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Arctic Penguin sets sail from Inveraray after two decades

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ON A beautifully still, sunny Saturday morning, a sprinkling of snow on the hills around Loch Fyne, she quietly slipped away.

After more than two decades as a fixture at Inveraray Pier, the Arctic Penguin moved on to a new owner and a fresh start in the south.

The 400-tonne steel hulled schooner arrived at the pier in the mid 1990s and was established as a maritime museum while tied up at the stone quay, but her origins lie across the Irish Sea.

The ship was built for the Irish Lighthouse Service in 1910 as the 'Penguin' and served until 1966, when she was sold to become a youth adventure training vessel, renamed 'Hallowe'en'.

She changed hands

again in the early 1980s and was dubbed 'Arctic Penguin' on conversion to a schooner. The Arctic Penguin famously sank in the Clyde in 1988 before being salvaged and laid up at Renfrew.

On her arrival at Inveraray in 1995, the maritime museum became a popular attraction but circumstances changed and the museum closed five years ago.

She was again advertised for sale by owner Archie McArthur in 2013 and, after a few false starts, Cheshire-based Viscount Christopher Wright finally bought the schooner.

A channel was dredged and the ship was moved in April last year to the end of Inveraray's wooden pier, from where she



Assisted by the 'Venture', the 107-year-old Arctic Penguin sets course for a new life in the south. a13arcticpenguin06

was due to be taken to Ardmaleish boatyard on the Isle of Bute for refurbishment.

Those plans fell through and she lay at the pier until the weekend.

Under the watchful eye of Liverpool

tug 'Venture', but under her own twin-diesel power, on Saturday March 25 the Arctic Penguin slowly moved away from her home for the past 22 years, her new owner at the tiller.

The Viscount was in

chipper mood as they left on the tide, shortly before 9.30am, bound for Barrow in Furness for repair.

He said: 'This is a big day and it's been a long time coming. I'm just pleased to be finally taking her for repair.'

Asked what his ultimate plans are for the ship, he joked: 'I'm going to scuttle her off Tarbert', before enquiring whether the newly-turning propeller was still attached to the vessel.

John Patrick, secretary of Inveraray Marketing Group (IMaGe), said: 'The Penguin had not been an attraction for a number of years, and the pier has fallen in to a major state of disrepair.'

'The group is pleased the ship has a new owner and is off on a new life where it will see the investment it needs to remain productive for many years to come.'

Watch a video of the Arctic Penguin leaving Inveraray on the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page

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Fyne festival of beer returns

BEER from some of the UK's most critically-acclaimed breweries will be available at the annual FyneFest event this summer.

Hosted beside the Fyne Ales brewery at Achadunan, Cairndow, FyneFest is a family-friendly beer, music and food festival on the shores of Loch Fyne.

Fynes Ales managing director Jamie Delap said: 'While we're proud of the fact that FyneFest brings together elements of music festivals and food festivals, beer is the star of the show for the majority of festival-goers.'

The festival takes place over three days starting on June 2.



Tarbert tourism watches as ferry firm shuffles deck

WITH effect from today, the Tarbert-Portavadie run will have a different ferry plying Loch Fyne, raising some local concern that the smaller vessel may struggle to cope.

The Loch Fyne route has, until recently, been served by the newly-built diesel electric hybrid ferry MV Catriona, which has capacity for 23 cars. As the summer timetable begins today, March 31, the Tarbert-Portavadie service will be provided by the 40-year-old MV Isle of Cumbrae, capable of carrying 18 cars.

One Tarbert business owner said: 'When the Cumbrae was last used at Tarbert, there were cars left on the slip, and it was the same at Portavadie. This could

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undermine the good work done to build up tourism in this area.'

A spokesperson for ferry operator CalMac said: 'The summer 2017 timetable on the Tarbert to Portavadie route will be served by MV Isle of Cumbrae, and MV Catriona will be deployed to the Claonaig to Lochranza service.'

'Both routes are very busy and this has been taken into consideration. It should not be forgotten that Claonaig to Lochranza has fewer return sailings a day than Tarbert to Portavadie.'

'As ever, we are balancing the requirements of the whole

network and considering demands across all areas as best we can with the limited vessels available to us.'

Director of the Portavadie marina and spa complex, Iain Jurgensen, said: 'Having a regular and reliable ferry service between Kintyre and Cowal is essential as we go into the peak tourism season.'

Mr Jurgensen, also on the board of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, continued: 'While a 25 per cent reduction in vehicle capacity is, of course, a concern in terms of visitors seeking to explore Argyll and the Isles, I am confident CalMac has procedures in place to constantly monitor the level of traffic on each route and act accordingly should demand outstrip capacity on the Tarbert to Portavadie route.'



The MV Catriona – moving to Lochranza service. 06_a12tarberr01

Tarbert councillor Anne Horn commented: 'It is a pity that the Catriona is moving to the Lochranza run, but

the Cumbrae appears to be a more reliable ferry and able to sail in conditions that deter the Catriona.'

'The Tarbert to Portavadie ferry provides a vital, busy service and it must be dependable.'

Police files

Alcohol stolen

SEVERAL bottles of alcohol were stolen from the Co-op stores in Inveraray, Lochgilphead and Tarbert on Wednesday March 22.

Later that day, police stopped a car on the A815 near Cairndow and three men, aged

20, 29 and 38, were detained.

Alcohol was recovered and the men were arrested, charged with theft and held in custody for court.

Man had drugs

AT 11.40pm on Wednesday March 22, a car was stopped and searched by police on Bridge Terrace, Furnace.

The driver, a man aged 28, was found to be in possession of a small quantity of cannabis and was issued with a police warning.

Disturbance

POLICE received a report of a disturbance in a flat in Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, at 11.50pm on Wednesday March 22.

Officers attended and a man, aged 26, was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Man arrested

ON THURSDAY March 23, police received a report of a disturbance at a flat in New Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, at

11.45pm. A man, aged 69, was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour, assaulting a woman and resisting arrest.

The man was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Charged at flat

POLICE received a report of a disturbance in a flat in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, on Friday March 24 at 3pm.

Officers attended and a woman, aged 32, was arrested and charged with vandalism, abusive behaviour and attempting to assault police.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs find

A MAN aged 24 was stopped and searched by police at 11.50pm on Saturday March 25 on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

He was found to be in possession of a small quantity of cocaine and cannabis.

He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Support group which helps the homeless

MOVING On – Mid Argyll, or MOMA, was set up to help people who are homeless.

The group describes itself as an 'inter-denominational Christian body' aimed at relieving the poverty and suffering of people who are in need, hardship or distress by providing, or helping to provide, practical household goods.

In seven years, MOMA has distributed more than 100 household starter packs and many dozens of food parcels.

Sadly, the organisation still finds its services in demand around the area, and it is against this background that MOMA will hold its annual general meeting.

The AGM is open to anyone, and if you would like to lend a hand, the committee would love to see you at Lochgilphead church hall on Tuesday April 4.

The doors open for the AGM at 2.45pm for a 3pm start, and refreshments will be provided.

Wind farm fund deadline

INVERARAY community council is reminding locals of the deadlines for available grants for community groups.

The Clachan Wind Farm fund is available to constituted local groups either based in Inveraray or benefiting the people of Inveraray and the deadline for applications is April 3.

Applications forms are available from inveraray@btinternet.com or hard copies can be collected at the Londis store.

Landowner thanks firefighters after major Kilberry hill blaze

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FIRE crews from across Argyll and the central belt raced to south Knapdale after reports of a major hill fire near Kilberry.

The fire broke out on Ormsary Estate as land managers took advantage of a dry spell of weather on Monday March 27 to carry out controlled heather burning, or muirburn, aimed at improving hill pasture. A change of wind direction in the afternoon, though, caused the fire to pick up and burn out of control to the west.

A total of nine fire appliances attended, initially from Tarbert but later backed up by crews from Camp-

“Fires of this type are relatively rare in Argyll”

beltown, Lochgilphead, Inveraray, Oban, Helensburgh, Clydebank and Maryhill, with firefighters working until sunset to dampen the blaze.

Estate workers toiled through the night to ensure the fire would not reignite, before the



The fire burned from Monday afternoon into Tuesday.

Tarbert fire crew returned at first light and extinguished two lingering isolated blazes.

James Lithgow of Ormsary said: 'The fire

was contained within Ormsary Estate, and never posed any risk to the public or neighbouring property.

'We are extremely

grateful for the assistance of our local fire crews in tackling this blaze, as the fire had the potential to cause serious damage to

standing commercial timber and other woodlands.'

A spokesman for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said: 'The initial call was received at 12.50pm on Monday, and nine appliances attended from eight stations. Crews found a hill fire and tackled it across a five-mile front. Assisted by estate staff and forestry workers, our crews worked to ensure there was no danger to the public or property in the area.'

James Lithgow added: 'Fortunately fires of this type are relatively rare in Argyll, but when they do occur, the professionalism and expertise of our fire service is very much appreciated.'

Council under fire over education as special meeting called

COUNCILLORS in Argyll and Bute will hold a special meeting to discuss major issues raised by an education report.

Education in Argyll and Bute came under criticism in a sobering report published last week following an assessment by inspectors from Education Scotland. The report, published on March 21, outlined four out of five key areas in the education service that were 'weak' and that there remain significant areas for improvement in how effectively the council achieves 'positive outcomes' for

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its young people. A lack of leadership in the council's education service was identified by inspectors as a major cause for concern, highlighting in particular the strained relationships between central staff and elected representatives.

One of those elected members pressing for a special meeting was Helensburgh councillor James Robb, who said: 'The committee system has failed and it is important all members of the council can contribute to proper

scrutiny of the report and address points of action.'

Despite some resistance from council leaders, Mr Robb gained enough support from fellow councillors to

persuade the provost, Councillor Len Scoullar, that a special meeting should be allowed.

Council leader Dick Walsh responded to the report with an open letter to Education Secretary John Swinney in which he said:

'There is no-one, I am

sure, within Argyll and Bute's education service who is not deeply disappointed and, indeed, hurting, over the grading and outcome following this inspection.'

The letter went on: 'It is important to point out the report high-

lights many areas of good work and practice.

'It does, however, contain some inconsistencies.'

The special meeting of Argyll and Bute Council will be held within the next 14 days.

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International potential of Mid Argyll manufacturing on show



Neil MacDonal of Midton Acrylics describes the 3D printing process to Brendan O'Hara. 06_a13midton01



Getting to grips with the scale of the operation, surrounded by the firing ovens. 06_a13midton03

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BRENDAN O'Hara discovered the full capabilities of a design and manufacturing company in Lochgilphead last week as the origin of his prized television award was revealed.

The MP for Argyll and Bute was treated to

a tour of Midton Acrylics, a leading manufacturer of cast acrylic embedments, at its base in Lochgilphead.

Midton undertakes a wide range of projects, designing and manufacturing anything from corporate awards and presentation gifts to bespoke interior design products, even collaborating with famous artists and designers all around the world.

The company employs 48 people at the plant in Lochgilphead who are kept busy with as many as 200 projects at a time.

Neil MacDonal, commercial director at Midton Acrylics, walked Brendan through every stage of their manufacturing process, all the way from design to production, and outlined the scale of the operation at the Kilmory industrial estate.

Brendan commented: 'I never knew that the operation here was so big. It's very impres-

sive and just shows what you can do on an international scale while based in Mid Argyll.'

Brendan was taken aback after the realisation that, in a previous life, long before Westminster, a Royal Television Society award he had won was actually made by Midton

Acrylics in Lochgilphead.

He said: 'It's amazing to think that when I collected the award in London at a big awards night I was actually holding something that was made in Lochgilphead.'

Although around 60 per cent of the firm's sales are based in the

London area, with exports much further afield, Midton Acrylics continues to operate from its Lochgilphead base.

With more than 30 years of history in the area, the directors at Midton cite this long-standing association as an incentive to remain in Mid Argyll.



Brendan O'Hara was shown the many capabilities of acrylic embedments on the tour.

MP's shock after Westminster attack

ARGYLL and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara has spoken of his shock following the attack on the Houses of Parliament.

At 2.40pm on Wednesday March 22 a man drove a car over Westminster Bridge, killing three pedestrians and injuring many more. The car then crashed into railings outside the Houses of Parliament.

The attacker, carrying a knife, ran to parliament where he was confronted by the police.

An unarmed officer,



Brendan O'Hara MP. 06_a13ohara01

PC Keith Palmer, was stabbed and killed.

The attacker was shot dead by armed police.

For the first Wednesday in two years, said

Mr O'Hara, he was not in London at the time, but the impact is very real. He told the *Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'Everyone is shaken.

It's one of these things you know will happen, yet at the same time never think it will.'

He paid tribute to the police and security staff at Westminster.

Mr O'Hara said: 'I have huge respect and praise for their professionalism and courage. The very fact that this attacker managed to get just a few yards towards the parliament building before being stopped is testament to this.'

'My thoughts are clearly with the people affected by this shocking attack.'

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See me after school

RARELY has a report – of any kind – offered such outspoken criticism of a function of Argyll and Bute Council.

But the recent education inspectors' report offers a sobering assessment that has worrying echoes of criticism contained in Audit Scotland reports on council leadership.

But if management and relationships at a strategic level are so poor they are damaging our children's future prospects, this is a damning indictment of the culture in Kilmory's upper echelons. It must change.

Front-line teaching and support staff are working their socks off and – however demoralising this report must seem to them – the finger is pointed squarely at those in strategic positions of authority.

A notable success

THE small band of organisers behind Mid Argyll Music Festival are due a huge pat on the back for their continued hard work organising this marvellous event.

The festival offers an annual stage for our young people to demonstrate their talent – and for the not-so-young to remind us they haven't lost it either. So well done to the committee, helpers and, not least, each of the competitors and their families for making this such an enjoyable event once more.

Penguin flies off

SO it's farewell to the Arctic Penguin. In truth, she has contributed little to Inveraray in recent years, and has cut an increasingly dilapidated figure against an increasingly dilapidated pier – but does Inveraray Pier not look gay bare without her?

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Never hold elections

Sir,
I was baffled by the letter in last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* headed 'Re-run the rugby'.

The writer's crude attempt to deny Scots the right to determine their own future, if taken to its logical conclusion, would mean we would never hold any elections in the future as we have a government or council that was voted in, so get on with it.

**David Hay,
Minard.**

Mill wheels grind very slowly

Sir,
I write with reference to the departure of the Arctic Penguin from Inveraray Pier.

The same person who owns Inveraray Pier also owns the former St Catherines Hotel.

If the owner is not going to get on and do something with the hotel, I wish he would sell it to someone who would. In his ownership, it has stood derelict since before I came here 14 years ago.

He waits until the council serves an enforcement notice on him before he performs any maintenance work. When he does any such work, it is done in such a way that it quickly falls into disrepair again.

The big holes in the concrete on the old garage forecourt are also still unfilled, despite his prom-

ise to do something about them. He has done some good work refurbishing and redeveloping various properties around Dunoon, and he deserves credit for them. But the wheels of his mill grind exceeding slow and in the meantime things decay and decline to the great anguish of people who have to live with them.

Across the loch, they have just spent millions improving the appearance and condition of major buildings in Inveraray – but the thing the visitors are most likely to notice is the dilapidated state of the pier. That is a great shame.

The day the St Catherines Hotel re-opens I would like to be the first to say thank you, shake the owner's hand and offer to buy him a drink in the bar.

We all thought he was going to be the saviour of our wee hamlet. I am sad to say that so far we are disappointed.

**Graham Thomas,
St Catherines.**

Rural grants available

Sir,
At a time of great uncertainty for farming and rural communities, the Prince's Countryside Fund has opened for grant applications.

With grants of up to £50,000 available per project totalling over £600,000, rural organisations and communities are being encouraged to consider applying for funding to support

their countryside projects. Set up by the Prince of Wales in 2010, the charity has now awarded grants to over 200 projects across the UK totalling over £8 million.

The grant programme tackles a wide range of rural issues, including support and business advice for traditional farming families, career support and training opportunities for young people and support for communities to run vital community services. Applications are being particularly welcomed from community shops, pubs and innovative projects intended to alleviate rural isolation.

The fund has assisted a hugely diverse range of projects, which range from providing funding to support young people to develop forestry skills in Fife, helping island communities to develop housing schemes and business support and advice for rural enterprises.

All applicants need to complete an online form which can be accessed via our website www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday April 13.

**Helen Aldis,
manager, the
Prince's
Countryside Fund.**

United in condemnation

Sir,
As representatives and leaders of our various faith communities, we are united in our condemnation of the

recent terrorist attack in London.

Love of God and love of neighbour are the guiding principles of our faith traditions, and we deplore all acts of violence.

Trusting in God's healing presence and power, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been bereaved, injured or left traumatised by this terrible incident.

We urge everyone of whatever faith tradition or none to live peaceably with their neighbours and to actively uphold the values of compassion, love and respect.

Right Rev Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland;
Dr Naji Arfaj, Executive Director, Edinburgh Central Mosque;
Hassan Rabbani, An-nandale Mosque, Leith;
Imam Sayed Razawi, Director General, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society;
Rev Matthew Ross, General Secretary of Action of Churches Together in Scotland.

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Blarbuie woodlands ignores winter weather with a spring in its step

AS THE hailstones rained from the sky, it certainly didn't seem like spring had sprung at the Blarbuie woodlands on Tuesday March 21.

Spirits were high, nonetheless, as Blarbuie Woodlands Enterprise Ltd hosted a Change of Season open

day to mark the spring equinox.

Visitors dropped into the Blarbuie woodlands base in Lochgilphead to find out about volunteering, flower and seed beds, and all the other ongoing projects run by the group.

There was plenty of information and prac-

tical learning on offer as people were encouraged to plant a tree, learn about organic gardening and even sow seeds.

Grace Macleod, a director of Blarbuie Woodlands Enterprise Ltd, said: 'Come rain or shine, the staff and volunteers at Blarbuie

are always out in force. Today is one of two equinox events we hold each year and is a celebration to mark the growing and sowing of seeds and plants.'

The woodlands enterprise has a number of ongoing projects, and is currently building several larch benches



Visitors and Blarbuie volunteers enjoyed the Change of Season open day. 06_a12blairbuieopen01



Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise always tries to make the most of its natural resources. 06_a12blairbuieopen02



Colin Campbell works on one of the larch benches. 06_a12blairbuieopen03

for local groups and businesses.

Colin Campbell, aided by a couple of trusty assistants, was diligently getting on with the task of building the benches, offering a demonstration of

woodworking skills for the visitors.

Although the weather tried its best to hamper proceedings, everyone at Blarbuie had a great time marvelling at the wonders of nature.

Grace added: 'The

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Carra crowned Scotland's belle

LOCHGILPHEAD can lay claim to a newly-crowned beauty queen.

Carra Henderson was handed the title of Miss Belle Scotland Queen 2017 at a glittering ceremony last Saturday.

The 25-year-old Lochgilphead lass, who now lives in Johnstone, said: 'I was Miss

Lochgilphead a few years back and I have been competing in pageants since 2014. The closest I ever got to this was placing top 10 in Miss International Bombshell that year, so for me to walk away with this title and the side awards hit me with some shock. I'm so overwhelmed and excited.'

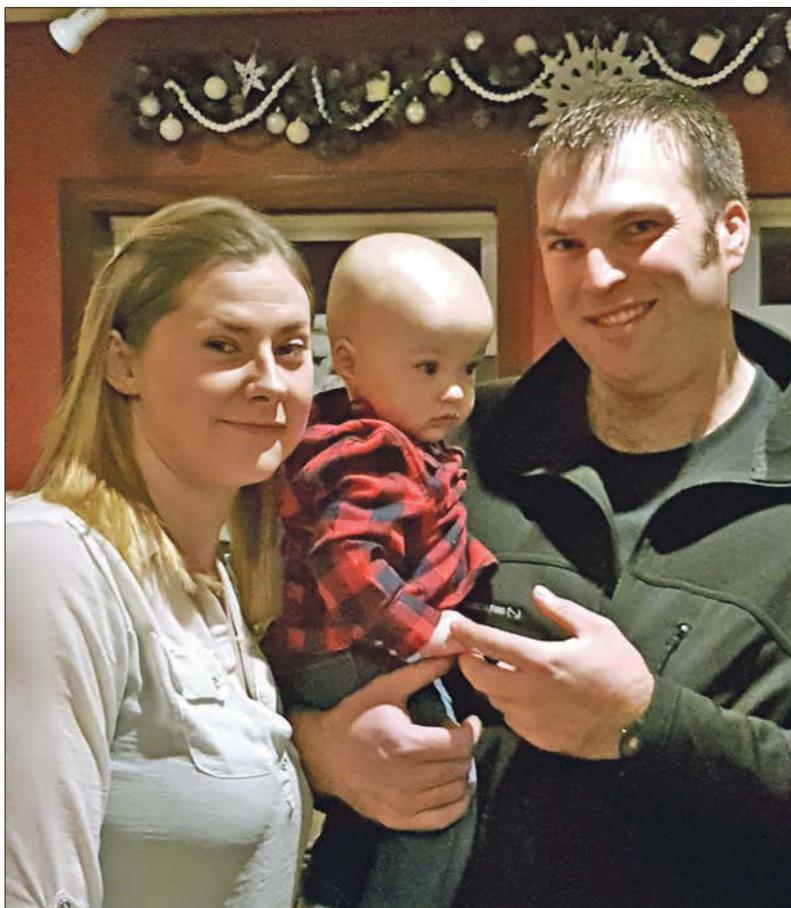
Carra works as a home care support worker while juggling modelling career and appearing as a TV extra.

As well as the Miss Belle Scotland Queen crown, Carra also won Miss Charity 2017, Miss Publicity 2017, and won the side awards in best evening wear, best fashion wear and best personality. She also scooped best hair and best smile.

Carra added: 'We are now off to Miss Belle UK nationals in August. But now the hard work starts with appearances and carrying out charity work.'



Carra, Miss Belle Scotland Queen 2017.



A happy family - Emma, Alan and Iain.

Emma's bid to raise cash for baby unit

A YOUNG mother is doing her bit to raise cash for a special care baby unit.

After her own baby was born six weeks prematurely at Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital, Emma Sandilands, from Easdale, resolved to help support the unit that cared so well for her precious bundle.

Baby Alan is now 20 months old and doing well, in no small part due to the early care he received in hospital.

Emma, with the support of her partner Iain Shaw, decided to hold her own fundraising

event this weekend at Craignish Village Hall.

Emma's charity fundraising coffee morning and grand raffle will take place tomorrow, Saturday April 1, between 11am and 2pm.

A number of local businesses have generously donated raffle prizes for the event, and Emma said: 'Thanks to everyone who has supported the coffee morning so far, and there is still time to donate raffle prizes.'

'Please come along, enjoy a coffee and a blether and support this very good cause that is so close to my heart.'

Inveraray history from a youthful perspective

AFTER another fantastic term working with the pupils of Inveraray Primary School, The Walking Theatre Company held the official screening of *Inver, Inver, Inveraray!* earlier this week.

The exciting and fun film, featuring a cast of Inveraray Primary School pupils, brings aspects of the history of Inveraray to life and was screened on Wednesday at Inveraray Primary

in front of excited children and proud adults.

A spokesperson for the Glendaruel-based theatre company said: 'The Walking Theatre Company is thrilled to be a part of this project, leading

a variety of workshops within the primary school. Our project has been funded by the Inveraray Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, Argyll and Bute Council and Historic Environment Scotland.'

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Ambitious project lands award for Auchindrain

A LONG-established Argyll museum has been recognised at a major awards ceremony.

Auchindrain Museum scooped the Enterprising Museum Award at last week's Arts and Business Scotland annual awards last Thursday at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

The award, sponsored by Museums Galleries Scotland, celebrates a museum that has 'shown outstanding innovation or entrepreneurship to deliver an ambitious high-impact museum experience in 2015-16'.

Auchindrain achieved recognition for its Runrig Project.

From humble beginnings, receiving funding to provide work experience for one unemployed young person, the project has grown so that it now offers opportunities for a diverse mix of young people to gain experience in buildings and land maintenance, administrative skills or use of modern media and technology.

Achievement

Joanne Orr, chief executive of Museums Galleries Scotland, said: 'Congratulations to Auchindrain on this fantastic achievement. Its project showed real

integrity and depth in breaking down the barriers to participation, demonstrating the commitment of museums across Scotland to social inclusiveness.'

Auchindrain manager and director Bob Clark, said: 'The award is hugely coveted because it marks out its recipients as being something very special.

'We were flattered and pleased and thought the short-listing was a really nice pat on the back, but we went to Thursday night's ceremony in Glasgow without the slightest expecta-

tion that we would actually win.

'When our name was announced we were, frankly, dumbstruck, and felt hugely honoured. Things like this just don't happen to people like us in real life.'

Slick

Mr Clark added: 'We have still got a lot of work to do to make the place look slick enough to attract attention for the excellence of our visitor experience, customer service, events or interpretation, which is what museum awards generally go for.'



Auchindrain Museum.

Rural gets all crafty ahead of AGM

LAST week saw Debbie Munro take her fellow members through a workshop on the craft of decoupage.

Everyone at the Lochgilphead Scottish Women's Institute meeting went home with a finished article – a candle votive or a pretty coaster.

The next Lochgilphead SWI meeting will be the AGM, when office bearers will be appointed for the next session.

There will also be a bring and buy sale for a local charity.

Linda Tighe, of the Lochgilphead institute, said: 'Thank you to all our members for their support throughout this 2016-17 session. We are always delighted to welcome new members, and if you feel you would like to come along, please call our current president, Mrs Jean Smith, on 01546 886328 for next session's start date.'



Trust convener Alison Hay and Bob Clark with the coveted award.

Photograph: Eoin Carey.

Opportunities for people needing a helping hand

'RUNRIG' describes the old way townships such as Auchindrain farmed the land to grow food.

In Gaelic, it is written as roinn-ruithe, or 'common run', and describes an approach to life where everyone worked together for the greater good of all.

This Runrig Project covers a range of activities to provide work experience to young people just setting out in life who might need a helping hand.

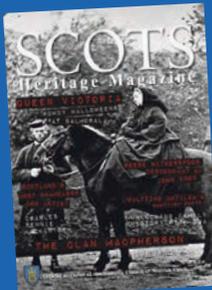
These may be local youngsters struggling to get their first proper job due to learning disability, or the consequences of rural, economic, social or cultural isolation.

The museum also welcomes volunteers from the rest of the UK and from Europe who are seeking life-changing experiences with an unusual museum in a remote part of Scotland.

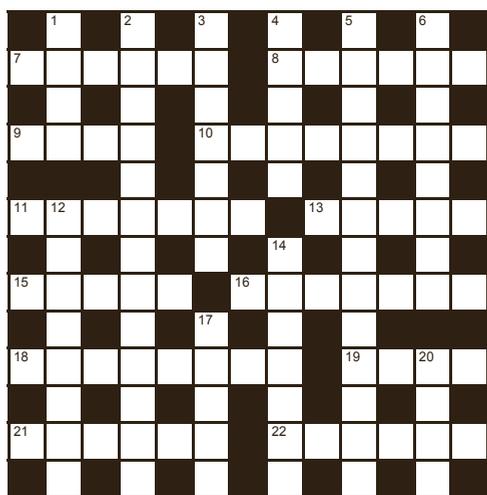
Volunteers undertake a wide range of work, according to their aspirations and abilities, from buildings maintenance to land management and from gardening to visitor centre work.



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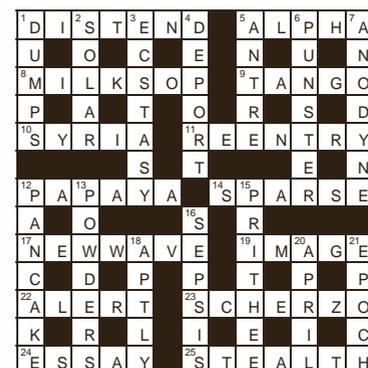
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Boat sale basks in Craignish sunshine

IT WAS a glorious day last Saturday for the 18th boat jumble and car boot sale in Craignish Village Hall.

More than 200 bargain hunters travelled from as far afield as Musselburgh and

Ayrshire to browse through the many bargains on offer.

Some last-minute cancellations failed to dampen the atmosphere, and there were still 20 pitches in the hall and car park, and

customers were seen leaving with some useful bits for their boats as well as guitars, bicycles and the youth group's delicious cakes.

At the end of the day Craignish Community Company (C3) had taken over £1,000 which, even when expenses are deducted, will go a long way to covering the organisation's running costs for a year.

The event could not take place without great local support and C3 is very grateful to all those who helped and also to those businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes.



Pat Barclay sells a tempting range of home-made preserves, raising money for the Netherlorn churches' Malawi funds.

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All the way from Clachan Seil, Brian Marden and Clare Crocker man their stall.

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Amy and Fiona Kincaid from Oban came to Craignish with a car-load of nautical items for sale.

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Inveraray Shinty Club is at the heart of its community

MEMBERS of Inveraray Shinty Club recently completed first aid training so that they are able to administer basic help using the club defibrillator.

This project started last year as part of the Camanachd Association club accreditation

scheme, which encourages shinty clubs to engage with the wider community.

Open day

In August the club held an open day to raise funds for a defibrillator. In the meantime, Scottish Power offered to provide one

for the club. The saving meant that the club was able to use the funds to purchase an external cabinet, kindly fitted by electrician Gavin Kerr from Strachur.

Bill Nelson, who runs the charity First Aid for Gambia, was able to

provide first aid training to members of the club.

Accessed

The defibrillator can be found on the gable end of the Inveraray shinty clubhouse on the Dalmally road, and can be accessed 24 hours a day.



Inveraray Shinty Club members show their first aid skills with trainer Bill Nelson, right.

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It's good to talk – Mid Argyll farmers mean business

LIVESTOCK farmers in Mid Argyll had the chance to sit down and share their experiences as part of a new practical discussion group.

Organised by the government-run Farm Advisory Service, the aim of the Mid Argyll Livestock Farmers' Discussion Group is to help farmers to analyse their own business and equip them with the tools to

make their businesses more profitable and efficient in future.

At the discussion group meeting yesterday, Thursday March 30, at the Grey Gull Hotel in Ardrishaig, the guest speaker was Rhidian Jones, who has worked in UK agriculture for more than 30 years.

The first half of his

career was spent building up practical experience on a range of farms, from dairy to arable. He graduated with an HND and BSc in agriculture from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

In recent years, he managed a large upland farm in the Scottish Borders with 60 suckler cows and 2,400 sheep, before joining SAC as a sheep and



Cattle and sheep farming will each be in focus. 06_a13farming01

beef specialist where he spent nine years. By meeting to discuss common concerns and opportunities, the

group will help to identify local issues shared by business in the area and help to overcome them.

Ambitious plan to double food and drink turnover

A NEW strategy has been launched to drive growth in Scotland's farming, fishing, food and drink industry.

Food and drink has been Scotland's best performing business sector in recent years, with record export figures released last weekend and sales at home increasing rapidly too.

Information from industry body Scotland Food and Drink revealed that the sector is worth £14.4 billion annually, with 119,000 people working directly in the industry.

The new strategy, named Ambition 2030, has an aim to more than double turnover in the sector to reach £30 billion by 2030.

The strategy has been developed by the Scotland Food and Drink Partnership, an industry-led partnership of the main organisations in the farming, fishing,



First Minister Nicola Sturgeon joined the Scotland Food and Drink Partnership in Glasgow to launch the strategy.

food and drink sector, alongside the Scottish Government and its key agencies.

The strategy focuses on three areas:

People and skills – raising attractiveness of the industry as a career destination and investing in the existing workforce.

Supply chain – ensuring farmers, fishermen, manufacturers and

buyers work in closer partnership, to ensure greater profitability is shared across the industry.

Innovation – embracing a new culture of developing new products and processes to drive growth.

There is also a renewed commitment to sustainable growth, committing to deliver broader benefits to the

country beyond just sales growth.

Collaboration is a key component, and there are plans to deepen joint working between the industry, government and its agencies in the coming years, as well as to make support easier to access for businesses.

James Withers, Scotland Food and Drink chief executive, said:

'Ten years ago, when the Scotland Food and Drink Partnership was formed, our sector was relatively static. It is now one of the country's best performing industries and it's our fastest growing export sector.'

'As an industry, we have identified an opportunity to more than double the size of our sector to £30 billion by 2030, making it Scotland's most valuable industry.'

'Whether you are on a tractor or fishing boat, on the factory floor or around the boardroom table, I believe this is the industry to be in over the next few years.'

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Record-breaking stars at Mid Argyll Music Festival

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THE MID Argyll Music Festival continued in full swing this week with hundreds of performers competing for dozens of trophies. More than 530 performers have taken to the stage over the past seven days, competing in almost 100 different classes across three different venues in Ar-

drishaig and Lochgilphead.

Sheila McCallum, chair of the music festival, said: 'It was a most successful festival and we've had nothing but good comments from adjudicators and audiences alike.'

The level of performance and musicianship was very high

throughout the week and highlighted the depth of talent in Argyll.

Sheila continued: 'There were a number of outstanding performances over the week and it was great to see a lot of newcomers at the festival.'

It's also great to follow the development of past winners and to see them continue to play, perform and compete at higher levels.'



Lochgilphead Primary School with the Ardrishaig Primary School PTA Shield after winning the primary choirs class with performances of *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* and *Hold Back the River*. 08_a12mamfchoir03



Holly receiving the Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award from adjudicators John Foster and Michael Hancock.



Gavin Johnson receiving the Co-operative Membership Cup from adjudicator John Foster.

Major awards:

HIGHLAND Year of Culture 2007 Quaich, highest mark in woodwind: Holly Helbert.

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: Holly Helbert.



Argyll Brass celebrating their victory with the Frank Spiers Trophy after winning the senior band competition.



Ardrishaig Primary Choir won the Craignish Primary School PTA Trophy in the Scots primary choir class after performing *Johnny Lad* and *Westering Home*. 08_a12mamfchoir04



Inveraray Primary School Gaelic choir with the Christina McDougall Trophy after winning the primary Gaelic choirs class after performing *Birlinn ghoraidh chrobhain* and *sminig a bha sinn*. 08_a12mamfchoir05



B Natural won the Lyndon Trophy, topping the intermediate choirs class after their renditions of *Little Polly Flinders* and *Homeward Bound*. 08_a12mamfchoir07

Record-breaker

ON THE final night of competition on Saturday the adjudicators, John Foster and Michael Hancock, had the unenviable task of deciding which musicians should get the major awards.

With little hesitation, it was agreed that Holly Helbert, from Glassary, was the most promising musician of the whole festival and was duly awarded the Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award. Holly deserves huge praise for winning both the Highland Year of Culture 2007 Quaich and the Premier Award, the first time in the history of the festival that someone has won two major trophies.

On the final night of the festival week there were a number of big awards to be presented to those gaining the top marks in their discipline over the course of the week.

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The Boomerangs come soaring back

FRIDAY night saw five senior vocal ensembles and choirs take to the stage in three different classes. The Boomerangs, a jazzy vocal quintet, fended off tough competition from B Natural to win the Kilmartin Hotel Shield with a sharp, energetic performance of *T'aint What You Do*.

In the adult choir class, Bar None Community Choir wowed the audience and adjudicators with two emotionally-charged performances.

The primary school choirs stole the hearts of the audience on Saturday as eight different groups serenaded the sunny main hall at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, with Ardrish-aig Primary and Inveraray Primary both impressing in the Scots and Gaelic classes.



Winners of the vocal ensembles open class, The Boomerangs, with the Kilmartin Hotel Shield after their performance of *T'aint What You Do*. 08_a12mamfchoir02

In good voice

THE VOCAL competitions took prominence on Wednesday and Thursday. In the morning, Karyn Black won the Alex MacKay Memorial Plate in the primary vocal solo girls class, before topping the primary vocal duet in the afternoon with her singing partner Lori De Heijen.

Eve Maxwell and Fiona Cupples were the stars of the Songs from the Shows concert on Wednesday evening as they both won their classes.

Shona Keith was the headline act on Thursday night after winning the three classes: the adult Scots folk song, the Kennedy Fraser solo and the vocal duet with partner Ann McMillan.



Joey Luxmore's performance of *The Climb* won her the Popular Song Trophy in the popular song vocal solo class.

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Eve Maxwell, centre right, won the junior class at the Songs from the Shows evening, pictured with runner-ups Holly Renton, right, Alistair Cupples and Joey Luxmore. 08_a12mamfvocal07



Coisir Og Dhail Riata won the Cecily Bannatyne Plate in the Gaelic intermediate choirs class after performing two songs: *Leig Dhiot An cadal is Tionndaidh Rium* and *Tàladh Chriosda*. 08_a12mamfchoir06



Winner of the vocal solo boys p4-5 class Jamie Day, left, holding the Minard Quaich, alongside Finlay Love, winner of both the Larchwood Plate in the vocal solo boys p6-7 class and the Gifford Cup in the primary boys treble vocal solo. 08_a12mamfvocal03



Lori Den Heijen and Karyn Black won the Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup in the primary vocal duet class after their performance of *Five Eyes*. 08_a12mamfvocal05



Hollie MacKay, left, won the Ashfield Plate in the vocal solo girls p4-5 and Robyn MacFie won the Annabel Morrison Quaich in the Scots folk song p4-5. 08_a12mamfvocal01



Fiona Cupples' performance of *I'm Not that Girl* won her the Ballymeanoch Plate at the Songs from the Shows night on Wednesday. 08_a12mamfvocal08



Winners of the adult vocal duet class, Shona Keith and Ann MacMillan, with the Kilmartin Hotel Plate. 06_a13thursday03

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Kintyre musicians as bold as brass

THE BRASS competitions proved to be competitive as a large contingent of Campbeltown Brass musicians were on fine form.

In the primary brass solo class, the Colville brothers, Andrew

and Jamie, of Campbeltown took the top two spots.

The Argyll Brass Roots provided strong resistance to the Campbeltown groups as they won the Tarbert Academy PTA Trophy in the secondary

(S1-3) instrumental ensemble in a tight class.

The Maddox brothers – Ben, Felix and Theo – won the McCallum Plate, an award given to the highest scoring family instrumental ensemble.



Argyll Brass Roots quartet topped the instrumental ensemble (S1-3), winning the Tarbert Academy PTA Trophy. 08_a12mamfbrass04



The Maddox family won the family instrumental ensemble with a vibrant performance of *Dance of the Little Swans* and took home the McCallum Plate. 08_a12mamfbrass07



Campbeltown Brass A, left to right, Rona Campbell, Hannah McCaig, Jamie Colville, Andrew Colville and Jack Campbell, won the Cairnbaan Trophy in the primary instrumental ensemble under the guidance of Katrina Barr. 06_a13brassband02



Winners of the instrumental duet open class, Owen Pickering and Gavin Johnson, with the Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy. 08_a12mamfbrass08



Kyle Paterson won the W R Hunter Cup in the brass solo (S1-3) class with his performance of *La Belle Americaine*. 08_a12mamfbrass05



Winner of the woodwind solo (S1-3) class, Abi Gregory, holding the Dunaverty Cup. 08_a12mamfbrass02



For the second year in a row, Gavin Johnson won the Brackley Cup in the brass solo (S4-6) class. 08_a12mamfbrass06

The 38th 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.

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Adjudicator impressed with Gaelic standard

THE NORTH Hall in Ardrishaig was filled with the sound of Gaelic song on Friday morning as the Gaelic vocal solo competitions dominated proceedings.

Adjudicator Raibeart McCallum was very impressed by the overall standard of the Gaelic classes and was

particularly impressed by Tiegan Holroyd's winning performance of *Fear a Bhata*.

There was a poignant end to the afternoon when Shona Keith picked up the George Iverson Plate, an award that clearly meant a lot to Shona, having known the late Mr Iverson.



Shona Keith won the George Iverson Plate after a stirring performance of *Sonars Cuain* in the adult vocal Gaelic solo class. 08_a12mamf Gaelic03



Isobel Potter topped the primary vocal solo Gaelic class and won the Mid Argyll Festival Quach. 08_a12mamf Gaelic01



Tiegan Holroyd with the Celia Henderson Memorial Shield, presented by Celia's daughter Gillian, after winning the secondary vocal solo Gaelic class for her rendition of *Fear a Bhata*. 08_a12mamf Gaelic02

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Blowing in the wind

THE WOODWIND competitions were hotly contested, with a lot of the classes having more than 20 entrants.

Holly Helbert showed some

early promise in the festival with her performance in the primary woodwind solo class.

There was a fitting end to the classes at the joint campus on

Saturday as Tiegan Holroyd took top place and won the Timothy Flynn Memorial Trophy, an award named after Tiegan's late great-grandfather.



Winner of the woodwind solo (S4-6), Theo Maddox, with Argyll and Bute District Council Cup.

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Lochgilphead High School Senior Clarinet Ensemble won the instrumental ensemble class, performing *Rondo*.

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Tiegan Holroyd, pictured with Sheila McCallum, won the woodwind solo open class and was presented with the Timothy Flynn Memorial Trophy, a prize named after her great-grandfather.

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The Smiddy Bistro Trophy for piano solo open under-18 went to Ben Maddox.

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James Urquhart won the Portsonachan Player Quaich in the piano solo sonata class with a rousing rendition of *Rondo Alla Turca*.

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Holly Helbert with her three trophies, including the Mary Lepley Cup which she won for her performance of *Maria* on the bassoon in the primary woodwind class.



Winner of the Munro Trophy for primary fiddle, Ewan McCartney, with runners-up Lucy Bowie and Louis Sidney.

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Right: Jodie Sansom and Isla MacDonald won the Dunadd Trophy in the primary instrumental duet class, performing *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*.

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Grade 4 violin solo winner Louis Sidney with the Kimmet Cup.

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Trophy Winners:

George McAllister Memorial Cup, piping novice: Matthew McKerral
Bank of Scotland Cup, piping: Calum McKellar
Kilmartin Primary School Board Plate, primary Scots verse: Tilly Cunningham
Argyll Drama Festival Cup, speech: Tilly Cunningham
Jean Ballantyne Plate, choral verse speaking: Kilmartin Primary School
Crawford Quaich, violin solo grade 1: Elsa Sidney
The Kimmet Cup, violin solo grade 2-4: Louis Sidney
The Glenfyne Shield, piano solo grade 1: Iris MacMillan
The Lnn Matheson Plate, piano solo grade 2: Mina Ritchie
Archonnel Primary School Cup, piano grade 4: Ellise Simpson
Westwood Shield, piano solo grade 5: Eve Maxwell
The Smiddy Bistro Trophy, piano solo under18 solo: Ben Maddox
Portsonachan Players Quaich, piano sona-

ta: James Urquhart
Kelly Family Quaich, recorder solo under12: Alistair Douglas
Carmuir's Cup, recorder duet: Brodie Sloss and Alistair Douglas
Annabel Morrison Quaich, Scots song p4-5: Robyn MacFie
Glenorchy Rose Bowl, Scots song p6-7: Iris MacMillan
John Wilson Trophy, Scots song s1-3: Ellie Simpson
Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup, Scots song s4-6: Alistair Cupples
Cathy Smith Memorial Trophy, Scots song adult: Shona Keith
Mid Argyll Festival Quaich, Gaelic vocal solo primary: Isobel Potter
The Celia Henderson Memorial SHield, Gaelic vocal solo secondary: Tiegan Holroyd
George Iverson Plate, Gaelic vocal solo adult: Shona Keith
Ardgartan Cup, Kennedy Fraser solo: Shona Keith
Minard Quaich, vocal solo boys p4-5: Jamie Day
Larchwood Cup, vocal solo boys p6-7: Finlay Love

The Ashfield Plate, vocal solo girls p4-5: Hollie MacKay
The Alex MacKay Plate, vocal solo girls p6-7: Karyn Black
The MacDonald Plate, vocal solo girls s1-3: Holly MacKinnon
Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich, vocal solo girls s4-6: Eve Maxwell
Knappdale Gold Medal, vocal solo open: Barbara Stout
Mid Argyll Music Society Cup, songs from the shows junior: Eve Maxwell
Ballymeanoch Plate, songs from the show adult: Fiona Cupples
The Popular Song Trophy, vocal solo popular song: Joey Luxmore
The Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup, vocal duet primary: Karyn Black and Lori Den Haijer
Lochgilphead Rotary Club Trophy, vocal duet s4-6: Eve Maxwell and Abbie Williams
Kilmartin Hotel Plate, vocal duet adult: Ann McMillan and Shona Keith
Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quaich, vocal ensemble primary: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus
Kilmartin Hotel Shield, vocal ensemble

open: The Boomerangs
The Bembridge Shield, brownie guides: Lochgilphead Brownies
Christina MacDougall Trophy, Gaelic choirs primary: Inveraray Primary School
Craigish Primary PTA Trophy, primary choirs Scots: Ardrishaig Primary Choir
The Cecily Ballantyne Plate, Gaelic choir intermediate: CoisirOgDhail Riata
Saltire Society Quaich, Scots/Gaelic choir: Ardrishaig Primary School
Ardrishaig Primary School PTA Shield, primary choir: Lochgilphead Primary School
The Lyndon Trophy, secondary choirs: B Natural
Creggan Shield, church choirs: Dalriada Singers
Ward Cup, adult choir: Bar None Community Choir
Mary Lepley Cup, woodwind solo primary: Holly Helbert
Dunaverty Cup, woodwind solo s1-3: Abi Gregory
Argyll and Bute District Council Cup, woodwind solo s4-6: Theo Maddox
Timothy Flynn Memorial Trophy, woodwind solo open: Tiegan Holroyd

Robert Lepley Cup, brass solo primary: Andrew Colville
W R Hunter Cup, brass solo s1-3: Kyle Paterson
Brackley Cup, brass solo senior: Gavin Johnson
Dunadd Cup, instrumental duets primary: Jodie Sansom and Isla MacDonald
Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy, instrumental duets secondary: Gavin Johnson and Owen Pickering
Cairnbaan Trophy, instrumental ensemble primary: Campbeltown Brass A
Tarbert Academy PTA Trophy, instrumental Ensemble s1-3: Argyll Brass Roots Quartet
Strategem Consultants Trophy, instrumental ensemble under17: Lochgilphead High School Senior Clarinet Ensemble
The McCallum Plate, instrumental ensemble family: The Maddox Boys
Helen and Hugh Smith Trophy, junior band: Campbeltown Junior Brass
Franks Spiers Trophy, senior band: Argyll Brass
Mid Argyll Festival Jubilee Cup, bands open: Campbeltown Brass



Highland Wedding Show

Sunday April 2, 11am-5pm
Corran Halls, Oban

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WorkingRite works

A youth employment charity has seen a significant success rate in Mid & North Argyll, putting local 16- to 18-year-olds on the path to successful employment and modern apprenticeships – as well as giving businesses a welcome boost.



Ewen and Jackson of Fyne Signs.

WorkingRite matches young people to small- or medium-sized enterprises and supports them through a work-based training programme. Recent placements which have resulted in offers for young people include:

- Jackson (age 19), has just completed his placement with Fyne Signs in Argyll and Ewen is now looking to take him on as a modern apprentice.

- Scott (age 18), has been working on Kerrera with boss Neil of Armour Joinery and

is looking forward to starting his modern apprenticeship post next month.

- Allan (age 17), has been an electrical modern apprentice with Kevan Brown Limited since he finished his work placement in October 2016.

The local project co-ordinator for WorkingRite, Nicola McDade, said: 'The success of these young people in the workplace goes to show that our philosophy of believing in the capabilities of young people works for both the young people and their employers, and is paying off, both for the young people and their employers.'

'Some of the young people we work with have already experienced various barriers in their lives that mean they need a helping hand from a programme like WorkingRite to help them on their way. WorkingRite treats each person individually and places them carefully with local businesses in a trade that interests them and this is getting great results throughout Argyll.'

Ewan of Fyne Signs said: 'Thanks to WorkingRite, I am now in a position to take on an apprentice who I know wants to learn this industry.'

Trainees with WorkingRite complete a three- to six-month work placement with an employer and are given a weekly training allowance. They are supported by an adult mentor in the workplace, as well as their local WorkingRite project co-ordinator.

Ronald Gordon, manager and owner of Gordon & Strathearn Ltd, said: 'The WorkingRite programme is fantastic, as it allows you to be a part of giving local young people the chance to work, but also employers the opportunity to trial a young person before committing



Neil and Scott of Armour Joinery.



Allan and Kevan Brown of Kevan Brown Ltd.

to a modern apprenticeship.'

Young people joining the WorkingRite scheme are aged 16 to 18 and want to work but they can't get on the ladder. Most have struggled in the school classroom but if on the right career path they can cope with a mixture of work-based learning and formal learning to achieve the qualifications needed for their career goals.

Neil of Armour Joinery commented: 'Because of the WorkingRite placement, Scott has learned so much before he has even started his apprenticeship and because of this I'm very confident he will be a fantastic apprentice.'

Nicola McDade said: 'We are hoping that these latest success stories will show other young people that there is a way for them to achieve a positive and successful future. Matching young people with in a business they are interested

in is key – that's what makes it work. We have a wide range of employers willing to assist local young people, with placements currently waiting for the right young person including welding, business administration and aquaculture.

'Having grown up in Argyll, I know how difficult it can be in a rural, and sometimes remote, area to know what the opportunities are out there and how to access them. A lot of young people are either desperate to leave the area or end up in a career they don't necessarily like.'

Allan, a modern apprentice at Kevan Brown Ltd, said: 'I am glad I joined the WorkingRite programme as it has let me gain first-hand experience in a trade that I want to work in.'

If you are a young person or an employer and want more information, please contact Nicola McDade on 07341 561965.

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When hearing about autism, many people think of the film Rain Man, or of a child genius who can't function at all socially. The reality for most people affected by autism is somewhat different.

Autism is a developmental disorder which affects the way a person communicates and relates to the world. The causes are not known, and it is a life long condition. It is a spectrum, which means while all people with autism will share certain traits, the effect the condition has on them will be different. Some will be able to live independently, while others may need care for the rest of their life.

People with autism have difficulties with social in-

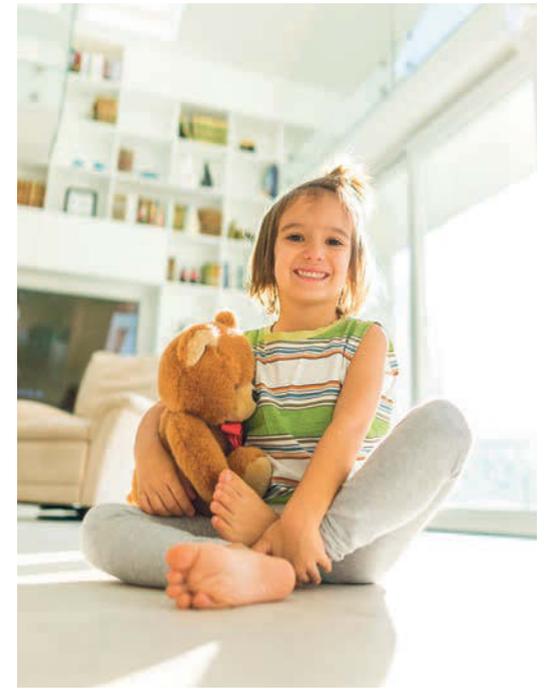
teraction, communication and imagination. Common social comments like sarcasm and jokes are difficult to understand, and figurative speech tends to be taken literally, so the expression "cool" may mean slightly cold to someone with autism, rather than slang for something good. They see the world differently and often feel they don't fit in, but can't figure out why. People with autism often have learning difficulties that mask the symptoms of autism. Asperger's syndrome is a form of autism that is not usually accompanied by severe learning disabilities, and people with it are often of higher intelligence, but may still struggle

with social interactions and may have milder learning difficulties such as dyspraxia and dyslexia. Around 1 in 100 people in the UK are on the autistic spectrum. As awareness of autism and aspergers syndrome grows, diagnosis for children is becoming more common, but for adults it can still be a struggle.

The first step in getting a diagnosis would be to talk to a GP. It might help to ring the autism helpline to help prepare what to say. The GP will then make a referral to a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist for an assessment and formal diagnosis. They will ask questions about childhood history, day to day interac-

tions and so on. There may be more than one appointment before a report is written and official diagnosis is made but once it is done, further support and services can then be accessed.

Organisations like Scottish Autism can be a great help - www.scottishautism.org. They provide information about services to support autistic people, such as housing, befriending, employment and education. They also provide support for family and friends of autistic people too. The vast majority of people with autism lead happy, independent lives, especially if the people around them have knowledge and understanding of the condition.



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Bookbug	0-PP	Campbeltown Library (within Aqualibrium)	Tues TT	2pm	Tel: 01586 555435
Bumps, Babies & Toddlers	0-PP	Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, Union Street	Tues TT	1pm-3pm	Tel: 01546 602238
Campbeltown Comm Church Baby & Toddlers	0-PP	Guide Hall	Thurs TT	10am-11.45am	Emily/Anne: toddlers@campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
Fyne Families & Toy Library	0-PP	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Wed	10am-12pm	fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk
Jumpstart	0-PP	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Fri	10am-11.30am	Tel: Alison 01546 600175
mainly music	0-PP	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Tues TT	10.15am onwards	As Above
Toy Library	0+	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Fri TT	10am-11.30am (TT)	FB: ElfStoryToyLibrary
SOCIAL CLUBS/GROUPS					
Rainbows (Girl Guiding)	5-7yrs	South Church Hall Ardrishaig	Wed	call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Rainbows (Girl Guiding)	5-7 yrs	Community Centre, Lochgilphead	Mon	Call for details	www.girlguiding.org.uk
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Cubs	8-10 yrs	Lochgilphead/Campbeltown/Southend	Tues/Thurs/call for details	Various	As above
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Explorers	14-18 yrs	Lochgilphead/Campbeltown/Southend	Tues/call for details	Various	As above
Sea Cadets	Junior 8-12 yrs	Hazelburn Business Park	Monday	Enquire	Tel: 01586 550177
Lochgilphead After School Club (LASC)	P1-P7	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Mon-Fri	3.15pm-5.45pm (TT)	Tel: 01546 606885
MARTIAL ARTS					
IKKU Scotland - Caledonia Kyokushin (practical)	14 yr+	Mid-Argyll Sports Centre	Mon	7pm-8pm	Shihan Iain Rodger 07584 166542
IKKU Scotland - Caledonia Kyokushinkai	8-14 yrs/14+	Mid-Argyll Sports Centre	Wed	7pm-8pm/8pm-9pm	Shihan Iain Rodger 07584 166542
MUSIC & DANCE					
Mid Argyll Youth Chorus	Ask for details	Ardrishaig Public Hall	Tuesday (new members enrol 1st Sept)	7pm-9pm	Tel: Fiona 07788 251038
Mini Rugby & Rugby	6-11 yrs/S1-S2, U16 & U18	Kintyre/Campbeltown Rugby Club, Meadows, Campbeltown	Sat mornings & Wed Wed 6pm (seniors)	Sat: 11am-12.30pm,	Tel: John Forster 07764 456588 01586 552502
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Hydrotherapy	general	Mid Argyll Pool, Lochgilphead	Thurs	11am-12pm	Tel: 01546 606676 www.macpool.org.uk
Outreach Tayinloan	11yrs-18yrs	Tayinloan Village Hall	every 2nd Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	
Tarbert Youth Group	11yrs-18yrs	Old Post Office, 1 Kintyre Place, Tarbert	Tues/Fri	7pm-9pm	Tel: 01880 820077 Heather Belshaw
Private Lessons	All Ages	Aqualibrium, Campbeltown	Wed/Thurs/Fri	4pm & 4.30pm	Tel: 01586 551212
Rookies	P1+	Aqualibrium, Campbeltown	Thurs	5pm-6pm	Tel: 01586 551212
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Easter property review

Happy house hunting! Our top tips will help you get organised



THE property market has altered a lot in the past few years and the process of buying a house has also changed. You might have bought a property in Scotland before, but if it was prior to the introduction of Home Reports in late 2008, the process will be different. Finding a new home can be nerve-racking and complicated, but that feeling you will get when the keys are in your hand is worth it. And you don't have to take your journey toward home ownership alone – our advertisers are here to provide professional advice and assistance, and our top tips will help you get organised. Happy hunting!

BE PREPARED

There may be many people after the same property, so you have to be ready to act quickly and to have the money at hand. There are many buyers in the market, so you need all the strong points in your favour that would help you stand out from the rest. Research online and view only what you want.

In order to make the choice simple and easier, browse houses online or at local property agents, and make a specific list that only includes the properties that you would be interested in buying. Then visit the houses with the intention of buying. This will help you make a better choice as you will be already prepared to buy.

Keep in contact with your agent.

Your estate agent is your friend. You need to keep in contact with them so that they can provide you with information about any and every new house that is on the market, which meets your specifications of a dream house. Also, you might need the help of more than one agent in this case, since you need speedy information in the tough competition. They will help you make the best choice with what you have.

Thinking of selling your house while you look for a new one?

Buying a house before selling yours gives you the advantage of having a clear head while looking around, as you are not rushed into buying one, and you can therefore make a better choice. Just remember, there is the problem that if you buy a house that you get a great deal on, and you wait for the current house to sell, you will be paying two mortgages at the same time. This problem will not occur if your mortgage is paid off but, if it is not, you would certainly struggle with paying two mortgages at the same time. In addition, you would get a harder time qualifying for a new mortgage due to the fact that you will have a higher debt to income ratio.

ARCHITECTS

Although the temptation to do as much on your own as possible is admirable, this can often be a risky business that is devastating in the long run. Instead, for a traditional timber frame custom build, we recommend hiring an architect to ensure you get the most out of your project.

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Once you have found a property to buy, you will probably need to employ a chartered surveyor to check the structural condition of the building. Your mortgage provider may conduct its own valuation of the property, but most people want the reassurance of their own dedicated structural survey on the property they wish to buy. Before you choose a surveyor, make sure you know which kind of survey you need. Depending on the type and age of the home you are buying, you may need a Homebuyer's Report or a Full Building Survey. It is best if the surveyor has a good knowledge of the local area and, if you are buying a very particular type of property, such as a listed building or a very unusual construction, it pays to source a surveyor that specialises in such properties. Look for one that belongs to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

PLUMBERS

Hiring a plumber is an important decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. After all, they are responsible for installing and repairing some of the most important parts of your home. Make sure to get at least three estimates, and be wary of any estimate that is much lower than the others. It could mean the plumber is cutting corners or plans to use infe-

rior parts. Ask the plumber how long he or she has been in business – it's a good sign if the company has been in business for several years because it often means it has a proven track record of quality work. Plumbers who have been in business any length of time can give you references. If they cannot, or will not, then consider looking elsewhere. They should also be insured and a member of a trade association such as Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation.

JOINERS

When you interview potential joiners, you will want to ask them specific questions – have they undertaken work similar to yours, do they hold a qualification in carpentry, such as an NVQ or City and Guilds, and how long has the business been trading?

Carpenters or joiners may be registered with a number of trade organisations, such as the Institute of Carpenters (IOC), or the British Woodworking Federation (BWF), the Guild of Master Craftsmen or the Federation of Master Builders (FMB).

Be clear about the work that will be carried out before it starts. Get at least three quotes for any carpentry and joinery job, large or small. Try to get quotes that can be easily compared and make sure they include any 'hidden' costs such as waste disposal or car-

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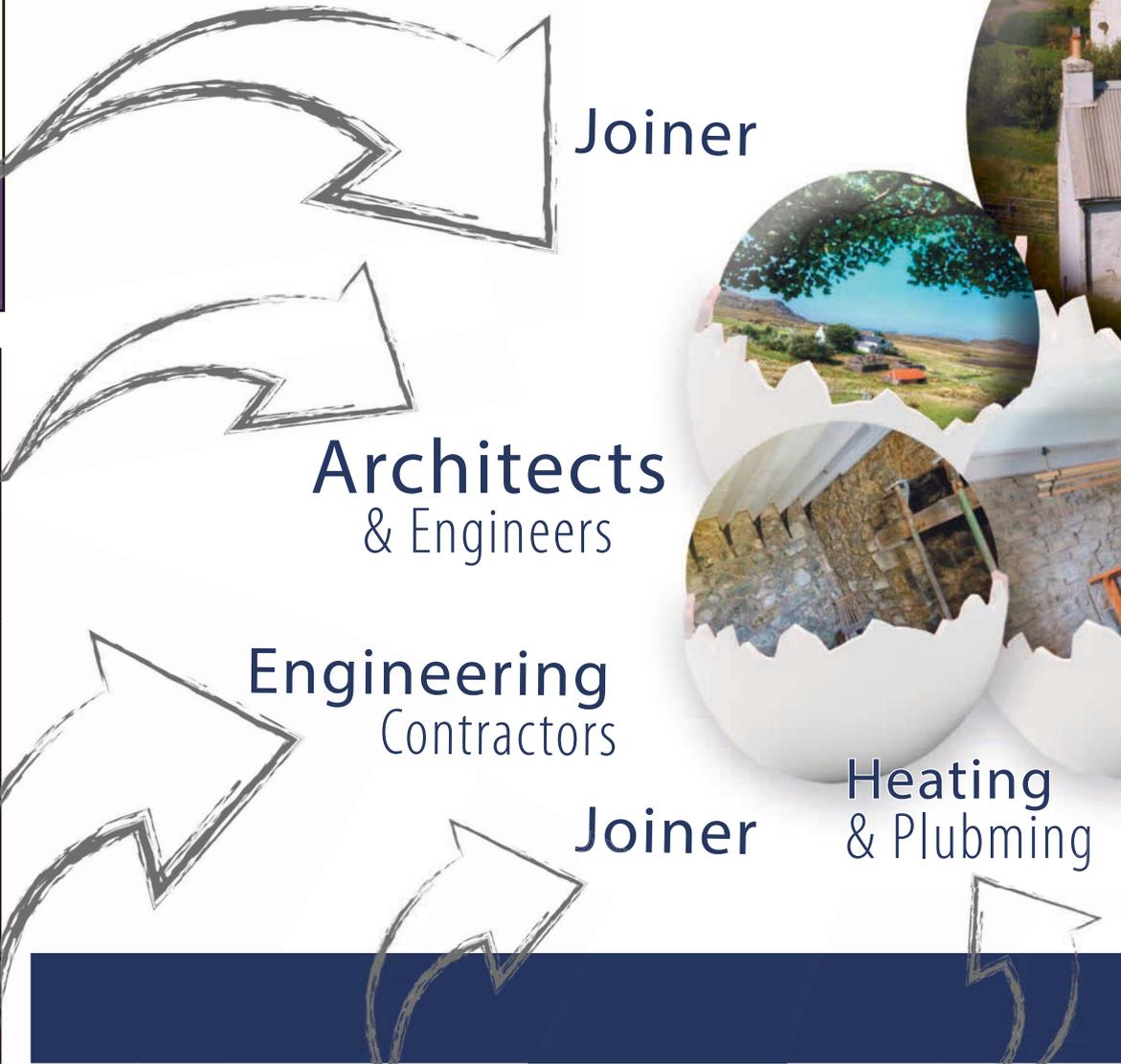
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an annual general meeting of ARDRISHAIG PUBLIC HALL (Scottish charity number: SC001679) will be held at Ardrishaig Public Hall, Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll PA30 8EY on 25 April 2017 at 7.30pm for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 April 2016
2. To approve the Treasurer's Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2016
3. To appoint the members of the Committee
4. To consider any other competent business
5. Amendment to constitution

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

That the constitution be amended by the deletion of the existing provisions of clause 3 under the heading of "Dissolution of the Group" and the insertion in their place of the following:

"3. A resolution for dissolution of the Group passed in pursuance of clause 2 may provide either:

- (a) that the whole of the assets and undertaking (including all liabilities) of the Group be transferred (for nil consideration) to some other charitable body; or
- (b) that the liabilities of the Group should be satisfied out of the assets of the Group and that the assets remaining after settlement of such liabilities be transferred (for nil consideration) to some other charitable body;

and on the basis (in each case) that (i) any such resolution shall be deemed to give full authority to the trustees holding the site and buildings on behalf of the Group to proceed with the transfer of title to the site and buildings to the relevant charitable body and (ii) the Group will be dissolved as soon as reasonably practicable after completion of such transfer."

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1. That, in pursuance of clauses 1 and 2 of the constitution under the heading of "Dissolution of the Group", as read with clause 3 under that heading, and having regard to the decision of the Committee by a simple majority that the Group should be dissolved, the whole of the assets and undertaking (including all liabilities) of the Group should be transferred (for nil consideration) to Ardrishaig Community Trust (Scottish charity number: SC040296); and on the basis that (i) the trustees holding the site and buildings on behalf of the Group shall have full authority by virtue of this resolution to proceed with the transfer of title to the site and buildings to Ardrishaig Community Trust and (ii) subject to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator ("OSCR") issuing consent to the winding-up of the Group, the Group will be dissolved as soon as reasonably practicable after OSCR has issued such consent and after completion of the transfer of the assets and undertaking of the Group to Ardrishaig Community Trust.

Dated: 31 March 2017
Gary Wilson, Secretary

Argyll and Bute Council

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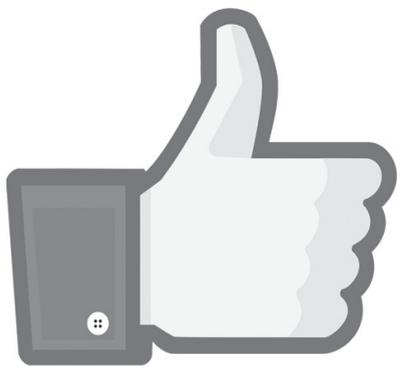
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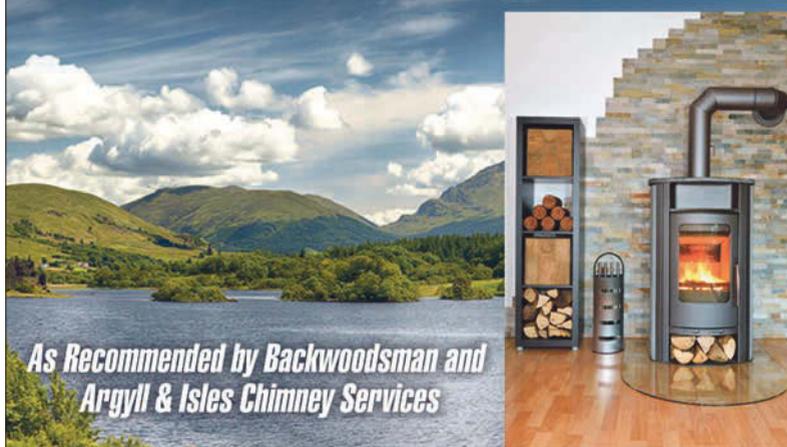


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MACPHAIL
Thank you to all our family, friends and everyone for the lovely cards, gifts, flowers etc on our silver wedding anniversary. Also, to everyone who came to our party. We had a fantastic night and were so pleased to share it with you all. Thanks again. Love, David and Christine (The Moy).

Happy 30th Mummy
Love you to the moon & back, Lewis xxx
Happy 30th Joanne
Love, Mum, Robert & the family xxx

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to a Golden couple
Roddy and Elma with love from Elizabeth, Gordon, Kathleen, Stewart and all the grandkids

Happy Birthday Margaret
Ain't she cute!

GOLDEN WEDDING
MITCHELL - LEWIS
On March 31, 1967, Mildred Lewis to Robert Mitchell, by the Rev James W Hood, at Lorne Street Church, Campbeltown.

Thank You
To all our family and friends for all the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts received on the occasion of our golden wedding anniversary.
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



CARYS and Jazz were trying to tell me that I should definitely come and see.

Being used to them alerting me to tractors, postmen, motor bikes and more, I didn't pay much attention.

However, the barking was different and they summoned me to pay attention.

I stopped and listened and heard the distinctive sound of the 'clip-clopping' of a horse.

Unfamiliar with this sound outside our house, I looked out of the window in time to see a horse trotting along the road pulling a trap.

It was a delightful scene and seemed so out of place with the racing and rushing we are used to.

I savoured the moment of this return to days gone by as our collies seemed to say: 'We told you it was different.'

It was different.

I began to reflect on this change of pace.

Life has been busy, frenetic even, with things to be done and planned and organised.

I had been caught up in the busy-ness that seems to overtake us all these days.

I watched as cars raced past and left the horse and trap to a world that existed long ago.

How refreshing it was to stop.

I don't know who was driving the trap or why, but I felt grateful to them for reminding me that sometimes it is good to slow down and be at peace with the world.

Jesus promised us a peace that goes beyond our understanding, a deep peace that pervades our very souls.

Often in this world of noise and anger and aggression, it is hard to find that inner peace.

For a fleeting moment, I felt it completely.

TARBERT

Spring delayed for a week

WITH spring in the air there is plenty to be getting on with at Tarbert Community Orchard.

Organisers of volunteer work parties, however, advise that, due to other events in the village, there will be no work carried out tomorrow (Saturday). Work will instead begin for volunteers next Saturday, April 8, starting at 10am.

There will be plenty to do next week at the new orchard, situated beside Tarbert Castle, and organisers hope to start grafting root stock on fruit trees.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Eat cakes to back charities

TWO local branches of the emergency response services come together tomorrow, Saturday April 1, to host a coffee morning in the Red Cross Centre, Lochgilphead.

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Proceeds from the day will be divided between the RNLI and Red Cross, and a good attendance would be very welcome in support of these two important charities.

There will be a sales table, raffle and an RNLI stand for the coffee morning, which will be held between 10am and noon.

Donations on the day would be very much appreciated.

TAYVALLICH

Hall will rock tonight

ACCLAIMED traditional fiddler Charlie McKerron is all set to play Tayvallich Village Hall this evening, Friday March 31, with some top-notch musical friends.

Charlie's last visit to the village two years ago was a big hit, and this time Charlie will be joined by Marc Clement on guitar as well as multi-instrumentalist and singer Tim Edey.

Completing a stunningly good quartet is Ross Ainslie, one of Scotland's finest traditional musicians.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are on sale at the door.

STRACHUR



Strachur and District Piping Association vice-president Craig Wilson with Mrs Paterson, along with lodge members Norrie Campbell, left, and Jim Scott on the right.

Boost for piping association

MEMBERS of Inveraray Masonic Lodge presented a cheque to a group promoting piping in Argyll.

Lodge Inveraray St John No 50 held a raffle at its annual installation in January in memory of the late Angus Paterson of Strachur, which raised the sum of £300.

Angus was a well-loved member of the lodge and the driving force behind the monthly raffles raising funds for local and national charities and good causes over many years.

It was decided that his wife, Margaret, should be asked to nominate a local good cause to which to donate the proceeds of this raffle and she chose the Strachur and District Piping Association, where Angus had also been a member and is a past-president.

On Friday March 24 several of the brethren of the Inveraray lodge travelled to Strachur to present the cheque to the piping association and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Paterson.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



BLACK

Archie, Arlene and Taylor are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Keelan James, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 4, 2017. Grandson of the late Liza and Jimmy Taylor, Campbeltown and Duncan and Tan.

GRAHAM - Kevin and Emma (née Turner) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Anna Mairi, on March 16, 2017. A wee sister for Isla, fourth grandchild for Dougie and Jenny, Somerled, and second grandchild for David and Susan, High Balevain Farm. Many thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital.

ENGAGEMENTS



SMITH - SAMBOREK

On March 13, 2017, in Sestriere, Iain Smith, youngest son of Carol and the late Iain Smith, West Loch Tarbert, to Jenna Anne Samborek, daughter of Alex and Helen Samborek, Lochgilphead.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



MARTIN - MACARTHUR

At Inveraray Parish Church, on March 31, 1967, by Rev D Kellis, Donald to Marie.

MUNRO - MCNIVEN - Roddy and Elma were married on April 1, 1967, at Lochfyneside Church of Scotland, Minard, by Reverend Alexander Fraser.

DEATHS

DOTT - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 28, 2017, Charles Anderson Dott (Charlie), in his 77th year, 1 Park

Terrace, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isobel McKenzie, much loved father of Mandy, Charles and Steven, father-in-law of Dougie, Iona and Mary, loving granda of Craig, Charles, Becky, Louise, Andrew and Euan and great granda of Lexie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, April 3, 2017 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 Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

DUNLOP - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 25, 2017, David Dunlop, aged 46 years, of 39 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, beloved son of Alistair and Elaine Dunlop, much loved brother of Andrew, Alistair and Craig and a dearly loved brother-in law, uncle, great uncle, nephew and cousin to all the family. A very dear friend and work colleague to many. A celebration of David's life will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today Friday, March 31, 2017, at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to the Tartan Army Children's Charity and The Friends of the Beatson. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

JOHNSON - Peacefully, at Randolph Hill Care Home, Dunblane, on Thursday, March 23, 2017, Margaret Johnson (née MacGougan), aged 92 years, of Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead, formerly of Tarbert and Gigha, dearly loved wife of the late Ronnie, much loved mum of Malcolm and Katharine and loving granny to Kirsten, Calum, Iain and Kirsty. Funeral Service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 11.30am, thereafter interment at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

REID - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 26, 2017, Hamish Reid, in his 78th year, 86 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Myrtle Anderson, much loved father of Marie and Gavin, father-in-law of Stewart and Eduardo and loving granda to Scott, Louise and Alison. Funeral private.

SMITH - On March 19, 2017, suddenly at home, Robert Kennedy Smith, in his 81st year, beloved husband of the late Senga MacFarlane, much loved father of Renee and Alistair and a dear grandfather of Angus and Freya. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Saturday, April 1 at 11.00am,

interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

WARDROP - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Janet Ryburn McKinven (Jan), in her 87th year, 3 Glentorran Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil Wardrop, much loved mum of Susan and Alan, and dear mother-in-law of Sandra and the late Jim. Wonderful granny of Iona and Ross and special great granny of Cameron, Belle and Murray. Sister of the late Robert and Kenny and a much loved sister-in-law and aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

BIRD - Winnie, Ronald and Elinor, Alison and Kevin and families would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, phone calls and flowers following their recent loss of Jackie. A very big thank you to all the carers who looked after Jackie at home and the nurses and Dr Toledo at the Campbeltown Hospital who gave Jackie such care, kindness and compassion in his final days. Thank you to the Rev Catriona Hood for her moving and comforting words, and to Kenneth, Rhys and Alasdair Blair for their kindness and professional services, and support to our family. The retiral collection raised £700 for the Sunshine Room at the Campbeltown Hospital.

MACDONALD - The family of the late Hilda MacDonald would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay, to the Blair family for their professional services, to the Glen Restaurant for catering, to Dr Lazarus and Dr Toledo and all the nurses in the Royal Infirmary and Campbeltown Hospital and to all the carers. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for Diabetes UK, a total of £406.50 was raised.

MACGREGOR - The family of the late Rae would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Sincere thanks and gratitude go to all the staff on Glenaray Ward, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, for the personal care and attention shown to Rae in her last few weeks, we are eternally grateful to you all. Thanks also to Rev Dr Roderick Campbell for a comforting service, to Ethel MacCallum for her choice in music, to Stan Lupton for his kindness and professional service and to

the George Hotel for their excellent catering. Thank you to all who attended the funeral service and paid their respects at the graveside. The retirement collection for Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church raised over £750.

MAULE - Betty and Alistair would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls, visits and cards received following their recent sad loss of Stan. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Mid Argyll Hospital for their kindness, care and attention. Special thanks to Rev Dr Roderick Campbell for a personal and uplifting service; to Phil Risby for his tribute to Stan; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements, and to the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead for excellent purvey. Our thanks to all who attended at church and cemetery to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £400 for Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll.

IN MEMORIAM

HARDIE - In loving memory of Davie, passed away April 2, 2013. Missing you always.

- Love, Anne, Lisa and Jamie xxx.

HARDIE - Treasured memories of our beloved son-in-law, Davie, died April 2, 2013. Loved and remembered always.

- Ellen and George.
MACAULAY - In loving memory of my wee sister and special auntie, Diane, died March 29, 2005. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.

- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.
O'MAY - Treasured memories of our dear dad, Malcolm, March 31, 2011. Today, tomorrow, always and forever. We love you, Dad.

- Your loving family, home and away xxxxx.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dad and grandpa, Rufus, who died March 27, 2007. Always in our thoughts.

- Love from all the family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 2nd April 2017
Skipness Service 10am
Rev. Walter Ritchie
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Angela Stather
Annual Stated Meeting of Congregation
to follow Tarbert service.
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church
Bishopnot Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Fridays 12 noon
Stations of the Cross 12.45pm Soup Lunch
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Pottaloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 2nd April
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre 5 - P7)
10.50am - 12 noon
in the Church Hall
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
1st April
Coffee Morning
hosted by Ardrishaig Guild
North Hall, Ardrishaig
10:00 till 12noon
oOo
2nd April
Services in
Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
and
Evening Communion Service in Ardrishaig at 6:30pm

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 2 April
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 1 April
Achnamara Hall
CAFE CONNECT 10:30
Monday 3 April
Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time 10:30 am
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 2nd April 2017
Passion Sunday
Morning Prayer followed by Theological Reflection
10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Saturday 1st April
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 2nd April
11.15am Worship Service
Benjamin Wilks
Wednesday 5th April
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 2nd April 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All welcome

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN
SC002876
Vigil Mass,
Saturday 6pm
(except the 1st Saturday of the month)
Holy Mass,
every Sunday 10am

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 2nd April 2017
The service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
There will be a retiring collection for the East African Appeal.
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 2nd April
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 4th April
Tiny Tots New Hall
9.45am
Friday 7th April
Lunch Club New Hall
12.00 noon
Next Generation 7.30pm

THE SALVATION ARMY
Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
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Army Kidz
4.30pm Evening Worship
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1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 2nd April 2017
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
All welcome.
Wednesday 5th April
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with
Campbeltown Free Church for
Prayer and Bible Study
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

2nd April 2017
Worship Service
Ford 11.45am
Rev. C R Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

Shinty round-up

Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup

**Kilmory 4
Taynuilt 1**

Kilmory will travel to Tighnabruaich to play Kyles Athletic in the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup quarter-finals thanks to a 4-1 victory over Taynuilt 0-0 at MacRae Park.

The pitch, though slightly greasy on top, was otherwise in good condition for what was a hard-fought cup tie.

In front of a good crowd at Macrae Park in early spring sunshine, Alex Cunningham was again key for Kilmory, chipping in with a hat-trick.

Alastair MacArthur got the other with Daniel MacDonald replying for Taynuilt.

**Tayforth 2
Col Glen 1**

A late Jamie MacDonald goal gave Tayforth a 2-1 win over Col Glen at Levenhall Links, Musselburgh.

David Arnott gave Tayforth the lead after 15 minutes but Kyle Kerr equalised just 10 minutes before the break.

The tie remained all-square until seven minutes from time, when Jamie MacDonald scored the winner.

Tayforth will now

host Oban Camanachd at the quarter-final stage.

Marine Harvest Premiership

**Oban Camanachd 3
Kyles Athletic 4**

Oban Camanachd missed out on the chance to top the Marine Harvest Premiership when they eventually lost to Kyles Athletic by the odd goal in seven at Mossfield.

Oban Camanachd made a great start, taking the lead in the opening minute. The ball broke to Connor Howe around 40 yards out and, on his left side, he floated the ball in on the goal and the ball bounced in front of keeper John Whyte and into the net.

It only took Kyles five minutes to draw level. Grant Irvine ran onto a ball which Oban's Andrew MacCuish could have cleared and the Scotland forward took advantage to make it 1-1.

Cammy Keith put Kyles ahead on 34 minutes. The defender won possession in his own half and broke up the left side and he kept running before playing the ball towards goal. Gavin Stobart tried to palm the ball away but deflected it into his own net.

Matt Rippon ensured the sides would go

into the break on level terms with a goal on 39 minutes. The goal came following good work from Daniel MacVicar down the right flank. MacVicar got the ball across to Rippon, who hit a good strike on his right side around 15 yards from goal and the ball hit the post on its way into the net.

Oban Camanachd regained the lead on 61 minutes. The ball was drifted into the D by Lorne Dickie. Kyles' fullback Callum Miller took it down with his stick but the ball bounced out to Connor Howe around the penalty spot and he hit it first time on his right side into the middle of the net to make it 3-2.

Roddy MacDonald pulled Kyles level with 20 minutes remaining with the home side appealing for offside but referee Robert Baxter waved away their claims.

The winning goal came on 83 minutes. There was hesitancy in the Oban defence and Willie Neilson was cleecked by Gordon Whyte as he tried to clear and Whyte



Inveraray's Allan MacDonald has his eyes on the ball at the Winterton.

touched the ball into the net from just four yards out.

Marine Harvest South Division 2

**Aberdour 1
Strachur 2**

Strachur made it two wins out of two when they beat the Aberdour seconds 2-1 at Silver Sands.

Angus Campbell gave Strachur the lead after 38 minutes with the only goal of a first

half which the visitors dominated. Campbell added his and Strachur's second on 55 minutes. Aberdour came back strongly and created several second-half chances. Brian Toal scored but Strachur held firm to take the points and move to the top of the table.

**Glasgow Mid
Argyll 0
Inveraray 5**

Inveraray juniors moved to second place in the league after they defeated Glasgow Mid

Argyll 5-0 at Peterson Park, Yoker.

This was a great team performance from an Inveraray team packed with youths and a sprinkling of old-timers.

The more experienced David Robertson and young Campbell Watt, barely in his teens, linked up very well in the Inveraray attack and both bagged doubles.

David MacPherson got the crucial third goal which ended the match as a contest.

Inveraray also managed to introduce their under-14 keeper, Gregor Mather, midway through the second half in place of veteran Graham MacPherson.

**Bute P Dunoon
Camanachd P**

The meeting between the Bute second team and Dunoon Camanachd was postponed on Friday afternoon as, with the Bute seniors also scheduled to play at home, the Meadows was unable to take two games.

Lochgilphead club open to new golfers

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club lays out the welcome mat this Sunday to anyone wanting to try their hand at the game.

To be held at the club from 2pm until 4pm this Sunday, April 2, the Get Into Golf project offers those who might be interested in taking up the game – of any age – the chance to simply have a go.

As a special deal on the day, visitors will be

offered a membership and coaching package at reduced rates.

The club is also hosting a race night in the clubhouse tonight, Friday March 31, at 7.30pm in aid of the defibrillator fund. The race night is for members and guests and includes a light supper.

To find out more about the open day and the race night, contact Ele Hunter on 07714 233006.



Touch and go whether this Taynuilt block will reach its destination in time. 08_a12shintykilmory04

Successful spring for Red Star youths

MARCH proved successful for Lochgilphead Red Star 2004s.

The young side won all four of their games, three league fixtures and one cup tie, with the side scoring 41 goals and conceding only four.

The big derby against Oban Saints 2004s saw the Lochgilphead team run out convincing winners. A couple of early goals saw the Red Star youth race into the lead and, despite a big effort from the Saints, the Lochgilphead team piled on the pressure with good play and a couple of goals.

Last Sunday, Arden-cable 2004s made a welcome visit to Lochgilphead.

The visitors never gave up but, unfortunately for them, Red Star were on top form, kicking on from their victory against Oban Saints. Red Star proved too strong and emerged as clear winners.

Football partnership kicks off in style



Young players and coaches enjoyed a day of training in the sun. 06_a13FootieCoerver04

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre's membership of the Coerver Partner Club got off to great a start on Saturday.

Around 100 youngsters and coaches, including friends from Tarbert Soccer Centre, attended. The young players worked hard throughout the day and enjoyed being coached by expert Coerver staff, while local coaches also benefited from tuition and support.

With youngsters and coaches looking forward to the next session in May, the project seems certain to make

a positive contribution to youth football development.

Working in partnership with the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service and with funding from the Co-op Community Fund, the soccer centre has been able to join the internationally recognised Coerver Partner club programme, which is testament to the work undertaken by the soccer centre.

The soccer centre is grateful to both the Co-op Community Fund and the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service for their support.

Star fight back to secure point

A HARD-FOUGHT draw away to Arkleston was enough to maintain Red Star's position at the top of Section 1 in the Hall Cup.

The match started well for the Mid Argyll side as Kieran Moore gave them a 1-0 lead early on. Arkleston showed why they are still pushing for promotion at the top of Division 2B, however, as they came back into the match, going ahead 2-1 after successfully

Arkleston	4
Lochgilphead Red Star	4
SAFL Hall Cup Section 1	

dispatching a spot-kick. The home side added to their lead before the break and Star had faced a tough task to overcome the 3-1 half-time scoreline.

The Lochgilphead outfit showed good spirit to get back into the game though, with Innes Meikle netting to

pull themselves back into contention. Arkleston added to their lead at 4-2 but Star were dealt a lifeline when an Arkleston player was sent off after an explicit exchange of words with the referee.

Red Star were happy to take advantage and fought their way

back to secure a point. Innes Meikle scored his second of the day, not long after his return from holiday, and Aaron Moore netted a late winner to secure a point for Star which sees them remain top of the group with one match, against Houston, still to play. Red Star return to league action tomorrow (Saturday) with a home match against Port Glasgow OBU. The game kicks off at 2pm.



Youngsters take part in a quick-paced dribbling drill.

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All ages and abilities took part in the fun run on Friday.



Lochgilphead High School boys lead the way.



Hundreds of pupils go through their warm-up routine.

Students on the run for Comic Relief

PUPILS of all ages took part in a charity fun run at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Friday March 24.

Runners were treated to a marvellous sunny day as they navigated the race circuits behind the school. Al-

most every age group took part as the organisers set out a selection of routes to suit the varying abilities of the runners.

Lochgilphead Joint Campus depute head Ewan Smith said: 'The

fun run went really well with more than 500 pupils running, all doing their bit to help raise money for Comic Relief.'

The sale of red noses, among other things, aided the fundraising efforts with plenty of

pupils getting into the spirit of the day and contributing to charity.

There were prizes on offer for the winners of each race, which added an incentive for participants. Kyle Danson and Alice Adair were both first in the prima-

ry boys and girls races, while Archie Spencer and Rachel Johnstone were first placed in the senior boys and girls races. Jake Gillespie scored the overall winning time with a run of 21 minutes and 18 seconds. Of the staff, mu-

sic teacher Mr Povey returned home first.

At the end of the day, the joint campus managed to raise a grand total of £1,724 for Comic Relief. Mr Smith continued: 'Thanks are due to Raymond Flanagan from the Mid

Argyll Youth Forum and the Youth Development Service, who have very substantially helped to meet the costs of this event. All the work done by the staff at the joint campus is also very much appreciated.'

Sports club lottery winners

THE TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers drawn on Monday were 1, 5 and 11.

The £1,000 jackpot was shared between Margaret Scott and Evelyn Black, so it is back to £100 for next week's draw.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 3, 18, 20 and 9. One lucky winner, C Long, took the £1,000 jackpot. Next week's prize will revert to £100.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 2, 4 and 6. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £300.

Tough Kintyre marathon has ups and downs



First Glen Scotia marathon winner Stuart McGeachy.



Ewan Smith at the halfway point before finishing second.

THE INAUGURAL Mull of Kintyre marathon left runners feeling a bit the worse for wear over the weekend as the searing heat took its toll.

The first Glen Scotia marathon took place on Saturday March 25, starting in Campbeltown and winding round the Leaside hills.

The route proved to be one of the toughest around, as the spirited winner of the race said it nearly defeated him.

Wall

Speaking immediately after finishing in three hours and six minutes, Campbeltown Running Club's (CRC) Stuart McGeachy said: 'I hit the wall at 20 miles. It was hot and I really struggled on the last hill. I thought, you have got to be kidding me as I approached the hill.'

Many said that running down the hills put immense strain on

their knees and some commented that finishing on the flat was hard after all the ups and downs in the second half of the run.

David Carey, the fastest finisher from the Mid Argyll Athletics Club, came fourth overall with a very respectable time of 03:29:34.

Lochgilphead Joint Campus depute head Ewan Smith finished in second place with an impressive time of 03:24:46.

The fastest finishers of the Mull of Kintyre marathon was a team of two Turner brothers. Gary and Matthew Turner posted 02:57:16 to win the relay race and Matthew received a huge cheer as the first finisher nearly six minutes ahead of solo runner Stuart McGeachy.

First lady home and an excellent third overall was CRC's Jennifer Martin. First team



The first Glen Scotia MOK marathon starts in the cutting.

of four relay runners was MorGeach Dochs: Elaine McGeachy, Emma Morran, Ian Docherty and Tommy Morran in 03:10:07.

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