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Craobh road repairs move forward

A DEAL to upgrade the access road to Craobh Haven and Lunga Estates has been 'agreed in principle', Colin Lindsay-MacDougall laird of Lunga Estates, has said.

Negotiated a deal

Speaking to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* on Wednesday Mr MacDougall said he, as the landowner, and Holt Leisure who are believed to hold the deeds to the road, have negotiated a deal that will see the road repaired.

He said the deal would see the road tarred from the A816 junction up to Lunga Riding Stables, ensuring everyone in the community was served by a good public road.

Explaining the deal was being finalised by lawyers, Mr Lindsay-MacDougall said: 'The parties have agreed to the deal in principle to

find a way forward.'

Stating a timescale for repairs had not been set out, Mr MacDougall added: 'Everyone is very keen to get it done but the roads department has to outline the right specification, contractors have to agree to do the work for the right money; we can't jump the gun.'

Residents of Craobh Haven and Lunga Estates are waiting with baited breath for the contract to be officially signed off.

Earlier this year parents in the area were told that they would have to drive or walk their children to the road end to get the school bus after bus companies refused to drive into the village because of the state of the road.

Val Sinclair, parent of a 12-year-old school pupil, said residents and businesses were getting

pretty fed up with the situation.

'It is the school holidays at the moment so it is a little easier but parents are still having to take their children to the road end everyday. One parent makes the journey eight times a day to collect children from buses.'

A spokesman for Holt Leisure said: 'We are pleased to have agreed terms in principle with Lunga on the Craobh road. It is hoped we will see an early and happy conclusion to the Craobh road saga and with the continued goodwill of the council we can all look forward to breathing some new life into the Craignish Peninsula.'

Argyll and Bute Council earlier confirmed it would adopt the road once it was brought up to an acceptable standard.



L-R: Sergeants Danny McGeachy and David Ferguson of Strathclyde Police, councillor Dougie Philand, Alec Howie of Scottish Canals, Alan Ross of Ardrishaig and Brendan Doherty.

Van parking deal stalls at 11th hour

A CAMPAIGN to get a large green van described as a 'hazard' moved from the roadside of the A83 in Ardrishaig has this week failed.

Owner of the van, parked outside Ardlamont Cottage in Ardrishaig, Brendan Doherty suggested he was willing to park his van elsewhere earlier this week.

But as *The Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press Mr Doherty said the green van was staying put.

For more on this story see page 4.

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'Chemo' on the doorstep

PEOPLE living with cancer in Mid Argyll are still travelling almost 100 miles for chemotherapy despite the service being available on their doorstep.

Chemotherapy treatment has been available at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital since September last year yet patients are still travelling to Glasgow to receive the life-saving treatment.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* understands that although nurses and staff at the Lochgilphead-based hospital have been authorised to treat people with bowel and breast cancer, not one person has been referred to them in the last six months.

Elaine Thomson, from Kilberry, whose late husband died from cancer and was treated in Oban and Glasgow hospitals, said she was astounded at the situation.

'I do not believe that in the Mid Argyll area, we have no patients requiring the specialist chemotherapy treatment that could be provided by the Mid Argyll hospital.'

'Is it that the consultants are not thinking of the patient's best interest and would rather they travel one hour each way to Oban or two hours each way to Glasgow for treatment.'

David Dunlop, clinical director of the Beatson Oncology Centre, was not available for comment but a spokeswoman for NHS Greater Glasgow said: 'In the last six months no patients have met the strict clinical criteria to receive chemotherapy treatment at Mid Argyll Hospital.'



Staff at Lingerton waste site went on strike twice this year, holding protests outside the gates of the Lochgilphead site. 06_a09shanks01

Dispute ends at waste sites

Both parties have come to an 'amicable agreement'

NO FURTHER strike action will be taken at Argyll and Bute's waste disposal sites after employees ended their dispute.

Pay rates

Staff were upset that the company operating the sites on behalf of the local authority, Shanks, said pay would be increased by four per cent over three years, in return for a one third cut in sick pay entitlement.

New arrangement

However, striking firstly for two hours and most recently for two days, the union members have accepted the company's argument and will formally accept the new arrangement in the coming days.

The surprise move comes with the new financial year beginning and staff warned by the GMB and Unite unions they could lose out if the pay offer wasn't accepted soon.

Under the agreement, sick pay will still be cut by one third.

Michael Heafey who works at Lingerton

waste site in Lochgilphead said both parties had come to an 'amicable agreement'.

He said: 'It is always difficult to take strike action so we are more than delighted that it has come to an end.'

'We would like to thank the public for their support over the last few weeks,' he added.

Car stolen from outside house

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a car was stolen from outside a house on the Lochgilphead to Tarbert road.

The Volkswagen Golf was taken from Erines Lodge sometime over the last three weeks.

Police are urging anyone with information about the theft to contact Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

Motorists warned over documents

MOTORISTS are again being reminded to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy and that they have relevant insurance to drive.

March marked a month of action for local police officers in tackling traffic crime. The initiative revealed many people in the area were driving without a valid MOT certificate and the relevant documentation.

Police will continue to monitor traffic crime throughout the summer months.

Lochgilphead beach clean

A PRODUCTIVE day was enjoyed at the Lochgilphead beach clean last Saturday in fine sunny weather.

A total of 15 volunteers showed up on the day, with many tourists getting involved in picking up bits of wood and plastic from the shores of Loch Gilp.

The clean was organised by the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

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Whitehouse man jailed after A816 car crash case

Four-year prison sentence follows crash after which one died and two were severely injured

A PENSIONER convicted of causing death by dangerous driving has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Distracted

Clifford Dickson, from Whitehouse,

Tarbert, claimed he was distracted by a buzzard after a road crash in 2010 which killed one woman and seriously injured two others.

The 68-year-old was travelling on the

A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road on August 12, 2010 when his Kia 4X4 hit a red Subaru near the Scamisdale junction.

Christine Beard, from Nottingham-

shire, was seriously injured in the crash and died weeks later. Her daughter Laura Rose and husband Paul were also severely injured.

Appearing before Glasgow High Court

on Tuesday Lord McEwan told Dickson a prison sentence was the only option.

Driving ban

Dickson's lawyer, Peter Gray QC, had argued for a non-

custodial sentence on the grounds that the retired stonemason is a carer for his disabled son.

But banning Dickson from driving for the next seven years Judge Lord McEwan

said: 'I think that you ignoring the double white lines and facing a blind dip is a very serious piece of driving.'

During the trial last month, Dickson claimed he had

had pulled out of his lane in a bid to avoid the buzzard rising up towards his windscreen. But the jury rejected his explanation and found him guilty by majority verdict.



Paul and Celia Austin-Metcalfe took their vows by the shores of Crinan Ferry last Friday.

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Love affair with Crinan leads to beach wedding

A COUPLE decided to tie the knot at Crinan Ferry on Friday after holidaying there only two months before.

Paul and Celia Austin-Metcalfe came all the way up from the south of England to take their vows surrounded by the stunning landscape on Loch Crinan beach.

Celia explained how they liked Argyll because of the unspoilt ruggedness of the ter-

rain, completely unlike where they live down south.

It turned out to be a cold day in the end, but Paul and Celia still had a great time during a day they will never forget.

Celia said: 'We got married here because it was a beautiful place, and because of all the freedom out here we thought it would be a more personal way to do it.'



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Dunoon election postponed following death

ELECTIONS for the three seats on Argyll and Bute Council Dunoon ward were formally postponed last Tuesday.

The decision comes following the recent death of councillor Alister McAlister.

A notice of election will be published next Tuesday outlining when the Dunoon elections will take place. Other elections will take place as planned on May 3.

Kilmory staff gain healthy eating award

A PRESTIGIOUS healthy eating award was presented to Kilmory Staff Restaurant recently.

The restaurant received the healthy living award, a national prize designed to reward businesses that make it easier for their customers to eat more healthily.

The award follows major changes to the range of food on offer and how it is prepared, in response to increasing demand for healthier food.

Van parking deal stalls at 11th hour

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Mr Doherty met with Strathclyde Police and Scottish Canals on Tuesday with a view to gaining assurances that if he parked the van in his dedicated spot, near the Crinan Canal swing bridge, that he would not be charged with causing an obstruction.

Written authority
Despite receiving written letters from both

Strathclyde Police and Scottish Canals that he is authorised to park in the bay, Mr Doherty told the *Advertiser* that the letters were 'useless'.

Sign made

Scottish Canals had earlier erected a sign on the railings of the swing bridge stating it was a private parking area and painted the boundaries of the bay onto the tarmac.

But Mr Doherty, who claims he was charged with causing an obstruction when he parked in the bay many years ago, said he was not satisfied with the letters of assurance from the police and Scottish Canals.

'The letters do not say that I will not be charged with causing an obstruction,' Mr Doherty said.

The meeting between Mr Doherty and the au-

thorities took place after more than 800 people signed a petition in Ardrishaig calling on Mr Doherty to park off the road.

Petition

Locals have for years asked for the van to be moved to a 'safer parking place' ensuring better visibility of traffic on the swing bridge and the 'give way to oncoming traffic' sign.

Alan Ross, who was involved in the petition, said he was disappointed Mr Doherty had not acted in good faith and moved the van.

He said: 'Hundreds of people have signed this petition, the police and Scottish Canals have done as much as they can do; we have to hope that Brendan will come to a compromise.'

Alec Howie of Scot-

tish Canals said: 'British Waterways and Scottish Canals have always been happy for Brendan to park here. We were happy to supply the sign and paint the lines and hoped it would be of benefit to Brendan and the wider community.'

Mr Doherty is registered disabled and was assigned the area outside his home to park his van by Transerv Scotland.

Crofting students come to Kilmartin

STUDENTS celebrated gaining a qualification in crofting this week at a special ceremony held at Kilmartin House Museum.

Induction course
Ten students who took part in the entry-level

induction course passed; it was the first time the course had been taught in Argyll and Bute since 2008.

Pam Staley of Ardrishaig was one of the successful graduates; she said: 'When I came



Students celebrate receiving their crofting course certificates with MSP Mike Russell.

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on the course I was specifically interested in keeping a small flock of goats.

Management

'I realised there is a lot more to it and you have to take things like land management into account. I am looking forward to what the future

might hold.'

The crofting induction course is run by the Scottish Crofting Federation.

The course teaches on a number of aspects of crofting, including laws, regulations, animal welfare and business planning.

Climate Change Group in finals of Young Scot

THE FINALS of this year's Young Scot awards will have representatives from Lochgilphead.

The Lochgilphead Climate Change Group are one of 39 finalists who will travel to the Glasgow Hilton Hotel on Thursday April 26 hav-

ing been shortlisted in the Environment category of the awards.

Carla Jackson, Heather Unkles, Georgia Hepburn, Madeline Ward, Sarah Nicolson and Rebecca Jamieson took part in a Scottish Government consultation on Low Carbon Scotland.

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Early start to A83 alternative route plan

PLANS for upgrading the forestry road at Glen Croe could be finalised as early as next month and engineers on site at the start of the summer, *The Argyllshire Advertiser* has learnt.

A timetable to upgrade the road, which could be used as an alternative route into Mid Argyll when landslides close

Ardrishaig man abused police

AN ARDRISHAIG man has been fined £180 after shouting abuse at police officers.

James Ellis, 30, of Brae Road, Ardrishaig, pled guilty to committing a breach of the peace when he appeared before Lochgilphead annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday.

Ellis became aggressive towards police officers, shouted and swore after the officers after they were called to a disturbance outside a shop in Lochgilphead on April 24 2011.

Sixteen-year old punched school bus driver

A SCHOOLBOY who claimed to be suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) after he assaulted a bus driver on September 7 last year has been told to complete 140 hours community service.

Jordan Royal, 16, of Leacainn Terrace, Furnace, appeared at Lochgilphead Annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday to be sentenced after being found guilty of punching a man in the face.

Sheriff Thomas Ward rejected Royal's claim of suffering from ADHD and sentenced him to 140 hours community payback. He said: 'You do not have any problems that would have caused you to act in this way.'

the A83, was outlined by Transport Minister Keith Brown last week.

Meeting with the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce recently, the minister told local business people that the forestry road would not be widened to two lanes but could possibly include passing places to allow the flow of two-way traffic.

Commenting on the meeting, Jane Macleod, secretary of the chamber said: 'Chamber members impressed on the minister and his officials the importance of keeping the Rest and Be Thankful open at all times and that the relief road should be seen as a short-term solution and should not detract from work which is required for the A83.'

The ministers meeting with Mid Argyll business officials happened just days before the Sign for the A83 petition was presented to the Scottish Parliament.

Addressing the parliament last Friday, after Argyll councillors Dougie Philand, John McAlpine and Donald Kelly handed over the petition, Mr Brown said: 'I am aware of people's concerns and the considerable impact that road closures stemming from landslips have on the local community. Transport Scotland officials have also been in regular contact with the community and are working with Argyll and Bute Council, the police, the Forestry Commission and other key agencies to address these challenges.'



Children and adults donned their best Easter headwear. 08_a14easter01

Daffodil Tea delights at Inveraray

CHILDREN and adults alike donned their best headgear at the Royal Burgh's church hall last Saturday.

The Easter bonnet parade was part of the Daffodil Tea and Coffee morning held by Glena-

ray and Inveraray Parish Church.

As well as tea, coffee and homebaking, daffodils picked from the grounds of Inveraray Castle were on sale, and minister Louis Bezuidenhout was on hand to announce the winner of the raffle.

Louis said the event had proved to be a lovely morning. 'It has gone very well; we had a good turnout and the weather contributed a lot to it,' he said.



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Man admits having bike

A LOCHGILPHEAD man admitted being in possession of a stolen bicycle when he appeared in court last week.

Appearing before Lochgilphead annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court last Wednesday David Cameron pled guilty to being in possession of the bike, which was reported missing from Glenburn Road last December.

Cameron, 62, of Dunchologan Travellers Site, Lochgilphead was fined £140.

Fine for window damage

A MAN was this week spared jail after smashing a window of a Lochgilphead hotel.

Jon Smith, 31, of Kirkton Avenue, Glasgow pled guilty to breaking the window on January 7, 2012. At Lochgilphead Annexe of Dunoon Sheriff Court, Sheriff Thomas Ward fined Smith £225 and said he would have faced prison had he not paid the hotelier for the damage done.

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House cash

A TOTAL of almost £7.5 million should be available to be spent by Argyll and Bute District Council on housing in the coming financial year, it was announced at the end of last week.

Last Friday saw the publication of the Government's final allocations for housing authorities' capital expenditure for the coming year and Argyll and Bute will have a total of £7.42 million to spend.

However, included in this total figure is more than £1 million in what are called estimated receipts, which is money earned by the council mostly through council house sales, which from this year they are allowed to include with money granted by the Government for housing.

What's on at The Empire

A WALT Disney production 'The Fox and The Hound' is the feature film over the Easter holiday at The Empire Cinema, Lochgilphead.

Based on the book by Daniel P Mannix 'The Fox and The Hound' tells the story of Tod, a young abandoned fox cub who is befriended by Big Mama, a wise old owl.

She realises immediately that he will need a home and recruits Dinky the Sparrow, and Boomer the Woodpecker, to help her guide the kindly Widow Tweed to the little fox's hiding place.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



'ENTER at your own risk' is not the sign we usually expect at the door of a church.

Sadly however, this is the notice outside that splendid church at Tarbert.

The church was very badly damaged in the January storms and is now in a dangerous state.

There is a risk of falling masonry and so people are warned that it is unsafe to enter the sanctuary at present.

I thought about this and how sad it is for the congregation to be kept out of the church they love so much.

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday when Jesus made a spectacular entry into Jerusalem and an even more spectacular entry into the temple.

He was outraged by the exploitation of the poor by the traders and money changers in the temple.

Overturning the tables and scattering their goods - and their sins, he threw out all the wheelers and dealers, leaving them in no doubt about his opinion of them.

'Enter at your own risk' may well have been the warning for those who offended God by cheating and putting profit before people.

This was an affront to God then and still is today.

Jesus made it clear that God has different values, and will not tolerate exploitation or theft in any of its respectable disguises.

'Enter at your own risk,' because the God whose opinions we think we know may just surprise us.

Jesus told the arrogant and intolerant leaders of his day that the people they least expected would be in heaven before them.

'Enter at your own risk' may be a good reminder to leave all our prejudices at the foot of the cross.

On Sunday we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection as we come to the empty tomb.

'Take a risk', enter, and meet the one who loves you beyond measure.



have made it my career, I have often said I could play from sun up to sun down. I'm now writing to ask local golfers to do just that.

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What do we pay our water rate for?

Sir,
Given that Scotland is not a third world country, why is it deemed necessary for Tarbert Academy and other schools to accept donations from charitable bodies in order to ensure that pupils have access to drinkable water all year round?

Given this high incidence of ludicrous across Argyll and Bute, why wait until August to start the silly season?

Right then, next silly question: what do we pay our water rate for?

Duncan Iain MacDougall, despite having no mains water at his main domain is in no danger of suffering from the effects of dehydration.

Indeed copious supplies of a wide range of liquid refreshment is available to all visitors 24/7.

Duncan MacDougall, Tarbert.

Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by Mrs Lamont from Lochgilphead. The picture shows children at Lochgilphead High School working on pottery but it is not clear when the pictures was taken. The picture comes from a book which explores the changes in education in Argyll between 1872 and 1972. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Easter Sunday

Sir,
Easter Sunday this year falls on Nisan 16th or the second day of Passover or more correctly the Feast of Unleavened Bread according to the Biblical calendar which God set in place and which Jesus observed during His lifetime. The 'Last Supper' was a Passover meal during which Jesus left instructions 'as often as you do this' (observe Passover) to remember His death, as it was on the actual day of Passover (Nisan 14th) that He was crucified. Instead of carrying out this instruction most of the churches in Christendom refuse to remember His death on Passover but invented the observances of 'Good Friday' and 'Easter Sunday' instead which were not observed by the early Jewish Church.

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It is somehow unbelievable that these same churches use such obvious pagan-connected terms to describe their holy days. 'Sun'-day is named after the pagan practice of sun-worship forbidden in Scripture and 'Easter' is named after another pagan deity variously described as 'Eastre/Eostre,' and also 'Ishtar,' 'Astarte,' or 'Ashtoreth' whom God detested so much in the pages of the Bible. How come it does not disturb professing Christians to have their worship days so closely connected to the forbidden practice of worshipping false gods and idols?

The New Testament states that 'Christ is our

Passover' -not Easter and 'therefore let us keep the feast' (of Passover). How come the Church has instituted 'Easter' in place of the Passover of the Lord? The Passover remembers Jesus' death with symbolism of the Passover lamb that was killed on that day, whereas 'Easter' concentrates on the Resurrection with some churches doing 'sunrise' services - another reference to the sun, but not the Son.

There were other individuals in both the Old and New Testaments who were miraculously raised from the dead, but it was the substitutionary and atoning death of Jesus that

was unique and that He asked to remember on Nisan 14th. Most families recall a loved one's death once a year on the date of their death, but not every week as many churches do around the world. When Jesus said 'As often as you do this', He didn't say 'Do this as often as you like' which basically happens today in gentile Christendom.

**Mr Colin Nevin,
45c Rathgill Park,
Bangor,
Co Down.**

Four Course Challenge

Sir,
As a golfer who loves the game so much I

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Matthew earns 'pretty good' marks at music festival

A MODEST teenager has described achieving the highest ever mark by a brass solo performer at the Mid Argyll Music Festival as 'pretty good'.

Trombone player Matthew Tanner, from Stockavullin, scored a record 95 points during the festival with the song *Fantasy for Trombone*.

The performance, which judge Alan Fernie described as the best rendition of the song he had ever heard on trombone, is all the more remarkable as 15-year-old Matthew has only been playing the instrument for five years.

Matthew, who plays in the senior band of the famous Campbeltown Brass, was humble about his achievement, saying it was 'pretty good.'

He said: 'I've competed at the music festival since 2003, and I did pretty well in most of them, but nothing like this.'

Even before taking up the trombone, Matthew was already winning music competitions, as a singer; he also plays the piano.

But it is with the trombone that Matthew has real-

ly excelled, and that showed at the 33rd Mid Argyll Music Festival when he won the Brackley Cup in the brass solo contest and the Co-operative Membership Trophy for the highest overall score in brass.

His mother, Chris Tanner said she was 'incredibly proud' of him, adding: 'When he first got that trombone, I never imagined he would have the sort of success he's having now.'

Difficult tune

'He made it look so easy at the festival, but *Fantasy for Trombone* is such a difficult tune to play.'

Having boosted his musical reputation, Matthew has set his sights on playing professionally and is hoping to study at the exclusive Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, recently known as the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

He is already showing commitment to his craft by attending the Junior Conservatoire of Music, which involves a round trip to Glasgow every weekend.

Matthew also plays in the recently formed Argyll Brass, which has around 20 members.

The winners at the Mid Argyll Music Festival 2012 are as follows:

Dalriada Senior Accordion Solo, Accordion – Senior: John Holt; The Munro Trophy, Fiddle – Primary: Lily Garthwaite; Dalriada Junior Fiddle Solo, Fiddle – Secondary: Fiona Cupples; Kilmartin Primary School Board Plate, Primary Scots Verse Solo: Sam Barker; Argyll Drama Festival Cup, Speech: Holly Smith; Jean Ballantyne Plate, Choral Verse Speaking: Kilmartin Primary School P 5 – 7; Inveraray & District Fiddle & Accordion Trophy, Violin Solo – Grade 1: Alastair McCartney; The Kimmett Cup, Violin Solo – Grade 2 – 4: Lily Garthwaite; The Glenfyne Shield, Piano Solo – Grade 1: Grace Carroll; The

Lynn Matheson Plate, Piano Solo – Grade 2: Felix Maddox; The Stirling Shield, Piano Solo – Grades 3: Rowan McIlvride; Ardchonnel Primary School Cup, Piano – Grade 4: William Lawrence; Westwood Shield, Piano Solo – Grades 5: Lorna Young; The Smiddy Bistro Trophy, Piano Solo – 18 & under: Lorna Young;

Portsonachan Players Quaich, Piano Solo – Sonata: Charles Walker; The Tom & Margaret MacInnes Salver, Piano – Advanced: Libby Anderson; Ardrishaig Primary School – Round Table Shield, Piano Duet – Family: Charlotte & Rona Larkin; Carmuir Cup, Recorder – Adult:

Belinda Braithwaite; Annabel Morrison Quaich, Scots Song – P4 – P5: Amelia McTaggart; Glenorchy Rose Bowl, Scots Song – P6 – P7: Cara Blyth; John Wilson Trophy, Scots Song – Sec 1 – 3: Maria Cairns; Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup, Scots Song – Sec 4 – 6: Nicola Way; Cathy Smith Memorial Trophy, Scots Song – Adult: Shona Keith; Ardgartan Cup, Kennedy Fraser Solo: Shona Keith; Minard Quaich, Vocal Solo – Boys P4 – P5: Ruairidh Wallace; Larchwood Cup, Vocal Solo – Boys P6 – P7: Gavin Johnson; The Gifford Cup, Vocal Solo – Trebles: Alastair Cupples; The Ashfield Plate, Vocal Solo – Girls P4 – P5: Molly MacKay; The Alex MacKay Plate, Vocal Solo – Girls P6 – P7: Holly Renton; The MacDonald Plate, Vocal Solo – Girls Sec 1 – 3: Fiona Cupples; Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich, Vocal Solo – Girls Sec 4 – 6: Lindsay Johnson;

Knapdale Gold Medal, Vocal Solo – Open: Lindsay Johnson; Mid Argyll Music Society Cup, Songs from the Shows – Junior: Ella Keating; Balloymeanoch Plate, Songs from the Shows – Adult: John Orr; Kilmarnock Cup, Vocal Duet – Primary: Rachel Adie & Amy McGougan; Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl, Vocal Duet – Secondary 1 – 3: Hannah Prill & Emma MacFarlane; Lochgilphead Rotary Club Trophy, Vocal Duet – Secondary 4 – 6: Lindsay Johnson & Nicola Way; Kilmartin Hotel Plate, Vocal Duet – Adult: Shona Keith & Lindsay Johnson; Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quaich, Vocal Ensemble – Primary: Ashfield Primary School; Kilmartin Hotel Shield, Vocal Ensemble – Open: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus; Christina MacDougall Trophy, Gaelic Choirs – Primary: Inveraray Gaelic Choir; Craignish Primary PTA Trophy, Primary Choirs – Scots: Ardrishaig Primary School; The Cecily Bannaryne Plate, Gaelic Choir – Intermediate: Coisir Og Dalriada; Saltire Society Quaich, Scots/Gaelic Choirs: Ardrishaig Primary School; Creggan Shield, Church Choir: Cumlodden, Lochfyneside & Lochgair Church Choir; Ardrishaig Pri-



Matthew Tanner's record score at the Mid Argyll Music Festival was music to his ears. 08_a14trombone01

Smiddy Bistro Trophy for Lorna

A TEENAGE waitress was last week awarded a trophy from her restaurant after winning a competition at the Mid Argyll Music Festival.

Lorna Young, who works at the Smiddy Bistro was presented with The Smiddy Bistro Trophy for winning the piano solo open competition for under 18s with a very jazzy number: *Persistent Rhythm* by Martha Mier.

The Lochgilphead High School student also won The Westwood Shield for grade five piano solo at the festival and saw success singing as a member of Gaelic choir Coisir Og Dalriada.



The Smiddy manager Janice Harris with Lorna Young and The Smiddy Bistro trophy.

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Magical Places Exhibition

VISITORS to Taynish Nature Reserve will this week be taken on a trip through some of Scotland's best natural spectacles.

The nature reserve will be offering a glimpse of magical landscapes across the country as it launches a new art exhibition.

The *Magical Places Exhibition*, launched in the Piggery at the nature reserve in Tayvallich this week, features images from nature reserves across Scotland, taken by staff of Scottish Natural Heritage.

Caroline Anderson, from SNH, which is responsible for maintaining Taynish Nature Reserve, said: 'This exhibition is a real must see. If you live nearby or are in the area over Easter, I really recommend making the trip to Taynish - you won't be disappointed.'

Taynish national nature reserve, rich in wildlife and cultural heritage, is recognised as one of the finest examples of Atlantic oak woodland in Europe.

The exhibition is free and runs until April 30.

Argyll Drama Festival

**Ardrishaig Public Hall
18-20 April**

Curtain up 7.15pm

Adult £6 Conc £4.50

Child £3 Season £15

Tickets: Book Centre, Lochgilphead or at door on the night



Community Noticeboard

Campbeltown and Kintyre Support Group of Parkinson's UK

COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 14th April

Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street, 10 am to 12 noon
Admission £1
Raffle, Baking and Parkinson's information.
Charity No. SC037554

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Community Centre Lochgilphead
So if you would like to input some ideas, please come and join us.
It would be good to see you there.

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Saturday 7th April, 10am till 1pm in the Templar's Hall
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Also raffle, guess the weight of the cake etc....
Children's workshop 10-11am Saturday
(Hats supplied to decorate £2 or decorate your own hat £1 charge)
In aid of church restoration fund
Also join us for Fundraising Easter breakfast rolls on Sunday morning from 10.30am

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Bottle stall • Baking • Souvenirs Grand Raffle Draw All welcome
All donations gratefully received.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre EASTER FAMILY FÊTE
Saturday 7th April
Victoria Hall, 1pm to 4pm
Bouncy Castle, Easter Biscuit Decorating, Baking and Bottle Stalls and much more...
Adults £1.50 Children 50p (includes tea/coffee/juice & biscuits)
All donations gratefully received.

FYNE FAMILIES EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday 7th April
1 - 3pm
Blarbuie Woods £1.50 per child, egg and juice included.
Face painting.
(Proceeds to Elfs, After School Club and Duncholgan Family Centre)

Kintyre Chorale SPRING CONCERT
Friday 13th April at 8pm
Lorne and Lowland Church
Guests:- Susan Fairbairn, Ashley McLean & Robert McNair
Entry by donation In aid of Friends of the Beatson & Beatson Oncology Centre Fund.

EASTER BOOK BONANZA S.I.R.
Fri 6th - Mon 9th April
10am - 4pm

Daffodil Tea
in Red Cross Hall
Lochgilphead on Easter Sunday
2 - 4pm
In aid of British Heart Foundation
£5 entry
Raffle for Hamper £1

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2.00pm, Sunday 8th April
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More info: John Hunt - 01880 820272

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Kilmartin Hotel, Easter Saturday 7th April, 11.00am til 3.30pm.
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All proceeds to go into Kilmartin Pensioners fund.

ARGYLLSHIRE ADVERTISER, Friday 6 April 2012



Things are looking up for rock band 32 Miles to Breakfast. 08_a14band01

Ardrishaig band sign record deal

TWO ARDRISHAIG brothers are celebrating after their band was signed by a record company.

Alex and William McMahon, founding members of five-piece rock band *32 Miles to Breakfast*, have signed a record deal with independent label Bravesoul Records.

Lead singer Alex and guitarist William are joined in the band by keyboardist Dennis Dignall from Motherwell, drummer James Whyte from Edinburgh and bass player Bruce Mendes from East Kilbride.

The record deal is a major boost for the brothers, who found-

ed the band when they were teenagers at Lochgilphead High School.

Delighted with the deal Alex said: 'We sent one of our demos to Bravessoul when they were advertising for submissions and ten months later we got an email back saying they liked some of our tracks.'

'It's a step forward and things are looking quite promising.'

The band, based in Glasgow, have been gaining growing support from the Glasgow music scene, playing renowned venues such as King Tut's, The Barrowlands, and The Ferry.

Now signed to a record label the boys plan to continue touring and are

currently recording their first single *Before you Leave*.

James said: 'It's been pretty hard this last year; we were just ambling along and ready to pack it in, but then Dennis and Bruce joined.'

'With them on board we were revitalised and were finally able to get going again.'

The group is now looking forward to the future and although they have played at some of the most prestigious music venues in the country, there is one place where Alex would like to play.

'There are not many Scottish bands who have played at Hampden. That would be our ultimate goal.'

Easter Fayre raises £515

HUNDREDS of pounds have been raised to help support the education of vulnerable young people in Africa, following an Easter Fayre in Lochgilphead.

The fayre, organised by the Mthunzi and Lillanda Initiative (MALI), raised £515 for the education charity as Mid Argyll shoppers bought jewellery, paintings, glassware, and household goods on offer.

For those more interested in playing than shopping, there was a host of Easter games and activities, with many youngsters taking advantage of face painting on offer.

Mike MacKenzie, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, was also on

hand to present prizes to winners of the MALI Easter raffle.

Explaining the day had been a great success, Marian Pallister of MALI said: 'We raise money for the education of vulnerable young people in Zambia and without the generosity of local people we could not do that.'

Endeavours

The Easter Fayre is one of many fundraising events held by the charity throughout the year as it endeavours to pay school fees totally £15,000 per annum.

Mike MacKenzie said: 'The people here today at the craft fair have been pretty generous and that's part of our national character.'



The MALI Craft Fayre was enjoyed by youngsters like nine-year-old Lily Young of Ashfield Primary thanks to the efforts of MSP Mike MacKenzie and Marian Pallister of MALI.

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Inveraray accordion and fiddle club

It was 'full house' at the Argyll Hotel for the March meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Chairman Niall Iain MacLean opened the evening by paying tribute to a much-respected member of the club and one of the founders of Fyne Folk - Duncan Crawford.

Mr Crawford was laid to rest earlier in the day and the huge attendance at his funeral service was testament to this well loved, gentle, family man and musician. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all at the club.

Fyne Folk, with Sally Hall and Jake MacKay on fiddle, Agnes Liddell on keyboard and joined by John Renton on accordion and Grant MacDougall on drums, went on to play a couple of pipe march sets.

Guest artists were the Balloch Accordion and Fid-

dle Club and they entertained for the whole of the second half of the session, making up various bands. Archie Gardiner acted as MC whilst playing accordion and introduced the following players - Bill Butler, Wullie Scott, John Scott and Jim Robertson on accordion; John Strachan on keyboard; Jim O'Hare on 'moothie'; Neil MacGillivray and Jim Gunn on drums and all their selections were much enjoyed.

Thanks

The chairman gave resounding thanks to the Balloch club and all supporting players for a great night's music.

Next week, on the final night of the season, the club celebrates its 21st birthday with Iain MacPhail and his Scottish Dance Band taking the guest artiste spot - and one or two 'surprise guests' dropping in to join in the celebrations - not to be missed.

David Connor singing Caledonia, Haden Smith playing the accordion, Alexandra Brough on the flute and a colourful

dance exercise session put on by primary pupils.

Headteacher Catriona Hood said: 'This is a great example of com-

munity and school working together to achieve a positive outcome for pupils, the school and the community as a whole.'



Tarbert Academy pupils showed their many talents during last Friday's end-of-term show. 08_a14talent01

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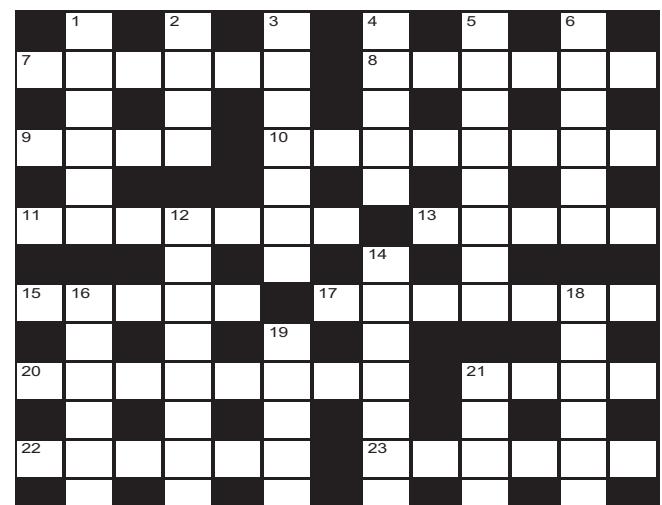
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- 8 Clergyman (6)
- 9 Single item. (4)
- 10 May be a busy occupation before Ascot? (8)
- 11 How grain is sold (7)
- 13 Brothers' keeper? (5)
- 15 Acclamation (5)
- 17 Expire (7)
- 20 Not inland (8)
- 21 Mountain pool (4)
- 22 A great distance from (3,3)
- 23 Lengthen (6)

Down

- 1 Tropical plant from America (6)
- 2 Drift (4)
- 3 Malleable silver-white metallic element (7)
- 4 Fairy tale character (5)
- 5 Jot down rubbish (8)
- 6 Small jacket (6)
- 12 Backpack (8)
- 14 One who interferes if something isn't right (7)
- 16 Beach robe (6)
- 18 Released (6)
- 19 Cylindrical being with tentacles (5)
- 21 So long for now (2-2)



Last week's
solution



CLACHAN**Hunting for beavers**

PUPILS from Clachan Primary went hunting for beavers recently when they visited the Scottish Beaver Trial at Knapdale Forest.

Although the youngsters did not manage to spot any of the nocturnal mammals, they did see and photograph other wildlife including toads and ducks.

Field officer with the trial Rob Needham showed the children around the site and explained there had been an increase in some types of wildlife because of the dams and wetlands created by the camera-shy beavers.



Pupils at Clachan Primary had a fun day out at Knapdale Forest to learn about the Scottish Beaver Trial. The youngsters managed to see a beaver pelt.

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There was also an opportunity to see gnawed trees and to examine a beaver pelt.

Headteacher Catherine Black said: 'We walked the whole way around the two hour trail and thoroughly enjoyed the spring sunshine and the glorious landscape.'

ORMSARY**Scarecrow competition**

SCARECROWS will greet people travelling on the Kilberry Road this week as people from Ormsary, Kilberry and Achahoish celebrate Easter.

Residents living along the Kilberry road have been making their scarecrows for a few weeks in a bid to win the scare-

crow competition at the Easter Fayre.

The fayre, held in Ormsary Hall on Easter Monday, will see locals compete across a host of fun activities and tuck in to some good food, tea, coffee and homebaking.

Ormsary Hall will also be home to craft stalls, tombola and cupcake decorating, whilst outdoors a treasure trove of chocolate awaits youngsters taking part in the Easter egg trail.

TARBERT**Brownie leaders wanted**

TARBERT Brownies are in urgent need of new leaders.

The group is facing closure if it cannot convince volunteers to join any time soon.

Tarbert Brownies meet every Monday evening from 6pm -7pm at Templar's Hall; those who are interested in offering their services should get in touch with Jessie or Mary on 01880 820 641.

Easter hat parade

AN EASTER hat parade is taking place tomorrow, Saturday, at Templar's Hall.

Children can either bring along their own hat, or make one during the workshop held in the morning.

Youngsters will also get the chance to 'guess the weight of the cake' and win a prize in a raffle.

The Easter event is taking place to raise funds to help repair the Tarbert Church, which was damaged during recent storms.

**ARDRISHAIG**

The Mid Argyll Novice Juvenile Pipe Band strutted their stuff at Ardrishaig play park last Sunday. 08_a14pipes01

Band practice

MUSIC was in the air along the waterfront in Ardrishaig last Sunday afternoon as members of the local pipe band took to the play park for their weekly practice.

Youngsters from the Mid Argyll Novice Juvenile Pipe Band treated locals to a performance whilst rehearsing and preparing for their first ever competition in Bearsden in May.

The band, formed last winter, were put through their paces by pipe major Struan Thorpe.

He said: 'We have done a hard winter's work going through the motions and the kids seem to be doing okay.'



The rent-a-stall event was a family affair as babies helped to sell stock at Ardrishaig Public Hall. 08_a14stall03

Montly rent-a-stall gets underway

THE PUBLIC Hall was filled with goods for sale last weekend as the village's monthly rent-a-stall event got underway.

A range of bric-a-brac was on offer at the hall on Sunday from homebaking to knitted goods, books and toys.

People came from all over Mid Argyll and beyond to buy and sell, with visitors from as far away as Campbeltown and Clachan.

There were also stalls set up by charities including internationally renowned Mary's Meals.

LOCHGILPHEAD**MS Centre coffee morning**

THE MS Centre hosted an Easter-themed coffee morning last Saturday.

The event was well attended on what turned out to be a bright sunny morning.

Centre manager Karen McCurrie said: 'We rely

heavily on the local community for money as we don't get any government funding.'

MINARD**Duck Derby**

THE ANNUAL duck derby got underway in Minard last Thursday.

Children from Minard Primary School released dozens of plastic ducks along the burn in the village, cheering their sponsored ducks as they raced along the stream.

The derby, a tradition held at the school at the end of the spring term, raised around £400 for the school funds.

LOCHGAIR**Village beach clean**

RESIDENTS of Lochgair are being encouraged to don their marigolds and clean the village's beach tomorrow, Saturday.

Volunteers are sought to help out with the clean up in the morning and children are especially welcome.

People interested in attending should be at Gallanach Cottage for 9am, letting Fred Bruce know they are coming by calling 01546 886339 as soon as possible.

Boots and protective gloves should be worn, although gloves can be supplied.

Barbeque

A BARBECUE will be held in Smith's yard at 6 Gallanach tomorrow, Saturday.

All Lochgair residents and visitors are welcome to attend the event, which starts at 1pm.

A treasure hunt will be put on for children under 12, and a vegetarian menu will be offered if requested beforehand.

FURNACE**Race Night**

FURNACE Primary School is more than £800 better off this week thanks to a fundraising venture by the Mid Argyll Round Table.

The local charity hosted a race night in Furnace Village Hall last Friday to boost funds at the village primary.

More than 40 people turned out for the event, cheering on their sponsored horses.

Head teacher James Helbert said: 'It was a massive success; a great time was had by all.'

Furnace Flicks

FURNACE Flicks - the village's own cinema - showed *Decoy Bride* last Wednesday at the village hall.

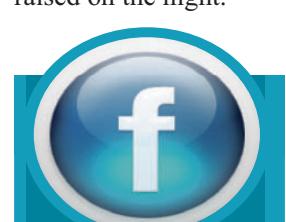
The film, starring Kelly Macdonald and David Tennant, features scenes shot in Auchindrain and Minard Castle.

KILMELFORD**Quiz and curry night**

THE VILLAGE Hall in Kilmelford was packed recently with locals enjoying a curry and a quiz.

The event, held to raise funds for the hall, was a success with quizmaster and organiser Antoinette Mitchell at the helm.

There were several rounds with varying levels of difficult questions and over £750 was raised on the night.



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Keep fit with Kirsty

A WOMAN from Mid Argyll is expanding her business to inspire locals to get fit, healthy and active.

Kirsty Young, a personal trainer from Lochgilphead, is increasing her presence online in a bid to motivate people to gain the skills and confidence needed to achieve their health and fitness goals.

Combining her skills as a personal trainer with her enthusiasm for sport, Kirsty took the step into self-employment several years ago when she launched her business, West Coast Health and Fitness.

Now launching her business online Kirsty has created pages on social networking sites and is in the process of

creating a website for the West Coast Health and Fitness brand.

A well-known member of the Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club, Kirsty looked to Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team for support in expanding the business.

'Recently I contacted them to get some advice on taking my business to the next level,' Kirsty said. 'Their one-on-one advice and workshops helped to focus my mind on where I want to take my business from here.'

'I would recommend to anyone thinking about starting a business or who just needs some help taking their business forward to contact Business Gateway,' she added. It's free and

their workshops in particular are a great way to network with other local businesses.'

Passionate about health and fitness, Kirsty's approach is focussed on the person she is working with, customising activities in line with their health and fitness goals.

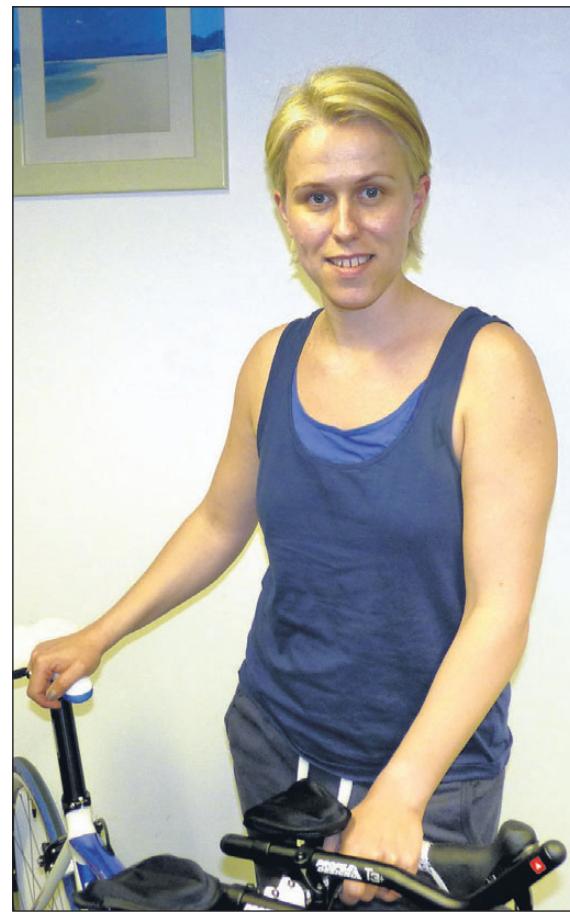
'Personal training is just that – personal' she explains. 'It's all about you after all - your goals, your ambitions. My job is to assist, support, educate and motivate people to help achieve their goals.'

Kirsty works with clients both one-to-one or in small groups, at a place and time to suit them, whether at home, work or elsewhere. She offers a free, no obliga-

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Currently working from a studio outside Lochgilphead, Kirsty can be contacted at momentum_fitness@hotmail.co.uk.



Well-known fitness fanatic Kirsty Young is expanding her personal training business.

Fuel prices soar

A STUDY into the cost of fuel for small to medium-sized enterprises (SME) in Scotland has revealed that prices at the pumps soared by an estimated £1.5million in just one month.

The study, carried out by Bibby Financial Services, suggests that the average petrol prices have reached record levels at £1.40 per litre, costing businesses millions of pounds more at the pumps.

The average monthly fuel consumption per person among SME businesses in Scotland has now reached £451, compared to £370 two-years-ago.

Tarbert hospitality specialists to launch and manage hotel in Luss

TWO HOSPITALITY professionals from a Tarbert Hotel have been appointed to launch and manage a new £2.7 million hotel in Luss.

Alastair Borland, manager of the Anchor Hotel has been appointed general manager of the newly named Loch Lomond Arms Hotel, previously known as the Colquhoun Arms Hotel.

Mr Boreland will be responsible for operations at the three-star hotel, due to open in July.

Experience

He will take with him Beverley Smith to act as duty manager. Ms Smith has a wealth of experience in hotel reception and front of house management, including a key role at the Anchor Hotel.

Commenting on his new role, Mr Borland said: 'I'm proud to have been appointed Loch Lomond Arms' first general manager and look forward to leading a dedicated team to establishing it as one of Scotland's leading small hotels as well as a popular village inn.'

Hospitality

The duo, who have also worked at the Cabarfeidh Hotel on the Isle of Lewis, will be joined by Valerie Jones, who will take on the role of depu-

ty general manager. Ms Jones has over 15 years

experience in hospitality management, including

leading management roles at Creran Hotels.



Tarbert hoteliers to launch new hotel in Luss, on the shores of Loch Lomond. L-R: Valerie Jones, Alastair Borland and Beverley Smith.

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Rates bills flexibility scheme

A NEW scheme that allows businesses increased flexibility in paying their rates bills came into force on Sunday.

The Scottish Government's 2012-13 Business Rates Deferral Scheme will kick in as annual business rates, which are linked to inflation, rise by 5.6 per cent.

Under the scheme, businesses can choose to defer payment of 60 per cent of the 5.6 per cent increase (equiva-

lent to 3.2 per cent of their total 2012-13 non-domestic rates bill). They will be expected to repay half of the deferred amount in 2013-14 and the other half the following year.

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and saw Ishy MacDonald take the reins
for the first time.

More recently Lucy Atter has been dominating the green in the ladies competitions, winning the ladies title six times between 1995-2004.

The building of the clubhouse at Blarbuie in 1974 was a major landmark for the growing club. The clubhouse, built by Donald MacDonald Joiners and Builders, saw the club become more of a golf and social club. Many stories and characters were formed over the years such as Bimbo, Scratchman, Wee Sport, The Bookie, The Bird and Broon. Those characters and many more would regale their stories long after the golf had finished.

Reflecting on the club's rich history club captain Stewart Lister said: 'There have been few changes over the years, equipment has changed, swings have certainly changed, but the constant has been folk heading up the hill to tackle the challenge that is Lochgilphead Golf Course.'

Urging locals to take up the sport at a club where they will always receive a warm welcome, Stewart added: 'The course continues to develop, while retaining its originality, and the current committee is keen to carry the club forward, looking ahead to another exciting 50 years.'

GOLFERS in Lochgilphead are this year celebrating 50 years of golfing on the greens at Blarbuie: the home of Lochgilphead Golf Club since 1962. Reflecting on a fun and eventful 50 years, members of the club have been highlighting heroes of the green, club captains and outstanding performances from the ladies. The course was first set up under the auspice of Argyl and Butl Hospital superintendent Dr Ian MacCommon, who would go on to become the club president for eight years. Mr P Wragg became the first ever winner of the gents' championship at the new ground in 1963, followed by Nicoll Sinclair in 1966.

John Blair was the first multiple winner in the men's competition, triumphing three times between 1968 and 1970. Robert White was to beat this by winning four consecutive titles between 1976 and 1979; he in turn was beaten by Jimmy Lister who won eight-in-a-row between 1996 and 2004.

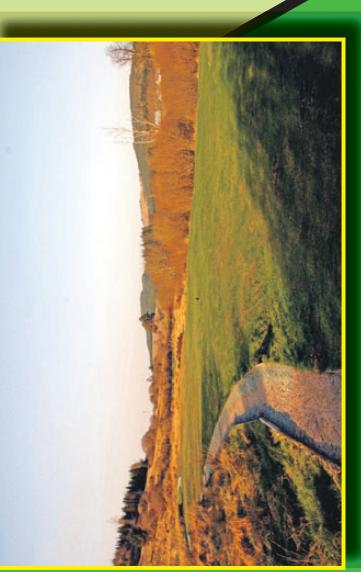
The most impressive win of titles, how-

ever went to a female champion – Eileen Sinclair, who won the ladies' champion-

ship an incredible 12 times; her first win

was in 1976. The female captaincy at

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FOR the first time in 14 years Campbeltown Young Farmers put on a sell-out concert in the town's Victoria Hall on

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Sixteen members of the club put together the concert with the help of well-known local farm-

er and drama enthusiast John Armour, who was previously a young farmer. An audience of 450 enjoyed the lively,

and at sometimes somewhat close to the bone performance. As well as comedy they also danced and sang, prov-

ing months of time and effort had paid off with the audience amused and buzzing from the evening. 20_c14yc01

Ewes with twin lambs at foot sell to £190 at Stirling sale

CALEDONIAN (Stirling) Ltd sold 1,011 store cattle and 10 young bulls, plus 362 store lambs and breeding sheep at Stirling on Monday when Texel cross ewes with twin lambs at foot sold to £190.

Bullocks averaged 224.5p and sold to 277p per kg for a 265kg Limousin from Mains of Struie, Forgandenny and to £1,420 for a 780kg Simmental from Loanrigg, Slamannan.

Heifers averaged 219.5p (+2p) and sold to 256p per kg for a 250kg Limousin from Harelaw, Barrhead and £1,370 for four 570kg Limousins from Gillandersland, Linlithgow.

Feature

A special feature of the sale was a consignment of 30 bullocks from Loanrigg which sold to an average of £1,348.20, and a consignment of 50 bullocks and heifers from Greencraig which averaged £1,207.31.

Bulls averaged 202p and sold to 246.5p per kg for a Luing from Braeside, Kirknewton and £890 for three 430kg Limousins from Greenwells, Falkirk.

The firm also had forward 362 store lambs and breeding sheep.

Lambs sold to a top of £83 for a pen of Texels from G McLaren, Blaircessnock while ewe hoggs sold to £87 for a pen of Blackfaces from JD Stevenson, Bowridge.

Breeding sheep sold to £190 for Texel cross ewes with twin lambs at foot from Traprain, who also sold Texel ewes with twins to £158 and Cross ewes with singles to £128.

Cross ewes with twins from Mid Forrest sold to £155 and £145.

Texel ewes from Blairlinnans sold to £77.50 and £74, while Meggernie Estates sold Suffolks to £76. Blackface ewes from Inneshewan sold to £71.

Prime hogg trade edges back 2.2p per kilo at Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 6,955 prime sheep including six spring lambs, 5,990 hoggs averaging 200.8p/kg (-2.2p) and 959 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday.

Suffolk hoggs from Boghall sold to £127, with Luckenburn selling Texels to £114 and 265p per kilo.

Beltex hoggs from Mid Lodge sold to £107.50 with Cheviots from Boghall to £94.50.

Blackfaces from Burnshot fetched £91.50 with Mules from Leyden to £86.20.

Suffolk ewes from Stanley sold to £146.50; while Drimsynie sold Texels to £138.50.

Texel rams from Forter sold to £134.50 with Wester Upper Urquhart selling Suffolks to £127.50. Blackface rams from Glendamph sold to £92.50.

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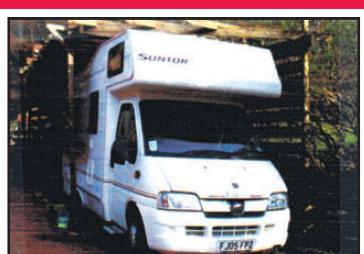
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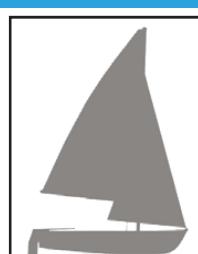
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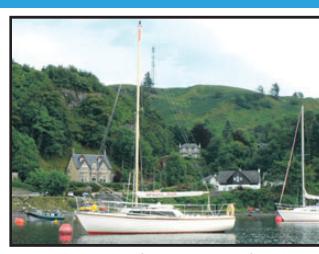
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00437/AMSC	Approval of conditions 1 to 11 relative to permission 08/00782/OUT for the erection of a dwellinghouse	Land 373 Metres South West of Ashfield Cottage Achnamara Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00445/PP	Erection of 2 dwellings, installation of sewage treatment plant, formation of vehicular accesses and upgrade of existing access	Land At North Crubasdale Farm Muasdale Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
12/00668/PP	Erection of extension and veranda	Leacroft Cottage Minard Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8YB	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00623/PP	Installation of replacement windows	Dalhirach Big Brae Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UQ	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/00669/PP	Erection of detached garage and separate log store.	Glenlussa Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SW	Ardrishaig Area Office

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>
The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

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

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Argyll and Bute Children's Panel are looking to recruit a new panel member to sit on hearings held in Lochgilphead. As the panel needs to be gender balanced, on this occasion we are looking to recruit 1 male.

For further information and recruitment pack please contact Fiona McCallum, Deputy Clerk, Argyll and Bute Children's Panel, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmorey, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT Tel: 01546 604392.

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The New Quay will be expanded by installing a new steel sheet and tubular combination 'combi' pile wall of approximately 140m in length directly in front of the existing solid and open quay structures. The seabed at the inner berth will be lowered by the dredging of approximately 50,000 tonnes of material. Scour protection mattresses will be installed below water adjacent to the slipway and at the Old Quay. The new pile wall will be tied back into the existing structure and fill will be placed in the void between the old and new pile walls. Ground anchors will be provided to strengthen parts of the existing quay. Ladders, fenders, bollards and cathodic corrosion protection will be installed. The existing reinforced concrete open deck will be widened and partially overlaid and new reinforced concrete capping beams and quay deck ground slabs will be provided as well as area lighting, water points, gates and fencing. The reclamation works at the Old Quay will require infill of approximately 500m² of the harbour and partial realignment of the upper sections of the adjacent masonry harbour wall. The reclamation will be protected from the sea by a sloped precast concrete block revetment. These works will include realigned roadway, paved over steer areas, footpath, drainage, services, and road markings.

To facilitate these works there will be the need to close the footpath and the slipway along the esplanade on Hall Street. These will be notified in due course. The construction period is Feb 2012 till Sep 2012 and Argyll & Bute Council would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by these works.

The Harbour Authority would like to give notification of the closure of the slipway on Hall Street, Campbeltown, from April 10, 2012 until further notice.

This is due to the ongoing Campbeltown New Quay expansion works.

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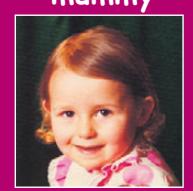
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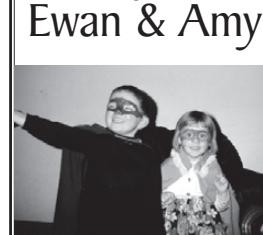
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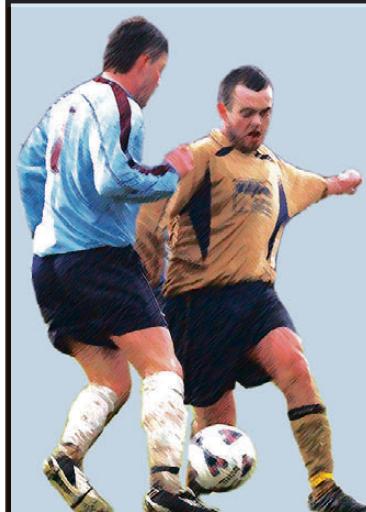
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever'
(Psalm 107:1).

BIRTHS

GRAHAM – Caelyn Jane. April Blair and Steven Graham are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Caelyn, who was born on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

FERGUSON – **FORSHAW** – Robert and Kerry are delighted to announce the arrival of Jessica Margaret, at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, on March 7, 2012. A sister for Daniel, Thomas and Matthew. Special thanks to all midwives for their care.

RAWSON – John and Lesley Cowan of Oatfield House, Campbeltown, are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Fergus Gilmour Rawson, on March 19, 2012. First child of Tom and Emma (née Cowan) Rawson, Dunbar.

WOOD – Gillian and Steven are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful little girl, Amelia Mai, born March 18, 2012 at Campbeltown Hospital. Special thanks to all the midwives.

DEATHS

BERRY – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 1, 2012, Alan John Berry, in his 78th year, A'Mullach, Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Rose Couper. Funeral private.

BRUCE – Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 31, 2012, John Malcolm Bruce, in his 75th year, of 17 Brae Road, Ardrishaig, much loved brother and brother-in-law of Mary and Chubby Ferguson, and a dear uncle and great uncle to all the family. Thank you all.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROCK – Treasured memories of my dear husband, Ian, who died April 11, 2006.

Always in my thoughts.

- Flora x.

BROCK – In memory of Ian, a dear brother-in-law, died April 11, 2006.

Simply the best.

- May and Dick.

GLEN – Patricia. Time it is a precious thing Precious time we shared Time won't erase our memories

Or the way we loved and cared

These are the things that make our time So good, with family and friends

We'll make the most of time we have

Enjoy time, till time ends.

- Alistair, Alistair, Alan and Catherine Ann.

MCGUGAN – On March 24, 2012, peacefully at home, Ray McGugan, née Crawford, in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late Cpt John McGugan, a dearly loved aunt of the family and a dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on March 30, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery. The family wish to thank most sincerely, all friends and neighbours for their support, over the last few years. Thanks also to all the nursing staff, who so willingly supported both Ray and ourselves, over the last few weeks. Special thanks to Rev Donald Morrison for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Marie Curie raised £275.

REEDMAN – Suddenly, at his home, on April 2, 2012, Frank J Redman, aged 53 years, of Invershuna, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Bernie, and much loved dad of Adele, Joe and Francis. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service will be held in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 10.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Unit.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACDONALD – The family of the late Betty MacDonald thank everyone for their kind support, expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers following their recent sad bereavement. Thanks to doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, ambulance service and Kintyre Care Centre, Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth for funeral arrangements, Seafield Hotel for catering and all who paid their respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £402.35 for Chest Heart and Stroke, Campbeltown Locality.

MACGREGOR – In loving memory of a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died April 8, 1982. Also a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died December 18, 1999.

Sadly missed.
- From all the family.

MACKINLAY – In loving memory of our dear parents, Isabella, who died April 5, 1993, and Peter, who died April 30, 1988.

To all of you that have parents
Cherish them with care
Because you never miss their value

Till you see their vacant chairs.
Simply the best.

- Angus and Margaret.

MACKINNON – In loving memory of our dear dad, Alasdair, who passed away on April 9, 2007.

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,

GLEN – In loving memory of my daughter, Patricia, died April 5, 2002. I watched you getting tired A cure was not to be God put his arms around you And whispered come to me With tearful eyes I watched you And saw you pass away Although I loved you dearly I couldn't make you stay. I hold you close within my heart And there you shall remain To walk with me throughout my life Until we meet again.

- Love Mum xx.

GLEN – Treasured memories of Trisha, taken April 5, 2002, aged 43 years.

Those we love don't go away

But walk beside us every day.

- Sister Catherine xx.
Unseen, unheard, but always near

Still loved and missed and very dear.

- Brother-in-law Davie xx.
Too much loved to be forgotten

Miss and love you always.

- Your wee princess, Karen xx.

HOULDsworth – In loving memory of a loving husband, dad and papa, Peter, who died April 5, 2005.

As time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you ever near,

Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.

- Eleanor, Amanda and Linda.
Love you always Papa,

- Ashley and Lewis.

LIDDELL – In loving memory of our dear mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990.

They say in time, you do forget
To some that may be true
No morning dawns, no night returns

Without a thought of you.
Loved and remembered every day

Missed more than words can say.

- Evelyn and Hamish,
Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

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Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Forever in our hearts.

- Lynda, George, Marie and Jim.

Love and miss you, Papa.

- Lyndsay, Claire, Amy and Andrew.

MARTIN – In loving memory of a dear partner, dad and grandad, James, who died April 11, 1998.

Forever in our thoughts.
- Alice and family.

SMITH – With love we remember a special husband, father and seanair, Iain (Smit), who very suddenly and unexpectedly died on April 5, 2011.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Forever in our hearts and minds.
- Carol, Kyle, Iain, Iona and family.

SMITH – Smit. In everlasting memory of Iain, my son-in-law, a much loved brother-in-law and uncle, who died suddenly on April 5, 2011.

A kind and caring heart stopped beating,
Two hard working hands are still,

You left a void in all our lives,
That we can never fill.

- Cathy and family, Tarbert, Glasgow and Mull.

WILLIAMSON – In memory of George (Geordie), who died April 6, 2011.

Much loved and sadly missed.
- Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimee and Lynne.

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12noon till 3pm

An Evening Reflection

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Tarbert's title hopes suffered a blow as they went down 3-2 to Aikenhead Thistle B at home last Saturday. 08_a14tarbert01

Young Star gain draw away to Westerton

FOOTBALL

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star YFC under 15s travelled to Bearsden on Saturday to play their third consecutive weekend game for the first time this season.

Honours were even in the end with the draw a fair reflection of the match.

Lochgillhead had the better of the early exchanges and deservedly took the lead after only six minutes when Cameron Hendry's attempted cross ended up sailing into the top corner of the net.

Red Star could have added to their lead after a free kick from Deans and a shot from Dudding which went close, but at the other end keeper Miller was in fine form, ensuring the visitors went into the break with a clean sheet.

Half time: Westerton 0-1 Lochgilphead.
Westerton came out with guns blazing in the second half, pin-

ning Red Star back in their own half frantically trying to defend their slender lead.

The team defended bravely, but 11 minutes into the second half, goalscorer Hendry went from hero to villain when he conceded a penalty after an awkward challenge in the box.

The Westerton player made no mistake from the spot, sending Miller the wrong way for the equaliser.

Red Star could and should have retaken the lead, but Hendry chose to shoot straight at the keeper when Newlands-Steele was unmarked had the goal at his mercy.

Full time: Westerton 1-1 Lochgilphead.

The team's next fixture is a home tie against Lenzie Colts Thistle tomorrow morning.

Lochgillhead Red Star YFC: Miller, Gibson, Galbraith, Moore, MacVicar, Hendry, McCallum, Dudding, Newlands-Steele, Deans(c), Guy. Sub: McArthur for McCalum

Five wins out of six as Red Star reach Coronation Cup semis

FOOTBALL

utes after McGuiness played in Naisby who slotted the ball into the bottom corner of the net for the equaliser.

The home side went ahead when Broderick's cross expertly picked out Crawford who gratefully put the ball away to put Red Star in the lead.

Star made it three before half-time when Peacock cut in from the left, outpacing the Dynamo defence before firing the ball past the keeper for a 3-1 lead at the interval.

Red Star were let off the hook however, when the winger blasted the

ball harmlessly over the bar.

Dynamo did get one back with 10 minutes left on the clock when the forward caught the defence napping and scored a consolation goal.

Manager Weir was pleased with the number of chances his side created and the manner in which the goals were taken.

Red Star have no game tomorrow as the Scottish Amateur Football League takes a break over the Easter weekend.

GOLF

Lochgillhead Golf Club

HAVING had such a good time during the winter, these golfers did not want to let the change of season stop them from having a good time and so they arranged one last play off at Machrihanish Dunes.

Robert Baxter managed to put all the elements of his game together and had his best round of the year to take first place.

Results

Singles

1. Robert Baxter; 2. John Downie; 3. David Sinclair.

Doubles

1. Robert Baxter & John Downie.

Team

1. Robert Baxter, Kenny Cameron, John Davidson.

Lochgillhead Under 13s net six in the final 20 minutes

AFTER four games without a win, Lochgilphead Red Star YFC Under 13s returned to winning ways last Sunday but left it late against Helensburgh with six goals in the final 20 minutes at Ropework Park.

The home side created few chances in the first half: Allan Cam-

eron came closest with a shot which hit the post, Arran Robertson had a shot saved and Liam Cameron rounded the keeper but could not finish from a tight angle.

Half-time: Red Star 0-0 Helensburgh.

Red Star upped the pressure in the second half but chances were still being missed until

the home coaches made a tactical switch, moving Craig Young forward from defence.

The change livened up the front line and with 20 minutes left, after a quick short corner on the right, Young slammed home the opener.

Star's confidence grew and within two minutes, two more goals put them

well on top.

First Cammy McCallum finished from close range then Liam Cameron added a third with an angled shot which went in off the far post.

Young then netted his second and completed his hat-trick three minutes later. Young then turned provider to put Whitefield through for

the goal the captain's performance deserved.

All the Star team worked hard to earn the victory and now have a three week break before their next league game on April 22.

Lochgillhead team: Pow, Simpson, Young, MacVicar, McCallum, Robertson, Whitefield (c), Lewis, A. Cameron, Caskie, L. Cameron. Subs (all used): Jackson, Kalache, Munro.

Dookers' title ambitions dealt a blow as visitors hit first-half one-two

FOOTBALL

TARBERT welcomed Aikenhead Thistle B to Cil Andreis last Saturday in a keenly contested Scottish Amateur Football League Division One league match.

It was the visitors who started better, looking more composed than Tarbert in midfield, allowing Thistle to take control and create the first chance of the match.

A swift attack down the right was met by the striker but his shot was saved by Martin.

However he could do

nothing about Thistle's opener when the home defence was caught in two minds, leaving the number seven with space to score for the visitors from a tight angle.

Tarbert's defence was again at fault for Thistle's second goal after a botched kick-out landed at the feet of the striker leaving him one-on-one with the keeper, and he duly put the ball away from 12 yards out.

This spurred the Dookers into action and they pulled one back right from the kick-off when Ronald picked out Johnson in the box, who

turned to beat the Thistle keeper.

Tarbert pushed forward but were unable to find an equaliser before half-time.

Half-time: Tarbert 1-2 Aikenhead

Tarbert picked up where they left off in the second half and they took control of the match, although they failed to find that elusive equaliser thanks to a combination of good goalkeeping and poor finishing.

The Dookers were finally rewarded for their efforts when a Prentice free-kick sailed into the

net leaving the keeper with no chance, much to the delight of the home support.

Tarbert continued to pile on the pressure in search of the winner and had chances to finish the game off, but against the run of play Aikenhead hit them with a sucker-punch when a counter-attack beat the Tarbert defence and keeper Martin to take all three points back to Glasgow. Squad:

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FOOTBALL

THE FUNFOURS for primaries 2, 3 and 4 will restart on Sunday April 22 at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Coaching starts at 11am and children should take both football boots and trainers.

Weather permitting, training will be on the grass pitch for the next few weeks.

EQUESTRIAN

BARRGLEN Equitation Centre held its first day of the year on a fine sunny day.

There was a good turnout with three new members: Shannon MacDonald, Chloe MacDonald and Erin Smith, all from Tarbert.

All the children decided they wanted to have a day of jumping and pole work so the novices did the pole work while jumping was left to the more experienced riders.

The day finished with an Easter egg hunt, the girls splitting into teams with Sara McDougall, Keira O'Brien and Elaine Ferguson acting as team leaders.

The next pony club takes place on Saturday from 10.30am to 4pm.

SHINTY LOTTERY

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 8, 11 and 12.

May Louise Hendry won £200 and the jackpot will be £100 next week.

FOOTBALL LOTTERY

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 7, 16 and 18 drawn.

The jackpot will be £800 next week.

SHINTY LOTTERY

THERE were no winners in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week, with numbers 2, 3 and 9 drawn.

The jackpot will be £800 next week.

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Competitors at the Oban 10k race, from L-R: Ian McKee, Graham Ramsay, Jane McKenzie, Philippa Revill, Stephen Whiston, Rebecca Helliwell, Matthew Watkiss, Richard Barrie, Iain MacNicol

Mid Argyll runners make brisk start to the season

RUNNERS from Mid Argyll took part in one of the first local races of the year recently.

Members of jogscotland Mid Argyll and the Mid Ar-

gyll Triathlon Club journeyed north for the Oban 10km, with two jogscotland members competing in their first 10k race.

The race took

place on a sunny evening with perfect conditions for running, beginning at the Corran Halls before winding its way along the coastal road to Ga-

navan Sands.

Here the course took a more demanding turn, sending competitors up the hilly cycle track towards Dunbeg, before turning back

along the coast leading to the finishing line at the Atlantis Leisure Centre.

Personal best

Stephen Whiston of the Triathlon Club ran a superb

race, finishing second out of 29 and Graham Ramsay of jogscotland finished with a personal best time of 49 minutes and four seconds.

The race was a

good opportunity for local runners to get in some practice for the Crinan Puffer 8.5 mile race, which takes place on Sunday April 29.



The ladies of Tarbert Golf Club toast the start of the new season.

Tarbert ladies raise a glass to a new golf season

GOLF

THE WOMEN of Tarbert Golf Club toasted the start of the new season with champagne before taking to the fair-

way last Thursday.

The women meet regularly on Thursday evenings at 6pm and on Sundays at 11am, details of which can be found on the club website at www.tarbertgolfclub.org.

New members, beginners or experienced golfers, are always welcome. Those wishing to know more should contact the Captain, Frances Hardie, on 01880 820 022.

Triathlon sessions success at pool

TOP RATE triathlon sessions taken by two world-class coaches recently at Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool were deemed a success.

The training was put on as part of the Try a Tri campaign, with national triathlon coach Blair Cartmell and current British triathlon champion Kerry McPhee coming to Mid Argyll to coach various age groups in the three-way running, cycling and swimming sport.

The duo held separate sessions for juniors,

teenagers and adults, which proved very popular, with over 30 youngsters attending the junior class alone.

The event was organised by Jillian Gibson, active schools coordinator for Mid Argyll in partnership with the Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club.

The sessions were made possible through an £8,790 donation by sportsmatch, an awards scheme supporting grass-roots sports projects that encourage the local community to get involved.

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