



Mid Argyll Music Festival Special

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Families unite to raise cash for children's hospital

Wheelchair user to push 13 miles in support of friends' daughter

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A MAN bound to a wheelchair will push himself for 13 miles to raise funds for a hospital that is supporting a four-year-old family friend, 30 years after he was a regular patient himself.

Brian Spalding from Inveraray is currently preparing to complete the Scottish Kilt Walk to raise funds for Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital in Glasgow.

Brian, who received treatment at the hospital for spina bifida, has been inspired to complete the challenge after Inveraray's Rosie Blyth began receiving chemotherapy in the same hospital.

The 42-year-old will be joined on the challenge by his wife Pamela and Rosie's parents Laura and Paul Blyth, as well as her 12-year-old sister Cara and other close family and friends.

Rosie's trips to the hospital have brought back memories for Brian who required treatment for his spine, kidneys and bladder.

'I used the hospital in my pre-teens and have memories of going into hospital. I was taken out of my comfort zone and was not with my family 24/7,' Brian said.

'I would not know how
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Brian Spalding, front, will push himself 13 miles to raise funds for Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital. He will be joined by his wife, Pamela, left, and close friends, Laura and Paul Blyth. Their four-year-old daughter Rosie receives chemotherapy at the hospital. 06_a13walk01

Livestock theft

FARMERS in Mid Argyll are being urged to be vigilant following thefts of livestock.

The call comes after six sheep were stolen from a farm in Kilmichael Glassary between September 20 and November 24 last year.

The farmer first noticed the sheep were missing in November but thought they might have wandered off. Now, having completed a second count, the farmer is certain it was theft.

Enquiries are continuing and police are eager to speak to anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activity in the area over the four-week period.

Sergeant Mark Wilson of Police Scotland said: 'We want to raise awareness of this incident with other farms in our area and in case there are similar incidents which may not have been discovered as yet.'



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George Lyon, MEP, with MacLeod employee Andrew Appleton, Alan Reid MP and Murdo MacLeod. 06_a13macleod01

Small firms need major EU cash injection to thrive

Support crucial says Argyll's biggest construction firm

MOST of the £142 million European funding that is available in Highlands and Islands should be used to support small businesses, Argyll's biggest construction firm has said.

Kenny and Murdo MacLeod, owners of M & K MacLeod Construction Ltd, welcomed George Lyon MEP to their Lochgilphead-based business on Monday.

Mr Lyon was visiting the area as part of a consultation which aims to identify how European funding should be directed over the next six years.

It will look at how things such as business growth, social regeneration and sustaining rural

communities should be prioritised financially. During his meeting with the MacLeod brothers, Mr Lyon was told support for new business should take precedence in the fight for cash.

Murdo MacLeod said his construction firm was seeking to support small businesses in Lochgilphead with a new industrial estate.

Small units could, he said, give businesses an affordable outlet.

He said: 'The estate will be small to medium-sized workshops and will bring people into the town to work.'

'It will be perfect for the small fisherman who has his lobsters pots or for businesses that em-

ploy two or three people to work in.'

Kenny added: 'We would hope to secure some of the European money to help build the industrial site. It would be used to help build the units.'

Following a tour of the MacLeod factory, Mr Lyon said: 'It is clear that small businesses seem to be a key priority for the area.'

'It will provide an opportunity for people to set up in the area, provide jobs and in return help with the economic recovery.'

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Argyll and Bute Council is to run IT classes at libraries to help people access a range of materials online. People who are 'beginners' at using computers will be shown how to access SCRAN - an online collection of thousands of images and documents. The class, at Lochgilphead library on Monday, will include a free demonstration of the website, class activities and one-to-one tuition. To book a place contact 01546 602072.

Wheelchair push for Yorkhill Hospital

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it compares now to back then, but I do have fond memories of the ward staff and the people involved with my treatment.'

When Brian was born

there was doubt as to whether he would be able to walk, but it was not until he slipped on ice six years ago that he required a wheelchair.

Now, inspired by Rosie's story and under-

standing the importance of the hospital to so many families, Brian has decided to become a fundraiser.

On April 27, Brian and his comrades will put on their finest tartan outfits

and complete the walk from Clydebank to Balloch as part of the team Heels 'n' Wheels.

'It is all for a fantastic cause and we want to do something for the charity as it has done so much to support her [Rosie],' he said.

'Yorkhill is absolutely close to the heart of the community. When you are in Glasgow you don't realise the scope of how far the hospital goes to helping children.'

People who would like to make a donation to the group can visit <http://www.virgin-moneygiving.com/team/heelsnwheels>.



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Police appeal after window smashed

POLICE are appealing for information after someone threw a stone at the Lochgilphead Red Cross Centre, smashing a window.

The incident occurred sometime between 5.15pm on March 21 and 8.10am the following morning.

Anyone who saw people acting suspiciously on Union Street is urged to call police on 101.

Price freeze

MAJOR energy provider Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) has announced that it will freeze electricity prices until at least 2016.

It said the freeze was to shield its customers from rising energy costs with more than 80 per cent of customers saying they feared a price hike in the next two years. The energy firm plans to work with politicians to look at a long term solution to electricity prices, which includes removing energy taxes from bills.

SSE plans to cut 500 jobs in a bid to make savings of £100 million.

Scottish Canals steam ahead with Ardrishaig regeneration plans

THE PROPOSED café, chandlery and boat brokerage planned for Ardrishaig could be open by late summer, Scottish Canals has confirmed.

The water authority said the business, already dubbed The Yot Spot, will open as soon as possible at Pier Square.

A spokesman for Scottish Canals said: 'I'm afraid we don't have a date, but we would hope for a late summer opening.'

'The work is currently out to tender with local contractors invited to submit.'

'The Yot Spot will operate as a café, chandlery

and boat brokerage so we expect it to create at least two or three jobs, with at least one related to each of those uses.'

The news comes as Ardrishaig residents are motoring their way through a list of action points agreed with Scottish Canals.

The village trust and community council have devised a leaflet promoting what Ardrishaig has to offer visitors to the Crinan Canal.

The leaflet, which includes information on all 14 businesses found on Chalmers Street, will be handed to tourists when they pay for passage at the canal office.

Peter Garrett, of Ardrishaig Community Council, said the leaf-

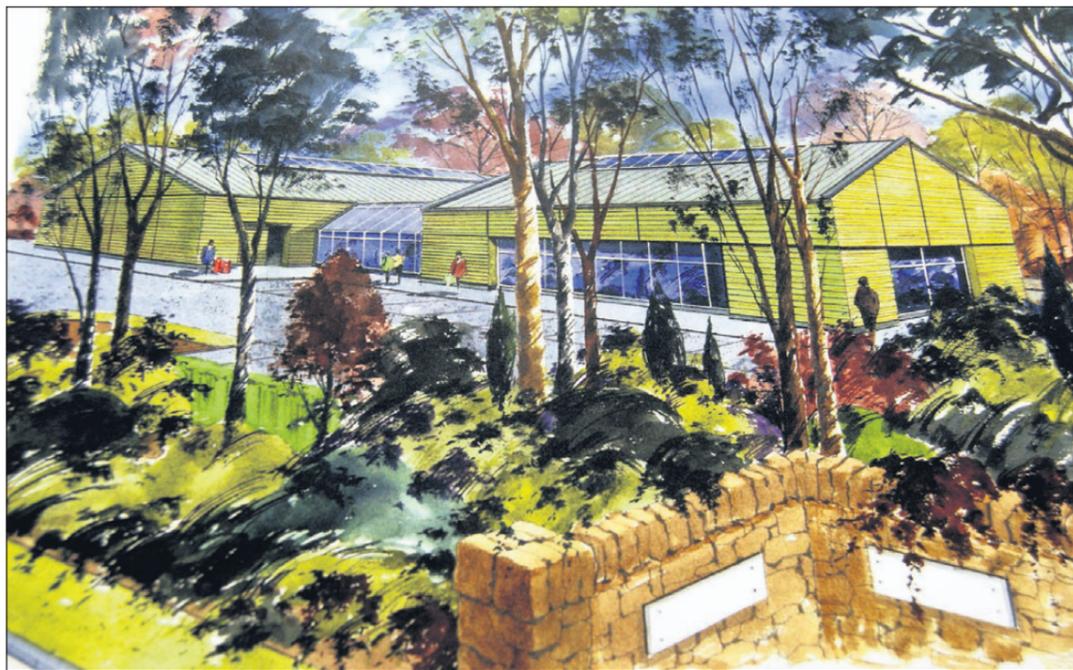
let would help to sell Ardrishaig as a destination.

'We have upwards of 2,000 boats here every year...when you go through the canal you can't see what's on the main street,' he said.

'This leaflet says you have had a journey, moor up and stay a while, have a meal and a drink - that's what it is about.'

'It's to encourage people to stay here and see what's on offer.'

Meanwhile work is progressing to erect signs around Argyll directing traffic to the canal, to tidy the canal banks, remove old and broken fences and reinsta-



Harbro reveals shop plans

Harbro, the agriculture group which is seeking to use the grounds of Clock Lodge to build a retail outlet, has revealed drawings showing what the proposed development would be like if given the green-light. A large version of the picture is available for view in Lochgilphead Barber Shop.

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Man charged with attempted murder on Islay

EXTRA police patrols will be carried out to support residents on Islay this week after a man on the island was charged with attempted murder.

It comes after a 40-year-old man was seriously injured during an incident in Port Ellen, in the early hours of Sunday morning, March 23.

A 32-year-old man was later arrested and charged with assault to severe injury, danger to life and attempted murder when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday.

He made no plea or declaration and was granted bail.

Police confirmed they were not looking for anyone else in relation to the incident.



Young people packed into the Mid Argyll Youth Centre on Sunday as it launched its in-house cinema. 06_a13cinema02

Youngsters pack out centre for cinema launch

YOUNGSTERS piled into the Mid Argyll Youth Centre on Sunday as the charity launched its first cinematic experience.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services screened Disney

movie Frozen for children in the area as they tucked into popcorn and candyfloss. The 40 tickets for the movie sold out after MAYDS gained funding to screen a Warner Brothers film at its centre twice a

month for a year. Films, a mixture of latest releases and popular classics, will be screened at the cinema's two monthly sittings; one will be for young people and the second for adults.

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Planning applications for two Loch Gilp wind farms to be submitted

PLANNING applications for two wind farms that could potentially see 49 turbines tower above Ardrishaig will be submitted to authorities within the next six weeks.

EDF Energy Renewables revealed the final drawings on Tuesday for its 18-turbine Cruach Brenfield Windfarm.

The 125-metre height turbines, which will produce 60 megawatts of energy, will be visible from Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Inverneil, Kilmichael and Ormsary estate.

The scale of the project means it must be considered by the Scottish Government; the planning application will be submitted in April.

Ed Laughton, chairman of Ardrishaig Community Council, criticised EDF for only hosting two public meetings on the proposal.

'One of the complaints I have [with EDF] is that I had heard nothing from it since July, which I think is quite negligent on its part,' Mr Laughton said.

Explaining the application will be discussed at the community council meeting on Tuesday, Mr Laughton added: 'It will come down to whether people can hear or see it. If you can't see it I imagine people will be much more relaxed.'

Darren Cuming, wind development manager at EDF, defended the amount of public

consultation the firm has had with residents.

'From the last consultation we have removed the most visually intrusive wind turbines. We have moved the site back in the landscape and reduced the turbine size from 135 metres to 125 metres,' he said. 'We have consulted widely.'

News of the planning application comes after another firm E-ON confirmed it would submit a planning application for the 16-turbine Allt Rhubha Wind Farm to Argyll and Bute Council in May.

If agreed, the wind farms will sit alongside the existing 12 turbines at Allt Dearg and the three agreed turbines that form Srondoire Community Wind Farm.

Energy firm to invest £5.6m in Mid Argyll

'This part of Argyll & Bute cannot survive on views alone'

THE ENERGY giant behind a proposed wind farm on the outskirts of Inveraray has said it will directly invest £5.6 million in the community should the plan get the go-ahead.

RWE Innogy UK has submitted a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council to erect 15 turbines at Ardchnonell, 6.5 kilometres north-west of Inveraray. The turbines will be 111 metres tall and generate 49MW of electricity.

The company, formerly known as RWE npower renewables, has said a £225,000 annual community benefit fund will operate for the 25-year lifespan of the wind farm. Frances O'Hagan, of Inveraray Regeneration Group, described the development as a great opportunity.

She said: 'Many of our smaller communities could use the community benefit funding to initiate some valuable regeneration to help local residents and ensure that

young families are able stay in the area as well as attracting new people to the area.

'There are a lot of comments about the negative impact to tourism in the area because of the visual impact of a potential wind farm but I've yet to see firm evidence of that. At the end of the day, this part of Argyll and Bute cannot survive on views alone.'

Katy Woodington, RWE Innogy's community investment officer, said the firm would also look at providing training opportunities for people in a bid to create a 'lasting legacy' in the area.

She said: 'By working with local communities we can make sure that any future funds invested in the area are designed in such a way as to achieve maximum impact, making a real difference to the people who live there.'

Argyll and Bute Council is due to consider the planning application 'in the near future'.



Craignish Boat Club member Bruce Condie, left, and Bill Oliver at the club's stall. 16_t13boat01

Craignish boat jumble just gets bigger and better

'BIGGER and better' was how organisers of the 15th annual Craignish Boat Jumble described this year's event.

Run by the Craignish Community Company, the event last Saturday took in more than £1,000 and gave community groups a chance to showcase their wares and talents.

There were 30 stalls, manned by groups and individuals from as far afield as Ireland, Glasgow and Ayrshire.

Benefiting from some brief afternoon sunshine, organiser Jan Brown said this year's event was a huge success.

'We are making up for last year,' she said. 'Because of the snow this time last year no-one from Kintyre or Ireland could get here and numbers were down.'

'I think this year, our 15th year, the event is among the biggest and best yet.'

Proceeds from the jumble will go towards the community company.

Meanwhile, Craignish Boat Club is busy organising the grand opening of its new premises, which cost £128,000.

The opening of the site, near to Craignish Village Hall, will take place from noon on May 3 with a barbecue and ceilidh afterwards.

Council invest in pre-school education

ARGYLL and Bute Council has invested £1.345 million in pre-school care in a bid to meet new requirements introduced by the Scottish Government.

The local authority must now provide 600 hours of pre-school education to all three year old children every year, an increase of 125 hours.

The free early learning and childcare will be extended to include children aged two who are, or have been, looked after by the council, and for households where no one is working.

Almost £1.5 million has been identified to pay for the additional childcare in its first year of operation. The programme will begin in August.

Lochgilphead soldier part of the WWII Great Escape

A WOMAN who grew up in Lochgilphead has revealed for the first time that her father was involved in the WWII Great Escape.

Retired librarian, Rosalind Woods, 61, who was born in Poltalloch Estate, Lochgilphead in 1953 and then moved to Cairnbaan, in 1956, has told the remarkable story of her prisoner-of-war dad, Bill Johnson.

Bill was an RAF flight lieutenant who was shot down in a Kittyhawk plane in North Africa and it was believed he was the only Scotsman in the Kittyhawk squadron.

His face was badly scarred when he was sent to Stalag Luft III, known to many as The Great Escape Camp. This meant he was not among the chosen 200 men to escape, over fears the burns on his face would have identified him.

He did, however, play an integral role in planning and coor-

inating the escape. Seventy-six prisoners managed to escape and 50 of those were shot; Bill was left imprisoned in the camp and the Germans then marched him



Bill was well remembered for his fondness for the national dress.

west in sub-zero temperatures.

He arrived home in 1945 after the area he resided in was freed by the US army.

After the war, Bill retreated to Islay to enjoy the peace and quiet and he worked as a chartered surveyor for nearly 30 years with the Forestry Commission in various parts of Scotland, eventually reaching the rank of Conservancy Land Agent for Western Scotland.

Bill was well remembered for almost always wearing a kilt during his duties with the commission.

Rosalind and her friend Alison Howard, whose father was also a POW and was part of the Great Escape, have organised a memorial service to mark the 70th anniversary of the Great Escape.

The service will take place on Sunday at the Congregational Church in Parkhead, Glasgow, where Rosalind currently lives.

Man attempted to assault police officer

A YOUNG man was detained by police at around midnight on Saturday after officers were called to a Lochgilphead home regarding a noise complaint.

When dealing with the incident police officers were confronted by a 25-year-old man at the property who was shouting and swearing at them. He also attempted to assault one officer.

The man was arrested and charged with a breach of the peace, police assault and obstruction.



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MORE than £10 million could be brought into Mid Argyll in the next 25 years through wind-farm developments - money that could help make the area prosper.

Two energy firms this week have confirmed that their wind farms will generate a combined total of more than £500,000 each year for the area if they go ahead.

This kind of money could well be the answer to the area's problems and help bring some much-needed life back into the area.

Money like this does not come along every day. There is very little chance of cash strapped Argyll and Bute Council or other businesses being able to produce financial support on this scale.

Lochgilphead could be one of the towns to benefit from the EDF Energy Renewables development. With so much talk of regeneration perhaps this is the source of income that is needed to make it happen.

But, people must get their thinking caps on now and come up with ideas on how the money could be spent.

While no one is saying that it gives developers the right to build wherever they want, there is no escaping wind farms - let's make the best of the situation.

Already, the positive impact of wind farm revenue can be seen in Ardrishaig, Furnace, and Inveraray, while Tarbert will reap the rewards from owning a share of Srondoire Community Windfarm.

This really could be the way forward to make Mid Argyll an attractive place to visit, live and work.

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Reduction of essential council services unacceptable

Sir,
I totally agree with your editorial [Don't Clean Up Council's Mess] on March 21.

The reduction of these essential services is unacceptable and asking for volunteers to do the work feels very much like the thin end of a dangerous wedge.

As usual, the workers who are losing their jobs are those - probably lower paid - staff who actually carry out useful work.

I wonder how many additional jobs could have been funded by the money spent over many years on the seemingly endless rounds of reorganisations, building modifications and staff relocations?

**David Tomlinson,
Lochgilphead.**

Lochgilphead area has huge potential

Sir,
Since moving to the Lochgilphead area several years ago I have always felt the town has huge potential, largely untapped.

It has a truly amazing location, giving residents and visitors access to the sea and the lochs, some of the most beautiful countryside in the world, the forest and its tracks, and the Crinan Canal.

But, the town needs vision and investment to make more of its potential.

Instead of cutting our small

pie into smaller slices, forward thinking schemes such as the restoration of the Clock Lodge and the expansion of Harbro can double or triple the size of the pie, giving bigger slices for all.

I do not understand how the objectors to the Harbro/Clock Lodge plans, complaining about too much competition in the town, can miss such an obvious fact.

The Clock Lodge is one of a kind.

If we lose it, we will lose one of the most distinctive pieces of architecture in the town and all the fascinating history that goes with it.

The lack of support from local authority and big business concerns in the area is very surprising and hard to explain from short-sightedness alone.

I would like to see local businesses step up and support this scheme, or provide a valid alternative for restoring the Clock Lodge and increasing employment in the area.

**Samantha Emmerich,
By e-mail.**

Thanks for supporting charity's Spring Clear Out

Sir,
I am writing to thank Mid Argyll residents the support they have shown so far for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Scotland shops' Spring Clear Out.

To mark the official start of spring, the charity recreated Van Gogh's iconic tulips image from donated stock to encourage people to

think about having a clear out. Using a quarter of a tonne of donated items, the creation measured 20 meters by 20 meters and included everything from clothes, shoes, books, toasters, rugs and even some sofas.

BHF Scotland is encouraging people to de-clutter their homes this spring and donate all their unwanted things by using its free collection service.

Whether you have got a few bags of clothes, shoes and CDs or a full three piece suite or TV, your local BHF Scotland shop can pick it up for free.

From defibrillators to pioneering research, people's donated items will help raise vital funds to fight heart disease across Scotland.

Spring is the perfect time for people to refresh their homes.

People can book a free collection for large furniture and electrical items by booking online at bhf.org.uk/free or call 0800 915 3000.

Every penny of profit raised from people's unwanted items will help BHF Scotland continue its fight for every heartbeat.

**Carol Mitchell,
Regional manager,
BHF Scotland Shops.**

Correct meaning of the Royal Burgh of Inveraray

Sir,
I read with interest in last week's Advertiser regarding the correct meaning of the Royal Burgh of Inveraray.

As a native and life long

residents I have always been interested in the history of Inveraray and perhaps the following may be of interest.

At the head of Glen Aray (A819) there once stood a wooden cross and here pilgrims coming from the South knelt in prayer and penance.

The place is still known as (Crois-an-t-sleuchdaidh) and here a trickle of water is the beginning of the river Aoradh, which translates into Uisge Aoradh, meaning The Water Of Worship.

The town itself is Inbhir Aoradh, the mouth of the river of that name.

This explanation is well known and is given in The Records of Argyll by Lord Archibald Campbell, the second son of the eight Duke of Argyll and a noted scholar and historian.

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Mid Argyll gets behind Sport Relief



Craig Millar, Tyler Robertson, Euan Finlay and Calum MacDonald from P7 were pleased with their Sport Relief medals. 06_a13fun25

Joint campus gets off its marks for fun run

TOTS, teenagers and teachers donned their running shoes last Friday as Lochgilhead Joint Campus hosted its annual Fun Run.

The event, which raises cash for Sport Relief, saw about 400 students, teachers and volunteers run distances of one mile, three kilometres and five kilometres.

A great outing for sporting students, Euan Dudding was the first to complete the race, Ciaran McPhie was second, deputy head teacher Eoghan Smith third and Keir Whitefield fourth.

Ewan, a regular runner,

was awarded the senior boys' trophy, while Eilish Malcolm was the top senior girl. In the junior section Ciaran received the boys' trophy and Katie Luxmoore the girls' trophy.

More fun than competitive, the sporting feat involved everyone at the school, as youngsters from the learning support unit and tiny tots from the pre-school class were helped over the finish line by staff and older students.

All runners were rewarded with a medal for their efforts, while the event raised £720 for the national charity.



Above: Josh Coates and teacher Mark Stocks were very close as they approached the finish line. 06_a13fun19

Scouts rise to the challenge

YOUNGSTERS from the 19th Argyll Scouts rose to the challenge thrown down by Sport Relief by organising and completing two successful events this weekend.

Following in the footsteps of Davina McCall, who ran, cycled and swam her way through Britain, the Scouts organised a sponsored cycling challenge and swimathon at the



The boys Scouts and volunteers at the start line of the cycling challenge at MACPool.

weekend. Twenty-four Scouts, accompanied by Explorers and leaders, cycled from Loch-



Rowan MacIntyre and Niamh Brady hopped into the water at MACPool after cycling 12.2 miles. 06_a13swim01

Girls double their effort

TWO YOUNG girls from Mid Argyll doubled their efforts and their sponsorship money as they undertook a challenge for Sport Relief at the weekend.

Niamh Brady, from Kilmichael, and Rowan MacIntyre, from Ford, cycled 12.2 miles from Ford to Lochgilhead on Sunday, before each swimming 100 lengths of MACPool.

The girls, first year stu-

dents of Lochgilhead High School, last year raised £200 by cycling 15 miles, from Ford to Loch Awe Fish Farm and back. But now, having added a massive swim to the challenge, they have raised in excess of £400.

Members of Dalriada Dolphins, the girls' training put them in good stead to conquer the challenge, which they completed on Sunday.

gilthead to Kilmartin and back on Saturday, encountering an array of harsh weather along the way. Earning their sponsorship, the Scouts cycled through driving hail, torrential rain and wind before enjoying lovely sunshine.

David Smart said: 'Despite three punctures, two major mechanical failures and some very weary legs, the group successfully completed the ride at around 4pm.'

Beavers and Cubs joined the group on

Sunday to embark on a personal challenge to swim as many lengths of MACPool as they could



and be sponsored for doing so. David added: 'There were a number of outstanding efforts, with participants pushing their personal limits and several Cubs and Scouts completing more than 100 lengths of the pool. In total 32 swimmers achieved a distance of almost 19 miles - an outstanding effort.'

'Undertaking these challenges would not have been possible without the support of Kilmartin Parish Church, Scottish Canals, MACPool and our team of helpers. We thank you all.'

In the run up to the challenging weekend, Cubs and Scouts had been learning about Fairtrade and the difficulties faced by people living in parts of Africa, where Sport Relief makes a positive impact.

The challenge weekend has raised £690.30 for the charity.

Left: The Scouts cycled along the Crinan Canal towpath towards Kilmartin.

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2 x small gate valves and fittings
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Wire gabion



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Viking festival at Kilmartin

PEOPLE will be able to find out what it was like to be a Viking when they arrive in Mid Argyll this summer.

Kilmartin Museum will be host to the visitors who will re-enact a Viking battle, give cookery demonstrations, churn butter, demonstrate weaponry and tell stories.

The three-day event will run from May 16 to 18 and is part of Festival of Museums weekend, which is running across the country.

Jennifer entertains

SINGER Jennifer Logan will entertain members of the Mid Argyll Arts Association next weekend when she takes to Ardrishaig Public Hall's stage. She has performed at Edinburgh Fringe Festival and her programme, Never Too Late to Learn, was hailed by critics.

She will be accompanied on the night by Stuart Hope, a music graduate from the University of Edinburgh. He is currently an accompanist to the Scottish Chamber Orchestra Chorus and National Youth Choirs of Scotland.



Stewart starring as David Balfour in Kidnapped.

'Kidnapped' actor returns to Lochgilphead High School

By: Ruby Bosomworth, Holly Smith and Jura MacMillan

AN ACTOR who is currently starring in Kidnapped recently returned to his roots and visited Lochgilphead High School to speak to S4 pupils.

Stewart McCheyne, who attended Lochgilphead High School between 2000 and 2006, met students and recorded an interview for BBC School Report - a project being undertaken by S3 pupils.

Since leaving the school, Stewart has obtained a music diploma and

attended the Rose Bruford Drama School in London.

At the moment he is playing the lead role of David Balfour in a dramatic version of Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Earlier this month 50 S4 students went to see Stewart's play, which is currently on tour, in the Eastwood Park Theatre, Glasgow.

Following the show, pupils met the cast and talked to Stewart, which proved beneficial for those students who are studying Kidnapped as part of their English lessons.

Musical extravaganza to take in Lochgilphead

'We really wanted to do something a bit different'

A THREE-DAY musical extravaganza that will showcase the best music Argyll has to offer is set to take place in Lochgilphead later this year.

Plans for the Big MAMA (Mid Argyll Music and Arts) Fest are well underway with a huge range of acts set to perform during the event in September.

The festival is the first of its kind to be held in the town and will be based at the Drill Hall, but organisers hope it will expand throughout the town in years to come.

The full line up is to be released, but there will be something for all musical tastes, Liz Perkins,

one of the organisers, has promised.

'We really wanted to do something a bit different. There will be jazz, blue grass, a real mixture of music and hopefully something for everyone,' she said.

The Saturday will feature a family day, fancy dress parade, open mic event and music taster workshops.

'Inside the Drill Hall there will be taster workshops for people to try their hand at drums or guitar and other musical instruments,' Liz said. 'We are looking for people to have a float so anyone who would like to take part can get in touch.'

The Big MAMA, as it has been dubbed by locals, follows on from the Mini MAMA that proved to be a huge hit in the town last year.

The committee hopes this year's festival will prove to be just as popular and become a top visitors attraction.

'We want people to talk about our MAMA Fest and hope that the community will benefit whether it is cafes, shops, pubs or bed and breakfasts,' Liz said.

Volunteers are also being sought to help out at the weekend. Anyone who would like to help with the event can contact Liz on 07788 767359.

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A CD featuring the music from show MOVE, which showcases Argyll's music, has been released by production company Wild Biscuit. Photo by: Allan MacDonald.

Argyll's musical heritage celebrated with an album

AN ARGYLL production company has released a CD that pays homage to the musical heritage of the county.

Wild Biscuit has created a five track album called MOVE - Original Music from the Live Show.

Performed

It follows on from the show MOVE that was performed in Mid Argyll in 2011.

The show, which featured a

cast of 21, brought together the worlds of urban break dance and Scottish piping.

Recorded and produced in Mid Argyll by Wild Biscuit's John Saich, the compositions were inspired by events and moments in the lives of the writers - Thomas McCulloch, David Provan, Christopher Coates, Sally Hall and Ewan McCulloch.

The collection includes Fraser's Flight, written by Ms Hall.

The tune marks the extraordinary event of her daughter and new born grandson Fraser being helicoptered out of Argyll. It is a tribute to the pilot and crew on board.

Thank you

Chris Coates', Telson's Welcome, is a tribute and 'thank you' to composer and Broadway director Bob Telson.

Mr Telson was intrigued with

the concept of the live show and encouraged and supported the development and staging of MOVE.

MOVE featured a core band of professional musicians, including Travis drummer Neil Primrose, multi instrumentalist Fraser Fifield, guitar virtuoso John Goldie and the show's musical director, former Capercaillie bassist and song writer, John Saich.

Mid Argyll society gains intriguing insight into Neolithic age

AN EXPERT in the Neolithic age spent time in Mid Argyll this week to share her knowledge of another area of Scotland which is equally rich in archaeology.

Julie Gibson, the county archaeologist in Orkney, travelled to the edges of Kilmartin Glen to speak to locals about an island that is filled with archaeological finds

from the Neolithic era.

Julie gave a presentation to the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll (NHASMA), which has long been trying to boost its understanding of the ancient heritage that surrounds its members.

Entitled 5,000 years in 500 yards, Julie's presentation focused on one stretch of the island's shoreline to explore its archaeology.

Julie described one of Scotland's largest chambered tombs. Some 5,500 years old, the tomb holds the remains of Neolithic skeletons, while nearby an Iron brooch, 2,000-year-old circular tower house and the Wirk, a tower proba-

bly made by Vikings in the 12th century, can be found.

Julie moved to Orkney after studying Medieval archaeology at University College, London and has been the county archaeologist for the island for 18 years.

Julie is one of many experts to attend NHASMA monthly meetings.

The club regularly hosts extraordinary people from across Scotland to shed light on the natural environment and history of the area.

The society is always seeking new members, while members of the public are invited to attend any of its events, which are always advertised in the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Choir to perform From Pharaoh to Freedom

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being invited to start their Easter journey with music and a special performance, staged by local churches.

A choir, from the congregations of North Knapdale, Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford churches, will perform From Pharaoh to Freedom - the story of Passover through song - next week.

The performance will be on two nights - on Thursday, April 3, at Kilmartin Church and Friday, April 4, at Tayvallich Church. Both events begin at 7.30pm.

It has again been produced by Sue Grocock, the choir is directed by Catherine Patterson and accompanied by Helen Maddox.



Julie Gibson has been county archaeologist in Orkney for 18 years.

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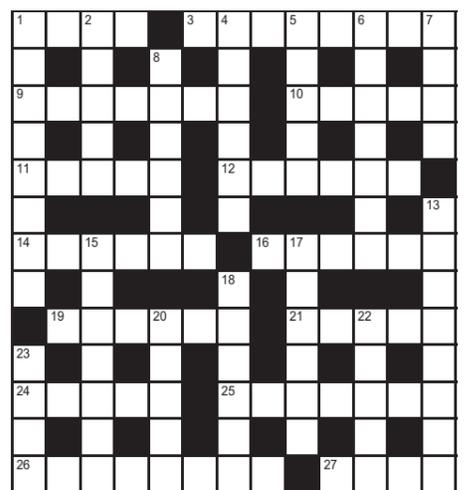
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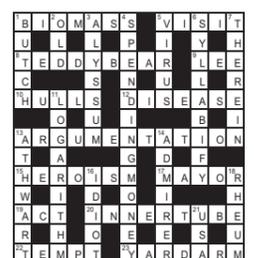
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- 3 Substances used for a reaction (8)
- 9 Topsy (3-4)
- 10 Fold (5)
- 11 Organise the food for a party (5)
- 12 Salad green (6)
- 14 Portuguese coinage before the euro (6)
- 16 White trail (3,3)
- 19 Polished (6)
- 21 Principle (5)
- 24 One of an Arabian kingdom (5)
- 25 Joint protector (4,3)
- 26 Pumpernickle (3,5)
- 27 Combustible heap (4)

Down

- 1 Considered likely to arrive (8)
- 2 Dead to the world (5)
- 4 Concealed (6)
- 5 Fed up about transport? (5)
- 6 Chopper (7)
- 7 Many to bid on! (4)
- 8 Intercrossed (6)
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Bullocks sold to a top of £1,355 for a pen of British Blue Crosses from Octofad and to 325 pence per kilo for a pen of Charolais Crosses from RSPB, Aoradh.

Heifers sold to a top of £1,155 for a pen of Limousin Crosses from Ardbeg and to 286 pence per kilo for a pen of Limousin Crosses, also from Ardbeg.

Overall, an excellent show of quality cattle was presented and was easily cleared to a good following of buyers at satisfactory returns to vendors.

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Bullocks AAX: 266p(11) & 249p(11) - Aoradh: 239p(6)

- Tallant: 237p - Knockrome: 235p(3) - Ballinaby: 234p(12) - Ardmenish: 233p(6) - Craigsens: 228p(2) - Knockrome.

BLONDx: 253p - Eorradus. CHARx: 325p(3) - Aoradh: 298p(3) - Tallant: 292p(5) - Callumkill Estate: 288p(5) - Aoradh: 286p - Cruach(M/s Brown): 285p(4) - Tallant: 278p(11), 277p(11) & 275p(3) - Aoradh: 275p(2) & 267p - Tallant & Craigsens(4): 262p(4) & 259p - Aoradh: 253p - Aoradh(3), Eorradus(7) & Craigsens(7): 252p - Aoradh(3) & Ballinaby: 251p - Octofad & Callumkill(2): 244p(2) - Aoradh: 243p(4) - Craigsens: 240p(2) - Cruach (Brown): 237p(7) - Eorradus.

HERx: 199p - Octofad. LIMx: 310p(7) - Ardbeg: 299p(3) - Neriby: 296p - Duich: 293p - Blackrock: 290p(3) - Ardbeg: 286p & 281p - Carrabus: 280p - Ardbeg(2) & Neriby(4): 277p(3) - Aoradh: 276p(5) - Carrabus: 275p(2) - Ardbeg: 274p(2) - Carrabus: 272p - Ardbeg(8) & Duich(2): 271p - Tallant(7) & Eorradus: 267p(2) & 266p(11) - Tallant: 264p(4) - Ardbeg: 260p - Eorradus: 259p - Carrabus(9) & Ardbeg(5): 258p - Lossit: 257p(2) - Octofad: 255p - Aoradh(10) & Lossit(3).

LUING: 244p & 231p - Cruach(Brown). SIMx: 252p(2) - Ballinaby. BRBx: 258p(2) & 253p(2) - Octofad: 247p(2) & 236p - Neriby: 232p(3) - Octofad.

Heifers AAX: 234p - Octofad. CHARx: 283p(10) - Callumkill Estate: 266p(9) - Aoradh: 265p(3) - Cruach(Brown): 260p(7) - Tallant: 258p(7) - Aoradh: 256p(2) - Cruach(Brown): 253p - Octofad(2) & Aoradh(3): 245p - Carrabus: 241p(5) - Aoradh: 233p(4) - Octofad.

LIMx: 287p(2), 283p, 263p(3) & 259p(3) - Ardbeg: 255p(2) - Neriby: 245p - Carrabus & Ardbeg(5): 244p(4) - Aoradh: 242p(6) - Smaladh: 241p(4) - Carrabus: 238p(2) & 237p(3) - Octofad: 237p - Carrabus: 236p(4) & 235p(5) - Octofad: 235p - Lossit: 234p(12) - Octofad: 233p(8) - Ardbeg: 232p - Blackrock(5) & Neriby(2): 230p - Octofad(6), Aoradh(2), Ardbeg(4) & Blackrock.

SIMx: 223p(2) - Cladville.

BRBx: 269p(3) - Octofad: 255p(2) - Neriby: 230p - Octofad.

UNITED Auctions (Stirling) sold 7,651 Prime Sheep, including 5,981 lambs and ewes and rams on March 20.

Lambs (5981) - Boghall (Suff) £112.50; Gladhouse Mains (Tex) £109.50; Luckenburn (Btex) £109.50; Knock o Ronald (BF) £104; St Mungoes (X) £104; Cadogan (Mule) £103; Airleywright (Chev) £102. Lambs (5981) - Luckenburn (Btex) 249p; Harviesmailing (Tex) 247p; Headshaw (Suff) 246p; Calfward (Chev) 226p; Southbank (X) 221p; Kilmundie (BF) 214p; Groan (Mule) 210p.

Ewes (1670) - Connachan (Tex) £128.00; Harelaw (Suff) £107.50; Ardtonish (Chev) £98.50; Balmouth (HB) £96.50; Noblehouse (X) £92.50; Braeside of Lindores (Mule) £86.50; Kerry Cottage (Chev) £84.50; Harelaw (Zwar) £83.50; Broachrig (Iley) £82.50; Netherwood (BTex) £79.50; Remony (BF) £76.50; Rams - Remony (BFL) £127.50; Remony (Tex) £126.50; Easter Cash (BTex) £112.50; Broachrig (Iley) £96.50; Easter Cash (Suff) £95.50; Edinchip (BF) £88.50; Dunalastair (Chev) £73.50

Caledonian Marts Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd, had on offer 2,623 Prime Hoggets and 924 Cast Ewes and tups on March 18.

Prime Hoggets (2,623) sold to 234p (three times) for 40kg Beltex's from W M Bell & Son, Craigend; 40 kg Beltex's from J Buchanan, Leadmachany and 41kg Texels from A C Fotheringham, Ballinloan and to £113 for 54kg Texel x's from S & J E Andrew, Letter to average 204.76p (+1.42p on the week). SQQ hoggets, 2195 averaged 207.57p per kilo.

Leading Prices p per kg and pound per head

Belt - 233p Easter Ochtermuthill, £112 Craigend; Belt x - 232p Callendoune, £108.50 Bankhead; Cont - £231p West Thomaston, £108.50 Letter; Tex - 229p Whitecross, £107 Drumcairn; Tex x - 228p, £106.50 Drumheldrick; Chev - 221p Barlea, £99 Coulshill; Char - 214p West Thomaston, £90 Gartfairn; Suff - 207p Newton Farm, £102 Rae-cruick; Suff x - 206p Rae-cruick, £97.50 Topps; BF - 213p Graystale, £94 Letter; Mule - 207p Tangy and Coulshill, £94.50 MeikleSeggie.

Also forward were 924 cast ewes and tups.

Heavy ewes (396) averaged £82.28 (+ £2.38 on the week) and sold to a top of £121.50 for Texels from R Downie, Newton Farm, Crathie.

Export ewes (482) averaged £59.38 (+ £7.42 on the week) and sold to a top of £64.50 for Cheviots from G Davie, Harviesmailing, Denry.

Tups (44) sold to a top of £136.50 for Texels from Mr R Downie, Newton of Crathie.

Leading Prices

Ewes
Tex- £117.50 Allanfauld; Tex x- £112.50 Newton; Cont- £111.50 Wester Ochtermuthill; Cont x- £108.50 Harviesmailing; Cross- £108.50 Aberuthven; BFL- £107.50 Newton; Suff- £106.50 Newton; HB- £96.50 Newton; Chev- £89.50 Bankhead; Mule- £81.50 Harviesmailing; BF- £67.50 Culreuch and Tangy; Shet- £25.50 Topps

Tups
Tex- £134.50 Newton, £127.50 Wester Ochtermuthill; Suff- £125.50 Gaisland; BF- £100 Newton; BFL- £97.50 Allanfauld.



Lorn Show dance raises £2,500

Organisers of this year's Lorn Agricultural Show have banked more than £2,500 from their annual fundraising dance in North Connel Hall, near Oban. Gunna Sound returned to play to a packed hall and played their usual dose of rip-roaring tunes. The band are pictured with Lorn Show committee members, from left: Fiona Dickie, secretary; Christine Smith, treasurer; Karen Love, junior vice president; Mary Morrison, president; and Ewen MacGillivray, vice president. The show will be held at Keil Common Grazings, Tralea, on August 2. 16_113lornshow01

Tarbert hosts first of key meetings for Agricultural Holdings Review

NFU Scotland was in Tarbert last week gathering evidence from tenant, owner-occupier and landlord members on the Agricultural Holdings Review.

The union is holding meetings around the country because it wants the review process 'to create a better platform for new and developing farm businesses in Scotland'.

The first meeting, in the Templar Hall, Tarbert, saw members from Bute, Gigha, Islay and mainland Argyll attending.

The remit of the cabinet secretary-led review group is to establish the appropriate legislation needed to deliver a tenanted sector that's fit for purpose.

Evidence sessions, along with surveys and planned public meetings all form part of the group's review process. The first part - the Scottish Government's survey of tenant farmers - closed

on March 10. The nine NFUS meetings around the country are being chaired by its president, Nigel Miller, and will provide an opportunity to discuss the union's proposed verbal and written submissions to the group.

Tenancy issues also continue to be discussed extensively within NFUS's tenants working group and legal and technical committee.

Mr Miller said: 'Our aim with these meetings is to listen to our members' priorities.

'With an April deadline on the horizon, it is important to test out the union's position with members and expose

gaps in our thinking before we feed the union's views into the Agricultural Holdings Review Group.

'We have an opportunity now to breathe new life into the sector and enter into agreements that allow the positive development of holdings.'

'The union will be looking to provide a positive platform for the

future of farming as well as safeguarding established tenants, creating opportunities for a new generation and designing a regulatory framework, which encourages owners to let land and enter into agreements that allow the positive development of holdings.'

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IN A world of legal jargon and more finance options that you can fit into a four-storey mansion, embarking on the first bold steps onto the property ladder can be a daunting prospect.

But those who have already successfully achieved their self-build ambitions will confirm that there is a fine line between completion of a dream - or the arrival of a costly nightmare - but it is worth the warm glow of self-satisfaction if your dream home becomes reality.

As well as embarking on a steep learning curve into the complex world of budgeting and the planning process, determined self-builders may find that they learn as much about themselves and their own character as they do about construction.

Along with the land, bricks and mortar, you will need large volumes of dedication, commitment and patience throughout the entire project. It will take longer than you thought. It will probably extend both deadlines and budgets so make a list in large lettering of the top three reasons of why you are constructing your own home - read it regularly, and put it in a prominent position that keeps you focused, especially when the going gets tough.

Remember that undertaking this self-build is to achieve the home of your dreams.

You will need to inspire others to have the level of enthusiasm for your project as you have. Having the right attitude will fundamentally affect your self-build plan in a positive way.

There are many ways in which you will locate your ideal plot of land. Estate agents, advertisements in newspapers and word of mouth are probably the most common.

Land may also become available via auctions or on-line auction sites. These may appear as a cheap option. And they can be. But they come with their own complications.

Plots being auctioned are often the result of bankruptcy or other problems that make a quick sale desirable for the seller. They are traded on a 'sold as seen' basis. It is up to the bidder to ensure that the details being presented are accurate, suitable to the intended purpose and not without 'hidden' dangers.

If possible, visit any site for sale via an auction and make your own assessment - or better still pay an expert to survey the property or plot on your behalf. It may cost a little, but could save you a lot.

Whatever your chosen route to a piece of land, there are four basic areas to consider before embarking on a plot purchase - ground conditions, planning permission, utilities and services, and any legal considerations.

GROUND CONDITIONS

Ground conditions are important as it forms the foundations of your dream home. It may be necessary to employ a specialist to ensure that the plot of land is ideally suited for your project. Simple things like a high water table, while not insurmountable, need to be identified, as do more serious issues with potential flooding, industrial or agricultural pollution and, if the site has been subject to infill, what was it in-filled with? Building land may have been built on previously and what lies beneath the surface in terms of drains, pipe work, foundations, etc may have cost implications that are not immediately obvious.

Something as simple as the incline of the proposed plot should also be noted as this may add extensively to the cost of groundwork prior to the first stages of construction.

When viewing a plot, bear in mind that the overall dimensions should not only be capable of containing the house but that planning authorities may also want evidence of sufficient space for parking or garages, turning vehicles, space for safe central heating fuel storage, if applicable, and other amenities in relation to the size of said home.

Don't take the sellers word as to the size of the plot.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the dimensions of the land for sale is as stated.

It would also be advisable at this stage to come back

from the site and, if possible, view it from a distance - get the 'bigger picture'. This will give you a better feel for the surroundings or the neighbourhood.

PLANNING

Planning is often the biggest single obstacle that a self-builder has to negotiate.

Don't be put off by the multitude of nightmare scenarios that others will willingly relate to you. Learn from their errors and experiences, do the homework, and seek help from experts who do these often complex communications with local authorities on a daily basis.

Planning restrictions and interpretations may differ slightly from area to area so gain expert local knowledge whenever possible.

Plots with outline planning permission already granted will cost in the region of 500% more than land without. Obtaining planning from scratch may be time consuming and is not without its pitfalls, but it can also be rewarding if approached correctly.

There are also areas that come under the category of 'designated' - these are subject to complex planning and are probably best avoided by the inexperienced. Designated areas include Green Belts, which are not as the term suggests open green field sites, they will most likely have strict restrictions on sizes and styles of house building. National Parks,

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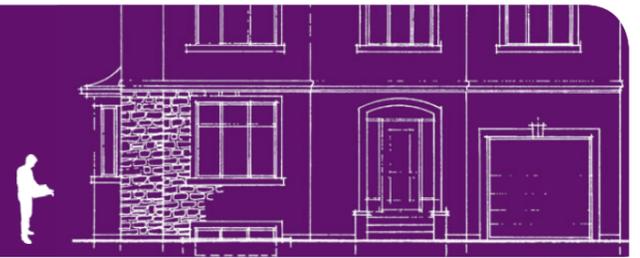


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which are exactly what the name suggests, have few permitted developments and have rules regarding not only style of building but also materials used. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) or National Scientific Areas (NSAs) which have rules relating to traditional architecture, plus Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), which are aimed specifically to protect wildlife and/or geological features.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

All plots will require utilities and services at some stage.

Plots adjacent to other houses or existing buildings are often easier to get through the planning maze simply because water and power supplies may already be on-hand.

Rural and isolated locations are a very different proposal, with the cost of installing utilities becoming a major cost factor in negotiating the original purchase price of the land.

Considerable consideration should be given to the proximity of schools, shops and public transport. These may not be priorities in your dream location – but should you opt to move in the future, they may affect the resale value of your house – what you view as a positive asset could be a potential buyers idea of a real turn-off.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Before agreeing to buy building land ask your solicitor to a pre-purchase check for any title issues, the legality of the boundaries, rights of access through, or indeed, on and off the site – there is little point in buying a site that you cannot then gain entry to.

This is particularly relevant if the plot is in a rural or remote location where access is via neighbouring land. Old or

verbal agreements between previous landowners/ friends/ neighbours mean nothing and must not be regarded as automatically transferable.

This is also true of shared access which can sometimes be a very grey area shrouded amid myth, lies and well-intentioned assumptions – an area that needs to be clearly defined in writing and map before money changes hands.

Shared access normally also means shared liability in relation to maintenance costs and shared liability for incidents or accidents that happen on that piece of shared land - ie trees falling onto neighbours' property, broken or damaged fences, injury to residents or visitors

as a result of neglect to said shared access.

Sometimes, in order to get planning permission, you will be asked to sign a legal obligation, also known as a planning agreement and in Scotland commonly called a Section 50 Agreement. This can restrict how land is used or make the applicant bear the cost of off-site works before building work can go ahead.

You will also have to find out if there are any such agreements relating to the plot that may have already been signed. As the purchaser, you are legally bound by any agreement that comes with the purchase. It's up to you to find it if it exists.

Also, there may be verbal agreements made with the vendor with regard to building or reinstating walls, fences, drains or even to the extent of getting the vendor's permission before extending, altering or even selling your property – these ancient feus are legally binding and should be discussed at length with a solicitor before entered into.

Building your own house can be one of the most stressful times of your life – but it can also be the most rewarding. Don't enter into it lightly – it may be one of the largest purchases you are ever likely to make and worth every penny.

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Isla Flower, left, performed *Castle in the Cloud* with Orla Flanagan in the vocal duet competition for S1 to S3 pupils. 06_a12mus23



Alison McGinty and Catriona McLean won The Kilmartin Hotel Plate for their vocal duet on Wednesday evening. 06_a12mus29



Hannah Prill, left, and Emma MacFarlane of Tarbert Academy received an honours certificate from the adjudicators and won The Lochgilphead Rotary Club Trophy when competing in the S4 to S6 duet category. 06_a13mus25

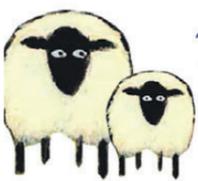


Tiegan Holroyd and Eve Maxwell won The Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy in the secondary instrumental duet competition. Tiegan, left, earlier won the woodwind competition for S1 to S3 pupils. 06_a12mus55

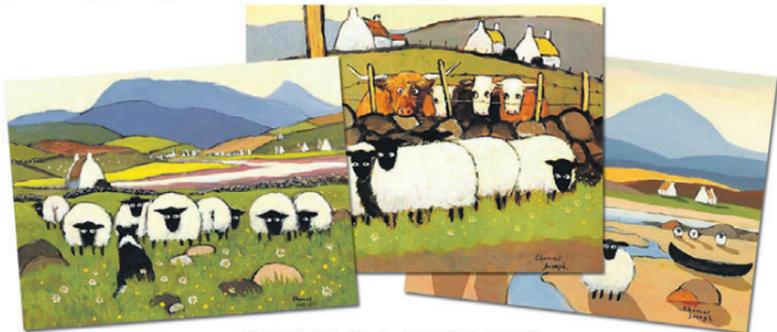


Inveraray's Cara Blyth was named the 2014 winner of Premier Award. Cara, a singer of both English and Gaelic, was highlighted as the most promising performer at the annual 12-year-old won two competitions: The Scots For S3 pupils and the S1 to S3 vocal duet competition, along with singing partner and friend Holly Renton. 06_a12mus60

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The Ardrishaig Primary School PTA Shield returned to the school on Saturday as the pupils again won the festival's primary choirs competition. 06_a12mus46



Nine-year-old Ben Maddox was awarded the Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal for his performance in the brass solo competition for beginners. 06_a12mus49



Johnnie Neville won the D.C Currie Trophy for his performance in the guitar classical category. 06_a12mus36

Argyll Brass Argyll Festival

THE 2014 Mid Argyll Music Festival was a bumper year for locals as two of the area's biggest musical acts received the two biggest awards.

The Gifford Bowl, awarded to the band that achieves the highest mark throughout the week-long festival, was presented to Mid Argyll Youth Chorus (MAYC).

The choral group performed two songs in the intermediate choirs competition on Saturday, gaining 89 points.

Fiona MacDonald of MAYC said: 'We are all absolutely thrilled to have won this coveted trophy

and it is a well-deserved reward for the hard work and commitment of the young people, almost half of whom are still in primary school.

'The choir is indebted to the constant input of a valued team of helpers, including three former members, and a highly supportive group of parents.'

'The trophy is for all of them.'

Argyll Brass was credited with the biggest surprise of the festival as the band overcame the renowned Campbeltown Brass in the big bands competition.

The band, made up mostly of Lochgilphead



of the Scottish Co-op CWS Gaelic songs, was high-annual festival. It comes after folksong category for S1 to along side long-time sing-



Holly Helbert and Jilly Lefebvre performed in the non-competitive section. 06_a12mus19



Only one point separated Catherine Hubbard and Ruth Neville in the grade one piano competition. Catherine from Inverneill won The Glenfyne Shield. 06_a12mus33



Mid Argyll Youth Chorus, tutored by Fiona MacDonald, won the highly coveted Gifford Bowl after gaining 89 points in the intermediate choirs competition. 06_a12mus50



Kyle Renton won The Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup after performing My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose. 06_a12mus32



Maria Cairns, of Campbeltown Grammar, won The Argyllshire Advertiser Quach in the vocal solo competition for pupils in S4 to S6. 06_a12mus35



It was a packed out Ardrishaig Public Hall that saw Veuve Cliquot win The Kilmartin Hotel Shield on Friday night. 06_a12mus41



Shona Keith was awarded The Knapdale Gold Medal after receiving an honours award in the vocal solo competition. 06_a12mus28

Mass triumph at Mid



stival

High School students, was awarded 88 points, one more than its Kintyre Counterpart, which has lifted the trophy for several consecutive years.

Darren Tarn, Argyll Brass conductor, has dubbed the win on home turf, the band's 'greatest achievement to date'.

He said: 'We did the competition as a performance for the community so I did not expect to win.'

'It was an amazing critique to get from the adjudicators and a fantastic achievement.'

'I hope it has boosted them all to realise their full potential.'



Argyll Brass shocked the packed-out audience at the bands' contest on Saturday night as the group overcame the renowned Campbeltown Brass to take first place. 06_a12mus62

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Rhoda is social worker of the year

A SOCIAL worker with Argyll and Bute Council has been recognised as one of the best in Scotland after being named social worker of the year.

Rhoda Harper of the children and families department in Oban was one of three people to be recognised at the 2014 Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW) Awards. Rhoda, who took on the role of acting team leader at a challenging time, was recognised for the leadership and guidance she provided to colleagues and junior staff.

Marking her efforts, the SWA will treat Rhoda to a weekend break in Europe, as well as free membership of the SWA.

Skirl of the pipes at armed forces day in Lochgilphead

PIPERS will arrive in large numbers for Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day as the town recognises veterans in the centenary year of World War I.

The Mull and Iona Pipe Band will join Mid Argyll folk for the celebration after the Scottish Salmon Company agreed to contribute to the band's travel costs.

Parade

The band will join members of the military and civilians for the June 21 event, which will see them form part of a parade that will march between the Drill Hall and war memorial.

Davey Stewart of the



Iain McIntyre SSC, Davey Stewart Lochgilphead Armed Forces Association enjoy music provided by Mid Argyll Pipe Band major Charles Ferguson.

Lochgilphead association said: 'Myself and the rest of the association members wanted to try and beat the success of last year's event

and thought inviting another band would be the best way to mark the occasion.

It's a considerable way for the whole band

to travel and as they are going to be our guests we wanted to try and cover all the necessary costs.'

Iain MacIntyre, sou-

th production manager for the Scottish Salmon Company, said the firm was 'delighted' to support such a worthy cause.

Four-bedroom house approved at Castleton Farm

PLANNING permission for a new four-bedroom house at Castleton Farm near Lochgilphead has been approved, despite one objection being raised about the planning officers.

At last week's Argyll and Bute Council planning meeting, councillors granted permission for the detached house and creation of a new access road on land south east of Castleton Farmhouse.

One objection to the plans had been submitted to the council, which suggested planning officers had been 'irregular' in their handling of the application.

The objector claimed the land was being developed 'by stealth' and suggested officers were more sympathetic to applications from M and K MacLeod.

Richard Kerr, principal planning officer, emphatically told councillors this was not the case and because of the objections, the application was being given to councillors for their determination.

Councillor Donnie Macmillan said: 'It's an excellent site and I'm quite sure the planners carried out their work professionally, despite the objections from the objector.'

Councillor McCuish becomes ACHA secretary

COUNCILLOR Roddy McCuish is the new secretary of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) management board.

The Argyll and Bute councillor, who has been a council representative on the board for many years, said: 'Affordable housing is key to the social, economic and regeneration fabric of Argyll and Bute.'

'I really look forward to working with fellow board members and the staff of the association in driving forward our investment, new build and housing services agenda in the future.'

Hotel's head gardener picks up horticultural honour

STONEFIELD Castle's head gardener has been recognised for his work with an honour from the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.

Peter Robertson, who tends to the hotel's 60 acres of woodland and gardens, was presented with his award for his contribution to horticulture and gardening in Scotland at a ceremony in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

Peter said: 'It is wonderful, but for me it is my work, it is what I love, tending Stonefield's gardens is reward enough in itself. I'm a millionaire doing the job up here. I meet a lot of nice people, it's my world. To see it in bloom, it is absolutely beautiful.'

Peter, who has tended to the estate's eco-system for more than 20 years, knows the name of every tree and is happiest escorting guests around the grounds on guided tours.

When Stonefield, on the shores of Loch Fyne, hosts its luncheon each year for the Gardening Society of Scotland, the first thing members do

when they arrive is seek Peter out for his advice and news.

Anne MacDonald, the general manager of Stonefield, said: 'Like many of my family of staff at the castle, I'm blessed to have him.'

Planted

He has planted many varieties, including British Champion Tree, Little Beech from Tasmania, Red Cedar, Eucalyptus, Monterey Cypress and Cryptomeria.

There are also now

hundreds of rhododendrons in the grounds as Peter plants one for every couple who have married at the property under his tenure.

The most precious plants to him, however, are the four copper beech planted by his grand children. He said when he parts this earth he will be scattered among them, adding: 'I've always said if you're trying to find heaven, come to Stonefield Castle, so I hope to



Peter MacDonald, who has been head gardener at Stonefield Castle hotel for quarter of a century.

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The activities of the Board for 2013
Presentation of the annual report and accounts
The proposed activities of the Board for 2014

More details can be found at
<http://argyll.dsfb.org.uk/meetings/>

**The Machrihanish Golf Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of
The Machrihanish Golf
Club will be held in the Clubhouse
on Friday 4th April 2014 at 8.00pm.
All members are respectfully invited to attend.
A. Anderson, Secretary.

The Agricultural Holding Legislation Review Group are visiting Islay on 2 April and Oban on 3 April 2014. Members will be visiting both tenants and landlords in the area during the day and holding Open Meetings both evenings at: Gaelic College, Bowmore from 6.30pm - 10pm and Corran Halls, Oban from 6.30pm - 10pm on the following evening.

Group members will provide information on how the Review Group is approaching the Review and are keen to hear from stakeholders with regard to the issues outlined in its Remit.

Should individuals wish to speak to Review Group members privately this will be made possible after the open meeting, or at another time to be arranged. If you would like discuss anything privately with the Group please email TenantFarmingReview@scotland.gsi.gov.uk in advance.

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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
14/00151/PP	Conversion of 3 barns to form one dwellinghouse (in two parts within barn A and barn B. Main part Barn B with ancillary accommodation in Barn A and domestic garage in Barn C).	Ardnaw Barns Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PT	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00410/PP	Erection of covered walkway between main building and modular building to the rear	Argyll And Bute Council 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RD	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00566/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse.	Land South West of Druim A'ird Crinan Cottages Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SW	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00589/PP	Erection of a 40.5 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine.	Land Approx 515 Metres Northwest of Auchenhoan Cottage Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00189/LIB	Formation of 2 attic bedrooms, shower room, access stair, internal alterations to lower floor layout and installation of rooflights and patent glazing	14D Barochan Place Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00655/LIB	Re-roofing of dwellinghouse on a like for like basis.	Inverlussa House Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PT	Ardrishaig Area Office

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The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

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 2 April, 2014

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

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 2 APRIL, 2014

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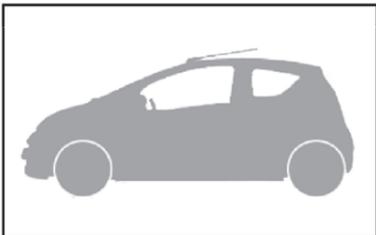
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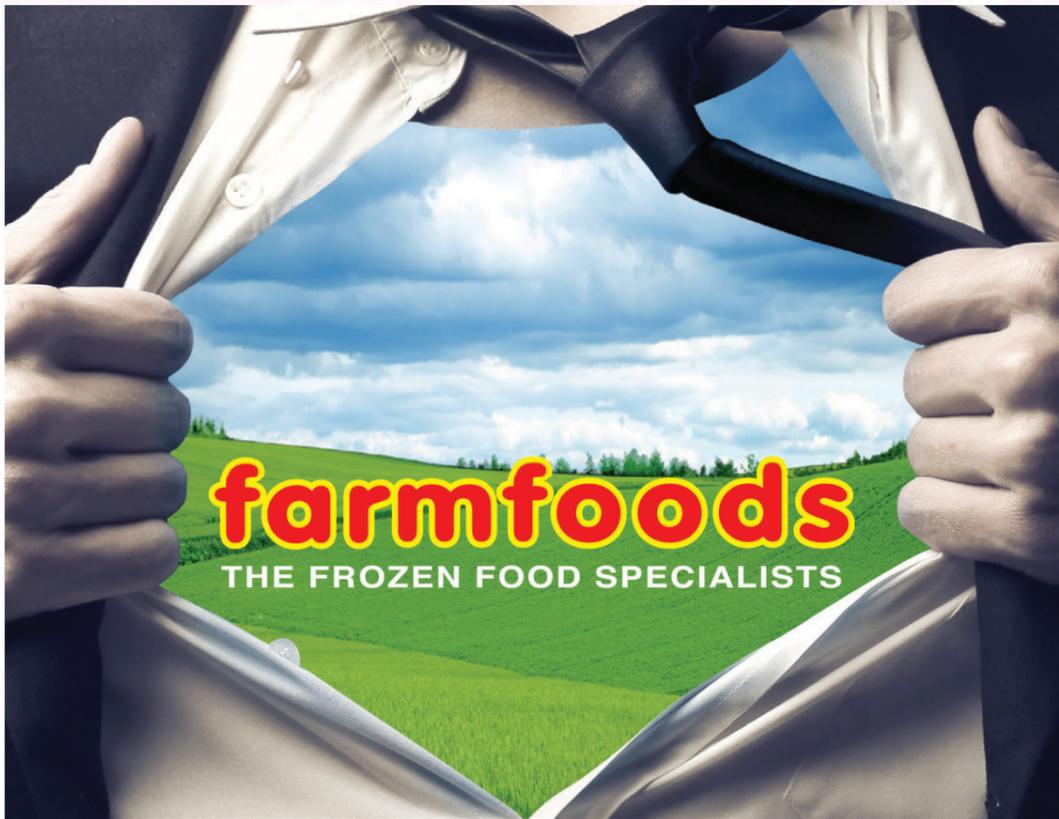
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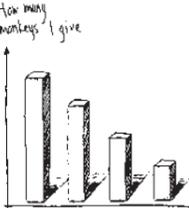
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT is always interesting to find out what brings people together.

I had the pleasure of being at Carradale Camera Club last week to show some of my photographs.

I was a wee bit apprehensive as I know there are a lot of extremely good photographers in that group and I felt somewhat daunted.

However I needn't have worried at all, because I received a lovely welcome and we enjoyed an evening of sharing our passion for photography.

We discussed types of cameras, the merits – or otherwise – of Photoshop, the use of filters, composition, and so much more.

Soon people I had never met seemed like friends I had known for a long time, and there was a connection between us.

We had a common bond because of a common interest and a shared passion.

I thought about this connectedness and of all the other ways in which people share something of themselves.

There must be so many threads in life that link us to each other and weave us together.

We may come together as work colleagues, friends, family, club members, church congregations, political parties, or whatever other ideas or philosophies bind us together.

Human beings are programmed to connect with each other.

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TARBERT

Tarbert teenager to perform in Norway

A PUPIL from Tarbert Academy will celebrate her 18th birthday in style this week when she travels to Norway to perform at the Arctic Music Festival.

Niamh MacKaveney will sing in Gaelic at the week long festival, which will be held in Finnsnes in the Troms region of Arctic Norway.

A joint partnership between Norwegian youth music organisation UKM Arctic, Edinburgh Youth Gaitherin and Aberdeen International Youth Festival the event aims to bring different cultures together.

The teenager will take part in a series of workshops with young people from around the globe, where they will share their musical and dance traditions.

They will be mentored by top performers from Norway, Finland and Russia before taking to the stage at the festival. Niamh was one of seven Scots selected to perform at the event.

Niamh will have the chance to perform in the Scottish leg of the project at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

DUNOON

Half a million cash boost for Dunoon hall

PLANS to transform Dunoon Burgh Hall to a cultural arts venue have taken a step forward as the restoration project receives a half a million pound cash boost.

Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust has received a grant of £575,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which it will use to restore and transform the building.

This will allow the trust to provide the facilities to offer a wider programme of events, performances and exhibitions.

As part of the project, a programme of heritage activities will help record the history of the hall. There will also be a wide range of learning

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Members of Ardrishaig Craft Club presented Fyne Families Elfs Toy Library with a cheque for £80. 06_a13cheque01

Craft Club hands out £1,800

MEMBERS of Ardrishaig Craft Club have handed out more than £1,800 to local charities this year, which has been raised through the sales of their hand knitted items.

The woman presented the Fyne Families Elfs Toy Library with a cheque for £80 on Monday.

The cash will be used to buy new games, a construction set and sea life themed toys for the facility.

Benefit

Other charities to benefit included Argyll Talking Newspapers, Volunteer Drivers, Cross Roads and Lochgilphead's MS Centre.

opportunities associated with traditional building conservation.

In 2009 the community saved the building from demolition and brought it back into use as a performing and creative arts venue.

CRAIGNISH

Bin Men with big dreams

FAMILIES can enjoy a play about the adventures of two bin men with big dreams next weekend.

Written by award winning writer Mike Kenny, Bin Men, the play tells the story of Don and Sam, who want to save the world and plan on having lots of fun whilst they do it.

Bin Men will be told through music, movement, recycling, re-using and puppetry, at Craignish Village Hall on April 6. The show will start at 3pm.

Budapest Café Orchestra at Craignish

THE HUGELY popular Budapest Café Orchestra has confirmed it will perform at Craignish Village Hall as part of its summer tour of Scotland.

Led by jazz violin su-

perstar Christian Garrick, The Budapest Café Orchestra plays traditional folk and gypsy music from across the Balkans and Russia, as well as beautiful ballads such as the theme to Schindler's List.

Dubbed the Grand Imperial Tour of Scotland, the show will arrive in Ardfern on May 28 and feature music recorded as part of the band's fifth CD Fromage.

WHITEHOUSE

Whitehouse WRI tries out landscape painting

MEMBERS of Whitehouse WRI recently enjoyed a relaxing evening doing landscape painting with Tony Williams.

The hostesses for the evening were Agnes Sillars and Mary Wilson.

Competition results: Butterfly cakes: 1 Annette McLulich, 2 Dorothy O'Donnell, 3 Sarah McDonald. A painting: 1 Annette McLulich.

TAYVALLICH

Sam the baby seal keeps busy

YOUNGSTERS at Tayvallich Primary School were joined by Sam the

seal recently as part of a project by an Argyll charity to tackle marine litter.

Sam is the main character in a storybook called Sam Loves the Sea developed by The GRAB Trust. As part of the interactive story, Sam told the children about where she lives and how marine litter is hurting her friends.

During her visit children visited a pretend beach, learned how to use a litter picker, acted and sung a song and discussed how they could reduce marine litter.

The seal has been travelling to schools across Mid Argyll and also recently visited Cairndow Community Childcare.

SOUTH KINTYRE

Westport Beach clean

PEOPLE can grab their litter pickers and head to Westport Beach tomorrow (Saturday) to help tackle the nation's marine litter crisis.

The event, which is part of the Big Spring Beach Clean, will start at 10.30am and run until 1pm.

Organised by Surfers Against Sewage, the beach clean is one of 11 that will take place in Scotland this weekend.

SAS hopes to clear 15

tonnes of litter from the country's beaches.

KILMARTIN

Crofting classes

KILMARTIN Museum will welcome a host of people who want to learn more about crofting this weekend.

The Scottish Crofting Federation entry level crofting induction course is designed specifically for new and aspiring crofters.

It is also an opportunity for people to learn more about the traditional way of life.

INVERARAY

Youngsters are on the run

INVERARAY'S new Kids on the Run group is experiencing a boom in numbers.

The running group for young people recently saw 23 joggers on one jaunt around the Royal Burgh.

Led by jogscotland leader Fee Corner, the group meets every Wednesday after school and caters for youngsters in classes P4-7.

CLACHAN

High standard at WRI bulb show

A HIGH standard of entries were on show at the annual Clachan, Whitehouse and Largieside bulb show at Clachan Village Hall.

It was also a well supported show, with 240 entries.

Judges were from Lochgilphead WRI and did an excellent job considering the number and standard of entries.

The event ended with an enjoyable tea provided by Clachan WRI.

Results were as follows: Floral Cup: winner: Linda Hutchison (Largieside WRI), 26 points; runner up: Colleen McCallum (Largieside WRI) and Agnes Sillars (Whitehouse WRI), 15 points. Baking Cup: winner: Pauline Simson (Clachan WRI), 26 points; runner up: Jenny Sinclair (Clachan WRI), 24 points. Art and handicrafts trophy: winner: Pat Dean (Clachan WRI), 42 points; runner up: Barbara Bell (Clachan WRI), 39 points. MacGregor Smith Trophy for the best exhibit in the baking: winner: Jenny Sinclair (Clachan WRI) butterfly cakes. Institute points: Clachan WRI: 390 points; Whitehouse WRI: 219 points; Largieside WRI: 213 points.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS

DOCHERTY - LAWSON - Both families are delighted to announce the arrival of Calum Archibald James, on January 17, 2014. Thanks to midwives in Campbeltown.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS



MCSPORRAN - STEWART

On March 29, 1954, at the Ardshiel, Campbeltown by Rev Andrew Currie, Iain to Hilda. Present address, 44 Ralston Road, Campbeltown. With love and congratulations from all the family.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 20, 2014, Duncan Reid Campbell, aged 84 years, of Badden Farm, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Jenny, much loved father of Iain and Craig, much respected father-in-law of Jennifer and cherished grandpa of Robert, Jack and James. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

FERGUSON - Suddenly, while visiting with family in Elgin, on March 23, 2014, Hugh (Chubby) Ferguson, Master Butcher, aged 84 years, of 23 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Archie and Lynn, cherished grandfather of Kirsty, Lynsey, Ashley and Christina and much respected father-in-law of Lena and Gordon. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, today, Friday, March 28 at 11.30am, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to RNL and Marie Curie.

HARROGATE - Suddenly at home, 14 Park Terrace, Campbeltown, on March 24, 2014, Mary McMillan Stewart, in her 75th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Norman Harrogate, much loved mother of Stephen, Debbie and the late Sharon, and a loving and much loved grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 1.00pm, fune-

al thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research.

MCAULAY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 23, 2014, Neil McAulay, in his 76th year, 25a Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Jimmy and Chrissie McAulay, much loved brother of Maureen, Christine, Elizabeth, Lyn and Jim and a dear uncle. Service was held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Thursday, March 27. A cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Friday, March 28 at 1.15pm.

MCKINVEN - Peacefully at home, 13 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, on March 19, 2014, Marion Scally McIvor (Maisie), in her 98th year, dearly beloved wife of the late James Sharp McKinven, much loved mother of Ivor, Janice, Jim and Roy and a loving grandmother and great grandmother.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GALBRAITH - Helen and Rhona would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards, letters, phone calls, baking handed in and visits received following their sad loss of Peter. Thanks to Pauline for her beautiful arrangement in the church. Thanks to the police, ambulance and Dr Kornfeld. Also, our thanks to Rev David Thom for a comforting and uplifting service, to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for funeral arrangements, to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochintyre for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The amount raised for Mairi Semple Fund was £478.42.

MCKINVEN - The family of the late Maisie McKinven would sincerely like to thank friends and neighbours for all of their support, expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, telephone calls and visits over the past few months, leading up to the sad loss of their mum, Maisie. Special and grateful thanks to doctors, nursing staff and carers for their exceptional care and understanding over the past few years. Grateful thanks to Kenny, Alasdair and Rhys for their professional guidance for the funeral arrangements, and not forgetting Ivor for the beautiful floral displays that gracefully adorned the church and graveside. Finally, to Matthew Ramsay for his sincere and moving service, to David McEwan for the music arrangements and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the wonderful purvey. The retiral collection for church funds, to date, amounts to £1236.

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IN MEMORIAM

BRODRICK - In loving memory of Andrew (Basher), who was taken from us on March 26, 1994.

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, If only we could bring you back for a little while.

- Love, Mum, Tracy, Billy, Janet, James, Karen, Willie, Angie and Jimmy.

CLARK - Treasured memories of our dearly loved mum and granny, Margaret (Peggy), who died March 28, 1993. Also our dearly loved dad and grandpa, John, who died February 24, 1977. Always in our thoughts.

- Family, home and away. **HARDIE** - Treasured memories of our dear son-in-law, Davie, died April 2, 2013. Loved and remembered always.

- Ellen and George. **MACAULAY** - In loving memory of my dearest wee sister and a 'special' auntie, Diane. You are always in our thoughts.

We miss you. - Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

MACAULAY - With silent memories no words are needed.

- Mum, Thomas and Alec. A special auntie, Diane. - Donnamarie, Chloe and Connor.

O'MAY - Malcolm. In loving memory of our dear dad and grandpa, March 31, 2011. Loved and remembered always.

- Your forever loving family xxxxx. **SCOTT** - Precious memories of Cathy, who passed away March 27, 2011. Sadly missed, never forgotten.

- Love from all the family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 30th March 2014
11.15am Family Communion with crèche

Pastor Ross Ferguson
Coffee from 10.45am

Wednesday 2nd April 2014
10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group
7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200

www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Saturday 29th March
2.00pm Spring Tea

Sunday 30th March
11.15am Rev. A. McIvor
Annual Stated Meeting

Tuesday 1st April
No Badminton
Finished for season
Everyone very welcome

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH
LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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(SCO002876)



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 30th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday school
Refreshments after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday (term time only)
We meet at the Guide Hall,
Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
SC043322



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 30th March
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Sean Ankers
Thursday 3rd April
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980



The Salvation Army
Campbeltown Corps
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009339
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
Celebrate Mother's Day with The Salvation Army
10.30am Morning Worship
Everyone is welcome to join us for Christian Worship, followed by tea and cake
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouilding

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray
1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30 am
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315
SC013787

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
30th March 2014 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (with Annual Stated Meeting)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sacrament of Baptism (followed by Annual Stated Meeting)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th March
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 10.00am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 30 March 2014
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"The Spirit and the bride say Come"
Thursday 3 April 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 30th March
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Mr W Crossan
Tuesday 1st April
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Thursday 3rd April
Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 4th April
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 30 March
Inverlussa Church 11:30 am
Mothering Sunday Family Service
Rev. C. Acklam
Friday 4 April
From Pharaoh to Freedom
Tayvallich Church 7:30pm
Saturday 5 April
Tayvallich Hall 10:30 am
Coffee Morning
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

TARBERT LOCHFYNNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 30th March 2014
Tarbert Service 11.45am
to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Guild meets Monday 31st March
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Sports Hall Athletics final

ASPIRING young athletes from across Mid Argyll will compete in the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Final in Oban tomorrow (Saturday).

Several members of Mid Argyll Athletics Club will compete in the running, throwing and jumping events at the final after winning a qualifying place at the Lochgilphead heat.

Bill MacCallum from the athletics club said: 'Successful qualifiers from the local contests will now come together in Oban with as many as 150 young athletes, from five years to 16 years, participating in what should be an enthralling competition.'

The event in Atlantis Leisure gets underway at 1pm, while athletes should register in the sports hall at midday.

The Argyll Sports Hall competitions are promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club and sponsored by Communities 2014.

Three in a row for Inveraray

INVERARAY Bowling club has, for the third consecutive year, won the Lochfyneside Winter Bowling League.

The Royal Burgh side topped the leader board, securing 42 points throughout the six months of competitive games. Dalmally and Portsonachan both earned 32 points but Dalmally took second place as a result of the short difference.

Furnace and Cairndow bowlers both secured 27 points.

Meanwhile The Skips Cup was won by Bobby Johnson from Dalmally.

Lottery numbers

THE jackpot in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery has reached £1,200 as another week passes with no winner. The numbers in the week's draw were 5, 9 and 10.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery, with numbers 4, 7 and 16 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Lottery draw were 4, 12 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

Tarbert fail to capitalise on scoring chances

Tarbert	1
Bothwell and Uddingston	1
SAFL Division 1A	

A COMBINATION of bad luck, poor finishing and good goal keeping meant Tarbert could secure no more than a draw when they welcomed Bothwell and Uddingston Albion to Lochgilphead on Saturday.

With the pitch extremely soft underfoot, it was the hosts that quickly started to dominate the game.

With quarter of an hour played Tarbert created their first clear chance when Callum Elliott drove up the left with the ball and split the visitors' defence with a pass through the middle to Nikki MacDougall. His shot however was just tipped round

the post by the keeper.

Several Tarbert attacks resulted in corners but failure to capitalise on their chances meant Tarbert went into the break 0-0.

With an hour played Tarbert began to impose themselves on the game once again and they managed to get a goal which gave them a deserved lead.

Under pressure

A corner kick was fired into the box by David Ronald and the Bothwell defender, under pressure from Fraser Talbot, headed the ball past his own keeper from six yards.

Tarbert's good work was soon undone how-

ever when, while the home team was attacking, a loose pass in the final third meant that several players were caught out of position and the Bothwell midfielder drove forward and played a lovely ball through for the number 10. He rounded goalkeeper Martin and fired into the net.

Despite dominating play for the remainder of the game, the Dookers couldn't find the winning goal and the game ended 1-1. Jamie Stuart was named man of the match for his hard work and strong running on the wing.

The Tarbert side will need a similar effort tomorrow (Saturday) when they travel to Port Glasgow OBU in the quarter final of the Coronation Cup.



The winning players of Cairnbaan Bowling Club.

Cairnbaan are champions

THE FINAL game of the Lorne Bowls season saw Cairnbaan visit Kilmory with everything to play for.

The league title was within the grasp of three clubs - Benderloch, Kilmory and Cairnbaan - and was dependent on the scores of the final game.

After losing 6-2 to Kilmory the previous week, Cairnbaan had to give it their best if they were to regain the title after a five-year hiatus from the silverware.

At half time the scores meant that a play-off between Benderloch and Cairnbaan was on the cards.

But during the second half the Mid Argyll side won three of their four games to win 6-2 on the night.

Two of the games went to the last bowl of the last end.

As was to be expected of true champions, both teams were unanimous in defeat and no doubt will aim to win the trophy next year.



Mid Argyll runners put their best feet forward in Inverness for charity.

Rona runs for Beatson charity

A YOUNG woman whose life has been plagued by cancer has completed her first half marathon.

Rona Stewart ran the Inverness half marathon recently to raise funds for the Friends of the Beatson charity.

She completed the challenge after both her mother, Ardrishaig's Joan Barclay, and partner, Inveraray shinty player David McPherson, both battled the condition.

Rona, a former pupil of Lochgil-

thead High School, completed the challenge with David by her side.

Accompanied

They were accompanied by Rona's sister, Iona, and her husband, fellow Inveraray shinty star Andrew McMurdo, and friends Riona McNab and Colin MacDonald.

The running challenge has so far raised more than £3,000 for the charity which supports people affected by cancer and their families.

Ten-goal thriller sees Red Star Under 15s in cup semi-final

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star under 15s put eight goals past their opponents on Saturday ensuring a place in the semi-final of the League Cup was beyond doubt.

The young team travelled to Bearsden for the match against Milngavie and the home side made their intentions known immediately, scoring their first goal after only seven minutes.

Euan McClenaghan burst through the Star defence to score the opener from 16 yards, but Scott Souden equalized with a powerful header six minutes later.

Star striker Liam Scott soon added to the away side's tally when he outpaced the home defence, rounded keeper McFadyen and thumped the ball high into the net.

Souden then grabbed his second goal with another header and, just before the interval, Star keeper Pow made a great

Milngavie	2
Lochgilphead Red Star	8
DFDL League Cup	

diving save to ensure Star maintained their two-goal advantage going into the break.

The visitors stunned Milngavie after the restart with three goals in four minutes; firstly Ryan Caskie scored

from an impossible angle, Scott netted his second and Blair Mackay fired in the sixth.

Star introduced substitutes Ritchie, Curtis and MacFarlane to the game, with all three turning in solid performances.

Souden completed his hat-trick mid-way through the half and Mackay finished from 18 yards for his second of the game. In the closing stages Milngavie counter attacked with Aiden Goldie scoring from just inside the box.

This Sunday Star are scheduled to play Blair Thistle at home at Rope-work Park in the league.

Strachur face Glenorchy in Celtic Cup this Saturday

STRACHUR face Glenorchy tomorrow (Saturday) in the first round of shinty's Celtic Society Cup.

John Montgomery, manager of the South Division One side, said the team felt confident heading into the match.

'Glenorchy play one league above us, but we had close games against them last season when we met. We have been competitive against them,' he said.

Strachur currently sit third in South

Division One after drawing their matches against Kilmory and Aberdeen. The side's match against Kyles Athletic Junior team was postponed at the weekend because of the bad weather.

'The season has been very stop-start so we hope that we will become more consistent the more we play,' Mr Montgomery said.

Tomorrow's match will be played at Strachur Park. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

Jonathan could be a big shot at the Commonwealth Games

'I think it is one of the biggest things I will ever get the chance to do, represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in my own country'

A TARBERT-born shooter has edged closer to gaining a place in the Commonwealth Games after a stellar performance in the Kuwait Grand Prix.

Jonathan Reid last week secured sixth place in the Olympic Trap Shoot when competing against some of world's best shooters.

Sitting in first place going into the final shoot, Jonathan dropped to sixth place shooting 121 of his 125 targets.

Contention

The high score puts Jonathan in contention for one of the two places in the Scottish Commonwealth Games shooting squad, which will be announced in May.

Explaining the two shooters with the highest average scores in re-

cent competitions will secure a place in the squad, Jonathan said: 'I am hopeful. I am averaging 118 out of 125 targets. I am hoping in the US I can put in another good performance and move my average up higher and hopefully I will be a definite. As it stands it is quite close between me and John MacDonald.'

Jonathan, who moved to Devon with his family eight years ago, added: 'I think it is one of the biggest things I will ever get the chance to do, represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in my own country.'

'I think the support will be amazing.'

Jonathan, one of three high performance Olympic trap shooters on

the Sport Scotland programme, will represent Great Britain in Arizona on April 5 when he will again compete against the best in his sport.

'In Kuwait there were a lot of Olympic shooters...that was a lot of pressure. I am hoping next time I reach the final it will be easier and it will go from there,' Jonathan added.

First selected

A former pupil of Tarbert Academy, Jonathan began shooting as a youngster in Argyll competitions and was first selected to represent Scotland at the age of 14. He has since competed for Scotland at the 2006 Commonwealth Games and has represented Great Britain many times in recent years.



Jonathan Reid, right, grew up in Tarbert before moving to Devon with his family who work in the fishing industry.

Entries open for Inveraray Jail Break

ENTRIES have opened for the 2014 Inveraray Jail Break as a jogscotland leader offers to help ambitious joggers and youngsters train for the event.

The race, which this year includes distances for all the family, takes place on May 11.

It will see men, women, teenagers and children break free from Inveraray Jail, run along the front green and into the grounds of Inveraray Castle. Collectively they will make their way to the bottom of Dun Na Cuiche hill, where the Kids on the Run, aged between six and 11, will complete a circuit before being marshalled back to the finish line at Inveraray Castle.

The Junior Inveraray Jail Break competitors, aged between 11 and 15, will continue up part of Dun Na Cuiche before returning to the finish line and completing their 2.5-mile run.

Adults will be charged with ascending Dun Na Cuiche, running around the watch tower before making their way back to the castle.



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£650!

Heavy rain keeps Argyll rivals at bay

RED STAR were forced to postpone their Jimmy Marshall Cup tie with Oban Saints last Sunday after heavy rain made Ropework Park unplayable.

It is now likely the football tie will be switched to the 3G facility at Oban High School and played on a midweek date to be confirmed; Saints currently have a heavy backlog of fixtures to be played at weekends.

Tomorrow Red Star return to league duty as they welcome Port Glasgow United to Ropework Park. The Lochgilhead side must secure three points if they are to make a late push for one of the promotion slots. The game kicks off at 2pm.

Easter shinty camp to be held in Lochgilhead

A MORNING of shinty development training is on offer to budding young players in primaries three to seven.

The Argyll and Bute Shinty Easter Camp gets underway on April 11 at Lochgilhead Joint Campus.

Led by Euan McMurdo, shinty development officer for Argyll and Bute, the session will include skill development challenges and deliver training applicable to four, six and 12-a-side matches.

For more information or to book a place email euan.mcmurdo@shinty.com or call 07824367996.



I get by with a little help from my friends

Primary one pupils from Lochgilhead Primary School crossed the finish line of the Sport Relief Fun Run hand in hand. The youngsters supported each other on their one-mile jog around the joint campus, holding hands and cheering one another on. They were amongst hundreds of students between the ages of four and 18 that ran up to 5km to raise cash for the national charity. For more on the fun run see page 7. 06_a13run01

Inveraray need a win to boost confidence

'We have yet another away trip but we need to take something from this weekend's game'

INVERARAY player-manager Garry MacPherson insists his team must take something from this weekend's trip to Kinlochshiel following the most difficult start possible to the 2014 shinty campaign.

The Royal Burgh have played two games, both 2-0 defeats away from home, to last year's league champions, Newtonmore, and runners-up, Lovat.

Despite having to travel again this Saturday, MacPherson says a confidence-boosting result is re-

quired. We have yet another away trip but we definitely need to take something from this weekend.

'It's all very well getting the away ties out of the way but we need a win for the boys' confidence.'

Last Saturday Lovat took an early lead and withstood a deluge of Inveraray attacks before sealing the two points late on. Scotland international Kevin Bartlett bagged a brace for the home side.

MacPherson said: 'After they

scored their first they were camped in their own half but we just couldn't score.

'I knew they were a fit team with a good attack but I didn't expect them to be as strong at the back.'

There was good news for Inveraray as David 'Bingo' Robertson came through the 90 minutes unscathed on his comeback from a nine-month injury lay-off.

Douglas Dando, who missed last week's match, is still unavailable for this weekend.

Celtic Cup game for Kilmory this weekend

THE FIRST round of the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup sees Kilmory take on fellow South Division One side Ballachulish.

The shinty teams look to be evenly matched going into the fixture, with Kilmory sitting top of the league and Ballachulish second.

Kilmory will, however, have home advantage and, in contrast to last season's performance, are enjoying a positive start to their league campaign, having secured three points in two games.

The Lochaber side has only managed to play one competitive game this year.

The match throws up at MacRae Park at 2.30pm.

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