



## Mid Argyll Music Festival Special

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# Fishing regulation order could decimate Tarbert industry

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT by MARK DAVEY**  
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UP to 50 jobs in Tarbert may be lost if a Firth of Clyde fishery regulating order is imposed, according to an industry leader based in the village.

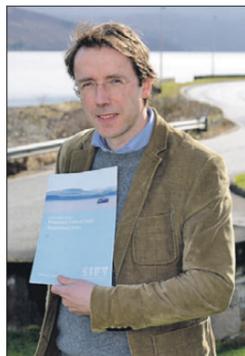
Kenny MacNab, 59, the chairman of the Clyde Fisherman's Association, spoke out after meetings organised last week by the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT) in Tarbert and Inveraray.

These losses are understood to be just the tip of the iceberg as SIFT's proposals for a Firth of Clyde regulating order, covering scallop and prawn fishing, could cause processing plant jobs to be lost and hauliers put out of business.

In addition Mr MacNab claims that restricting the Clyde fishery could jeopardise up to 100 jobs at a shellfish processing plant in Uddingston, which was built two years ago at a cost of £1.6million with

40 per cent from a government grant.

SIFT claims the order would manage the Firth of Clyde in a different way to help it achieve good ecological status by 2020 as required by the European Union's



**SIFT executive director Charles Millar.**

marine strategy framework directive.

The order would include fishing vessels being licensed, a curfew with no scallop fishing before 6am or after 9pm, a king scallop minimum landing size of 110mm and a ban on

the French dredge.

Mr MacNab said: 'The Clyde is the most regulated part of the Scottish coast - we already have a weekend ban.

'Boats are limited to below 70ft long, plus we have technical measures on the trawling gear. Net mesh size prohibits by-catch - we are only taking shellfish - so it is a very 'clean' fishery.'

SIFT executive director Charles Millar said: 'This is the preliminary round of discussions.

'When the information is submitted it will be opened up to public consultation, including by the Scottish government because of the views being given by the fishing community.'

Mr MacNab's family has fished from Tarbert for five generations but now he fears that could be lost and the knock on effect could even make the village unviable.

Mr MacNab said: 'The Scottish government want rural communities to be sustainable and Tarbert is that at the moment but it would not



**Kenny MacNab with his Tarbert harbour based boat.**

take much to sway it the other way.'

He has been lobbying MSPs and regularly travels to Edinburgh to make sure Tarbert's fishermen have a voice.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I have made it clear to SIFT and the local fishing communities that the only way a regulating order could be intro-

duced would be by negotiation and agreement with all involved. There is no reason why a sensible compromise cannot be reached because it is in everyone's in-

terest to secure a sustainable, long-term fishery but nothing can, nor should, be imposed.

'I will be seeing SIFT this week to make that point.'



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Police files

Theft

A LOCHGILPHEAD restaurant worker was targeted by a thief on Tuesday, March 17.

An iPhone was taken from The Coriander on the town's Argyll Street between 10pm and 10.50pm.

The theft comes after the *Argyllshire Advertiser* reported a number of similar cases in recent weeks.

But Sergeant Davie Ferguson of Lochgilphead police office does not think thefts are on the increase.

He said: 'I would not say there are any more reports than usual. People should try not to leave anything valuable for opportunist thieves, which seems to be the case in this incident.'

Anyone with any information should contact Constable Pate on 101 at the Lochgilphead office.

Drink Driver

A MAN was arrested for suspected drink driving in Lochgilphead on Saturday.

Police stopped a 59-year-old man on Lochnell Street at 5.30pm.

He was detained in custody pending his court appearance.

If anyone has information in relation to any other incidents or those above, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously by telephoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

# Deli revamp champions Kintyre cheddar cheese

MULL of Kintyre cheddar cheese from an Argyll firm is now a prime product in a Lochgilphead store.

A revamp of the Co-operative's deli counter is firmly focused on Scottish products such as Campbeltown Creamery's cheese.

It also includes Isle of Arran extra mature cheese, Ayrshire ham and extends to items like samosas and bhajis.

The firm behind the change is East Kilbride-based Enterprise Foods.

Regional manager Jim Kane said that one of its first Co-operative initiatives was a deal with Argyll Bakeries, based in Campbeltown, to supply

bread to all stores as far north as the Isle of Skye.

Laura Docherty, who has worked on the counter six-and-a-half years, said: 'I like the idea of getting more local products.'

Enterprise's marketing manager Adrian Wells said: 'There are 10 deli stores across Scotland.'

'We are a local sourcing company and use Scottish produce.'

'Lots of the smaller producers would not get into a supermarket. We make sure all the terms are correct and monitor the relationship.'

'The best thing is that it keeps money in the community and cuts down the distance food travels to the store.'



Adrian Wells with Lochgilphead Cooperative deli worker Laura Docherty. 08\_a13deli01

Mr Wells said that new products could be identified by blue labels and information sheets.

## English sex offender traced in Oban

A WANTED sex offender was found and arrested in Oban following a public appeal.

A wide police search was carried out after Paul Vernon, of Worcestershire, breached his sex offenders' notification requirements.

He was traced in the Argyll town last Thursday, March 19, at 1.50pm after a member of the public called Police Scotland, who had teamed up with West Mercia Police during the search.

A spokesperson from West Mercia Police said: 'We can confirm that with the assistance of Police Scotland, Vernon has been located and arrested.'

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# First anniversary for community project

AN Argyll-based community project is inviting local residents to help celebrate its birthday in Lochgilphead on Monday, March 30.

The tea and cakes event marks the start of National Self-Directed Support (SDS) Awareness week.

It is organised jointly by Community Contacts (CC) and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project (MECOPP).

CC is a project run by leading Scottish social care charity, CarriGomm, to provide impartial advice and support to people about SDS.

MECOPP is running a similar project, to support carers from minority ethnic backgrounds.

Both projects are funded by the Scottish government.

SDS is an initiative that allows people to de-

termine how much control they want of their individual care budget and allows them to have a say on how it is spent on their own care and support.

Tea, Cake and SDS is just one of many events taking place across the country to mark National SDS Awareness Week, March 30 to April 3.

The aim of these events is to raise awareness of the changes to social care funding and delivery and how these may affect individuals and families.

Becs Barker, CC project manager, said: 'SDS gives people who need social care support more choice and control over their lives.'

'Our project supports people and their families to think about SDS and the opportunities it brings.'

'The SDS approach is really exciting as it gives people the chance to make decisions about how their support services are organised, purchased and managed.'

'We're holding the Tea, Cake and SDS event in Lochgilphead to

celebrate the progress that has been made so far, and to explore how the SDS approach can make a positive impact in people's lives.'

The event is open to everyone interested in finding out more about SDS.

CC and MECOPP are particularly keen to welcome individuals who are already using SDS and anyone who might be interested in doing so in the future.

Tea, Cake and SDS takes place at the Lochgilphead Parish Church Centre on Monday March 30 from 2pm.

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## £53 million budget for health and social care

THE PROVISION of health and social care for adults in Argyll and Bute will be based on geographical area and not on individual need.

Speaking at a meeting of Argyll and Bute council in Kilmory last Thursday, veteran councillor James Robb blasted the council for putting its £53million budget into a 'postcode lottery'.

The former international banker said the council was making decisions without 'coherent information'.

Councillor Robb continued: 'Care will be on a postcode lottery in terms of service defined on a geographical split.'

'One person should be responsible for the whole service. The quality should not be split on where you live but on what you require.'

Deputy provost Dougie Philand said: 'To put the finance into context Argyll and Bute council has £230 million - £245 million of a budget.'

'To manage that, we have 12 heads of service.'

The council is set to use its £53million budget for integrating health and social care for adults in the region, to create two adult care executive officers at a cost of £60,000.

The executives will be enrolled instead of workers on the ground.

Dougie added: 'I work on the front line [in the NHS] and we need effective leadership and management.'

'This will not be the panacea or the be all and end all - all these plans will be under review and will not be in tablets of stone.'

Councillor Robb said: 'The new service is under enormous financial strain adding an extra post seems a bit of an indulgence.'

# Musical magic makes the grade

REPORT by **AMANDA CRAWFORD** and **MARK DAVEY**  
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AN ARDRISHAIG girl finished the 36th Mid Argyll Musical Festival on top form after winning the premier prize.

Eve Maxwell, 14, was presented with the Co-operative Premier Festival Trophy at the competition finale late

on Saturday night. The award is for the most promising performer, chosen by the adjudicators out of all the performances they heard during the week's competition.

Former Lochgilphead head teacher Clem

Stewart, who was instrumental in setting up the festival in 1980, made the presentation.

Eve impressed the adjudicators with top marks in three other solo competitions and was part of an award-winning instrumental duet, before lifting the premier trophy.

Her happiest moment before Saturday came on Wednesday evening, when she won the Songs from the Shows junior section. It is Eve's favourite festival competition and her rendition of 'Bring Him Home' from Les Misérables, placed her the best of 23 young singers.

The youngster was awarded the Mid Argyll Musical Society Cup and a yellow certificate, which is rarely given out and represents exceptional achievement.

Eve said: 'I've been joint second two years in a row and really didn't

think that I would get it this year. I can't believe it. I am so happy.'

Her singing teacher Fiona Macdonald said: 'I'm very proud of Eve. She has done so well and not everyone gets special recognition with a yellow certificate.'

On Thursday afternoon Eve beat nine other S1 to S3 pupils in the vocal solo competition with her interpretation of the test piece 'Minnelied', for which she won The MacDonald Plate.

Within less than an hour Eve added The Ardchnonnell Primary School Cup for a grade four piano solo.

Finally, on Saturday morning Eve and Tiegann Holroyd won the Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy for a woodwind duet.

On becoming the overall competition winner she said: 'I am thrilled to have won. It is really amazing.'



Singing teacher Fiona Macdonald with student Eve Maxwell holding the Mid Argyll Musical Society Cup. 08\_a13mamf01



Clem Stewart presents the Co-operative Premier Festival Trophy to Eve Maxwell. 08\_a13evmaxwell01

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Now in its fourth year, the Scarecrow Festival has become a popular Bank Holiday attraction on the B8024 Kilberry Road.

Take the journey round on Monday April 6 and see how they have been judged.

The scarecrows are judged by invited guests with the prize winners announced at the East-

er Monday Fayre in Ormsary Hall.

Tea, coffee, soup and home baking is served from 12 noon till 4pm.

This year there will be a large selection of toys for sale with all proceeds to Achahoish Primary School.



Referendum scarecrows in 2014. 06\_a17scar01

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**Puppet performances**

KILMARTIN museum staff have been working with Vision Mechanics which is performing an educational puppet production.

Twitawoo is a project which is used to teach primary school children about issues related to their local environment.

It is a forest creatures show exploring themes such as caring for the environment, biodiversity, litter and recycling and is tailored to Argyll and Kintyre's natural heritage.

The show was on tour and visited Tayvallich pre-fives, Tarbert Academy, Baddens and Riverside Rascals pre-schools, Craignish, Lochgilphead, Kilmartin, Furnace, Minard, Inveraray and Ardrish-aig primary schools.

**Meet bunnies and beavers**

SPRING into a chil-

dren's free fun event on Easter bank holiday Monday, April 6, near Kilmartin.

There will be an Easter fun trail, face painting, craft making and a chance to meet the forest beaver and bunny.

The Forestry Commission and Kilmartin Museum have joined forces to make it a perfect family afternoon out from 2pm to 4pm at Achna-breac forest car park on the A816 Oban road.

Although all activities are free, it is essential to book, to ensure a parking space, on 01546-602518. For public transport information see <http://traveline.info/>

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**Kids on the run**

YOUNGSTERS from the Kids on the Run jogging group had a beautiful day last week which was a big contrast to the recent storms.

There was a sprint quiz followed by a group run.

The young athletes and helpers covered an average of two-and-a-half

miles each totalling 30 miles. The group gets on well and there is good support for running colleagues.

The star runners were difficult to choose but Jill Agutu was given a big round of applause for great improvement and Archie MacColl Smith for good steady pacing during the longer run. Jog leader Fee Corner would like to thank all the athletes and helpers for a really enjoyable session.

**LOCH LOMOND**

**Flagship building needs tenant**

A NATIONAL park authority needs a tenant for its flagship building on Loch Lomond Shores.

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs national park has an empty two-storey contemporary glass building with a flexible open plan design.

It is trying to let it to an organisation or business that will engage the National Park's visitors.

**JURA**



Folk singer Kirsty Law.

**Borders' singing talent at island show**

A RISING star of the Scottish folk scene will play the first gig of the Sound of Jura's 2015 season.

Borders-born, Kirsty Law has grown up learning traditional songs, mainly in the Scots dialect.

The Jura Hall show on Friday, April 17 at 8.30pm will fea-

ture 'The Kirsty Law Band' and she is accompanied by Rona Wilkie, BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2012, with Marit Falt.

**Support act**

The support act is local duo, Craig Rozga and Neil Gow, last seen together at the 2009 Jura Music Festival.

For further information see [www.soundofjura.com/tickets.htm](http://www.soundofjura.com/tickets.htm) or ask at the Jura pub.

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**Broken drain is a right pain**

A COLLAPSED drain at BEAR Scotland's Inveraray yard stuffed with a cone has been branded 'embarrassing'.

Dad-of-three and local policeman Martin Wilson complained to the trunk road maintenance organisation after he had to walk on the main road outside the depot.

Martin said: 'I was walking the kids to school and got the buggy caught in the pot hole.'

**Nothing done**

'The buggy nearly tipped and I almost went over it.'

'I've called Argyll and Bute council and Transport Scotland about it but nothing seems to have been done.'

The A819 road outside the depot is not part of the organisation's north west trunk road and is therefore not its responsibility.

Martin said: 'Since my complaint it looks as though they've stuffed an orange cone into the pothole and topped it with a concrete slab.'

'It is embarrassing for BEAR Scotland more than anything, considering it is the company that deals with a lot of road repairs in this area.'

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'We are working with Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Estates to determine a solution to continue to carry out minor repairs to the junction adjacent to the A819, however, larger scale repairs are carried out by the council and Argyll Estates directly.'

'Teams from all three parties are currently in discussions as to how to repair the site.'

# Kyle leaves for a new career in the Scottish Parliament

A KEEN politician will be leaving Mid Argyll behind to embark on a

new career at the Scottish Parliament. Kyle Renton has had



Kyle outside Scottish Parliament before one of his interviews.

a whirlwind couple of weeks firstly becoming a minister for the Scottish youth parliament in Argyll and Bute, secondly winning a trophy at Mid Argyll Music Festival with honours marks of 91 and finally revealing that he has been successful in landing an apprenticeship in financial resources at parliament in Edinburgh.

The 17-year-old former Inveraray primary school pupil is excited and ready to take on the two-year role, which he applied for after attending a careers open day in November.

Kyle said: 'It is a great experience to be able to work in the Scottish Parliament. Not many people can say they've had this opportunity, so I'm extremely fortunate.'

'If I wish to work my way into a career in pol-

itics then there is no better way to start than to work in the parliament itself and learn the ropes.'

The teen will gain a qualification in business administration, which he enjoys and already helps out with at his family's cafe in Inveraray, The Scullery.

On his first move away from home, Kyle said: 'I will definitely miss everyone here in Inveraray and I'll miss working in the shop, but working in parliament is an opportunity that I am so glad to have.'

'I could never turn it down.'

Kyle has received lots of support from people across Argyll and Bute and in particular from his family.

He said: 'My family have been and continue to be supportive.'

'They get more excited every time I tell them something else. My sisters [Holly and Feorlin] and my little cousins are a bit upset that I'm flitting to Edinburgh, but they understand and have been given my word that I'll be home at the end of every week.'

Parents Margaret and Kenneth Renton posted about their eldest son's latest news on social media last week, 'words can't describe how proud we are of you, son! You are one strong and passionate 17 year old'.

Kyle, who will be moving to Edinburgh next month, ended a 10-year run in junior competitions at Mid Argyll Music Festival with honours marks last week.

He has vowed to take part in the senior competitions next year.



Ann McMillan with adjudicator Ann Lampard. 08\_a13maf02

## Songs from the shows success

ANN McMillan won first place and The Ballymeanoch Plate in her first ever solo competition at Mid Argyll Music Festival.

Ann sang 'Tell Me it's Not True' in the Adult Songs from the Shows Class. The Mid Argyll Music Festival adju-

dicator Ann Lampard was taken aback by the strength of talent in Argyll, but put it down to 'something in the water'. She congratulated all 23 juniors and nine adults who sang in the competition last Wednesday evening and their teachers.

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IT IS really important for people in Mid Argyll to receive the right support for their individual health issues.

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It seems like a poor way to determine an individual's needs. Any one of us will have someone in our families, or amongst our friends, who has suffered or is suffering.

It can be a lengthy, tiring and soul-destroying battle with both the NHS and councils across Scotland to get the right treatment and care plan for those loved ones in need.

But the community must await more details that have yet to be announced over where the geographical split is going to be. And just how many workers will be providing integrated care in specific areas of Argyll.

While a large chunk of the budget is being spent on two executive workers in two areas, there is still a clear shortage of care staff in Argyll and Bute as whole.

People in Mid Argyll have witnessed the consequences of low staff numbers alone, with the closure of Cara ward at the Mid Argyll hospital.

Even deputy provost and councillor Dougie Philand, who also works in the front line of the sector, has spoken out about staffing issues.

Low numbers will affect the quality of care provided to people in need. Maybe these latest developments, which have been branded a 'postcode lottery', are a bad move for Argyll and Bute council? Answers on a post card.

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### Law for honest citizens and leniency for tax dodgers

Sir,  
I, along with many others, have recently been donating to several food banks in Alexandria, Dumbarton, Helensburgh and the Glasgow City Mission. I expect that the recipients of these donations do not realise that the SNP government has had the welfare budget in its hands for the last seven years and could have increased the income given to claimants.

The recipients probably have to collect the food by walking to the food bank and back home, meanwhile Alex Salmond is being driven around the country in a car provided by the SNP party.

Those who paid their subscriptions to SNP do not realise that is what their money is being used for.

The SNP declared an amnesty for those who did not pay their community charge while the rest who did pay it have been expected to pay for all local amenities.

Think what more could have been provided if everyone had paid their dues? A law for honest citizens and leniency for tax dodgers. This from a Holyrood government which thinks we should have our liberties and freedom removed in a state which will collate all our personal information under one central register. Fairer society for all, I think not.

Thank goodness we can still vote for Liberal Democrat politicians who help to keep

a lid on the more extreme ambitions of the SNP and other parties in local and Westminster elections.

**Margaret Horrell.**

### Centralised nanny state

Sir,  
The best way to take control of a people and to control them utterly is to take a little of their freedom over time... So said a now well-known nationalist 1930s German politician.

In 21st century Scotland, we have a centralised police force, rather too close to government, too often armed on our streets without mandate of parliament or people, and who seem to be increasingly beyond accountability.

We will also soon see a 'named persons' Act that allows state interference, camouflaged as care, into every family with a child under 18.

Add a vast personal National Health database, already challenged for breaches of Human Rights by the Information Commissioner, that will open its contents to 120 other Scottish public bodies (and thus increase its vulnerability), allowing a national identity system all without a jot of public consultation and we most certainly see treasured freedoms evaporating. I could continue to list how the SNP has created a centralised nanny state plus.

With an apparent inability of the Holyrood committee system to hold the Scottish government in check whilst a majority remains in power, democracy is at best threatened, at worst dysfunctional.

With Mr Salmond promis-

ing destabilising mischief in Westminster if the polls are proved accurate, I would emphatically urge everyone, no matter their political allegiance, to turn out and use their vote both this May and next year to ensure personal freedom and choice (as shown last September) may still prosper in our beloved Alba.

**Angus Young,  
Helensburgh.**

### Sharing framework of the UK

Sir,  
The SNP's plan to cut all financial ties with the UK would require the equivalent of an 8p income tax hike, figures published today have revealed.

The Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) report showed the fiscal deficit in Scotland is now at 8.1 per cent, compared to only 5.6 per cent in the UK as a whole.

The statistics show Scotland is significantly more secure within the sharing framework of the UK than it would be under separation of full fiscal autonomy.

Around £54 billion was collected north of the border in tax, compared to an expenditure of more than £66 billion.

It means, if Scotland had either independence or full fiscal autonomy, there would be a further deficit of £3.8 billion, relative to the UK.

Were Scotland alone challenged with plugging this black hole, it could result in an 8p increase in income tax for every worker.

Other options would involve significant spending cuts or vastly increased borrowing.

With Labour and the Lib-Dem's support in freefall while they flirt with the SNP for a coalition deal only the Conservative and Unionists are strong enough to fight the Nationalists here in Argyll and Bute.

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

### Alex Salmond for prime minister?

Sir,  
If, as seems increasingly likely, neither the Conservatives nor Labour are able to obtain a parliamentary majority after the General Election, what better way for Alec Salmond to serve our United Kingdom in its hour of need than by accepting the post of prime minister?

He is the only politician of sufficient stature and wisdom to undertake the task and I feel sure that the Queen would be delighted to invite him to form a national government of real unity which would meld our nations together in the spirit of the settled will of the Scottish people as demonstrated through the referendum.

**John Eoin Douglas**



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# Charity cyclists crank it out for Sport Relief

WHEELS whizzed round at the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) during an attempt on the cycling hour record.

Except that instead of a velodrome this was a stationary rapid race on rollers for 21 peddlers trying to cycle the furthest distance in 60 minutes.

With each person paying £20 to take part, the MACPool donating a room for free and Daretotrilife's John Rea supplying the load generators for free, more than £450 was raised for Sport Relief.

### Superb support

Mr Rea said: 'Thanks to the superb support we received, £301 was raised in donations on the day.'

'The Ford Bog Trotters: Sue Creech, Pete Creech, Olwen Hemmings and Michael

Burford added a terrific twist by having folk sponsor them for their combined distances.

'They collectively did an amazing 109k giving



**Hazel Manson taking part in the hour record at the MACPool.**

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another £159+ to Sport Relief - making the whole thing worth well over £450.'

Mr Rea has a piece of software with age tables to standardise everyone's distance.

So, for example, if someone is aged 52 and cycles 32km the programme age adjusts it up to 33km. This allows old and young to compete on a level playing field.

Mr Rea said: 'The very impressive winners of the hour challenge were Stephen Whiston (35.7km) and Rebecca Helliwell (33.27km) but really all 21 participants were stars in their own right.'

'Stephen Whiston has improved his average power output by 10 per cent year on year in this competition and that's clearly why he won his category. It's a stagger-

ing achievement and highlights an inspiring dedication.'

Kilmartin, Kilmichael Glassary and Ford minister Rev Cliff Acklam was one of the riders.

Rev Acklam, 52, said: 'I think I have done about 36km, it was really tough.'

'Luckily I have the heart rate of a 20-year-old which is down to prayer, early nights and clean living.'

Bill Halliday, 55, who completed the ride for the first time, said: 'I have no idea how I did. The total distance of the course on the video which is played on a screen in front of us was 42km.'

'It was really hard work after 15 minutes, I nearly gave up. I am not really a cyclist. At the moment my training is for the Paris marathon in three weeks' time.'



**Rev Cliff Acklam takes a drink during the ride.**

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**Andy Willox**  
Scottish policy convener, Federation of Small Businesses

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# Council cycle scheme to be wheeled out in Lochgilphead

FREE training for adult pedal pushers returning to cycling will be rolled out in Lochgilphead in April.

The council's iCycle+ initiative is aimed at returning and commuter cyclists, helping them enjoy their bike more by getting confident in traffic, learning new bike maintenance skills, meeting other cyclists and improving their health and fitness.

A drop-in information event is planned at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Tuesday, March 31 when people can sign up to the training programme. Information is also available online through the council's partners in this initiative, the Oban-based outdoor education social enterprise Stramash.

The session involves an introduction and welcome, a short film on the iCycle+ programme, a short de-

scription of the training and, most importantly, the opportunity for people to ask questions.

Once a place on the course is guaranteed participants will receive further details from Stramash and a pre-course evaluation form.

The free training itself runs over a month and involves a session a week in five towns: Lochgilphead in April and May, Oban in June and Dunoon, Helensburgh and Campbeltown in August and September.

People can sign up for an afternoon, early evening or night time session and all of the equipment including a bike and helmet is provided.

Those signing up for the training can expect help in: getting on and off of their bike safely; starting off and stopping; steering and maintaining forward momentum; cycling

one handed while signalling; looking behind; the correct use of gears; basic bike maintenance and preparing for a journey.

Using these new skills cyclists will try out different routes in their community, becoming confident in dealing with tricky junctions and traffic lights.

The course will also identify safe and enjoyable cycle routes that can be enjoyed ei-

ther as part of a group or individually. At the end of the month long programme there will be a shared, guided cycle which will put into practice the skills learned over the course.

The Lochgilphead sessions are scheduled as follows: April 15 at Kilmory Castle; April 22 at the Crinan Canal; April 29 at Kilmartin Glen; May 6 at the Kilmory Woodland.

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# Cairndow's Tree Shop celebrates its quarter century



In the Tree Shop Café from left: Terri Allan, Pauline Colburn and Lynne Rennie. 08\_a13tree01

'FROM small acorns do mighty oaks grow' could be the slogan for Cairndow business Tree Shop which first opened its doors in 1990.

Twenty-five years later Tree Shop has grown from its two person start up to a business recognised far beyond Argyll and Bute.

In its beginnings it was just a small shed with a caravan as the café alongside selling tea and coffee.

What started as a small local shop selling wooden crafts and some native trees has expanded into a purpose built nursery, garden centre, gift shop and café which according to many customers is the best coffee stop on the A83.

Tree Shop's garden centre boasts one of the finest selection of plants anywhere in Scotland including trees and conifers, rhododendrons, azaleas, fruit trees and bushes, shrubs and perennials and bedding and alpine plants.

Tree Shop shares the same site as Loch Fyne Oysters. It was originally started by Lucy Sumison and Mark Sands with the then Ardinglas owner Johnny Noble and is still part of the estate.

Tree Shop is now run by Neil Colburn, 43, who relocated, more than 500 miles, from Brighton in East Sussex to manage the business in 2008.

Lynne Rennie runs the café side of the business and is responsible for the great service and food offered in our café. Mr Colburn said: 'This is a one off business, previously

I worked for chain garden centres. Here I can make a lot more of a difference and have input on tailoring the items we offer.

'We only use Scottish and Specialist UK growers to help us have one of the best collections of plants in the whole of Scotland. We are not going to survive in Argyll and Bute's climate.'

In addition to the garden centre the shop has expanded to include items such as fertilizer, garden tools and seasonal items such as seed potatoes.

That original outside catering van is long gone and the café is now a popular stop off for full breakfasts, lunch or afternoon tea and cakes and on sunny days there is outdoor seating.

There is a new café menu serving local Argyll produce including Winston Churchill venison, Argyll Smokery, Gillespie Butchers and Matthew Algie coffee.

In addition the café has just been presented with the 'Taste our Best' award from Visit Scotland.

To mark its silver anniversary, and in line with Tree Shop's green credentials Renewables Now has just installed a biomass boiler to provide all heating needs.

Another new addition this year is a Beaver Timber Sheds concession which is an evolution of the business' core strength.

Mr Colburn said that it has been great to build a really

strong team including Michelle Shorrocks who runs the plant area in the garden centre.

Mr Colburn said: 'Michelle has outstanding plant knowledge from working on an Islay estate and has retail nursery experience. She is supported by two other staff in the Garden Centre.'

He now has 15 full and part-time staff, however administrator Ruth MacFadyen is the longest serving member and predates Neil, having started in 1996.

Ruth said that she started working in the giftware side of the shop moving onto become a buyer and taking on the book keeping.

Mr Colburn said: 'Ruth searches out some beautiful products for our gift shop and we know that other local business owners take inspiration from some of the items which she sources.'

The area around the Tree Shop offers other activities. Immediately at hand is tree house and just two miles away is Ardinglas Woodland Garden on the estate which boasts the tallest tree in Scotland.

There is incredible scenery with walks and trails through the woodland. A new attraction there will be the Gruffalo Trail.

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**Shona Keith who won the Cathie Smith Memorial Cup for Best Scots Folksong (Adult)**  
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**Ardrihaig Primary Choir with the Ardrihaig Primary School PTA Shield.** 08\_a13ardrihaigpschoir01



**Adjudicator Russell Cowieson presents Erin McGlynn with the Highland Year of Culture 2007 Award.** 08\_a13erinmcglynn01

# Perfect performances at Mid Argyll Festival

THE Mid Argyll Music Festival (MAMF) struck a high note with entries hitting a five-year record.

In total 583 performers and groups applied to take part this year compared to 490 in 2014.

MAMF chairman Mary Stirling, who has worked with the festival since its inception in 1980, said: 'It was great to see festival administrator, Sheila McCallum, back at the helm this year and we were delighted by the high number of entries.'

'Thanks go to all our adjudicators but especially to Ann Lampard MBE. Her comments were good fun, positive and helpful in pointing out areas where performers may be able to improve.'

The increased competition brought out the best in everyone with some outstanding performances.

Ardrihaig's Eve Maxwell won the Co-operative Premier Festival Award, impressing the adjudicators by her diver-

sity. On the way to her award Eve won three other competitions and was also the winner with Tiegan Holroyd in the Instrumental Duets.

Campbeltown Junior Brass pipped Lochgilphead's Bar None choir by just one point scoring 91 with honours to win the Gifford Bowl.

Bar None's performance on Friday night received a standing ovation from the audience.

In her adjudication notes Mrs Lampard said that it was obvious conductor Stephen Povey had written arrangements designed just for Bar None pulling out all the strengths of the choir.

Amy Paterson of Campbeltown Junior Brass won the Co-operative Membership cup for the highest mark in solo brass.

Festival coordinator Fiona Macdonald said: 'All the adjudicators commented on the high quality of the music teaching in Mid Argyll both instrumental and vocal.'

'This was reflected in the high number of honours certificates won this year.'

'It was also gratifying that people are prepared to travel from Islay, Oban and Helensburgh to MAMF.'

Trophy winners are as follows:

Dalriada Junior Accordion Trophy: Calum MacDonald; The Munro Trophy fiddle primary: Lachlan Offord; Dalriada Junior Fiddle Trophy secondary: Amy Paterson;

Kilmartin Primary School Board Plate Scots verse solo: Angus MacAskill; Argyll Drama Festival Cup speech: Lauren Johnson; Jean Ballantyne Plate choral verse speaking: Kilmartin Primary School; Crawford Quaich strings open: Lily Garthwaite; Inveraray and District Fiddle and Accordion Trophy violin solo grade one: Ruby Erith;

The Kimmet Cup violin solo grade two to four: EilidhMacQueen; The Glenfyne Shield piano solo grade one: Ruth Neville; The Stirling Shield piano solo grade three: Ellie Simpson; Ardchnonn Primary School Cup piano grade four: Eve Maxwell; Westwood Shield piano solo grade five: Grace Carroll; The Smiddy Bistro Trophy piano solo 18-years-old and under open: Rowan McIlvride; Ardrihaig Primary School Round Table Shield piano duet family: Ben and Felix Maddox; Gleaner Oils Trophy recorder solo nine and under: Kyla MacDonal; Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup recorder solo 12 and under: Brodie Sloss; Carmuir Cup recorder duet: Calum Bichener and Alice Jackson; Annabel Morrison Quaich Scots song P4 to P5: Rossie Day; Glenorchy Rose Bowl Scots song P6 to P7: Jock Spencer; John Wilson Trophy Scots song S1 to S3: Abbie Williams; Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup Scots song S4 to S6: Maria Cairns; Cathy Smith Memorial Trophy Scots song adult:

Shona Keith; Ardgartan Cup Kennedy Fraser solo: Shona Keith; Minard Quaich vocal solo boys P4 to P5 Ché Campbell; Larchwood Cup vocal solo boys P6 to P7: Ben Maddox. The Gifford Cup vocal solo trebles: Angus MacLean; The Ashfield Plate vocal solo girls P4 to P5: Rona Love; The Alex MacKay Plate vocal solo girls P6 to P7 Ella MacKay; The MacDonald Plate vocal solo girls S1 to S3: Eve Maxwell. Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich vocal solo S4 to S6: Kyle Renton; Knapdale Gold Medal vocal solo open: Ruairidh Wallace; Mid Argyll Music Society Cup songs from the shows junior: Eve Maxwell; Ballymeanoch Plate songs from the shows adult: Ann McMillan; Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup vocal duet primary: Rebecca Bailie and Lauren Johnson; Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl vocal duet S1 to S3: Holly Renton and Cara Blyth; Lochgilphead Rotary Club Trophy vocal duet S4 to S6: Fiona and Alistair Cupples shared with Chloe McNeil and Eden Mikula; Kilmartin Hotel Plate vocal duet adult: Ann McMillan and Shona Keith; Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quaich: vocal ensemble primary: Tarbert Primary School; Kilmartin Hotel Shield vocal ensemble open: Veuve Cliequot; The Bembridge Shield Brownsies; 1st Lochgilphead Brownsies; Christina MacDougall Trophy Gaelic Choirs primary: Inveraray primary school; Craignish Primary PTA Trophy primary choirs Scots Inveraray primary school; The Cecily Bannaryne Plate Gaelic choir intermediate Coisir Og Dhailriada; Saltire Society Quaich Scots/Gaelic Choirs: Coisir Og Dhailriada; Ardrihaig Primary School PTA Shield primary choirs: Ardrihaig primary school; The Lyndon Trophy secondary choirs: Lochgilphead High School choir; Ward Cup adult choir: Bar None Community Choir; Mary Lepley Cup woodwind solo primary: Brodie Crawford; Dunaverty Cup woodwind solo S1 to S3: Erin McGlynn; Argyll & Bute District Council Cup woodwind solo S4 to S6: Erin Ferguson; The McCallum Plate family ensemble: The Maddox Family;



**Bar None Community Choir,**

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Mid Argyll Music Festival Jubilee Cup-Bands open: Campbeltown Brass.

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12:30pm **Shaun the Sheep** (U) 85mins  
2:30pm **Behind the Beautiful Forevers**  
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### Charitable soup

AN ecumenical event has been revived for three days during Holy week in Lochgilphead.

Soup and a Bap will be served at the Baptist Church on Wednesday and Good Friday and at Lochgilphead parish church hall on Maundy Thursday from 12 noon to 1.30pm. The food will be served by congregation members from Ardrishaig Parish, St Margaret's Roman Catholic and Christ Church Lochgilphead.

## Puppet's message: Keep woodlands free of litter

BADDEN Farm nursery children saw a puppet show with an environmental message last week.

The show followed the efforts of Gerry the forest ranger trying to keep the woodlands free of litter with the help of

her wonderful animal friends.

The children were enthralled from start to finish with the whole Puppet Lab production.

**Badden Farm children with the puppeteers.**



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Argyll and Bute Area Support Team is looking to recruit PPAs, so if you have good assessment, observation, interviewing and communication skills, and are able to regularly give your time to the Children's Hearings System, please go to our website for more information on how to apply: <http://www.chscotland.gov.uk/about-chs/vacancies/>.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday 24 April, 2015.

**More information about ASTs and the Children's Hearings System can be found at [www.chscotland.gov.uk](http://www.chscotland.gov.uk).**

## Jazz premiere in Ardrishaig

By May Taylor

'THE Bus Stop Blues' composed just a week ago in Edinburgh was given its first airing in Ardrishaig.

It was written by Paul Harrison while waiting for a bus in Edinburgh after rehearsing with Dick Lee for the Mid Argyll concert.

The duo entertained an audience of around 100 enthusiasts providing a narrative for the origins, history and growth of jazz through the years to the modern forms of today.

Dick and Paul served up a range of the classic tunes associated with some of the jazz 'greats'.

These included Debussy's 'Golli- walk Cakewalk, Char-



**Dick Lee.**

lie Parker's 'Scrapple from the Apple', Fats Waller's 'Dinah', Irving Berlin's 'Dancing

Cheek to Cheek' and the phenomenally successful Acker Bilk's 'Strangers on the Shore' the UK's biggest-selling single of 1962.

Later in the evening they performed Dickulous which Dick had composed more than 30 years ago, when living in Tarbert.

There he regularly played in the Islay Frigate Hotel in a group with Tarbert local, Hilary McDonald.

The audience brought their own refreshments and enjoyed a cabaret style setting, with the hall set up with tables and chairs rather than formal seating. The candle lit atmosphere complemented this most captivating story of jazz.

Everyone left with a smile, a CD or two and a story to share with others in the week ahead.



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## Hopes rise for investment in Campbeltown Creamery

INVESTMENT for Campbeltown Creamery could be on the way. The Scottish government indicated this week that assistance would be given as part of a 25-point plan to help support the dairy industry.

Campbeltown Creamery is owned by the farmers' co-operative First Milk which has promised investment but finds itself under financial pressure as a result of plunging milk prices.

The creamery, which employs around 30 staff, produces Mull of Kintyre cheese from milk provided by the area's dairy farmers.

NFU Scotland this week welcomed the 25-point plan to help support the dairy sector



Campbeltown Creamery has been promised investment. 08\_c46creamery01

but has said quick action is vital.

The Scottish Dairy Plan, unveiled by cabinet secretary Richard Lochhead on Tuesday, aims to improve the resilience of the Scottish dairy sector and provide the right platform to ensure the entire industry can thrive in the face of volatile market prices.

Speaking after a meeting of NFU Scotland's milk committee the same day, Graeme Kilpatrick, its chairman, said: 'The price crash being endured by Scottish producers has left many family dairy farms reeling and with difficult decisions to make. 'Time is of the essence and the dairy plan rec-

ommendations must be progressed with the utmost urgency.

'The Scottish government's intention to actively encourage investment in new and diverse processing must bring speedy results.

'For First Milk producers, support is to be provided to the Campbeltown creamery for

necessary works to be completed but Scottish government must clarify the level of assistance to be given and the timescale for delivery. Similarly, assistance to island producers on costly milk haulage cannot wait until the autumn.

'Retailers also need to wake up to the fact that Scottish consumers want and expect to see Scottish dairy products properly labelled and identified on their shop shelves and Scottish government's commitment to further retailer engagement is good news.'

Investment for Campbeltown Creamery will be raised at a Scottish parliament debate on Tuesday, March 31 on the challenges facing Scotland's dairy farm-

ers. Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'I very much welcome the debate given the massive financial pressures facing dairy farmers in my region, especially those in Kintyre, Gigha and Bute, who supply First Milk and who are suffering so much from the low milk price.

'I will be restating my support for extra investment in the Campbeltown creamery which is a critical processing facility.

'I also agree with the calls from dairy farmers for extra funding for marketing our dairy produce and clarity on labelling so consumers know they are buying dairy products made and processed in Scotland with Scottish milk.'

## Farming profits to be spread over five years

FARMERS are set to benefit from £100 million in tax savings over a five-year period thanks to a new measure announced in last week's budget.

Chancellor George Osborne announced plans to increase the number of years in which a self-employed farmer can average profits for income tax purposes from two to five, with effect on April 6, 2016.

National Farmer's Union (NFU) president Allan Bowie said the move was a positive one for Scottish agriculture.

'Importantly for Scottish farmers, the Chancellor has recognised that farmers are the hardest hit by volatile markets and prices, and the announcement that incomes will be averaged over five rather than two years is very welcome.'



Gavin Semple and Bob Strathie with the KF Cup.

## Gavin Semple and Sandy Pirie lift Holstein cups

THE Kintyre Holstein Breeders held its AGM on Wednesday, March 11 in the Ardsheil Hotel when outgoing chairman Dugald Young chaired the evening for the final time before handing over to the new chairman Gavin Semple.

As well as the AGM the club presented The James McLean Cup and The Kintyre Farmers Cup.

The James McLean Cup was presented to joint winners Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan Farm and Sandy Pirie, Mach-

rihanish, for most points in club competitions. The KF Cup was also won by Gavin Semple of Kilkeddan Farm for most points accrued at the shows.

Following on from the AGM the 24 members in attendance heard from the guest speaker Bob Strathie who previously managed the Moet herd.

The topic for the evening 'Is the Holstein the cow for Kintyre' looked at the new A and B pricing structure and how to get the best out of it with a Holstein herd.



Gavin Semple of Kilkeddan, left, guest speaker Bob Strathie and Sandy Pirie of Machrihanish with the James McLean Cup.



## Young farmers find their range

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers tested their shooting skills last Saturday with a trip to the firing range, run by Landrail firearms, at Machrihanish Airbase. Craig Barbour won the senior section and Jamie McKerral was the sharpshooter in the junior section. A young farmers spokesman said: 'Everyone really enjoyed the day, it was a lot of fun.'

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# New Plot **New Home**

## Your guide to the home building process in Scotland

**When building your own home, as with buying a home on the open market, you need to be clear from the start what sort of home you need and want, where you want to live and roughly what you can afford to pay.**

This includes how much you can pay up-front in cash and how much would need to be borrowed or paid later.

This will help you to identify early on whether your budget is likely to be enough to fund a home that meets your needs or whether you need to consider compromising on certain aspects, such as size, design, location or how much of the building work you will do yourself.

While you probably won't want to make a formal mortgage application before you have identified a plot of land and estimated your build costs, it is important to get financial advice at an early stage to be confident that you will be able to get a big enough mortgage. Even if you don't need a mortgage to help you buy your plot, you should try to be sure that you get a mortgage offer before you commit to buying a plot to avoid any nasty surprises later on.

You will need a specific type of mortgage for self build because a self-build mortgage is normally paid in instalments at certain stages during the build process and the lender needs to check progress at these stages to make sure it is satisfied that the work has been carried out before the next instalment of the mortgage is paid out.

Whatever mortgage you choose, you will be required to provide a significant deposit to fund your build. In many cases at the moment, lenders will not provide any mortgage funding until your build reaches the wind and watertight stage - i.e. the main structure of the building is complete and weatherproofed.

Lenders also generally pay for each stage of the build in arrears, i.e. once it is complete.

If you don't have enough savings or other ways of borrowing the money to finance the purchase of the land and the initial stages of the build, it may be possible to get mortgage finance at an earlier stage.

This can either be through a specialised mortgage product which pays instalments in advance or in some cases you may be able to agree a form of

bridging loan with your current lender to fund the construction phase, which allows you to take a standard mortgage when your home is complete.

**Self-build gives you a good opportunity to build the type of home you want and make sure it suits all of your needs.**

However, there are a number of things which may restrict what you can do, such as how much you can afford to spend, restrictions attached to the planning consent for the site and making sure your design complies with building regulation requirements.

In addition, you need to consider several key issues at an early stage to make sure any plot you buy meets your needs and to help you budget for your project.

You should make sure that the size of home you choose fits the size of the plot you are looking to buy and bear in mind if you have particular preferences for the size of your garden or you want to avoid your home being overlooked by neighbours.

An architect will be able to give you detailed advice about the type of construction best suited to your needs as each type of method has pros and



**A NEW BUILD HOME IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO LET YOUR CREATIVITY LOOSE AND DESIGN A HOME JUST RIGHT FOR YOU.**

cons, which depend on the particular site and your own individual requirements.

Self-build websites will also provide information about different build options and their costs. It is worth thinking early on about your requirements in terms of number of rooms or flexibility to change the internal layout of the home in future as this may have an impact on which type of construction method is best for your home.

**Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self build from a number of sources.**

There are several websites which allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you need to pay a fee for membership.

Before you buy any plot, you should check whether it has full planning permission or, if not, that the site is zoned for housing by the council; this means that the council's development plan indicates that the land is suitable for use for housing.

A plot may have full planning permission, but this means that you would be required to construct a house which exactly fits the planning approval documents (including the drawings describing a particular design) and you may have to appoint the designer who produced those drawings, as they will probably own the copyright to the drawings. If you wish to build a house that is different in its external appearance from the one approved (except in minor details), you will need

to make a new planning application, but you will at least have a good idea about what it is acceptable to the council on that site.

You should discuss the situation with a planning officer at the relevant council before making any decisions as they will be able to provide information about the requirements for any particular site.

If the plot either has planning permission in principle (formerly referred to as outline planning permission) or does not have planning permission at all, the price may be cheaper, but you should also get in touch with a planning officer at the relevant council to try to find out whether or not you would be likely to get planning permission on the site for the type of home you want to build and to find out about any particular issues (for example if there may be further development on land around the site).

If you wish to buy a plot which does not have full planning permission, the land owner will often agree to an offer which is subject to you securing appropriate planning permission. This allows you to pull out of the sale if your planning application is rejected so is a sensible option.

You should seek independent legal advice before making an offer for a plot of land (if you don't already have a solicitor, your local Solicitors Property Centre can help you find one or you can ask friends for a recommendation or search in the Yellow Pages).

You should also get a site appraisal done for the plot of land to check how suitable it is for building on and if there are any problems.

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**For any self-build project, you should get professional advice to help you develop your ideas for the house you want, help you decide which is the best way for you to go about having the house built and prepare detailed drawings and costs.**

Unless you have the appropriate qualifications, you will need help from an architect to advise you on and design plans for your home. Your architect will ask you a number of questions about your requirements and the site you have bought or are planning to buy to make sure their design suits your needs, but the Scottish government's checklist of points to consider will help to make sure that you have considered all the possibilities, such as size, layout and energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.

If there is not already detailed planning permission for your home for the plot of land you are buying, you will need to secure this before you can start building as the planning authority (your local council or national park authority) will need to be satisfied that your plans for your home are in line with the council's development plans and that your home's design will be acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding homes and landscape. It is generally harder to obtain consent within designated areas, such as green belts outside cities or flood plains. Where the principle of development is acceptable, the planning authority will still expect careful attention to be paid to the detailed design of the house and where it is located on the site, particularly in areas such as conservation areas or sites close to listed buildings. In considering whether to grant planning consent, the authority will also need to consider whether the house can be safely and satisfactorily accessed and serviced, and that this does not cause problems for access or amenities for any neighbours' homes.

You should try to get planning permission as early as possible as the process can take some time and you should aim to secure planning permission before you enter into a contract with any building firms in case your planning application is rejected.

The council and local planning officer should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application.

**In addition to planning permission, you will also need to apply for a building warrant before you can start building work on your home.**

You need to pay a fee to the council to cover its costs in dealing with your warrant application; the fee is calculated as a propor-

tion of the estimated final value of the proposed work. While planning permission largely focuses on how the external structure of your home will look, to get a building warrant you will need to show that the design of your home (both inside and outside) will meet all the requirements of the latest domestic building regulations.

Once your home is completed, you will need to send a completion certificate to the council and an inspector will visit and check your property.

Normally your home must be completed within three years of you receiving your building warrant, although you can apply to extend this deadline (you need to pay an extra fee for this though).

**Unless the site is already fully serviced, you will need to arrange for your site to be connected to mains water and sewerage systems and for electricity and (if applicable) gas connections to be provided.**

It is helpful for you to check with Scottish Water and power companies early on to make sure you can get connections when you need them. In rural areas, particularly if the site is far from other properties or on a hill, there can be problems in connecting sites to the mains water and gas grids in particular and the cost of the connection can be high; therefore if your site is in a remote area, you should check the feasibility of arranging connections before you commit to buying a site.

Where possible, you should arrange for the water mains drainage and electricity supply to be provided for the site as early as possible because the builders will need access to water in particular during the build process and also to electricity at certain stages (although not necessarily for the initial stages).

**There are a number of different options for going about having your house built and your architect will be able to advise you of the advantages and disadvantages of each in your particular set of circumstances and the extent to which you wish to be involved in the construction work.**

If you are not planning to do much or any of the building work yourself, the simplest route may be to contract the building work to a single building company (which becomes the 'main contractor') and ask them to agree a fixed price for the build, including the cost of them contracting in other tradesmen if they need to in order to certain aspects of the work. This is a very common and traditional approach and your architect will be used to

supervising projects using this process.

As an alternative, you may wish to consider appointing separate contractors to carry out the different pieces of work which need to be carried out by different trades. One traditional form of Scottish building contract that is suitable for this situation is the 'separate trades contract' where the architect takes responsibility for coordinating the different trades and managing construction on site. This gives useful additional flexibility to the self builder where they want to undertake some of the work on site themselves. However, not all architects will have experience of this approach or be willing to use it.

Alternatively, you can choose to do most or all of the self-build work yourself.

This saves money and gives you greater control over the work, but bear in mind it is hard work so you will need to be able to work on the build full time and, unless you have the relevant qualifications, there are certain aspects of the work you will be required to get qualified professionals to do (such as electricity and gas work).

**It is also important to arrange site insurance for your build project. A number of companies will provide insurance for self builders.**

It is best to make sure it covers you against theft or vandalism of any materials or equipment on the site during the build process. If you will be having a number of tradesmen working on the site, it is also worth ensuring that your insurance covers you for public and employer's liability in case there are any accidents on the site.

A structural warranty insures your home against structural defects for 10 years after it has been completed as long as the warranty provider is satisfied that it has been built in accordance with all the necessary standards. A warranty is not compulsory, but lenders often require you to obtain one as a condition of providing a mortgage and it will also be helpful if you wish to sell your home within 10 years of completing it. Warranty providers who offer warranties for self builders will have more information on insurance policies for self-build projects.

After all is said and done, a new build home is the perfect opportunity to let your creativity loose and design a home just right for you. From picking out the perfect flooring options to installing a warm and cosy wood-burning stove the choice, as they say, is yours.

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## Ready your nest this springtime

As the clocks spring forward, the onset of lighter evenings signals the time of year when many of us think about moving home.

What's more, many people decide to 'ready their nest' during the upbeat seasons of spring and summer, so that they can settle into their new homes during autumn and winter.

Whether you're buying, selling, or both, there's a lot to think about, and security can sometimes become an after-thought in the rush. So the security specialists at Yale have put together some key advice for anyone thinking of moving home this spring...

### Moving out

If you're moving out, you want to leave the house as organised as possible for the next residents.

Obviously, you'll deal with keys through the estate agent, but make sure you get every last set; that one you left with the neighbour last time you went away, or the one you gave to a friend in case you ever found yourself locked out... You don't want the responsibility of knowing you've still got the keys to what is now someone else's house!

This is where the growing trend for smart locks can come into its own – a new owner can simply reprogram the electronic lock to ensure their security, instead of going through the hassle of replacing the locks. Many people are yet to invest in this convenient technology, but it's worth bearing in mind if the option's there.

You should also ensure you've left the instruction manuals for any other electronic security products, such as house alarms, so that the new owner can easily reprogram those. It's also a good idea to leave any product guarantees, such as a 10 year guarantee for an alarm, so that the new owners can make the most of products that are still in perfectly good working order.

### Moving in

Make sure you mind your security while you're shifting boxes in – it only takes a minute for an opportunistic thief to slip in and out with some of your treasures.

According to a recent survey, 74 percent of homeowners do not change the locks after moving home\*, which is a worrying statistic, especially as many home insurance policies will not pay out if an intruder lets themselves in with a key.

With this in mind, once you're in your new pad the most important thing to do is change the locks (that's if you're not lucky enough to be moving into a house with a smart lock that can simply be reprogrammed!) Just as you might have forgotten about a spare key you'd left with someone else, so could the previous resident. If you don't know who has keys to your house, change the cylinders in all external doors to ensure your peace of mind.

Once you've got the basics covered, consider upgrades such as installing a DIY home alarm, an easy-to-install CCTV system, or a digital door viewer to boost your home security. Basic security measures such as door chains and spy holes on timber front doors and padlocks on gates, sheds and outbuildings are also highly recommended.

### Staying put?

You might be staying put this spring; maybe you've found your forever home, or it's simply not the right time for you to move. Regardless, springtime is a great time to do a little security audit alongside your spring clean, and be sure that your home – new or not – is as safe as can be. To do this, double check all window locks are fully working and you have easy access to the keys, and change the locks in all external doors.

Regardless of whether you're de-pitching or setting up camp in pastures new this year, make sure that you protect all those things that make your house a home

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15/00583/PP	Alterations and erection of extension to form hot food takeaway and cafe area	Riverside Filling Station Oban Road Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NG	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/00654/PP	Erection of replacement dwellinghouse.	Acharonich Barbreck Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QW	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00774/PP	Renewal of planning permission 11/02103/PP - Erection of 7 dwellinghouses	Land East Of Forestry Commission Workshops Cairnbaan Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>  
The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.  
A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.  
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.

**The Machrihanish Golf Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
The Annual General Meeting of The Machrihanish Golf Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday 3rd April 2015 at 8.00pm  
All members are respectfully invited to attend.  
A. Anderson, Secretary.

**First Registration of a Croft**  
Niall Macalister Hall has registered their croft Torrisdale Glen, Saddell and Skipness, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 12 December 2015. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is A1012.

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The right candidate will be educated to HNC/SVQ 3 level or equivalent, with experience of working directly with young people, both individually and in groups. A commitment to children's rights and working in partnership with young people is essential for this post. It is likely the post holder will be based from home therefore a full driving licence is also essential.

For further information on the post and to download an application form, please visit our website [www.whocarescotland.org/vacancies](http://www.whocarescotland.org/vacancies)

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This permanent post is for 18 hours weekly and will be based in Furnace and Inveraray Surgeries.

The successful candidate will deliver a high standard of patient care and should be experienced in chronic disease management, health promotion and should have good communication skills. Experience in sexual health and family planning would be useful. The ability to work as part of a team is essential. Further training will be available if required.

Pay will be dependent on experience.

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**THE MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB**  
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All interested parties please send in a CV or download an application form from the people and vacancies section on our website [www.argyllresources.co.uk](http://www.argyllresources.co.uk) and send to Susan MacLachlan, Argyll Resources, Torran Gorm, Industrial Estate, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4PL  
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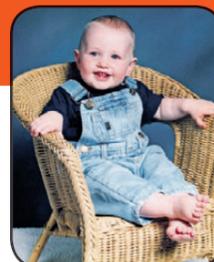
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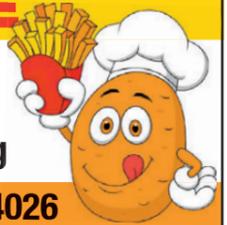
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with Marilyn Shedden



MORE than 35,000 people throng the streets of Leicester this week to welcome a king.

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The people line the streets and throw white roses on the coffin as the funeral cortege enters the city at the historic Bow Bridge.

A king is entering the city.

He is on his way to the cathedral and there are gun salutes to herald his arrival.

A king is entering the city.

This Sunday we remember a time when another king entered a city over 2,000 years ago.

He too was welcomed with cheers and people lined his path, not with roses, but with palm branches.

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem from the east, at the end of his journey from Galilee.

He rides on a donkey, the humblest of beasts and so fulfils the words of the prophecy, 'Tell your people the king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey'.

He has an 'army' of 12 fallible friends. Through an opposite gate Pilate also enters the city.

Imagine the contrast of this visual demonstration of imperial power: cavalry on horses, foot soldiers, leather armour, helmets, weapons, banners, golden eagles mounted on poles, sun glinting on metal and gold.

Imagine the sounds: the marching of feet, the creaking of leather, the beating of drums.

Jesus' procession deliberately countered what was happening on the other side of the city.

Pilate's procession embodied the power, glory and violence of the empire that ruled the world.

Jesus' procession embodied an alternative vision, the Kingdom of God.

This Kingdom is about peace, about love, about equality and about justice for all.

Holy Week and Lent are about this alternative procession, this alternative journey.

A king is entering the city. He will end up on a cross - but the journey is only beginning.

# Kilmichael Glassary athlete smashes record

ATHLETE Jilly Lefebvre ran a blistering under-11s four lap race shattering the Argyll age record at Oban last Saturday.

At the Sports Hall Athletics Argyll Final, Jilly, the under-11 champion, recorded 54.5 seconds, which is almost three seconds faster than the previous mark of 57.3 seconds.

The final was the last in a series of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

During four hours of intense competition nine Argyll age records were broken and one equalled.

Jilly from Kilmichael Glassary attends Lochgilphead Primary School and was also the day's top performer winning six of her seven events with some style.

Jilly's winning performances in the other events were exceptional, including a 1.30metres (m) high jump, 16m in the javelin and 5.89m in the standing triple jump.

Jilly was placed 2nd in the two lap race to Poppy McKillop from Park Primary, Oban who won

in 26 secs.

Poppy was runner-up to Jilly with Eilidh Cameron from Inveraray 3rd on overall points.

Jodie Robertson from Lochgilphead won the under-13 contest with success in the two lap race, shot putt, and both the standing long and triple jumps.

In the latter event she cleared an impressive 6.44m.

There was a tie for first place in the under-15 girls' contest between Erin Downie from Lochgilphead and Jenny Semple from Campbeltown.



Jilly Lefebvre competing in the indoor javelin. 16\_t06athletics03

Erin won the shot putt and speed bounce and tied with Jenny in the triple jump.

Jenny excelled in the running events winning the two lap race in 24.1 and four lap in 53.1.

Bethan Lemmon, Lochgilphead, impressed in winning the under-17 age group ahead of Ashleigh Connor from Campbeltown.

Bethan won three events including a new age record in the two lap race stopping the clock in 23.6 secs and just missed the four lap record by 0.3 in 51.8 secs.

In the standing long jump Bethan cleared 2.29m only 2cm short of the record set away back in 1995.

Ashleigh Connor set a new record in the triple jump with 6.98m adding 8cm to the old mark also set back in 1995.

In the same section Freya Corner from Inveraray won the high jump and shot putt and Olivia Kerr from Ardrishaig won the speed bounce.

Another Kilmichael Glassary girl, Ruby Phillips was 2nd overall thanks to wins in the two lap in 30 secs and



First prize winners across all age groups. 16\_t13athletics06

standing long jump.

Two new records were set in the under-seven girls contest with champion Kirstie Rention from Campbeltown breaking the two lap record by a small margin in 29.7secs. Kirstie also equalled the record in the standing long jump with 1.43m.

The boys may have been outshone by the girls on the day as far as records were concerned but several boys impressed.

Sam Gillespie from Lochgilphead was third in the under-seven championships.

In the under-nine boy's championship Murray MacDonald, Lochgilphead, won the

long jump and another town lad James Campbell won the high jump.

Stewart Inglis from Oban and Joseph Harper from Kilmartin had a close contest in the under-15s with Stewart in top spot thanks to his strength in the two running events.

Lochgilphead High School won the girls' school's trophy with 54 points ahead of Salen Primary, 49 and Oban High 3rd on 46 points, thanks to girls from Bunnassan on Mull.

Oban High won the boys trophy on 56.5 points with Taynult Primary 2nd on 33 points, just ahead of Lochgilphead High and Park Primary on 32.5 points.

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

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**ROBERTS - MILLAR**  
 Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of Gareth Michael, younger son of Ian and Lynda, Scotlandwell, Kinross, to Laura Alison, daughter of Keith and Alison, Lauralson, Craiggowan Road, Campbeltown, on Thursday, March 5, 2015 on Brooklyn Bridge, New York.

**RUBY WEDDINGS**

**JOHNSON - MACPHERSON** - On March 29, 2015, Robert and Jean of Glenlussa Lodge, Peninver celebrate forty years of marriage and look forward to many more years of happiness!

**DEATHS**

**HENDERSON** - Peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on March 23, 2015, Maurice Alexander Henderson, in his 85th year, Cedar Road, Kilmarnock, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Walker Watterson and a dear brother and uncle. A graveside service will take place in Kilkerran Cemetery, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 1.00pm, meeting at the cemetery gates at 12.50pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**HOGAN** - Edward (Eddie). Passed away peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on Saturday, March 14, 2015, aged 83 years, a dearly loved husband, dad, brother, grandfather and uncle. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at St Mary's Parish Church, Newport, Essex on Thursday, April 2 at 11.00am. Flowers may be sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden CB11 3AQ. Telephone 01799 523314.

**MACKELLAR** - Suddenly but peacefully, after a short illness, surrounded by her family and friends, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on March 22, 2015, Edna Shepherd, in her 73rd year, Bellmhor Court and formerly of Tangy Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Jack and Edna Shepherd and loving mother of Kenneth.

**MACKINNON** - Passed away, after a long illness bravely borne, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 21, 2015, Hector MacMillan MacKinnon, in his 92nd year, 91 Ralston Road, Campbeltown and formerly of Cornaig, Tiree, dearly beloved husband of Mary MacKenzie, much loved father of Catherine, Norman and Mairi, father-in-law of Leslie, Gillian and David, adored papa of Ronald, Christina, Russell, Rosslyn, Calum and Ross and great grampa

of Mollie. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and Cancer Research.

**MACMILLAN** - Jane Patricia Johnson from Tarbert, died peacefully on March 20, 2015, aged 55 years. A much loved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt, who will be sadly missed by all her family. Private cremation and service.

**MCKAY** - Peacefully, at home in Perth, Western Australia, on March 5, 2015, David, beloved husband of Agnes and a dear father. Dear brother of Neil, Christine and the late Mary and a dear uncle of Neil, Christine and families.

**WALTERS** - Peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, after a short illness, on March 18, 2015, Rhona Marion Walters, née Findlay, of 9 Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig and formerly of Port Ann, much loved mum of Mark and a dear sister and aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Sadly missed. Thanks are extended to the staff of Enable Scotland, Dr Phillips, nursing staff of Glenaray Ward, and local ambulance crews for their kind care and attention to Rhona.

**WILSON** - Peacefully, at Supported Care Ward in Dunoon General Hospital, on March 21, 2015, Mary (May), loving mother of Lorna and Brian and grandmother of Louise. Funeral will take place at Kilmorich Church, Cairndow on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 11.00am. Family flowers only please.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BROWN** - The family of the late Joseph (Joe) Brown would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the overwhelming kindness and support received following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to the ambulance boys of Campbeltown station, air ambulance crew, doctors and nurses of the Campbeltown Hospital and the Stroke Unit and Surgical Intensive Treatment Unit of the Southern General Hospital. Thanks also to Kenneth, Alasdair and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional services, to Rev Wallace for his comforting service, to David McEwan for the beautiful music in the church, to Iain MacPherson for piping at the graveside and to the Ardsheel Hotel for the hospitality afterwards. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and generously donated to the retiral collection towards the Kintyre Dialysis Unit, which raised £1,378.62.

**KENNEDY** - The family of the late Marie Kennedy would like to express their thanks to all relatives and friends for their kindness at this sad time. We have been deeply touched by the number of cards we have received and their words of kindness. We would like to express our gratitude to Doctor McGovern and the nursing team. Thank you to Homecare and Carr Gomm

for supporting Marie to stay at home. Thanks to Reverend Philip Wallace, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the Ardsheel Hotel for their professional services. The retiral collection raised £964 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**MACDONALD** - Lorraine and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, support, phone calls, visits, cards and flowers received following the sad passing of Kenny. Special thanks are extended to the local ambulance staff and police officers for their efforts and compassion shown to us at a most difficult time. Sincere thanks to Belinda Braithwaite of the Humanist Society and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient funeral arrangements and services. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at South Lanarkshire to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection has raised over £350 for British Heart Foundation. There will be a gathering to celebrate Kenny's life at the Horseshoe Inn, Kilmichael, on Saturday, March 28 from 3.00pm onwards. Friends, neighbours and colleagues please accept this invitation.

**MCSHANNON** - The family of the late Jean Alexander Grant McShannon wishes to thank sincerely, all relatives and friends for their support, sympathy and kindness following their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks also for the cards, letters of condolence and floral tributes received and for the donations to the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown. Special thanks to the management and staff at Carrondale Care Home for the exceptional care Jean received over the last 30 months. Sincere thanks to Rev Willie Crossan for a lovely and personal service and to David McEwan for providing such beautiful music. Many thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their personal and professional services and to the staff of the Royal Hotel and the Ardsheel Hotel for their excellent catering.

**ROBERTSON** - Mary and family would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours (old and new) for their kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers on the sad loss of Lawrence. Special thanks to community nurses, Dr Lazarus and carers for their compassion and care shown to Lawrence. Grateful thanks to Reverend Philip Wallace and Mr Matthew Ramsay for their uplifting service; to T A Blair, Funeral Directors for services and to the Ardsheel Hotel for their catering. Finally, thank you to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and generously donated towards the retiral collection for the Fishermen's Mission and Save the Children, which raised £1,462.24.

**SHAW** - Mary, Sandra, Robert, Donald, Mairi and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support in their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff in Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead for their dedicated care throughout. Our grateful thanks to the homecare team for their special care and fulfilling Alex's wish to remain at home; to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, which was very much

appreciated by us "Moran Taing". Our thanks to Roddy and Fiona of D MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and professionalism at a very difficult time, to Andrew and Sarah of the Galley of Lorne for excellent catering, to our organist, Sandy Thomson, for his thoughtful choice of music and also his wife Rhona for the beautiful church flowers. Our thanks also to Piper, Iain Campbell. The sum of £780 was collected for Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead.

**STRANG** - The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to family, neighbours and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes following the sad loss of a much loved father and grandfather, and in particular to Maureen and Jennifer, who did so much for Nicol following the sudden death of Betty last year. Thanks also to T A Blair, Funeral Directors for their kindness, to the staff at the Carradale Hotel for providing the catering and to Mathew Ramsey for conducting the service and for his words of comfort.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**MACAULAY** - With silent memories, no words are needed. A special auntie Diane. - Mum, Thomas, Alec, Donnamarie, Chloe and Connor.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of my wee sister Diane, a special auntie. Forever in our thoughts, always in our hearts. We miss you. - Love, Julie and Chloe.

**O'MAY** - Malcolm, March 31, 2011. Remembering our dear dad, with love and fond memories. Simply the Best! Always in our thoughts. - Your 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**

**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  
 Annual Stated Meetings follow both Services  
 Ardrishaig Guild thanks all who helped raise £1050 through its Annual Appeal

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
 Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)  
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
 Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday Ford 11.45 am Rev. C. Acklam  
 Congregational Board Meeting Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm All welcome SCO 02121

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:  
 Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.  
 Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae Minister; Rev. R Macleod  
 Prayer Time Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm Ladies Bible Study 2pm (fortnightly) Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday) All welcome.

**lochgilphead baptist church**  
 All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
 Sunday 29th March 2015 11.00am  
 mainly music Tuesday at 10am  
 Wednesday 1st April Messy Church 5pm  
 NO Jumpstart PLEASE NOTE  
 Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd SOUP LUNCHES will be provided by various churches from 12 - 2pm Scottish Charity SC015187

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
 Sunday 29 March 2015 11.00am  
 Palm Sunday Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
 Speaker: Graham McLean "The Way of the Cross"  
 Thursday 2 April 2015 10.00am Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
 Services 29th March 2015 - all welcome!  
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgar  
 Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Lochgar Church at 10 am  
 Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
 Joint Services Maundy Thursday 2nd April in Inveraray Church at 7 pm  
 Good Friday 3rd April in Cumlodden Church at 7 pm

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**  
 LOCHGILPHEAD Holy Mass Sunday 10am ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN Saturday 5pm  
 Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SCO002876)

**ST KIERAN'S R.C. CHURCH**  
 Times for Easter Services  
 Thursday 2nd April 7.00pm  
 Good Friday, 3rd April 3.00pm and 7.00pm  
 Saturday 4th April 8.30pm  
 Easter Sunday, 5th April 10.00am

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
 Charity Number SC001002  
 Sunday 29 March Bellanoch Church Morning Worship 10 am  
 Thursday 2 April Tayvallich Church 7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion  
 Friday 3 April Bellanoch Church 7 pm Good Friday Meditations Rev. C. Acklam  
 All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
 SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2015 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
 Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
 Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
 Thursday 2nd April Soup and roll lunch 12-2pm. All Welcome  
 More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

**Highland Parish Church**  
 SC002493  
 Saturday 28th March Spring Tea in Kirk Street Hall from 2.00pm  
 Sunday 29th March The service will be held in the Highland Church at 11.15am and conducted by Matthew Ramsay  
 Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
 Sunday 29th March 11.15 am Service Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev P Wallace  
 Followed by the Stated AGM in the Church Hall  
 Monday 30th March - Saturday 4th April Easter Reflection and Breakfast New Hall 7.30am  
 Monday 30th March Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm Church Hall  
 Tuesday 31st March Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am Boys' Brigade Church Hall Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
 Thursday 2nd April Choir 7.30pm  
 Friday 3rd April 10.15am short service at The Cross followed by a service at St. Kieran Episcopal Church

**Scottish Episcopal Churches**  
 Everyone Welcome  
 Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
 Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service  
 St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)  
 1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
 Scottish Prayer Book  
 All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)  
 Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
 Father Simon Mackenzie  
 Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran 01546 602315

**Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre**  
 Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359  
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046  
 Palm Sunday, 29th March 10.30am Morning Worship Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship  
 Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League  
 Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
 Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
 Good Friday, 3rd April Prayer & Praise Meeting 3.00pm  
 Lt. Mark Scoulding

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
 Sunday 29th March 2015 11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan  
 No toddler group this week  
 Thursday 2nd April 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
 To hear Christian music, conversation and thought for the week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SC014646

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
 Scottish Charity No SC023277  
 Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday 10.45am Morning Prayer  
 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

**free church of scotland**  
 George Street, Campbeltown  
 Sunday 29th March 11.15am Worship Service Rev Iain McDonald  
 11.15am Sunday School  
 Wednesday 1st April 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
 2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café  
 Sunday 5th April 2.30pm. Café Church with a showing of the new Billy Graham film The Cross at 3pm  
 All Welcome  
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.co Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Sunday 29th March 2015  
 Palm Sunday  
 Tarbert Service 11.30am Mr James McLellan  
 Good Friday Service 3rd April - 6.30pm Rev. Tommy Bryson  
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012  
 Everyone very welcome SC002622



Red Star 99s Under 16 team, from back left: Callum Simpson, Sponsor Donald MacDonald and his daughter Isla, Ryan Caskie, Alan Cameron, Craig Young (Captain), Cammy Thom, Scott Soudan, Rhuairdh Brown, Blair MacKay, Aidan MacVicar, Jack Galbraith, Campbell Young and John Caskie. Front row from left: Aaron Whitefield, Lucas Williamson, Cammy Simpson, Kieran Moore, Ryan Blackstock. 08\_a13redstar9901

# League leaders prove tough opponents

Lochgilphead Red Star	1
Antonine	3
DFDL Under 16 League	

RED Star 1999s had a hard game from the start at Ropework Park on Sunday.

Antonine's Dominic Cairney scored in the third minute.

The 1999s were lucky to get a goal back within four minutes when referee Jimmy Litster ruled

that Scott Souden's ball had crossed the line in a goal mouth scramble by the visitors.

Long before the break Cairney put another away with Adam Boyle adding to Star's misery in the second half.

There were some bright spots with Lucas

Williamson striking a strong volley, jumping nearly three feet off the ground, only to see his powerful effort go wide. Ryan Caskie's header also came close with a header.

Red Star 1999s played in their new away kit sponsored by Lochgilphead civil engineers D A MacDonald. It was presented by Donald MacDonald and his daughter Isla, aged eight.



Lucas Williamson in aerial action. 08\_a13redstar9903

Right: Aidan MacVicar, middle Craig Young, and right Ryan Blackstock in action in the 99s goalmouth. 08\_a13redstar9904



# Star edge Neilston in scrappy encounter at the Ropework

Lochgilphead Red Star	2
Neilston	1
SAFL Premier Division 2	

DESPITE a largely forgettable 90 minutes of football at Ropework Park last Saturday Red Star picked up a vital three points.

Once again Star were forced to make changes with captain Connor Crawford missing through injury, along with Docherty and MacLean.

Andy Weir, McLeod, Allan MacIntyre, Callum McGuinness and Dudding returned to the squad.

The early stages were fairly scrappy with a lot more tackles than passes.

Star's recent injury problems continued with Peacock, Weir and McGuinness all biting the dust with various

knocks early on, meaning that Star had used all three subs available by half time.

Star went into the break with a single goal lead thanks to Hendry who latched onto an excellent through pass by Meikle and keeping up his excellent scoring run.

In the second half Neilston came back into the game and were playing the better football of the two sides.

Star was pushed deeper as the half wore on, although Forbes and Provan coped with any

balls entering the danger zone.

Neilston equalised after an hour when another quick passing move caught Star off guard.

The initial effort was well saved by Kalache but the ball fell to the same player who bundled home from close range.

Star were frustrated at this stage and struggled to find any real rhythm with their passing.

However, McLeod went close and nodded a Weir corner wide of the goal.

There were also efforts

from Moore and Hendry bringing the Neilston keeper into action.

Star's best move of the second half resulted in a winner when the ball found Dudding at the far post.

The youngster did well to bring the ball under control before firing his shot in off the crossbar to make it 2-1 with 10 minutes to go.

Neilston tried to come back again in the remaining minutes but Star were able to run the clock down reasonably comfortably to pick up the win.

Manager Weir wasn't happy with the performance but this was an important three points on the back of the previous week's defeat.

# Horse trekking winter league closes

RIDERS took the reins for the final winter league meeting of a horse cross country competition on Sunday in Ardrishaig.

'Technique De Randonnee Equestre De Competition' (TREC) originated in France around 1970.

It is a fun riding competition usually consisting of three phases - orienteering on horseback (POR), Control of Paces (CoP) and a cross country obstacle course

(PTV). The TREC competition involves using skills and simulates the challenges that any rider may encounter while out hacking.

This can include opening gates, crossing bridges, jumping fallen logs, going through water, encountering low tree branches, as well as basic map reading.

The league meeting at Brenfield Farm, Ardrishaig was hosted and judged by Tove Gray-Stephens, David

Hay-Thorburn and Debbie Swan, all long time TREC supporters and competitors themselves.

Members of Brenfield will be taking part in the Le Trec Scottish Championships in early July.

For further information contact Tove, David and Debbie on 01546 603274 or go online for the governing body TrecGB www.trecgb.com or Trec Scotland www.trecscotland.com

Final Competition results: Newcomers' class: 1 Jamie

Buckley on Cameron; 2 Cerys Baird on Brenfield Bragi; 3 Diane Byrne on Ruby; 4 Liz Haig on Rambo.

Open class: 1 Mairi Bruce on Brenfield Bragi; 2 Charlotte Nicol on Hudson.

Overall Winter League result: starter class: Champion Evie Baird on Milo; reserve champion: Casey Mansell on Bubbles.

Newcomers' class: champion Cerys Baird on Brenfield Bragi; reserve Diane Byrne on Ruby. Open class: champion Mairi Bruce on Brenfield Bragi; reserve Charlotte Nicol on Hudson. Overall champion Cerys Baird on Brenfield Bragi and reserve champion Mairi Bruce on Brenfield Bragi.



Netball team call out for coach.

## Commonwealth legacy team needs a coach

A MID Argyll netball team that formed as part of the Commonwealth Legacy is in desperate need of a coach.

The Bounce Back to Netball club was formed in October last year in the Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead.

### Support for clubs

The Bounce Back initiative is a legacy from the Commonwealth Games. Netball Scotland is behind it and offers support to clubs with women who have not played for a while, some even for a number of years.

June Graham, player and acting coach, said: 'It is important that the coach or umpire has a good knowledge of the game and rules, because we need the help for new players and those who haven't played for a long time.'

'I usually play the game and coach, but I can't see the whole game when I am trying to mark my own player.'

'Our players range from aged 14 up to 50, which is what makes it good. Some have only been learning since September and lots of us used to play at school and are just getting back into it.'



Three champions from left: Mairi Bruce, Evie Baird and Cerys Baird.



Competitors in Sunday's final from left: Liz Haig, Mairi Bruce, Cerys Baird, Evie Baird, Charlotte Nicol, Jamie Buckley and Diane Byrne.

# SPOT THE BALL

## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3200

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE. . .



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
**K McGeachy**  
 Kirk Street  
 Campbeltown  
**C MacMuray**  
 Smith Drive  
 Campbeltown

### All you have to do

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

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

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

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

### Easy to enter

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

### Competition Rules

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In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

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spot the  
ball jackpot  
now at  
£3200!

### Seven-goal thriller

AFTER just one minute Kilmory's Alister MacArthur opened the scoring before Lochside Rovers dominated virtually to the finish.

Craig Taylor scored Kilmory's second goal from the penalty spot.

Rovers' Brian MacCallum picked up a hat trick and Daniel MacMillan another two goals.

On Saturday Kilmory meet Oban Celtic in the Celtic Cup at Mossfield Stadium. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

### Inveraray

#### seconds find five

STRACHUR had a torrid time last Saturday as four different Inveraray players found the net.

The only ray of sunshine for the Cowal men was Ross MacDonald's goal in the 50th minute.

Inveraray's Fraser Watt scored two, Lewis Montgomery, Allan Cameron and Neil Shaw one each.

On Saturday Strachur 1st meet Ballachulish 1st in the first round of the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Celtic Society Cup at Strachurmore. Throw up is at 2.30pm. Inveraray 2nds are at home to Lochside Rovers 1st. Throw up at noon.

### Shinty girls batter Cowal and Bute

A HAT trick from Laurene Cameron and two goals from Emily Brown helped Dunadd Girls to a 5-0 win on Sunday at Ardrishaig.

The team trains on the all weather pitches at the joint campus and are always looking for new players.

Anyone interested should call Alister MacDonald of Kilmory shinty on 07909118161.



Grant Griffin in goalmouth action. 08\_a13innvnewton05

## Grant Griffin goal secures historic win for Inveraray

A GRANT Griffin goal in the 35th minute secured victory for Inveraray over top shinty side Newtonmore for the first time since 2009.

Winterton Park erupted as the whistle blew and spectators and play-

Inveraray	1
Newtonmore	0
Marine Harvest Premiership	

ers recalled that last win more than half a decade ago.

Back then in Oban, In-

veraray came back from 3-0 down in the final of the Macaulay Cup. Griffin again made the dif-



Tussle for the ball during last weekend's game at the Winterton.

ference with a last minute goal which sealed that win 4-3.

Griffin, 29, who has played first team shinty for 11 years, said: 'Any goal is great but this was particularly special.'

'I was unlucky not to get a second in the closing minutes when the ball rebounded off the post.'

Griffin took a break for two years travelling and working in Australia but says it is great to be back home playing shinty.

Despite determined attacks, for nearly an hour, Newtonmore failed to get the ball past Inveraray goalkeeper Graeme MacPherson, who collected a yellow card in the 80th minute.

Inveraray coach Joe Fife said: 'I reckon our team showed they are a force to be reckoned with if it all clicks into place on the day.'

'Not surprisingly I am really happy with this

win as you can really see the class in the Newtonmore team.'

'It was also great that the junior team slotted five past Strachur making it a great day for Inveraray.'

Newtonmore captain Cameron Binnie praised the Inveraray team.

Binnie said: 'We had lots of chances but Inveraray played really well. They fought in all areas of the park.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Inveraray 1sts are again at home to Oban Camanachd, who have also played two and won one this season. Throw up is at 2.30pm.

### Winter golf's fantastic final finale

AFTER 24 weeks of winter golf two players stood on the last tee all square.

Alec MacAulay and Ross Sinclair left all the other players in their wake. Alec had a big lead but little by little Ross reduced the difference.

Alec MacAulay smacked his ball to 15 feet and the victory was his.

The standard of golf played by both of them in difficult putting conditions was superb and with Ross being under par for his round Alec had to raise his game to a higher level and he did it in style.

Last man standing in the duffers derby was Kenny MacAulay who was presented with the trophy by Tommy Angus.

Kenny was delighted with his win making it a MacAulay family 1-2.

At the evening presentation everyone picked up a prize and £90 was raised for club funds in the raffle.

### Scottish AFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Kings Park Rangers v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division One - East Kilbride Rolls Royce v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Motherwell This-tle; South Camlachie v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division 1B - Tarbert v Carlton YM

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