns to



Prizewinners in the Verse Speaking Solo class: Ella Fyfe, Neve Bowden, Charlotte Dale, Jessica McCrae and Esmee Byrne.

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MID ARGYLL Music Festival has returned for a week of poetry, piping, singing and more.

The festival officially began on Saturday March 17 at the North Hall in Ardrishaig with two piping competitions.

In the chanter class, Drew McLellan came out on top with William McLean second and Ryan Logan clinching third place. The novice bagpipes class was won by Christopher McCartan, with Ruaraidh Logan second.

Primary schools from across

the region flocked to the Public Hall in Ardrishaig for poetry competitions.

First up were the primary two and three poetry speaking classes, which were won by Charlotte Dale.

Feorlin Renton of Inveraray primary clinched the primary four and five age group and the Kilmartin School Board Plate with a wonderful performance of 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg.

Suzannah Whittle was top in the primary six and seven class

with her performance of 'Scissors', also by Allan Ahlberg, and in the Scots Verse Speaking Solo class, Iris Bevan gained a certificate of distinction.

Kilmartin Primary School speaking choir finished the day off with a performance of two contrasting poems, the 'Galaxy Song' and 'Earth Day'.

Adjudicator Luis Allan praised all the children who took part, saying the confidence and clarity of speaking had been outstanding throughout the day.



Leon Quarton, Feorlin Renton and Violet Turnbull, who were all placed in the primary 4-5 Verse Speaking Solo.

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Ruaraidh Logan and Christopher McCartan following their performance in the bagpipe competition.

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Elin MacBrayne, Jesseca MacNab, Charlotte Dale and Ella Fyfe who were successful in the Scots Verse Speaking Solo class.

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Mid Argyll



Above: Feorlin Renton, Rosie Day, Lily Walsh and Rosie Blyth who performed in the Vocal Ensemble class. 08_a12wednesdaymusicfest02



Left: Iris Bevan with her certificate of distinction following her performance in the primary 6-7 Scots Verse Speaking Solo. 08_a12musicfest_mondaypm02



Millie Fyfe, Feorlin Renton, Codi MacDougall and Daisy Brown with their awards. 08_a12wednesdaymusicfest01

Young singers take centre stage

SINGING was the main event on Wednesday afternoon as primary school pupils from across Mid Argyll performed in a number of events.

In the Vocal Solo Girls class for primary four to five, Feorlin Renton took top spot with her rendition of 'I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing'. Just behind her was Daria Derevyankin performing the same song, with Aimee Burnett and Cathleen

Baumberger-Heidtke in third place.

In the Scots Folk Song for primary four and five, the children performed the 'Skye Boat Song'. Feorlin was champion once again, with Codi MacDougall following in second place and Millie Fyfe and Daisy Brown earning third place.

In the Vocal Ensemble competition for primary school children, Rosie Day and Lily Walsh

came out on top with a performance of 'The Boxer' which saw them win the Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup. In second place with 86 marks was Feorlin Renton and Rosie Blyth performing the Gaelic song An Coineachan.

Look out for more from the Mid Argyll Music Festival in next week's paper and on the Argyllshire Advertiser website.



Euan McCartan and Ryan Logan with their certificates.

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The fifth Argyll Wedding Show arrived in Lochgilhead on Sunday March 18, as 25 exhibitors from across Argyll and Bute set up

their stalls in the joint campus - with guests from Fort William and Renfrew adding to the variety on show.

A steady stream of brides and grooms-to-be came along as exhibitors reported good business on the day.

Mid Argyll models were on hand to dis-

play the latest wedding day styles, while music was provided by Dunoon band Acoustic Soundz and Connor Honeyball on the pipes. Delicious food offered a tempting alternative to the wedding finery, courtesy of Argyll Hog Roasts from Ardfern.

The event is supported by the Scottish Wedding Directory, meaning all those who attend will receive a free copy of the magazine.

'Everyone seemed to pick up business,' said organiser Linda Maxwell.

'For example, each of the photographers reported they received orders for three to four weddings at the show.'

'We had a great variety of exhibitors and products, and everyone has been very positive.'

Look out for the next instalment of the Ar-



Bride for the day Sarah Shackleton from Lochgilhead with her flower girls Sophie MacIver, left, and Carly Cranston. 06_a12WeddingShow08



Lochgilhead High School S6 pupils Isla Fowler of Kilmichael, left, and Holly Smith from Tayvallich modelled bridesmaid outfits.

gyll Wedding Show at Dunoon Grammar School on Sunday March 25 - 11am to 4pm. Admission is free.



From Minard-based Thistle Do Crafts, Anne Thompson and Kim Cogan display their bespoke function stationery. 06_a12WeddingShow02



On hand to promote Argyll and Bute Council marriage services were registrars Shona Brechin, Lochgilhead and Campbeltown's Julie McLellan. 06_a12WeddingShow03



Cairnbaan's Kerry MacKay was there with her delicate and beautiful Selkie Crafts. 06_a12WeddingShow18



Show organiser Linda Maxwell receives a bouquet of flowers from Carly Cranston. 06_a12WeddingShow20



Lochgilhead Joint Campus provided the ideal venue for the Argyll Wedding Show. 06_a12WeddingShow23

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Argyll stalwart trophy presented to Mull's Ronnie

MULL crofter Ronnie Campbell was presented with the NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands 'stalwart' award at the March branch meeting.

The award was created in 2016 in recognition and memory of the dedication shown by Mull's Bert Leitch and Lachlan MacLean.

Both Bert and Lachlan, who represented NFU Scotland's farmers and crofters both regionally and nationally, sadly passed away in 2015.

The award is presented annually to either a member who has given their time and effort to the work of the union in Argyll and the islands or someone who



From left: Tom Corbett, John Dickson, Ronnie Campbell, Sheila Campbell and Jim Corbett.

has made a significant contribution to agriculture in the area. The inaugural winner in 2017 was well known Dalmally hill farmer, Sybil MacPherson.

Ronnie was announced as the 2018 winner at the region's

Tarbert AGM in January but was unable to travel to the event.

Presenting the trophy to Ronnie this week were regional board chairman John Dickson from Bute, Mull branch chairman Tom Corbett and Mull re-

presentative Jim Corbett. Ronnie was joined by his wife Sheila as he was presented with the handsome trophy.

Ronnie, who runs a croft at Uisken with Sheila, continuously represented Mull and

crofters on the unions' Crofting Highlands and Islands committee and is a past vice chairman of the group.

He also represented NFU Scotland on the industry's liaison group with Caledonian MacBrayne ferries as well as being a Crofting Commission assessor, a special constable and a Forestry Commission ranger and stalker.

Aird bullocks top Dalmally kilo prices

THE ANNUAL March sale saw 209 head of all classes of cattle and 218 sheep pass through the ring at United Auctions' Dalmally Auction Mart on March 13.

With a sale being held in Oban on the same day, a good turnout of buyers ensured all stock sold at satisfactory levels.

Bullocks sold to 310.2 pence per kilo for Limousin crosses from Aird Farm and to an average at 240.15 pence per kilo. Limousin heifers from Feorline sold to 278.8 pence per kilo and levelled out at 229.7 pence per kilo. Sheep sold to levels in keeping with current values.

Principal lots and prices:

Top prices per head:

Bullocks: CHARx: £1,020 – Ardmaleish: £900 and £870 (4) – Barnakill.

LIMx: £1,020 (2) – Lurignish:

£970 – Stroneskar: £910 – Clachan Farm.

SHx: £810 – Barnakill.

SIMx: £1,100 – Pitcastle Estate: £940 (2) and £920 (4) – Achnacone Farm

Heifers: CHARx: £840 – Auchlyne Farm: £800 (5) – Ardmaleish.

LIMx: £1,100 and £960 (2) – Lurignish: £840 (3) – Achnacone Farm: £800 (3) – Dall Farm.

SIMx: £850 – Achnacone Farm.

Cows and calves: £1,220 (2) – Scoor Farm: £1,100 – High Balantyre.

Top prices per kilo:

Bullocks: CHARx: 252p (2) and 247p (2) – Barnakill.

LIMx: 310p (4) – Aird Farm: 281p – Tullochcan: 280p (3) – Aird Farm: 265p – Feorline: 261p – Aird Farm: 257p (2) –

Ellary Farm: 256p (2) – Boreland Farms.

SALx: 270p – Brenchoille Farm.

SHx: 258p – Ellary Farms.

SIMx: 263p – Achnacone Farm: 258p (3) – Ellary Farms: 252p – Barnakill Farm.

Heifers: CHARx: 246p (4) – Barnakill Farm.

LIMx: 279p – Feorline: 273p (4), 254p (5) – Aird Farm: 253p (2) and 249p (2) – Tullochcan: 246p – Achnacone Farm.

SIMx: 273p (2) – Aird Farm. Sheep - Hoggs: TEXx: £89 – Crunachy.

CROSS: £67 – Garrogie Estate.

BF: £74 – Crunachy : £67 and £63 – Garrogie Estates.

Ewes: TEXx: £65 – Garvachy: £55 – Ichrachan.

Riggs: BF: £79 – Crunachy: £75 – Meallagie.

FAS Succession Workshop



Date Tuesday, 27th March 2018
Time 7.30pm
Venue Ardshiel Hotel, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6JL

Alastair Dale is a lawyer with Dales Solicitors in Galston, Ayr. He will discuss Succession within farming families, the pitfalls and problems as well as repercussions.

Andy Ritchie from Campbell Dallas Chartered Accountants will also be on hand to answer any questions, and will highlight the need to ensure accounts are up to date and what the tax implications may be. This event is free.

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Verina Litser's winning submission, 'Family Portrait'.

Mid Argyll photographer tops Argyll competition

A PHOTOGRAPHER from Mid Argyll Camera Club (MACC) has come out on top at an Argyll camera club competition.

Verina Litser from MACC was awarded top photo with her own 'Family Portrait'. It is of the Veitch family who live in Lochgilphead.

Amateur photographers from across Argyll and Bute flocked to Lochgilphead on Wednesday March 14, battling it out for the Frank Walton Inter Club Trophy. Mid Argyll Camera Club (MACC) hosted the competition this year with visiting clubs attending from Oban, Campbeltown, Carradale, Cowal and the 3 Villages.

Each club entered

their best 12 images, with no more than three images from any one photographer. All 72 photographs were independently judged by Scottish Photographer Association judge Dr Boyd Meiklejohn from Ayr.

Placing second in the competition was Andrew Daw with 'El Bufadero' and Malcolm Le May with 'Yellowhammer' both from Cowal.

David Williams from Oban was awarded fourth place with his photo 'The Trombonist'.

Cowal Camera Club won the Frank Walton Trophy with a total score of 205pts, MACC were second with 195pts and 3 Villages were third with 193pts.

Portavadie wins national award

PORTAVADIE Marina has been named the Best Accommodation Provider at the Scottish Thistle Awards in Edinburgh on Thursday March 15.

The Scottish Thistle Awards took place at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, and is dubbed Scotland's tourism industry Oscars.

Praised

Judges at the ceremony praised Portavadie for its work with schools, universities and the local golf club.

The marina also impressed with the range of accommodation on offer, its significant

growth and strong investment.

Iain Jurgensen, Portavadie general manager, said: 'We are overwhelmed to receive this award on behalf of the team who are the life and soul of Portavadie and the true winners of this award.'

'It is just so amazing and a real privilege to be recognised by industry as Best Accommodation Provider 2017/18.'

Portavadie has previously been recognised at regional level, coming out on top at the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards (HITA) in November.



Left to right, host Sanjeev Kohli, Portavadie general manager Iain Jurgensen, presenter Joan Campbell, Carol Jagielko, Henry Jagielko, and host Jennifer Reoch. Picture: Chris Watt.

Islay hospital exceeds emergency target



Emergency staff pictured at Islay Community Hospital.

ISLAY Community Hospital's accident and emergency department has exceeded the Scottish Government's national waiting time target.

Key performance data revealed that of the 97 people who attended the department in January, 100 per cent were seen, treated and discharged or admitted within four hours. Donald Watt,

the locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Adult Services said: '100 per cent is a remarkable statistic considering the Scottish Government's target of 95 per cent. The A&E staff provide an excellent service to the communities of Islay and Jura. I would like to thank all nursing and medical staff within the hospital for providing outstanding services.'

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18/00063/PP	Installation of 5 replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 1 replacement timber door of the same style and finish.	2 Arkland Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION – BARGUILLEAN FARM HYDRO SCHEME

An application had been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Barguillean Farm Hydro Ltd for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Barguillean Farm Hydro Scheme, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid ref.
Construction and/or operation of impounding works 1m in height	AlltNathais	NM 9823 2823
Abstraction of 8986 m3 per day of water	AlltNathais	NM 9823 2823
Return of abstracted water approximately 500m away from abstraction point	AlltNathais	NM 9806 2888

SEPA considers that the above controlled activities may have a significant adverse impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilphead Office, Kilbrandon House, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX, by telephoning 01546 602876. Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: <http://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/consultations/advertised-applications-under-car/>

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, either by email to registry@sepa.org.uk or to the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1165124 Registry Department, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made SEPA will include a statement in the register indicating that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request.

Before determining the application, SEPA will:

- assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the activity or activities;
 - assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
 - consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
 - consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
 - assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
 - assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
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- SEPA will then either grant or refuse the application.

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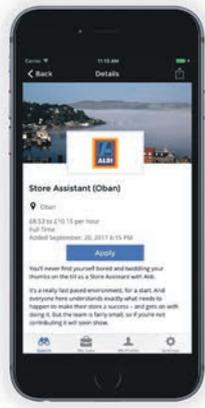
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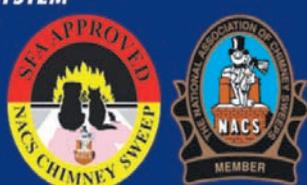
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Boat jumble and car boot sale

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Cooking demonstration

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DRUMLEMBLE

Eco-Schools Green Flag

DRUMLEMBLE Primary School near Campbeltown has scooped its fourth Eco-Schools Green Flag. Run by Keep Scotland Beautiful, Eco-Schools is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world and encourages young people to take steps to ensure that they look after their environment. In order to earn the Green Flag Award, Drumemble pupils followed elements of the programme over the last two years, involving the whole school and the wider community. The children have focused on reducing litter and developing their outdoor space as a resource for learning and recreation. They have also been learning about improving the local environment by organising beach cleans while researching important global issues.

ROTHESAY



Rothesay Academy pupils completing their training.

Training scheme for young firefighters

NINE Rothesay Academy S9 pupils have been awarded the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Fire Reach training scheme. The scheme is funded by Argyll and Bute Council's youth services, and provides training and development opportunities for young people through fire service activities. The training encourages the youngsters to make the most of their physical and mental capabilities while raising awareness for the fire service within the community. The council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeill, said: 'The Fire Reach Scheme is an excellent way for young people to demonstrate commitment, which in turn can help their employment prospects. 'It also teaches them about the importance of being part of a team, improves self-discipline and confidence, and provides them with an opportunity to learn basic life skills. 'I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these young people from Rothesay for completing the scheme and would encourage other schools and community groups to sign up.'

LOCHGILPHEAD

Oklahoma at Lochgilphead Community Centre

MID ARGYLL Arts Association (MAAA) is hosting a movie night on Saturday March 24 at 7.30pm in the community centre. Showing Richard and Oscar Hammerstein's Oklahoma, tickets are £7.50 for adults, £6 for children and free for MAYDS members. Oklahoma is based on the story of a farm girl and her courtship with two rival suiters, a cowboy and a farmhand. For more information on future MAAA screenings, go to www.maaa.org.uk.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS pleased to hear that Rory McIlroy won a golf tournament after a time in the desert of nearly two years. I like this young Irishman and I wondered why he had gone off his game. However, those of us who challenge that wee white ball, know what it is like to be totally humiliated by it, and feel a slight sense of justice when even the best are beaten by it. Rory said that all that was required to improve his game, was a few 'tweaks' from his coach.

Do we just need a few 'tweaks' from our coach to make us better players in the game of life? Who is our coach in this important game? Those of us who follow the Christian way would say it was Jesus. Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey as he begins his final journey to the cross. However, in that week, he has time to 'tweak' the ideas of his disciples. He shares a final meal with them and tells them to remember him. He tells them again about his vision for a new way of living which is based on love.

He talks about a new kingdom which is completely inclusive. He draws a new picture of God - a God of compassion who will be the father who searches for every lost son, a God who will be the mother hen who tenderly gathers us under her wings.

He came to 'tweak' our ideas of God and bring us to the one who fashioned us in our mother's womb, the one who is the maker and keeper of our days, the one who calls us by name.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

DEATHS

ALLEN - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 14, 2018, Gordon James Allen, in his 64th year, 53b Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved father of Andrew, Helen, Gordon, Alexander and Jamie, a loving granda and much loved brother of David and Lorna.

FINN - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on March 17, 2018, Jane Nicholson Finn, in her 92nd year, formerly of Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late James and Jane Finn and a much loved sister and aunt.

GARNHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 17, 2018, Alec William Garnham, in his 69th year, 60 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Lorna Mason and a much loved father, grandfather, brother and uncle. A service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, March 23 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Scottish Air Ambulance.

HENDERSON - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on March 15, 2018, Maureen Sinclair, in her 86th year, formerly of Barochan Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Michael Henderson, much loved mum of Lorna, mother-in-law of Campbell, loving granny of Lorne and Greg and great granny of Rogan.

MACKENZIE - Suddenly, but peacefully at his home, on March 14, 2018, Colin James Mackenzie, aged 70 years, of 36 Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead, (late of ACHA and Argyll and Bute Council), beloved husband of Fay Macpherson, much loved and loving father of Roddie, Colin and Stuart, a much respected father-in-law and adored grandpa of Annalise, Heidi, Finn, Luke, Ross, Alec, Ben and the late Little Roddie. Loyal brother, uncle and cousin to all the family and a good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACKINNON - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March, 16, 2018, in her 85th year, Margaret MacKinnon, beloved wife of the late Alistair MacKinnon, dear mother of Ali, Dougie, James and Neil, mother-in-law of Sheena, Jane and Connie, much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Sadly missed by all. A private service will be held.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of my dear wife, Peggy, died March 16, 2015. Lonely is my home without you, Life to me is not the same, All this world would be like Heaven, Just to have you back again. - Love, Robbie xx.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of our dear mum. There's a corner in our hearts, Mum, You visit every day, It gives us this warm feeling, That you're never far away. - Love from all the family xxx.

MCDUGALL - In loving memory of Iain McDougall, who died on March 27, 2016. 'Precious memories.' - From Anne, Grant, Morna and family, home and away.

IN MEMORIAM

CLARK - In loving memory of Peggy, our dear mother and granny, who died March 28, 1993. Also John, a dear dad and grandpa, who died February 24, 1977. Remembered with love always.

- Janette and Ian and family, at home and away.

DOTT - In loving memory of Charlie, died March 28, 2017, loving husband, dad, granda and great granda. Missed and loved every day. - Isobel and family xxxx.

DOTT - In loving memory of Charlie, a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle, died March 28, 2017. Sadly missed. - Irene, Neil and family.

GILMOUR - In loving memory of Sheena, died March 25, 2015. Loved and remembered every day. - Angus, Lesley, Colin and families.

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Wednesday 28th Enter the King
Thursday 29th Remember the King
Friday 30th Death to the King
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Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.00pm Church Hall
Company Section 7.15pm
Wednesday 28th March Kirk Session Meeting Session Room 7.30pm
Thursday 29th March Choir

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Palm Sunday Rev C Acklam
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Morning service
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Devotional Service 10.30am
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Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
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PALM SUNDAY
"So they took branches of palm trees and went to meet him, shouting Praise God"
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.

Athletes head to Oban for final

YOUNG athletes from Mid Argyll Athletic Club will head to Oban this Sunday, March 25, for the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Final.

More than 120 competitors will be battling it out in running, jumping and throwing events.

The competition kicks off at noon in the main sports hall at Atlantis Leisure.

A series of events were held this winter in Lochgilphead, Mull, Oban and Kintyre. Successful qualifiers from each local contest will now compete against each other to be crowned Argyll winner.

Registration is from 11am on Sunday with the first events starting just after noon. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third in each age group.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday March 19, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 4, 5 and 9. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £200.

This week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers were 12, 13 and 14. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £800.



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Kilmory players impress at national shinty finals

KILMORY Primary School's shinty players were praised after their performance at the national first shinty finals in Fort William.

Inverloch were double winners at the Travis Perkins-sponsored event, which featured P5 and under and P7 and under competitions.

The tournament, on Saturday March 17, brought together the best primary school players with all the participating teams having won their regional qualifiers.

From Mid Argyll, Kilmory and Dunadd represented the region in the P7 competition with Inveraray in the P5 section.

Inverloch won the P5 event at Lochaber High School, beating Taynuilt/Lochnell in

the final. Inverloch swept the boards with a 4-0 win over Bute in the P7 final at the Nevis Centre.

Kilmory were right in the mix, however, after going through the six group stage matches, losing just one game and only two goals in the process.

They eventually lost to the powerful Inverloch side in the semi-finals.

Their first group game was against Alvie from Badenoch. A close fought physical match ended 2-0 to Kilmory.

Strathkelvin from Glasgow area were then comfortably beaten 5-0.

Lochaber team Caol were next and it was the Mid Argyll lads who came through with a 2-1 victory.

Inverness side Drakies had won their previous games and looked like a tough proposition for Kilmory, but not so as the Mid Argyll lads won 3-0.

Next it was defending champions Portree. In a physical encounter, Kilmory controlled the game, winning 2-0.

The game of the day, though, was versus Bute, the biggest side in the competition, which the islanders narrowly won 1-0.

Qualifying second to Bute in the group, Kilmory played Inverloch in the semi-finals.

Inverloch were 3-0 up after a couple of minutes. Dan Anderson hit the post for Kilmory at the end of the first half before coming off injured.

Kilmory started to



The Kilmory P7 and under team which made the semi-finals. Back, from left: Dan Anderson, Nairn Jackson, Harry Turner, Joe Anderson and Innes Cameron. Front: Euan Gilmour and Murray MacDonald.

push the talented Inverloch side in the second half. Strong play from Innes Cameron and Nairn Jackson in defence pushed the side forward, with Euan Gilmour and Harry Turner forcing

the opposing keeper into some fine saves.

Inverloch, however, scored again late in the game to win 4-0. They also won the final 4-0 against Bute, who overcame Taynuilt 4-1 in the other semi-final.

Team coach Steven Gilmour was delighted with the squad. He said: 'Well done everyone.'

'You should be very proud of yourselves and thanks to all the parents for all the support over the years. It was a nice way for the P7 team to sign off their final indoor tournament by reaching the last four in the nationals.'

Kilmory drew praise from Inverloch coach and Camanachd Association director Willie MacDonald, a distinguished former player, who commented: 'The Kilmory players were fantastic today at the indoor finals. Pass on my regards to the coaches for what was an impressive display of shinty from the team.'

Defeat for below-par Star

SAFL Premier Division 2

Paisley 3
Lochgilphead Red Star 1

RED STAR travelled to Ralston 3G on Saturday to face Paisley Amateurs and a poor performance resulted in a 3-1 defeat against a well-organised side.

Star started the first half playing against the wind and were finding themselves under pressure as the Paisley long ball and windy conditions made it difficult for the Lochgilphead side. Paisley took a deserved lead 10 minutes in when the ball broke kindly to the centre forward who hammered his shot past Kalache in the Red Star goal.

Star suffered a setback when Aaron Moore was forced off with a badly injured ankle following a late challenge in midfield. Martin Bonar came on to replace him.

Chances were hard

to come by but Kieran Moore went closest, his effort coming back off the inside of the post.

Paisley doubled their lead from a corner. The ball was whipped in and Conor Crawford unfortunately turned the ball into his own net.

Just before half-time Star were handed a lifeline when the Paisley goalkeeper was ordered off for handling outside the area, but the home side held their lead till the break.

Into the second half and Innes Meikle went close with a thundering effort that cannoned back off the crossbar. The visitors eventually scored when Kyle Selfridge fired into the top corner from 25 yards to drag Star back into the game.

The remainder of the second half was dominated by Star but they couldn't find a way

past the Paisley defence and their makeshift goalkeeper did a good job handling any long range efforts.

Star's discipline also let them down in the dying minutes. Martin Bonar was ordered off for dissent before keeper Luke Kalache saw red in almost identical circumstances to the Paisley keeper meaning Star finished with nine men.

To round off a miserable day for the Lochgilphead side, the resulting Paisley free kick was converted making the final score 3-1.

This Saturday, March 24, Star are at home to second-place Castle-milk and will be looking to get back to winning ways.

The game will be played at either the Ropework or the joint campus, depending on weather, and kicks off at 2pm.

Lochgilphead girls enjoy first Donella Crawford sixes outing

THE DONELLA Crawford shinty six-a-sides is a key fixture for school teams each year.

The tournament offers high school girls the chance to come together and take part in competition, while remembering Donella, who was a huge advocate of the girl's game.

Ardnamurchan High School again hosted the event, which saw 12 teams sign up.

Three new teams were welcomed to the competition on March 7, including Lochgilphead.

The trophy was won by Portree High School, with Donella Crawford's cousin Alistair McMillan presenting medals and the trophy to winning Portree captain Emma Gordon.



The Lochgilphead girls who took part in the Donella Crawford sixes.

Alistair also took the time to comment, as did many of the coaches, on the rising standard of girls' shinty and how it continues to improve

each year. The Lochgilphead High School team won one of their group games, drawing two and losing two – not bad for their first appearance.



Gymnastics success for Lochgilphead girl

A LOCHGILPHEAD Primary School pupil has leapt her way to success at a recent gymnastics competition in Glasgow.

Louise Pendreigh, aged 10, was part of the silver medal winning team at the Sapphire Floor and Vault competition held at the Lagoon Centre in Paisley on March 11.

Louise, who is part of the Clydebank-based Dynamite Gymnastics Club, took part in competitions alongside her four team mates where points were gained for flexibility, strength and skill.

The girls' combined score was enough for second place out of 15 teams from across

Scotland in the aged 10/11 beginner category.

Louise, who attends gymnastics training on Friday evenings and Saturdays in Glasgow, said: 'When I heard our team being called for silver, I was so happy and excited.'

'I love gymnastics and I knew all our hard work had paid off.'



Louise Pendreigh, second from left, on the podium with her team mates.



Don't miss this night of family fun, thrills and spills.

Wrestling experience comes to Tarbert

MID ARGYLL and Kintyre wrestling fans disappointed at the cancellation of the Megaslam show earlier this month have an early chance to catch top quality action.

Wrestling Experience Scotland will roll into Tarbert on April 21. Headlined by Glasgow's own WWE Superstar Wolfgang, who is currently on a month-long US tour with their NXT brand and International Women's Superstar

KayLee Ray on her return from Japan, it promises to be an action-packed night for all the family.

They will be joined by the 'King of Insanity' StevieBoy Xavier, BBC star Jack Jester, Lionheart and ICW World Champion BT Gunn. Tickets for the show which will raise funds for Clachan Village Hall development fund as well as the Nancy Glen appeal and also Clachan Youth Club's efforts

to attend an Ocean Youth Trust trip.

Tickets can be bought at Clachan Filling Station, Kintyre Electrical in Tarbert and D McNair and Son, Campbeltown. Previous shows have been sold out and with more than half the tickets sold already, this one will too. Many more names are still to be announced. This will be Wrestling Experience Scotland's only Tarbert show this year.

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SPORT



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Kilmory open with a win as Inveraray draw

Marine Harvest Premiership

Caberfeidh 1 Kyles Athletic 1

NEWLY promoted Caberfeidh picked up a valuable point, drawing 1-1 with title contenders Kyles Athletic at Castle Leod.

Cabers took the lead after 11 minutes when Kevin Bartlett finished in style, to the delight of the home support.

Kyles continued to launch wave after wave of attack into the second half but the Ca-

berfeidh defence was resolute.

The Tighnabruaich side got back on level terms with just 15 minutes remaining when Grant Irvine found the net from just outside the box.

Marine Harvest National Division Oban Celtic 1 Inveraray 1

A DANIEL Madej goal five minutes from time gave Oban Celtic a 1-1 draw with Inveraray at Ganavan.

In a scrappy encounter, the opening goal came on 64 minutes with Lewis Montgomery putting Inveraray ahead.

And that's the way it stayed until the late leveller.

Marine Harvest South Division 1 Kilmory 2 Taynuilt 0

KILMORY played their first match of the season, beating Taynuilt 2-0 amid snow flurries at MacRae

Park. Alister MacArthur gave Kilmory a 23rd minute lead.

MacArthur received a ball from Alex Cunningham in the half forward position and he turned his marker and hit a great shot, low and hard inside of the far post.

Hal Jones made it 2-0 on 34 minutes. Alex Cunningham's shot from far out was saved by keeper Beano Logan and Jones ran in, striking the ball on the half-volley from inside the D.

This was a good game but the pitch tore up in the second half which made it difficult for both teams.

Col Glen 3 Bute 2

COL GLEN came from two goals down to beat Bute 3-2 in a remarkable match for the Hamish Carmichael Memorial Trophy at Otter Ferry.

Neil McKirdy put Bute ahead after just two minutes and he added a second on 25



Hal Jones volleys home Kilmory's second goal versus Taynuilt.

minutes. Col Glen's second half substitute Sandy Paterson pulled a goal back on 50 minutes. There was worse to follow for the islanders as Connor Kennedy made it 2-2 on 80 minutes.

A couple of minutes later, Sandy Paterson grabbed the winner.

Tayforth 1 Kyles Athletic 4

THE MEETING between the Kyles Athletic second team and

Tayforth was switched to Levenhall Links earlier in the week.

Innes MacDonald gave Kyles a nine-minute lead and Brandon Wilson added a second on 19 minutes. Brendon Thompson pulled a goal back on 26 minutes.

Ross MacRae made it 3-1 on 35 minutes and Luke Thornton extended the visitors' advantage just four minutes before the break.

they beat the Aberdour second team 6-1 at Silversands, Fife.

Ian MacLennan gave Strachur a 14th minute lead and Stuart Robertson added a second on 25 minutes. Iain MacLennan got his second on the stroke of half-time to give the visitors a 3-0 interval lead.

Ian MacLennan completed his hat-trick on the hour mark while Stuart Robertson got his second just seven minutes later.

A fourth MacLennan goal on 82 minutes made it 6-0 before Aberdour's Brandon Marshall notched a consolation strike a minute from time.



David McAlister bears down on goal, Taynuilt defenders in hot pursuit.

Tarbert punished by ruthless Castlemilk

SAFL Premier Two

Castlemilk	8
Tarbert	1

TARBERT travelled to Castlemilk on Saturday March 17 to face an in-form team chasing the league title.

Unfortunately for the Islay Frigate Hotel-sponsored side a few players were missing, including their suspended goalkeeper, so it would prove to

be a difficult day once again. The first half was one of Tarbert's worst of the season, with a lack of ambition and drive coupled with several individual errors allowing the home side to dominate.

Some poor team defending allowed Castlemilk to storm three goals ahead early on as Tarbert struggled to get any foothold in the match. There were a

couple of good moves which led to half chances for Tarbert falling to MacDougall and MacKinnon but neither troubled the home keeper. Castlemilk scored another two goals before the interval and led 5-0 at the break.

Some harsh words at half time spurred Tarbert into action and they got their reward early in the sec-

ond half, as a crude trip in the penalty box allowed the chance for MacKinnon to step up and reduce the deficit. Tarbert were much improved and were a constant threat in the second half but were caught on the break again as Castlemilk restored their half time advantage.

Two further goals arrived late on as Tarbert pressed to try and

score themselves, but again individual errors proved costly as the home side ruthlessly took their chances.

Overall, a much-improved second half but Tarbert will chalk this one up as a bad day at the office. On Saturday Tarbert will be at home to FC Argyle, looking to get back on track and continue their unbeaten home run in the last few games.

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STRACHUR showed that they will be a force in this division when

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