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### Remembering a remarkable grandfather

AS THE world marks the centenary year of Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his team making their expedition to the South Pole, a Mid Argyll family is this week remembering a remarkable grandfather.

Falcon Scott, from Craobh Haven, was yesterday (Thursday) at a commemorative ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral in London, marking the last day his grandfather made an entry in his diary.

Celebrating the scientific legacy of his grandfather with the rest of the world this week, Falcon told the *Squeak* about his journey to preserve his grandfather's presence in the frozen continent.

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### Community centre future secure

THE FUTURE of Lochgilphead Community Centre this week looks secure as Argyll and Bute Council announces new opening hours and management of the building.

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# Shop worker relives ordeal at hands of alleged robber



## Winner Holly all smiles at festival

**Holly Renton was all smiles on Saturday night as she was named the most promising performer at the 33rd Mid Argyll Music Festival. The youngster, a pupil of Minard Primary School and member of the Mid Argyll youth chorus, was presented with the Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award for her many performances throughout the five-day festival. The petite 11-year-old has long been delighting festival audiences and was pleased as punch to be given a trophy almost as big as she is.**

## Brave mother returns to work one day after incident

A WOMAN who found herself at the centre of a robbery in Lochgilphead has returned to work just one day after the incident that left her shocked and frightened.

Wanida McEwan was working at newsagents R S McColls at 7.30am on Monday morning when a man entered the shop and demanded she hand over money.

The 39-year-old mother of one, who was working in the store alone at the time of the incident, said she was keeping busy in a bid to keep her mind off things.

Bravely returning to the Argyll Street store on Tuesday, Wanida said: 'If I was at home I would be getting calls all the time from people worrying so I thought maybe it would be better to come back, to keep busy and keep my mind off it.'

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Still getting over the surprise of the robbery, Wanida said: 'I was so shocked.'

'We have been trained and told that if this ever happens that we just hand over the money; all they want is the money so we give them the money and save our life first.'

### Twist of fate

In a strange twist of fate Wanida offered to work the early shift on Monday to give the manager a break from the 6am shift.

'I have a little boy and normally I take him to school in the morning but this week my husband is on holiday and so I said I could help out and open up on Monday and Tuesday.'

Explaining she always felt comfortable working alone in the shop, she said: 'When it happened I thought why are you doing this?'

'Before this I always felt like this is a quiet town and very peaceful; I never thought anything like this could ever happen here.'

Visibly tired and drained by the incident, Wanida said she had not slept on Monday night.

'I will not be opening the shop any more,' she added.

Commenting on the safety of shopkeepers in Lochgilphead, often women working alone, Wanida said: 'I think we should be more prepared. Shops could have more CCTV, shopkeepers could carry personal alarms and have two members of staff working in the shop when possible.'



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## Police files

EMERGENCY services were called to help a man who injured his head after falling over when drunk.

The man was found by two women walking along Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, last Wednesday night and was taken to Mid Argyll Hospital.

□□□ POLICE officers in Mid Argyll have this week searched six people as they continue to crack down on illegal drugs.

Two men travelling along the A83, near Lochgilphead, were stopped by police at 4.45pm last Thursday and searched, whilst another four people in the Crinan area were stopped and searched by police at 6.40pm. Neither search found illegal substances.

□□□ A KILMICHAEL man has been reported to the procurator fiscal following an alleged assault in the village.

The man, aged 35, is alleged to have hurt a woman during an incident in the village late last Friday night.

□□□ A 21-year-old man suffered a fractured facial bone after he was allegedly attacked last Saturday night.

A man in his 20s was arrested for an alleged serious assault following the incident and is due to appear before Dunoon Sheriff Court next month.

□□□ POLICE raced to a Mid Argyll home last week after neighbours reported hearing a fight.

Arriving on the scene at 2am on Tuesday, officers discovered the fight was actually a fight on the television, being watched by a pair of night owls.



World famous artist Jolomo reveals his latest works at Kilmartin House Museum.

## Jolomo turns spotlight on hills of Kilmartin Glen

THE BROODING hills of Kilmartin Glen will be seen in a new light this week as renowned artist Jolomo unveils his latest works.

The Tayvallich-based artist will put the spotlight on the infamous glen once again as he launches his new exhibition at Kilmartin House Museum.

The exhibition, *Kilmartin Glen Light*, will go on display on Thursday and features a host of new paintings inspired by the landscape and archaeology of the glen and surrounding area. It includes images of Crinan Ferry, Carnassarie and Duntrune Castles, Kilmartin and the Bronze Age standing

stones at Nether Largie.

Speaking ahead of the launch, Jolomo said: 'It has been wonderful to revisit some of these local places, beloved favourites of local people, and present some new perspectives on them.'

'The chance to revisit it throughout the year has enabled me to really reflect on what makes this part of Argyll and Scotland so special. It's not only its long, often bloody, history, but also the dramatic landscapes and seascapes that make the glen and its immediate surrounds so fascinating to paint.'

Welcoming the exhibition to Kilmartin House Museum, Dr Sharon Webb from the museum

said: 'We are so pleased that John has featured some of the most beautiful and archaeologically important sites in Scotland in his new exhibition. Kilmartin Glen is a very special place and John's new works capture the essence of what makes the area unique.' The exhibition will run until May 9, 2012.

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# Compromise reached on centre weekend hours

## Groups welcome council changes

COMMUNITY groups will still be able to use Lochgilphead Community Centre at the weekends, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

Announcing this week that the centre would close at 6.15pm on Fridays, the council has now said the centre will be available for hire at the weekend.

Launching the new opening hours and management structure on April 2, the community centre will now open between 9am and 9.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 6.15pm on Friday. The new management of the centre sees two members of staff accept voluntary redundancy with one remaining to fulfil a combined janitor/cleaner role.

The changes were welcomed by users of the community centre and labelled a 'compromise'

after the council proposed axing all janitorial and cleaning services from the building last year.

Jim Morrison, chairman of the community centre council, said the changes would bring minimal disruption to the 57 groups currently using the building.

Explaining the system of booking a room in the centre at the weekend still has to be confirmed, Mr Morrison said he was confident any problems could be overcome.

'The problem with weekend lets is getting an employee from the council in the building as a key holder. That person does not necessarily have to be a janitor so the council will see if there are staff available for weekend hours,' Mr Morrison said. 'If the group has a member who is an employee

of the council then that person could be trained to carry out the role of key holder and I'm sure there will be people who take it on. I don't foresee it being a big problem.'

Expressing his gratitude to the council who worked in partnership with the centre council in finding a sustainable future for the building, Mr Morrison said: 'I cannot emphasise enough how much the council supported the working group and showed that they really do want the community centre functioning; it has been a real partnership.'

Costs for hiring a room at the centre and a system for weekend bookings will be confirmed at the Lochgilphead Community Centre Council AGM, which will be held in the coming months.

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## Teenager in custody following alleged robbery

A TEENAGER is currently behind bars after being arrested for robbery.

Luke Ronald Blackwood, from Lochgilphead, appeared from custody on petition at Dunoon Sheriff Court on Tuesday, accused of robbing a shop.

The 17-year-old made no plea or declaration and the case was continued for further examination. He will appear before court again on April 3.

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# Man's eye socket broken in drunken row

A TARBERT man left another man with a broken eye socket after repeatedly punching him on his face during a drunken argument about a mobile phone.

A 15-person jury delivered a majority guilty verdict against John Miller on Tuesday after a two-day trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Miller and three friends went to the house of Zarely McAlpine, aged 38, at 5 Church Terrace, Tarbert, in the early hours of April 23, 2011. Miller gave his mobile to Mr McAlpine to show him

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some photographs when he arrived. When Miller left later he realised his phone was missing.

Mr McAlpine, who told the court he had a 'clear recollection' of the events, said he helped to look for the phone but then found it in his jacket pocket and could not explain how it got there. He said: 'I must have inadvertently put it in my pocket. I was as surprised as anyone.'

Mr McAlpine tried to

hand the phone back to Miller, but the 28-year-old fisherman called him a thief and punched him '20 or 30 times' to the face and head.

Defence solicitor Sandy Mitchell suggested Mr McAlpine had squared up to Miller who then acted in self-defence, but the jury rejected those claims.

Miller said: 'He got up off the couch, he had his arms up as if he was going to hit me, so I punched him on the face a couple of times.'

The jury was shown photos taken of Mr McAlpine in the days after the incident, which showed a swollen left eye and cuts across his face. Mr McAlpine also said the bone around his left eye had been fractured.

Mr McAlpine's sister Tara McAlpine, aged 37, said she saw Miller attacking her brother, while Adam Ronald, aged 21, and Mark Carmichael, aged 40, both said they saw the pair fighting but could not say who started it.

Miller, of Bay View, Harbour Street, pleaded not guilty to assaulting Mr McAlpine in his home by repeatedly punching him on his head to his severe injury. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentencing Miller until April 12 for reports, saying: 'Clearly custody is a realistic option.'



Ronnie Cameron's competition win is the latest in a run of good luck for the Ardrishaig man. 08\_a13competition01

## Lucky Ronnie wins *Squeak* stay at luxurious hotel

LUCKY Ronnie Cameron has won a trip to luxurious Taychreggan Hotel after winning another 'getaway competition' in the *Squeak*.

Ronnie, from Ardrishaig, who described the win as 'brilliant,' admitted it was not the first time he had won a competition in his local paper.

He said: 'It's not very often I do the competitions, but I won a trip to a superbike competition in the *Squeak* many years ago.'

Ronnie correctly answered the question in which county will you find Loch Awe to win the competition, which featured in the paper on March 9.

Despite enjoying a streak of good luck, Ronnie said: 'When I got the phone call I thought is this one of these windup calls because there seem to be a lot of them about.'

But he added: 'Needless to say, I'm collecting tokens for the next one, and I'll be checking my lottery numbers very carefully.'

## Tarbert to feature on world's largest tapestry

TARBERT is to feature on what is set to become the world's largest tapestry.

The Loch Fyne village will take pride of place amongst 160 illustrated panels to be etched onto The Great Tapestry of Scotland.

The Tarbert panel will depict Vikings dragging their longship across the village, representing one of the many invasions in Scotland's rich history. The tapestry represents Tarbert's strategic position as a gateway to mainland Scotland and will depict Vikings dragging Magnus Barfod, son of King Olaf of Norway's galleon over the isthmus at Tarbert.

Magnus' landing point is said to be where Tarbert Castle now stands, an area and building currently being conserved by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust.

Depicting Scotland's rich past the tapestry will include infamous events such as Bannockburn and Culloden and other episodes of Scotland's hidden history like the great timber halls of prehistoric farmers at Balbridie, Claish and Kelso, James Small and his invention of the swingplough and John Watson Nicol's composition of An Ataireachd Ard.

The tapestry, to be the biggest in the world, is the brainchild of

writer Alexander McCall Smith and historian Andrew Moffat. Mr Moffat said: 'Most important is our efforts to make a tapestry that distils Scotland's unique sense of herself, to ask the heart-swelling, rhetorical question: what's like us?'

The great tapestry will take 50,000 hours of labour to complete, and will need over 30 miles of yarn. There will be 200 stitchers working on it and it will include annotations in English, Gaelic, Latin and Scots.

The tapestry is expected to be completed in August 2013 and will be put on display for the public to enjoy.

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# Falcon traces the steps of famous grandfather

**Continued from page 1.** FALCON Scott lives in the heart of Craobh Haven with his wife Jane and two sons Christopher, aged 15, and Charles, aged 12.

He recently exchanged the rugged west coast of Scotland for the Antarctic in a bid to trace the final steps of his grandfather – famous explorer and scientist Robert Falcon Scott.

A builder and carpenter by trade, Falcon was invited to the base camp of the British Antarctic Terra Nova Expedition by the New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

Responsible for maintaining the Cape Evans camp on Ross Island, the heritage trust employed Falcon as a conservation carpenter, preserving the home in which his grandfather spent his last days alive.

Falcon, who runs Shuna Lodges, with his wife Jane, travelled to the camp for seven weeks, leaving Craobh Haven on Boxing Day.

Describing his arrival on the great white expanse, Falcon said being in the expedition base camp was awe-inspiring.

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‘I had a sense of pride entering the hut; it was very emotional,’ Falcon said. ‘When I arrived they gave me one hour to be in the hut on my own. I have to say I was nearly in tears just seeing it all. The smell of it and the light coming in, being in my grandfathers last home; where he spent his last days; it was very powerful stuff being in there.’

Settling into his new home, a tent on a great glacier beside the expedition camp, Falcon set about work preserving the structures and equipment around the camp.

‘I did a lot of work outside repairing sledges and ladders and the latrines. It’s pretty amazing to think that my grandfather had used the facilities 100 years before and there I was fixing doors on it,’ he laughed.

Explaining the work was a painstaking process, Falcon said he, alongside a team of experts, would take photographs of walls and fixtures, take off exist-

ing felt, reline the walls with new insulation and place the old material over it again. The men would have to ensure that every single nail went back into the wall in exactly the same position it had been for the last 100 years.

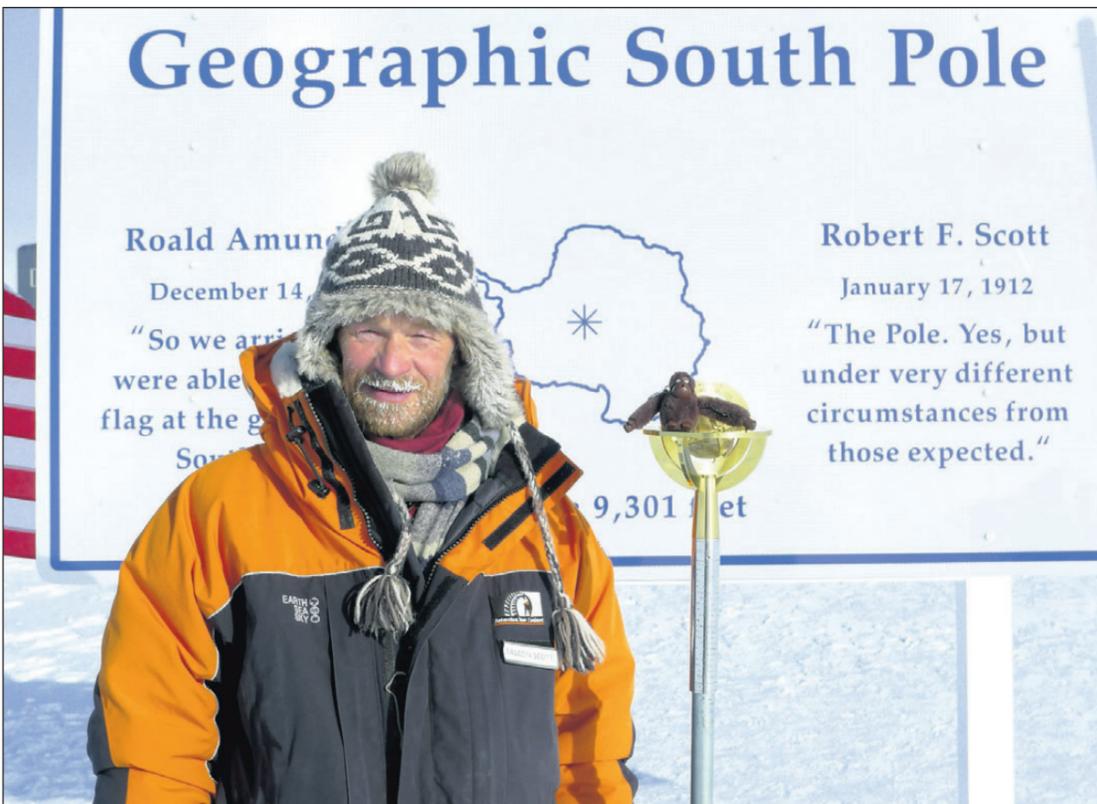
The trip was also a learning experience for Falcon who only started to delve into the work of his grandfather 18 years ago.

‘It wasn’t talked about a lot when I was younger,’ Falcon said. ‘We knew the story and my mother read me the little bird book about the story but that was a very brief account of it. I didn’t really start looking into it until 1994 when I travelled to the Antarctic on a cruise but bad weather meant I wasn’t able to visit the base camp.’

Speaking of his father, founder of the World Wildlife Fund Sir Peter Scott, Falcon said: ‘I think it was very difficult for him to handle the fame of it; it became so well known and entered the psyche of people around the world and he didn’t want to be known as the orphan son of this story; he wanted to make his own way in the world.’

Now fully aware of his grandfather’s story, the 59-year-old said he should be remembered for his contribution to science.

‘The expedition to the Antarctic was two-pronged - one aim was to be the first to get to the South Pole and the second was the science side of it and research. The problem is people often forget the



Tracing his grandfather’s footsteps on a journey to the South Pole.



Falcon Scott at the Terra Nova Memorial Cross on Observation Hill.



Falcon at work preserving his grandfather’s legacy in the Antarctic.



An emotional visit for Falcon, he spent some time alone in his grandfather’s den.

science; they call it a fated expedition or unsuccessful but it was highly successful, it was just incredibly sad that five men didn’t make it back,’ Falcon said.

Visiting the Terra Nova Memorial Cross on Observation Hill, which commemorates the life of his grandfather and the four other men who died on the expedition, Falcon said:

‘It sits high on the hill and people would sit there on the look out for people returning but of course he never did return.’

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## Those Were The Days

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### New office for region

A £145,000 extension to Strathclyde Regional Council's sub-offices for Argyll and Bute in Lochgilphead were officially opened on Monday by Councillor Gerald McGrath, chairman of the buildings and property committee.

Extensive renovation has also been carried out on the original building in Lochnell Street which is now linked at first floor level to the extension in Colchester Square. The new complex is named Dalriada House. A major feature of the extension, built by M & K Macleod, is a new marriage room seating 50 guests. There is also a courtyard which can be used for wedding photographs. A bench seat placed in the courtyard is in memory of Mr Angus Macdonald, the project architect, who died in a car accident last year.

### US visitors witness haggis hunt

BY A happy coincidence this week a young American visitor, Miss Courtney O'Neill from Washington, arrived in Kilmartin in time to witness the first of the year's haggis hunts, on Wednesday.

Local people bothered with these troublesome little beasts, suitably attired and equipped, began the soon to be traditional anti-clockwise drive flushing out several variety of haggis including the rough legged, the common and semi-aquatic species. Miss O'Neill unfortunately was not in at the actual kill, but had she been, she might have been struck by the resemblance between the captive prey and that haggis variety which frequents the window of Flemmings the Butcher in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I doubt if there was any crowd control in Jerusalem.

The crowd was jubilant with joy and ecstatic with enthusiasm for this new leader who had emerged.

They certainly roared approval and hailed him as a king.

He was a strange kind of leader.

He was certainly charismatic, but he was also ordinary. He was eloquent and conversant with the scriptures, yet he seemed to have no time for the religious elite and the Holly Willies of his day.

He associated with the poor and spent time in the most dubious of company. He was a strange kind of leader. He was passionate about justice and equality and abhorred prejudice and false piety. He called a spade a spade and when he called the holy elite hypocrites, they did not like that one bit.

He rode into the holy city wearing an ordinary robe and riding on a donkey – a strange way for a king to appear.

His feet were calloused and dirty and he looked tired. He had been on a journey and it wasn't over yet.

He was a strange kind of leader. He didn't want to be part of the temple hierarchy, but he called God his father. He didn't want to dine with the most important but preferred to share a simple meeting with friends in an upstairs room.

He was a strange kind of leader. He talked about love and a kingdom that would bring peace and love and parity for all.

Jesus was going on a journey that would change the world.

## Letters to the Editor

### Housing association burdened

Sir,

A few years ago, after the local authority housing stock had been transferred to a new housing association (ACHA) formed for that purpose, there was a considerable furore when ACHA discovered that the council, in their wisdom, had transferred everything they held on their housing books, including not just associated green areas and parking but also any roads and paths built in connection with housing construction that, arguably, hadn't been formally adopted by the council as highways authority.

This might seem clever, but with the sell-off of a good deal of the housing stock before the remainder was transferred to ACHA, we now have a situation where the housing association is burdened with maintaining public infrastructure that is of general public use.

This seems to have reached a ridiculous degree in Lochgilphead, where apparently ACHA is responsible for the catastrophically corroded steel footbridge on the only direct pedestrian link between High Bank Park and the town centre.

The other pedestrian routes in Lochgilphead that are in the old Burgh council area have seemingly all been adopted, and so have the more recent pedestrian links between Manse Brae and Kilmory.

I don't believe for one minute that public pedestrian routes should be the responsibility of



## Down Memory Lane

**THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. It shows Nell and Amie Hardie from Tarbert with trophies won at an Argyll indoor athletics competition in the 90s. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. a13dml01no**

a housing association, when they were built by the old Argyll County Council and paid for by us.

The council is the highway authority, whether it likes it or not, and although one prominent local councillor believes we should drive rather than walk, and it might seem at first sight to be an excellent way of cutting council costs, getting rid of public footpaths is completely unacceptable. There is even the suggestion that a footpath alongside an adopted road is not the council's responsibility if it strays away from the road kerb, and if this were to be allowed to influence future highway design it would be at the expense of road safety – surely the council is capable of realising that people, especially children, are much safer if they're not walking immediately next to road traffic.

There is also the public safety question of whether there are similar decaying footbridges abandoned by the council elsewhere in Argyll;

the council's own website proclaims noble intentions that are contradicted by really quite underhand behaviour. I wonder how many councillors are aware of the difference between their council's public image and their actual policy, when it comes to caring for the public footpath network?

**Robert Wakeham, Castleton, Lochgilphead**

### Dougie's thanks

Sir,

Just to let you know we made £450 at the Maggie's Cancer Centre Coffee Morning on Saturday.

Maggie's Cancer Centres and I would like to say a huge thank you to Duncan, Sheila, Jean, Eleanor, Joan, Fiona, Karen, Flora, Fiona, May and Mrs Macdonald, for their very kind help on Saturday at the event and also for the donations of baking etc. A great morning was had and couldn't have

been done without your help, thanks once again.  
**Dougie Moore, Lochgilphead.**

### Beaver update

Sir,

In your issue of March 23 your Knapdale beaver update gives some interesting figures.

Three beavers have died and four, in spite of electronic tagging, have disappeared although we were told that with this tagging they could always be traced. So nearly half the original number are dead or missing.

If you add the three surviving kits there are now 12 beavers, three quarters of the original number. This is not a result that most animal breeders would be proud of.

Has the stress of being trapped, the long journey to England, six months quarantine and another journey to Scotland, together with the unaccustomed handling and veterinary attention,

weakened their constitutions?

Perhaps the RSPCA should look into it?

**Mrs. J.H.F. Cox Strathmore, Kilmartin.**

### Woodland thanks

Sir,

Please can I express our thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make the recent open day at Blarbuie Woodland such a success.

The devastation to the woodland by storm damage, just as Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise set out as an independent organisation on January 1 this year was a hard blow, but the hard work and kind donations of all involved have meant that the woodland should continue to thrive and be accessible to all.

Particular thanks to NHS Highland for their continuing support, and to M&K McLeod and McNaughtons for providing and transporting the means to repair the paths in the woods.

**Hugh Fife, Co-ordinator, Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise.**

### Messages on Facebook

PEOPLE in Lochgilphead have been shocked this week by the robbery of newsagents RS McColl. They have been leaving their messages of support on the *Argyllshire Advertiser* facebook page for the staff at the Argyll Street shop.

**Scott Mcpherson:** That is awful, poor staff members.

**Vicki McDonald:** That is shocking, I hope they catch whoever did it.

**Mart Davidson:** That is dreadful, I hope they catch him soon.

**Serena Davidson:** I am gutted for Nick and all the staff, hope everyone is OK.

**Flower Shop:** That is awful, hope the staff are OK.

**Fiona Bain:** I never think of that kind of stuff happening in places like Lochgilphead and Tarbert but I guess they are not immune nowadays! Glad no one was hurt.

**Alison Dodds:** What is happening to Argyll ... needle banks and shops robbed at knifepoint! What next?

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# Mid Argyll Music Festival - a great success

'MUSIC is alive and well in Argyll' – that was the verdict of one adjudicator at the 33rd Mid Argyll Music Festival.

Alan Fernie, renowned music composer and conductor, told audiences of the festival on Saturday that it was a 'privilege' to adjudicate performances from the county's finest musicians.

Judging the bands and instrumental ensembles on Saturday, Mr Fernie highlighted two Mid Argyll groups as being outstanding.

Lochgilhead High School Folk Group and Tarbert Academy Folk Group both received a rapturous applause from the judge, who described their performances as 'brilliant, fantastic and terrific'.

Mr Fernie awarded both groups marks in the 90 per cent and over category for performances that were exceptional

both technically and artistically.

New on the Argyll music scene, Lochgilhead High School Folk Group - Ewan McCulloch, Chris Coates, Mark Stark and Luke Schofield – performed publicly for the first time at the festival.

Speaking to the boys, aged between 14 and 16, after their performance, Mr Fernie said: 'This was a brilliant performance, absolutely fantastic; this is music making of the highest order.'

### Massive

The boys, gaining a massive 94 points, managed to win the instrumental ensemble competition for the under 17s, beating the renowned girl group from Tarbert.

Dominating music competitions across Scotland over the last two years, Tarbert Academy Folk Group and again thrilled the visiting judge.

In his closing remarks, Mr Fernie said the girls - Lucy Kemp Smith, Emma Kok, Emma McFarlane, Niamh MacKaveney and Hannah Prill – were a credit to everyone involved in the group.

'This was beautiful; there is great connectivity between the five of you; you are a terrific group,' he said.

Mr Fernie, who has enjoyed a great career playing and conducting brass bands, also paid great tribute to world-famous Campbeltown Brass.

Youngsters from the band won a horde of trophies throughout the five-day competition including The Gifford Bowl for the highest mark gained by a choir or band. The Co-operative Membership Cup for the highest mark overall in brass solo classes was awarded to Slockavullin's Matthew Tanner, also a member of the band.



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Lochgilhead High School lads Ewan McCulloch, Chris Coates, Mark Stark and Luke Schofield had the audience whooping and cheering when they performed in the instrumental ensemble.

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Youngsters from a host of Mid Argyll primary schools won certificates for playing the piano. 06\_a12music31



Sam Martin, 11, of Minard Primary, proudly holds the Kilmartin School Board Plate.

06\_a12music06



Gavin Johnson, 11, of Kilmartin Primary took the trophy for the primary 6-7 vocal solo for boys. 06\_a12music17

More music festival photographs on page 8



Tarbert Academy's Hannah Prill and Emma MacFarlane reclaimed The Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl after winning it in 2011.

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Teenagers Lindsay Johnson (left) and Nicola Way were awarded the Lochgilhead Rotary Club Trophy for their performance of Chiquitita. 06\_a12music29



Inveraray Primary School choir dazzled the audience with their songs in the Gaelic, Scots and action songs categories. 06\_a12music59

# Argyll Music Festival 2012



Rowan McIlvride (right), aged 14, took first place in the piano solo grade three competition. Signe Riddell, 13, also took part in the competition. 06\_a12music35



Nicola Way, 17, left and Fiona Cupples, 14, competed in the grade five violin solo section. 06\_a12music45



Kilmartin Primary School embraced the festival spirit with their specially designed music festival t-shirts. 06\_a12music55



Coisir Og Dalriada had some new members when the group sang in the intermediate Gaelic choir contest. 06\_a12music63



Ashfield Primary was delighted to take home the trophy in the primary school vocal ensemble section. 06\_a12music21



Fiona Cupples, 14, of Lochgilhead High fiddled her way to glory in the Scots fiddle section for secondary pupils. 06\_a12music48



Ben Selfridge won the brass solo competition for beginners. 06\_a12music57



Orla Ward from Lochgilhead High School was awarded the woodwind solo competition for teenagers in years S1 to S3. 06\_a12music54



John Orr was awarded the Ballymeanoch Plate for his performance in the ever-popular songs from the shows senior competition. Shona Keith was runner-up. 06\_a12music23



John Holt entertained with a medley of traditional Scottish music earning him the Dalriada Senior Accordion Trophy. 06\_a12music47



William Lawrence won The Ardchnonnell Primary School Cup for his piano recital of Dance by Kabalevsky. 06\_a12music34

## Community Noticeboard

**Kintyre Craft Group**  
**easter craft fair**  
 Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown  
 Friday 6th April 6pm - 9pm  
 Saturday 7th April 10am - 4pm  
*In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support*  
 Come and have a look at our sixteen interesting stalls, including the award winning marmalade.

The Heritage Centre opens for the season on Saturday 7th April from 10am to 4pm with a display of social history of the Campbeltown Glasgow Steam Packet Company (The Steamers)  
 Read all about it  
 Teas, coffees and home baking on sale  
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 Also Car Boot Sale and Farmers Market 10am - 1pm

Royal British Legion Scotland  
 Campbeltown Branch  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
 Saturday 31st March  
 10am - 12 noon  
 Red Cross Hall, Kirk St.  
 Raffle, home-baking & bottle stalls  
 Admission £1

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Research**  
 You are invited to join us for an "Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea"  
 Sandwiches & cakes  
 In Guide Hall, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown  
 Saturday 31st March 2012, 2 - 4pm  
 Usual stalls. £3

**EASTER DANCE**  
 in Skipness Village Hall  
 on Saturday 7th April  
 at 8.30pm  
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**Easter Craft Fair**  
 Kilmartin Hotel,  
 Easter Saturday 7th April,  
 11.00am til 3.30pm.  
 Varied crafts including Ethnic crafts, glassware, silks, jewellery and more.  
 All proceeds to go into Kilmartin Pensioners fund.

**Argyll Bowling Club**  
**OPENING OF THE GREEN**  
**Saturday 14th April**  
 Names by 1.30pm for 2pm start  
**Presidents v Vice Presidents**  
 Follwed by buffet and prize-giving  
 Annual fees may be paid on the day.

**PRIZE BINGO**  
*In aid of Guide Hall Funds*  
 Thursday 5th April 2012  
 in Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 Doors open 7.30pm  
 Eyes Down 8.00pm  
 Admission £5.00  
 Includes raffle ticket

Tarbert Free Church,  
 Sunday 1st April, 6.30.  
 Lachie Macleod of 'Something for Romania' will give a presentation about Palliative care for the terminally ill in Romania. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

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**M.A.L.I. Craft Fair & Egg Fest**  
 (Scottish Reg Charity SC038694)  
**Saturday, March 31**  
 Baptist Church, Lochgilhead  
**10am-4pm**  
 Face painting/Easter egg design contest  
 Coffee & cakes/lunchtime soup & roll  
 Mike Mackenzie MSP presenting prizes  
 (All proceeds to education in Zambia)

**Hearing or Sight Loss?**  
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**In aid of Hall Funds**  
**Glaclach Village Hall**  
**Indoor Car Boot Sale**  
**Saturday March 31st**  
**1 - 3pm**  
**Refreshments**

# Dougie's holds coffee morning for Maggie's

A FOOTBALLER who has already raised thousands of pounds for a cancer charity has this week embarked on another fundraising campaign.

Dougie Moore, a footballer with Lochgilphead Red Star, held a coffee morning at Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Saturday in aid of Maggie's Centres.

Dougie, who last year

ran the London, Belfast and Edinburgh marathons within five weeks for Maggie's Centre, raised £450 on Saturday.

The coffee morning saw locals tuck into tea, coffee and cake, whilst browsing the various plants on sale in glorious sunshine.

Dougie's fundraising plans also include a race and karaoke night

on April 7, which will take place in Lodge Lochgilphead. Charities Asthma UK, Anthony Nolan Trust and Maggie's Centres will benefit from the funds raised on the night.

Maggie's Cancer Charity works to provide support to people who have, or have had cancer, and also family members who have been affected by the disease.



Dougie Moore, left, and friend Duncan MacLean organised Saturday's coffee morning at Lochgilphead Church Hall in aid of Maggie's Cancer Charity. 08\_a13maggie01



It's a jumble out there: fine weather was enjoyed by all at the Craignish Boat Jumble on Saturday. 08\_a13carbootsale03

## Bargain hunters at boat jumble

IT WAS a balmy day for bargain hunters at the Craignish Boat Jumble on Saturday.

Shoppers basked in sunny weather as car boot salesmen and women peddled their goods, selling everything from power tools to cleaning goods, brass ornaments and inflatable dinghies.

Car parks at the village hall and marina were full to bursting as around 360 people made their way to the event.

A raffle held raised around £1,000 for local charity Craignish Community Company, which supports projects within the local community.

Jan Brown of the

Craignish Community Company said: 'The day was a huge success, it was the biggest in terms of the number of traders and the number of people through the door.'

'In fact one man said he attended a lot of boat jumbles and this was the nicest one he had been to; we had a lot of nice feedback.'

## Daffodil appeal raises £547

A SEA of yellow greeted visitors to Lochgilphead Co-op last Saturday.

Volunteers from the local Marie Curie fundraising group donned the colour to promote the Great Daffodil Appeal, raising funds for Marie Curie nurses who work throughout Mid Argyll.

The day proved to be a success, with £547 being raised.

Volunteer Frances Fleming said: 'We would like to thank everyone who gave so gen-

erously to our Daffodil Appeal.'

Marie Curie nurses work with people who

have cancer and also provide support for families who have been affected by the disease.



Hat's the way to do it: Frances Fleming donned her distinctive headwear as she and Betty MacDougall helped raise £547 for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.

## West Coast Living home and interiors fair

THE SECOND West Coast Living home and interiors fair is to be held in Craignish next weekend.

The fair, at Craignish Village Hall on Easter Sunday, will see the local hall transformed into a classy boutique as a host of vintage furniture and accessories goes on sale.

### Brainchild

The brainchild of Craignish women Katie Richie and Sara Qualter, West Coast Living will host bi-monthly interiors fairs at unique locations all over Argyll.

The event, which runs from 10am to 4pm, will also feature collection buckets to raise funds for Ardfern Primary School.

## THE PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday 31 March for 5 days at 7pm

### The Muppets (U)

Muppet domination. Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Jason Segel and Amy Adams  
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### The Artist (PG)

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Synopsis The Muppets: On vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, and his friends Gary (Jason Segel) and Mary (Amy Adams) from Smalltown, USA, discover the nefarious plan of oilman Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) to raze the Muppet Theater and drill for the oil recently discovered beneath the Muppets' former stomping grounds. To stage The Greatest Muppet Telethon Ever and raise the \$10 million needed to save the theater, Walter, Mary and Gary help Kermit reunite the Muppets, who have all gone their separate ways. Fozzie now performs with a Reno casino tribute band called the Moopets, Miss Piggy is a plus-size fashion editor at Vogue Paris, Animal is in a Santa Barbara clinic for anger management, and Gonzo is a high-powered plumbing magnate. With secret, signature, celebrity cameos, "The Muppets" hits the big screen Nov. 23, 2011

Synopsis The Artist  
Hollywood 1927. George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is a silent movie superstar. The advent of the talkies will sound the death knell for his career and see him fall into oblivion. For young extra Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo), it seems the sky's the limit - major movie stardom awaits. THE ARTIST tells the story of their interlinked destinies.

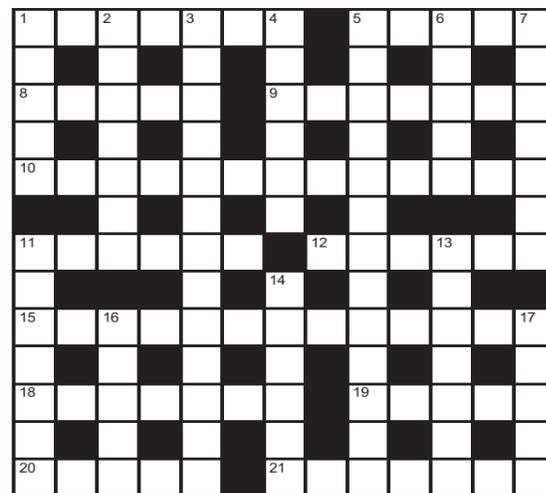
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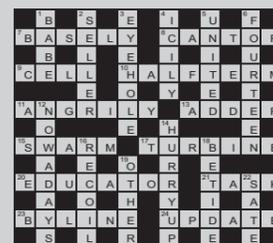
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- 15 Good or bad, they let you know what's to come (13)
- 18 One who receives a bequeathal (7)
- 19 Enter (5)
- 20 Chopper blade (5)
- 21 Steadfastly (7)

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- 2 Airhole (7)
- 3 Radio wave detector (6,7)
- 4 Shade (6)
- 5 Gathering at church (6,7)
- 6 Take up space (5)
- 7 Christening (4,3)
- 11 Sound barrier (7)
- 13 On which a frog may sit (4,3)
- 14 Falling star (6)
- 16 Correct (5)
- 17 Threadbare (5)



### Last week's solution



## Stamp prices set to soar

APRIL will see a sizeable increase in the price of stamps with the price of a first class stamp rising to 60 pence.

The price hike is a rise of 14p compared to the 2011 price of 46p. The price of a second class stamp for a standard letter will increase from 36p to 50p.

Royal Mail has said low-income families will be able to purchase three booklets of stamps at the 2011 rate until Christmas 2012.

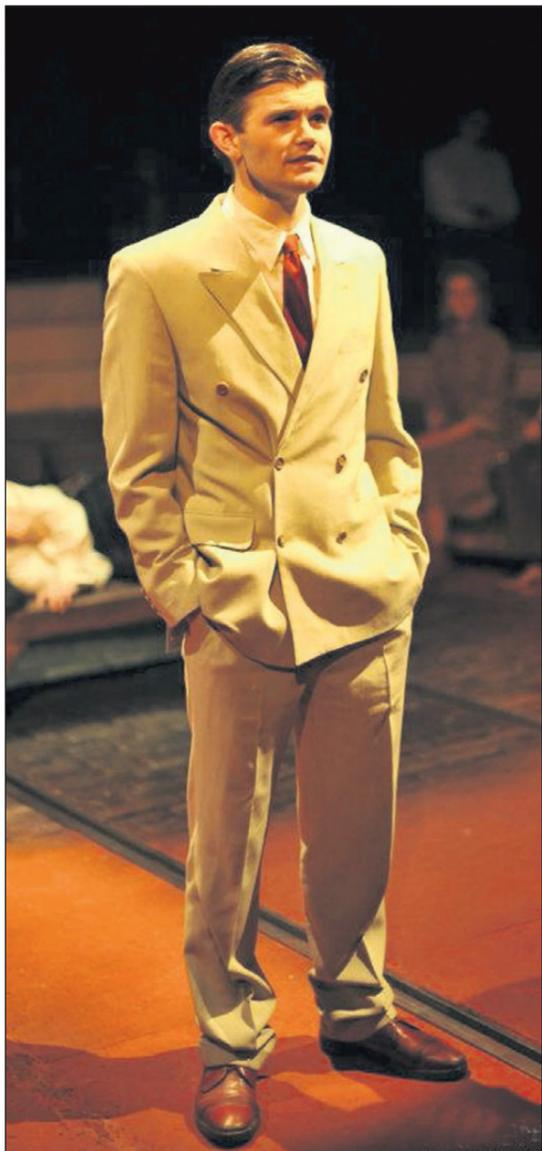
## Earth Hour landmark lights switch off

ONE OF Argyll's most iconic landmarks will be darkness for one hour this week as Argyll and Bute Council takes part in Earth Hour.

Oban's McCaig's Tower will be plunged into darkness at 8.30pm on Saturday as the council turns off the lights in support of people and wildlife affected by climate change.

The council is one of many local authorities to turn off lights for one hour in support of the Earth Hour 2012, the World Wildlife Fund's campaign to tackle climate change.

# Actor wins rave London reviews



Stewart in the spotlight as Hugh Dorsey in *Parade*.

A TALENTED actor from Mid Argyll is enjoying rave reviews on the London theatre scene.

Stewart McCheyne, who was brought up in Furnace, has just completed a four-date performance of *Parade* at London's Unicorn Theatre, with his performances being described as 'astonishing' by one theatre blogger.

The 23-year-old performed the role of Hugh Dorsey, the main villain in the play.

The play, produced by Rose Bruford College, enjoyed a run at the Unicorn Theatre last weekend, showcasing talent from the college's actor/musician programme, with Stewart standing out as

a rising star.

Stewart said: 'It was amazing; every night we got a standing ovation and an encore, and we sold out every performance.'

Currently enthralled in his BA Honours Actor Musicianship degree course, Stewart beat 3,000 other applicants to gain a place at the college, which enjoys a prestigious name in the field of performing arts.

A former pupil of Furnace Primary and Lochgilphead High School, Stewart is due to graduate from the actor/musician programme in the summer.

Excited about leaving college and embarking on a fulltime career as an actor, Stewart said:

'My ambition is to do more with acting, which depends on whether I can get signed up with an agent. I've already been contacted by four agents and they were very interested.'

He added: 'I would like to do film and TV but I can't give up on the theatre; you see people like Ewan McGregor, James McAvoy and Keira Knightley who are still doing that.'

Stewart has already landed a number of extras roles in TV shows such as *Taggart* and *River City*, as well as several speaking roles, almost landing a part in recent Hollywood blockbuster *World War Z*. Speaking about the movie starring Brad Pitt, Stewart said: 'I

was cast for a part in the movie which was filmed in Glasgow, but by the time they got around to filming the part they ran out of time.

'I found out when I went along for a costume fitting; I was gutted.'

Stewart had to make do with a part as an extra, but he said: 'Being an extra you get to see how it all works just watching how the actors go about it.'

Looking to his future Stewart will not forget his routes in music and acting, taking part in singing competitions all over Argyll and performing alongside friends as a member of the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

## New phone payment line goes live

A NEW 24-hour telephone payment line set up by Argyll and Bute Council went live on Monday.

The line will allow customers to pay their council tax over the phone at any time day or night.

The line uses an automated voice recognition system, and during working hours, callers will be able to speak with customer services advisors.

Douglas Hendry of the council said: 'It is hoped that more than 20,000 payments a year will eventually be made using the new automated service.'

'This will offer another way that the public can contact the council and free up our skilled customer services advisors, whose roles currently include taking council tax payments, to deal with other calls and face to face enquiries.'

The service will only take council tax payments to begin with, although more payment options will be added over the year.

## High driving test pass rate

LOCHGILPHEAD has one of the highest driving test pass rates in the UK, according to figures released by the Driving Standards Agency.

The average overall pass rate between April and December of last year was 70 per cent, with 69.4 per cent for men and 70.7 per cent for women.

Inveraray also appeared on the high pass rate list, achieving an overall rate of 66.1 per cent, with 69.6 per cent for men and 64.1 per cent for women.

Overall, Argyll and Bute performed strongly in the DSA's figures, which excluded centres with only one examiner.

The Isle of Mull came

first across the whole of the UK, with a pass rate of 92 per cent, and the Isle of Tiree was not far behind on 87.5 per cent.

The worst performance in the UK was 31.4 per cent by Heaton in Bradford, with Shieldhall in Glasgow achieving the worst result in Scotland with 37.1 per cent.



Lodge Loch Fyne welcomed guests from a lodge in Norway.

## Lodge Loch Fyne welcomes Norwegian visitors

LODGE Loch Fyne improved their international relations following a visit from a lodge in Norway.

Members of Lodge Niels Treschow, No. 1, a research lodge based in Oslo, were welcomed to Argyll by the Provincial Grand Master Douglas Craig.

The Norwegians explained their reason for the visit was to see a typical Scottish meeting and to plan their programme of events for the year.

Andrew Kerr, Master of Lodge Loch Fyne, presented Master Kjell Johansen, with a locally-made oakwood

gavel. Mr Johansen in turn presented the Loch Fyne Lodge with a pewter replica of a Viking longship decorated with their lodge crest.

The Loch Fyne Lodge has already established a close association with Lodge Spazio-Tempo in Italy, and Andrew expressed his hope that such a close relationship could be made with their Norwegian visitors.

The day was rounded off with some traditional Scottish hospitality and presentations before the guests departed.

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**TARBERT**

**Gun club fundraisers**

TARBERT Gun Club will be holding two charity shoots over the next two months.

A sporting shoot will take place to raise funds for Help for Heroes on April 15 and this will be followed on May 13 with a shoot in aid of the MS Centre in Lochgilphead.

Full details will be published in the *Advertiser* in the near future.

**Wellbeing of older people in spotlight**

THE WELLBEING of older people in the community was on the agenda during a recent meeting at Templar Arts and Leisure Centre in Tarbert.

The meeting was organised by Age Scotland, who met with older people's organisations from Carradale, Campbeltown, Tarbert and Lochgilphead.

Jo Cowan of Age Scotland said: 'The people who came along are at the heart of maintaining the well-being of older people in their communities and in providing opportunities which break down isolation. It was great to hear people's ideas on how we can work together to improve the lot of older people in this area.'

A number of issues were discussed at the meeting, including transport difficulties and the cost of goods and fuel.

Age Scotland's upcoming End Isolation campaign was also discussed. It aims to encourage people to highlight difficulties faced by older people in their community in getting out and about.

**LOCHGILPHEAD**



Saturday's coffee morning at the Red Cross Hall raised much-needed funds for the renovation of Lochgilphead Parish Church. 08\_a13redcross01

**Church coffee morning raises £360**

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish Church raised £360 during a coffee morning at the Red Cross Centre last Saturday.

The morning was held to raise funds for the first phase of the renovation of the church hall. Reverend Hilda Smith said: 'The coffee morning has been quite successful; it's been a glorious day and the whole project has been well-supported by the local community which is en-

couraging for everybody.' The church has been trying for four years to raise the funds needed for renovation of the building, and have received funding from several sources, including a £148,000 grant from rural development group Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme. It is hoped that work on the building will begin in June.

LAST week the ladies of Lochgilphead SWRI spent an evening at the Kilmartin Museum in the company of chef John Fisher.

John, assisted by some of his night class students, demonstrated how to make naan bread and a chicken and fried rice stir-fry. Everyone was treated to a plateful, which was well received as an unusual but delicious 'rural supper'.

Debbie Munro thanked John for his hospitality and for an entertaining evening and wished him well when he moves to the Culfaill Hotel next month; it was hoped that his stir-fry would still be on the menu.

Competition: Peach chutney won by Lizzie Scott



THE LOCHGILPHEAD Phoenix Project is holding a beach clean tomorrow, Saturday, meeting by the War Memorial at 10:30am.

Volunteers are being asked to come along help clear the foreshore around Loch Gilp, littered with debris left over from the recent winter storms.

Litter pickers and rubbish bags will be provided.



Generous pupils at Ardrishaig Primary walked a mile for charity Sport Relief last Friday. Dressed in red, children and staff took a walk along the canal bank, raising £134 for the national charity.

**ARDRISHAIG**

**Community council meeting**

RESIDENTS with concerns about their local area are being urged to attend the upcoming community council meeting.

Ardrishaig Community Council will meet on Tuesday evening in the public hall at 7.30pm.

**CRAIGNISH**

**African music extravaganza**

AN EXTRAVAGANZA of African music will be enjoyed by locals at Craignish Village Hall next Friday night.

Senegalese band, *Samba Sene and Diwan* are described as producing 'upbeat world music with a Senegalese soul'.

The seven-piece band will kick-off the evening at 7.30pm with their mix of Afro-beat and roots music.

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The 19th Argyll Cubs present the MS Centre with a cheque for £100. 08\_a13cubs01

**Cubs visit MS centre to present £100 cheque**

CUB SCOUTS were at the MS Centre on Tuesday to learn more about the illness.

The 19th Argyll Cubs were invited to 'try on MS' by taking part in activities helping them understand the symptoms of MS.

The evening began with a question and answer session with Karen McCurrie from the centre, before the cubs were invited to try on glasses with blotted lenses, giving an idea of how the illness affects sight.

Further activities included trying on rubber gloves to simulate numbness and walking with flippers on their feet and weights tied to their legs to show the difficulty people with MS can have with movement.

At the end of the evening, the cubs presented the centre with a cheque for £100. Karen said: 'In Mid Argyll there is a very high rate of MS, with one in 300 compared with one in 700 in the rest of the UK, and when these children grow up they will likely know a family affected by the illness.'

**KILMICHAEL**

**Mini Highland Games return**

THE MINI Highland Games will return to Kilmichael Glassary on Saturday, June 16.

This year's Glassary Gathering, as the games are known, will have an Olympic theme in the run-up to the London games later this year.

All primary schools

in Mid Argyll are invited to submit a team and a marquee dance will be held in the evening.

Those wishing to find out more should go along to the Glassary Gathering meeting at the Horseshoe Inn, Bridgend, on Monday April 9 at 8pm.

**FURNACE**

**Coffee morning boosts primary school funds**

PUPILS, staff and friends of Furnace Primary School recently organised a coffee morning, left, to raise money for the school fund.

Helped by volunteers, pupils of the school from primary 1 -7 baked yummy cakes and scones for the day.

Children also advertised the event, served customers, organised the raffle and cashed up at the end.

A wonderful £106 was raised on the day.



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# FARM MACHINERY FOCUS

## A RISE IN DEMAND FOR MULTI-PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY



**AN INCREASE** in the overall size of farms, a much reduced workforce and the need for greater efficiency within both the cereal and livestock sectors of the agricultural industry has resulted in a rise in demand for multi-purpose agricultural machinery – in its many forms.

While the basic tractor gracefully evolved over many years to replace the working horse even on the smallest of agricultural units, the range and complexity of today's farm machinery ensures that the this rate of change has reached a pace where even the most modern of farms find it a challenge to stay in touch with developing technology. As input costs rapidly rise in tandem with this technology, many

farmers have turned to the secondhand machinery sector for much of their everyday requirements. This in turn has increased the importance and therefore the demand for regular and specialist maintenance from highly skilled agricultural mechanics. Throughout the country, numerous firms have developed to sell, maintain and advise on what is both available and affordable to the crofting and farming community. This important service industry, much of which specializes in the ATV and small tractor market, has increased to the extent that outlets are available within easy reach of most west coast mainland and island farms – this in turn means that these service providers must remain both competi-

tive and trained to a high standard if they are retain business. On the west coast where livestock farming remains dominant and the majority of cereal production is targeted as winter feed for stock, there is not the same degree of investment in the very large and heavy machinery that has revolutionized cereal production in other areas. Nor has there been the environmental problems that accompany the extremes of ever-bigger machines. A 2011 report claimed that Scotland's soils support agricultural businesses worth £700m to the Scottish economy however the report also highlighted that the use of increasingly heavy farm machinery and how they compact soils posed a potential

threat that was not fully understood in Scotland. Some machines used for harvesting crops can weigh up to 40 tonnes and those used in forestry up to 20 tonnes, the report said. Citing research from Germany and Denmark, the study also said heavy equipment was compacting soils at increasingly deeper levels. The report, The State of Scotland's Soils, which was put together from research by the British Geological Survey, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Macaulay Institute, Scottish Agricultural College and University of Glasgow, has also highlighted that some earths have a 'strong regional identity' and were culturally and historically important - such as the machair of the Western Isles.



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## Kintyre cattle among awards at Stirling native breed show and sale Ifferdale Aberdeen Angus and Beachmeanach Highlanders win at Caledonian Marts event



Hereford cattle took the championship title for the first time at Caledonian Marts Annual Native Breed Show and Sale.

NATIVE cattle from Kintyre were among the top awards when Caledonian Marts (Stirling Ltd) sold 618 store cattle at their Native Breed Show and Sale at Stirling last Monday.

### Excellent entry

Auctioneer John Kyle said it was great to see an excellent entry of stock forward at Stirling's original native breed sale from many parts of Scotland, all classes sold ahead of expectations and many more could have been sold to a large ringside of buyers.

The show was kindly sponsored by Wm Morrison Supermarkets.

The judge on the day was George McFadzean, Woodhead of Mailer, Perth and he selected as his top and reserve pens of four Highlanders, pens of four, three-year old bullocks from M MacDonald, Beachmeanach, Tayinloan.

There was also success in the Aberdeen Angus classes for Andrew Gemmill, Ifferdale, Carradale with a first placed pen of four heifers, plus a second-placed single heifer and a third placed pen of four bullocks.

The Tayinloan winning pen of Highlanders, weighing 475kgs, sold at £780 to G Carnegie, with the second-placed pen, weighing 460kgs, selling at £770

to Giraln Farms, Stirling.

The Ifferdale Aberdeen Angus heifers sold at £1,100 to W Glazebrook, the single heifer selling at £900 to J Gilvear, Auchinbowie, Stirling and the third placed pen of four Aberdeen Angus bullocks, selling at £1,250 also to W Glazebrook.

MacDonald, Beachmeanach, Tayinloan also sold seven Aberdeen Angus heifers to a top of 236p per kilo.

The overall champion was a Hereford bullock from R Philpott, Newbigging, Auchterarder, which scaled 550kgs, and realised £1,240 to W Glazebrook, Laih Crewburn, Strathaven.

The reserve champion was a Luing bullock from R McNea, Woodend, Armadale, weighing 445kgs, and selling at £980 to D Findlay, Pimhall, Stirling.

### Results

Single Aberdeen Angus Bullock - 1st Aitken Bros, Riccarton, Linlithgow, 480kgs, £1050 to W Glazebrook; 2nd Mrs L Poet, Harviestoun, Tullcultry, 480kgs, £1000 to J Brown, Gairdyehead, Airdrie; 3rd Balnabroich Farms, Bridge of Cally, 470kgs, £1030 to J Brown; Single Aberdeen Angus Heifer - 1st Mrs Morgan, Shortrigg, Slamannan, 470kgs, £930 to J Brown; 2nd A Gemmill, Ifferdale, Campbeltown, £900 to J Gilvear, Auchinbowie, Stirling; Pen of 4 bullocks 1st Aitken Bros, 405kgs, £880 to J Gilvear; 2nd Balnabroich Farms, 400kgs, £920 to W Glazebrook; 3rd A Gemmill, 610kgs, £1250 to W Glazebrook; Pen of 4 Heifers - 1st A Gemmill, 505kgs £1100 to W Glazebrook; 2nd Mrs G Headspeath, Stylem-outh, Blairgowrie, 385kgs, £830 to A Taylor, Southholm, Lanark; 3rd R Paterson, Watsonhead, Wishaw, 460kgs, £840 to R Wotherspoon, Holybush, Slamannan; Single Luing Bullock - 1st & Reserve Champion, R McNea; 2nd R McNea, £980 to D Findlay; 3rd R Storrer, Netherwood, Bathgate, 570kgs, £1150 to E Buchan, Glenisla, Torphins; Pen of 4 bullocks - 1st R McNea, 485kgs, £1140 to J Brown; 2nd D McKenzie, Ardgate, Gartocham, 365kgs, £890 to A Taylor; Single Beef Shorthorn Bullock 1st W A N Thomson, Woodneuk,

Barrhead, 600kgs, £1200 to E Buchan; 2nd & 3rd W Taylor, Pirleyhill, Falkirk, 420kgs, £870 to A Taylor; Pen of 4 bullocks - 1st & 2nd J & D Goodard & Sons, Gall, Lockerbie, 395kg, £830 to R & E Kyle, Inch of Leckie, Kippen and 385kgs, £800 to A Ingram, East Comalegey, Huntly; 3rd Mrs G Headspeath, 395kgs, £790 to A Taylor; Single Whitebred Shorthorn Bullock 1st & 2nd R Philpott, 440kgs, £920 to J Brown; Single Galloway Bullock - 1st J Maxwell, Jaw, Fintry, 300kgs, £600 to G McFadzean; 2nd & 3rd K Howman, Borland, Blairgowrie, 330kgs, £635 to N Retson, Maidencots, Abington; Single Galloway Heifer - 1st & 2nd J Maxwell, 550kgs, £1030 & 420kgs, £770 to J Brown & E Buchan; Pen of 4 Bullocks - 1st J Maxwell, 255kgs, £525 to A Mair, Broadside, Denny; Single Highland Bullock - 1st Glasgow City Council, Pollock Park, 550kgs, £1050 to E Buchan; 2nd J Mackie, Merklund House, Strathaven, 440kgs, £610 to G Carnegie, Carrot, Inverarity; 3rd Glasgow City Council, 460kgs, £790 to D Gracey, Edencroft, Cumbernauld; Single Highland Heifer - 1st & 2nd Mrs Farquharson, Horn, Errol; Pen of 4 Bullocks - 1st & 2nd (36 month old) M McDonald, Beachmenach, Tayinloan, 475kgs & 460kgs, £780 & £770 to G Carnegie & Giraln Farms, Stir-

ling; 3rd McDonald Contracts, The Croft, Carmyllie (22 months old) 380kgs, £640 to R Phillip, Green Farm, Skipton; 3rd E McKay, Main Street, Killarn;

### Breed averages:

135 Aberdeen Angus bullocks sold to 257p per kilo for a 225kg from Gray & Dale, Ethie Mains, Inverkeillor, Arbroath and to £1310 for a 650kg from Ladylands, Kippen to average £801.12 or 220p per kilo.

125 Aberdeen Angus heifers sold to 236p per kilo for seven 265kg from Beachmeanach, Tayinloan and to £1100 for four 505kgs from Ifferdale, Campbeltown to average £707.15 or 212p per kilo;

74 Luing bullocks sold to 256p per kilo for a 230kg from Heads, Strathaven and to £1150 for 570kgs from Netherwood, Bathgate to average £758 or 221p per kilo;

48 Beef Shorthorn bullocks sold to 218p per kilo for two 285kgs from Fithpart, Uplawmoor and to £1200 for a 600kg from Woodneuk, Barrhead to average £745.96 or 209p per kilo;

8 Beef Shorthorn heifers sold to 212p per kilo for six 250kgs from Fithpart, Uplawmoor and to £650 for a 300kg from Carra View, Tayinloan to average £550 or 207p per kilo;

105 Highland bullocks sold to 231p per kilo for two 295kgs from Broomrigg, Lochmaben and to £1050 for a 550kg from Pollock Park, Glasgow to averaged £576.13 or 165p per kilo (60% were 30 months to 60 months)

46 Highland heifers sold to 251p per kilo for a 175kg from 30 Miller Crescent, Bo' Ness and to £780 for a 500kg from Horn, Errol to average £450.69 or 140p per kilo;

9 Galloway bullocks sold to 240p per kilo for a 150kg from Jaw, Fintry and to £635 for two Belted Galloway's, 325kgs from Borland, Blairgowrie to average £503;

5 Galloway heifers sold to 200p per kilo for a 200kg from Jaw and to £1030 for a 550kg from Jaw to average £606 or 209p per kilo;

18 Hereford bullocks sold to 228p per kilo for a 250kg from Mid Forrest, Cumbernauld and to £1240 for a 550kg from Newbigging, Auchterarder to average £868 or 218p per kilo;

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| Ref         | Proposal                                                                                                                         | Site Address                                                            | Location of Plans        |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
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| 12/00650/PP | Deletion of conditions 2 (a) and 2 (b) of planning approval reference no. 03/02196/REM                                           | Toberanna Ardlarach Road Ardferrn Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JA | Sub Post Office Ardferrn |

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| 12/00566/LIB | Re-painting of exterior walls and woodwork            | Pennymore House Furnace Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XN                              | Furnace Post Office                    |
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**A MEETING OF THE AREA COMMITTEE**

**FOR MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS**

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**DOUGLAS HENDRY, Executive Director – Customer Services**

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- A certified copy of the Provisional Tree Preservation Order and map has been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during all normal working hours;
- Objections and representation with respect to the Tree Preservation Order may be made to the undersigned in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, which Regulations state that:-
  - every objection or representation to the Planning Authority with respect to an Order shall be made in writing, shall state the grounds thereof, and specify the particular trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in respect of which it is made.
  - an objection or representation shall be duly made if it complies with Regulation 5 and is received by the Planning Authority by 27th April 2012
    - The Tree Preservation Order shall take effect on 23rd March 2012 and shall continue in force until the expiration of a period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the Tree Preservation Order was made unless before the expiry of said period of 6 months the Tree Preservation Order has been confirmed by the Authority. In the event that the Tree Preservation Order is confirmed within said period of 6 months, it shall continue until a Revocation Order is made by the Authority.

**CHARLES REPPKE, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead**

**THE MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**A. Anderson Secretary**

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**Secretary; Stuart Irvine, Heston, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6SG. Tel. 01583 431278. E-mail: [irvine-carradale@fsmail.net](mailto:irvine-carradale@fsmail.net)**

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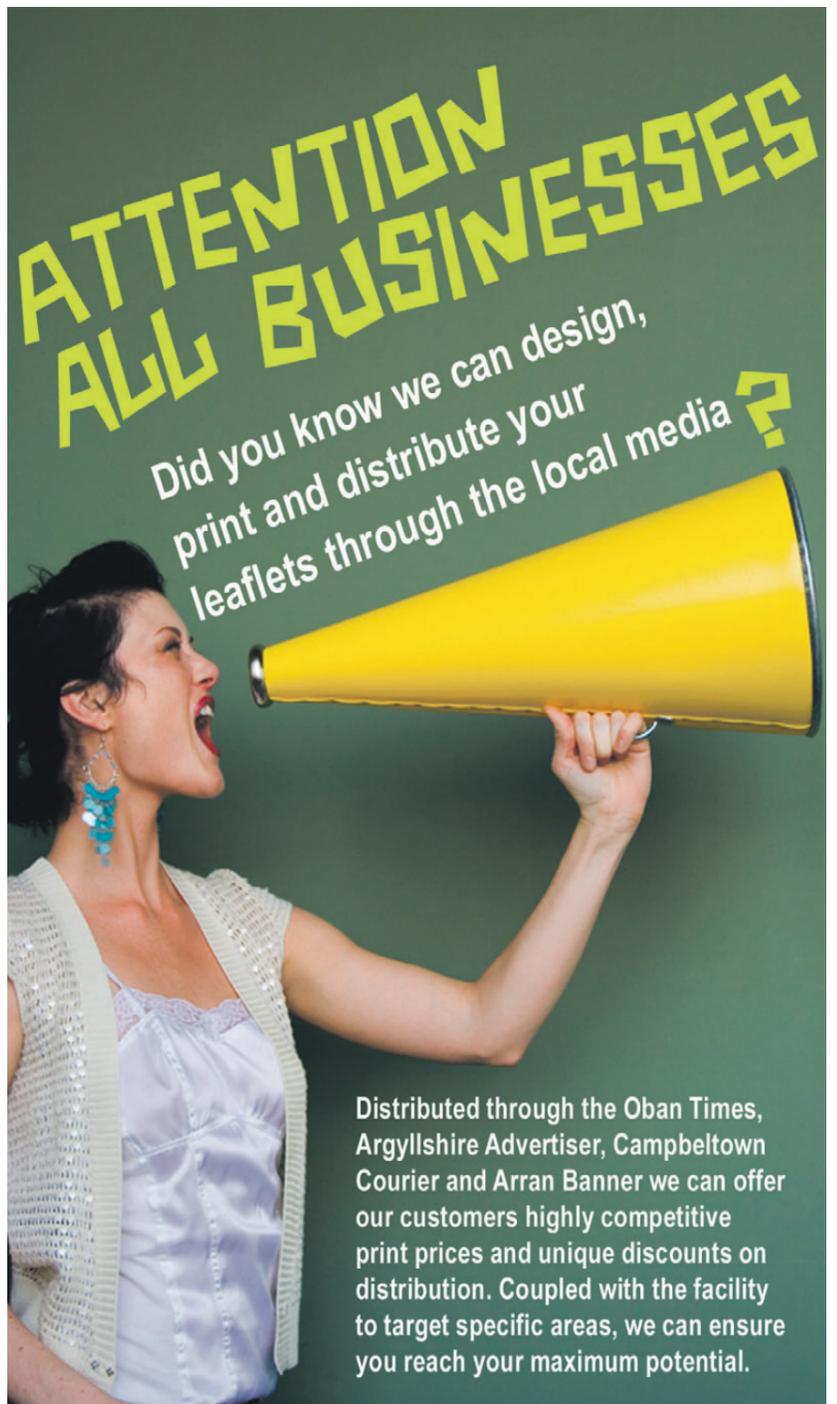
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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

A prayer, 'Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive' (1 Kings 8:30).

**BIRTHS**



**HOUSTON**

Lexie is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her baby brother, Blair Alexander, born March 13, 2012, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Fourth grandchild for Anne and Angus and second grandchild for Caroline and the late Christopher. Special thanks to Lochgilphead and Paisley midwives.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**MCSPORRAN-AYLING** - At the Highland Parish Church on March 30, 1962, by the Rev G S Cameron, Duncan to Mavis.

**DEATHS**

**DEANS** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at 30 Castleacres, Campbeltown, on March 26, 2012, William Conley Deans (Willie), in his 77th year, dearly beloved husband of Muriel McMurchy, much loved father of Paulene, Brian and Sandra, a dearly loved father-in-law and a loving granda of Mark, Claire and Ryan.

**MACDONALD** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 22, 2012, Elizabeth McCallum McKerral, in her 82nd year, formerly of New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James MacDonald, much loved mother of Jimmy, Jean and John and a loving granny and great granny.

**MARSHALL** - Peacefully at Fordingbridge, Hants on March 20, 2012, Louie (née MacInnes), aged 94 years, beloved wife of the late George Marshall and loving mother of Anne, Charles and the late Colin.

**SMITH** - Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on March 17, 2012, Duncan Johnston Smith, in his 72nd year, 19 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved brother of John, Jean and Charles. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, April 2 at 2.00pm, 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 Lorne and Lowland Church.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**GEDDES** - Bill and all the family would like to thank everyone for their support, cards and sympathy at the sad loss of Pat. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her uplifting service, to Donald MacDonalds

for their efficient and professional funeral arrangements, and to the Grey Gull for their teas. £2,000 will be shared between the Friends of the Beatson and the Anthony Nolan Trust.

**MCINTOSH** - The McIntosh family would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and all who paid their respects at the graveside following the recent sad loss of Flo. We are very grateful for all the cards, gifts and messages, and all the support over the last few months. Special thanks to doctors Elder, Leask and Ward and community nurses for their care, and to Matthew Ramsay and Alasdair Blair for ensuring the service was as Flo wished. £350 was raised for the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

**MILLER** - The family of the late Mr Andrew Chisholm Miller of Drumnamucklach Cottage would like to thank, most sincerely, all his friends and neighbours in Kintyre for their cards and messages of sympathy. Thanks also to Reverend Gary McIntyre for the lovely service at Falkirk and to Alasdair and Kenny Blair for the funeral arrangements.

**SPALTON** - Sue's family are very grateful for the support of professionals and friends over recent weeks. In particular, the staff of Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Community Hospital, showed respect, understanding and compassion which eased Sue's last days and hours. Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, attended to all details in a kind, supportive, reassuring and unobtrusive way. Special thanks to Gordon, Mary and Scott for their contributions to a very fitting tribute to Sue's impact on those fortunate enough to encounter her. Sheila and Bruce of the Smiddy provided a feast that even Sue would have approved of. Thank you too to all friends near and far for their continuing support and kindness. The collection for Friends of Kenya's Children raised £775.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BRADLEY** - Margaret. In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away April 4, 2011.

Always in our thoughts.  
- Sally, Ailsa and George.

**BURTON** - For our boys, David Campbell Burton, died 40 years ago on April 2 and Paul Gordon Burton, died 16 years ago on March 3.

Forever in our hearts and minds.  
- The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

**MACAULAY** - With silent memories, no words are needed.  
- Mum, Dad, Thomas, Alec, Katherine.

For a special Auntie Diane.  
- Donna Marie, Chloe, Lucy xxx.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of Diane, my wee sister, best friend, 'special auntie'.

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- Love Julie and Chloe xx.

**O'MAY** - In loving memory of our very special dad, Malcolm, passed away March 31, 2011.

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- Jenny.

**PATERSON** - Fifty years. Remembering Hamish, our dad.

Forever in our hearts.  
- Don and Hamish, Carluke.

**REID** - In loving memory of our dear mum, Mattie, died April 2, 2011.

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**Sunday 1 April** Tayvallich Church 11:30 am

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Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6 pm

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**Thursday 5 April** Tayvallich Church 7 pm

Maunday Communion

**Friday 6 April** Bellanoch Church

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Rev. Philip Burroughs

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(in the New Hall) The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 3rd April** Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.

(in the New Hall) Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Kirk Session Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (New Hall)

**Wednesday, 4th April** Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.

(in the New Hall)

**Thursday, 5th April** Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.

(in the New Hall) Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, 6th April GOOD FRIDAY**

**NO LUNCH CLUB TODAY** Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.

(in the New Hall) Joint Good Friday Worship with Highland Parish Church - 6:30 p.m.

(in Kirk Street Hall)

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# Ross is winter league champion

## and John wins Duffers Derby

THE DUFFERS Derby is the Grand National of golfing marathons.

There are many obstacles to be overcome including fences, ditches, walls, burns and sometimes large earth-moving equipment.

All this makes it a prize worth winning but not everyone is up to the challenge.

There was an early faller at the first fence when Raymond Flanagan retired injured and some of the other players could not make up the distance.

Winner of the novices' hurdle and the most improved player of the year was Simon Taylor who came third in the Derby, and he could be playing with the big boys next year if he keeps improving.

Kenny Cameron is not really a Duffer but golfing lessons from Keith have caused his scores

to soar and he is becoming even grumpier than Ross; and that is really very grumpy indeed.

John Davidson started the day in last place due to some truly terrible golf over the previous weeks but he is such a conundrum that in an effort to avoid the wooden spoon he played some beautiful golf and ended up winning.

He was delighted and entered into the Duffers Derby spirit by telling the others they were all a bunch of losers.

Tommy Angus won the prize for the least improved player as his scores had been affected by his hectic dancing schedule, which sometimes means he confuses his pitching wedge and his pas de bas, causing a slice.

In the main event Ross's daughter composed a variation on her namesake's big hit

which goes: 'someone like you is always telling us what to do.'

This sums up the main organiser of the winter league: bossy, argumentative and grumpy.

I could go on but in all fairness this year's event has been a great success and most of that was down to him.

When it came to the golf he was unbeatable and won with shots to spare and the rest of the players will have to up their game for next winter if they want to beat him.

David Sinclair was second with a decent score but intends to give Ross a harder time next winter.

Donald Carmichael had been practicing his putting on the hall carpet but being Donald he forgot to put his putter back in his bag and the prince of putting was without his magic wand



Ross Sinclair, centre, collects his trophy after winning the winter league.

for the final round, scoring poorly as a result. What a duffer.

Keith Cowan very nearly crept into third place with a good round and was nearest the pin at the seventh.

If he had played better at 41 of the holes during the final he would have won.

Alec MacAulay was nearest the pin with his first shot of the day but that was as good as it got.

The prize-giving cere-

mony on Saturday night had a number of highlights: £141 was raised by the players for Sports Relief, which was a great start.

Donald Carmichael's acceptance speech for coming third was of Oscar proportions and eventually he was asked to sit down and shut up.

Simon Taylor was so pleased at winning his first ever golfing trophy that we nearly gave him another one just to keep that big smile on his face

for a little bit longer.

What a good way to spend the winter, playing golf with a bunch of friends who know how to enjoy themselves, it doesn't get much better than that.

Results: Winter League Champion: Ross Sinclair; Runner-up: David Sinclair; Third: Donald Carmichael

Duffers Derby Winner: John Davidson; Runner-up: Kenny Cameron; Third: Simon Taylor

## Top brass go head to head

TARBERT Golf Club basked in bright sunshine on Saturday as the club's president and vice president went head to head in the first round of the summer competition season.

Club members were assigned to teams on Saturday, with some interesting pairings going to battle along the old links.

First off was president Blair against vice president MacArthur with partners Blair and Johnstone.

The match was won at the seventeenth hole, with Johnstone holing a good putt for a 2-1 win for the vice president's side.

The second match went down to the last hole and was won by Currie and MacNab Jr, with Currie gaining 2 points to see off MacNab Snr and Smyth, who posted one point for the president's team.

The third game brought Black and Young together for team president against MacTaggart and MacLean; this was another close match but in the end MacTaggart and MacLean made it a 2-1 victory, with one match left out on the course.

As golfers enjoyed the refreshments at the clubhouse they watched on as Hardie and MacKnight took the victory over Bleasby and Barclay, making the final score 3-1 in favour of team vice president.

## Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 3, 15 and 17. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 2, 7 and 20 drawn. The jackpot will be £700 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week drew numbers 16, 17 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week.

The jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £775 next week after another week passes with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 9, 12 and 20.

# Mid Argyll comes out in force to support Sport Relief

MIDARGYLL came out in force for Sport Relief last week with people across the area going the distance for charity.

Lochgilhead Joint Campus got active on Friday, with pupils taking part in a series of fun

runs, playing musical statues and taking bets on how long it would take head of pupils Dr O'Donnell to run his Sport Relief distance.

Sport Relief became a family affair for a host of Mid Argyll residents

on Sunday as the sports centre hosted a series of walks, with many braving the three and six mile events.

The event was organised by Catriona Gunn of the sports centre, who said: 'I wanted to get Sport Relief in the area; as a countrywide event I thought it would be good to get it in Lochgilhead to get kids active and raise a bit of money for charity.'

There was a turnout of 65 on the day, raising £265.

Elsewhere in Inveraray, Jogscotland organised an informal Sport Relief Mile last Thursday which raised £85.

This event was also well attended with people taking part from as far away as Ayr.

The course consisted of two laps of the car park and the main street, with strong competition between the runners: Inveraray athlete Toby Corner finishing first, while his sister Freya Corner was the first female finisher, and the fastest junior was Ben Cameron.



There was a good turnout from jogscotland for the Sport Relief Mile at Mid Argyll Sports Centre and the group also organised a similar event in Inveraray. 08\_a13sportrelief02



Tarbert youngsters walked the Tarbert mile last Friday as part of the village's Sport Relief celebrations. 06\_a13tarmile02



Runners outside Mid Argyll Sports Centre set off on their Sport Relief Mile. 08\_a13sportrelief01

Down south, in Tarbert, the children of Tarbert After School Care got involved on Wednesday by running and jogging laps of the local Astroturf park. Thirteen children took part, running a combined total of 228 laps.

Youngsters from Tarbert Academy also walked the Tarbert Mile - making their way around Tarbert harbour and back again, stopping off at the village's outdoor gym.

More than one million people took part in Sport Relief events across the country, raising more than £50 million for good causes.



Szymon Wesolowski, Emma Heath, Rona Mcmillan and Aimee Coffield prepare to take part in the fun run at Lochgilhead Joint Campus.

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## Last gasp goal gives Star all three points

RED STAR took on East Kilbride YM in the league last Saturday in what turned out to be a very eventful afternoon.

Red Star looked to put their opponents under pressure early on, starting with a 3-4-3 formation although the match was pretty even in the opening stages with neither keeper being worked a great deal.

It was Red Star who got the opening goal, and it came in spectacular fashion through Peacock.

The ball fell to him 30 yards out and he managed to flick the ball over his marker's head before unleashing a

volley which went straight past the helpless keeper into the top right hand corner of the net, scoring one of the best goals seen at Ropework Park in years to put Star 1-0 up.

This stung the visitors into action and East Kilbride got themselves back into the game.

After forcing a succession of corners and free kicks they eventually made one count, drawing level before half-time when their forward nipped in ahead of keeper Kalache to level the score at 1-1.

Star could have been back in front before the break when Morrison

beat the offside trap but his shot was well-saved by the visiting keeper.

**Half time: 1-1**

Red Star were slower off the blocks in the second half and found themselves under a fair bit of pressure.

The visitors had a chance to go in front after Moore brought down the East Kilbride striker in the box, but Star got out of jail thanks to a superb penalty save from Kalache to keep the scores level.

Both sides pressed for a winner and the game became very stretched, although chances were difficult to come by.

Just as it looked like



**James McGuinness tussles for the ball during Star's 2-1 win over East Kilbride on a sandy Ropework Park last Saturday.** 08\_a13star03

the match would end with a share of the spoils, Star broke down the right hand side deep into injury time.

Docherty was able to hold the ball up before delivering a terrific cross which was met by Peacock, who steered his header home past the outstretched keeper, much to the delight

of the home bench.

There was just enough time to restart before the referee blew the final whistle, giving Red Star a massive three points.

Red Star are at home again tomorrow, Saturday, in the Coronation Cup quarter final when they face Strathaven Dynamo at Ropework, Park at 2pm.

## Manager happy despite defeat

INVERARAY shinty manager John Smylie was happy with his team's performance on Saturday, despite losing 6-2 to visitors Newtonmore.

Russell McKinley opened the scoring for Inveraray but Newtonmore had bagged three before Stuart Robertson fired in Inveraray's second.

'They were clinical up front,' John admitted. 'I am happy with how we performed but their finishing proved to be the difference on the day.'

'I think they have

the form striker in the league in Danny MacRae. Any time we gave him a sniff of a chance, he took it.'

Robertson's goal pulled the scoreline back to 3-2 and restored Inveraray's hope of getting a result but three late goals from the away team put the result beyond doubt.

This weekend Inveraray travel to play Kilmallie at Canal Parks, a venue that John describes as 'not an easy place to get a result'. He said that about Drumadrochit, too, and came home with a 1-0 win.



**Inveraray's Scott Robertson and Newtonmore's Chris Sellar battle for the ball during last Saturday's game at the Winterton** Photo: John MacTavish

## Top class equestrian training given by international show jumper

EQUESTRIANS in Mid Argyll were delighted to receive top class training recently from International show jumper Nigel Springer.

Nigel, who has successfully competed both overseas and at home in the UK, was at Lunga Stables in Craobh Haven to deliver his second masterclass in show jumping.

As a level two accredited instructor, Nigel

was well equipped to deal with the high turnout of horses and riders, each with varying ages and abilities.

A superb instructor, Nigel has a very friendly nature, who throughout a lesson, constantly relays information with clarity and offers sound advice. He quickly assessed both jockey and horse, making every second of the lesson count for local jockeys.

The training event was deemed a resounding success by both local horse riders and Nigel, who has now agreed to make his training in Mid Argyll a regular event.

The training is becoming so popular that two venues are now necessary to cater for the growing interest; in the north, riders are welcomed at the superb facilities of the Craig Family at Lettershuna Riding Centre, in Appin, and in mid Argyll, at Lunga Riding Stables, with grateful thanks to owner Susan Wood.

Nigel's next event is booked for March 31 at Lettershuna Riding Centre, Appin, and April 1 at Lunga Riding Stables.

To book a training slot or for more information call Sara on 01852 500657 or email: westcoastequestrian@gmail.com



**Aimee Johnston at Lettershuna stables.**

## AJG sponsor Celtic Cup

THE GLASGOW Celtic Society Cup is to be renamed following a two-year sponsorship deal with delivery company AJG Parcels.

The oldest trophy in shinty will now be re-branded as the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup.

Fraser Maclean of AJG Parcels said: 'We felt that it was important to do something for shinty, Scotland's oldest

team game, and particularly for the Argyll area where our vans are such a distinctive daily sight and where we have now been operating and generating local employment for 12 years.'

Three games in the first round of the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup will be played this Saturday, with the final taking place on Saturday, June 23.



**L-R: Ian Cameron, secretary of the Celtic Society, Stephen Cameron of AJG Parcels and society president Duncan Cameron welcome AJG Parcel's sponsorship of the Celtic Society Cup.**

## March Medal at Inveraray

SUNNY weather on Sunday marked the beginning of the new March Medal season at Inveraray Golf Club, which saw a good turnout of members.

The course conditions did not match the weather however, and play was long and difficult, which was reflected in the scoring. Derek McCulloch won the medal with a score of 65, Iain MacDonald second on 68 and John McDonald third on 71.

The next competition will be the Subscription Medal on Sunday April 8.

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