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## Rest campaign gathers pace

MID ARGYLL Chamber of Commerce has contributed its opinion on the situation on the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful, as *The Argyllshire Advertiser's* 'Invest in the Rest' campaign gathers pace.

In a statement, the business body said: 'At a time of closure [due to landslides on the A83], businesses on either side of the Rest and be Thankful experience major impact, but the impact is not confined to Mid Argyll. It affects the whole of Argyll and Bute. Unfortunately, bad publicity has given the impression that when there is a landslip Argyll is closed.'

Elsewhere in this edition (Letters, page 6), the convener of South Knapdale Community Council writes: 'Please count us as one of the many communities in this part of Argyll who cannot comprehend why a solution to this cannot be found by the Scottish Government.'

More on the Rest campaign, page 4.

# Friendly festival hits right notes

REPORT By COLIN CAMERON  
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THE HILLS were alive last week with the sound of hundreds of talented musicians - making the 37th Mid Argyll Music Festival a 'great success'.

Music floated across Loch Gilp as more than 1,500 competitors took part in 70 instrumental and vocal contests over five days in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead joint campus.

The headlines were grabbed by some highly talented young trophy winners - Ben Maddox as the most promising performer; Gavin Johnson with the highest mark in brass; Chelsea McNab, the outstanding woodwind performer; and the exceptional Campbeltown Brass.

But there was much more to enjoy besides the cream of the crop. Primary school pupils gave enthusiastic and entertaining verses and song routines, loving every minute of it. Highly professional renditions of songs from the shows on Wednesday thrilled the audience and impressed judge Jeffrey Wynn Davies.

The Lochgilphead Primary School pipers and drummers on Saturday were fantastic. Then, on Thursday, two young Mid Argyll singers captured the heart of another experienced adjudicator, Christina Thomson, in the vocal duet class for singers in secondary S4 to S6. You could have heard a pin drop in Ardrishaig Public Hall as Tiegan Holroyd and Holly Renton, singing the lullaby *Suo Gan*, performed beautifully to win the event.

### Successful

Festival administrator, Sheila McCallum, said: 'It was a really good and successful festival. We had well over 500 individual entries, incorporating more than 1,500 people who took part.'

'There is a lot of musical talent out there and the overall standard at this year's event was excellent. We were particularly delighted that there were entries from places like Oban, Islay, Kintyre and many other places.'

Willing and hardy volunteers served refreshments, manned



Ardrishaig Primary pupils, with tutor Ann McMillan, celebrate in style after winning the primary school choir (Scots song) competition. 06\_a13mamf21

the doors, introduced the performers, accompanied singers and instrumentalists on piano, provided administration and did their best to promote Mid Argyll Music Festival throughout.

A particular success was the merchandise stall, selling pencils, loom bands, branded

goodies and all sorts of other items. The stall, said Sheila, made £500 for the festival.

But if the event is to continue as a success, more helpers are needed. 'We are always crying out for volunteers,' Sheila said. 'It's all about involvement in the community and

helping in any way you can. We offer a platform to local performers, from the very young to older people with talent, and we need all the help we can get in carrying this on.'

'It's also well-known as one of the friendliest events on the circuit, and this is something

we're very proud of.' Sheila concluded: 'I want to thank all our event sponsors and friends, as well as everyone who volunteers and helps in any way.'

Turn to pages 14 and 15 for photos and trophy winners from the Mid Argyll Music Festival 2016.

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# EDF downscales windfarm plans

## Number of turbines reduced to 11 after consultation

ENERGY giant EDF has downscaled its plans for the Cruach Brenfield windfarm near Ardrishaig.

It had planned initially for a 25-turbine site but this was downgraded to 18 after consultation with the community. A scoping report that will be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council is now suggesting it should be 11 turbines.

Darren Cuming, on-shore wind development manager at EDF said: 'Through the process of consultation on this proposal we have listened to local opinion and also statutory consultees and taken their views on board.

'We remain committed to that approach and want to submit revised proposals which will achieve the scale of project which is right

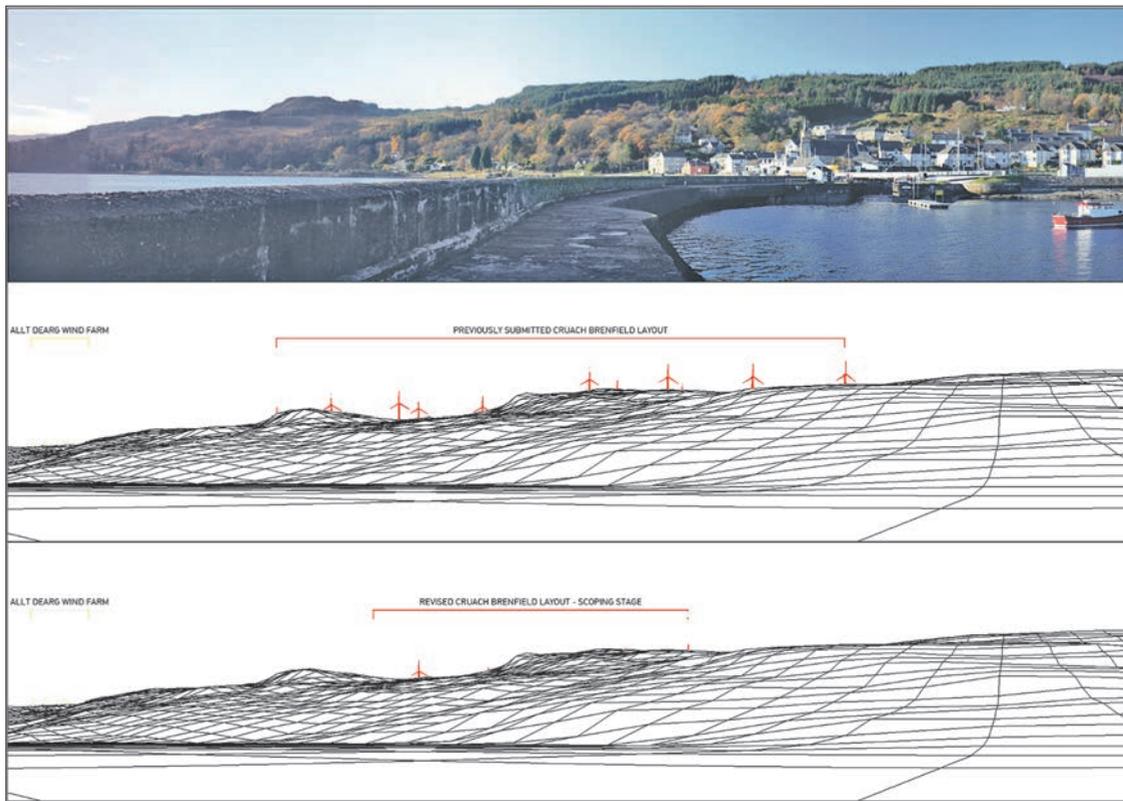
for the site. The scoping exercise is important in making sure that we address all remaining issues in our revised application.'

As the original plans were for over 50 megawatts of power the decisions on planning permission rests with the Scottish Government.

### Reduced

The new proposal would see this reduced to 38mw so it would be up to Argyll and Bute Council to approve planning permission.

Argyll and Bute Council objected to the current plans as it had a 'disproportionate scale relative to its receiving environment'. It also considered the fact there is Allt Dearg and Srondoire wind farms nearby and the cumulative effect a third windfarm would have.



Plans showing the old and new proposals.

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## Police files

### No MOT

A CAR was stopped at 10.20am on March 17 on the A83 at Lochgilphead.

The vehicle was found to not have a valid MOT and the 68-year-old driver was issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

### Stolen logs

BETWEEN noon and 12.30pm on March 17 chopped logs were stolen from a property on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead.

Police are appealing for witnesses and would like to identify a black car seen in the area at the time.

### Littering

PEOPLE were seen dumping litter over a hedge at Mid Argyll Community Hospital

car park at 8.50am on March 19.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

### Theft of cash

CASH in a white bag was stolen from a charity shop in Harbour Street, Tarbert, at 10am on March 19. Police are appealing for witnesses.

### Possession of drugs

A 29-YEAR-OLD man was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead at 4.30pm on March 19. A recorded police warning was issued.

### Drug possession

A car was stopped at the A83 at Furnace for routine checks at 8.45am on March 20. The 36-year-

old driver was given a police warning for being in possession of a small quantity of cannabis.

### Motoring offences

A 62-year-old man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, without insurance and on a provisional licence when unaccompanied. The incident happened on the A83 near Cairndow at 9.35am on March 20. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Resurfacing plans for Inveraray - Cairndow road

MORE roadworks are planned in April for the A83 trunk road near Inveraray, as operator BEAR Scotland tackles subsidence on the road skirting Loch Fyne.

The resurfacing, near Achnatra, will take place between Monday April 11 and Friday April 15. Between Monday and Thursday, a section of carriageway showing signs of subsidence will be replaced. The work will be carried out between 7am and 7pm, with a road closure using temporary traffic lights.

While the work continues, the intention is to close the road completely between 7pm on Thursday April 14 and 7am on Friday April 15 due to the narrow width of the route and the nature of the final stages of the project. A diversion will be in place on the A819, A85 and A82.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'A week's worth of resurfacing improvements are planned on a stretch of the A83 approximately 5.5km east of Inveraray.

'Consultation is currently under way with community councils, local businesses, transport operators, the local authority, emergency services and local residents to inform them about the planned programme of the works at this stage, and take on board any concerns they have.'

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## Health innovation up for award

NHS Highland has been chosen as a finalist in this year's Advancing Healthcare Awards for a programme that helps people who suffer falls to be cared for at home rather than in hospital.

Dr Christine McArthur and Lynne Siddiqui's making the right call for a fall initiative was one of 150 entries to this year's awards, which

are sponsored by all four UK governments and organisations including Public Health England.

Initial work in Argyll and Bute aimed to bring communities and service providers together to design solutions that work locally. A number of sites were testing a system where ambulance teams had a single point of access to inte-

grated health and social care services.

The winners will be announced at a lunch at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, London, on April 15. Guests include all shortlisted teams and their guests, leaders of the professional bodies and membership organisations, senior people in healthcare and sponsors and their guests.

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# MS Centre secures funding

THE MULTIPLE Sclerosis (MS) Centre in Lochgilphead will be able to continue its life-changing work after more than £500,000 of funding was secured.

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland has already funded the centre for three years and has now granted it funding for a further five years. This will allow it to continue and develop its work with people with MS and other long-term conditions.

The centre said: 'This is an incredibly excit-

ing time for us and we thank the community for all the support given. All donations and future fundraising will now be used for specific projects, going directly to those people we support with various long term conditions and not towards unseen running costs of the centre.

'We have been so worried about our future and now can relax, plan and look positively to the next five years.

Centre manager Karen McCurry added: 'Staff, volunteers and all our



Staff and centre members met Brendan O'Hara. 08\_a42mscentre01

members are very happy, excited and relieved that the work of the centre has been recognised and awarded by the alliance for the next five years and we wish to ex-

press our thanks to the alliance. Funding was ending March 31 and we were facing raising around £140,000 a year by fundraising and donations. Our running

costs are now almost all secure and fundraising will now go towards the smaller projects we run to support people with long term conditions across Mid Argyll,

Kintyre and the Isles.' There are big plans for the centre including becoming a centre of excellence which means it must set an example of good practice and effec-

tive support. The centre will also improve technology so it can help people who can't get to the centre. This could include video links to exercise classes or other groups and will help people who feel isolated by their illness.

Among those to congratulate the centre on securing the funding was Brendan O'Hara MP, who said: 'I'm absolutely delighted that the great folk at the MS centre in Lochgilphead have just been awarded funding from Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland.

'I visited the centre a wee while ago to meet the team and to speak to some of those living with MS. Despite the smiles and the warm welcome, there was a genuine fear that this year, their 20th anniversary, could be their last because of lack of funding.'

# Glimmer of hope for new Rest bus stop

## Talks continue to resolve wrangle

TALKS continue in a bid to resolve a wrangle over a new bus stop layout on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The stop, with new junctions on the B828 Lochgoilhead road, a pristine Tarmac turning circle and a bus shelter, complete with access ramp, have been completed but are inadequate.

Argyll and Bute Council received £370,000 for the project through Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and the Scottish Government's Bus Investment Fund, and its opening was announced last November.

The services that were expected to use the bus stop were Citylink's 926 Glasgow to Campbeltown and the 976 Glasgow to Oban.

Problems soon arose, though, when it was discovered that the turning circle was too narrow in parts and sightlines for

drivers were deemed inadequate. The bus stop was then closed. As talks continue between the council and West Coast Motors, which operates Citylink routes into Argyll, there appears to be hope that the stop might be reopened before the summer.

A spokesperson for West Coast Motors said: 'Conversations are ongoing with local authority officials to improve the layout of the turning area, a section of which is too narrow, and sight lines at the junction.

'If the work is completed for the start of the summer Citylink timetable on May 23, the stop might be reintroduced to the timetable as a bookable stop only on the Oban service.'

We contacted Argyll and Bute Council for comment, but officials were reluctant to say too much at this point as negotiations continue.



The new bus stop at the Rest and Be Thankful lies unused. 06\_a13RestBus01

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## Conservative candidate

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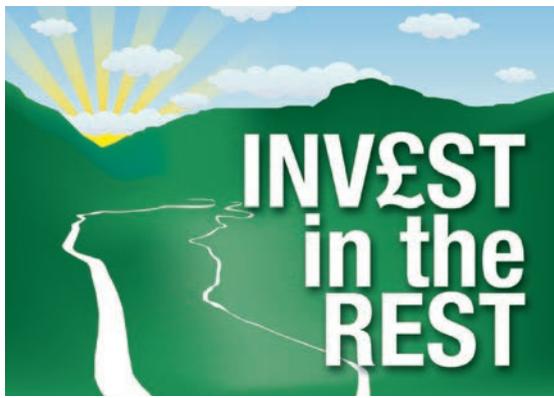
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# Tree plan for Rest and be Thankful

A GIGHA based American claims tree planting could be the solution to landslips at the Rest and be Thankful.

After reading about *The Advertiser and Courier's* Invest in the Rest campaign last week, multi-millionaire businessman Don Dennis, 59, wrote to Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell to try to revive a solution he coined four years ago.

Mr Dennis, from Achamore House, wrote: 'I wanted to revive the idea I put to you four years ago, of a genuine solution to the problem, which would cost the taxpayer about £500,000.

'One can see the solution in fact every time you drive past the landslide area of the Rest, if you look to the opposite slope, and has no landslides.

'A selection of the optimum species of mixed hardwood and softwood

species planted on the slope, as a permanent forest, would solve the problem within three to five years.

'And after 10 years that solution would be very robust, and only get better over the century ahead.

'A forestry consultant could help clarify the optimum species mixture.'

Mr Dennis, who is no stranger to wood, from his time running a sawmill in Sussex added: 'It is well known in forestry and conservation circles that hillsides covered in trees rarely slip. And on the other hand the best way to cause a hillside to start having landslides is to remove all the trees from the slopes.'

Mr Russell passed this suggestion on to transport minister Derek MacKay and received a letter in reply suggesting this would be carried out once a land sale had been agreed. The letter said the option the government chose had 'included an investigation into the possibility of establishing a deciduous native woodland on

the slopes of Ben Luibhean to help stabilise the slope.'

Mr MacKay continued: 'The land above the A83 is in private ownership and forms part of the wider Glencroe estate. Transport Scotland has been in negotiations with the landowner to determine the best way to proceed with the acquisition of the land for planting while taking account of the inevitable impact this will have on the operation and livelihood of the estate.'

It is hoped planting can begin later this year.



Man with a plan: Don Dennis.



Cars travelling up the A83 below the landslide protection netting.

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Right: The A83 runs through the trees on the left of the picture further down the valley below the problem area. 25\_c12res01



## Argyll open - but permanent solution required

'MID ARGYLL Chamber of Commerce has been concerned for many years now about the effect of landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful on the economy of Mid Argyll and beyond.

'The chamber lobbied politicians intensively from 2011 onwards, and when the Scottish Government set up an A83 task force, the Chamber was invited to send representatives to task force meetings.

'The chamber lobbied for a permanent solution to the problems, and while that permanent solution may not have been found the chamber was successful in obtaining a commitment from the current transport minister, Derek McKay, that the task force would remain

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce submitted this statement to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* as we pursue the Invest in the Rest campaign.

in existence and continue to meet until that permanent solution has been found.

'Chamber members have made very many suggestions to the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland as to how that permanent solution can be found. Donald Clark of the George Hotel, Inveraray, has argued forcefully for a canopy at a 300 to 400 metre section at the top of the Rest. Other members have suggested additional box culverts, tree planting, stocking the hill and improving the forestry road at Glen Croe. In fairness to the Scottish Government and Transport

major impact, but the impact is not confined to Mid Argyll. It affects the whole of Argyll and Bute, including our islands.

Unfortunately bad publicity has given the impression that when there is a landslide, Argyll is closed. That is very far from the case. The task force set up a marketing group which has done an excellent job in raising awareness of alternative routes and spreading the 'open for business' message.

'Fortunately it is now some time since the last landslide and just last week the set of traffic lights on the rest were removed.

'Argyll is very much open for business and looking forward to the coming tourist season.'

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# Competitive spirit raises funds at Tarbert



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The all-important stretches before the Kilmartin and Achahoish charity run. 06\_a13sportreliefkil11

## Fun, fundraising and learning at Kilmartin

BUZZING with excitement last Friday, pupils and pre-school tots from Kilmartin and Achahoish primary schools threw themselves into Sport Relief.

Resourceful teachers made sure that there was a little learning mixed with the fun. Before the run - from Kilmartin Primary along a track to the village - got going, the pupils, many resplendent in fancy dress, took their resting heart rates, comparing this to their heartbeat after the run. These were then plotted on a three-dimensional bamboo cane graph in the school garden, to the delight of the youngsters.

The imagination did not stop there, and the kids themselves chose special activities for the afternoon based on the school's active learning curriculum. These



A princess prepares for the fun run. 06\_a13sportreliefkil06

included cooking, bread-making, biological experiments to assess lung capacity, pH tests on common fruits and plenty more besides.

The smiles on pupils' faces were broad as parents and grandparents took full part in a fantastic day of activity that raised more than £500 for Sport Relief.

THERE was plenty happening at Tarbert Academy during Sport Relief week.

On Tuesday March 15, Primary 6/7 organised a 'Run and Row to Rio day' to get the whole school involved in their Run to Rio challenge.

The day started with the two classes running the Tarbert Mile along the harbour side. The rest of the primary pupils - plus parents, buggies and friends - then joined in to walk the mile again. A great turnout saw around 140 people take part.

For the rest of the day, running and rowing machines were set up in the school for pupils, staff and the people from the community to challenge themselves to run or row for 10 minutes.

A very competitive spirit was in evidence, with all trying to outdo their friends. The best runner turned out to be PC Jack Muir (2.27 km), closely followed by Craig Smith (2.12 km). Overall, the best rower was Owen Allen



Rowing to Rio without leaving the school.

(2.467km). The total distance travelled over the day was 410.4km to put the pupils at over 6,000km so far, well on their way to Rio.

On Friday, S4 pupils organised a 'Dress in Red' fundraiser. They had also been busy baking and sold delicious cakes at break times. Special mention has to go to Charlie Monks, who put in a huge amount of effort to make this such a success.

S1 and S2 also took part by holding a sponsored walk to the White Shore.

The total raised from all of the events was around £350.



Running the mile at Tarbert Harbour.



Above: And they're off.

Left: One of the delicious cakes baked by the fourth year pupils.



Badden Farm Nursery youngsters and staff have a great time walking round the loch.

## Onesie step at a time for Sport Relief

PRE-SCHOOL children, staff and parents from Badden Farm Nursery took part in a Sport Relief 'Onesie Walk' around Barnluasgan Loch.

The children raised an incredible sum of more than £400 for the charity.

The nursery would

like to thank all the parents who supported this wonderful charity event by helping their child with their sponsor sheets.

Their assistance on the day is also appreciated - and, of course, a huge well done to the children walking all that way.

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There was also every kind of musical instrument you could imagine being played over the week.

It was a fantastic chance for local musicians and those from further afield to take to the stage and perform in front of a crowd.

The concerts always had a good, relaxed atmosphere and events always seemed well attended, with a high standard of musicianship. There were definitely some stars of the future in the children's classes.

As always, these events don't run themselves and the committee and its team of volunteers worked tirelessly to make sure the events were such a success.



THERE was good news this week for the MS Centre in Lochgilphead when it was given five years' of funding totalling over £500,000.

The work it does to support people from many different parts of Argyll is vital to the communities it serves and the quality of life of those it helps would be much poorer without it.

At a time of budget cuts nationally and locally, the work that third sector organisations such as the MS Centre, and many others in Mid Argyll, do becomes even more important as they often struggle to do more with less resources.

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### Lib Dem vote went up in Argyll and Bute

Sir,  
In your preview of the Scottish election last week, you referred to the 'collapse' of the Lib Dem vote.

The Lib Dem vote did not 'collapse' in Argyll and Bute. In fact, my vote went up here.

The reason I lost was because the Tory and Labour votes collapsed and the SNP candidate was able to leapfrog me into first place.

The collapse in the Tory and Labour votes has left me as the only candidate in a position to challenge the SNP and take the seat from them.

**Alan Reid**  
Lib Dem candidate for  
Argyll and Bute

### Community council wants A83 solution

Sir,  
Your article in *The Argyllshire Advertiser* of March 11, including a contribution by Councillor Dougie Philand, is to be applauded.

We, as a community council have had long discussions

with Councillor Philand on the topic of the A83 and its impact on our area, as he represents us as a Mid Argyll member.

Please count us as one of the many communities in this part of Argyll who cannot comprehend why a solution to this major problem cannot be found by the Scottish Government.

**David Kent**  
Convener, South Knapdale  
Community Council

### Attacking Scotland's ability to go it alone

Sir,  
So it's true then. The 300-year union has destroyed the Scottish economy and left Scotland as an economic disaster.

Is that what the 'proud Scots' are exulting about on the basis of a low oil price? The oil from which Scotland to date has had not one penny revenue as that all has gone to the UK treasury.

Their joy is disgusting. The Government Expenditure Review Scotland figures recently released are those of a Scottish economy trapped in a UK economy which has

an almost unservicable debt of over £1,600,000,000,000. Hasn't anyone noticed? And we're the ones that are supposed to be too stupid to manage our own finances?

We're just expected to settle for more of the same apparently.

I'm afraid that only daft Scots swallow this guff anymore, but then again I have met some who seem to imagine we don't manufacture, we don't farm, we don't build, we don't work, we don't provide services, we don't invent and innovate, we don't export and we don't pay taxes like the people of any other country.

Actually if you remove from the figures Scotland's huge payment to the UK debt, our assumed massive expenditure on defence, including Trident and invasions, our billions on 'national expenditure' (like the London sewerage system and the London Underground upgrades) the deficit almost disappears. But why spoil such a good story with the facts?

These figures are irrelevant anyway to what we would do if we were in charge.

They are produced to attack Scotland's ability to go it alone.

But we don't want to be independent to continue running Scotland down as is happening now.

We want to be independent to do things very differently and run our own country properly.

But then again, if we are such a burden on the UK finances surely they will let us go?

**Dave McEwan Hill**  
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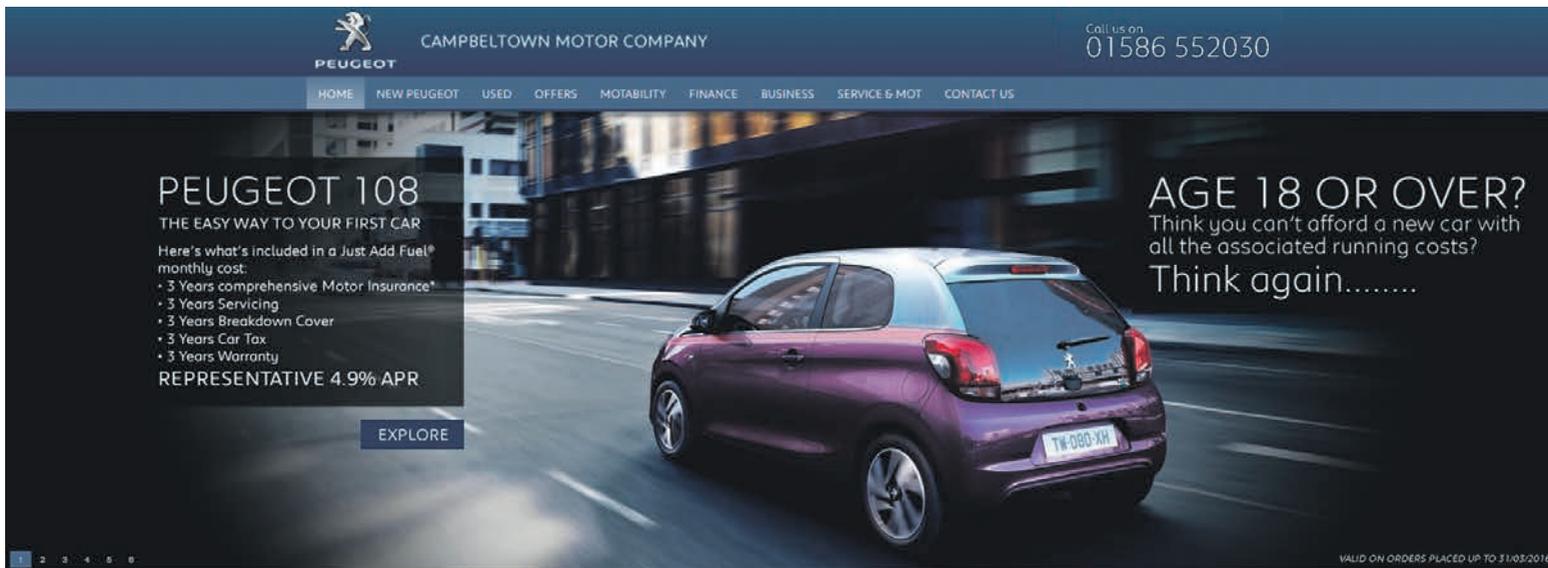
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Its Jarl beer won a gold award in the small pack, bottle and can, section and a bronze in the cask section. In the same section Ragnarok was awarded gold and Sandra Blonde was awarded a bronze in the keg section to complete the award haul.

The company was founded by Jonny and Tuggy Delap as a way of generating revenue to support the Achadunan Estate which Tuggy had inherited. Now run by son Jamie, it has gone from strength to strength.



Butchers Alan Guy and Eric MacDonald (with hand-made dumpling) with Naline Swailes at the event. 06\_a12butchetson01

### Eric's dumplings bring in the crowds

GENEROUS customers at Ferguson, the butcher, in Lochgilphead have raised a fantastic £404 for a good cause.

A day-long fundraiser last Saturday for the Beatson Cancer Charity featured a raffle as well as a well-stocked tombola - with some of butcher Eric MacDonald's speciality dumplings available to win.

Eric was busy beforehand making no fewer than five cloutie dumplings, each weighing six pounds, as well as a couple of bigger-still versions of the delicious puddings for customers to fight over - all in aid of the charity.

Organiser Naline Swailes said: 'We want to thank everyone who came into the shop and supported the fundraiser. It shows how generous people are around Mid Argyll.'

# Stage is set for the 176th Royal Highland Show

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One of the biggest successes of 2015 was Scotland's Larder Live.

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The event also features the largest equestrian show in Scotland with almost 3,000 horses and ponies competing in classes for light and heavy horse and other disciplines, such as private driving and heavy horse turnouts.

It is also a focal point for showing the best of the best in Scotland's native breeds such as, Clydesdale horses, Highland, Shetland and Eriskay ponies.

More than 2,200 riders are expected to compete in an impressive array of equine sections and classes from top class international riders to young and emerging talent.

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# Flowers and dances for birthday girl Flo

THERE WAS a special celebration recently at the Mid Argyll Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

On March 6, long-time branch member Flo Muir turned 90. Flora has been dancing for more years than

she cares to remember, and the branch celebrated with tea, cake and a bunch of flowers for the birthday girl on



The grand annual dance in full swing at Ardrishaig Public Hall.



Mid Argyll branch chairwoman Kim Ritchie presents Flo with her bouquet, as senior teacher Mike Murray looks on.

March 14. Of course, there were Flo's favourite dances too - Bratach Bana and a lovely dance written for her by her friend and fellow dancer, Margie Killeen, called appropriately My Friend Flo. She is a great advert for the power of Scottish country dancing to keep young, fit and active and everyone

wished her many more happy years of dancing in Mid Argyll. Amid a busy month for the branch, on March 19 it held its annual dance, when around 50 dancers were welcomed from all over Argyll to Ardrishaig Public Hall to dance the night away to the music of Michael Garvin and his band.

The dancers enjoyed a delicious fork supper prepared by the branch members, and Mike Murray did a fantastic job as master of ceremonies.

## Easy does it for entertainment

MUSIC in a relaxed atmosphere is on offer as the Easy Club holds its latest event next week in Lochgilhead.

Everyone is invited to go along and join in an evening of music and song by local performers and bands, including the Jam Project, comprised of young musicians from the Mid Argyll area.

The event will be held on Wednesday March 30 in Lochgilhead Resource Centre between 7pm and 9.30pm. Entrance is £3, including refreshments.

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# Curtain falls on MAAA winter concerts

THERE was a full house in Ardrishaig Public Hall for the Tim Kliphuis Trio, in the final event of Mid Argyll Arts Association's winter programme.

It was a cabaret-style evening and the audience was introduced to the trio, consisting of Tim Kliphuis, a trained classical violinist, in the mould of Stephane Grapelli, who found his improvisational voice working with the Eu-

ropean guitar gypsies; Nigel Clark, one of the world's top acoustic guitarists, who started his professional career at the age of 18 and has recently released his first solo guitar album; and Roy Percy on double bass, who brought his unique slap bass technique that is unrivalled in Europe.

### Technique

The trio uses a technique called total music where each player can

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The music transported the audience from 1920s' America through

to Parisienne café society, all with such passionate playing that at times the smoke literally could be seen emanating from the strings of the trio's instruments.

Classical music was blended with gypsy jazz, folk and African grooves; Grapelli classics and lesser known originals were also part of the programme.

A favourite was Copland's Hoedown, which went back to its Scottish

and Irish roots with added blues.

The audience showed their appreciation by, not only clapping and cheering, but also stamping their feet in order that there be an encore, and they were well rewarded.

'Toe-tappingly good' and 'a great night's entertainment' were just some of the comments made by a very happy, well-entertained audience. EM



Tim Kliphuis, Roy Percy and Nigel Clark - the Tim Kliphuis Trio. 08\_a12maaa02



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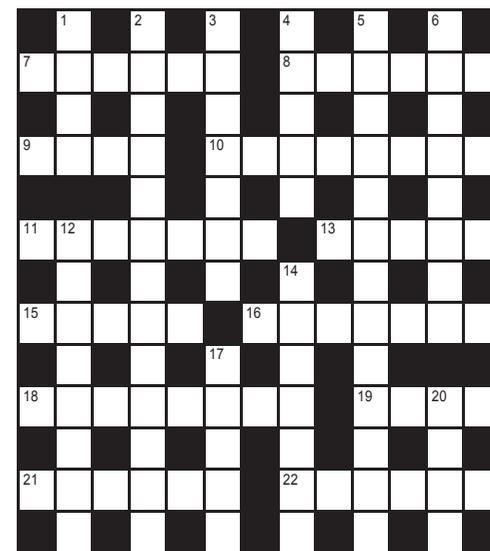
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# HAPPY EASTER!

from all the staff  
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# EASTER TRADITIONS

Since its origins, Easter has been a time of celebration and feasting and many Traditional Easter games and customs developed, such as egg rolling, egg tapping, pace egging and egg decorating.

## GREAT BRITAIN

Marshmallow bunnies and candy eggs in an Easter basket. In some cultures rabbits, which represent fertility, are a symbol of Easter.

Throughout the English-speaking world, many Easter traditions are similar with only minor differences. For example, Saturday is traditionally spent decorating Easter eggs and hunting for them with children on Sunday morning, by which time they have been mysteriously hidden all over the house and garden. Other traditions involve parents telling their children that eggs and other treats such as chocolate eggs or rabbits, and marshmallow chicks (Peeps), have been delivered by the Easter Bunny in an Easter basket, which children find waiting for them when they wake up. Families observe the religious aspects of Easter by attending Sunday Mass or services in the morning and then participating in a feast or party in the afternoon. Some families have a traditional Sunday roast, often of either roast lamb or ham.

Easter breads such as Simnel cake, a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls representing the eleven faithful apostles, or nut breads such as potica are traditionally served. Hot cross buns, spiced buns with a cross on top, are traditionally associated with Good Friday, but

today are often eaten well before and after.

In Scotland, the north of England, and Northern Ireland, the traditions of rolling decorated eggs down steep hills and pace egging can still be seen. Pace comes from the Latin Pacha which means Easter.

## NORTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In Louisiana, USA, egg tapping is known as egg knocking. Marksville, Louisiana claims to host the oldest egg-knocking competition in the US, dating back to the 1950s. Competitors pair up on the steps of the courthouse on Easter Sunday and knock the tips of two eggs together.

If the shell of your egg cracks you have to forfeit it, a process that continues until just one egg remains.

In the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, historically famous for growing and exporting the Easter lily, the most notable feature of the Easter celebration is the flying of kites to symbolize Christ's ascent.

Traditional Bermuda kites are constructed by Bermudians of all ages as Easter approaches, and are normally only flown at Easter. In addition to hot cross buns and Easter eggs, fish cakes are traditionally eaten in Bermuda at this time.

In Jamaica, eating bun and cheese is a highly anticipated custom by Jamaican nationals all over the world. The Jamaica Easter Buns are spiced and have raisins, and baked in a loaf tin. The buns are sliced and eaten with a slice of cheese. It is a common practice for employers to make gifts of bun and cheese or a single loaf of bun to staff members.

## EASTERN EUROPE

In Bulgaria widespread tradition is to fight with eggs by pair and one's egg become last surviving is called borak. The tradition is to display the decorated eggs on the Easter table together with the Easter dinner consisting of roasted lamb, a

salad called Easter salad (lettuce with cucumbers) and a sweet bread called kozunak.

In the Czech Republic and Slovakia, a tradition of spanking or whipping is carried out on Easter Monday. In the morning, men spank women with a special handmade whip called a pomlázka (in Czech) or korbáč (in Slovak), in eastern regions of former Czechoslovakia Moravia and Slovakia they also throw cold water on them.

The pomlázka/korbáč consists of eight, twelve or even twenty-four withies (willow rods), is usually from half a meter to two meters long and decorated with coloured ribbons at the end. The spanking may be painful, but it's not intended to

cause suffering. A legend says that women should be spanked with a whip in order to keep their health and beauty during the whole next year.

An additional purpose can be for men to exhibit their attraction to women; unvisited women can even feel offended.

Traditionally, the spanked woman gives a coloured egg (kraslica) prepared by themselves, invites to eat and drink as a sign of her thanks to the man. If the visitor is a small boy, he is usually provided with sweets, and a small amount of money.

In some regions, the women can get revenge in the afternoon or the following day when they can pour a bucket of cold water on any man. The habit slightly varies

across Slovakia and the Czech Republic. A similar tradition existed in Poland (where it is called Dyngus Day), but it is now little more than an all-day water fight.

In Germany, decorated eggs are hung on branches of bushes and trees to make them Easter egg trees. Eggs also used to dress wells for Easter.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia, a basket of food is prepared and covered with a handmade cloth, and brought to the church to be blessed. A typical Easter basket includes bread, colored eggs, ham, horseradish, and a type of nut cake called potica.

The butter lamb (Baranek wielkanocny) is a traditional addition to the Easter Meal for many

Polish Catholics. Butter is shaped into a lamb either by hand or in a lamb-shaped mould.

## ITALY

Italian traditional Easter cake called the Colomba Pasquale

In Florence, Italy, the unique custom of the Scoppio del carro is observed in which a holy fire lit from stone shards from the Holy Sepulchre are used to light a fire during the singing of the Gloria of the Easter Sunday mass, which is used to ignite a rocket in the form of a dove, representing peace and the holy spirit, which following a wire in turn lights a cart containing pyrotechnics in the small square before the Cathedral.

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# Brush with fate brings paintings back home to Argyll

REPORT By COLIN CAMERON  
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A REMARKABLE series of coincidences surrounds the return to Argyll of a pair of Victorian paintings.

The delicate watercolours, in oval mahogany frames and dated 1861, depict Rev Neil Mac-

Michael, minister of Craignish, and his wife Isabella.

The artist's signature is decipherable as a simple AW monogram, and no more is known than that.

The paintings' existence was unknown un-

til February 16 this year, when a mysterious message appeared on the Netherlorn Churches Facebook page from a lady living in Newcastle Upon Tyne, saying that she had recently purchased the works at auction in the city.

The new owner turned out to be Fiona Mac-



The 155-year-old portraits - back where they belong. 06\_a13craignishpics01



Fiona MacNeill shakes hands with Chris Thornhill, as Rev Ken Ross, left and congregation members look on. 06\_a13craignishpics02

Neill, originally from Campbeltown, who happened to see the works in an online auction catalogue. She recognised that Craignish was in her native Argyll, decided to place a bid and - though she couldn't be present at the auction itself - was successful.

She then kindly offered to donate the portraits to either a living relative of the MacMichaels or Craignish church.

#### Connection

But she herself had a connection with the people depicted in these lost Victorian watercolours. Fiona was aware from her own family history that her father's

parents had been married by Rev Neil MacMichael in 1907, though she had no more information than that.

It was at that point that Craignish Parish Church elder and reader Chris Thornhill took up the challenge of finding out more.

Neil MacMichael was minister at Craignish between 1860 and the year of his death in 1916 - an incredible 56-year period. He was buried in the family lair at Kilvaree cemetery, Craignish.

As she arrived at Craignish Parish Church on Friday March 18 to gift the paintings to the parish, Fiona said: 'It's lovely to be able to re-

turn these beautiful portraits to their proper home. It's much better that they are here, where they mean so much, rather than hanging on someone's wall who knows nothing about their history.'

But it was a close thing at the auction. 'I was after some furniture and decided to bid on the paintings as well,' she explained. 'I bid on four pieces of furniture and was unsuccessful with them all. The only bid I managed to win was the one on the paintings.'

'We're delighted Fiona contacted us,' said Chris Thornhill. 'We are now going to give these portraits a home that does

them justice, here in their Craignish home.'

The current minister, Rev Ken Ross, was in full agreement: 'We are so pleased that Fiona contacted us. And the work that Chris has put into researching the story has been remarkable. The paintings are very welcome in their true home.'

The pair of portraits can be seen in the church on Easter Sunday and the following Sunday April 3. In yet another coincidence, the centenary of Rev MacMichael's death falls the day after, so flowers will be laid on his grave in a quiet ceremony on Monday April 4.

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## Fiona's family story

CHRIS Thornhill was determined to discover more about Fiona MacNeill's grandparents' story after hearing that they had been married by Rev Neil MacMichael in 1907. The MacNeill side of Fiona's family has roots on Colonsay.

Farming took them across to Mid Argyll, before they later moved to Kintyre, where Fiona's mother, Iona, still lives in Campbeltown.

After a good deal of research, Chris discovered that the marriage of Fiona's paternal grandparents, Dugald Brown MacNeill and Jessie Campbell, took place on Eilean Righ. Jessie's occupation at the time was a schoolteacher - perhaps at Craignish school.

At the time of his marriage to 25-year-old Jessie, Dugald MacNeill was a 45-year-old widower with three children and a tenant farmer at Lochhead, Achahoish, where Fiona's father was born in 1918.

Chris also discovered that Rev Neil MacMichael's wife, Isabella, came from Campbeltown. Their son, Neil, went on to become a solicitor with MacTaggart's in the town, and Fiona knew of him as a solicitor. She also remembers Neil's daughters, Kirsteen and Elspeth, whom she met many years ago.

More remains to be discovered about this fascinating tale, and there are plans for the full story to be published as Chris continues his detective work.

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## Clouds have a silver lining on Inveraray farm

THE MIST hung low over fields saturated by months of rainfall at Carloonan Farm, Inveraray.

On a cold, wet late February day Brian Walker, tenant of the Argyll Estates unit, was about to head out to gather ewes from the sleet-swept hills for scanning.

But for the moment he took time in the farmhouse kitchen to talk to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* about his own farming life - all the while keeping in touch with a contract shepherd, already out on the hills between Glen Aray and Glen Shira.

Brian and his wife Marjory came to Carloonan 15-years-ago from Aberfeldy, where the couple had been tenant farmers for 10 years prior to that. They now farm 2,500 acres between Carloonan and further up Glen Aray at Tullich Farm. Around 200 acres of this area is inbye, with 100 acres cut annually for silage.

One cut of silage is taken. 'The soil is too poor for any more;

REPORT By COLIN CAMERON  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



Brian Walker heads for the hill with trusty quad and dog. 06\_a09Carloonan07

you could shut off the ground in January and it wouldn't make any difference,' said Brian. The silage work is done on a self-sufficient basis, all cutting, baling and wrapping done by Brian himself, with extra labour as required.

The land carries 950 breeding ewes - the flock based on north country Cheviots and blackface/Swaledale crosses, with a sprinkling of Hebridean crosses thrown in, partly for tasty mutton to fill the freezer. Stock

hogs are home-wintered.

The farm also carries 75 spring calving suckler cows, kept in regular ages. Through time Brian has been breeding his own replacements, gradually moving from the Galloway/Simmental cross cows he inherited towards purer Aberdeen

Angus. And, for the first time last year, a Hereford bull was introduced to some of the cows 'as a bit of an experiment', says Brian.

The farm also maintains half a dozen Highland cattle as part of the scene around Inveraray Castle.

The weather looms large in conversation. It has an impact on everything around this and every other farm, and here in Inveraray it's wet. 'When you go out in the morning, the wet weather gear goes on automatically,' Brian remarked. 'I definitely think we have to feed more to keep stock going in this climate, compared to further east.

He added: 'It's becoming quite a trudge for everyone farming on the west coast. There are very few who can get their cattle indoors. But even then, it's may-

be the lesser of two evils between pneumonia when cattle are inside, and being out on saturated ground. The rain even affects things like training our hogs to eat out of a trough. It gets soaked and they won't eat it.'

And another aspect of modern farming life is labour - or the lack of it. 'Because we operate pretty much as a one man band, I just get folk in at busy times to help,' said Brian.

That might give some flexibility, but it has drawbacks, as witnessed on the day of our visit. Brian explained: 'When you've got a contractor coming to help, you've

got to go. Even on a day like this.'

But there are positives to farming in Argyll.

Asked what they are, Brian Walker laughed: 'You'll no' use much ink on that one.' He did, though, add: 'For me, there seem to be fewer disease problems in cattle. They're not pushed

as hard, and are lighter stocked, so health is a known point in selling stock from the west.'

He added: 'But there's certainly no better place for scenery anywhere when it's good weather, and I would also say the pace of life here is slower, which is no bad thing.'

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Wet, wet, wet - Carloonan steading hidden in the mirk. 06\_a09Carloonan10



The Carloonan stock bull - a red Aberdeen Angus. 06\_a09Carloonan06

## Farmers invited to quiz candidates

A SPECIAL hustings event with a farming flavour will be held later in Oban next week.

NFU Scotland will host the pre-Scottish election event at the Corran Halls on March 31 to provide a platform for debate to allow its members to make an informed decision in the election on May 5.

The Oban event, open to all NFU Scotland members from Argyll and the islands, is one of nine being held across the country to engage members with political parties ahead of the Scottish Parliamentary election.

NFU Scotland's regional chairman for Argyll and the Islands,

John Dickson, said: 'This election comes at an unprecedented time for farmers in Argyll and the Islands working in our industry. Global forces added to the well-versed problems concerning delivery of support payments have combined to create a perfect storm.

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# Trophy winners

The Munro Trophy, fiddle primary: Lachlan Offord.

Dalriada Junior Fiddle Trophy, secondary: Skye Beautyman.

Kilmartin School Board Plate, Scots verse solo: Ella McKay.

Argyll Drama Festival Cup, speech: Tilly Cunningham.

Jean Ballantyne Plate, choral verse speaking: Kilmartin Primary School.

Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Cup, violin solo grade one: Beth McKenzie.

The Kimmett Cup, violin solo grade two to four: Marianne Ridland.

Ardrishaig Primary School Shield, violin solo grade five: Lachlan Offord.

The Glenfyne Shield, piano solo grade one: Peter Adair.

The Lynn Matheson Plate, piano solo grade two: Ruth Neville.

The Stirling Shield, piano solo grade three: Ellie Simpson.

Westwood Shield, piano solo grade five: Eve Maxwell.

The Smiddy Bistro Trophy, piano solo 18-years-old and under open: Ben Maddox.

Portsonachan Players Quaiach, piano sonata: James Urquhart. Gleaner Oils Trophy, recorder solo nine and under: Alistair Douglas.

The Kelly Family Quaiach, recorder solo 12 and under: Brodie Sloss.

Carmuir's Cup, recorder duet: Brodie Sloss and Daisy McGrigor.

Annabel Morrison Quaiach Scots, song P4 to P5: Rose MacCallum.

Glenorchy Rose Bowl, Scots song P6 to P7: Oliver Twynham.

John Wilson Trophy, Scots song S1 to S3: Alistair Cupples.

Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup, Scots song S4 to S6: Abbie Williams.

Cathy Smith Memorial Trophy, Scots song adult: Shona Keith.

Celia Henderson Memorial Trophy, Gaelic vocal, solo: Shona Keith. Ardgartan Cup, Kennedy Fraser solo:

Shona Keith. Larchwood Cup, vocal solo boys P6 to P7: Oliver Twynham.

The Gifford Cup, vocal solo trebles: Oliver Twynham.

The Ashfield Plate, vocal solo girls P4 to P5: Morven Anderson.

The Alex MacKay Plate, vocal solo girls P6 to P7: Erin Soudan.

The MacDonald Plate, vocal solo girls S1 to S3: Holly McKinnon.

Argyllshire Advertiser Quaiach, vocal solo S4 to S6: Eve Maxwell.

Knapdale Gold Medal, vocal solo open: Shona Keith.

Mid Argyll Music Society Cup, songs from the shows junior: Eve Maxwell.

Ballymeanoch Plate, songs from the shows adult: Ann McMillan.

Popular Song Trophy, vocal solo: Holly Renton.

Lochgilthead Primary School PTA Cup, vocal duet primary: Alice Adair

and Kirsten Blair. Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl, vocal duet S1 to S3: Alistair Cupples and Holly McKinnon.

Lochgilthead Rotary Club Trophy, vocal duet S4 to S6: Tiegian Holroyd and Holly Renton.

Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quaiach, vocal ensemble primary: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

Kilmartin Hotel Shield, vocal ensemble open: ETHAH. The Bembridge Shield Brownies: 1st Lochgilthead Brownies.

Christina MacDougall Trophy, primary choirs Gaelic: Inveraray primary school.

Craignish Primary PTA Trophy, primary choirs Scots: Ardrishaig Primary School Choir.

The Cecily Bannatyne Plate, Gaelic choir intermediate: Coisir Og Dhailriata.

Saltire Society Quaiach, Scots/Gaelic Choirs: Coisir Og Dhailriata.

Ardrishaig Primary School PTA Shield, primary choirs: Ardrishaig Primary School.

Ward Cup, adult choir: A Choir.

Mary Lepley Cup, woodwind solo primary: Holly Helbert.

Dunaverty Cup, woodwind solo S1 to S3: Chloe Twynham.

Argyll and Bute District Council Cup, woodwind solo S4 to S6 and open: Chelsea Anne McNab.

The McCallum Plate family ensemble: The Maddox family.

Robert Lepley Cup, brass solo primary: Stephanie Rennie.

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

Highland Year of Culture 2007 Quaich highest mark in woodwind: Chelsea Anne McNab;

The Co-operative Membership Cup highest mark in brass: Gavin Johnson.

The Gifford Bowl highest mark gained by choir or band: Campbeltown Brass.

Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award most promising performer Ben Maddox.



Children from Tarbert P1 and early level class (pre-five) after performing their Peter Rabbit action song on Saturday. 06\_a13mamf11



Inveraray Primary School Choir with the Christina MacDougall Trophy for Gaelic songs 06\_a13mamf19

The 37th Mid Argyll Music Festival held last week, has been hailed as a great success. Here is a selection of photographs from the event, and we hope you enjoy them. Prints of these and many more photos from the event are available to purchase from *The Argyllshire Advertiser*. Call 01546 602345 to find out more.



Left: Ben Maddox, winner of the Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award for the most promising performer.



Winners in the woodwind solo (S1 to S3) competition, left to right, Chloe Twynham of Southend with the Dunaverty Cup, Elinor Baker, Islay, in second, and third-equal Samantha MacArthur, Islay, and Hazel Selfridge, Lochgilthead. 06\_a13mamf17



Overall woodwind champion, Chelsea Anne McNab from Oban, with the Highland Year of Culture 2007 Quaich. 06\_a13mamf30



Eve Maxwell won the Mid Argyll Music Society Cup for her singing of Stars from Les Miserables. 08\_a13mamf02



Alistair Cupples with the John Wilson Trophy winner for Scots folk song, S1 to S3, pictured with second placed Holly McKinnon and third equal Eden MacDonald and Joey Luxmore. 06\_a13mamf03

Scots folk song (S4 to S6) winner, Abbie Williams (centre) with Niamh Adams-McGilp in second place and in third, Holly Renton. 06\_a13mamf04



# Music and song at Mid Argyll Music Festival



**Shona Keith won the Celia Henderson Memorial shield, presented by Celia's daughter Gillian, for Gaelic song. Her singing of *Oran do Iain MacLeod* impressed adjudicator Raibeart McCallum.** 08\_a13mamf05



**Tarbert Ladies group, A Choired, won the Ward Cup on Friday night under the guidance of choir master Paula McLean. Five choirs took part, with Sequence Ladies Choir from Oban second and Bar None Community Choir, Lochgilphead third.**



**The prestigious Co-operative Membership Cup for the highest mark in brass was won by Gavin Johnson of Campbeltown Brass.**



**A delighted combined Campbeltown Junior Brass group, after Campbeltown Junior Brass A won the Cairnbaan Trophy for instrumental ensemble (primary school).** 06\_a13mamf29



**Youngsters from Oban and Kilmore Church recorder group had great success. Alistair Douglas won the Gleaner Oils Trophy for under 9s recorder, Brodie Sloss won the The Kelly Family Quaich for under-12 recorder, while Brodie Sloss and Daisy McGrigor won the under 12 duet. Left to right: Alexander Butler, Brodie Sloss, Daisy McGrigor, and Kyla McDonald.** 08\_a13mamf07

MORE than 20 primary school-age children competed in the woodwind solo competition for the Mary Lepley Cup.

A wide variety of instruments were on show such as clarinets flutes, and saxophones. It was, Holly Helbert who came out on top having played 'Bassoon Street Blues' on a bassoon almost as big as herself.

Adjudicator Christina Thompson said Holly had 'really brought the piece to life.'



**Holly Helbert won the Mary Lepley Cup.** 08\_a13mamf10

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**Drew Cunningham and Beth MacPherson receiving the Gifford Bowl, on behalf of Campbeltown Brass, from adjudicator Jeffrey Wynn-Davies. This is awarded annually for the highest mark gained by a choir or band.**



**Adding some colour, and attracting some encouraging words from adjudicator Jeffrey Wynn-Davies, was Lochgilphead Primary Pipe Band as they secured a joint second with Campbeltown Brass B in the instrumental ensemble class.** 06\_a13mamf32

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MAYDS is a registered charity and is always fighting to get, and keep, funding. Manag-

er Fiona Kalache said: 'We've had some good funding news recently; The Henry Smith Charity has agreed to continue funding my post for another three years.

'This is excellent news and gives us some sustainability. We have just received funding from Better Breaks to provide respite activities and we will also be able to offer two tenancy support programmes a year after

receiving funding from the Robertson and Kilfinan Trusts.'

This programme will support 20 young people a year who have struggled with moving out of home. It will offer support with cooking, budgeting and how to be a good neighbour and will be delivered in partnership with various agencies.

At the same time they have had to cut Boys



MAYDS musicians played to industry professionals.



MAYDS musicians got the chance to perform during the Big Music Project.

in Action, which gave boys free swimming, due to lack of funding.

'We're keeping the girls' swimming going. Both sessions were popular but we can't afford to do both and unfortunately numbers were far higher at the girls' sessions,' Fiona explained.

MAYDS is always looking to come up with different activities and programmes that will meet the needs and wants of young people locally. Fiona added: 'We give young people the chance to do things they can't do an-

ywhere else in Mid Argyll and also offer many opportunities that will increase their future choices.'

Recently they opened a youth club in Ardrishaig South Church Hall. There is a primary age club from 6pm until 7.30pm and a secondary school session from 7.30pm until 9pm. Its first night on March 4 saw 18 people enjoy a range of activities.

On a Wednesday evening, there is JAM music group. It had success recently in being picked to play at a Big

Music Project event in Exchange, Glasgow. 'It was a really big thing for them to be picked and to perform. We were selected as only one of six groups in Scotland to be part of the Music Project,' said Fiona. While there the young people were able to take part in workshops and perform at the event on March 4 and 5.

The building MAYDS have on Lochgilphhead's Union Street is now too small for all the work they do. They have tried to expand over the years but with no success.

Fiona added: 'We tried to buy the old primary school in Lochgilphhead but didn't quite raise as much as the council wanted. It's still unused and becoming derelict.'

It also had big plans for Kilmory Home Farm, which lies on council land near Kilmory Castle. It would have had a skate park, bike tracks, cycle hire and a youth club from where MAYDS could operate. 'It would have been a bit of a one-stop-shop for youth services,' she said, but this too was rejected by the council.

## St Patrick's day fun at MS Centre

ST Patrick's day was celebrated to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Centre in Lochgilphhead.

Chef for the night was John Fisher, who owns the Smiddy restaurant and provided a three-course Irish meal, ably assisted by Emma Penman and Emily MacPherson.

Pupils from Lochgilphhead Joint Campus got involved with S3 pupils Caitlyn and Calum waiting on tables as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

S2 pupils Rebecca and Eilidh compered and organised some games as part of the tenner challenge, where young people use £10 to

start a business.

The event was enjoyed by everyone who attended and raised £457, which will go towards funding treatments at the centre for people with long-term conditions. The centre would like to thank all the volunteers and everyone who helped to make the night such a success.

It would also like to thank Fr David and his congregation at St Margaret's, Lochgilphhead for arranging a coffee morning at the Parish Hall which raised £437.

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Flora Currie gets into the St Patrick's spirit.

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Argyll and Bute Council hereby gives notice that it has made an Order under Section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be known as "The Argyll and Bute Council (Part of Core Path C082 From Kilkerran Road to Limecraigs, Campbeltown) Temporary Stopping Up Order 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") authorising the temporary stopping up of part of Core Path reference C082 leading from Kilkerran Road to Limecraigs, Campbeltown along the footpath known as the Cutting, all as shown by the blue broken line on the Plan forming Schedule Part I annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. The Order is about to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation or to be confirmed as an unopposed Order. The footpath will be temporarily stopped up for a period not exceeding four weeks all as more particularly specified in the Schedule Part 2 annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. An available alternative route is shown by the green line on the said Plan. The temporary stopping up of the footpath is necessary to facilitate the installation of an underground drainage pipe so as to enable the development comprising generally the construction of the new Campbeltown Grammar School permitted under Planning Permission reference 15/00933/PP granted under Part III of the said Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be carried out in accordance with the said planning permission.

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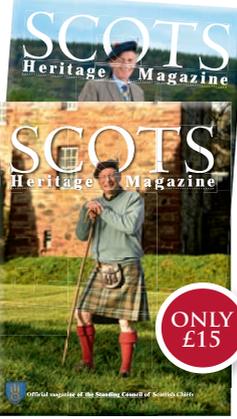
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Beyond the nature of the role, the post holder would be expected to undertake over-time as required in order to accommodate the business needs of the Hatchery and, for the same reason, would be part of the site Alarm Rota. A driving licence is essential.

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 Archie Clark MBE.



Happy 30th  
 Steven



Love, Mum,  
 Dad, Lauren,  
 Michelle, Alan,  
 Kaitlynn, Cohen  
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Happy 50th  
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE GOSPELS differ considerably in the recording of the resurrection appearances of Jesus.

Mark does not actually report on the appearance of the risen Jesus at all. Matthew's account has two resurrection appearances.

Luke also has two appearance stories. John gives us account of four appearances and like those in the other gospels, his story of Easter begins with the empty tomb.

However, unlike the other gospels which tell of several women at the tomb, John tells of only one, namely Mary Magdalene.

Matthew tells how the stone got moved and mentions an angel. Luke tells us there were two angels. Different accounts but each infused with the same intrinsic truth.

Whichever account is the real 'true' account, the resurrection stories of Jesus are 'filled with truth'.

One of the loveliest is the story of the two people travelling from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

They are tired, and totally devastated by the events of the past week in Jerusalem culminating in the execution of Jesus.

As they wander on the road, lost in thought and sore at heart, a stranger joins them. They are talking about what has happened and do not realise that the stranger is in fact the risen Christ.

It is not until they invite him to stay with them and eat with them that they recognise their guest. They recognise him in the breaking and blessing of bread and their hearts are filled with joy. The risen Jesus journeys with us, whether we know it or not. He is with us.

When Jesus came to earth as a baby, we rejoiced in God Immanuel, God with us.

Jesus' last words to his disciples were: 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the wonder of Easter morning, the promise of God fulfilled.



Lochgilhead entrepreneur Natalie MacDonald, left, assisted by friend Amanda MacLean, displays her wares as she launches her new cupcake venture. 06\_a12craigjumble01

## Bargains galore at popular sale event

THERE were nautical bargains galore at the ever-popular Craignish Community Company jumble sale last Saturday.

But salty old sea-dogs were not the only folk who found plenty to spend their money on.

A wide variety of stalls offered everything from

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cupcakes to French biscuits and even ceramic cats.

The event, at Craignish Village Hall, was held to raise funds to buy a plot of land for community use.

### TARBERT

## Golf club quiz night success

MEMBERS of Tarbert Golf Club put their golfing knowledge to the test in a golf rules quiz.

About 20 people attended the event on March 18 which was run by lady's captain Heather Brownlie and run by Willie Young.

It was a chance for members to show off their knowledge and brush up on some new rules that came in on January 1.

The season curtain raiser will be tomorrow, March 26, when president Keith McTaggart's team take on vice president Christopher Smyth's team beginning at 12.45pm

The club also welcomed new greenkeeper Graham Prentice who started work at the club this week.

## Races open for entry

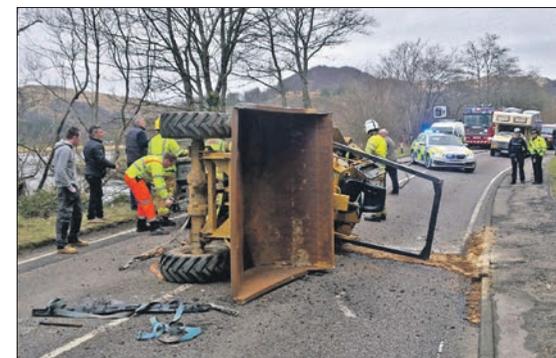
THE ANNUAL Tarbert 10k and 5k races are now open for entry.

Entries have been open via a link on the Tarbert 10k Facebook page since March 19.

The races take place on August 13 and for the bravest runners there is now the Dookers Doubler where you can take

on both the 5k and 10k bags and tee-shirts for competitors and prizes for first second and third, male and female.

There are also toddler dashes and mile race for younger runners on August 12 and all races take various routes around the town.



## Road blocked by overturned vehicle

The A83 was closed for about an hour on March 19 near the West Loch Hotel after a vehicle overturned. A 4 x 4 heading south and its trailer ended up on their side. The car and trailer were righted but not before its load of a dumper truck had been separated. Although there were no injuries, both the police and the fire service were in attendance.

### KILMICHAEL GLASSARY

## Easter treasure hunt for all ages

THERE will be an exciting car treasure hunt for all ages starting at the Horseshoe Inn, Kilmichael Glassary.

The event on Easter Sunday, March 27, has been organised by the Glassary Gathering. A clue sheet will be available from the Horseshoe Inn from 1.30pm and each clue will have to

be completed before the treasure is found.

At the final location there will eggs to decorate and roll. There will be a prize for all children and drivers and first to the final site will win a special prize.

All locations are suitable for children and dogs and walking shoes are advised.

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

**BIRTHS**



**MCILROY - MCMILLAN**

Ewan and Jennifer are delighted to announce the birth of Aimee Louise born on March 10, 2016, at Campbeltown Hospital. A wee sister for Lauren and Tyler. Second grandchild for Tina and fourth grandchild for Archie and Mhairi. Thanks to all midwives for care and support, and special thanks to Elspeth for her early safe arrival.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**MCDANIEL COLVILLE** - Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of Shaun, elder son of Jane McDaniel (née MacBrayne) and Hannah, youngest daughter of Elspeth Colville, Campbeltown.

**RUBY WEDDINGS**

**BROWN - WEST** - At Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown, on March 26, 1976, by Rev John McCormack, Ronnie to Marion.

**DEATHS**

**BUCHANAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 19, 2016, Angus (Aeneas) Buchanan, in his 78th year, Thornlea, Stronvaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Ann Marion West, much loved father of Monique Ann and a loving grandpa of Fraser, Cameron and Ailsa.

**MCDONALD** - Peacefully, on March 11, 2016, in her 81st year, Jessie Telfer Park, dearly beloved wife of the late Ian and loving mother of Cath, Liz, Sheena, Jack and Sara, dear mother-in-law of Tom, Mick and Darin, proud gran to many. Sadly missed by all her family and friends.

**MCKINLAY** - On March 16, 2016, peacefully at Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, Catherine (Cathy) Louisa McKinlay, née MacDougall, in her 81st year, beloved wife of the late Robert, much loved mother of Elizabeth and Alistair, dear mother-in-law of Hugh and Kate, treasured granny of Andrew, Iain, Kenneth, Jamie, Craig and Jack and a proud great granny of

our sleeping angel, Ellie. Funeral service at Clachan Church on Friday, March 25 at 10.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please, donations if desired to Diabetes and MS Kintyre.

**RICHARDSON** - Peacefully at home, The Sheiling, Gortonronach, Lochgair, on March 21, 2016, Valerie Richardson, in her 75th year, beloved daughter of the late William Richardson and Alma Wallace, dear sister of Sandy, a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Lochgair Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 11.30am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Craae, Minard. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to The Beatson. No black ties please, colours preferred.

**THOMSON** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 20, 2016, Catherine Morrans McGeachy, in her 97th year, formerly of 146 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James Thomson and a much loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 25, 2016, at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CHRYSTIE** - Florence and family would like to thank everybody for their overwhelming support following the sudden, unexpected loss of Colin. Thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace for an uplifting service, to David Gardiner for "the music" and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their caring but professional handling of the funeral arrangements. Special thanks to Machrihanish Dunes and to Colin's work colleagues for the special purvey arrangements and hospitality at the Ugadale Hotel. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their last respects. A retiral collection raised over £1,600 for the RNLI.

**DOCHERTY** - Caroline and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls following the sad loss of George. Thanks to staff at A&E and Dr Norrie. Special thanks to Rev Wallace for his

fitting service, to Kenneth Blair for his professional services, to the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely tea, and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for Intensive Care at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital raised £541.70.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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- All our love, Angus, Lesley, Colin and families xxxx.

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- Mum, Thomas, Alec. A special auntie, Diane. - Donna Marie, Chloe, Connor xxx.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of my wee sister, Diane, a 'special' auntie. Always thinking of our times together. Memories that last forever. We miss you every day.

- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

**O'MAY** - Malcolm. Remembered with love and a smile, our dear dad. The greatest man we ever knew.

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**SANDERSON** - Treasured memories of a loving mum and gran (Wee Nan).

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**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 27th March 2016  
**Easter Sunday**  
Glassary 10.00am with Communion  
All welcome  
SCO 02121

**lochgilthead baptist church**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Derek Gibson  
All Welcome  
Sunday 27th March 2016  
**EASTER DAY**  
Meeting for ecumenical Service  
8am at Ardrishaig Tennis Courts  
then breakfast and fun at church  
followed by  
Morning Service 10am  
**mainly music**  
away day at Helensburgh  
Scottish Charity SC015187



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Easter Sunday 27th March 2016**  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
**Saturday 26th March**  
Easter Coffee Morning  
10am - 12 noon  
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**Every Tuesday**  
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Kilberry Service 2pm  
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**EASTER WEEKEND**  
Friday 25th March  
**Good Friday**  
Vigil Service in  
Christ Church, Lochgilthead  
from 12noon till 3:00pm  
**Evening Reflection**  
in Ardrishaig Church  
at 6:30pm  
followed by  
**Night-time Thoughts**  
in Columba's Cave, Ellary  
at 8:00pm  
**Sunday 27th March**  
**Easter Sunday Services**  
at the Tennis Court,  
8:00am  
and in Ardrishaig Church  
11:00am  
and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road,  
Lochgilthead (SC013787)  
**Good Friday**  
Ecumenical Service  
of the Passion  
12 noon Music: Seven  
Last Words from the  
Cross:  
James Macmillan  
1pm Preaching of the  
Passion  
2.30pm Passion Gospel &  
Prayers before the Cross  
**Easter Day 27th March**  
8am Ecumenical Service  
at Tennis Courts  
9am Holy Communion  
**St. Columba, Pottaloch**  
11am Vigil, Blessing of  
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**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
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Bellanoch Church 7 pm  
Good Friday Meditations  
**Sunday 27 March**  
Keills Chapel 9 am  
Easter Early Service  
Tayvallich Hall 10 am  
Light breakfast  
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am  
Easter Celebration  
**Saturday 26 March**  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall  
**Monday 28 March**  
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Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Easter Service  
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Easter Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Good Friday Services  
25th March  
Cumlodden Church at 3 pm  
Inveraray Church at 7 pm  
**All Welcome**

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
  
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11.00am Easter Sunday Service  
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Tayvallich  
**EASTER SONGS OF PRAISE**  
**Sunday 27th March**  
**6.30pm St Kieran's Episcopal Church**  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 27th March**  
11.15am Easter Service  
Mr Evan Macdonald  
**6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise**  
at St Kieran's Episcopal Church  
**Wednesday 30th March**  
12.30pm Bible Study  
and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
**Saturday 2nd April**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
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**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
  
**Good Friday Service**  
25th March, 7.00 pm  
Pastor Chris Holden  
**Easter Sunday**  
27th March, 11.00 am  
Family Service  
followed by refreshments  
**mainly music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
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**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday 27th March 2016**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages  
followed by a light lunch  
SPEAKER: Graham McLean  
(HE IS RISEN!)  
**Thursday 31st March 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
**All Welcome**

*Highland Parish Church*  
  
SCO02493  
**Sunday 27th March 2016**  
The Easter service will be held in the Church at 11.15am and will be conducted by Mr Matthew Ramsay  
**Easter Songs of Praise in St Kieran's Episcopal Church at 6.30pm**  
**Saturday 2nd April**  
Coffee Morning in Kirk Street Hall

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number  
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# Records fall at Argyll athletics final

MORE than 100 young athletes took part in the Argyll final of sports hall athletics held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban. The final on March 19 was the last in a series of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club and kindly sponsored by MacQueen Brothers Charitable Trust.

During almost five hours of intense competition 12 Argyll age records were broken and one equalled with young athletes from the Oban area mainly dominating in the boys' events and Mid Argyll and Kintyre girls winning all of the girls' age groups.

The top performance of the day was arguably by Jilly Lefebvre from Kilmichael Glassary who was the under-13 champion winning three events and breaking the Argyll age record in the two lap race recording 24.1 seconds. At the end of the afternoon she succeeded in improving the four lap record by almost three seconds with an incredible time of 51.8 seconds.

This was a very competitive age group with Poppy MacKillop from Oban in second place overall mainly thanks to a win in the high jump clearing 1.43 metres. Abbie Cato from Bunnessan was third overall winning the long and tri-

ple jumps and shot putt.

The MacDonald twins Jemma and Jorja from Lochgilphead tied for first place in the under-seven category. Jemma, the taller of the twins, won four events and broke the Argyll age record in the two lap race in 28.7 seconds and later broke the age record in the standing long jump leaping out to 1.64 metres. Jorja won the speed bounce with 70 jumps in 30 seconds setting a new age record. Jodie Allan from Ardrishaig was third overall and equalled the age record in winning the javelin with a 10 metre throw.

Erin Green from Dalintober Primary in Campbeltown was the under-nine champion and also a record breaker in the two lap race finishing in 27.2 seconds. Erin went on to win the four lap race in 61.2 seconds and also the high jump in which she attempted but failed at 1.11 metres which would have been a new age record. Erin's proud mum was the Argyll under-nine champion in 1994 the first year the indoor events were held in Argyll.

Eilidh Cameron from Inveraray was an impressive winner in a competitive under-11 category dominated by Mid Argyll girls. Eilidh won the four lap race and speed bounce while



Medallists in each of the six different age groups show off the trophies they received last Sunday at the sports hall athletics final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban. 15\_t13athletics02

runner-up Amy Anderson, from Kilmichael Glassary, won the high and long jumps. Third placed Kirsten Blair, from Crinan, won the two lap race.

## Champion

Jodie Robertson from Lochgilphead was the under-15 champion winning two running events in addition to the triple jump and shot putt.

The under-7 boys' contest was won by Jack Green, young brother of Erin the girls under nine champion. Jack won four events and

improved the Argyll age record in both the two-lap race recording 29.7 seconds and four-lap race with a time of 65.2 seconds. Connor MacAulay from Rockfield primary was second overall winning the javelin and long jump.

George Pagan, Rockfield, was the under-nine champion ahead of Jacques Coates from Park and Ewan MacPhail from Salen on Mull.

Mid Argyll boys dominated the under-11 contest with Logan Al-

lan from Ardrishaig the winner ahead of Murray MacDonald from Lochgilphead. Logan won the two-lap race and high jump and placed highly in another three events. Murray impressed in winning both the long and triple jumps while third placed Finlay MacLean from Rockfield won the javelin.

Alfie Smith from Tayvallich was a clear winner in the under-13 with success in five events including a 9.54 metres shot putt. Gregor Campbell from Glenbarr was

runner-up and Owen MacCorquodale from Dunbeg was third overall.

Sam Coates from Kilmore and Joseph Harper from Kilmartin had a very close contest in the under-15 with Sam just half-a-point ahead after seven events. Sam's older brother Ben was a record breaker in the under-17 improving his own two-lap record by 0.1 second in 20.7 seconds and later in the day ran four laps in 44.6 seconds to knock 0.7 seconds off the record.

Lochgilphead Primary School won the girls schools trophy and Oban High won the boys trophy.

The organisers wish to thank all the young athletes and parents for supporting the competition and special thanks to Graham MacQueen, MBE, representing the sponsors MacQueen Brothers Charitable Trust. Graham was an interested spectator and was also present to hand out the awards at the end of an exhausting afternoon.

## Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club, spring trophy competition

THIS is the third time the Spring Trophy Competition has been held at the new Glendaruel and

Colintrave Gun Club ground, which is now established as one of the premier venues in Cow-

al. The cool, dry weather on March 19 gave good shooting conditions for the field of 31

senior and two junior guns. The club has a tradition of welcoming visitors from a wide area to the open shoots, normally four a year. The prize list for this year shows that entrants are prepared to travel considerable distances, testimony to the excellent standards of the shoots.

The field competed for two trophies, the Dunans Challenge Open Trophy, originally presented to the club in 1949, and the Ormidale Trophy, which is restricted to club members. A side pool trap competition off four pegs giving a more sporting type of target was used by many as a warm-up event.

The Dunans Challenge Trophy, open to all, was won by Paul Chalmers, Cairndow, with a score of 146; only four points off the maximum possible of 150 points. Second equal with 145 points were Archie McBride, Dunoon, and John Gilchrist, Campbeltown. In third place was Gordon Griffiths, Garelochhead, with 142. A further tie for fourth place took place between George Lynn, Dunoon, and Stuart McNeil, East Kilbride with scores of 141. The final two places went to Ronald Robertson, Bute, and Derek Street, Dunoon on 139 and 136 respectively. The Ormi-

dale Trophy, which goes to the top scoring club member, went to Archie McBride, Dunoon, who was a joint second in the open competition. Archie, although still a junior, has made great strides in the last two years, and must now be classed as one of the best shots in Cowal.

Grateful thanks are extended to Pat Currie, Johann McBride and Annette Gray for their support with the catering.

The club also wishes to thank all those who donated items for the catering and prizes for the raffle. In all an excellent day with a high standard of shooting.

## Saints reach Scottish Cup semi-final

OBAN Saints reached the semi-final of the Scottish Amateur Cup after a narrow win over Shortlees last Saturday. The Oban side now play Leven United at New Douglas Park, Hamilton on Thursday March 31.

## Lottery results

KILMORY Camanachd Club lottery numbers are 6,8 and 16. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £700.

Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers are 1,15 and 9. The next draw will be April 4 and the jackpot stands at £300.



Gordon Griffiths, Paul Chalmers, Derek Street, Archie McBride, George Lynn, and James Carter.



The young competitors take their marks. 08\_a13run02

# Lochgilphead pupils run for Sport Relief



The 5k run gets under way. 08\_a13run01

## Final league match for anglers

LOCH Fyne Sea Angling Club took to the Firth of Lorne for its final league match of the season.

The strong tides, coupled with depths of up to 500 feet, made this a challenging event where a minimum of 24 oz weights were needed to hold the seabed.

Despite the testing conditions over 100 fish were brought aboard the *Creagallan* with some spurs making double and treble shots. Other catches included black-mouth dogfish, lesser-spotted dogfish and a juvenile skate of 15lbs.

In true angling tradition, there was the tale of 'the one that got away', and it genuinely did for John Byrne who hooked into an adult skate. On this occasion the skate won the battle when the line snapped setting it free to roam the depths.

All in all a good day's fishing to close the season. Top rod was Willie Shaw followed by John McCallister and Steven MacBrayne.

There will be a trophy presentation following the club's AGM in April and the first venue of 2016 will be at Portpatrick in May.



Steven McBrayne with a black-mouthed dogfish.

THERE was much excitement at Lochgilphead Joint Campus as a fun run was held to support Sport Relief.

There were different routes and different distances for all ages and abilities and plenty of the kids took on the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

The longest route was five kilometres, just over three miles, and was for secondary school runners. Some teachers were also brave enough to join in.

There was also a mile for primary school children

and a run round the campus for the pre fives.

The event was a huge success and raised over £1,200 for Sport Relief.



Primary six pupil Taylor McKibbin enjoyed the run.



First 5k finishers Ciaran McPhie and Eoghan Condie. 08\_a13run04

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# Controversial ending as Kyles equalise with last gasp penalty

**Kyles Athletic** 2  
**Newtonmore** 2  
Marine Harvest Premiership

A DISPUTED last-minute penalty gave Kyles Athletic a 2-2 draw with Newtonmore at Tighnabruaich.

Kyles have been boosted by Sandy MacVicar's return to the side after injury but Cammy Keith was missing for this one.

Newtonmore travelled without Conor Jones who has a knee injury whilst Jamie Robinson was on holiday.

Thomas Whyte gave Kyles the lead on 22 minutes.

However Newtonmore, who had Glen

MacKintosh playing with strapping on his right knee, levelled 10 minutes later when Evan Menzies scored from a tight angle.

When Chris Sellar put 'More in front a minute before the break, the visitors were in the driving seat.

## Pressure

As the second half went on, Kyles piled the pressure in search of an equaliser but when Roddy MacDonald had to be taken back into defence to mark Evan Menzies, it looked as if the vis-

itors would close the match out.

The game's major flashpoint came in the final minute. 'More keeper Owen Fraser reacted to a late hit-out from Dunkie Kerr and was sent off by referee David Mitchell. Newtonmore were then incensed when the referee pointed to the penalty spot as they claimed the ball was out of play for a corner at the time of the incident. Paul MacArthur went in goal but Kyles wing centre Robbie MacLeod kept his cool to convert the penalty.

There was hardly time to restart the game before the final whistle sounded.



Kyles half back Andrew King tussles with Newtonmore danger man Glen Macintosh, as Innes MacDonald of Kyles waits in support.

Photo: Paul Paterson

## National Division

### Inveraray 3 Inverness 1

Inveraray picked up their first points of the season with a 3-1 win over Inverness at the Winterton.

Inveraray were still without David Robertson and Euan McMurdo but Douglas Dando returned and he made an appearance from the substitutes' bench.

Inverness travelled five players short of their usual squad with co-manager Drew Mcneil and youngster Jack Craig both given a start. Forward Charlie MacDonald joined the squad during the match, coming on as a substitute, after competing in a piping competition in Glasgow.

Lewis Montgomery scored on 14 and 27 minutes to put Inveraray 2-0 ahead. Player/manager Ruaridh Graham added a third just four minutes before half-time.

Inverness came more into the game in the second-half but all they had to show for their efforts was a Dougie Rankin goal three minutes from time.

### Kilmallie 1 Bute 1

Title hopefuls Kilmallie got their league campaign under way at the third time of asking when they drew 1-1 with Bute in their 1pm throw up at the Canal Parks. Kilmallie's Craig MacIsaac started a two-match ban as his booking against Kingussie in the Marine Harvest Premiership play-off at the end of last season took him through the disciplinary points threshold.

Bute's Arran Dunn sat this one out as he served a one-game ban following his red card against Glasgow Mid Argyll last weekend.

Bute must have been a bit apprehensive going into the game following last weekend's 4-0 home defeat to Glasgow

Mid Argyll. The young Bute side shocked their hosts when they took the lead after 16 minutes through Ben Clarke.

A through ball came off a home defender's legs and bounced on Clarke's left side and he initially looked to make a pass before sending a back-hand drive into the far left corner of the net for what was a fine finish. The goal seemed to give the young Bute side confidence and they battled hard to frustrate Kilmallie.

However, the home side restored parity when Duncan Rodger, making his competitive debut for Kilmallie since his switch from Fort William, hit a great strike past Bute keeper Kevin Queen a minute before the interval to make it 1-1.

## South Division One

### Aberdour 6 Inveraray 1

Aberdour are in second spot in the league after

their 6-1 win over the Inveraray second team at Silver Sands.

Inveraray's Niall Shaw had served a one-match ban.

Roddy MacColl gave Aberdour the lead after 15 minutes but Kenny Kirkhope drew the visitors level when he lofted the ball into the net just a minute later.

Aberdour went back in front with 60 first half seconds remaining when Finlay Williamson, who normally plays in defence, scored to make it 2-1.

Angus Thorburn made it 3-1 on 58 minutes when he cut in from the right to bundle the ball over the line.

Aberdour continued to press but the Inveraray keeper and defence stayed strong until the closing stages of the game.

Roddy MacColl is al-

ready proving to be a great signing from Kyles Athletic and he completed his hat-trick with goals on 85 and 86 minutes.

A second Finlay Williamson goal a couple of minutes from time rounded off the 6-1 win.

### Glenorchy 1 Col Glen 4

Third place Col Glen returned from Mart Park with both points thanks to a 4-1 win over Glenorchy.

Robbie Brown scored for the home side but Steven MacKellar, two from Connor Kennedy and a Hamish Harrison goal made it 4-1 to the visitors.

### Taynuilt 4 Kyles Athletic 4

Taynuilt and the Kyles Athletic second team shared the points following an exciting 4-4

a second from Connor Giudici on the stroke of half time made it 4-3.

Taynuilt earned a point when Ryan Gillies scored just three minutes into the second half.

The only surprise was that there was no further scoring during the next 42 minutes.

## South Division Two

### Dunoon 0 Kilmory 13

High scoring Kilmory proved too strong for Dunoon Camanachd, winning 13-0 in a match which was transferred from the Dunoon Stadium to Strachurmore.

After beating the Aberdour seconds 9-0 last week, also away from home, Kilmory went into the match against shinty's newest team with confidence.

Jonathan Black missed out for Dunoon as he served a one-match ban.

The visitors led 9-0 at the break. Alex Cunningham was the day's top shinty scorer with six goals. Hal Jones was one behind, finding the back of the net five times, following up his hat-trick last weekend in style. Gordon Watt and William Mcgladdery got the others.

The win lifts Kilmory into second place in the table.

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