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Rosie, known on the ward as 'Nurse Rosie', is coping well with treatment so far. Laura, Rosie's mum, said: 'She never moans and just gets on with it, this helps us cope as a family.'

# Thank you

## Parents of young cancer patient 'so grateful' for Inveraray support

THE PARENTS of a three-year-old girl undergoing chemotherapy have thanked the people of Inveraray for raising almost £6,000 to help make her time in hospital more bearable.

Laura and Paul Blyth's daughter Rosie was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) in November. She was admitted to Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital for five weeks and has been attending twice a week ever since.

Local firefighters last week raised thousands of pounds for the play area at the Schiehallion Ward, which Rosie attends, after shaving off their hair and taking part in a mammoth 3,500-foot climb up the fire tower.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Tuesday, Laura said she was 'so grateful' for their support.

Explaining the play facilities at the hospital make a huge difference to Rosie, Laura said: 'There's two play nurses in the ward that Rosie's in and she has a great relationship with them.'

'They distract her when she is getting treatment, take her to the playroom and spend time with her siblings.'

### Understand

'They had a discussion with our daughters about Rosie's illness and put it in terms that they could understand.'

'Her sisters Cara and Molly are a big help at home and help distract her on rough days.'

'We are very proud of our three girls.'

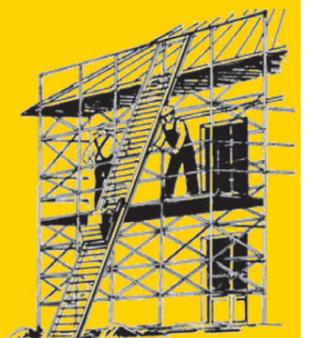
The nurses in the ward are funded by charity CLIC Sargent which relies on donations from the public.

Laura added: 'All the money will go to the hospital, Continued on page 5.'

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# Battle to survive snow chaos

ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser readers in Tarbert, Skipness, Clachan, Kilberry and Torinturk were trapped in their homes and left without power for days after last week's heavy snow, gale force winds and blizzards.

Others were stranded in and around Tarbert, unable to get home, with the A83 closed to traffic south of the village for the best part of two days.

Here are some their stories and those of the people who tried their best to help in the rescue effort.



The Sinclair Children made the best of the snow and made an igloo to keep warm at their farm off the Kilberry Road.

## Winter wonderland white wedding



A COUPLE seeking a white wedding got more than they bargained for when they woke to a winter wonderland in Mid Argyll on Saturday.

Claire Williamson and Ruairidh Mackay wed at Grear in Kilberry on Saturday. An extreme white wedding, the celebrant Annie Loughlin

made it to the service to marry the happy couple by tractor and returned home by hitching a lift on a passing snowplough.

# Stranded couple forced to sleep in car for two nights

A COUPLE were forced to spend two nights sleeping in their car in Tarbert after being stranded by the storm that closed the road to their Kintyre home.

Beverly Allan and Jim Cooper became stranded in the Loch Fyne village

on Saturday evening after the A83 was closed at Clachan, putting a halt to their journey home to Southend from Coldstream in the borders.

Seeking refuge in hotels and guesthouses, the couple were turned away

from the inn - as they were already full with other stranded motorists and people working for the emergency services.

Speaking to *The Advertiser*, Beverly said the pair spent their afternoons in hotel bars but were forced to sleep in the car overnight.

Luckily, the pair had plenty of clothes in the car as they had been on a long trip.

Beverly said: 'We piled on the winter clothes and turned the car heater on every now and again in a bid to keep warm but it was really uncomfortable being in the car for so many hours.'

'There were a lot of people in the car park in

a similar situation and we were disappointed the public toilets were not left open and there was no one coming to see if we were okay.'

Beverly and her partner Jim, both 53, said the journey, which normally takes five hours, turned into a mammoth three-day trip.

'We had checked the weather before heading off and there was nothing like this predicted otherwise would have stayed put,' Beverly said. 'When we got to the west coast the weather just changed.'

'When we got to Clachan on Tuesday it was completely different to Tarbert, there must

have been about 15 feet of snow.'

The ordeal continues for Beverly and Allan as when they eventually reached their Southend home it was without power.

Beverly said: 'It is nice to be home again and we've got the fire burning but are still without power. We hope it is going to come back on soon as there's quite a few elderly people living here.'

Asked why the toilets were closed, a spokesperson for the council said: 'We had to make sure our staff and resources were used where they were most needed.'

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Jane Knowles' dog Toby enjoyed the snow on the shore near Torinturk on the Kilberry Road.

# Windfarm boss takes the helm of community snowplough

THE ASSISTANT farm manager of Ormsary Estate found himself at the centre of an emergency operation at the weekend as he was tasked with driving the Allt Dearg Community Windfarm snowplough.

Donald MacNicol travelled the length of Kintyre on Saturday and Sunday, rescuing council staff stuck in a snowdrift, helping with emergency evacuations and getting the A83 open for traffic.

The Ormsary man, who had never driven the snowplough before, took to the wheel on Saturday morning after a council snowplough got stuck on the Kilberry Road.

'When I got there they asked me to come to Clachan so I went down to help clear the road,' he said.

Donald, who had been up clearing the Kilberry

Road from 7am on Saturday, worked tirelessly in Kintyre, only returning home at 10pm. He was out again helping in Clachan and Southend on Sunday.

He said: 'I went to Southend where I believe a woman had taken ill.'

'The coastguard needed access to her house so the helicopter could come and lift her.'

### Instinct

Modest about his role in the 'big clean up', Donald added: 'I was happy to go, it is human instinct that takes over, you help someone if you can.'

'It was long hours for all the boys and they were getting stuck in, everyone was in the same boat.'

Allt Dearg Community Windfarm purchased a snowplough in December thinking the machine would allow



Donald MacNicol came the aid of dozens of Kintyre communities in the Allt Dearg Community Windfarm snowplough.

engineers access to the site in severe weather.

James Lithgow from Allt Dearg Community Wind farmers said: 'We are delighted the snowplough came in useful.'

The windfarm, which suffered one

broken turbine over the weekend, was back in operation on Tuesday.

'With the national grid having collapsed in Kintyre we are happy to be back on full power and adding to the supply chain,' Mr Lithgow added.

## Tarbert hotels and guesthouses full to capacity

TARBERT hotels and guesthouses reached full capacity over the weekend as stranded motorists weathered the storm in the town.

The Anchor Hotel, Knap Guest House and the Victoria Hotel were three of many establishments forced to turn dozens of motorists away between Friday night and Monday morning, when the heavy snow closed the A83 at Clachan.

The Anchor Hotel was base

camp for dozens of emergency workers trying to restore power to the Kintyre peninsula.

John McKitterick, manager of the hotel said: 'We were full over the entire weekend with workmen who were doing their best to restore the electricity supply.'

'There were also a number of stranded motorists who came in looking for somewhere to stay.'

Dozens of travellers rang the

doorbell of Knap Guest House hoping to find shelter but owner Alistair Wilkie said they were booked solid for the weekend.

'There were a lot of people trying to get to Campbeltown and our doorbell never stopped ringing, though we were especially busy on the Saturday,' he said.

Jacqui Tabeze, owner of the Victoria Hotel, experienced a similar influx in demand.



The snowfall was so heavy the roads were indistinguishable.

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Left: Andi Macfarlane enjoyed playing in the snow with her mum Kirsty Pine in Tarbert.

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## Hannah names beaver kit Logan

ONE OF the first beavers to be born in Scotland for 400 years has been named by a schoolgirl from Glassary.

Hannah Simpson, from the Kilmichael school won a competition to name the beaver kit, born in neighbouring Knapdale Forest

as part of the Scottish Beaver Trial. The P1 pupil named the male beaver, born in 2011, Logan.

A second youngster

from Falkirk named a female beaver born in 2012 Woody.

Oly Hemmings from the Scottish Beaver Trial's education team visited Glassary primary recently to present Hannah with a beaver adoption pack and cuddly toy.

### Final year

Oly also delivered a lesson to Hannah's class, teaching children about the impact the beavers in Knapdale have had on their environment and how they interact with and influence other animals.

The Scottish Beaver Trial is a five-year scheme to reintroduce beavers to Knapdale.

It is now in its final year.



Oly Hemmings from the Scottish Beaver Trial meets competition winner Hannah Simpson and her teacher Mrs Rowe.

# Unusual marine wildlife found in Argyll lochs

INVESTIGATIONS are to get underway in Loch Sween and Loch Fyne after it was discovered the lochs are home to some of the most unusual marine wildlife and habitats in the UK.

Two surveys will be carried out.

The first will investigate the Loch Sween seabed, which features dense volcanoes up to one metre in size created by 30 cm long spoon worms.

The second will focus on a 50-hectare area of Loch Fyne that is filled with brightly coloured flame shells. The small, scallop-like species group together and their nests create a living reef that supports hundreds of other species.

The surveys will also look at marine wildlife around Arran, Loch Goil and the Sound of Jura.

The surveys will be used by the Scottish Government to inform its conservation policies

and enforce Marine Protected Areas (MPA).

The surveys will be carried out by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Marine Scotland and Heriot-Watt University. They will use video cameras to record undersea footage and take 'grab' samples from the seabed for more in-depth analysis. In Loch Sween divers will carry out detailed surveys of specific wildlife.

Ben James, SNH's MPA project manager, said: 'Parts of the

Firth of Clyde and Loch Sween are really special for their marine wildlife.

As we move towards the consultation on the MPA proposals, it is essential that we have a good understanding of the distribution of the important marine wildlife in these areas to help with discussions on possible management.'

The survey of the Firth of Clyde will last two weeks, while the survey of Loch Sween will be carried out over two months.



A 50-hectare reef of flame shells has been discovered in Loch Fyne.

## Be on your guard against fuel thefts

HOUSEHOLDERS throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre are being urged to ensure their fuel tanks are secure after a spate of fuel thefts in the area.

Strathclyde Police has warned locals to lock garden gates and investigate ways of minimising the risk to their property as more fuel thefts are reported every week.

PC David Nicol from Lochgilphead Police Station said: 'We really want to highlight this problem, urge people to make sure their fuel

tanks are secure, secure the parameters of their property and to be extra vigilant. If people see anyone acting suspiciously in their area then please get in touch.

'There's also a device that can be used on fuel tanks that has a sensor and if the fuel level in the tank drops dramatically it sends a signal to the householder.'

People with information on fuel theft can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or contact their local station on 101.

## Fundraising race night for Friends of the Beatson on Saturday

THE RUNNING duo behind the Friends of the Beatson 100 challenge will tomorrow (Saturday) night let horses do the racing as they host a fundraising race night.

Dougie Moore and Carolyn McAlpine, who will run 100 miles between Glasgow's Beatson Oncology Centre and Tarbert this summer, will let the horses out of the stalls at 7.30pm at the Lodge Lochgilphead.

All money raised from the event will go to supporting the Friends of the Beatson charity, which supports people living with cancer and their families.



## Cadbury Easter Egg Trails

The National Trust for Scotland has teamed up with Cadbury again to bring Easter Trails to 45 places across Scotland from Good Friday to Easter Monday!

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## Clocks go forward

PEOPLE are being reminded to put their clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.

Whilst winter is still very much present in Mid Argyll this week, the clock going forward normally marks the start of spring and the better weather.

## Backpack appeal

CHURCHES, businesses and schools are being urged to support a Mary's Meals initiative that helps impoverished children around the world make the most of their time in school.

The appeal urges people to fill a backpack with items such as crayons, erasers, notepads, pencils, pens and rulers.

The backpacks will be given to children attending schools where Mary's Meals operates its feeding programme, which sees each child served a school meal everyday. The initiative has already seen 300,000 backpacks delivered to youngsters in Haiti, Malawi and Kenya.

## Thank you

Continued from page one:

towards refreshing the facilities in the play area and the nurses will, in time, send the fire station a personal letter of thanks explaining exactly where the money has gone.'

Having gone through a gruelling few months Laura said she couldn't thank people enough for their support.

'We would like to thank the firefighters and community for helping achieve such an amazing amount, it helps knowing they are all behind us. Our family and friends have helped pick up the pieces and continue to support us in getting through this awful time.'

ALL is the most common cancer in childhood and will see Rosie receive treatment for the next two years and beyond.

# Church repairs could start soon



The raffle for the coveted Jolomo print will take place on Easter Monday after the 6pm presentation. The Tayvallich artist donated the print of Tarbert Church to the restoration appeal at the end of last year.

## Roof work set to begin as Tarbert gets behind fundraising bid

WORK to repair Tarbert Church could begin as early as May, the church restoration committee has confirmed.

The church, which was forced to close last January after storms caused severe damage to the roof and interior, could be made wind and watertight by the end of the year.

Work to repair the church roof could soon begin thanks to the fundraising efforts of the local community and grants from Historic Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Lisa MacFarlane, from the Tarbert Church of Scotland Restoration Appeal, said: 'The roof and clock tower will be repaired with HLF and Historic Scotland funding and the contract to do the work is out to tender at the moment.'

'The tenders should come back quite soon so we are hoping for May for construction of the roof, hopefully we can get it done in the better weather.'

Repairs to the roof are phase one of a larger restoration project that

will hopefully see the carpets replaced and interior walls repainted, heating upgraded and access to the church improved.

Recognising more fundraising is needed to do all the work, Lisa added: 'It would be a wasted opportunity not to do the whole job, get the disabled access that we need, get good heating installed and the church decorated nicely.'

This Easter elders at the church are hoping to get Tarbert residents together to update them on the progress made so far and ask their views on the proposed improvements.

Representatives from the church will make presentations at Templar's Hall at midday, 4pm and 6pm on Monday. Another fundraising initiative will run on Easter Saturday with locals invited to a hat-making workshop in the Templar's Hall between 10am and 1pm. People will be invited to make an Easter bonnet whilst tucking into tea, coffee and cake.

## Salmon firm boosts Mid Argyll groups

THREE Mid Argyll organisations benefited from a share of £82,000 from The Scottish Salmon Company's (SCS) charitable fund last year.

MAC Pool in Lochgilphead, Mid Argyll Cultural Society and Strachur Youth Club were amongst organisations and charities on the West Coast to receive a donation

from the fish farming company in the 2012/13 financial year. Many of the supported organisations were chosen by SCS's regional staff committees.

## SNH launches Big 5 campaign

SCOTLAND'S Big 5 campaign was launched this week by Scottish Natural Heritage.

It is a new campaign that encourages people to get out and enjoy Scotland's outstanding wildlife by focusing on five of the country's favourite wild animals.

The big five are: red deer, otter, red squirrel, golden eagle and common seal.

The Advertiser revealed last week that the campaign could provide a major tourism boost in Mid Argyll as all five animals are found in the area.



JENNA MacKAY

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FIERCE snow and gale force winds have wreaked havoc leaving hundreds of homes without power, shutting schools and causing chaos for drivers.

Whilst much of Mid Argyll went largely unscathed by the snow it did face the brunt of the high winds over the weekend with power outages on Friday afternoon.

The efforts of those who helped get everything back up and running so quickly was clear.

Scottish and Southern Energy workers have been working tirelessly in a bid to restore power with dozens of helicopters and jeeps heading to our Kintyre neighbours in a bid to restore power to the peninsula.

It is times like these when communities have to pull together in order to get through and, once again, Argyll has done the area proud.

From people taking stranded motorists into their own homes or helping feed people unable to find food to Allt Dearg wind farm taking to the roads with their own snow plough to help make the roads passable.

It was a near impossible situation for our emergency services, council workers and, of course, residents. What can you do when faced with such challenging conditions? The answer seemed to be to pull together - and that is heartening.

One cannot rely on community spirit alone to get through an emergency. Questions will no doubt be asked about why people were allowed to sleep in their cars at Tarbert in what were, frankly, dangerously cold conditions.

There are other questions, about communication and delays - but for now, we should pay tribute to those who put themselves out to help others.

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### Hats off to all services for a fantastic job

Sir,

I went and picked up my son from Campbeltown on Monday and there were so many power lines down in inaccessible areas and snow on the roads.

But I saw so many different agencies doing everything they can to keep the road passable and get the electricity back on.

There were constant streams of SSE vehicles, travelling and working, other power companies, Argyll and Bute Council, Transerve, lorries carrying generators, replacement telegraph poles, fuel and other supplies to the area.

I take my hat off to them all, doing a fantastic job in the circumstances.

**Emily Peacock,**  
Via Facebook.

### Worst weather to hit Kintyre for decades

Sir,

This is the worst weather to hit Kintyre for decades and has created a real emergency.

I have been kept informed about the situation over the weekend by councillor Donald Kelly who has made me aware of the blocked roads, huge snowdrifts and loss of electricity, which people have suffered.

I deeply sympathise with local residents and commend the work of the council, the emergency services who have been first class and the numerous volunteers who have come to the rescue of those in distress - crises like these can

bring out the best in spirit and deed.

This emergency has restated the importance of the local hospital in Campbeltown with the Beinn Ghuilean ward reopened to accommodate those in distress, as has the centre at Macrihanish which has a generator to keep the elderly and vulnerable warm.

I pity the farmers, particularly those with sheep outside and call on ministers to ensure that the A83 is kept open at all costs so that supplies can get through to the shops and fuel stations.

**Jamie McGrigor MSP.**

### Tremendous effort to get roads open

Sir,

This snow fall, particularly in Kintyre, was exceptional and I was shocked when I saw photos showing the height of the fallen snow.

A tremendous effort has been devoted to getting roads reopened, electricity restored to homes and businesses whilst a great effort has been made to look after vulnerable people. I would like to thank everyone involved, particularly those who have put in long hours in appalling weather.

When everything is back to normal, there must, of course, be an inquiry to see if any of these problems could have been avoided.

**Alan Reid MP**

### Council should invest in promoting Tarbert's tourist potential

Sir,

In response to the article in last week's *Advertiser* regarding Tarbert's exclusion from

being classed as a key tourist destination any claim is clearly misguided.

It is deeply concerning such a claim should come from an official source when Argyll and Bute Council should in fact be investing in promoting Tarbert's tourist potential.

In 1975 Tarbert was declared Conservation Area and in 1977 at the Tarbert Development Conference tourism was here to stay.

Lachie McKinnon, tourist officer for Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay informed the conference 10,000 Tarbert Holiday Leaflets would be distributed - this was done annually for ten years.

Tarbert Harbour Authority installed a section of pontoon for visiting yachts, which was extended with the addition of car park toilet facilities to service the increasing number of leisure craft.

The striking 'B-listed' parish church and Thomas Telford harbour wall are notable features of Argyll's most attractive and historic towns.

Tarbert has a nine-hole golf course, bowling green, tennis court and the village hall was upgraded a few years ago whilst the Templar Art and Leisure Centre has three separate meeting rooms.

A variety of events take place each year to provide entertainment for locals and visitors with Seafood and Music Festival amongst them.

In 1324 King Robert the Bruce repaired an earlier castle, which he personally supervised and stayed in the town a number of times.

The locally formed Tarbert Castle trust organised volunteer labour to clear the castle area of shrub growth

and the trust was awarded a grant of almost £1 million to carry out consolidation on the Tower House, which has been completed.

The castle has become more popular with walkers as it marks the start point of the Kintyre Way.

Tarbert has a higher proportion of hotels and guesthouses in relation to its size than almost any other tourist centre in Argyll - none of the CHORD towns offer marina facilities compared with Tarbert.

All of these facilities and attraction are provided through the efforts of local committees and volunteers.

Argyll and Bute Council have a responsibility to provide adequate visitor parking, which there is a clear shortage of in the town resulting in the number of tour buses stopping off.

The Harbour Development Plan drawn up in 2007 by the Halcrow Group included options for an extension of car parking and other land-based facilities.

Instead of making unhelpful and untrue statements, the council should allocate some of the CHORD funding, intended for harbour towns to facilitate such a project.

**Ian Macintyre, Tarbert.**



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### Councillor's unlucky - and cold - weekend

IT WAS A case of worse luck after bad for Islay councillor Robin Currie after he suffered numerous setbacks thanks to Friday's severe snowfall in Mid Argyll.

First he got stuck in a snowdrift at Kennacraig on Friday but was luckily able to get a hotel room in Tarbert.

With the power out though, it was a chilly stay. Thinking his ordeal would be over on Sunday, he travelled through to Oban for a meeting the following day - only for the cash machine to swallow his bank card. 'It was a bit unlucky,' he said.

### Hat-trick of awards for distillery

AN ISLAY distillery has completed a hat-trick of awards at the renowned World Whisky Awards last Thursday in London.

Ardbeg Distillery scooped the World's Best Single Malt 2013 accolade and declared the Best Islay Single Malt for its latest limited edition, Ardbeg Galileo. However, there was further success at the awards ceremony, organised by Whisky Magazine, when popular Ardbeg distillery visitor centre manager, Jackie Thomson, was named Global Icon Visitor Centre Manager of the Year.

# John retires after 42 years

AN ARDRISHAIG man who worked his way from being a ward orderly to heading up inpatient services at Argyll and Bute Hospital has retired after 42 years.

John Barnett, who began working at the Lochgilphead hospital cleaning and assisting nurses at 16, retired from his post as clinical services manager with NHS Highland last week.

John, whose mother was a ward sister and father a charge nurse at the mental health hospital, worked his way up through the ranks of the NHS after completing a number of courses and gaining experience.

He became a qualified mental health nurse after studying at the nursing school in Lochgilphead and Glasgow's Western Infirmary.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* about his retirement John said he had been fortunate to have a great career and was 'proud' of the work he had done at the hospital.

Asked about his career highlights, he said: 'I have enjoyed all of it.

'I have enjoyed working with staff that are dedicated to helping people and making a difference.

'For the last 30 years I have been in the management side of things which has been a bit of a challenge but I am happy in the knowledge that I have helped people.'

#### Huge changes

Commenting on the huge changes in mental health care in the last 20 years, John said: 'When I first started there were 520 beds available [in the hospital] and now there is about 30. The type of care received has completely changed to focus more on community care, which is a good thing.'

The father of two said: 'We will be staying in Lochgilphead and I will be spending time with the family, which is the main thing. I'll be doing some DIY and getting out on my motor-bike too.'



John Barnett retired from his role as clinical services manager at Argyll and Bute Hospital after 42 years of service. John Dreghorn, project director of mental health modernisation, wished John well in his future at a special retirement celebration earlier this month.

### Martha named finalist in Young Scot Awards

MARTHA Payne has been named a finalist in the reader's award category at the Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards 2013.

The 10 year-old Lochgilphead girl has again been recognised for her fundraising efforts for Mary's Meals and raising awareness about school meals through her NeverSeconds blog, which went viral last year.

The Young Scot Awards recognise and celebrate Scotland's unsung heroes.

Martha, who has championed the achievements of young people from around the world on her blog, will also be presenting an award at the ceremony on April 19.

## £146 million high speed fibre broadband deal signed

A DEAL that will see 84 per cent of the homes and businesses in the Highland and Islands gain access to high-speed fibre broadband was signed on Tuesday.

The £146 million investment project, led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), will offer broadband speeds of up to 80Mbps for households and improved packages for small and medium-sized businesses.

The internet upgrade

will incorporate seven local authorities and a schedule of work will be created in the coming months.

Jane MacLeod, secretary of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce 'cautiously' welcomed the groundbreaking deal.

She said: 'In principal, yes, this is good news but we need to know the finer detail. Is this coming to Mid Argyll, if so when?

I will reserve judge-

ment until we get that information.'

The project, which will be carried out by BT, will take years to complete and be done in a number of phases.

It is funded by a number of partners, with £126.4m coming from the Scottish Government broadband fund, which incorporates funding from the UK Government's Broadband Delivery UK, includes up to £12m from HIE and £19.4m from BT.

### Council offers helping hand on to the property ladder

PEOPLE fit to make payments on a mortgage but are not able to save for a deposit are being offered a helping hand on to the property ladder by Argyll and Bute Council.

The local authority has this week adopt-

ed a £3million scheme that will see it pay a person's deposit on a mortgage whilst the resident pays the monthly instalments.

#### Access

The Local Authority Mortgage Scheme will effectively give people

access to a 95 per cent mortgage on the same terms as a 75 per cent loan.

For example, on a property costing £150,000, there would be a five per cent deposit of £7,500 from the buyer and a 95 per cent mortgage

of £142,500. The council would provide an indemnity of £30,000.

#### Assist

The scheme could assist up to 33 home buyers across Argyll and Bute each year, with a maximum loan value of £150,000.

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## Zambian crafts on sale at Mid Argyll Crafffest

VIOLET Banda and Mary Kubanga are two talented Zambian women whose crafts will be on sale at the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI) Crafffest tomorrow (Saturday).

Their jewellery and bags will be on sale alongside a huge range of crafts produced in Argyll at the Baptist Church, Lochgilphead.

All proceeds from the event will go to build a secondary school in Violet and Mary's community. The secondary school will benefit many girls in the area who currently do not have the chance to complete their schooling.

Marian Pallister, founder of the Mid Argyll-based charity, says: 'These two women are as talented as our crafts people in Argyll. They have received a fair price for their work and the profits will help children in their own community – an empowering situation for everyone concerned.'

She added: 'Since we signed the lease on the land at Mthunzi, we are moving forward with our secondary school plans. Meanwhile, we are supporting a number of vulnerable youngsters through school and college.'



Guy Neville manned the Ardfern Yacht Centre stall with son Johnny. 15\_t13jumble01

## £1,000 raised at Craignish Boat and Car Boot Sale

A BITTERLY cold wind and transport chaos meant this year's Craignish Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale had fewer visitors, but organisers still managed to make nearly £1,000 on the day.

While the hardy folk at the car boot sale braved the elements outside Craignish Village Hall last Saturday, the majority of more than 200 visitors browsed the jumble sale indoors.

Organiser Jan Brown said: 'I am pleased with the turnout today considering the weather and the fact that some people just couldn't get here.'

'We have visitors and exhibitors coming from all over the country but the people who usually come from

Northern Ireland, Iona and Kintyre could not get here.

'My phone has been ringing all week with people asking if it was still on.

### Same time

'We hold the event at the same time every year but last year it was hot and sunny and everyone was in short sleeves!'

After expenses the event will make around £700 for Craignish Community Company (C3).

Jan started the popular boat jumble and car boot sale 14 years ago in her role as a member of Craignish Boat Club and it is now the main annual fundraiser for C3.

# Museum walks launched for a second year

RESIDENTS and visitors to Mid Argyll will have another opportunity to explore the area and learn more about their cultural and natural heritage as the Kilmartin Museum guided walks launch for a second year.

The walks, led by volunteers passionate about the area, will begin on Easter Saturday.

The walk, which focuses on Kilmartin Glen and its ancient cairns and standing stones, lasts for two miles and covers mostly flat terrain.

### Celebrate

The Easter walk will launch this summer's programme of walks and will celebrate the outstanding beauty of the local landscape in

the Year of Natural Scotland. The weekly Wednesday afternoon walks will resume as of next week, whilst ad hoc Saturday walks will also be organised throughout the season.

People taking part in the Easter walk should gather at the museum at 1.30pm, with walkers returning to the museum for 4pm.

## Follow the Artmap Argyll 'red dot trail' this Easter

ARTMAP Argyll artists will this week be promoting their annual 'red dot trail' to holidaymakers visiting Mid Argyll over Easter.

Launching a range of promotional materials, artists will be encouraging visitors to plan their return trip to the area to coincide with Artmap Argyll, running from August 23 to 26.

### Learn more

The event sees 44 artists open their studios to visitors, allowing them to learn more about the artist, how they work and what inspires them. People can follow a trail of red dots around Argyll to find the artists,

living in a nature-rich landscape.

The group of artists have this year teamed up with Cowal Open Studios in a bid to collectively promote the events.

Sian MacQueen, chairwoman of Artmap Ar-

gyll said: 'We want to encourage visitors and locals to view the websites over the Easter holiday as many of our artists are open all year round while others are always happy to arrange visiting times.'



Artmap Argyll artists have teamed up with Cowal Open Studios to create flyers that promote both events.

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# Fashion Show models strut their stuff for cancer support

BRAVE men, women and children from Mid Argyll strutted their stuff on the catwalk last week as the MacMillan Cancer Support Fashion show got underway.

The local models took to the catwalk in the Stag Hotel, Lochgilhead, in front of an audience keen to get a preview of the hottest fashion trends for spring and summer 2013.

The models - Phyllis Angus, Alison MacKay, Emma MacKay, Hilary Simpson, Erin McGlynn, Kathleen Young, Alastair MacKinnon and Charlie MacKinnon - donned a range of clothing and accessories from M&Co.

The Mid Argyll MacMillan Cancer Support fundraising group organised the event, offering locals the chance to glam up for a night of fashion and

fun. The group's own Linda Tighe acted as compere for the evening, sharing fashion tips and jokes with the 50 strong audience.

The event raised £546 which will be used to develop local MacMillan Cancer Support services. Brian and Mary Ann Curtis also made a £560 donation to the committee after the pair used their golden wedding anniversary party to raise funds for the charity.

Kathleen Young from the fundraising group said: 'The Macmillan Cancer Support Committee would like to thank all those that attended and The Stag Hotel for generously hosting the event. We would also like to thank the family and friends of Mr and Mrs Brian Curtis who raised magnificent sum of £560.'



Little Charlie MacKinnon dazzled the audience with his smile when he took to the catwalk. 06\_a13fash04



Phyllis Angus turned heads as she waltzed down the catwalk in this season's navy trend. 06\_a13fash05



Host for the evening Linda Tighe (second from left) joined the models for a final photograph. L-R: Phyllis Angus, Linda Tighe, Alison MacKay, Emma MacKay, Hilary Simpson, Erin McGlynn, Kathleen Young and Alastair MacKinnon. 06\_a13fash11



Hilary Simpson walked the runway in a pretty dress perfect for a summer wedding. 06\_a13fash07



Lorna Gilthorpe and Fiona Ferguson had a great time at the fashion show. 06\_a13fash09

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



HOW often this week I have thought of the Beatles' song, *I can get by with a little help from my friends*.

We were just not prepared for the awful weather that struck Kintyre and Arran last Friday, and we are still coping with its impact.

Eighteen feet of ice wall cut us off at Clachan and a similar scenario was played out at Crossaig. Siberia like conditions prevented rescue services getting through and right along the peninsula we froze and shivered.

Power was off, phones were down, water supply failed, and we felt helpless.

But how this brought out the best in people.

Teams of volunteers set up soup kitchens and neighbours went round the doors of the most vulnerable with hot drinks and soup.

McIlchere's provided a wonderful service to the community by opening all day on Sunday to make sure people had something hot to warm them and friendly chat to cheer them.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army went into action to reach the most at risk.

Kindness and concern wrapped Kintyre in a blanket when it was most needed.

As we approach Easter this weekend, we think of those who asked us to look out for our neighbour.

We remember the great command of Jesus who told us to love one another, for in so doing we would be doing the will of God.

Whatever your belief or persuasion, it was love of neighbours that held us all together in this winter time.

I think we all got by 'with more than a little help from our friends'.

So to all those who went out in the cold, armed with soup and compassion, thank you.

And when the snow has long gone, the memories will remain of stories of kindness that came in the guise of a good neighbour.

Happy Easter!

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# Pavement obstacles highlighted in audit

## People urged to consider disabled when parking and leaving out bins

BUSINESS owners, drivers and residents in Lochgilphead are being urged to think about how their shops, parking and where they leave wheelie bins affect disabled people going about their day-to-day lives.

As part of Age Scotland's Walk in Our Shoes, Act on Our Issues campaign a group of volunteers, which included three wheelchair users and a person with a walking aid, carried out a street audit of the town.

Led by Antonia Baird of Argyll Voluntary Action, the group were confronted by wheelie bins in the middle of pavements, cars parked on pavements, curbs that needed to be dropped and shops they could not access.

#### Impact

Following their walk the group said many of the problems could be dealt with if people just thought about the impact leaving an obstacle on a pavement would have on someone with mobility issues.

Wheelchair user David Witter, who took part in street audit, said a car parked on the pavement on Poltalloch Street was a perfect example of people not thinking.

'The car was half on the pavement and I'm sure the person thought it will just take me two minutes to nip inside but we came along and couldn't get past.

'These are the kinds



David Witter was faced with wheelie bins on pavements and other obstacles when he took part in the street audit. 06\_a12walk01

of issues we are trying to highlight and make people think about,' he said.

Antonia Baird will put a report together on the issues of concern and contact the local authorities or business with suggestions on how the problem could be resolved.

## SWRI ladies enjoy cookery demonstration

LADIES of the Lochgilphead SWRI held a cookery demonstration last week, which included baking and preserves that had been previously judged at a recent proficiency test day.

Catherine Smith, president of Kilmichael made her gold standard pancakes, which were enjoyed hot off the griddle.

Mary Campbell brought her scones, made with lemonade, onto which both Ann Johnston's highly recommended preserves were added.

#### Tips

Quite a few baking tips were given and all the ladies enjoyed the pancakes and scones with their tea.

The competition winners were: Design for umbrella: Debbie Munro and Lizzie Scott. Chutney: Debbie Munro, Lizzie Scott, Mary Campbell and Eilidh McCallum.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 16 when the ladies will be coming along in their Easter bonnets for a daffodil tea.

## Fun filled Easter weekend

THE EASTER bunny will be busy in Mid Argyll over the weekend with a fun filled weekend of family activities and egg hunts organised throughout the area.

Tomorrow (Saturday) families can explore Kilmory Walled Garden as they hunt for Easter eggs, which have been scattered around the grounds by Fyne Families.

Youngsters can search for eggs between 1pm and 3pm with all the money raised going towards the childcare service.

On Saturday night people who fancy a flutter on the horses and want to help raise cash for the Friends of Beatson Charity can head to the Easter race night at the Lodge in Lochgilphead.

#### Starters orders

Horses will be under starters orders from 7.30pm and all the money raised is part of the fundraising efforts of Dougie Moore and Carolyn McAlpine, who are due to run 100 miles between Beatson Oncology Centre in Glasgow and Tarbert in three days later this year.

An eclectic mix of vintage home furnishings, clothing and food from Argyll will be on sale at the Easter Fair in Christ Church Lochgilphead on Saturday.

The church on Bishopton Road will be transformed to have a host of stallholders selling various handmade textiles, accessories and gifts.

Youngsters will have the chance to trek down the Easter bunny on Monday as a special event gets under way at Achnabreac Forest.

Local families can enjoy face painting, craft making and hunt for the magic forest bunny as they embark on an Easter egg trail through the woodland.

The free event runs from midday to 2pm.

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# Inveraray Hall future in hands of new group

ANOTHER community group will be set up to create a sustainable future for Inveraray Community Hall, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* has learned.

A limited company will be set up to decide a way forward for the hall, which is structurally unsound and recently fenced off for health and safety reasons.

Jim McMillan, a member of the defunct

Inveraray Community Hall Trust, set up in the 90s, said the new body would be Inveraray Community Hall Ltd.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Monday, Jim said: 'We are keen to establish a limited trust so more people will get involved and we hope to work with people around town to decide on what the best use of the hall would be.'

Some work has already

been done to ascertain the extent of the problems with the hall as architects examined it when it was identified as a key building that would benefit from regeneration monies secured by Argyll and Bute Council.

One gable at the front of the building is unstable, the roof leaks and it suffers from dry rot. However ZM Architecture,

which prepared the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding bid said the hall could be saved. Argyll and Bute Council will hear this month whether or not a funding application to the Townscape Heritage Initiative is successful. The money will be used to restore eight key buildings in Inveraray including the community hall.



Argyll Brass band celebrated picking up a gold award in the development section of the Brass @ the bards competition just one year after forming.

## Delight as Argyll Brass strikes gold

CELEBRATIONS were in order for one Mid Argyll band this week as they picked up a gold award from a major competition just one year after forming.

Members of Argyll Brass proved themselves to be more than capable of fending off tough competition when they travelled to Ayr on Sunday for the Brass @

the Bards competition, where they picked up a gold award in the development section.

The competition is only the second major championship the band has entered since forming last year and members played exceptionally well to stave off competition from award-winning bands, including the

renowned Kirkintilloch Youth Band.

The competition's adjudicator Bruce Fraser praised the band for their team spirit and the atmosphere they created with their performance.

Members of the young band, aged between 10 and 18, said they are delighted with their achievement, whilst musical director

Darren Tam said he is enormously proud of them. 'It is a great stepping-stone towards bigger and better things to come,' Darren said. 'This has been an amazing first year and the band has gone from strength to strength. This is due to the hard work they put in at rehearsals and commitment, which has paid off.'

## Crinan Canal history brought to life on video

THE HISTORY of the Crinan Canal has come to life on a video trail which people can download free to their mobile phones or tablets and watch as they travel along the route.

Walkers or cyclists on the canal may have already noticed the numbered blue tiles appearing along the towpaths.

Using the app, visitors can open

videos correlating to the number tiles, which open up a wealth of historical information and aerial views.

The videos from the Dalriada Project, provide a wealth of historical information, aerial views, beautiful old images and reconstruction film about the canal and the surrounding area.

People can also download a

similar video trail, which will take them from the Crinan Canal to Carnasserie Castle or follow the Dalriada Heritage Trail.

The videos can be downloaded or found at the six-multi media hubs: Fyne Tackle, the Ardrishaig Sea Lock Office, Crinan Coffee Shop, Tayvallich Coffee Shop, Kilmartin House Museum and Barnluasgan Visitor Centre.

## Lucky Kern is player escort

LUCKY Lochgilhead lad Kern McKellar walked out onto the pitch at Scotland's national football stadium Hampden Park last Friday.

The nine-year-old walked out with the Scottish Football team, including stars Steven Fletcher, Gary Caldwell and Grant Hanley ahead of their home defeat against Wales.

### Competition

Kern won the chance to meet his footballing heroes after he entered the player escort competition run by McDonalds.

Although the youngster, like many Scots, could have been happier with the result in the crucial world cup qualifier, he said: 'I really like football and some really great players were playing.'



Player escort Kern McKellar with Grant Hanley.

## Join in the fun at Tarbert Castle's Medieval Melee

WANNABE knights are invited to join in the historical fun at Tarbert Castle's Medieval Melee on June 1.

The fun and games start at 10am with the old favourites crossbow and jousting practice, along with stalls and a barbecue.

At 12.30pm Robert the Bruce

arrives and Tarbert Academy pupils will welcome visitors to the event, after which the saltire will be raised to celebrate the completion of preservation work at the castle.

Those who wish to visit are advised to bring a camera as there will be plenty of medieval outfits floating around.



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**DUNOON**

**Fraser elected to Scottish Youth Parliament**

A DUNOON youngster has been elected as the newest member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) and will represent the interests of young people living in Argyll and Bute.

Fraser Stewart was one of four candidates who were fighting for two seats at the SYP to represent Argyll and Bute.

During his time in the position the 15-year-old said he wants to give young people a voice and hopes to represent them to the best of his ability.

The Dunoon Grammar School pupil said he hopes to create as many

opportunities as possible for young people during his time in office.

He said: 'I want to find out what young people want and to represent them to the best of my ability. I will try and convince companies to give more young people chances of work or work experience to give them skills in the real world.'

'I want to encourage young people to take part in youth programs like the youth forum and show them the benefits they can get from taking part in something like that.'

The youngster also plans to work with schools so they can give youngsters more information about applications to colleges and wants to keep traditional events such as the Cowal games running.

The other candidate

from who will represent Argyll and Bute is Rothesay Academy pupil David McLaughlin.

**Fishing trip for Dunoon cancer patients**

CANCER patients at Inverclyde Hospital will be heading to Dunoon Reservoir later this month for a day of trout fishing which has been organised by the Argyll Fisheries Trust along with Dunoon and District Angling Club.

The two groups have been inspired to organise the event by an American charity called Casting for Recovery, which promotes fly fishing and casting as a physical and therapeutic exercise for cancer patients.

The event has been organised separately from

the charity, which has a UK branch, but Andrew Baker who is chairman of the trust said they are keen to follow in the charity's footsteps.

'I am keen to follow in the ideas behind Casting for Recovery and offer the opportunity for dozens of patients to learn the fundamentals of fishing and encourage them and others to take up the sport to assist their recovery,' he said. 'We hope to have dozens of patients with us on the day.'

Anglers will be casting their lines across the reservoir on April 20.

**ORMSARY**

**Easter Monday Craft Fayre and Scarecrow Festival**

PEOPLE travelling passing by Ormsary over the Easter weekend will have to keep their eyes peeled for dozens of scarecrows, which are not there to chase off birds but are part of the annual Easter Monday Craft Fayre and Scarecrow Festival.

The event is now in its second year and has been organised by the Ormsary and District Social Club, which hopes to build on the success of

**TARBERT**



Head fireman Donald Blair gave Callum Wilkieson, Rachel Sloan, Mirren Scott, Jessica Wilkieson and Michael Campbell a tour of Tarbert Fire Station.

YOUNGSTERS at Tarbert After School Care have been busy learning about the important role the various emergency services have within the Argyll community.

**Visiting**

The group have been busy visiting the service stations around the town

and this week headed to Tarbert Fire Station.

Head fireman Donald Blair gave the youngsters a tour of the fire station and explained to them what the jobs the fire crew carry out.

Next, the children hope to visit Tarbert Ambulance Station.

last year's festival.

The scarecrows will be judged over the Saturday and Sunday with the winner announced on Easter Monday in Ormsary Hall at the Easter Fayre, which will run

from 12noon until 4pm.

Soup, tea, baking and crafts will be on sale in the hall and there will be a host of activities for youngsters to take part in, which will include an Easter egg hunt run by the Ormsary Easter bunny.

Anyone who would like to book a table for the craft fayre can contact Mary on 01880 770239.

**Primary school scarecrows**

CHILDREN at Achaish Primary School have been busy making their very own scarecrow, which will be part of the Scarecrow Festival that is running over Easter weekend.

People can spot the youngsters' creation, which will be judged at the Ormsary Easter Fun Day on Monday, outside the school scaring off the birds for the rest of weekend.

**KILMARTIN**

**Afternoon tea**

VISITORS or locals to Kilmartin can pop into the Church Hall on Easter Saturday for a cuppa and slice of cake be-

tween 2pm and 4pm.

Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church has organised an Easter Afternoon Tea, which will raise money for the church.

People who get there early may be still be able to get their hands on an Easter chick too.

**LOCHGAIR**

**Beach clean and barbeque**

THE LOCHGAIR Association has organised a Fun Day for residents tomorrow, which will include a beach clean and weather permitting a barbeque.

The event will start at 9.30am with everyone meeting at the slipway for the beach clean and people who would like to take part should wear appropriate boots and protective gloves.

Having worked up an appetite people can head to the Ian Smith's yard at 6 Gallanach, where there will be a BBQ from 1pm and an Easter egg hunt for children.

Residents can pop along to the Lochgair Hotel for a quiz night, which will kick off at 7.30pm.

**ARDRISHAIG**



AN ARDRISHAIG resident has shared his memories of the village after finding this photograph whilst clearing out his attic.

Derek Wallace is pictured on the centre back row of the picture with his teammates Donald McPhee to his left, Forsythe Hamilton on his right with Hamish MacWhirter and Duncan MacBrayne kneeling in front, who made up The Golden Boys.

The photograph was taken at Ropework Park in 1967 at a tournament that was run in conjunction with the drama festival where the boys won their first medal, which qualified them for the next round at Campbeltown. a13dml01no

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Fergus Ewing, minister for energy, left, and Paul Wedgwood, general manager at Carbon Trust Scotland, left, present Allan and Susan Campbell of Argyll Holidays with their carbon management programme certificate.

## Two Argyll companies commit to reduce carbon emissions

TWO ARGYLL companies have pledged their commitment to reduce their carbon emissions.

Argyll Holidays and Portavadie Marina graduated from the Carbon Trust Scotland's carbon management programme last week and have embarked on a scheme that will see them realise significant savings over a the next five years.

### Anticipates savings

By implementing the projects set out in their carbon management plan, Argyll Holidays anticipates savings in the region of £457,168, reducing their carbon

emissions by 52 per cent over the five-year lifetime of the project.

Meanwhile Portavadie Marina estimates savings of £82,000 per annum with a 400 per cent reduction in carbon emissions.

Susan Campbell of Argyll Holidays said: 'One of the main reasons people visit our holiday parks is because of the outstanding natural environment in which they are based, therefore we feel we have a responsibility to the environment, and also to our customers, to protect this.'

The Lochgoilhead-based business has already installed a

320kw biomass boiler in its holiday park and is in the process of installing a recycling centre and replacing swimming pool lighting with LED luminaries.

### Re-designing

Portavadie Marina is also re-designing its heating system and installing energy efficient lighting throughout its premises.

The Carbon Management programme was rolled out to the private sector in 2011 and aims to help small and medium-sized enterprises reduce their carbon footprint, whilst creating significant savings.

# Ferry terminal causeway to become single carriageway

THE CAUSEWAY at Kennacraig ferry terminal is to become a single carriageway with increased lighting and footpaths as part of stage two of its development.

Alistair Chan, who works for Caledonian Maritime Assets, announced the plans at the Kintyre Initiative Working Group last Friday.

### Marshalling area

As well as making the road wider so traffic can run both ways, a new marshalling area will be

built, along with a parking area for commercial vehicles overnight.

Pedestrian safety will also be improved, with crossing points and footpaths as well as increased lighting.

The work will be completed in two stages, with the initial phase starting at the end of this month and finishing in November. The second phase will not begin until the end of 2015.

Councillor Robin Currie pointed out this

would mean work would be starting and finishing at the busiest time.

He said: 'It's going to be chaos.'

### Funding streams

Mr Chan explained that due to funding streams, work could not be started earlier. He said: 'I completely agree. Ideally we would have liked to have kicked off in October.'

'We have asked the contractor for traffic management. Hopefully it will be minimised.'

## Classic yachts to race in Loch Fyne

A FLEET of yachts carrying sailors from across the world is to sail into East Loch Fyne this summer as Cowal hosts the Fife Regatta.

Tighnabruaich, Portavadie and Otter Ferry will host the yachts over the three-day festival, which sees Fifes, considered the world's most prestigious classic yachts, race on the waters of Loch Fyne.

A major coup for East Loch Fyne businesses, the regatta is seen as an opportunity to promote the area, dubbed Argyll's Secret Coast. Locals have said they will be 'pulling out all the stops' to be make the event a success.

The event will begin in Tighnabruaich when the yachts dock at Tighnabruaich pier. Visitors will have the opportunity to

look at the renowned fleet whilst the Tighnabruaich Hotel hosts a street party.

The following day people on the shore will be encouraged to follow the fleet as it makes its way to Portavadie, stopping off at beautiful viewpoints, cafés and shops on the way.

### Warm welcome

On the final day of the regatta, the yachts will race in Loch Fyne and weather permitting the larger Fifes will head up Loch Fyne to the Oystercatcher at Otter Ferry, where they will receive a warm welcome and a cool Fyne Ale.

The grand finale will also see the Waverley, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world, sail into Loch Fyne and offer cruises from Tighnabruaich, allowing

visitors to see the Fifes on the open water.

The event, a key part of Scotland's celebrations in the Year of Natural Scotland, is designed to attract people to an area described as having outstanding natural beauty.

Supported by EventScotland, it will promote, Loch Fyne, the Kyles of Bute and nearby glens, white beaches, clear waters and ancient forests.

Paul Bush OBE, chief

operating officer for EventScotland said: 'In 2013, the Year of Natural Scotland, the Fife Regatta will showcase Scotland's beautiful landscapes as yachts sail along Argyll's Secret Coast.'

'Scotland is the perfect stage for events and the setting will certainly lend itself to what will undoubtedly be a spectacular gathering of boats, considered the world's most prestigious classic yachts.'



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Inveraray Primary School Choir performed in both Gaelic and English language competitions. Adjudicator John Powell was particularly impressed with their Gaelic performance. 06\_a12music49



Jilly Lefebvre was given a certificate of achievement for her interpretation of When I'm Gone in the non-competitive music is fun, anything goes section. 06\_a12music15



Lorna Young retained The Smiddy Bistro Trophy for a second year after she won the piano solo open competition for people aged 18 and under. She also won The Tom and Margaret MacInnes Plate in the grade six piano competition. 06\_a12music35



Iona MacNicol of Lochgilphead High School won the Scots folk song competition for boys and girls in S1 to S3. 06\_a12music31



Kenneth Way, aged 87, was the oldest contest to perform in the music festival. He travelled from Mull to compete in the cello and flute classes and performed alongside his two granddaughters in the family ensemble class. He competed alongside Shannon Gallacher in the string solo class. 06\_a12music41



Abbie Williams and Eve Maxwell narrowly missed out on first place in the vocal duet class for S1 to S3 students. 06\_a12music26



Winners of the Kilmartin Hotel Plate in the adult duet competition: Alison McGinty and Catriona McLean. The pair have been singing and helping with Mid Argyll Youth Chorus, as well as supporting the Music Festival, since 2000.



It was smiles all round for West Loch Fyne girls Holly Renton and Cara Blyth as they lifted the Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl in the vocal duet class for S1 to S3. The petite duo wowed the adjudicator with their rendition of Iona Boat Song. 06\_a12music27



# Weather fails to da at Mid Argyll Mus

SEVERE weather challenged the success of the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Mid Argyll Music Festival at the weekend but heavy snowfall, gale force winds and electricity blackouts failed to dampen the spirits musicians and organisers of the event.

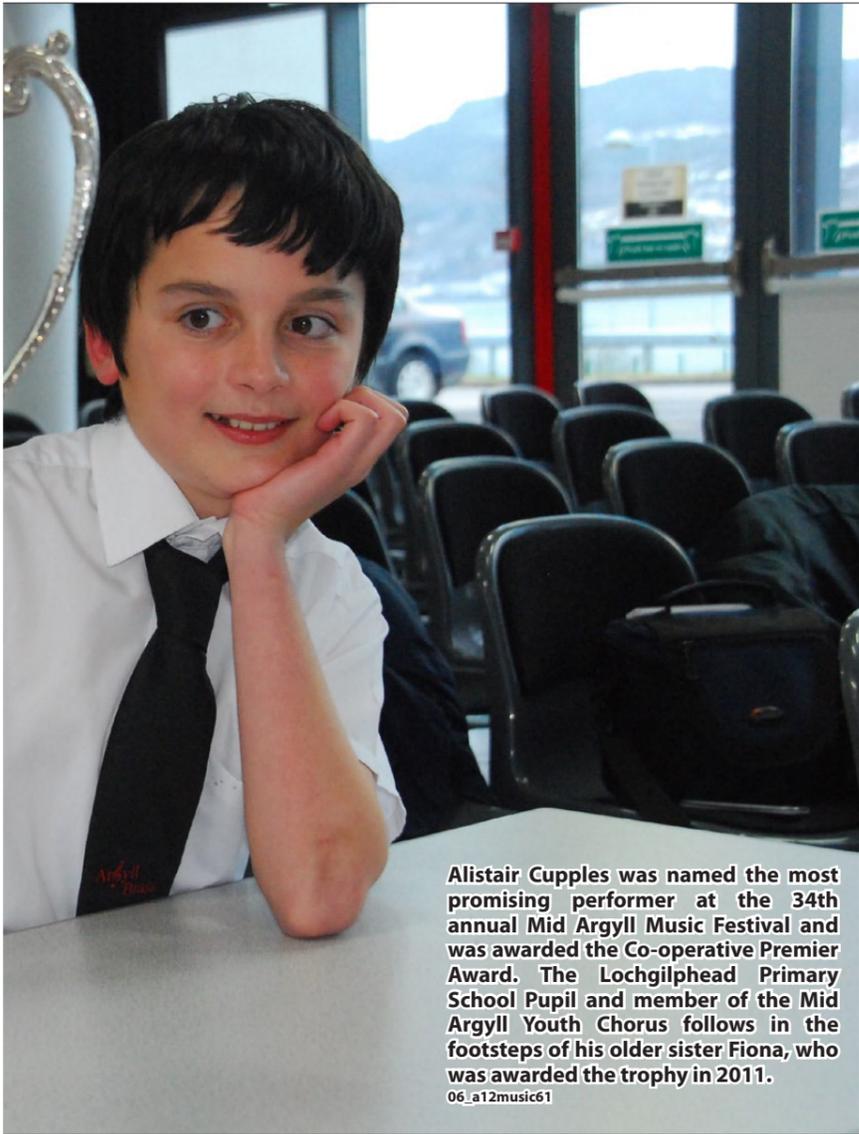
Following a smooth start to the festival on Monday, heavy snowfall on Thursday

night and gale force winds on Friday afternoon saw electricity at Ardrishaig's North Church Hall and Public Hall cut mid-way through competitions. However with the power back on on Friday evening the festival resumed with choirs and vocal ensembles raising spirits with their performances.



Lochgilphead High School Choir had the audience dancing when they performed Adele's hit song Rumour Has It. The choir won the intermediate choirs competition. 06\_a12music50

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Alistair Cupples was named the most promising performer at the 34th annual Mid Argyll Music Festival and was awarded the Co-operative Premier Award. The Lochgilhead Primary School Pupil and member of the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus follows in the footsteps of his older sister Fiona, who was awarded the trophy in 2011. 06\_a12music61



The Mid Argyll Youth Chorus dazzled the audience at the festival on Friday with a beautiful performance of Feuilles-o by Simon and Garfunkel. The group won the Kilmartin Hotel Shield for the third consecutive year.



Hannah Prill from Skipness gained a certificate of distinction after playing the flute in the S4 to S6 woodwind competition. 06\_a12music54



Gavin Johnson won the brass solo competition for S1 to S3 students. 06\_a12music60



Fiona Cupples and Nicola Way of the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus were named first and second in the folk song category for young people in S4 to S6. Fiona was awarded the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup for her win. 06\_a12music32

# umpen the spirits sic Festival

Even blizzards in the south of Scotland failed to keep brass band adjudicator Alan Fernie away from the festival. The renowned musician and composer drove through miles of snow to attend the event on Saturday and, with a lesser number of competitors, spent his free time offering musical master classes to young musi-

cians and bands.

The weather, which prohibited musicians from Kintyre, Islay and other parts of the Argyll attending the event, saw the postponement of the brass band competition. The grand finale of the festival each year, the competition will be held at a later date.



Three-time trophy winner Ardrishaig Primary School Choir won the primary choir and Scots primary choir competitions. The group was awarded the Saltire Quaich for gaining the highest marks in the primary and intermediate choir competitions. 06\_a12music51



Ben Maddox proudly display the Ardrishaig Primary School Round Table Shield after impressing adjudicators in the family piano duet contest. 06\_a12music36



Delighted Clachan Primary School Vocal Choir, including Morven Paisley, Kayleigh McNeill, Leo Silvan, Eilidh Norris and Lewis McNeill, won the Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quaich. 06\_a12music14



Maria Cairns, a pupil of Campbeltown Grammar, won the Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich for her performance of The Trout in the classical or modern art song competition for S4 to S6. 06\_a12music24

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# Public urged to eat more lamb in bid to sustain rural communities

## 'Sheep production really underpins the rural fabric'

THE NEW chairwoman of the National Sheep Association (NSA) is calling on people to eat more lamb to help support rural industry.

Sybil MacPherson, of Brackley Farm, Dalmally, took over the role from Jimmy Sinclair on March 2, she had previously been his deputy four years, a joint role with Ian Hepburn.

### Optimism

She said: 'I'm extremely honoured to have this role and hope that I can continue in the work that has been done.'

'Up until very recently the sheep industry has been at a low ebb, things have picked up considerably in the last few weeks and I'm hoping the optimism will be back in time for the first

sales.

'There are lots of things going on at the moment, CAP will have a major impact on farmers in the whole of Scotland but particularly in this part of the world – NSA has a big role there in building lines to government and attending stakeholder meetings to discuss it.'

The NSA is involved with the National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS) and Quality Meat Scotland (QMS), and have recently secured a promise from Richard Lohead, minister for rural affairs and the environment, for financial support and advertising for lamb.

Sybil added: 'I would like to see people eating more sheep meat – in

Scotland we eat 2.2kg each which is half the UK consumption. We need to promote it.'

'If you go to a restaurant lamb is very rarely available on the menu, I don't know why people don't eat more lamb, it is such a quality product and difficult to adulterate.'

### Traceable

'It is fully traceable and with the recent horse-meat scandal I would have thought the public would be more interested in eating lamb if we can get the price right.'

The NSA is also looking at the healthy option of grass fed lamb which contains high levels of omega three to encourage consumers to buy the product.

'People are turning to

oily fish which is high in omega three so if grass fed lamb has high omega three it might help,' said Sybil.

'In all cases lamb is produced naturally which surely should give customers confidence. There is also the environmental benefits – important flora and fauna have developed because of how sheep have been managed over the years.'

One of Sybil's greatest concerns is the future of rural areas if sheep producers continue to abandon land.

'I think it has a bearing on the whole rural infrastructure, schools, post offices, the whole village is based on people living there – many around sheep. Without

them you have got abandoned hills or forestry. Sheep production really underpins the rural fabric,' added Sybil.

But things aren't all doom and gloom. There is a new major biannual sheep event in the planning. Highland Sheep will take place at Dingwall on May 30.

Sybil said: 'NSA has a biannual Scotsheep event – last year held at Dumfries House – but it is very difficult, particularly over the last few years, to get Scotsheep to move up North.'

'This will be a new event running opposite years to Scotsheep to try and deliver for people in the north and western isles, and Orkney and Shetland, as they tend to get neglected.'

## Aoradh bullocks sell to £1,110 at UA's special sale in Islay

UNITED Auctions held a special sale of 208 grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Thursday, March 21.

Bullocks sold to £1,110 per head for Angus crosses from Aoradh and 272pence per kilo for Charolais crosses, also from Aoradh.

Heifers sold to £1,070 for Charolais crosses and 263pence per kilo from Aoradh.

The overall average for bullocks was £883.94 or 243.76 pence per kilo whilst heifers averaged £744.56 or 229.25 pence per kilo.

A good selection of grazing cattle met a firm trade and sold to a good following of regular mainland buyers.

## Prime sheep trade back 10p per kilo at Stirling

CALEDONIAN MARTS (STIRLING) LTD had forward 2116 prime hoggets and 638 cast ewes and tups at Stirling on Tuesday.

Prime hoggets sold to 263p per kilo for 41kg Beltex's from DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill and to £120 for 49kgs to average 197.23p (-10.02p on the week).

Heavy ewes averaged £87.66, selling to a top of £126.50 for Texel's from Newton of Crathie. Export ewes averaged £60 selling to a top of £79.50 for Cheviots from Aberuthven.

Tups sold to £105.50 for a Texel from Finmont.

## Native breeds of cattle in demand

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd experienced strong demand for native breeds of cattle at Stirling on Monday when they sold 626.

Aberdeen Angus bullocks averaged 237.5p per kg selling to 285p per kg for seven at 265kgs from Portend, Port of Menteith and to £1350 for three at 630kgs from Ladylands, Kippen.

Aberdeen Angus heifers averaged 206p per kg selling to 232p per kg and to £1200 for a 580kgs from Aberdona Mains, Alloa.

Luing bullocks averaged 210p per kg selling to £1135 for two at 510kgs from Woodend, Armadale.

Luing heifers averaged 178p per kg selling to 206p per kg and £1050 from Nunnerie, Elvanfoot.

Shorthorn bullocks averaged 196p per kg, sell-



ing to £1160 for one at 600kgs from Langlees, Biggar.

Heifers averaged 182p per kg selling to 200p per kg for one at 350kgs from Little Galla, Wiston, Biggar and to £700 (twice) for the same animal and two from Hardridge, Kilmacolm.

Highland bullocks averaged 195p per kg, selling to 232p per kg for five at 315kgs from RSPB Kinnabus, Isle of Islay and to £900 for two at 435kg from Uvie, Lagganbridge.

Highland heifers aver-

aged 153p per kg, selling to 181p per kg for two at 270kgs from Borland, Blairgowrie and to £800 for two at 540kg from Hillside of Row, Dunblane.

Belted Galloway bullocks sold to £610 for a 375kg from K Howman, Borland, Blairgowrie.

Galloway heifers sold to £660 for one at 415kgs from Arns, Cumbernauld.

British White heifers sold to £530 for one at 375kgs from, North Cassengray, Largoward, Fife.

## Market report

### ISLAY

#### United Auctions

#### Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: £1110, £990(7), £980(8), £840(6) RSPB Aoradh.

CharolaisX: £1110, £1060, £1050(2), £1030(2), £1020(5), £940(2), £930(6), £850(8) RSPB Aoradh.

LimousinX: £1020(4), £1010, £970(9), £900(3), £890(4), £870(6) RSPB Aoradh; £860 Woodend

Heifers Aberdeen Angus X: £800, £700(7) RSPB Aoradh.

CharolaisX: £1070, £1020, £960, £940(5), £930(4), £910, £900, £850(5) RSPB Aoradh; £830 Cladville; £820(4) RSPB Aoradh.

LimousinX: £790(2) and £770(7) RSPB Aoradh.

Prices per kilo Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: 263p(6), 254p(7) RSPB Aoradh; 248p(2) Dunlossit Estate; 246p(8) RSPB Aoradh; 230p Dunlossit Estate.

CharolaisX: 272p, 268p(2), 258p(8), 249p(2), 246p(5), 243p(5), 241p, 237p(2) RSPB Aoradh.

LimousinX: 256p(4) RSPB Aoradh; 254p Woodend; 253p(4), 250p(4), 249p(3) RSPB Aoradh; 248p(2) Dunlossit Estate; 245p(2), 243p(9) and 238p(2) RSPB Aoradh.

Luing: 210p(2) RSPB Aoradh.

Heifers Aberdeen Angus X: 213p(7) RSPB Aoradh.

CharolaisX: 263p, 252p(4), 250p, 248p, 246p(5), 245p(6), 240p(4), 222p, 221p(2) RSPB Aoradh.

LimousinX: 252p(7), 236p(7) RSPB Aoradh; 220p and 216p(5) Dunlossit Estate.

The Machrihanish Golf Club  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 The Annual General Meeting of The Machrihanish Golf Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday 5th April 2013 at 8.00pm. All members are respectfully invited to attend.  
 A. Anderson  
 Secretary

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 and general meeting to be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on Thursday 4th April, 2013 at 10.30am  
 Subject: Nepalese Children's Trust  
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**PLANNING**  
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

| Ref         | Proposal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Site Address                                                                  | Location of Plans                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 13/00411/PP | Erection of building to accommodate closed containment recirculation aquaculture production facility, installation of waste water treatment plants, access, parking and ancillary development including demolition of existing structures. | Tayinloan Fish Farm Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XG                | Sub Post Office Tayinloan              |
| 13/00469/PP | Erection of 80 metre high meteorological mast for a temporary period of 5 years                                                                                                                                                            | Killarow Farm Kilkenzie Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QD                  | Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown |
| 13/00514/PP | Renewal of planning permission reference 08/00271/DET - (Erection of dwellinghouse)                                                                                                                                                        | Land South West of Waterside Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PJ | Ardrishaig Area Office                 |
| 13/00580/PP | Renewal of planning permission reference 10/00318/PP (Demolition of farmhouse, outbuildings and industrial buildings and erection of eleven dwellings and means of access)                                                                 | Bellfield Farm High Askomil Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6EN              | Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown |
| 13/00590/PP | Change of use from guest house (class 7) to dwellinghouse (class 9).                                                                                                                                                                       | The Stables School Road Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PX       | Ardrishaig Area Office                 |

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

| Ref          | Proposal                                                                           | Site Address                                           | Location of Plans         |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 13/00442/PP  | Erection of agricultural shed and domestic log store                               | Caol Mara Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SW | Ardrishaig Area Office    |
| 13/00491/LUB | Change of use of workshop to form public house including alterations and extension | The Old Coopers Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UE     | Sub Post Office Inveraray |

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A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in the Town Hall, Campbeltown at 10.00a.m. - Wednesday, 3 April, 2013  
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 The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead and at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
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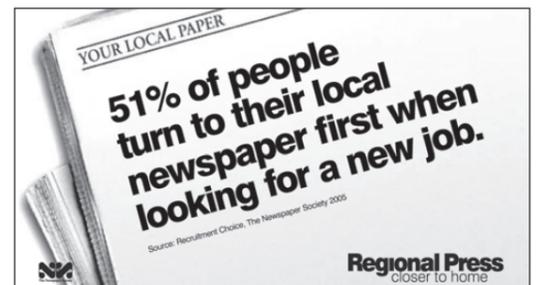
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**DEATHS**  
**ARMOUR** - Peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on Friday, March 22, 2013, Eleanor (Ella) Mackay McSparran, beloved wife for 61 wonderful years of Robert Ralston Armour (Bobby), mother of Robert, mother-in-law of Anne and grandmother of Katie and Iona. A funeral service is being held in Edinburgh on March 29.

**MCROBERTS** - Emily, formerly of Clachan and latterly Dunoon, passed peacefully on March 20, 2013, within Cowal Hospice. Private family funeral.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACBEAN** - Janette would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in the sad loss of Sheena. Special thanks to Rev Jeff McCormick, for a comforting and appropriate service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Lochnell Arms Hotel, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

**MCALLISTER** - The family of the late R McAllister would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement. Thanks also to the doctors and nursing staff involved in Roddy's care, Father Azad and Alasdair Blair and Son for professional service, and lastly staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent purvey on this sad occasion. I thank you all. Mrs Mary McAllister and family. I fought to keep you here with me, but God has set your spirit free.

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**MICHIE** - Pepe and all the family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for all the cards, flowers, visits and not forgetting home baking and food, following the sudden loss of Ian. Thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for the lovely service and tribute to Ian; to Donald MacDonald's for the very efficient and sensitive funeral arrangements; to the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for excellent purvey. Finally our thanks to everyone who attended church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to everyone for the retiral collection, which raised over £300 for the local ambulance service.

**IN MEMORIAMS**  
**DEANS** - Precious memories of a dearly loved husband and much loved dad, Willie, who passed away March 26, 2012.

We miss you more than words can say  
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- Love Muriel and family.  
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Loved always.  
- Mark, Claire and Ryan xxx.

**MCALLISTER** - In memory of my dear brother, Roddy, died March 18, 2013. Your legacy of love and kindness lives on in your children.

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- Christine, Dave and family.  
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- Your loving family, home and away x.

**O'MAY** - Years pass, one to another, and bring back treasured memories of my beloved caring, brother Malcolm, who sadly left us March 31, 2011.  
- Love Jenny.

**SCOTT** - Treasured memories of Cathy, passed away March 27, 2011. Two years have come and gone  
But special memories still live on  
Always in our thoughts.  
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Christ Church Lochgilphead  
12noon till 3:00pm  
**Evening Reflections**  
Ardrishaig Church at 6:30pm  
**"Later that Evening"**  
Columba's Cave, Ellary at 8:00pm  
**Easter Sunday Services in**  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am (Resurrection Communion) and Achahoish at 12:30pm  
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Please note there will be no service at 11.00am at Christ Church.  
**St Columbas Poltalloch**  
11.00am Easter Sunday Eucharist  
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**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 28-31 March - all welcome!**

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All Age Easter Celebration  
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"He is Risen"  
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Good Friday Meditations  
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Inverlussa Church 10 am  
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Mr James McLellan  
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Mr James McLellan  
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SCO02493  
**Friday 29th March 2013**  
Good Friday Communion with Lorne & Lowland Church  
Highland Parish Church 7pm  
**Sunday 31st March 2013**  
11.15am Morning Service  
Mr. Matthew Ramsay  
All Age Family Service  
Service followed by Annual Stated Meeting  
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**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**

**Friday 29th March**  
7.30pm Good Friday Service  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kids)  
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**Tuesday**  
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1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
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**Thursday**  
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Friday, 29th March (today)**  
Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
Good Friday Communion (Highland Parish) - 7:00 p.m.  
NO LUNCH CLUB TODAY  
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Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, 31st March**  
EASTER DAY  
Family Worship - 11:15 a.m.  
(Triple C Easter Egg Competition)  
Rev. Philip Burroughs  
**Thursday, 4th April**  
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**Friday, 5th April**  
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## Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 1, 8 and 12 drawn.

The jackpot will be £400 next week.

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THE JACKPOT in next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery will be £600 as another week passes with no winner. This week's numbers were 7, 11 and 19.

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THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw were 5, 11 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

## No weekend fixtures for Red Star or Tarbert

RED STAR football club and Tarbert AFC will have a rest from league and cup duty this weekend as there are no fixtures planned over the Easter weekend.

Star's league tie against Inverkip was called off last Saturday due to the snow.

# Hardy souls brave the blizzards to tackle final round of winter league



Ross Sinclair, winner of the winter League, Isobel McMillan who presented the prizes and David Sinclair at Lochgilphead Golf Club's prize giving ceremony on Saturday.

## Golf club presentation dance a spirited affair

DESPITE the blizzard conditions, 11 hardy souls turned up for the final round of the winter league.

Alec MacAulay was so desperate to overhaul Ross's lead that he went out on the course with a brush to try and clear one off the greens. This proved even more impossible than getting John Downie or Keith to shut up for two minutes and in the end he gave up.

As the final is played over four rounds it was decided to base the winners on the previous three rounds and the results are as follows:

Winter league champion: Ross Sinclair, 2. Alec MacAulay, 3. David Sinclair; Empire Trophy: Ross Sinclair, 2. Alec MacAulay, 3. David Sinclair;

Knockout Cup: Alec MacAulay, 2. Keith Cowan; Doubles: John Downie and Ross Sinclair; Team: Simon Taylor, Alec MacAulay and John Downie.

This year's presentation dance was a very spirited affair from the start, with Colin Rowan providing the beats and our in-house dancing coach, Tommy Angus, encouraging everyone on to the dance floor - What a mover he is.

The catering was provided by the Smiddy Bistro and it was really top notch, as you would expect from Bruce.

Highlight of the evening was a protracted conga that headed for the dungeon and looked like it would go outside into the snow but was driven back inside by the cold.

David Sinclair said: 'This was a celebration

of winter golf by players who are looking forward to the summer but who have made the most of their Sunday mornings, in dubious conditions by turning up to play with their friends.

'Next week is the start of the summer season and we are looking forward to playing with even more friends as the players with much more sense return from their winter break and the competition will be fierce.'

With Keith Cowan as the new club captain, Ross Sinclair as vice captain and David Sinclair the new match secretary, the next Winter League will most likely be proposed to begin in July to which Fiona McLeod, the new club secretary, will say 'behave'.

## Football in memory of Johanna

THE ANNUAL match organised in memory of Lochgilphead woman Johanna MacVicar will take place on Sunday.

The competition sees friends, work colleagues and community teams from across Mid Argyll go head to head on the football pitch in a battle of goals and pride.

The competition, between Lochgilphead over 35s and under

35s, will raise funds for Rainbow Valley, a new charity established by Johanna's mother Angela MacVicar.

### Round up

A full round up of events to be held over the Lochgilphead fundraising weekend will be in next week's Advertiser.

The football match kicks off at Ropework Park at 1pm.

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## Player profiles

**Name:** Connor Crawford (Club Captain)  
**Club:** Lochgilhead Red Star  
**Position:** Left back  
**Have you played for any other clubs?** Oban Saints, Lochgilhead Wanderers, Elgin City  
**What is your proudest moment in football?** Lifting the Coronation Cup last year with Red Star. Unfortunately we weren't able to defend the trophy this year but that'll make us even more determined to win it again next year.



**player you have played against?** Keith Millar from Oban Saints

**Who is the best trainer among your teammates?** Colin Weir

**Who is the worst trainer among your teammates?** Lewis Peacock

**What are your hopes for the remainder of the season?** To win the league although it looks like it's going to be a tough task now.

**Favourite film?**

Italian Job

**Favourite music?**

Not fussy

**Favourite drink?**

Tennents lager or vodka and orange.

**What is your most embarrassing moment in your sport?** Losing 10 - 1 against Glasgow Harp at Glasgow Green. The score was 1-1 at half time! To make matters worse, the bus broke down at Loch Lomond on the way home.

**Who is the best player you have played with?** Iain Houston or Davie Campbell.

**Who is the best**



**Lochgilhead High School football team picked up the Argyll and Bute Senior Tournament trophy after beating competition from Islay, Rothesay, Oban and Tobermory.** 06\_a13football01

## Senior boys go out on high note

SENIORS on Lochgilhead High School football team have marked the end of term and their final days on the squad with impressive victories over their Argyll competitors.

A nine-a-side team picked up silverware on Wednesday afternoon when they won the first Argyll and Bute Senior Football Tournament after defeating teams from Islay, Rothesay, Oban and Tobermory at Lochgilhead Joint



**Lochgilhead High School's Ewan Dudding tackles a Campbelltown Grammar School midfielder in a friendly match at Ropework Park.** 06\_a13lochhigh01

Campus. An 11-a-side team later played their Kintyre rivals, Campbelltown Grammar School, in a friendly at Ropework Park defeating the side 9-1.

Hat tricks came from Lee McLean and Cameron Hendry, whilst Alistair MacVicar, Kier Whitefield and Calum McGuinness all got one past the keeper.

Jillian Gibson, Active Schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, organised the events for the senior boys after they said it would be a great way to end the school year.

'The boys really wanted a way to end the term and play all the schools one last time. We hope to make the senior tournament an annual event that will travel around the various high schools,' she said.

'There has been a tremendous display of football from the Lochgilhead boys, they have been a credit to their school.'

### GOLF

THE FIRST of Inveraray Golf Club's 2013 'bunkered' outings was held on Sunday.

Eleven players headed for Troon's Darley course in windy conditions.

John Smylie took the top honours on the day with an impressive 36 points. Second was Duncan Robertson on 34 points, once again showing his two boys how the game should be played.

Scott Robertson was in third place, only a stroke behind on 33. It was left to his younger brother

David 'Bingo' Robertson to finish in last place with an all-time low score of 17 points.

For the rest of the field it was a case of what might-have-been. Andy Stewart was just glad he didn't come last and the only dazzling thing from Derek McCulloch was his new golf treads.

Derek Robertson managed to live up to the old saying of 'drive for show and putt for dough' as he struggled to make an impression on the leaders. The ever steady David Wilson failed to peak and had to set-

tle for fourth place and Jimmy Kerr managed to prove that wearing two hats was not better than one. Newcomers to the outing Davie and Barry Stewart settled for mid-table positions whilst sussing out the competition for the next couple of rounds and realising the extent of the banter that they were up against. A great day out was had by all and the group is already looking forward to the next outing for another bit of banter and healthy competition away from the home course.

## Horseriders descend on Daltote for final showjumping championship

HORSERIDERS descended on Daltote at the weekend to compete in the final leg of the winter league show jumping championship, all vying to lift the title.

Competition throughout the four-event league was tight, with one rider standing out from the rest of the pack. The winner's sash was finally awarded to **Lauren Johnson on Jacob** as the competitor with the highest points overall.

The final days results: **Pre-pre Novice:** 1. Rebecca Baillie on Brooklyn, 2. Georgia Foster on Loui, 3. Shan on Gems, 4. Beth Johnston on Patsy, 5. Morven McVey on Merlin, 6. Hannah Johnston on Buddy

**Pre Novice:** 1. Lauren Johnson on Jacob, 2. Rebecca Baillie on Brooklyn, 3. Morven McVey on Merlin, 4. Wiktorina Wietronek on Mac, 5.



**Lauren Johnson on Jacob - winner of the pre-novice class and overall winner of the league.** Bill Baillie Photography.

Iona Baillie on Tilly, 6. Beth Johnston on Patsy.

**Novice:** 1. Olivia Foster on Dylan, 2. Jadie Baillie on Brooklyn, 3.

Freya Urquhart on Mee-sha, 4. Claudia Foster on Holly, 5. Iona Raeburn on Hannah, 6. Meg Blackburn on Faylen

**Intermediate:** 1. Rebecca Foster on Rattie, 2. Olivia Foster on Dylan, 3. Jadie Baillie on Brooklyn, 4. Iona Raeburn on Hannah, 5. Iona Baillie on Breeze, 6. Freya Urquhart on Mee-sha.

**Open:** 1. Rebecca Foster on Rattie, 2. Caitlin Lemmon on Daragh.

The points were added up over the four league days to give the overall winners of the league in each class as:

**Pre Pre Novice:** Georgia Foster on Loui, 40 points

**Pre Novice:** Lauren Johnson on Jacob, 46 points

**Novice:** Jadie Baillie on Brooklyn and Olivia Foster on Dylan, 36 points

**Intermediate:** Rebecca Foster on Rattie, 44 points

**Open:** Rebecca Foster on Rattie, 40 points.

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### SHINTY

THE ARGYLL derby between Inveraray and Kyles Athletic is usually a showcase for south shinty, a fast-paced and entertaining spectacle - unlikely this weekend, says 'Aray player-manager Garry MacPherson.

MacPherson believes that while Winterton Park will be playable on Saturday, it is not in the best condition.

'We will of course set out to win the game on Saturday,' said MacPherson. 'But it could end up a bit of a scrap because the pitch is not in good condition.

'I don't see either team playing shinty that will be easy on the eye but it should be a close and exciting game.

'If we play like we did at the start of the season, there is no reason we cannot get something out of the game.'

Inveraray's Stuart Robertson continues to struggle with injuries and Allan MacDonald will serve his one-game suspension this weekend after last week's tie against Kingussie was abandoned because weather conditions meant Inveraray could not travel.

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**KYLES** Athletic remain the only team in the Orion Group Premiership with a 100 per cent but their match last weekend - a crunch tie with champions Newtonmore - was also cancelled because of the weather.

The Tighnabraichmen have continuing injury concerns but will still be able to field a strong team this Saturday.

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**KILMORY** Camanachd will take on old nemesis Glasgow Mid Argyll

tomorrow (Saturday) in the first round of the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup.

The Glasgow side will be a tough team to beat as they have enjoyed a great start to the season and currently sit at the top of the south division one league table.

Kilmory will play away to the Glasgow side, who two weeks ago put six goals past Strachur.

STRACHUR are also in cup action tomorrow and take on Aberdour, who have had a surprisingly good start to the season.

The team, led by coach Donald MacDonald, will be looking to secure their first victory of the season but could be in for a tough match, as the on-form Aberdour have already defeated former premier division team Bute.



Dozens of young people across Mid Argyll have been attending the Mid Argyll Athletics Club for years. 06\_a13athletics01

# Mid Argyll athletics club wraps up after 30 years

MID ARGYLL athletics club which has been running for almost 30 years wound up on Monday evening as coaches Bill MacCallum MBE and Tom McFarlane retire from working in the area.

The retiral of the two coaches, leading figures in the world of indoor athletics, is a major blow to the organisation, which does not have enough qualified coaches to continue operating in the area.

Bill has cited a lack of

## Blow as coaches retire from working in area

support and recent news that the MacRae Park development may not go ahead as reasons for his resignation.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* on Wednesday, Bill said: 'Although we have good numbers at our weekly training, our junior

members and parents are reluctant to support our local competitions. Despite on-going pleas for additional help at our club we have had little response from parents.

'I have just heard recently that the excellent MacRae Park development is very

unlikely to go ahead. Myself and many others are confused and disappointed that this opportunity may be lost. 'Our club is presently waiting on an explanation from Argyll and Bute Council on the reasons why.'

Bill added: 'This has been a very difficult decision to make. As a founder member of the club in 1984 I have experienced many highs and lows over the last 29 years.

'It has always been

a struggle for our club to survive for many factors but despite these difficulties our club has produced several age group national champions and many medallists at similar events.'

Dozens of children and teenagers turned out to the last training event on Monday and paid tribute to Bill and Tom for their hard work over the years.

Bill will continue to coach athletics on his native island of Mull.

## MacRae Park development looks unlikely to go ahead

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser has learnt that the MacRae Sports Field development is unlikely to go ahead.

For the full story see next week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

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