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Sporty students to be games baton bearers

Teenagers jump for joy at Commonwealth selection honour

THREE teenagers from Lochgilphead High School jumped for joy on Monday as they learned they will carry the Queen's baton in Mid Argyll ahead of the Commonwealth Games in July.

Megan Yuill, Emily Brown and Ryan McCuaig will be at the heart of the baton relay when it reaches Argyll on July 13.

The youngsters' sporting achievements, volunteering and leadership skills saw them selected by a panel of experts for the honour.

Emily, 16, a shinty player with Dunadd Ladies, has for the past year been promoting

women's shinty as a volunteer with the club's primary school age group. She was also this year selected by her peers at Lochgilphead High School to become one of the school's young ambassadors and, through her role, has organised a five-a-side football league and helped organise a sports competition to raise awareness of World Aids Day.

Fellow Dunadd ladies player Megan was named South Division Two League player of the year at the 2013 Marine Harvest National Shinty Awards aged just 15. She was also picked to

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Pensioner sentenced for buying alcohol for 13-year-old

A PENSIONER who supplied alcohol to a 13 year old has been ordered to complete a 135 hour community pay-back order.

Mary McChesney, of 55c Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, previously admitted buying alcohol from the town's Tesco Express for the underage drinker on April 13 last year.

The 63-year-old appeared at Lochgilphead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court on Tuesday for sentencing.

Sheriff Thomas Ward said: 'You bought alcohol for a 13-year-old, which put that 13-year-old in a serious condition. I am only issuing you with a community payback order because you do not have any other convictions.'

McChesney has six months to complete her hours.

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Call for independent review of Harbro impact on Lochgilphead High Street



THE IMPACT a larger and more accessible Harbro store could have on Lochgilphead High Street should be assessed by an independent body, according to a Mid Argyll councillor.

Douglas Philand said he wants to be reassured that the Harbro store, proposed to sit within the grounds of the Clock Lodge, will not result in the closure of shops in the town centre.

A planning application has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council which, if approved, would see Harbro relocate from Kilmory Industrial Estate to a newly built unit within the grounds of the Clock Lodge. The company would in turn refurbish the lodge before handing it over to Lochgilphead

Phoenix Project. Mr Philand, the only Mid Argyll councillor that does not sit on Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee, said: 'I have supported the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project from day one, particularly their plans to bring the Clock Lodge back into use.'

But he added that Lochgilphead businesses were 'really, really concerned that as a retail outlet Harbro could conceivably sell the goods that are already available in the town centre'.

'Looking at the list of things they sell - work wear, equine clothing, pet food, health products - a lot of that is already sold in the town,' he said. 'While I strongly support the Clock Lodge

proposal and it would be brilliant to see it developed, it should not be done at the expense of the town centre. There needs to be an independent economic assessment that proves it will not have a harmful impact on the high street.'

Harbro says it will not boost its provision of everyday goods such as clothing and pet-food at the larger store but bulk items in high demand by farmers.

Graham Taylor of Graham Taylor Associates, the company representing Harbro in the planning process, said: 'We have, on behalf of Harbro, submitted all the necessary reports and information to the full satisfaction of the local authority.'

Residents have their say

AS HARBRO reassures people that it only plans to increase its bulk feed if it expands, the Argyllshire Advertiser went out and about to ask residents if they still had concerns about the proposal.

Hilda MacGonagall, owner of Dalriada DIY and The Pet Shop, said: 'I do not believe that they are making that building five times

bigger and they are not going to increase their stock. They sell a lot of items that are similar to me, which is a concern. 'They will have parking as well, which will take people away from the town.'

Archie MacGilp senior, owner of Fyne Tackle: 'It will definitely affect my business as they deal with the same companies that I deal with. It will clash with my businesses.

'They are not going to be spending all that money and not expand their range. I am all for the development of the town, but not at the expense of the high street.'

Jamie MacFarlane, owner of Willie and Pats: 'I think any competition is healthy.'

'There are lots of shops here that sell similar things. Hopefully it will help bring people into the area and have a knock on effect by bringing people into the town.'

'If the Clock Lodge is turned into a visitors' attraction then this too might increase footfall in the town.'

Danny Litster, owner of Danny's Hardware: 'I don't think it will make a difference. It does not really concern me. We just have to keep doing our own thing.'

Aliastair Randall, 52, from Lochgilphead: 'It can only add something to the town because there is nothing at the moment. People are always afraid of change.'

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Van thieves disturbed

A MEMBER of the public stopped a van from being burgled on Friday after night after spotting three men rummaging through the vehicle.

The three men were disturbed at 9.50pm on

Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, after they gained access to the van which was not locked.

Police are following a line of enquiry but have asked people with information on the incident to contact them on 101.



Fiona Corner.



Carolyn McAlpine.

Inspirational trio chosen to carry games baton

TWO WOMEN who have completed incomprehensible sporting challenges to raise cash for cancer charities and a third who overcame a serious illness to work as a gym instructor will carry the Queen's Baton.

Fee Corner, Carolyn McAlpine and Jacqui Barker are all inspirational women and all are, or have been, jogscotland leaders.

Fee was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. She went on to run two 10km races while receiving chemotherapy and completed the Mid

Argyll Triathlon just days after finishing radiotherapy treatment.

The jogscotland leader, who raised thousands of pounds for the chemotherapy unit at Mid Argyll Hospital, has also been helping other people get active.

Delight

She said: 'It's the enjoyment and sheer delight of seeing people set off on their exercising journey.'

'That's because I know the benefits that they will experience and it's not just fitness and health but the social benefits too.

'Watching professional athletes is fantastic but to me if you see 30 people running around a town when there was no one running around it 10 years ago that's a huge achievement.'

Carolyn McAlpine, a jogscotland leader in Tarbert, ran from Glasgow to her home town last year in memory of her father and aunt; who both passed away following a battle with cancer.

The young woman ran 100 miles in three days, raising more than £13,000 for the Friends of the Beatson cancer

charity. Running alongside friend Dougie Moore, Carolyn inspired people to join the pair on parts of the mammoth run. Many of those people now run every week in Tarbert's jogscotland group.

Fellow Tarbert woman Jacqui Barker recently overcame chronic fatigue syndrome to fulfil a lifelong ambition of becoming a gym and fitness and instructor.

'I always wanted to teach fitness classes and did it later in life and then I got knocked for six with chronic fatigue syndrome but I refused

to give in,' she said. 'I love doing what I'm doing and there was no way that condition was going to stop me.'

Jacqui now teaches a range of classes for people of all abilities, helping to motivate other women to get active and keep healthy at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Relay

The trio, alongside Mid Argyll Athletics Club's Bill MacCallum, who has coached youngsters for more than 30 years, will take part in the Argyll leg of the Queen's baton relay on July 13.



Jacqui Barker.



Bill MacCallum.

Active youngsters jump for joy at games news

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represent South Scotland in the senior annual north v south shinty game in which she was a stand-out player.

Ryan meanwhile is a

dedicated sports coach at the primary after school badminton club. The S6 student was this year selected to become a young sports leader and has volunteered at many events, aimed

at boosting sporting opportunities for young people in Mid Argyll.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, said: 'I'm delighted for these pupils who are getting a once

in a lifetime opportunity. All three nominees are very active in sport and inspire others with their performances and leadership skills and thoroughly deserve this opportunity.'

Pair charged with theft

A MAN and woman have been charged with allegedly breaking into Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall last Friday and stealing wine and food.

Stephanie Garner, 18, of 16D Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, and Jonathan Smith, 24, of Leacainn Terrace, Furnace, were also charged with stealing a cheque book from Ferguson's Butchers. Ms Garner was charged with breach of the peace and assaulting a police officer. Both appeared in Dunoon Sheriff Court on Monday and plead not guilty to all charges.

Search on for blooming lovely gardens

TENANTS and neighbours can now nominate Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) gardens for the annual Garden in Bloom competition.

The competition, now in its fourth year, aims

to recognise the hard work and commitment from tenants in maintaining their gardens.

People can make a nomination between now until mid August.

Members of the Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area

committee will judge the gardens in September.

The social landlord will also be welcoming entries for the largest sunflower from all pre-5 units in the area. For more information call 01546 605800.

Benefit cheats warned by council

PEOPLE who claim benefits they are not entitled to may face a criminal record, a hefty fine or worse, Argyll and Bute Council has warned.

The local authority is clamping down on benefit fraud and in the past three years three people have been taken to court for making false claims.

Ten more have been formally cautioned and 21 people have accepted administrative penalties - where they must repay a penalty charge of 50 per cent of the money they claimed.

A total of £92,718 was identified between April 2013 and April 2014.

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Man reported on drugs charge

A YOUNG man has been reported to the procurator fiscal after allegedly being found in possession of cannabis.

Police stopped the car the man was travelling on Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, at 10.10pm on Sunday when the drug was found.



Lewis before his hair was cut. 06_a14lew01

Teenager hopes fund-raising haircut will impress the Army

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy went head to head with a razor on Tuesday in a bid to appeal to the Army and raise cash for charity.

Lewis King, who had been growing his hair for two years, went un-

der the razor to raise cash for cancer charity Marie Curie. Cutting off his luscious locks saw around £300 raised for the charity, which Lewis chose with the support of his classmates. Lewis said: 'My classmates

gave me the idea. They persuaded me to do it for charity.'

Hoping his haircut helps him make a good first impression, the S5 student said: 'I'm preparing to attend an Army information day.'



Fellow S5 student Connie Spridell cut Lewis's hair. 06_a14lew02

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Rainbow Valley Weekend gears up for success

A FOOTBALL tournament and head shave are all part of this year's Rainbow Valley Weekend, which will take place from May 2 to 4 in Lochgilphead.

Formally known as Big Lochgilphead Weekend, the event was re-branded last year and in three days raised more than £6,000 for Rainbow Valley. Lochgilphead Red Star's goalie, Luke Kalache, will go under the razor and have his famous pony tale shaved off - if he raises £2,000.

People who would like to sponsor 'Big Oz',

as he is known to team mates, can go to his just giving page www.justgiving.com/Lochgilphead-Rainbowvalley.

In a bid to raise even more funds a five-a-side adult football tournament at Ropework Park has been added to Saturday's events.

People who would like to play have until April 26 to sign up. Other events across the weekend include a disco with special guest DJ Steesh, a quiz night and a race day.

All the money raised from the weekend will

help fulfil the vision of Johanna MacVicar and create a centre of refuge where people affected by cancer can go for support and advice.

Johanna who was born in Lochgilphead, lost her 11-year battle with cancer in 2005, aged 27.

Anyone who would like to sign up for the football competition can contact Stephen Colligan on 07876826871.

People can also contact Yvie Young on 07988879164 or Maggie MacLean on 07823550286 for more information.

Medical practice vacancy filled

A SOLUTION to the vacancy at Inveraray Medical Practice has been found as NHS Highland confirms the position has been filled.

Lochgilphead Medical Centre has been awarded the contract and will take over the practice, which has been run on a locum service for almost two years.

The news comes after the Lochgilphead prac-

tice was previously given the contract, but it had to pull out because it could not attract a GP to the area.

But, following an interview process last week NHS Highland said the Lochgilphead practice submitted the best proposal - one that will meet the needs of the local communities by providing a sustainable GP and out of hours service.

The practice will also be part of a rural healthcare pilot that aims to provide new ways of delivering services in remote areas.

The details of the final proposal are still to be released as the medical centre thrashes out the finer points with the health authority.

Contracts are expected to be signed by the end of next week.

Kirsty makes waves in Qatar

MACPool deputy manager Kirsty Young has swapped waterproofs for sunscreen after heading to Doha, Qatar as part of a swim teacher exchange programme.

Arranged and sponsored by Tidal Waves Swim School, the visit will see Kirsty share her experiences as a swim teacher in Scotland with swimmers in Qatar, and bring back ideas to develop the learn to swim programme

at MACPool. Kirsty is the guest of Arlene Green, head coach at Tidal Waves and also coach of Dalriada Dolphins.

Arlene trained the only Qatari swimming competitor in the 2012 Olympic Games.

It is hoped the exchange programme will be repeated later in the year, with MACPool staff members sharing their lifeguard skills with the Tidal Waves team.

‘Downton Abbey effect’ results in business boom at Inveraray Castle

‘When we do film we want to show Argyll and the castle in the best possible light’

THE NUMBER of visitors to Inveraray Castle jumped by 20 per cent in 2013 as the ‘Downton Abbey effect’ took hold of Argyll’s most popular tourist attraction.

The ITV drama, enjoyed by 120 million people around the world, filmed its feature-length Christmas special at the Royal Burgh castle in December 2012.

The following year the castle enjoyed its highest number of visitors for more than a decade; 82,638 people entered the gates in 2013.

Torquhil Campbell, the 13th Duke of Argyll, said the numbers had not been analysed but stated: ‘Our numbers were

helped hugely by Downton Abbey. Looking at everyone else’s numbers, ours were considerably better than most. We were very fortunate to have the series here, it has had a very positive impact.’

Inveraray Castle became the fictional Duneagle Castle when the Grantham family travelled north to the home of their cousins, the Marquess and Marchioness of Flintshire.

The programme featured Inveraray Castle’s state dining room, Armoury Hall and formal gardens, as well as stalking scenes high in the estate grounds and salmon fishing in the river.

A cast and crew of 150 descended on the castle for a week in August - typically the castle’s busiest time of year.

The Duke said: ‘We are very busy in the summer but it [filming] coincided with the Olympics which meant generally tourism was much lighter. When we do film we want to show Argyll and the castle in the best possible light; summer makes Argyll look a lot more attractive.’

The Duke of Argyll and his wife Eleanor are continuing to host tourist-focused events, such as the Best of the West festival (BOW Fest), within the castle grounds to help ‘sell Argyll’.



Business is booming at Inveraray Castle.

Girl arrested after officer slapped on head

A TEENAGER who allegedly slapped a Lochgilphead police officer around the head has been arrested.

The 18-year-old was charged with obstruction and assault after an incident on Lochnell Street at 2.25am on Saturday.

The girl is said to have approached the officers, who were dealing with a separate matter, and proceeded to shout, swear at them and obstruct them from carrying out their duties before assaulting one officer.

Remember your medication

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being reminded to order medication they need before GP surgeries close for the Easter break.

This year medical centres will close for four days - from Good Friday, April 18, to Easter Monday, before re-opening on Tuesday, April 22.

A83 Taskforce meets in June

COMMUNITIES along the A83 that are plagued by road closures and speeding will learn in June what is being done to stamp out the problems.

People in Mid Argyll have been told that transport minister Keith Brown will be in a position to ‘update them on progress’ when the A83 Taskforce meets again.

The news comes after five landslides closed the lifeline route this winter, while issues surrounding speeding and safe crossings are still being dealt with in TARBERT and ARDRISHAIG.

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cillor Douglas Philand, a member of the taskforce, said: ‘People have questions about the success of the red option, the Glen Croe road, safe crossings, etc and there will be another meeting in June where we will get updates in all these things.’

‘We need to know what is going on as we are not hearing anything.’

Meanwhile Transport Scotland has said netting, similar to that used to prevent landslides reaching the road at the Rest and Be Thankful, will be erected at other A83 locations vulnerable to landslides.

£20,000 invested in Argyll and Bute

A COMPANY that specialises in housing and care will invest £20,000 in Argyll and Bute to transform the lives of people with disabilities and other needs.


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IT IS shocking to see that there are two stories in this week's *Argyllshire Advertiser* about Lochgilphead residents assaulting the area's police officers.

The fact that people would think that this is acceptable behaviour is quite worrying.

Week after week our officers put themselves on the line to make sure we are safe from harms way - this is no way for them to be treated.

It is time that residents started to show them more respect.

What is the saying again? 'Do as you would be done by' or 'Treat others how you would expect them to treat you'.

At the end of the day our emergency service staff - fire, ambulance, lifeboat etc - have a job to do.

We are sure others would not appreciate it if the situation was reversed and they were assaulted in their work place.

Alcohol should not be used as an excuse for the way individuals act either.

If people can't handle their drink and become violent then the solution to the problem is to not drink at all.

Instead of venting life's frustrations out on police officers, let's applaud the work that they do to make sure people are safe from harm.

Plus, when the newspaper is filled with stories of assault it does little to improve the reputation of the town.

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Athletics club grateful for support

Sir,
Can I thank Peter Laing for his kind words of support in a recent *Advertiser*.

It is reassuring to know that the local football community support the Mid Argyll Athletic Club's proposal for an all-weather jumps/throws facility at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

We are still hopeful of achieving this facility, which would be a first for Argyll and is desperately required for our fast growing membership of young boys and girls.

SportsScotland is supportive of the project and through its Sports Facility Fund is most likely to fund at least 50 percent of the total cost which is just under £50,000. We have scaled down the size of the facility to keep under the £50,000 so that SportsScotland may contribute a larger sum of money.

We have to fund raise and apply for other grant funding to fill the gap, but recently had a set-back when our application to a local funding source was unsuccessful.

We have applied to another local funding organisation for help and also Argyll and Bute Council and hope for some positive response.

We are confident the newly formed Mid Argyll Sports Council will support our project, but my concern is that Argyll and Bute Council and other local funding groups will not provide the level of support required.

In terms of sport development, Argyll and Bute Council currently helps to fund full-time development officers for

three sports: football, shinty, and rugby.

Although these sports are open to both sexes and increased efforts are being made to boost female participation, none of these sports come close to matching the positive female participation numbers of athletics.

Our club has more than 120 junior members and more than 50 percent are girls.

I ask Argyll and Bute Council, and others, to take a hop, step and big leap into the 21st century, supposedly a time of gender equality, and provide the same level of support to truly mixed gender sports as they do to male dominated team sports.

Other groups in Argyll are crying out for facilities for athletics and our club has just recently launched an Argyll-wide petition to present to Argyll and Bute Council, SportsScotland, Scottish Athletics and others to highlight the complete lack of adequate facilities anywhere in Argyll. It also asks for a part time development officer for our sport.

As I stated above the focus has always been on male dominated team sports but what about our young girls?

If, like me, you feel the sports that inspire young girls, as well as boys, deserve to be supported equally, please sign our club's petition which our junior members and parents are circulating locally.

Alternatively sign on to the on-line petition at www.change.org/en-Gb/petitions/athletics-facilities-for-argyll.

Bill MacCallum, Secretary and coach, Mid Argyll Athletics Club.

Act now on fuel poverty and climate change

Sir,
The soaring price of energy is affecting everyone and the hardest hit are the poorest who cannot afford to turn on the heating.

If we continue to rely on fossil fuels, bills are likely to rise in the long term as coal, oil and gas become more expensive and renewable technology gets cheaper.

Fossil fuels are also driving climate change and polluting people's land, especially in developing countries.

Yet the big UK banks continue to pour billions of pounds into new coal, oil and gas projects around the world and the UK Government is doing nothing to stop them. Perhaps this is not surprising: research by the World Development Movement shows that a third of ministers in the coalition government have personal links to either the big fossil fuel companies or the finance companies that bankroll them. We need a government that takes both fuel poverty and climate change seriously, not one that puts the profits of big companies before all else.

Not quite the right time

Sir,
As the referendum vote draws closer, the arguments of the protagonists seem to grow more strident.

On one hand, in Westminster we have a government, largely devoid of principle, led by the likes of Cameron and Os-

borne, whose grip on reality is tenuous at the best of times. On the other hand, we have a majority in the Scottish Government with its rose-tinted view of independence and who seem determined to ignore all opinions which do not support that view.

So, what are we to do? Despite what we are told in 'Scotland's Future', can we really expect Westminster to relinquish the lucrative tax revenues of North Sea oil without penalty? Or remove their military presence from bases such as Faslane and others? How will our currency work? How will we remain in Europe? Will we still receive our pensions? The list of questions goes on.

More pointedly, perhaps, do we want the current establishment in charge if we do become independent, given their level of competence? Why? Well...transport (A83 and Rest and Be Thankful), education (class sizes, closure of rural schools), justice (corroboration of evidence), health (have you tried to get to see a doctor lately, the methadone clinic).

Make no mistake. The argument for independence is irrefutable. We have given notice to Westminster. We will become independent, but probably not under the present circumstances.

What we are really being asked to do is to sign a blank cheque. As an octogenarian, I would like to see Scotland independent in my lifetime but I would hate to see it go off at half cock, just to ensure a place in history for some members of the Scottish Government.

Ken McCoy, by email.

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Abandoned collie becomes a search and rescue dog

'She is a great dog, very soft natured'

A BORDER collie who was abandoned in Lochgilphead by being left tied to the bumper of car has gone on to become an award-winning search and rescue dog.

Heartless owners left Cranna attached to a car in the town's Co-op car park last year and it was not until the driver was pulling away that a passer-by spotted her.

Rescued

Handed into Achnabrech Kennels, it was there that she was then rescued by

Ken Weatherstone with Cranna, who has become a search and rescue dog after being abandoned last year.

Ken Weatherstone, who trains collies for Search and Rescue Dog Association Scotland (SARDA).

Since taking her to his home in Lochgoilhead last June, Ken and his wife Moira, who also volunteers for SARDA, have trained her to become fully qualified rescue dog.

Vigorous

Last week she passed a vigorous test in Glencoe and was awarded the Madras College Trophy for best novice dog.

Cranna will now help search for missing people on mountains all over Scotland.

Ken, a volunteer with the Scottish Mountain Rescue Service for more

than 20 years, said: 'Louise [Casey] the kennel owner knew I was looking for a collie to train and after seeing her I took her in.'

Explaining the training process, Ken said: 'What we do is get the dog to recognise the scent of humans and then they are rewarded if they find them.'

Assessment

He added: 'There are three stages to the assessment and then the assessors come together at the end to decide which dog performed the best.'

Cranna will live with Ken and Moira and wait to be called for assistance.

'She is a great dog, very soft natured. It is great that a rescue dog has become a rescuer,' Ken said.

Crarae Garden opens its doors for summer

VISITORS to Crarae Garden, near Minard, can set their sights on a pine tree that was once thought to be extinct as the garden opens its doors for summer.

Garden enthusiasts will be able to see the Wollemi Pine tree, which is the latest addition to the National Trust for Scotland garden that opened on Tuesday.

Like the dinosaurs, the pine tree was thought to be extinct and was only seen in 90 million-year-old fossils from the Cretaceous period.

But, in 1994 an Australian wildlife ranger spotted an unusual colony of trees in an unexplored rainforest gorge in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales.

The trees turned out to be Wollemi Pines. There are less than 100 mature Wollemi Pine trees growing in the wild.

Another tree that will cause visitors to scratch their heads is the living fossil Araucaria, or the monkey puzzle tree as it is more commonly known, while the Crarae Blue Meconopsis River - blue poppies that originate from China - will make a return to the garden this year.

Woman given 250 hours' community payback order

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman who attempted to bite and head butt a police officer must complete a community payback order or she will go to jail.

Laura MacLeod, of 6 Craignish Place, Lochgilphead, previously pled guilty to resisting arrest and threatening police officers after a night out in Lochgilphead.

MacLeod was spotted by officers struggling

to walk along Lochnell Street alone last November when they approached her.

She then verbally abused and threatened the officers, which led to her arrest.

Sentencing

The 27-year-old, who appeared at Lochgilphead Annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court on Tuesday for sentencing was issued with 275 hours of community service.

Sheriff Thomas Ward

said: 'It seems to me the major problem is that you drink far too much.'

'You attempted to bite a police officer and head butt him. If you do that again you will go to jail.'

'This is my alternative to a custodial sentence... if you don't complete the order the alternative will be enforced.'

Ms MacLeod has six months to complete the community payback order.

Marshals for Crinan Puffer race sought

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to act as 'race makers' at this year's Crinan Puffer.

Anyone over the age of 16 can help with marshalling duties on the day.

They will be assigned a point along the 8.5 mile route on the canal and are required to watch the runners pass, provide

directions where needed and assist with road crossing points.

Full instructions will be provided in advance with a briefing on the day.

This year's race will take place on April 27.

People who would like to volunteer can contact Derek Doherty on ddoher21@gmail.com

Confidential NHS phone line to be extended for two years

A CONFIDENTIAL phone line for staff who wish to raise concerns about practises in NHS Scotland is to be extended for another two years.

The NHS Scotland National Confidential Alert Line for NHS employees went live in April last year and provides an additional level of support and advice for staff.

Initial evaluation has shown that in the first 11 months, 159 NHS Scotland employees contacted the helpline.

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Coffee morning raises £400 for Lochgilphead Parish Church

ARDRISHAIG ladies Church coffee morning. Mary Campbell, left, Christine Johnston and Agnus Jane Gilchrist joined dozens of people at Lochgilphead Parish

The theft of wine, scones and tray bake from the hall the night before did not dampen the spirits of volunteers

who rallied together to make Saturday's event a success. The church hall was bursting with activity as residents enjoyed a warm cuppa and

a slice of tray bake. More than £400 was raised at the coffee morning and it will be put towards church funds. 06_a14coffee01

Debi Gliori visits Lochgilphead

SCOTTISH children's author, Debi Gliori, was at Lochgilphead Library last week to tell youngsters about her books.

Pupils from Lochgilphead Primary School's P1 class went to the library to meet the special visitor and find out more about how she creates her books.

Debi is the author of picture books and children's novels, which includes title Drag-on Loves Penguin, The

Scariest Thing of All and Stormy Weather.

The author is admired for her inventive stories and beautiful illustrations.

Develops

The writer gave the children an insight into her creative process; how the ideas for her stories and illustrations first come to her and how she develops these ideas into the finished book.

Carol Lawson, library

supervisor, said: 'It was all presented in a lively and charismatic fashion with the help of lots of photographs and drawings. She read the children her book What's the time Mr Wolf? which was very entertaining. She also took out her charcoal and paper and demonstrated how she draws Mr Wolf.'

She added: 'The children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the visit.'

Jack Delaney and his Scottish Dance Band thrill 'Aray audience

THERE was a full house when Jack Delaney and his Scottish Dance Band performed at the latest meeting of Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Jack - on lead accordion - was joined on stage by his grand daughter Heather Delaney on fiddle, his son, double bass player and vocalist John Delaney, Jackie Raeburn on second box,

Alastair McGirr on keyboard and drummer Gus Millar.

People had travelled from far and wide to see the band perform and once the players struck up it was evident why.

The audience was treated to two excellent sessions and the evening ended with a grand stramash of 15 players.

The evening was opened by Fyne Folk,

which featured a range of musical selections that ranged from soloists to five piece bands.

Niall Iain MacLean, chairman of the club, closed the meeting by thanking all the artistes for a fantastic night.

Next week the club will finish the season with a grand finale and welcome guest artist the Hector MacFadyen Trio.

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Fundraising quiz and curry night

PEOPLE can put their knowledge to the test and help raise cash for Mid Argyll Pipe Band at a fundraising event later this month.

A quiz and curry night will be held in the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead on April 26.

The event will start at 7.30pm.

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Tarbert singer gives musical workshop

FIFTY-FIVE keen singers gathered in Tarbert Village Hall last month to take part in a day long singing workshop with singer Dr Fraser McGlynn.

Dr McGlynn, who was born in Tarbert but now lives in Montrose, has worked in musical theatre for a number of years.

The workshop included advice on breathing and exercis-

es and a masterclass featuring volunteer pupils Catriona Arnot and Meri Wrightson.

There was also group singing of the songs River Deep Mountain High, Somewhere Only We Know, Unexpected Song and Children of the Wind from the musical Rags.

Short concert

A delicious buffet lunch was provided by Tarbert ladies choir Fair Fae and the af-

ternoon was rounded off by a short concert given by members of Kintyre Chorale and Fair Fae to the group. They were accompanied on piano by Helen Maddox.

Paula McLean, who organised the event, said: 'A fantastic day was had by all and we look forward to inviting Fraser back to Tarbert to work with us again.'

Dr McGlynn teaches singing

and piano and has performed in a number of musical theatre productions in Fife, Dundee and Angus.

He has also worked behind the scenes as a musical director.

He was awarded the Montrose Citizen of the Year award in 2012 in recognition of his charity work and his work with young people in the performing arts.

Patsy Reid back in Tayvallich

TRADITIONAL fiddle player, Patsy Reid, will return to Tayvallich next weekend to take to the stage with a trio of friends.

The musician will perform alongside Euan MacPherson on guitar, pianist Mhairi Hall and Signy Jakobsdotir on percussion in the village hall on Saturday evening.

The performance follows on from her previous shows in the village with string trio VAMM and Scottish folk band Breabach.

Two years after leaving the brilliant and boisterous Breabach, Patsy has become the most in-demand traditional fiddle player in the UK.

In the past people could hear Patsy perform as part of The Cecil Sharp Project or Kathryn Tickell's Northumbrian Voices, or at the London 2012 celebrations with Zakir Hussain's Pulse of the World.

She has played with The Unusual Suspects and The True North Or-

chestra, accompanied Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman on tour.

Celtic Connections has regularly commissioned her work and she is back from a residency in Kolkata, India.

In the studio, Patsy is a one woman string quartet, contributing cello, viola and violin to albums by Duncan Chisholm, Bella Hardy, Treacherous Orchestra, Tim Edey and many others.

At last, after all that collaboration, Patsy herself is taking centre stage.

'I've never wanted to be The Patsy Reid Band, but I reached a stage where I could see myself only working on other people's amazing projects and never having enough time to do something of my own,' Patsy said. 'I might have to say no to something exciting but I'm investing in my own music. I wouldn't want to regret not giving myself the chance to do that.'

Violinist Patsy Reid will perform in Tayvallich Village Hall next Saturday. Photo by: Leila Angus and Archie Macfarlane.



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Pudding fun at Lochgilphead SWRI meeting

MEMBERS of Lochgilphead SWRI enjoyed tasting delicious puddings at their recent meeting when they were shown how to make quick and easy desserts.

Debbie Munro, a SWRI member, demonstrated

how to make a wonderful variety of puddings that required no cooking or only quick cooking in the microwave.

Impressed

The women, who gathered in Lochgilphead Community Cen-

tre, were left impressed with the results and enjoyed sampling all the puddings - calorie count forgotten.

Competition results were: Apple jelly: Gold: Lizzie Scott; Silver: Jean Smith.

Tote bag: Gold: Ann Johnson; Silver: Lizzie Scott.

The next SWRI meeting will be held in the centre on Thursday, April 17. There will be an Easter quiz and raffle.

Anyone who would like to attend the meetings is more than welcome.

Information

For more information about Lochgilphead SWRI call Jan Williams on 01546 886288.

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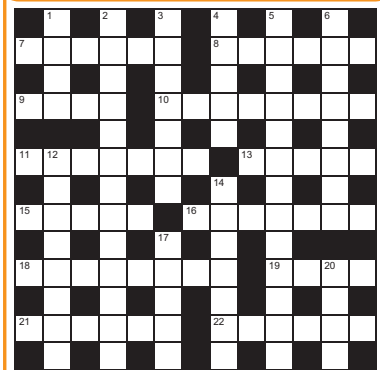
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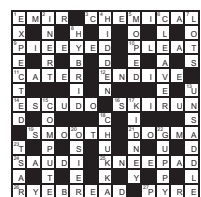
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 - 10 Always just behind (6-2)
 - 11 Attribute (7)
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 - 16 Nap (4-3)
 - 18 Welsh national flower (8)
 - 19 Dare to undertake (4)
 - 21 Complete debacle (6)
 - 22 Nothing (6)
- Down
- 1 Bounce back and be heard (4)
 - 2 Mess but not where this would be eating! (4,9)
 - 3 Minuscule particle of disease (7)
 - 4 Armes? (5)
 - 5 Topical gathering (8,5)
 - 6 Lack of cohesion (8)
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 - 14 Closely knit group (7)
 - 17 Farewell (5)
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McPhail picks up a second at vintage ploughing match

NEIL McPhail of Skerinish Farm, Glenbarr finished second in the horses category at Lorn Vintage Ploughing Match at Dunach Estate, Kilmore last weekend.

There was a new winner on the main winners' trophy as retired stockman Morris Blacklaws from Carnoustie picked up the top prize for the first time.

Runner-up this year was John MacCormick, a multiple prize winner in this competition over the years.

A big draw for visitors was, as ever, the Clydesdale horses and pairs were brought to North Argyll by Ross Kinnaid, Kinross; Benny Duncan, Balmalcolm, Fife; and Neil MacPhail, Glenbarr.

In what is believed to be a first for Oban, the horses were kept in Oban Mart ahead of the competition.

The event was judged by David W Veitch from Beechpark, Mid Bowhouse, near Scotlandwell, Perth and Kinross.

Results
 8ins Class: 1 John MacCormick, 2 Gregor MacCormick Jnr, 3 Donald Cameron; 10ins

class: 1 Jim McIndoe, 2 Willie Grieve, 3 Jock Sievright; Trailing Plough: 1 Morris Blacklaws, 2 Charlie Campbell, 3 Rab Birrell; Horses: 1 Ross Kinnaid, 2 Neil MacPhail, 3 Benny Duncan. Overall rigg, Argyll Agricultural Cup and Oban Times Trophy: 1 Morris Blacklaws, 2 John MacCormick, 3 Jim McIndoe. Best finish: 1 Alick Robertson, 2 Jock Sievright; Ins-outs: Morris Blacklaws, Best Start, Brogan Fuel Trophy: 1 Donald Cameron, 2 John MacCormick. Straightest ploughing: 1 Gregor MacCormick Jnr, 2 Jock Sievright. Levellest ploughing: 1 Donald Buist, 2 Gregor MacCormick. Hardest lot: Benny Duncan. Best work by David Brown tractor: Jim Fleming. Duncan Memorial Cup: John MacCormick. Best work by Begg plough: John MacCormick.



Clydesdale horses were kept at Oban Mart for the first time. From left: Benny Duncan with Davy and Isobel Duncan with Star, from the Balmalcolm Clydesdales, Fife, and Michael Mayberry with Poacher and Neil MacPhail with Tommy, from the Skerinish Clydesdales, Glenbarr.

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is MacMillan; Argyll Drama Festival Cup, Speech: Ella MacKay; Jean Ballantyne Plate, Choral Verse Speaking; Kilmartin Primary School; Crawford Quail, String, Viola: Shannon Gallagher; Inveraray and District Fiddle

Accordion Trophy, Violin Solo, Grade 1: Valerio Pia.

The Kimmitt Cup, Violin Solo, Grade 2-4: Lachlan Offord; Ardrishaig Primary School Shield, Violin Solo, Grade 5: Lily Garthwaite; The Glenfyne Shield, Piano Solo, Grade 1: Catherine Hubbard; The Lynn Matheson Plate, Piano Solo, Grade 2: Meg Blackburn; The Stirling Shield, Piano Solo, Grade 3: Grace Carroll; Ardchnonnell Primary School, Piano, Grade 4: Felix Maddox.

Westwood Shield, Piano Solo, Grade 5: William Lawrence; The Smiddy Bistro Trophy, Piano Solo, 18 and under open: Lorna Young; Ardrishaig Primary School Round Table Shield, Piano Duet, Family: Felix and Ben Maddox; Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Cup, Recorder Solo, 12 and under: Beth MacDonald.

Carmuir Cup, Recorder, Duet: Ellie Lopez and Beth Campbell; Anabel Morrison Quail, Scots Song, P4-5: Hamish Robertson; Glenchory Rose Bowl, Scots Song, P6-7: Jock Spencer; John Wilson Trophy, Scots Song, Sec 1-3: Cara Blyth; Mid Argyll Youth Chorus Cup, Scots Song, Sec 4-6: Kyle Renton; Cathy Smith Memorial Trophy, Scots Song, Adult: Katarina Robertson; Ardgartan Cup, Kennedy Fraser Solo: Shona Keith.

Minard Quail, Vocal Solo, Boys P4-5: Innes Paterson; Larchwood Cup, Vocal Solo, Boys P6-7: Aidan Kerr; The Gifford Cup, Vocal Solo, Trebles: Alistair Cupples; The Ashfield Plate, Vocal Solo, Girls P4-5: Sophie Reid; The Alex MacKay Plate, Vocal Solo, Girls P6-7: Morven Paisley; The MacDonald Plate, Vocal Solo, Girls Sec 1-3: Charlotte Lawson.

Argyllshire Advertiser Quail, Vocal Solo, Girls Sec 4-6: Maria Cairns; Knapdale Gold Medal, Vocal Solo, Open: Shona Keith; Mid Argyll Music Society Cup, Songs from the Shows, Junior: Hannah Black; Ballymeanoch



Inveraray Primary School performed two Gaelic songs on Saturday morning. 06_a12mus48



Lochgilphead's Lorna Young won The Tom and Margaret MacInnes Plate and The Smiddy Bistro trophy for her piano solos. 06_a12mus26

Plate, Songs from the Shows, Adult: Catriona McLean; Kilmarnock Cup, Vocal Duet, Primary: Morven Anderson and Rose MacCallum.

Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl, Vocal Duet, Secondary 1-3: Cara Blyth and Holly Renton; Lochgilphead Rotary Club Trophy, Vocal Duet, Secondary 4-6: Emma MacFarlane and Hannah Prill; Kilmartin Hotel Plate, Vocal Duet, Adult: Catriona McLean and Alison McGinty.

Inveraray Grammar Reunion 2003 Quail, Vocal Ensemble, Primary: Kilmartin Primary School; Kilmartin Hotel Shield, Vocal Ensemble, Open: Veuve Cliquet; The Bembridge Shield, Rainbow Guides: Lochgilphead Rainbows; Christina MacDougall Trophy, Gaelic Choirs, Primary: Inveraray Primary School.

Craignish Primary PTA Trophy, Primary Choirs, Scots: Ardrishaig Primary School; Saltire Society Quail, Scots/Gaelic Choir: Ardrishaig Primary School; Creggan Shield, Church Choir: Cumladden and Lochfyneside Church Choir; Ardrishaig Primary School PTA Shield, Primary Choirs: Ardrishaig Primary School; The Lydon Trophy, Secondary Choirs: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus.

Ward Cup, Adult Choir: Lunga, Ardfern and Craignish Singers; Mary Lepley Cup, Woodwind Solo, Primary: Hannah Russell; Dunaverty Cup, Woodwind solo, Sec 1-3: Eilidh Logan; The MacCallum Plate, Woodwind Solo, Open: Katarina Robertson; Robert Lepley Cup, Brass Solo, Primary: Erin McLellan; W R Hunter Cup, Brass Solo, Sec 1-3: Gavin Johnson; Dunadd Cup, Instrumental Duets, Primary: Caius Walker and Andrew McMillan; Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy, Instrumental Duets, Secondary: Tiegan Holroyd

and Eve Maxwell. The Hollies Plate, Instrumental Duets, Open: Kirstin and Kenneth Way; Cairnbaan Trophy, Instrumental Ensemble, Primary: Ardrishaig Primary Wind Ensemble; Tarbert Academy PTA Trophy, Instrumental Ensemble 14 and under: Campbeltown Brass Quartet; Portsonachan Player Quail, Instrumental Ensemble, Family: The Maddox Family. Strategem Consultants Trophy, Instrumental Ensemble, 17 and under: Lochgilphead High School Percussion Ensemble; Helen and Hugh Smith Trophy, Junior Band: Islay

Primary Schools Band; Frank Spiers Trophy, Senior Band: Lochgilphead High School Wind Band; Mid Argyll Music Festival Jubilee Cup, Bands, Open: Argyll Brass.

Major Awards: Highland Year of Culture 2007 Quail, Highest mark in woodwind: Katarina Robertson; The Co-operative Membership Cup, Highest mark in brass: Erin McLellan; The Gifford Bowl, Highest mark gained by choir or band: Mid Argyll Youth Chorus; Scottish Co-op CWS Premier Award, Most Promising Performer: Cara Blyth.

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Clachan Primary School pupils impressed the judges with their vocal ensemble of Any Dream Will Do. 06_a12mus21

Lochgilphead open mic night is a big hit

THE LIVE music scene in Lochgilphead has been revived as an open mic night attracts local talent to the town.

Dubbed the 'Unplugged Night' by organisers, the monthly event is an opportunity for musicians to come together to perform at the Stag Hotel.

The event has been set up as part of the MAMA (Mid Argyll Music and Arts) Festival committee's ongoing aim to promote live music in the area.

Last Friday marked the second open mic night and residents descended on the lounge bar to listen to some of the area's top talent.

Liz Perkins, one of the Unplugged Night organisers, said: 'Each Unplugged Night has been very different, but always very entertaining



Robbie MacDougall, who plays in band Gubbed, entertained the crowd and will perform at September's Big MAMA Fest. 06_a14mama04

and great fun, attracting fantastic musicians and music lovers.

She added: 'It's still early days and hopefully they will continue to develop and grow each month, although we really need more musicians to join us and make sure that happens. You really can't beat live music, whatever the style.'

The event takes place on the last Friday of each month and is part of the committee's build up to this year's Big MAMA Fest that will take place in September.

The festival follows on from last year's sell-out Mini MAMA Festival which was a hit with residents.



Lindsay Caulfield, left, Kay McGhee, Mhairi MacVicar and Gemma McCuaig, watched singers from Argyll perform. 06_a14mama03



Maureen MacKintosh, left, with one of the event's organisers, Liz Perkins. 06_a14mama02



Cheryl Brown and Sharon Williamson enjoyed the evening's entertainment. 06_a14mama01

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Argyll suffers wettest winter in 100 years

IT'S OFFICIAL: Argyll and Bute has suffered its wettest winter since records began more than a century ago.

Figures obtained from the Met Office have shown a downpour in Argyll of 1,062 millimetres over the winter months – 52 per cent more than is expected at this time of year.

In February alone, Bute had rain fall of 259.7 millimetres which is 91 per cent above average for that time of year.

And there have been five weather-related

landslides this winter at the Rest and Be Thankful, Butterbridge and Glen Kinglas.

The persistent downpour has caused havoc with Mid Argyll's football season as Tarbert, Lochfyneside and Red Star have all struggled to fulfil their fixtures.

Fixtures

Douglas Moore, chairman of Red Star Football Club, said: 'The wet winter has caused a number of problems with Red Star senior and youth teams when trying to complete fixtures.'

He added: 'It has hampered our clubs financially, while league committees have questioned our ability to rely on our local pitches to hold games.'

'It's at the point now where our teams have had to switch home games to Helensburgh and Glasgow just to get games played.'

Farmers are also toughing out the bleak weather but consider it to be an improvement to a winter of snow and ice.

Dan McLaughlin, chairman of the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association, says his concern will rise if the rain continues into the coming months.

Dan said: 'The weather becomes more important as we move towards lambing season in April.'

Wrong band - sorry!

THE *Argyllshire Advertiser* would like to clarify that Charles Ferguson is a member of Oban Pipe Band.

Last week's article - Skirl of Pipes at Armed Forces Day in Lochgilhead - incorrectly stated Mr Ferguson was pipe major of Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

The *Advertiser* apologises for any confusion caused.



Jean Carse, seated, with a gathering of her former colleagues at Stewart Balfour & Sutherland.

Legal office manager retires

JEAN Carse, office manager at Stewart Balfour & Sutherland's Lochgilhead office, has retired.

Partners, former partners and staff of the legal and estate agency firm gathered at the head office in Campbeltown to mark Jean's

retiral. Senior partner John Stewart said Jean had been a loyal and trusted member of the team for 25 years.

Partners and staff in attendance presented her with mementos of the occasion and took the oppor-

tunity to wish Jean a long and happy retirement.

Jean's successor at the firm's Mid Argyll office, Kim McAllister, came along to enjoy the occasion and meet the Campbeltown office staff.

Argyll and the Isles to take centre stage at national tourism fair

KEY PLAYERS in the tourism industry were to showcase the area's credentials to hundreds of national and international potential buyers as the *Advertiser* went to press.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) launched a stand at Scotland's premier tourism event – VisitScotland expo 2014 on Wednesday.

The two-day event provides AITC access to nearly 500 international organisations, as well

350 UK-based companies including tour operators, travel agents and travel media.

The third time Argyll and the Isles has had a stand at the event held at the SECC, the group's chairwoman Connie Lovel said the opportunities it provided were 'enormous'.

'It gives us the chance to showcase the fantastic things Argyll and the Isles has to offer to some of the most influential tourism players in the world,' she said.

ENABLE birthday celebration

A CIVIC reception in the form of an afternoon tea was held by Argyll and Bute to celebrate 60 years of ENABLE Scotland.

More than 40 members, staff and volunteers from across the county attended the celebration at Kilmory Castle, Lochgilhead.

The organisation supports children and adults with learning disabilities and their families.

A piece of tartan in ENABLE Scotland's colours was specially commissioned to mark the milestone, which will be turned into ENABLE Scotland tartan scarves and ties.

Newspaper competition deadline fast approaching

THE DEADLINE for a competition that seeks to find the best print or online 'newspaper' produced by high school pupils is fast approaching.

High schools across Argyll can submit entries for the Scottish School Media Awards, on or before April 30.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser*, which as part of Wyvex Media is sponsoring the best newspaper category, is encouraging schools across Mid Argyll to take up the challenge.

The awards aim to encourage young people into careers in publishing and the creative industries, and are of particular interest to pupils who have an interest in writing, photography, design and business.

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£1 million fund secures future of Ardrishaig Pier as key port for shipping Argyll timber

A TOTAL of £1 million has been made available by Forestry Commission Scotland to ensure the future of Ardrishaig Pier as a strategic port for shipping timber out of Argyll.

The national authority confirmed it has allocated one third of its Strategic Timber Transport Fund to maintaining the Timberlink public service.

It sees timber from Argyll forests shipped from Ardrishaig, Campbeltown and Sandbank to Ayrshire mills, lessening the impact of timber transport on Argyll's roads.

A spokesman for Scottish Canals, which owns Ardrishaig Pier, said:

'It's fantastic news that the Timberlink project has been awarded additional funding.

'The scheme provides a greener alternative to road-based freight and removes more than 8,000 lorry journeys from our roads each year, but, more importantly, it also contributes to the local economy and brings business and jobs to Ardrishaig.'

'We look forward to seeing the project continuing to operate from Ardrishaig Pier.'

Kirsty Robb from Argyll Timber Transport, the regional group which represents the haulage industry, said: 'Timberlink is something we have always backed and

it compliments the rest of the [Strategic Timber Transport] Fund, which Argyll has done really well out of.

'It is a costly way of moving timber, that's why it is subsidised to the tune of £1 million,' she added.

Lessen the impact
The remaining £2 million of the Strategic Transport Fund will be dishd out to projects that lessen the impact of timber transport on roads and communities.

Scotland's environment minister Paul Wheelhouse said: 'This additional £3m comes at the right time. Scotland is forecast to see an increase in timber production over the next

20 years - from approximately 6.5 million tonnes to potentially over 10m green tonnes per annum, which needs to be transported safely to processing facilities and with minimum environmental impact on local communities.'

Since its establishment in 2006, Timberlink, an inland coastal shipping service, has removed around 70,000 timber lorry journeys from rural communities and busy tourist routes between Argyll and Ayrshire.

It is fully supported by the timber industry and has contributed significantly to the local economies of the ports and local communities.



The Lochgilphead Drama Club Team 'M' were placed third overall.

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Lochgilphead Drama Club wins The Oban Times Salver

LOCHGILPHEAD Drama Club put in an excellent performance at the Lorn Drama Festival to take third place overall and lift The Oban Times Salver.

The thespian group, led by producer Jim Morrison, was also awarded The Dan Cleland Trophy for Dramatic Production for its staging of 'Who is Millbank Milly?'

Stalwart

The Mid Argyll club was one of 11 groups to perform at the festival, which was this year renamed the Rob-in Banks Memorial Lorn Drama Festi-

val in recognition of Mr Banks, a stalwart of the annual event.

The top prize, The Robin Banks Trophy, was aptly awarded to his former club, Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club. It took first place with 'That's Mine, This is Yours' and dedicated the win to Mr Banks, who died on February 2 this year.

Accent Players of Campbeltown lifted The Chalmers of Oban Quaiich for second place overall, while the youth section was won by the highly-acclaimed Tainuult and District Drama Society.

Fyne Homes agreed £400,000 loan to improve housing stock

FYNE Homes has secured a £400,000 loan to improve its housing stock as it becomes a corporate member of Scotwest Credit Union.

The partnership will see Scotwest issue a 10-year loan to the social landlord to help fund a major repairs programme.

The finance was made available as Argyll's Fyne Homes became one of the first housing associations in the UK to become a corporate member of a credit union.

Kenny MacLeod, CEO of Scotwest Credit Union, said: 'Whilst this is primarily a business transaction, the social and ethical aims of Fyne Homes fit with that of Scotwest and we are proud that they have become our first corporate member.'

A change in the law means credit unions

can now offer finance companies and social to community groups, enterprises.



Fyne Homes and Scotwest Credit Union agree a partnership worth £400,000.

Dearer fines for litter louts and fly tippers

PEOPLE caught littering the streets of Mid Argyll or fly tipping will face much tougher penalties after changes to the law came into affect on Tuesday.

Under the changes, introduced by the Scottish Government, anyone found littering could face an £80 fine, a hike of £30, while the fine for fly tipping has quadrupled to £200.

Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful has welcomed the harsher punishment but says more bins and recycling facilities must be made available to help tackle the problem.

More control over social care support services

PEOPLE who receive social care to lead a more fulfilling life are being given more control over the support services they receive.

Argyll and Bute Council has said its self directed support (SDS) scheme places decision making into the hands of the individual and their family.

SDS allows people to use the funding available to them to employ a service provider, voluntary care agency or personal assistant to meet their care needs.

Families and individuals under the SDS scheme will be guided through their options by social workers.

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HOW TO NOMINATE

If you know someone who deserves this once in a lifetime opportunity then fill in the nomination form provided on this page or online at www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk/legacy and let us know. Please see the nomination criteria in the left hand box. All nominations must be received by midnight, Tuesday 29th April, 2014. Nominations will be shortlisted by a Wyvex Media judging panel, including a Wyvex Media Director, and the winner chosen by an external panel of judges who will be announced in a future issue.

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14/00513/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (incorporating self contained residential annex) and detached garage, formation of vehicular access and culvert and installation of sewage treatment plant	Land North East of Glencreggan North Lodge Glenbarr Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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14/00672/PPP	Site for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses	Land South West of Alder House Kilmichael Glassary Argyll and Bute	1A Manse Brae, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RD
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The Scottish Government is committed to continued engagement with fishermen and others involved in the seafood industry; to listen, share ideas and respond to the issues facing the industry locally and nationally.

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- The Common Fisheries Policy and implementation of the landing obligation
- Access to quota for active fishermen
- Encouraging new entrants into the industry
- Fishing and the shared marine environment

All of those connected with the local fishing and onshore seafood sector, as well as Local Authorities and non-governmental organisations, are invited to attend. This is your opportunity to put your views on local or national issues directly to Marine Scotland staff and help shape future government policy.

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Allan Curtis Limited Restoration Petition- L1/14

NOTICE is hereby given that in a Petition by Allan Robert Curtis craving the Court to order the name of Allan Curtis Limited, a Company incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 under registered number SC375937 and having its registered office at c/o EM-BAC, 1 Stag Chambers, Lorne Street, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8LU, to be restored to the Register of Companies, the Sheriff of North Strathclyde at Dunoon by Interlocutor dated 24 March 2014 inter alia ordered any person wishing to object to the crave of the Petition to lodge answers in the hands of the Sheriff Clerk at Dunoon within 8 days of intimation, service or advertisement.

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Servicing your air-con will also help your car smell better. If it smells stale when you turn the heating on, it could well be a sign that mould is building up in your condenser.

Flies will soon be out in force so be sure to refill your washer fluid. Habitually washing the

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



FINALLY the wind subsided and the sea spoke in a whisper instead of a roar, as all of creation seemed to sigh in relief.

I suppose we notice it more when there are dogs to walk, but we seem to have been battered and blown since November.

However, the weekend brought some lovely sunshine and the sea became a kaleidoscope of colours.

We noticed that daffodils were rejoicing in the promise of spring, and there was a blur of green as fresh growth appeared on wintered wood.

Daffodils even appeared amidst the sand dunes and marram grass, and I wondered what other life was emerging unnoticed.

I watched the Oystercatchers as they began the age old ritual of finding a partner and I pondered on a new fact I had just learned.

Oystercatchers have two different types of bills; one is sharp and pointed and the other is blunt and rounded.

The ones with the broad bills open molluscs, while the ones with pointed bills dig for worms.

This is learned from the parent birds and is something that will be passed on from generation to generation.

Nature is a wonderful teacher and we can learn so much if we take time to stop and observe.

The fields around us are already sprinkled with lambs and once again we are reminded of new birth.

In this time of Lent we walk in a journey from darkness to light, from despair to hope, from death to life and we rejoice in new birth.

For those of us who embrace the Christian tradition, we think of these final days of Jesus' final earthly journey.

We think of death and resurrection and new life, and we rejoice in the promise of life everlasting.

Whatever your belief, I hope you will find joy in this season of hope and promise, and find peace.

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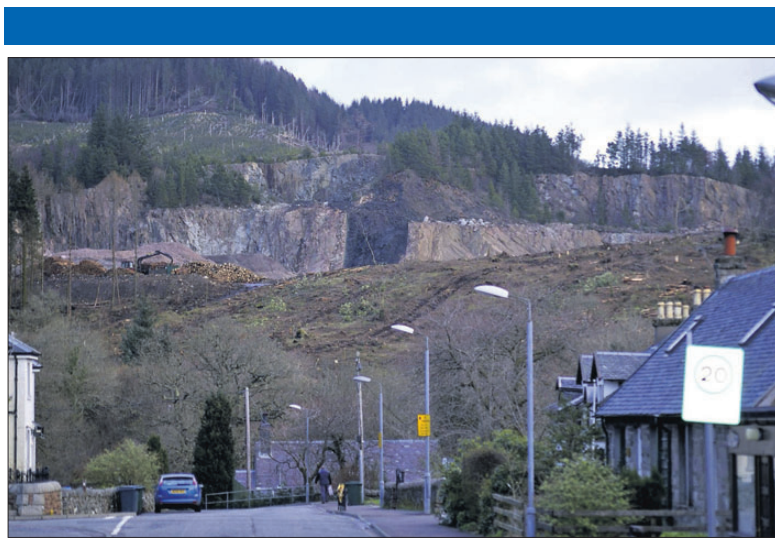
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FURNACE

Tree felling means new view of quarry

VILLAGERS have been left with a new view as a large area of tree felling has left Furnace Quarry exposed. The quarry can be seen from more than a mile away.

Coffee morning and Easter hamper draw

A COFFEE morning and Easter hamper draw will be held in Furnace Village Hall next Saturday. The event will start at 10.30am.

TIGHNABRUAICH

RNLI members recognised for their hard work

THE hard work carried out by the volunteers at Tighnabruaich Royal National Lifeboat Institution station has been recognised as members have been presented with the prestigious Ian J Scott Cup.

The station was awarded the cup by Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club, which presents the award annually in recognition of an organisation or individual's contribution to sailing.

The cup was presented by the club's commodore, Graham Wotherpoon, to the chairman of the Tighnabruaich station's management committee George Willoby.

When accepting the award at the yacht club's annual prize giving in Glasgow's Hilton Hotel, Mr Willoby said it recognised the work all the volunteers put in to ensure the lifeboat was available to save lives at sea. The Atlantic 85 lino-shore lifeboat, known as the James and Helen Mason, is crewed by volunteers.

SKIPNESS

World of construction

PUPILS from Skipness Primary School delved into the world of construction when they visited Crossaig.

They were invited to

the BAM construction site by Harry Ross, who is the company's health and safety officer.

On their visit they saw first hand some of the work that has already been done at the site where the Kintyre Hunterston subsea link is being built.

They also saw some of the equipment used.

BAM is working alongside Siemens to build a new electricity substation at Crossaig for the new underwater power line.

Pupils would like to thank Harry Ross and all the staff working at the site for such a warm welcome and informative visit.

KILBERRY

Meet and Munch group meeting

PEOPLE can find out more about what it is like to volunteer at the world's top sporting events at the second meeting of the Monthly Meet and Munch group.

Amanda Minshall will give a short talk about her experience of volunteering at the London 2012 Olympics.

She will also discuss the training she is currently undergoing to volunteer at Glasgow Commonwealth Games later this year.

Amanda will give her talk on Tuesday at Kilberry Church from noon until 2pm.

The event is open to anyone - all they have to do is bring a plate of finger food.

ARROCHAR

Shoreline clean-up plans

PLANS to clean up Arrochar shoreline are underway, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

Rubbish and debris has been left on the shoreline following the high tides earlier this year.

The local authority is in the process of finalising its clean-up plans and work will begin soon. Grassy areas and paths have already been cleared.

INVERARAY

Curry and quiz raised £623

THE CURRY quiz night held recently by Inveraray Shinty Club raised £623 for club funds.

The club would like to thank The George Hotel and local businesses and families for their donations towards the raffle, Claire Fyfe and her team of girls for making everything run smoothly on the evening and all the people who turned out to take part in the event.

A second fundraiser, a coffee morning, will be held on May 24 in the Royal Burgh.

STRATHLACHLAN

Clan Lachlan Gathering

MORE than 180 Americans will arrive in Cowal for the Clan Lachlan Gathering and Strathlachlan Festival in June.

The three-day event will celebrate the heritage and culture of Clan Lachlan, of Strathlachlan.

It will be held in the grounds of New Castle Lachlan, which is home to the 25th clan chief Euan MacLachlan of MacLachlan.

Visitors will be treated to a shinty demonstration, a sheep dog demonstration and whisky tasting.

Members of Strachur Historical Society will have their family trees on display and there will be a flower festival at Strathlachlan Church.

GLASSARY

Rev picks up his knitting needles

A REVEREND who has picked up his knitting needles for lent is asking people to guess what he is creating by submitting their 'answers on a postcard'.

Reverend Cliff Acklam's new hobby has caught the imagination of locals who have seen him out and about with his needles and wool.

People have asked the Rev Acklam, who serves Kilmartin, Glassary, Ford and North Knapdale Churches, what he is making but he has not yet decided.

Until then he would like people to write to him guessing what his final creation will be.

'People have so far said it could be a jumper or a scarf, but I have enough scarves. Maybe it could be a poncho. I don't know,' he said.

Anyone who would like to take a guess what the Rev Acklam's creation may be can send a postcard to: The Manse, Kilmichael Glassary, PA31 8QA.



The Rev Cliff Acklam with his knitting needles.

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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

COOK - Both families are delighted to announce the arrival of Harriet Mary, on March 12, 2014. A little sister to Evan.

LIVINGSTONE - Murray and Iona (née Gilmour) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Ruairaidh Angus, on March 21, 2014. Third grandchild for Angus and Christine, Lochgilphead and first grandchild for Russell and Lorna, Kilmichael Glassary.

DEATHS

BLAIR - Suddenly at home, 5 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, on March 22, 2014, John George Blair (Ian), in his 68th year, dearly beloved son of Donald and the late Frances Blair, much loved father of Leanne, Donald and Rachel, and a loving and much loved papa. RIP.

DALL - Peacefully, on March 26, 2014, in a nursing home of Moberley, Knutsford and formerly of Campbeltown, Moira Helen, aged 96 years, dear wife of the late Ian, much loved mother of Ross and Bruce, and sadly missed by their families. The funeral and committal were held at Altrincham Crematorium, on Thursday, April 3, Enquiries to Dodgson's Funeral Service, 25 Manchester Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0LY. Telephone 01565 634251.

FRASER - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 28, 2014, Marion Fraser, in her 87th year, 26 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Dugald and Jane Fraser and a much loved sister of the late Dougie Fraser. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, April 4, 2014 at 12.00 noon, 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 church.

NEWLANDS - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 26, 2014, James Newlands (Jimmy), in his 87th year, formerly of Davaar Avenue and Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, much loved brother of Mary (Mamie) and the late Alister, Cathy and Hugh, and a dearly loved uncle, great uncle and great great uncle.

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FERGUSON - Mary and family would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming kind expressions of sympathy, tributes, flowers, cards, visits and home-baking received following Chubby's sudden passing. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Wayne, Daniel, doctors and practice nurses for their care and attention to Chubby over the last few years, and to paramedics in Elgin for their quick response. Special thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a very comforting service and to John MacLachlan for his personal tribute; Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient services; John Holt for music accompaniment; The Flower Shop for beautiful flowers and to The Tayvallich Inn for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a great distance. The retiral collection for the RNLI and Marie Curie has currently raised over £1350, we are overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

LIVINGSTONE - Douglas would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the recent sad passing of Alastair. Grateful thanks to doctors and staff at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Social Work and Care Plus for their care and attention to Dad, and also the many friends and family who helped him through a very difficult year. Thanks are also extended to Rev Jeff McCormick for an uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and professional services and the Lochnell Arms Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, thank you to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

MACMILLAN - The family of the late Duncan MacMillan would like to thank everyone very much for their kind thoughts, cards, letters and flowers following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all medical and NHS staff for past and continuing care, and also the Scottish Ambulance Service. Grateful thanks to Francis Anne, Jackie and Vicky. A special thank you to Angela for all her support, and to Alasdair, Kenny and Rhys for their professional help with the funeral arrangements. Finally, to Rev P Wallace for a very comforting service, the Ardsheil Hotel for their excellent purvey, Willie McCallum Jr for piping at the church and graveside and to all who paid their last respects. The retiral collection raised £977.81 for Erskine Hospital.

IN MEMORIAMs

CUNNINGHAM - Treasured and precious memories of our dearly loved and missed mum and mother-in-law, Ima, who died April 6, 2013. In our hearts our memories are kept Of a mum we love and never forget. God bless. - Eileen and Alastair. Woof woof - Lubo xxx.

GLEN - Patricia. Each and every day we know, You're here with us as we go, The things we think and do each day, We feel you there in lots of ways, You're in our hearts and there you'll stay, Keeping watch along the way. - Alistair, Catherine Ann, Alistair and Alan.

HARDIE - In loving memory of David (Davie), who passed away on April 2, 2013. We often think of bygone days When we were all together The family chain is broken now But memories last forever. Always in our hearts. - Anne, Lisa and Jamie.

LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990. Let the winds of love blow softly And whisper for you to hear We love and miss you dearly As it dawns another year. Loved and remembered every day Missed more than words can say. - Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of my dearest husband, Ian, died April 8, 2013. I love you Ian, I always will, The day I lost you, the world stood still, You won't come back, I know that's true, Some day I will come to you. Ian, I will always love you. - Diana.

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. Forever in our thoughts. - 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.

MCLEAN - Charles, promoted to glory on April 6, 1995. Precious memories of our beloved dad, granda and great-granda. Too good to be forgotten. - Much loved and missed by the family at home and away xxx.

SMITH - In loving memory of my son-in-law, Iain, a loving brother-in-law and uncle, who died suddenly, April 5, 2011. Our thoughts go back, and they often do, To the special years we shared with you. - Cathy and all the family, Tarbert, Mull, Glasgow.

TAYLOR - Treasured memories of my dearly loved mum and granny, Caroline McMorrow, who died April 8, 1994. Also my dearly loved dad and papa, Teddy Taylor, who died October 25, 2002, and my dearest brother and uncle, Teddy, who died June 7, 2011. Tenderly we treasure the past With memories that will always last. - Love, Dorothy, Darren and family xxx.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of a dear mum and nan, Caroline, died April 8, 1994. In our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day. Miss you so much. - Rhona, Alan, Louisa and Alan xxx.

TAYLOR - Treasured memories of a much loved mum and nana, Caroline, who fell asleep on April 8, 1994. Time may pass and bring its changes Fresh with every coming year But your loving memory I will cherish Is the heart that loved you dear. - Amanda, Steven and Brooke xxx.

WILLIAMSON - In loving memory of a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather, George (Geordie), who died April 6, 2011. Much missed. - From Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimée and Lynne.

WILSON - In loving memory of our wonderful parents, Marjorie Wilson, who died twenty years ago, on April 3, 1994, aged 58, and Ronald Wilson, former Clydesdale Bank manager in Lochgilphead, who died on December 4, 2000, aged 69. The best mum and dad anyone could have wished for. Much loved, always missed and never forgotten. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. - With lots of love, always, Fiona, Murray and families.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2014
11.00 am Worship Service
Dr John L Morrison OBE
All Welcome
Further information
(01546) 606218
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Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SCO116311

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
6th April 2014 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SCO16097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
-
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SCO16665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sacrament of Holy Communion Service in Chalmers Court (with Communion) 2.30 pm.

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 6th April
11.15am Mr M Ramsay
No Sunday School
Tuesday 8th April
Badminton Finished
7.00pm Nominating Committee
Kirk St Hall
Everyone very welcome

free church of Scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 6th April
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Thursday 10th April
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Sunday 6th April
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Mr W Crossan
Tuesday 8th April
BB Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Thursday 10th April
Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 11th April
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 6th April 2014
11.15am Family Communion with crèche
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Coffee from 10.45am
Wednesday 9th April 2014
No toddlers group this week
7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday 10th April
7.00pm Men being Men
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson
01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

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Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SCO23277
Sunday 6th April
Passion Sunday
10.45am Morning Prayer
All Welcome
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"It is good to sing praises to our God"
6th April services in Achahoisil at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am
5th April
Coffee Morning hosted by the Guild North Church Hall 10:00 till 12noon

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 6th April
Morning Worship
Ford 10.00am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
SCO 02121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 6 April 2014
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"The Mind of Christ"
Thursday 10 April 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 6th April 2014
11.00am Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Scottish Charity SCO15187

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All Saints, Inveraray
1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30 am
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Sunday 6th April 2014
Tarbert Service 11.45am
to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Annual Stated Meeting to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Tuesday 8th April 2014 7.30pm
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Telephone 01880 821012
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Charity Number SCO01002
Friday 4 April
From Pharaoh to Freedom
Tayvallich Church 7:30pm
Saturday 5 April
Tayvallich Hall 10:30 am
Coffee Morning
Sunday 6 April
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Morning Worship
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Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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Tarbert reach Coronation Cup semis for second successive season

Dookers shoot out of the blocks to lead by three goals at half time

TARBERT made their intentions known when they burst out of the blocks and scored within two minutes of their Coronation Cup tie with Port Glasgow OBU.

Welcoming the Glasgow side to Cil Andres football park on Saturday, the Dookers impressed immediately with a well-worked team goal.

James Prentice won the ball on the halfway line and as he advanced into the Port half played the ball out wide right to Allan Blair, who quickly moved the ball up the line to Iain Johnson. Johnson slipped past a couple of defenders before the ball was passed to the in rushing Malcolm MacIver, who fired low into the net from 12 yards.

Port Glasgow tried to get back on level terms but were restricted to long range shots which Tarbert goalkeeper John Martin easily dealt with.

Tarbert	3
Port Glasgow OBU	1
Coronation Cup quarter final	

In fact, it was the Dookers who went on to increase their lead with 20 minutes played when Blair whipped in a corner from the right hand side and Nikki MacDougall made no mistake with his header from six yards.

With half time approaching and the Tarbert defence holding strong, player manager Prentice added to his homeside's tally.

Skill
Johnson played a ball through for Prentice and he showed great skill to get the ball just ahead of the on-rushing Port keeper, before sliding the ball into the back of the net.

As expected Port Glasgow threw everything at Tarbert in the second half in a bid to remain in the

cup competition but the whole Tarbert team worked hard to maintain their lead.

Port brought on some fresh legs to add pace to their attack and the tactic worked when a ball was knocked over the top and the forward ran through and volleyed across Martin into the bottom corner.

The Dookers soon adapted to the Port pace and created further chances through Prentice and Krawczyk but the scoreline remained 3-1 at half time.

Iain Johnson's strong tackling and performance in midfield saw him named man of the match.

Tarbert return to league action tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Shawlands B at home.



Lochgilthead's Robert and Samantha Scott with two-year-old Taylor have thanked everyone for taking part in the tournament.

Carpet bowlers turn on the style for fundraiser

CARPET bowlers from across Mid Argyll travelled to Benderloch on Saturday to take part in a fundraising tournament in aid of Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

The tournament was organised by Lochgilthead's Robert and Samantha Scott, whose two-year-old son Taylor has been treated at the hospital since birth. He was born with his bowel on the outside of his body and had an operation at the Yorkhill hospital at just three weeks old.

More than 40 pairs of bowlers took part in the tournament which was played on a round robin format.

Three pairs from Cairnbaan and one

pair from Kilmory made it through to the semi-finals, with the pairing of Robert Scott and Lachie MacLean (skip) from Cairnbaan taking on Neil and Blair from Kilmory in the final.

It was a great game and the eventual winners on the evening were Neil and Blair.

The total raised for Yorkhill on the evening was £2,754.82.

Robert said: 'We want to thank everyone who took part and helped in any way, with donations, sponsorship, providing and buying raffle prizes, and all the carpet bowling clubs in the Lorn League which each donated £100 towards the cause.'

Under 15s in relentless goal scoring form

DFDL Under 15 League
Red Star 13
Blair Thistle 1

THE SUN shone on Ropework football pitch on Saturday as Red Star under 15s fired some 13 goals past the unfortunate Blair Thistle.

Playing up the slope, Liam Scott opened the scoring for Star after 12 minutes, latching on to a through ball from Moore. He then grabbed his second, prodding the ball past thistle keeper Bishop.

Next Mackay scored after 29 minutes. The visitors pierced the home defence as Mitchell MacKintyre fired home a left foot drive (3-1).

An injury to Lochgilthead's Captain Craig Young saw him being replaced by Ritchie. Star started to dominate, seeing goals from Brown, Moore and Souden to go in at the break with a healthy 6-1 lead.

Substitutes
After the interval Lochgilthead introduced their remaining substitutes MacFarlane, Curtis, Whitefield and Blackstock.

Four minutes into the second half and Caskie scored from a tight angle.

Blackstock and Whitefield added number eight and nine. The next two goals from Scott Souden completed the mid-fielder's hat-trick after 64 minutes.

Ryan Blackstock netted his second goal after a scramble in the six-yard box and Aaron Whitefield capped his return from injury with the final strike of the game.

This Sunday's game, at Ropework Park, is against Helensburgh, in the final match of the League Cup Section.

SHINTY

Inveraray

INVERARAY'S goal drought continued last Saturday as they fell to their third straight defeat in as many games.

The Royal Burgh have struggled for confidence and form in front of goal, a problem not helped by their pre-season schedule falling victim to the weather.

A 4-0 defeat at Kinlochshiel last Saturday will do nothing to help their cause.

There are small consolations, however, for the Argyll team. All three defeats this season have been away from the

Winterton and two of them were against last season's champions and runners up.

A home game against Lochaber this weekend may be Inveraray's best chance at putting points on the board and a goal on the scoring charts.

Strachur

JOHN Montgomery's young side showed great fighting spirit on Saturday as they took on Glenorchy in the first round of the AJG Celtic Society Cup.

Strachur came back from a 0-2 deficit at half time to dominate the game in the second half, as Iain Wilson secured a goal early on the Cowal

men created numerous chances.

Strachur manager John said: 'It was 2-1 right until the last five minutes. We had our chances and their goalkeeper was busier than ours in the second half. He made a couple of good saves which could have brought us level; it was the penalty at the end that sealed the game for them.'

Despite being 'gutted' to lose Saturday's cup game, John said Strachur was focused on the league this season. He said: 'We have a young team and it's about building that team. Saturday's performance, yes they were 2-0 down

at one point but they could have won it.

'The fight that the young team showed, their attitude was tremendous. That's very encouraging for a young team.'

The Cowal men will need a fighting spirit when they make the 10-hour round trip to Skye this weekend for the first round of the Balliemore Cup.

'It will be a hard fixture,' John said. 'Skye are a very good side.'

Kilmory

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Kilmory progressed to the next round of the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup with an impressive victory over Ballachulish.

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The Mid Argyll team played their fellow South Division One side at MacRae Park and it was the home team who took an early lead with a goal from Alister MacArthur.

Kilmory's Craig Taylor found the goal just before half time, which gave the side a 2-0 lead heading into the second half. A second goal from MacArthur and another from Taylor just after the hour mark secured the side's win.

Ballachulish managed to claw a goal back when Scott Henderson scored, but there was little the side could do to change the outcome of the game.

Kilmory will have a tough match this weekend when they take on North Division One side Inverness in the Balliemore Cup. Throw-up at MacRae Park at 2.30pm.

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Mid Argyll athletes set two new records at Sports Hall finals

Athletics club home to three county champions

MID ARGYLL Athletics Club is the proud home to three Argyll Champions after members of the club put in a stellar performance at the 2014 Sports Hall Athletics Final.

Kirsten Blair was crowned the winner of the under 9 girls' final, Jilly Lefebure under 11 girls' champion and Joseph Harper the number one boy in the under 13 competition.

Collectively the Lochgilhead Primary School girls gained enough points to receive the Schools Trophy.

The competition at Oban's Atlantis Leisure on Saturday also saw four new Argyll records set.

Inveraray's Freya Corner created a new record in the under 17 high

jump, with a height of 1.51 metres, adding 1cm to the existing record.

She later equalled the two-lap race record with a time of 23.9 seconds and also won the four-lap in 54.6 seconds.

Freya narrowly missed out on the championship title, which was won on overall points by Kate Cameron from Southend. Lochgilhead's Olivia Kerr was third.

Kirsten Blair from Lochgilhead Primary won the two-lap race, long jump and high jump to take the under 9 girls' championship, while fellow Lochgilhead girl Hannah Young won the under 9 triple jump.

The girls' under 11 title also came to Mid Argyll with Jilly Lefebure from Glassary school winning ahead of Martha Payne



Members of Mid Argyll Athletics Club excelled in the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Final on Saturday. 16_114athletics02

from Lochgilhead. Jilly won the four-lap race, speed bounce and high jump.

Martha won the two-lap race and the javelin with a throw of 16.50 metres - a new Argyll age record, exceeding the old mark by 25cm.

Lochgilhead High School boys filled the top three places in the under 13s, with Joseph Harper champion thanks to wins in the four-lap, long and triple jumps.

Runner-up Gregor McGeachy won the high jump with a new person-

al best of 1.40 metres, while Archie Spencer was third, winning the two-lap race and shot putt after throwing two metres further than his competitors.

Other noticeable achievements on the day included Erin Downie's

runner up spot in the under 13 championship, alongside Ben Maddox in the under 11 competition.

Chloe Fairman and Archie Spencer also finished within the top three when the overall points were counted.

Kyles Athletic need a result

KYLES ATHLETIC need to get a result at in-form Kingussie this Saturday if they are to kick-start their shinty league campaign.

Typically an attacking team that defences across the country feared, Kyles have notched just one goal from three league games so far.

When they take to the pitch at The Dell this Saturday it will be three weeks since the Tighnabruich men have swung a caman in anger and they will be desperate to perform well.

Lottery numbers

THERE was no winner in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery with numbers 9, 15 and 17 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 5, 6 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £500 next week.

The £1,200 jackpot in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery was not won this week as unlucky numbers 6, 16 and 17 were drawn, the jackpot will be £1,300 next week.



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Promotion realistic as Lochgilphead Red Star fire eight past Port Glasgow

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RED STAR welcomed Port Glasgow United to Ropework Football pitch on Saturday and gave their promotion hopes a boost as they got the better of an 11-goal thriller.

The game did not start well for the local side, however, as they found themselves a goal down in the opening minutes when the United forward got the run on the Star defence before showing good composure to score past Kalache.

Star were back in the game after 10 minutes when tenacious work in the box from Docherty saw him create a yard of space, which was all he needed to slide the ball under the keeper from close range to make the score 1-1.

The home side were in front soon after when a neat passing move down the left saw Docherty get his shot away; this time the keeper saved, but the ball fell to Peacock who made no mistake to make it 2-1.

A third goal soon arrived when Weir's corner kick was carried by a gust of wind, dropping the ball into the top corner to make it 3-1.

With only half an hour gone Star found themselves 4-1 up after the keeper again got himself in a pickle. He managed to evade the challenge of Docherty but Weir was on hand to close him down and the ball ended up in the net again for his second of the afternoon.

Five minutes later, the fifth goal came when

the United defender knocked the ball back to the keeper but a mishap saw it land in the bottom corner of the net, much to the delight of the home contingent.

An exciting first half was concluded when the visitors scored from a corner in the last minute to make the score 5-2 at the break.

Star managed to grab a killer sixth goal when Weir's corner landed at the feet of Paterson, who hammered home from close range to make the score 6-2.

Peacock was proving to be a real handful on the break and doubled his tally for the match after an excellent solo run and finish, leaving the beleaguered keeper with no chance as Star went 7-2 up after an hour.

Spirited

The visitors did grab a goal which they deserved for a spirited second half showing - a nice move down the right saw the forward score from 10 yards out.

The last word went to Star however and the scoring was complete when MacLean finished emphatically to make the final score 8-3 to the home side.

Man of the match went to Colin Weir for two goals and two assists.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Star are in action again as they face Easthall Star at home in the league, while they may be forced to travel to Oban on Sunday afternoon for the Jimmy Marshall Cup tie, which is yet to be confirmed.



Peacock got two of Star's eight goals on Saturday.

Bowling season gets underway

THE BOWLING season will officially get underway at Ardrishaig Bowling Club next weekend.

Members will gather at the club house next Saturday to roll the first jack of the season.

The opening comes after members

held a series of carpet bowl lessons with pupils from Ardrishaig Primary School, which proved to be popular with youngsters. The club would like to invite children and their families to the opening. The first jack will be rolled at 2.30pm.

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