



Homeowner 'fobbed off' by housing association

A HOMEOWNER desperate for answers has spoken out after he says he has been repeatedly 'fobbed off' by a housing association.

Malcolm Smith, 51, of Tarbert, has been in his flat at 24 Oakhill for 30 years.

He has been left reeling after Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) ignored his pleas and invoices for cash toward repairs he has carried out, while the organisation holds more than £9,000 of his money.

The grandfather of two first billed ACHA after he found water coming in to his loft from the gable end - where the wall can be seen splitting.

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Mr Smith said: 'I have owned the flat since 1996. The first problems I had with ACHA were in November 2013. Water came through my loft then my ceiling to my bedroom from the back where the wall is splitting outside.'

'I got my ceiling fixed and installed water tanks and billed them for £216, because the building is shared.'

'If I hadn't put in water tanks I would have been left like that for god knows how long.'

'I was doing it more for the other tenants, to save their homes. I am looking after them bet-

ter than their landlord is.'

He has yet to receive the cash for the repairs to his home and so far ACHA has clocked up £367.51 in invoices from self-employed Mr Smith.

But in January 2015 ACHA advised the two homeowners out of six tenants in the block that they must contribute a sum of more than £13,000 each for repairs to the roof of the building.

Mr Smith applied to Argyll and Bute council for a grant and was given £4,007, leaving him with more than £9,000 to pay to ACHA.

He said: 'They wanted the money upfront, which is unbelievable after what I've had to go through. I had to get a loan. I don't have that kind of money lying around. And they still haven't carried out the work.'

'On top of that ACHA put in insulation free a few years ago and now it is soaking ACHA says it has to remove it. But homeowners, myself included, have to pay £4,500 over and above

the £9,000 they've already had from me. I will refuse to pay any more bills they send me until they pay mine.'

'ACHA is overcharging for the work it is doing. I talk to labourers and roofers all the time, your average Joe Bloggs, and they say that it sounds as if ACHA is charging homeowners to cover the whole cost.'

'It is stressful, but someone has to stand up to them. I can't even get my house insured because it has to be 'water and air-tight'. What does that tell you? It is laughable.'

A spokeswoman from ACHA said: 'ACHA has been involved in coordinating roof and rough-cast works with private owners to three blocks of flats at Oakhill, Tarbert. However, agreement has been reached between ACHA and the private owners in Mr Smith's block to take forward roof works only.'

'There is now a confirmed start date for Mr Smith's property of May 11, 2015, however, if it is at all possible we will try to bring the start date forward.'

'With respect to the costs of work carried



Mr Smith has a record of all the correspondence between the housing association and himself from over the past two years. 08_a14acha01



The splitting wall at the back of the flat. 08_a14acha02



The flat ceiling from inside. 08_a14acha03

out by Mr Smith which he expects ACHA to share, Mr Smith was asked to provide receipts to evidence the costs. However the information he submitted was not a receipt. He has recently provided further paperwork and his claim for this work will require to be investigated before any payment is made to him.'



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Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland by telephoning 101.

Fuel stolen

AROUND 420 litres of diesel was stolen from a tractor at Craobh Haven.

The tractor was targeted between 12am on Sunday, March 23 and 6am on Thursday, March 26.

Police are appealing for witnesses or information surrounding the incident. Contact PC Martin Wilson on 101.

Mobile phone stolen

A MOBILE phone was stolen from an unlocked car on Inveraray's Main Street.

The theft took place while the car was parked between 11am and 2pm

on Saturday, March 28.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Stirling on telephone 101.

Driving Offences

TWO people are the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal after police stopped a tractor near Newton at Inveraray.

The vehicle was pulled over at 10.20am on March 25. Police discovered that the 19-year-old man driving the tractor was not insured and the vehicle was seized.

The young man and a 72-year-old man have been reported.

Speeding

A 42-YEAR-old man was stopped for suspected speeding on the A83 at Newton in Inveraray on Wednesday, March 25 at 9.30am.

He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for driving offences.

Careless driving

A MAN is the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for suspected careless driving following a road accident on the A83 near Tarbert.

The 55-year-old was involved in a two-car collision at 5.30pm on March 25.

No one was injured.

Disorder

TWO MEN were arrested for allegedly assaulting police during a disturbance in Inveraray.

On the Front Street at 2am on Saturday, March 28 the 20-year-old and 21-year-old were arrested for shouting and swearing. They are now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of Bail

A YOUNG man was arrested in Lochgilphead after being suspected of breaching bail conditions.

At 12.45pm on Sunday, March 29 the 18-year-old was found on Lochnell Street.

He was detained in custody pending a court appearance.

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



Partners and trained appropriate adults pictured last week.

Success for response support service team

RESPONSE times have been cut by more than half for vulnerable adults in need of support during police investigations.

Victims, witnesses, suspects and accused people who suffer from mental health disorders are being supported by the Appropriate Adult Service through the police interview process.

Although the service has always been available to people in Argyll and Bute it was previously based in Dumbar-ton, but now an out-reach service has been set up from Oban, cutting the response time from six hours to one.

The national service provides people with conditions such as learning disabilities, mental health illness

and dementia the support of an independent person to ensure they are not disadvantaged by their condition.

It is in place to assist police in their investigations in a more timely manner and to ensure individuals understand the process to the best of their abilities.

The move means that appropriate adults, who would have originally travelled from Glasgow, are now trained and based in Argyll.

Partnered

Carr Gomm, a service to support adults and communities, has partnered with Police Scotland, Argyll and Bute social work department and NHS Highland to create the initiative.

The Appropriate Adult Service now has a num-

ber of trained staff around Argyll and Bute.

Six are based in Mid Argyll, six in Oban and three are in Campbeltown.

Christine Nicol is the service manager of Carr Gomm in Oban and is overseeing the initiative for Argyll and Bute.

She said: 'The service in Dumbar-ton was staff based and it was proving difficult to get an appropriate adult to a police interview within a reasonable time scale.'

'This has been a positive experience and I think that it has been such a success because of the support from our partners. We have great communication between one another.'

'In the past response has taken up to six hours. Since we started,

in June 2014, an appropriate adult can respond within an hour. And having people based around Argyll means that if we don't have someone available in the specific area required, police and the service users will still not wait as long as they could have done in the past.'

'Being based locally has made a real difference to the service and we have had a number of referrals and have been able to support more people. Having people who know the area has been making a big difference.'

The service is available to over 16s and each appropriate adult is fully trained and has the opportunity to visit police offices in preparation for their role.

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Some of the people who turned out to meet Historic Scotland.

Historic Scotland begins Tinkers' Heart consultation

TRAVELLERS were met for the first time by Historic Scotland as part of its public consultation over the future of the Tinkers' Heart.

More than 30 people braved the cold to meet the man leading the consultation at the mysterious monument on Tuesday afternoon.

Jess Smith, who has campaigned for the Tinkers' Heart to be preserved by the organisation for five years, was delighted by the efforts.

Jess said: 'The weather was awful, so it was

superb that people came out. George Findlater came out to speak to Travellers to hear what they knew of the history of the Tinkers' Heart.'

White quartz
The Tinkers' Heart is a small arrangement of white quartz stones embedded in the ground overlooking Loch Fyne, at the junction between the A815 to Strachur and the B839.

For more than 200 years it has been used as a sacred place where Travelling couples wed, babies were christened

and the dead were blessed.

Dr Findlater is leading the consultation for Historic Scotland.

He said: 'It was great to get to visit the monument again, and we were very grateful to the people who came to share some of their fascinating and insightful stories with us. All the information gathered adds to our knowledge of the monument and will be used to inform our assessment when considering the Tinkers' Heart for scheduling.'

Dangerous driver banned and fined

A FORESTRY worker who led police on a high speed car chase in Lochgilphead narrowly escaped a custodial sentence on Tuesday.

Steven Wilson, 34, of Lochnell Sreet, appeared for sentencing in front of Sheriff Derek Hamilton at Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon sheriff court after pleading guilty to seven charges relating to the incident on January 31.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy told the court that Wilson was initially stopped after passing a police car.

A police officer suspected that Wilson was under the influence of alcohol, however, as the officer stood by the car Wilson started to rev the engine.

The officer reached in to take the keys and Wilson

left at speed causing the wheels to spin on the icy road.

Police gave chase as Wilson raced through various parts of the town often travelling at double the 30mph speed limit.

Wilson's car skidded into the opposite carriageway during the left-hand turn from Bishopton Road onto the A816 and he continued at about 60mph straddling the centre of the road.

Moments later he made another high speed turn skidding into Highbank Park, a residential road.

He stopped in the car park and approached

the officers, who said he would be arrested.

However, as they tried to put handcuffs on him he struggled violently before being taken to the police office.

Wilson's defence solicitor Rubin Murdanaigum said: 'He accepts what he did was wrong, and although he has a long list of convictions he is a well educated man.'

'He wants to improve his life and has insight into his behaviour.'

Mr Murdanaigum said that Wilson's brother had a car accident and was paralysed from the neck down and this was on his mind at the time.

Sheriff Hamilton said: 'This is the fifth time he has been driving without insurance, which does not say to me he has any insight at all.'

The sheriff added: 'It is with some hesitation that I'm not going to send you into custody.'

Wilson was disqualified from driving for 24 months, fined a total of £600 and given a community payback order of 250 hours to be completed within 18 months.

Summing up Sheriff Hamilton warned Wilson to watch his attitude to both the police and court or it would lead to more trouble.

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Job fairs help to cut unemployment in Argyll and Bute

More than 270 jobseekers attended

THE number of people out of work in Argyll and Bute has fallen by 33 per cent in the past year.

That figure was revealed by a job centre manager at Lochgilphead's first ever jobs fair, which aimed to match

potential employers with jobseekers.

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) manager Billy Walker said: 'Currently there are 1,016 people claiming jobseekers' allowance in Argyll and Bute, but that figure is down

33 per cent on February 2014.

'275 of them have been claiming for 52 weeks or more.

'We started running Opportunities for All careers and jobs fairs in March 2014 firstly in Campbeltown, then in Oban and Dunoon.

'In a rural area it is important to get claimants in front of potential employers.'

More than 270 jobseekers attended last Thursday's event in the town's community education centre. It was supported by 12 employers including MacLeod Construction, Argyll Community Housing Association, Police Scotland, Scottish Salmon and Scottish Canals.

In addition there were 10 employment partner agencies supporting people trying to get back



MacLeod Construction staff from left: Jane MacLeod, Ross Hodson and Sarah Blair with jobseeker John Mackirdy. 08_a14jobsfair02

into work. Staff on MacLeod Construction's stand spoke to 100 jobseekers including school pupils about to leave full time education.

Company secretary Jane MacLeod said: 'We offer modern apprenticeships and have about 20 apprentices working for us at any one time.'

'The fair creates awareness of jobs available locally. We are trying to stem depopulation from Argyll and Bute and we need to recruit and train local people.'

Jobseeker John Mackirdy, 51, a former ground worker, has been out of work for about two years. He is looking

for a change of direction and has recently started a computer course.

Argyll and Bute council's head of improvement and human resources Jane Fowler said that one of the best starts currently available to people aged 16 to 24 is a modern apprenticeship.

She said: 'We are here to promote apprenticeships to young people in Argyll and Bute and currently have two on offer in information technology.'

'It is also worth keeping an eye on the council's website because there will be more later in the year.'

On another stand, charity Carr Gomm's admin officer Liz Spence, 57, said that they have quite a few support assistant home care vacancies.

Increase

She said: 'We look for people who will do 16 hours a week to start with but if they prove to be good the hours normally increase rapidly.'

At that stand jobseeker Donald Nimmo, 29, from Inveraray, spoke about some of the problems he has faced returning to employment since being diagnosed with bi-polar disorder.

Mr Nimmo said: 'I have my medication and am capable of being a

creative member of society.'

'However, as soon as an employer finds out about my disability they wonder whether I might need time off and how I will integrate with other staff.'

HLDR Atherton-Wilson said: 'For younger people it's a good start in life, a chance to see the world and learn new skills.'



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Jane Fowler promoting modern apprenticeships with Argyll and Bute council. 08_a13jobsfair06

Assisted passages to boost Crinan canal boat business

CHARGES for passage through the Crinan Canal will jump by more than 50 per cent this summer.

Last year boat owners paid £10 per metre to take craft from Adris-haig to Crinan or make the return trip and now that charge has shot up to £15.95.

Scottish Canals (SC) has justified the rise because it says it is re-introducing its assisted passage scheme.

It means that SC has staff available for boats with too few crew to operate the locks more quickly. In the past this role would have been taken by the lock keepers, who lived in tied cottages alongside the canal.

A Scottish Canals' spokesman said: 'The Crinan assisted pas-

sage scheme is to help short-handed and in-experienced crews through the locks.

'We ran a pilot project in 2014, followed by a review and a public consultation. An overwhelming majority of the 250 respondents were in favour of retaining the assisted passage as a paid-for service.

Unsustainable

'The previous price proved unsustainable for Scottish Canals, both financially and in terms of the human resources required. We have made an increase within the price range that customers were willing to pay.'

The rise has been welcomed by the director of Ardfern Marina Joanna Ashton.

Mrs Ashton said: 'Last year they did not of-

fer the assisted passage scheme. All businesses have costs and they have had to employ people to provide this service.

'Hopefully it will encourage more boats crewed by four people or less to use the canal and be of economic benefit.'

However, Lochgilphead-based boat restorer Adam Way does not think it is the way to attract trade.

Mr Way said: 'I think that is a significant difference and it will have an effect on the numbers of boats.'

'I think Scottish Canals was short of numbers last year but this increased charge will not help.'

'Why does everybody have to pay an increase, especially if they do not need the service?'

Lochgilphead shop is new tourist information point

TOURISTS in Mid Argyll can plan their trips at an independent book shop after it became the host for a new tourist information point.

The Argyll Book Centre on Lorne Street in Lochgilphead has had part of its store room converted to accommodate the information hub.

After being approached by Lochgilphead community council and Heart of Argyll, owner of the book shop Eli Pickering and her staff thought it was only right that the shop host the centre.

Eli said: 'Last year we had lots of peo-

ple asking us where the tourist information centre was. I think many expected it to be in the book shop, so we thought, why not?'

The centre is situated at the back of the shop, along with the community diary, and has a display of catalogues, brochures and leaflets about what is on in Mid Argyll and beyond.

There is also a computer set up so that tourists can self-serve by booking accommodation, leisure activity trips and research of their own accord.

Eli added: 'We are happy to have the point in the shop, but we must stress that we are not trained to ad-



Eli was trying out the new computer at the new tourist information centre. 09_a14tourist01

vice people on what's on and they will find all they need online and in the leaflets available.'

The point was previously in Fyne Tackle on Argyll Street, before moving up to the MACPool.

The community coun-

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Eli said: 'It makes sense for us to have it when so many people ask us about it.'

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FROM the day her dad passed away in 1982, Jess Smith has been determined to preserve stories and symbols of Scottish Travellers.

Although many people are now involved in ensuring the Tinker's Heart near Strachur is given the protection it deserves, the credit for Historic Scotland's current project rests firmly with Jess.

Almost five years ago, the best selling author vowed to save this unique Argyll symbol, known as the Gypsy's Wedding place, and started the campaign, which led to a petition being lodged with the Scottish government.

Jess's journey to save the Travelling people of Scotland's special sacred place is just part of her bigger cultural mission to ensure tales once told by storytelling historians known as senachies, remain in the computer age.

Her mother was born in a tent and her relatives were variously described as tinkers and hawkers.

They may have been itinerant but for centuries they returned to Argyll and Jess's passion and dedication deserve reward with a positive outcome from the consultation.

Tourist information

ANOTHER woman, Eli Pickering, should be praised this week for providing the space to ensure that Heart of Argyll can offer visitors to Lochgilphead a tourist information point.

With the wealth of history, both ancient and modern, close to the town it is a wonder that there is not an official VisitScotland shop as there is in Inveraray.

The point's previous homes have included another shop and the Mid Argyll Community Pool.

However, with a number of vacant premises in the town surely it would not be that hard to give tourist information its own home.

In the meantime Eli and her staff will be only too pleased to steer people in the right direction - perhaps even to the Tinker's Heart.

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Is DNR part of an American corporation? Perhaps it is French or German.

Yellow, red, and green envelopes and notepaper affect endorphin release, raise the spirits and, importantly, 'Gee ye meechnach on a cold smoorach more-neen in the middle ah March.'

That is, provided said envelopes do not carry Kafkaesque demands from Argyll and Bute council in respect of council tax on domiciles which do not exist.

My Google search for DNR has so far got me no further than 'Do not resuscitate.'

**Duncan Ian MacDougall,
Glen Park,
Tarbert.**

The Real Workers' Party

Sir,

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This is the largest rise since 2008 and is only possible because of the Conservative and Unionist Party's careful stewardship of the economy these past five years.

We will also be raising the minimum wage for apprentices by 20 per cent.

Compare this approach to Ed Miliband's ludicrous proposal to 'increase' the minimum wage to a lower level than it would be anyway.

As ever, at this election it is a choice between competence with the conservatives and unionists or chaos with labour propped up by the SNP, libdems or who knows what other party.

We are now the real workers' party for the United Kingdom and are best placed to deliver sound economic growth while tackling inequality in Argyll and Bute.

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

Member of parliament's role

Sir,

Sadly, Kenneth MacColl demonstrated his ignorance of the role of a member of parliament in his letter to you of March 13 2015.

An MP is elected to represent his or her constituents in the House of Commons.

To be effective an MP has to apply the time, effort and commitment to understand the views, feelings and aspirations of people and to express these in parliament. This is what Alan Reid did and his fellow Scottish liberal democrats do.

It is regrettable, one might even say deplorable, that SNP MPs do not show the same diligence and dedication.

They are part-time attendees of the commons.

Mr MacColl implied that SNP MPs only turn up for matters that affect Scotland.

So why has the SNP representation on the Scottish affairs committee of the House of Commons never turned up to any of the committee's meetings?

Dr Eilidh Whiteford, SNP MP for Banff and Buchan, has been the representative of her party on the committee since 2010 and her attendance has been zero out of 55. How is this representing her constituents or Scotland's interests?

The people of Scotland know that the nationalists are only interested in their party and independence and not in Scotland or the Scottish people.

The only way to avoid separation by the back door is to re-elect Alan Reid, a hard working local liberal democrat.

**Finlay Craig,
Cove.**

Sturgeonomics

Sir,

Nicola Sturgeon has advocated spending £180 billion, yes billion, to counteract austerity measures. She doesn't say exactly where this eye-watering amount is coming from,

although she will continue to assert that it will come from scrapping Trident.

In the real world, this amount will have to come from higher borrowing, on which interest will have to be paid, and from increased taxes.

Some of these taxes will no doubt come from the 'rich' and from investment bankers but in reality the bulk will come from the middle earners such as train drivers, firemen, teachers, nurses, skilled engineering technicians, computer programmers and other similar professions and trades.

We know that there is no such thing as a free lunch. We know that households have to balance their budgets and take the necessary steps to avoid the burden of debt. And so it is with central government.

If Ms Sturgeon wants social justice and a fairer society then she has to create an economic climate which encourages investment in Scotland and in turn creates jobs and tax revenues.

Constant veiled (and not so veiled) references to a second independence referendum do nothing to encourage inward investment and expansion in Scotland.

Ms Sturgeon should concentrate on the important economic issues and on running Scotland efficiently and effectively instead of creating all the uncertainty associated with her desire for fundamental constitutional change and the destruction of the United Kingdom.

**Stuart Smith,
West Lennox Drive,
Helensburgh.**

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The Lochs and Glens holiday bus crashed with 52 passengers on board.

Passengers have lucky escape after bus crash

REPORT By AMANDA CRAWFORD
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

AN Englishman travelling to Tarbert has told of the dramatic rescue scenes moments after the tour bus crash at the Rest and Be Thankful last Thursday afternoon.

'People were stumbling out the bus shaking and clearly in shock,' said Brian Ward, 67, of Leeds, who was travelling with a friend to tend to his boat berthed at Tarbert Harbour.

The bus plunged off the road at Loch Restil with 52 passengers on board. Five were airlifted to hospital with 'serious but not life-threatening injuries'. Eighteen others were also taken to hospital.

Brian said: 'Drivers and passengers from passing vehicles hurried down the embankment to try to assist the bus passengers before

the emergency services arrived.

'People took the walking wounded back to their cars for warmth and to calm people down. I had two ladies in my car.

'One of them had been spooked by the movement of the bus after it came to a stop. Some passengers thought it was going to drop in to the loch.

'The front wheels of the bus were just feet away from the water. They were very lucky that it didn't end up in the loch.'

It is thought the bus may have been blown off the road by extremely strong winds. Brian said: 'The gusts were so strong they could have taken a car door off its hinges.

'When we left to take

some passengers to a hotel in Arrochar and turned the corner away from the crash site it was like a different world. No wind, rain or hailstones.'

Police were joined quickly at the scene by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Ambulance Service, Argyll and Bute Council staff, the Royal Navy and Mountain Rescue.

Brian said: 'The emergency services were amazing, really fast and organised, and they did not take long to arrive.

'However, if no one had been passing I think those we managed to help would have been more traumatised. We reassured them and joked with them to put them at ease.'

As the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press, six people were still in hospital being treated for a range of injuries.



Brian Ward from Leeds was one of the first people to stop and help the 'walking wounded'.

One patient remains serious but stable at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.

The two patients at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow and three patients at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, are all in a stable condition.

A spokeswoman for Police Scotland said: 'Inquiries are ongoing.'

First biker safety event

A MOTORCYCLE safety event is to be held in a bid to warn bikers of dangers on the A83 trunk road.

It is the first event of its kind that restaurant Loch Fyne Oysters in Cairndow has led. It will be held at the Mid Argyll restaurant on Sunday, April 12 from 10am until 4pm.

Visitors to the event will have the opportunity to take part in practical first aid training ses-

sions at Bike Fyne this month.

Bikers will also be able to take part in demonstrative sessions, delivered by Moto Scotland, to help them improve their confidence and skills on their motorbikes.

Bike Fyne has been designed to educate bikers and raise awareness of the high number of accidents involving motorcyclists on the A83, the tragic loss of life and the

impact on businesses in the area when the road has to close.

A number of organisations will attend the day including accident prevention charity ROSPA, First Aid Scotland, driver and motorcyclist training company Scotrain and Police Scotland.

Further information can be found online at www.lochfyne.com/events or by calling 01499 600 471.

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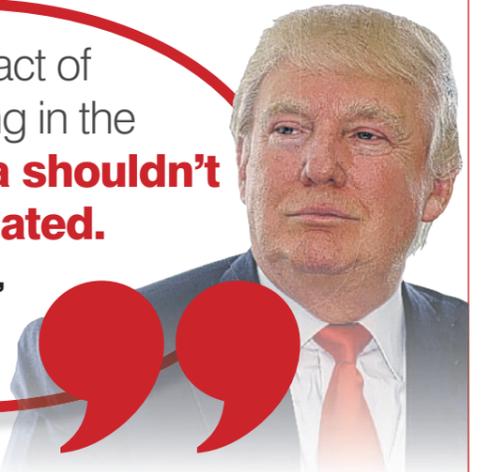


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Reid welcomes funding for Kintyre creamery

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Messy time!

BABIES got messy at Lochgilhead's parent and toddler group when they were recently let loose on a bath of paint.

But mums at the group were not so keen when it dawned on them that they would have to bath their children when 'messy time' was over.

Babies under one year old took part in the sensory activity that saw them writhe around on

a plastic mat covered in colourful body paints.

Practitioner Christina Sinclair said: 'It's a great activity for them and all of the paints are safe and washable. This is one of the sensory activities that we have for the wee ones. It gives them a chance to experience different textures and colours; it is also really sociable for them.'

After the tiny tots enjoyed splashing each other and crawling around in the body paints, they were bathed and changed by mums in baby baths provided in the kitchen hall at the Lochgilhead Community Centre.

Other sensory activities children take part in include, food, smell and soft toys.



Eleven-month-old Kacey Cranston swimming around in the paint.



Ten-month-old Mary-Jane Gibb splashed around on the mat.



Wee Lily Galloway, 11 months old, giggled and smiled all the time.



The PTA committee with helper six-year-old Katie Macvicar. 08_a14coffee01

PTA raise funds

PRIMARY school children put on a performance to an appreciative crowd at Lochgilhead Parish Church on Saturday.

The Lochgilhead school vocal ensemble and children's choir were drafted in to entertain the crowd who turned out to raise cash for the parent and teacher association (PTA).

The committee held the coffee morning in a bid to raise cash to plough back into the school.

The choir, led by teacher Cathleen MacDonald sang a series of songs from 'Imagine' to

'Country Road' as everyone who contributed and attended on the day. It was a great success.'

Kirsty Flanagan, chairwoman of Lochgilhead Primary School PTA, said: 'We raised £500 for the schools funds so we are absolutely delighted with that. Thanks to

everyone who contributed and attended on the day. It was a great success.'

In the past, money raised has bought pupils iPads, desktop cookers and it has supplemented the existing school fund.



The vocal ensemble.

Family affair at coffee afternoon

A MUM and daughter, who are students at Argyll UHI, worked together to host their first coffee afternoon for a Mid Argyll charity.

As part of a college project to plan and manage an event, Julie and Shannon Gallacher, 16, held the coffee afternoon in the MS Centre, Lochgilhead, where all the proceedings will go.

The pair, who are completing an NC Administration course at the town's college campus, were pleased with the results of their event, which saw an egg painting corner, children's lucky dip stall, a selection of home baking and a raffle take place.

Mum Julie, who is the former owner of the



Mya Kidd, eight, enjoyed painting eggs for Easter.

Flower Shop on Loch-nell Street, drafted in her friends, the Czekel-la family, to help out at Saturday's event.

Julie said: 'I have to thank my friends who came all the way from Perth to help us out. They have really been a great support.'

The pair has so far managed to raise £480 for the MS Centre.



From left: Julie and Shannon show off their cakes. 08_a14ms01

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Sandy Campbell runs a charter boat from Crinan Canal and Darren Taylor is a boat builder, both from Tayvallich. 08_a14jumble04

Boat jumble

ALMOST 300 people set sale for Ardfern Village Hall at the weekend for its sixteenth Boat Jumble. The annual sale attracts people from all over the east and west coast of Scotland and even further a field. The sole organiser Jan Brown, chairwoman of Craignish Community Company (3C), said: 'It is our main fundraiser and it is always a successful event.'

parts and meet up with people they've come to know in the village. One couple from Kilmwinning in Ayrshire have been the longest standing stall handlers at the event. John Dillon and his partner Anna Jamieson have been hosting their own stall for 16 years. Anna said: 'We come every year for this jumble sale. We make a weekend of it and catch up with the friends we've made here. We treat it as a holiday. We can never guess what we are going to sell

when we come. Anything goes here.' The pair had a successful day. The jumble sale raised £1,000 for C3, which will go towards local projects and charities. Jan added: 'Last year we made a donation to the primary school's adventure playground. And we always give some money to the village's First Responders Scheme.'

Glittering Oscars evening in Mid Argyll

MOVIE moguls and stars trod the red carpet at Furnace for its first ever Academy Awards' night. In another first, the 'Oscars' presentation ceremony followed immediately after the world premiere of 'A Jar Full of Butterflies'. The final 'first' was the film going straight to DVD before general release.

Primary school children, who made the film, arrived in true Hollywood style in a white Chrysler Crystal stretch limousine.

It all started in June last year when children told teachers that they would like to learn more about the Disney film 'Brave'.

Other schools had written and performed plays during visits to Carnasserie Castle but Furnace wanted to go one stage further and make a full blown movie.

Staff at Kilmartin museum helped to set up workshops and a visit to the castle.



'Oscar' winners at Furnace on Friday evening. 08_a14oscars02

Abbie Wallace and Nina Marie Crossey wrote the original story and everyone involved in the project helped to write the screen play.

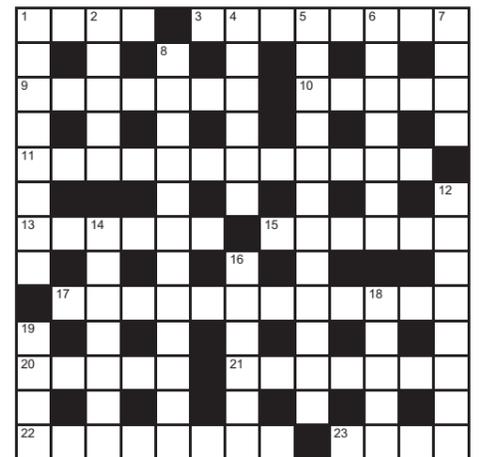
The trailer was a series of animations made using the Lego Moveie-maker app. They last one minute but took the children five afternoons to make.

'A Jar Full of Butterflies' is about a royal family living in the castle and includes a number of mysterious disap-

pearances. Head teacher Debbie Munro said: 'The children's faces tonight were amazing, everyone who knew about the 'Oscars' managed to keep the secret. 'The filming itself was great. It was a love-

ly day. Some tourists came across us when we were filming the jousting scenes and were a bit bemused but when we explained what was happening they ended up saying that it was a great way to use the castle.'

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Tarbert Daffodil Ball boosts Marie Curie funds

FUNDRAISERS at a glittering Tarbert dinner on Saturday. The first dance raised more than £4,000 for cancer carers on Saturday. The first ever Daffodil Ball was



Julie Brown and Lester Cheung dance Strip the Willow. 08_a14daffodil10

organised by four members of Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care's (MAMCC) fundraising committee.

Julie Brown, Kellie McConnell and Jenny and Rachel Brolly combined forces to sell 10 tables to corporate sponsors and 76 tickets to individual diners.

Guests enjoyed a three-course meal with wine at the village hall provided by caterers from Campbeltown's Argyll Bakeries followed by a raffle and blind auction.

One of the prizes was rather unusual - a top of the range electric toothbrush, worth more than £100. It was donated by



Diners from the Colin Brolly table. 08_a14daffodil06

Tarbert Dental Surgery, where Mrs Brown is the practice manager.

People danced the night away to local band Fyne Fusion, which was there to entertain the crowd.

The businesses and organisations which supported the event were: Tarbert Dental Surgery,

MacLeod Construction, Fyne Wines, The Flower Shop, Lochgilphead; Loch Fyne Gallery, West Coast Motors, Cowan and MacBrayne Ltd, The Smiddy Bistro, Lochgilphead; Cooke Aquaculture, Scotland; Tarbert Medical Practice, The Corner House Bar, Tarbert Argyll

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Master of ceremonies was Gavin Brown of Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland solicitors and estate agents.

MAMCC chairperson Liz Lees praised the four organisers during her vote of thanks and said that without them it would not have happened.



Table guests from Fyne Wines. 08_a14daffodil16



Members of Mid Argyll Badminton Club. 08_a14daffodil03



Cowan MacBrayne's table members. 08_a14daffodil04



Tarbert Dental Surgery table members. 08_a14daffodil15

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Davie Stewart Trio. a15daviestewarttrio01

Davie Stewart Trio go down a treat at accordion and fiddle

IT WAS almost a full house at the Argyll Hotel for the March meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Supporting players were: Fyne Folk, with Nick MacFarlane on accordion, Sally Hall, Alex John MacLeod and Jake MacKay on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard. Also on accordion – Peter Stewart,

all the way from Logierait; Johnny Fisher; Rothesay duo Jimmy Duncan on accordion and Charlie Soane on fiddle; Seumas MacArthur on melodeon; Jake MacKay on 'moothie' and Jimmy MacDonald on keyboard. They treated the audience to many varied selections.

Guest artistes were the Davie Stewart Trio from Kirriemuir with Davie

on lead accordion, Steven Carcary on second accordion and Malcolm Ross on drums.

Cheery banter

They entertained with around 20 sets in all from Gaelic waltzes to rousing reels, with Davie's cheery banter in between.

He had composed a couple of tunes recently – Agnes Liddell of Inveraray – a lovely waltz

and a lively jig - The Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club - a gesture which was much appreciated.

Chairman Niall Iain MacLean thanked all the artistes for a great night of music.

Next week the club welcomes back Jack Delaney from Alloa and his superb six-piece band for the grand finale of the season.

Musical maestro tinkles the ivories

INTERNATIONAL concert pianist Catherine Nardiello will play at Tarbert village hall on Easter Monday at 7.30pm.

It is part of her spring tour of Scotland and southern Switzerland.

The concert will include classical pieces, opera arrangements and an Easter repertoire including Irving Berlin's 'Easter Parade'.

Tickets are available at Macintyre's and Kintyre Electrical.

Call for fresh ideas as drama festival downsizes

DESPITE impressive performances at the Lorn Drama Festival, organisers warned that a lack of up-and-coming producers and directors could threaten the longevity of the festival.

This year's festival proved there was still great interest as tickets sold out on all three nights, from Wednesday to Friday last week.

Drama groups travelled from across Argyll and Bute for the event, including groups from Mid Argyll.

David Price, the festival committee's chairman, said: 'The number of plays were down this year - we had eight plays over three nights - but we had a full house every night and the

standard was extremely high, especially in the junior category.

'We need more directors, someone with the vision to put on a production, to pull it together and run rehearsals.'

New blood

'We need new blood, fresh ideas, people that want to push the boundaries and take risks with productions.'

Lochgilthead drama club won first place and the The Robin Banks Trophy, it also took the J R Smith for stage set and The Dan Cleland Trophy for dramatic production. Mid Argyll drama club won The Anne Broughton Memorial Trophy for best moment in comedy.

Friends with Ryan

A FRIENDSHIP circle has proved so popular that organisers have employed a part time co-ordinator.

Ardrishaig woman Ryan Taylor will manage the Mid Argyll Circle of Friends membership and activities.

The group aims to bring together people who may otherwise find themselves isolated.

Ryan said: 'As we get older, it is inevitable that we begin to lose people who have been close to us and it's not always easy to make new friends at that time of life.'

'I see myself as a sort of matchmaker – matching people with a little spare time with people who would like a bit of a blether and some company on social occasions.'

Ryan, a mum with two grown sons, added: 'This is a great opportunity for me personally.'

'I have worked in a variety of caring professions and this is a chance to broaden my knowledge and experience and use what I have learned.'

Maggie McLaren, manager of the Dochas Centre in Lochgilthead where the group is based, said: 'We started out running a pilot scheme last year, with money from the Health and Wellbeing Network.'

Concerned

'It has proved popular and we became concerned that people looking for support might have to wait unreasonably long times before we could find the right per-

son for them, so we are delighted to have been able to employ Ryan, if only for a few hours each week.'

'I believe that she will make all the difference as the circle grows.'

Anyone who would like to volunteer to join the circle of friends and offer support to an older person, can contact Ryan on 07899242265 or drop into the Dochas Centre and leave a message.



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TSB teams up with Befrienders

THANKS to Mid Argyll people a local charity is set to benefit from a charitable partnership with a leading bank.

Lochgilthead's branch of TSB will team up with Befrienders for Argyll and Bute Children to raise as much money as possible for it throughout 2015.

Befrienders was nominated locally, by TSB customers, to become the bank's first ever Local Charity Partner, a

new initiative devised from its UK-wide charity of the year project.

Although the Befrienders service is delivered across Argyll and Bute, it was picked locally for the work it does within Lochgilthead to support vulnerable children, young people and their families.

Cathi Bertin, founder of Befrienders for Argyll and Bute Children, said: 'We are delighted to have been chosen as

TSB's first Local Charity Partner and look forward to working together in the upcoming year.'

Christine Shankly, branch manager at TSB in Lochgilthead, said: 'Our focus at TSB is to serve local customers and businesses in order to fuel local economies, and that's why we're launching a new approach to how we support charity and communities.'

£600 grant for Tarbert Castle

THE TARBERT castle trust has been granted £600 towards maintenance work.

The sum has been given by Historic Scotland and is to pay for the repair of paths, removal of rhododendrons, turf a section of curtain wall behind

Tower and to spray and treat the timber steps on the site.

Series of repairs

The trust is to meet at the castle on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10am, where it is hoped plans to carry out a series of repairs will get underway.

Robert McPhail, the trusts' secretary and treasurer, is urging volunteers to meet at the castle on Sunday to discuss the work.

Mr McPhail said: 'On the day we also want to talk about possibilities for home produced sculptures.'



An alpaca during a family walk.

Andes animals in trekking venture

ALPACA trekking is becoming popular in Scotland and will now be available in Mid Argyll.

North Beachmore Farm on the West Loch has a herd of 12 and plans to start supervised walks from Tarbert, Lochgilthead, Inveraray and surrounding areas in April.

Each session will last about an hour and is fully supervised with the llama-like creatures which originate in the Andes of

South America. Members of the camelid family, they are distantly related to the camels of Asia and Africa.

Integral

Alpacas were an integral part of the culture and lifestyle of their Andean caretakers, serving as a source of food, fuel, clothing and transportation.

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and llama, along with much of the human population. Bred to be survivors, these hardy animals prevailed in the unforgiving conditions of the mountains.

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Everyone needs superfast broadband

ARGYLL and Bute candidate for the Liberal Democrats in the UK general election Alan Reid last week urged BT to get high speed internet access into more remote communities quicker.

As MP he chaired the Scottish Affairs Committee where senior managers from BT and Vodafone and the regulator Ofcom were questioned on telecommunications in rural Scotland.

At least 84 per cent of the Highlands and Islands will get superfast broadband by the end of next year from BT's new fibre optic cable network the inquiry was told.

Speaking to Brendan Dick, BT's Director for Scotland, Mr Reid said: 'You will understand the frustration of many small communi-

ties. They see 84 per cent round about them getting superfast broadband but they are still struggling with speeds of often a few kilobytes, and their taxpayers' money is going into other projects.

'You can understand their frustration; it is the uncertainty as to whether to pursue a wireless route or a satellite route, or wait for you to come.'

Mr Dick said: 'We are doing our best, working with the government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to drive fibre as far as we can, as fast as we can, and to get as many premises passed.'

'Clearly as time moves on, there will be more funding coming in which the government will have to allocate.'

Mr Reid said that the uncertainty was frus-

trating small communities: 'They talk, for example, to Community Broadband Scotland, which suggests that there might be a wireless solution.'

'They contact satellite companies and get quoted a very large sum to sign up. They are unsure what to do.'

'They do not want to spend a lot of money on another solution and then find, as soon as they have done that, that, hey presto, BT come along and give them a fibre-optic solution.'

Mr Dick said: 'If you were talking about a community of 10 or 20 people, it is highly unlikely to be a viable solution.'

'The other thing I should add, and this is particularly important in the context of rural Scotland, is that we

are continuing to look at technologies that are better for smaller communities. I personally would hesitate to say to anybody, 'You are never going to get it,' because life moves on and they might.'

After the committee hearing Mr Reid said: 'Broadband is a critical part of modern society.'

'Both the UK and Scottish governments must put in the investment required to deliver 100 per cent superfast broadband coverage.'

'Whether it be by BT's fibre optic cable network or by wireless or satellite it must happen soon.'

The meeting heard that superfast broadband in Dunoon would definitely start in June, despite contradictory information on the websites belonging to BT and Digital Scotland.

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While the weather is reluctant to release its wintry hold, spring is marching inexorably forward and with it life on the farm.

By now winter fodder may be running low and farmers will be looking

forward to getting the animals out to fresh grass.

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situations.

Lambing has been in full flow for some weeks and on many farms will be over, with farmers keeping an eye on the forecast with a view to getting the ewes and lambs out of lambing sheds and back into the fields.

April and May represent key months in the crop calendar with many crops growing vigorously.

Weeds and diseases similarly flour-

ish and these will need to be kept under check with an appropriate spray.

Winter wheat is now exhibiting stem elongation and a closed canopy that allows the crop to out compete any weeds.

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We need to help peo

Leading MSP welcomes new steps to help dairy industry

A NEW Scottish dairy brand will be launched later in the year to help the beleaguered dairy industry.

Rob Gibson MSP, convener of the Scottish parliament's rural affairs climate change and environment committee, said on Tuesday: 'We need to help people buy Scottish - we must develop the export market, of course, but we must also challenge patterns of sales right here in Scotland.'

'There are great opportunities to develop and brand added value premium Scottish products - butter, cheese, yoghurt, cream - and to innovate new products such as bio drinks, puddings, and children's snack products.'

'We also need to look at the way we label products. If they are to be labelled as Scottish

then that must mean that they are made from Scottish milk....

'... why do many Scottish consumers choose not to buy Scottish yoghurts and creams? Because they are either not being produced or not being pushed hard enough in our shops....

'... We must not forget the infrastructure needs here, not only to maintain what we have but to develop new facilities if we need them.'

Last month the RACCE committee held a short sharp inquiry into the developing crisis in the Scottish dairy industry, sparked by the announcement by First Milk it was to delay payments to its farmers.

Mr Gibson said: 'We heard from a wide range of people, including dairy farmers in some of our more fragile communities, processors, in-

Archie Millar receives award at AGM

THE AGM for the Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club was held on March 16 in the Argyll Arms Hotel in Campbeltown when chairman Thomas Cameron jnr welcomed 24 members and friends.

He opened the meeting by giving a detailed report of the club's activities over the past year, the highlight possibly being a trip to Northern Ireland on Kintyre Express to view three herds, this being enjoyed thoroughly by all participating.

Thomas then introduced the speaker for the evening, Willie Whiteford, president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society, who farms with his family at Middle Farm, Cumbria.

Firstly, Mr Whiteford presented the premier breeder of the year award, a trophy given by the late Hamish Smith who was a stalwart supporter of the club and the Ayrshire breed. This is for the most points gained in club competitions over the year and was won by Archie Millar of Balygreggan.

Willie went on to discuss the workings and activities of the society and instigated a discussion on the dairy industry.

The formal meeting was concluded by a vote of thanks given by the vice-chairman, Malcolm Ronald, following which a light supper and informal chat was enjoyed by all present.

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'I am delighted the committee's views being taken into account in the Scottish government's Dairy Action Plan.

'It was unfortunate that there was initial reluctance by some of Scotland's biggest supermarkets to appear before us, but I am pleased that in the end all nine main retailers in the country gave very valuable evidence to us.

'It was apparent to us very quickly that there were some very serious challenges facing the dairy sector in Scotland and that urgent action is required if we are going to address these challenges....Many people who spoke to us felt that there were reasons to believe that the medium to long term outlook was positive.'

Mr Gibson said lessons had to be learned from First Milk's decision making and management which had been criticised, and steps had to be taken to protect the likes of the Gigha farmer who has to pour away milk if it cannot be taken to the mainland in time for collection due to bad weather or other circumstances.

He told how eight points made by the RACE committee had been taken up by the dairy plan: investment in infrastructure; measures to keep producers in the market; dedicated in-market export resources and a marketing push on all products; improvement in the quality of management at First Milk; exploration of the potential for partnership agreements with local authorities and agencies; examination of the pension legacy liabilities from the previous milk marketing board; consideration of the size of First Milk and opportunities to work with others; and initiating research and development for new products in Scotland to stimulate innovation.

Mr Gibson said: 'We must improve transparency on pricing. The public has a right to know what producers are being paid. £1 for four pints of milk in many supermarkets is an attractive proposition for consumers, but where does that leave those producing the product?'

He also pointed out that the committee was appalled at the list of abhorrent supermarket practices that the UK Groceries Code Adjudicator described.



Rob Gibson MSP, convener of the Scottish parliament's rural affairs climate change and environment committee.

Market reports

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 328 store cattle at its annual spring show and sale of native breeds on Monday which for the third year running was kindly supported and sponsored by Wm Morrison Supermarket. The judge on the day was Malcolm Kidd, Yewtree, Cheshire.

An excellent ringside of both selling and buying clients resulted in record averages being recorded in most breeds with Aberdeen Angus taking the largest rise on the year of 38p per kg, whitebred shorthorns at 35p per kg, beef shorthorns 18p per kg, Highlands 10p per kg, Luings 3p per kg.

Buyers forward came from many parts of Scotland and as far away as Cheshire and North Yorkshire which resulted in all classes being scarce of requirements.

Overall champion went to H Dunlop, Holehouse, Cumnock with an Aberdeen Angus heifer which sold for £1,110 to G McFadzean, Woodhead of Mailer, Perth.

Reserve champion, an Aberdeen Angus bull-ock again from H Dunlop, made £1,150 to R S Ferguson, East Camps, Dunfermline.

68 beef shorthorn bullocks sold averaged 241p per kg (+18p per kg on the year) to 249p per kg from Argyll and Lochaber, Kennacraig, Tarbert and to £1,010 from Mrs H Strathmore, Glengarnock.

72 Aberdeen Angus bullocks sold averaged 268p per kg (+38p per kg on the year) to 295p per kg from N Bowser, Argaty, Doune and to

£1,190 from Mrs J McCormack, Muirton, Kirkcaldy.

44 Luing bullocks averaged 227p per kg (+3p per kg on the year) to 243p per kg from J Barr & Sons, Braidland, Stewarton and to £1,120 from R McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale.

15 Highland bullocks averaged 176p per kg (+10p per kg on the year) to 206p per kg from Mrs H Kirkpatrick, Strathmore, Glengarnock which was closely followed at 200p per kg from RSPB, Arradh, Isle of Islay and to £915 from Strathmore.

19 whitebred shorthorn bullocks average 269p per kg (+35p per kg on the year) to 281p per kg from G Bannerman, Old Manse, Balmaha and to £645 again from Old Manse.

Belted Galloways sold 194p per kg from H & N Sloan, Burnfoot, Oxton and to £930 from the same home.

12 beef shorthorn heifers averaged 219p per kg (+31p per kg on the year) to 227p per kg from J Wood, Brewsterwells, St Andrews and to £890 from W L Chambers, North Moorhouse, Newton Mearns.

35 Aberdeen Angus heifers averaged 218p (+6p per kg on the year) to 264p per kg from H Dunlop, Holehouse, Cumnock and to £1,110 again from Holehouse.

21 other bullocks averaged 232p per kg selling to 243p per kg from Sim Luings from Braidlands, Stewarton and to £810 from the same home.

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Campaign will promote Kintyre cheese

NFU Scotland will launching its 'Kintyre Cheese? Yes Please' campaign next week to encourage members of the public to buy Mull of Kintyre Cheddar and support dairy farmers within the area.

Allan Bowie, the NFUS president, will be visiting Campbeltown to take part in the campaign alongside local dairy farmers and NFUS staff in an effort to increase the amount of local cheese bought by consumers.

As part of the campaign, promotional bumper and car stickers, and roadside banners have been produced promoting the phrase:

'Kintyre Cheese, Yes Please!' with free samples to be given out at the Co-Operative Food Campbeltown store from 11am to 2pm on Tuesday, April 7.

As well as Campbeltown Creamery and the town's two supermarkets now stocking Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, other smaller outlets in and around Campbeltown are also stocking it.

The campaign, created by the local Kintyre branch of NFUS, has been prompted by the dramatic plunge in the price paid for farmers for their milk.

Mr Bowie said: 'This campaign

demonstrates the passion that local farmers have for the food that they produce. This is a premium product, which locals are extremely lucky to have on their doorstep.

'All farmers have a fantastic story to tell and this is demonstrated by the relationship that farmers in Kintyre have with Mull of Kintyre Cheddar.

'But we need to take this into the wider market too. In the Year of Scotland Food and Drink it is a pertinent reminder of the high-quality produce that is on offer locally.

'The buck doesn't stop with



promoting the cheese locally however, we need to push for further marketing both nationally and internationally and we look forward to hearing from First Milk, which runs Campbeltown Creamery where the cheese is produced, about how this will be achieved.

'From field to fork everything that is grown on farms across the country tells a story of hard work, passion and flavour. This campaign shows that farmers want to get their story across, and the increase in local demand for Mull of Kintyre which has been generated

by this campaign tells us that consumers want to buy fantastic locally-produced food.'

John Smith of Drumalea Farm, by Campbeltown, said: 'Having Mull of Kintyre Cheddar available locally once again is fantastic.

'Providing the option for consumers of buying local cheese is a very positive step, and we thank all those who have been instrumental in making this happen.'

Last week, the Courier reported on how Campbeltown shoppers were delighted to see the cheese back on sale in their Co-op and Tesco stores.

Third place for Kintyre sheepdog team

A TEAM from Kintyre and Arran recently took part in the Scottish inter-district nursery sheepdog finals, held at Daljarrock Holme in Pinmore, South Ayrshire.

Among the team of five dogs and their handlers were Kintyre

men John Casey, with dogs Ben and Kyle, and Mike McInally, with his dog Jock.

Overall Arran and Kintyre finished third with 346 pts behind winners Lanark, Lothian and Peeblesshire with 364 pts and

Wigtownshire with 348 pts.

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The Arran and Kintyre team who took part in the Scottish inter-district nursery finals.

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15/00753/PP	Installation of telecommunications cabinet (1300mm x 450mm x 800mm)	Land Outside Lochview Kilkerran Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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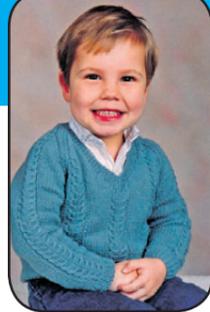
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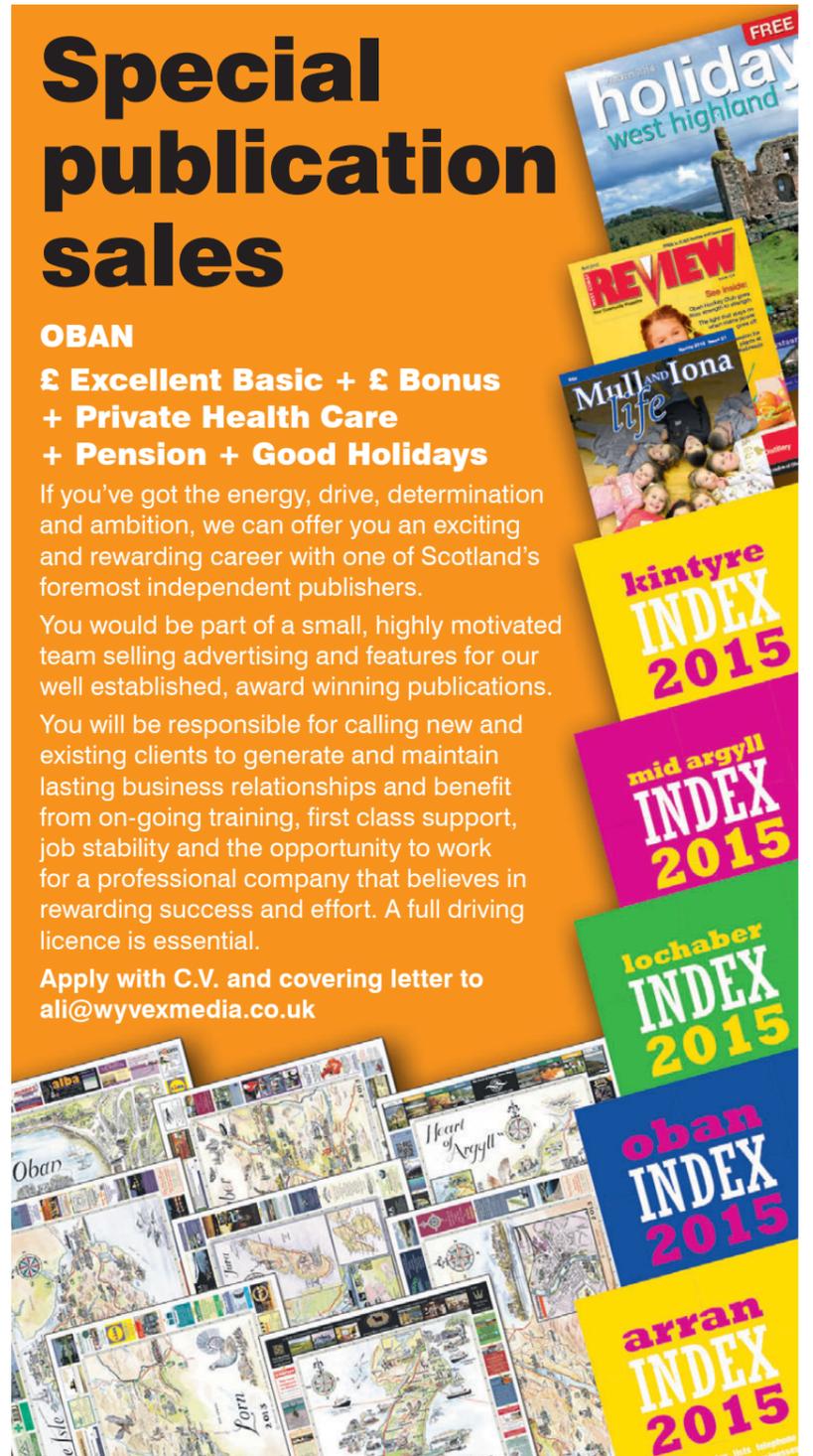
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to everyone who looked out for him during his recent 5 day adventure around Mid Argyll. Angus arrived home on Saturday night, soggy and hungry but otherwise fine! Thanks again to everyone.

Thank You

Sandra and Charlie Campbell would like to thank friends and relatives for the lovely cards and gifts received on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Happy 18th Birthday Jodie



Love you lots Jamie, Jack and Dad

THANK YOU ALL

I have been deeply touched by the cards, phone calls, flowers, hampers and gifts received since my hospitalisation and on returning home. On behalf of Eleanor, Donald, Caitlin and myself, our sincere thanks for all your kindness, generosity and support shown during this time.

Iain MacPherson

HAMISH TAYLOR

Would like to thank family and friends for letters, cards and phone calls while in hospital.

It is very much appreciated.

Thank you all.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



TODAY is Good Friday and is the day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a dark day. It is also known as Holy Friday, Easter Friday and Black Friday. On talking about this to the children, the question arose as why it should be called 'Good Friday' when such a dreadful thing happened.

Children usually get to the core of the matter and ask the deepest questions. The consensus was that it should be called 'Bad Friday'.

This is not an unreasonable suggestion for it was surely a dark day.

In German it is known as 'Sorrowful Friday' and this may seem more appropriate.

Whatever name we give to this Friday, it remains at the heart of the Christian faith.

It is thought that the name 'Black Friday' came about because the scriptures tell us that 'darkness came over the whole land'.

Darkness came over the land because the light of the world had gone out. The one who was life and light and hope, hung dying on a cross. It was dark indeed. Hopeless, even.

There is a famous saying which advises, 'Light a candle and don't curse the darkness'.

On Good Friday it was very dark.

Who will light a candle?

They took Jesus from the cross and laid him in the darkness of a tomb.

Who will light a candle?

There was darkness over the face of the earth. Total darkness – and silence.

The world stood still and waited.

Who will light a candle?

And morning came and evening came, the third day - and it brought forth life.

The darkness rolled away and the silence was broken by birdsong and whispers.

Silence was silenced and creation shouted with joy for someone brought the light back.

And on Sunday the whole church universal will shout aloud, 'The Lord is Risen, he is risen indeed!'

Inveraray kids on the run

CHILDREN took part in the last Kids on the Run session before the Easter break.

The budding athletes and three adult leaders warmed up on Wednesday's chilly winter evening with some 'peeling', which pairs runners.

Youngsters tackled a fast obstacle course designed to get their arms working in order to balance and coordinate their bodies.

Jogscotland Leader Fiona Corner said: 'The hopping was fantastic, as was the jumping. There were hurdles and ladder drills, to challenge their legs.'

'We finished with a country trail run and everyone tackled the incline very cheerfully.'

The group covered an average of two miles each and Fiona said that they all worked hard to support each other through the challenge.

Fiona said: 'It was extremely difficult to chose the star runners.'

'Rowan King was one star runner for some amazing two-footed jumping and Tilly Cunningham was chosen for lovely pacing during the long run, listening to advice during the obsta-



Some of the children who take part in Inveraray's running group.

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cle course and acting on it.

'Thanks to all the young runners over the last week and to all the helpers who have come along to support the group.'

Spring cake and a cuppa tea

A DAFFODIL tea and coffee afternoon will be held in the Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church Hall on Saturday, April 11 from 2pm until 4pm.

People will be able to buy the significant flower and home baking at the social event.

It is raising funds for Inveraray Parish Church.

INVERARAY

The ranger-led walks will take place from 6pm Tuesday, April 7 and 14, and again on Thursday, April 2 and 16 from Burnlasgan car park.

People will learn about the animals' habitat and will come away equipped with sign and spotting tips.

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Manager for multi-million pound spa

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Mr McCafferty who, until his move, was spa manager at MacDonal Crutherland House Hotel in East Kilbride, has worked at some of Scotland's best known health clubs including Carrick Spa and Cameron House.

Portavadie's general manager Iain Jurgensen said: 'As well as his background in leisure management, Stephen has experience of marina management, through his time with Cameron House.'

DALAVICH

Mid Argyll and Kintyre Ramblers

MID Argyll and Kintyre Ramblers (MAK Ramblers) will lace up their boots for two walks in April.

The first walk is a nine-mile grade C trek from Dalavich along the shore of Loch Awe and back to Loch Avich by inland route on Saturday, April 11.

Leaders Allan and Evie Hamilton will meet walkers at 9.30am in Lochgilphead. For more information contact the

pair on 01546 602224.

On Saturday, April 25 a four-mile trek will take place from Beinn Lora to Deirdre's hill.

Leaders George and Elizabeth Mitchell will meet walkers at 9.30am in Lochgilphead. For more detail call them on 01499 500684.

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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



ANDERSON

Alan and Holly are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Quinn Fiona, on March 12, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A lovely wee sister for Ruben.

DEATHS

CONVERY - Suddenly at her home, MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, on March 18, 2015, Ann Convery, née Whale, in her 80th year, beloved wife of the late Danny, much loved and loving mother of Paul, Graham, Gavin and Gillian, adored nana and great nana and a much respected mother-in-law. Dear sister of Margaret and Barbara. A good neighbour, work colleague and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Sadly missed.

CRAIG - Very peacefully at home, Tighnamara, High Askomil, Campbeltown, surrounded by his family, on March 28, 2015, William Gold Craig, in his 75th year, much loved husband of Jennifer McLchere, loving dad of Ian, Caroline, Colin and John and a much loved grandad. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Palliative Care, Kintyre Locality and the Beatson Cancer Charity.

GILMOUR - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after an illness borne with bravery and courage, on March 25, 2015, Sheena M Gilmour, née Cameron, in her 80th year, of 8 Dochas Place, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Iain Gilmour, much loved and loving mother of Angus, Lesley, Colin and the late John and adored nana to her seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dear sister of Anne and the late Ewen. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Forever in our hearts, simply the best.

GOULD - Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on March 22, 2015, Florence Audrey Gould, in her 96th year, 38 Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, dearly beloved mother of Jane, Peter and Philip and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. A cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACCALLUM - Norman. Ethel and Duncan wish to express grateful thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the wonderful support in their recent sad bereavement and for the lovely cards, floral tributes, baking and food handed in. Special thanks to their niece, Carol, for her sustaining support, to Rev Dr MacLeod for visits and spiritual guidance and for a comforting service at church and graveside, to Charles Walker for the beautiful music, to Stan Lupton for his sensitive and efficient handling of the arrangements, to the George Hotel for a lovely meal and warm welcome, and to all who came to be with us. Your love surrounded us and was a huge comfort to all the family. Moran taing.

MACKINNON - The family of the late Hector MacKinnon would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and ex colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received on their recent sad loss. Thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace for his support and touching service, to David McEwan for his friendship and inspirational choice of music, to John McGeachy for his appropriate send off on the pipes, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair, funeral directors, for their professional service and to the Ardshiel Hotel for hospitality. Special thanks to the staff of the Stroke Unit, Southern General Hospital, the district nurses and the wonderful girls of Carr Gomm for their care of Hector in his last few months at home, and to caring neighbours, Alex Gilchrist, Colin Duncan, the Martin family and Jeanette Maloney and family for care shown to Hector at home. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and donated generously to the retiral collection towards the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and Cancer Research.

MACVICAR - Robbie and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their messages of support by way of cards, calls, visits and flowers received following the sad loss of their much loved wife, mum and nana. Sincere thanks to the doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward and the Royal Alexandra Hospital for the exceptional care and attention given

to Peggy. Heartfelt thanks to community staff for the dignified and compassionate care she received. Thanks to Roddy MacDonald and colleagues for the exemplary professional service provided, to Rev David Carruthers for his service which was a fitting tribute to Peggy, and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Thanks to John MacLeod for a moving rendition on the bagpipes and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and so generously donated £540 to Parkinson's Scotland and Glenaray Ward.

REID - Ann and Gordon would like to express grateful appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support following the loss of their dearly loved mum, Molly. Beautiful flowers, cards, letters, calls, gifts and visits provided great comfort and solace. Profound gratitude to Dr Adrian Ward and to the home care ladies and district nurses who looked after Mum so well, especially Laurene and Ann R; and to Ann M and Christine for their strength and support at the end. A very special thanks to all the ladies who helped make communication possible between Los Altos Hills and Braeside in latter days and to Jackie G for sending one very important message at just the right time. Heartfelt thanks to Roddy and Fiona at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their kindness, support and highly professional handling of arrangements; to Rev Roddy MacLeod for his comforting and compassionate service and to Flowers by Morna for truly beautiful floral arrangements. A special personal thanks to Char for her abiding friendship and unfailing support. To all the wonderful friends who came to celebrate Molly's life at the open house, thank you for the heart-warming gift of your presence.

IN MEMORIAMs

GLEN - Patricia (Ellis). In loving memory of my sister, died April 5, 2002. Not just today, Always.

- Davie and Catherine xx. Miss you. - Karen x.

HARDIE - Treasured memories of a loving husband and dad, Davie, who passed away on April 2, 2013.

No matter how we spend our days
No matter what we do
No morning dawns or evening falls
When we don't think of you.

Forever in our hearts.
- Anne, Lisa and Jamie.

HARDIE - Treasured memories of our dear son-in-law, David, died April 2, 2013. Loved and remembered always.
- Ellen and George.

HOULDSWORTH - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and papa, Peter, died April 5, 2005.

Though his smile is gone forever
And his hand I cannot touch
I still have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much.
- Eleanor.
A beautiful memory, dearer than gold
Of a dad whose worth can never be told
There's a place in our heart no one can fill
We miss you, Dad, and always will.
- Amanda and Linda.
Your smile has gone forever
And your hand we cannot touch
We have so many memories
Of a papa we loved so much.
- Ashley and Lewis.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of my dearest husband, Ian, died April 8, 2013. I loved 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 on April 8, 1982, also a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died on December 18, 1999. Forever in our hearts.
- From all the family.

SMITH - In loving memory of my son-in-law, Iain, who died suddenly on April 5, 2011, a kind and loving brother-in-law and uncle.
Our memories of you are like leaves of gold
They never tarnish or grow old
Quietly today your memory we treasure
Loving you always, forgetting you never.
- Cathy and family, Tarbert, Glasgow, Mull.

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 5th April
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor at 11.15am in the Highland Church
Thank you to everyone who made our Spring Tea a great success.
Everyone very welcome


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Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays
11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
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Father Simon Mackenzie
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ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm
Fr. David Connor 01546 602380
All Welcome (SC002876)

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Easter Sunday 5th April 2015
11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche
Mr Ian Clark
Scottish Bible Society
Songs of Praise for Easter Sunday 7.30pm Episcopal Church
No toddler group this week
Thursday 9th April
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SCO14646

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046
Good Friday, 3rd April
Prayer & Praise Meeting 3.00pm
Easter Sunday, 5th April
Family Breakfast 9.00am
Family Worship 10.30am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11.30am
Evening Worship 6.30pm
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Sunday 5th April
11.15am All Age Service
Creche, Next Generation
Triple C Egg Decorating Competition
Rev P Wallace
Thursday 9th April
Choir 7.30pm

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 5th April 2015 - all welcome!
EASTER SERVICES Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am (with Communion)
Short service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm (with Communion)
Joint Services Good Friday 3rd April
in Cumlodden Church at 7 pm

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
EASTER SERVICES Good Friday Tarbert Church 6.30pm
Easter Sunday Services
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Kilberry Church 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Guild meets Monday 6th April
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome SC002622

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10.00am Easter Egg rolling at Kilmory
Followed by coffee and croissants
Easter Family Celebrations 11.00am
Saturday 4th April
mainly families
Monday 9th
2.30pm
Ladies Meeting
Dr Alison Hay
NO mainly music
NO Jumpstart
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 5 April 2015
11.00am
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Speaker: Graham McLean "He is Risen!"
Thursday 9 April 2015
10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

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Bellanoch Church 7 pm
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Sunday 5 April
Kilmory Chapel 8.30 am
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Inverlussa Church 10 am
Easter Celebration
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Good Friday, 3rd April
Devotional Service 10.30am
Easter Day, Sunday 5th April
Holy Communion 10.45am
Songs of Praise 7.30pm
All Welcome
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Good Friday
3rd April, 7.00 pm
Communion Service
Easter Sunday
5th April, 11.00 am
Family Service
followed by refreshments
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
baptist union of scotland
We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
SC043322

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 5th April
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
2.30pm Café Church
with a showing of the new Billy Graham film
The Cross at 3pm
Wednesday 8th April
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

Hearts will make a return to Oban tournament

HEART of Midlothian FC, newly promoted to the Scottish Premier League, will make a welcome return to the annual D & K Lafferty Tournament to be held in Oban on Saturday July 11.

Oban Saints club secretary David Buchanan, who organises the tournament, said: 'I received a phone call from Hearts Director of Football Craig Levein last week asking if we had a space for them to return to the competition after an absence of three years and I was delighted to tell him we had.'

Hearts will be taking a first team squad of 24 players and 10 staff to the tournament and are looking forward to competing in Oban again.

David said: 'Craig is no stranger to Oban and has backed our tournament for a number of years, taking the Dundee United first team squad on three occasions when he was the manager at Tannadice, so we are delighted that he has decided to come back again, this time with Hearts.'

'This means we have three SPL teams as well as Hearts taking part - Dundee United, St Johnstone and Hamilton Accies along with Scottish First Division Alloa Athletic.'

'Hamilton Accies and Alloa will also be taking their first team squads to Oban.'

On your marks for Tarbert 10k

GET ON your marks today (Friday) as Tarbert 10km entry will open at 9am.

Organisers have also announced a 10m sprint for children aged two to 10 years old. The 'Dookers Dash' will take place on the Friday, ahead of the 10k on Saturday, August 15.

To enter go to <https://www.q-buster.co.uk>.

Registrations for the 10km will be on Friday evening and on Saturday morning.

Bunnies are on the run in Inveraray

HEAVY rain failed to dampen the spirits of athletes running a road event last Saturday morning.

Twenty three rather damp Easter bunnies completed personal challenges ranging from 5km to 20km along a forest and loch side route in Kenmore, near Inveraray.

Members of three different jogscotland groups, Ormsary, Inveraray and Mid Argyll, plus guest runner Edna Ferguson from Arrochar, chose their own distance from 5km, 10km, 15km or 20 km.

Runners had staggered starts from Claonairigh House, the Bridge of Douglas home of organiser Fiona Corner.

The weather was wild and wet but each group supported and encouraged each other to make their intended distance.

The runners ran along the Inveraray to Furnace road, turning at a pre-marked spot depending on their own goals.

Several people completed a distance further than they had run before and one runner said that the winter training in the Royal Burgh group had helped her feel ready and confident to complete her first 10km.

Not content with the distances set, one Inveraray athlete, Penny Hawdon, cycled to the event start and another, Paul Honey, added an extra four miles by running there.



Some of the competitors wearing their Easter hats, back row, from left: Celene MacIntyre, Florence Aura, Freya Corner, Paul Honey, Nichola Hendry and Jacky Preece. Middle row: Valery Munro, Mags Breeze, Dinah Bosomworth. Front row: Fiona Corner, Jillian McCreery, Beks Barker, Edna Ferguson, Kim Cogan and Freddie the dog.

Gail Cook took on an extra challenge to raise money for Yorkhill Hospital as she gathered

sponsorship for her first 10km run.

The camaraderie and support was fantastic

and continued during a soup and cake fest at Claonairigh, which was richly deserved.



15 km runners at the start: Biddy Simpson, Celene MacIntyre, Freya Corner, Florence Aura, Nichola Hendry and Valery Munro.



20 km runners ready to go, from left: Edna Ferguson, Jacky Preece, Penny Hawdon, Garret Corner and Paul Honey.



10km crew ready to go: Gail Cook, Fiona Corner, Jillian McCreery, Mags Breeze, Beks Barker, Kim Cogan and Dinah Bosomworth.



5 km runners: Laura Clark, Robert Scott, Dorothy Clark and Bron Alt.

South shinty decimated by the weather

TORRENTIAL rain overnight on Friday caused the cancellation of all Argyll and Bute shinty games last Saturday.

Last weekend's cup games move to this weekend. In the Celtic Cup Lochgilphead's Kilmory 1sts will have a tough battle with Oban Celtic.

They are still missing star

player Euan Carmichael who was given a two-match ban at the end of last season.

In addition the very experienced Duncan MacBrayne is likely to be out of the team all season due to a recent knee operation.

However they do have two young players coming through,

including S1 pupils Connor and Jordan.

Club spokesman Alister MacArthur said: 'They are both 12, very keen and have been training with us, so we are taking them along to some games to give them more experience.'

Throw up at Mossfield, Oban

is at 2.30pm In the same competition Strachur take on Ballachulish at Strachurmore.

In the Premiership Inveraray are away to Fort William, throw up at 2.30pm.

In South Division One Inveraray are at home to Lochside Rovers, throw up at Winterton Park at 2.30pm.

Triathlon and cycle club members get back in action

MID ARGYLL Triathlon and Cycle club members got back to business when taking part in the The Stirling Tri club duathlon last weekend.

Eight club members were raring to go for Sunday's event, which generally marks the start of the multisport racing season.

There was strong competition and a challenging course at the national event. The team faced a testing run - multiple times up the hill of pain - and a bike course in cold, wet and breezy weather conditions.

Rona Young came away with the top result of the day. After competing in the sprint race, she came second in the super veteran category.

Recently turning her focus to cycling, it seemed her efforts had paid off, with a really strong bike leg to catch and hold off fellow competitors on the run.

The remaining seven club members took on the championship distance. Carol Lawson (3:12), Melanie Chmielewska (3:18) in the super veteran category, Iain McNicol (2:50) in the veteran category and Colin Macfarlane (2:30) in the senior category.

Stephen Whiston (2:21), John Anderson (2:32) in the super veteran category and Rebecca Helliwell (2:57) in the veteran category all improved on previous performances across the disciplines.

Try a new sport

SPORT fanatics or those who just want to try something new could have a bash at tennis or bowling next week.

Ardrishaig tennis and bowling club is hosting an open green day at its grounds on the village's Glenburn Road on Saturday, April 11.

People are being encouraged by members to attend and try out the bowling green or pick up a racket for a game of tennis.

Keen players should be at the club at 2pm for a 2.30pm start.

Excellent away win for Star

South Camlachie	0
Lochgilhead Red Star	4
SAFL Premier Division 2	

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star travelled to Glasgow's East End looking for their first away win this season and were well rewarded.

With 25 minutes gone, Red Star took the lead, the first goal came from a well worked routine that Meikle and Docherty engineered in the car up to the game.

Docherty tapped it to Meikle who quickly laid the ball back to the forward whose shot deflected off an outstretched foot in the wall and into the bottom corner past the goalkeeper for 1-0.

Unfortunately for Meikle this was one of his last acts as he had to leave the field injured and his place was taken by MacIntyre.

Camlachie created a couple of openings but on both occasions the bar came to the rescue of the visitors and they

went in at half time with a narrow lead intact.

Star switched to a 3-5-2 formation in a bid to press higher up the pitch and almost instantly the move paid off.

Docherty was released in the box after a lofted pass by Moore and as he was bearing down on goal the Camlachie defender brought him down, leaving the referee no option but to award a spot kick and send off the unfortunate defender.

Fine effort

Up stepped Crawford who found the top right hand corner with a fine effort to make it 2-0.

The hosts were up against it now but were awarded a penalty of their own when Hendry got the wrong side of his opponent and bundled over the Camlachie winger.

The forward who took the penalty saw his ef-

fort denied by an outstanding save from Kalache, who was outstretched and was able to keep the ball out and away from goal, much to the relief of his team mates.

Star added to their tally from the spot as Docherty was once again brought down, this time by the goalkeeper and it was the same result: penalty to Star and a red card.

Penalty

Crawford took the penalty and although his initial effort was saved by the stand in keeper, Docherty was on hand to squeeze in the rebound from a tight angle to make it 3-0.

With a couple of minutes remaining Star sealed an excellent performance as Weir rounded off the scoring to make the final score 4-0.

Red Star have no game tomorrow but will be back in action on Saturday, April 11 when they play host to Centre AFC.

Dookers' thrilling three

DOOKERS dashed Milton of Colquoun's hopes and picked up the three points which separated the two sides at before kick off.

The game began brightly with the away side pressing forward and taking the game to Tarbert.

However, with only a few minutes on the clock, Tarbert opened the scoring after a long throw into the box was headed into the far corner by the goal machine Prentice. This was just what Tarbert needed entering the stage of the season where every point is crucial in their promotion push.

Barely a few minutes passed and the away side made it 1-1. A soft free kick was given away 25 yards out and the Milton player made no mistake, curling home past John Martin who was helpless in the home goal.

Much of the rest of the first half was played with Tarbert on the front foot and there was a tale of two penalty claims to come.

The first was a bla-



Nikki McDougall, No15, scoring the 3rd goal.
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Tarbert	3
Milton of Colquoun	1
SAFL Division 1B	

tant foul on Lewis MacNaughton that the referee deemed fair but left the winger in agony and sidelined for the rest of the season.

The second, however, was given after Johnson burst into the box and was scythed down by the centre half. Up stepped MacDougall for 2-1.

A pulsating half continued and when Johnson was fouled 25 yards out. Prentice forced the keeper into a fumble from the resulting free kick, allowing MacDougall to notch

his second from the rebound. Half time 3-1.

During the second half constant Milton possession did not really trouble Martin in the Tarbert goal, the defence proving a tough nut to crack.

From all the pressure, the away side only really mustered two real chances of note, one superbly saved by the Tarbert keeper and the other scrambled to safety.

Tomorrow (April 4) Tarbert are at home against Rossvale with kick off at 2pm.

Dunaverty golf tournament

DUNAVERTY Golf club's Am-Am 2015 will be played this year on Saturday, April 11.

Teams of four are invited to enter the better ball score open competition. There are some good prizes on offer including spot competitions.

Handicap maximum will be 18 for gents and 26 for ladies.

Contact details for the club can be found at: www.dunavertygolfclub.com or call 01586 830677.

Lottery numbers

KILMORY Camanachd Club lottery numbers drawn this week were 9, 12 and 17.

S. Mehaffey won the £700 jackpot. The jackpot for next week will be £100.

The numbers drawn in this week's Inveraray Shinty Lottery were 8, 10 and 20. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £300.

Tarbert football club winning lottery numbers this week were 15, 18 and 19. There were no winners making the jackpot £300 for next draw on the April 13.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3250

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
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Westbank Road
Ardishaig
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by Lochgilhead

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Rally racers rip through Welsh forest

A KILMORY shinty player put the pedal to the metal in a bid for motorsport glory last weekend.

While Sebastian Vettel was winning for Ferrari, Lochgilphead driver Alister MacArthur, 28 and Tarbert navigator Chris Robertson, 29, were rallying a two-litre Talbot Sunbeam that had taken two years to build.

Alister said: 'We are using a Vauxhall engine designed to power a front wheel drive car. The Sunbeam is rear wheel drive so the engine had to be turned longitudinally to turn the drive shaft to the rear axle.'

Genious

'Chris is the engineer and is a genius with his hands. We had to fabricate the parts to connect the engine.'

The team headed south on Friday to compete in Rally North Wales in the quiet mountainous village of Dolgellau.

Alister said: 'We towed the car down behind a van and took my dad as mechanic.'

It is a far cry from the

set-up of Ex-Scottish and British champion David Bogie who won this weekend's event. He had a single-deck coach and a £250,000 specially built modern Ford Fiesta R5.

The Mid Argyll team was invited to take part by Duncan and Janice Ferguson from Dalmellington, Ayrshire, who both have a long time connection to MacArthur's Kilmory Farm and race an historic specification Ford Escort MK2.

Impressed

Both cars impressed the locals and the travelling support who spent a lot of time with the crews.

Saturday morning was wet and windy but this did not put off any spectators as the field was full of top name British drivers - Osian Pryce, David Bogie and Elfyn Evans.

Alister and Chris got off to a good start in the first three stages before service and had climbed from a starting position of 81st to sit at 31st going into service.



Alister and Chris' Sunbeam on the start line.

Servicing time allowed was one hour and gave

the service crews a good chance to set-up the cars

for the afternoon's three stages. These were more

difficult as the morning run had cut up the courses badly and it was hard to keep a good racing line, along with the added problem of fog in the high altitude of the mountain course.

The results were slow in coming through but on Sunday morning the confirmed result for Alister and Chris was 28th overall and fifth in class.

This was an excellent result from a line up of

123 cars, after the team had not raced in the woods for 18 months.

It has set them up well for the next Scottish Championship event in Aberdeen, the Granite City Rally on Saturday May 2.

Sponsors who helped with the team's costs include: Noremac, A and D Watt, Top 'O' The Rest snack bar and John and Allan at McDowall Motors, Kilmarnock.



The Sunbeam in forest action Photos: James Hatfield Motorsport Photography.

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