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'Lazy' Lochgilphead parkers are putting pedestrians at risk

By COLIN CAMERON
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SELFISH drivers in Lochgilphead are causing real problems for people with mobility problems – and may be placing them in danger.

Lochgilphead residents Stef Cairney and his partner Mandy Glencross say drivers are using a public footpath to park while 'nipping into' the town's Co-op supermarket on Bishopton Road.

Mandy, who has re-

stricted mobility and uses a walking frame, has particular difficulty negotiating parked vehicles in the vicinity of Argyll Tyres, opposite the Co-op.

Stef, 51, told the *Advertiser*: 'I've been here 23 years and it's always been happening. There is no need to park there – it's just lazy and selfish.'

The problem, according to Stef and Mandy, gets worse after the tyre garage closes for the evening – but that does not stop some cheeky motorists using the pavement and forecourt to park during working hours, causing an occasional thorn in the side of the garage operators.

Older people, the less able and people pushing prams are affected when they are forced



Mandy with her four-year-old grandson Aidan at the site where they are sometimes forced to leave the pavement by inconsiderate drivers. 06_a13badparking01

onto the rough concrete forecourt or the main A816 Bishopton Road to pass parked vehicles.

Dangerous

Mandy said: 'Cars also fly round the corner at the roundabout, and it can be dangerous. I shouldn't have to be on the road when there's a perfectly

good pavement. We often look after our four-year-old grandson and on many occasions he has been forced on to the road to get past cars and vans while he's been out with me.'

Mandy, aged 45, is a former cook – describing herself as 'a whirlwind' at work.

ade ago she became increasingly debilitated through a rare spinal condition linked to zinc poisoning.

She describes her symptoms as being similar to MS, with seriously reduced mobility.

Stef concluded: 'What I can't understand is why people

can't just go into the new Co-op car park.'

A Co-op spokesperson said: 'The store has its own dedicated car park which our customers are able to use free of charge. We would ask any customers choosing to park elsewhere to be considerate of the needs of others.'

The police view was offered by Lochgilphead-based Sergeant Martin Balkeen, who said: 'If vehicles are parking on the footpath or roadway and causing an obstruction, then the police would deal with it as such.'

'I would say that the obstruction has to be demonstrably or potentially causing a problem for road or footpath users.'

'We would encourage all road users to be considerate and thoughtful when using the road and parking.'

INSIDE YOUR ADVERTISER THIS WEEK

Special meeting on education

THE COUNCIL, accused of shirking responsibility over an education report, has arranged a special meeting.

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Anger over damp house

A PENSIONER has voiced anger at a housing association over damp in her house which has resulted in her sleeping on her sofa.

Full story, page 4.

Anniversary exhibit

AUCHINDRAIN Museum is hosting an exhibition of work to mark the anniversary of the Artmap Open Studios event.

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Bikers hit the road

LOCAL motorbike enthusiasts are saddling up for the annual Easter Egg Run in aid of a Glasgow children's hospital.

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One of many photos Stef has taken of 'lazy' parking.

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Candidates announced for council elections

WE NOW know who will be standing for election to Argyll and Bute Council next month.

Within Mid Argyll, seven candidates will be fighting it out for three council vacancies, while Kintyre and the Islands ward sees six candidates vying for the same number of seats in the Kilmory chamber.

No vote will take place in South Kintyre ward as the number of candidates (three) equals the number of available seats as a councillor.

There are 11 local authority wards, or electoral districts, spread throughout Argyll and Bute, with 36 councillors to be elected in total. The three South Kintyre vacancies having effectively been filled, that leaves 33 councillor spots available.

By the deadline for nominations, at 4pm

on Wednesday March 29, a total of 74 candidates had thrown their hat in the ring to stand for election for these 33 roles.

With the Argyll and Bute local election due to be held on May 4, we can expect a month of fevered campaigning as candidates jostle for your vote.

Candidate list
Mid Argyll: Jane Kelly (Scottish Labour Party), Donnie MacMillan (Ind), Jane McCurdie (Ind), Alec McNeilly (Scottish Conservatives), Elaine Morrison (Scottish Greens), Douglas Philand (Ind), Sandy Taylor (SNP)

Kintyre and the Islands: Robin Currie (Scottish LibDems), Anne Horne (SNP), Michael Kelly (Labour and Co-operative Party), John McAlpine (Ind), Alastair Redman (Scottish Conservatives), Ed Tyler (Scottish Greens).

Face of Argyll tourism to pedal into record books



Mark Beaumont visits Crinan during last summer's Wild About Argyll trip but now he's off round the globe. 06_a14beaumont01

Adventurer Mark embarks on punishing World Challenge

ADVENTURER and broadcaster Mark Beaumont has set himself the toughest challenge of his career to date.

Beaumont, the face of last year's Wild About Argyll tourism campaign, is set to embark on the punishing Artemis World Challenge which will see him attempt to cycle around the world in just 80 days, smashing the current record by 43 days.

This mammoth World Challenge cycle won't be Mark's first record-breaking endurance challenge but it will

undoubtedly be his most physically and mentally demanding.

In preparation for the 18,000-mile global trip, Mark is currently pedalling round the 3,500 miles of British coastline as a 'training ride'.

If you want to see Mark in action, he should be zooming through Argyll on Monday and Tuesday next week (April 10 and 11). Anyone interested in tracking Mark's progress around Britain and the world should visit www.artemisworldcycle.com.

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Police files

Abusive behaviour

POLICE received a report of a disturbance at a house in Glen Aray View, Inveraray, at about 10.35am on Tuesday March 28.

Police attended and a man aged 27 was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour and vandalism. The man was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Theft of heating oil

A QUANTITY of heating oil was stolen from a tank at a house on a farm in the Barbreck area between Monday March 6 and Sunday March 26. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any wit-

nesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Vehicle damaged

BETWEEN 12.30pm and 1.30pm on Thursday March 30, at the Co-op car park in Lochgilhead, a red Renault Clio car was damaged by being scraped on the driver's side by a vehicle which failed to stop. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Woman shouted at

A WOMAN was verbally abused and shouted at by a man who approached her at about 9.20am on Saturday April 1 on Argyll Street, Lochgilhead.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Speeding motorist

A MOTORIST was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit at about 10am on Sunday April 2 on the A83 near Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilhead. The driver, a 56-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

If you have witnessed or have any information on the above matters, please contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Forestry agency can't see wood for the sheep

SHEEP farmers in Loch Awe and Dalmally have been asked to come forward and claim stray sheep before they are 'disposed of'.

In a notice published in this edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser,

Forestry Commission Scotland invites flock managers to produce evidence of ownership after sheep were identified on forestry land at Eredine and Glen Orchy. The government agency warns: 'If the keeper remains

unidentified, the sheep will be considered lost or abandoned and disposed of by the Chief Constable in accordance with Part VI of the Civic Government (S) Act 1982.'

Anyone who believes the sheep might be-

long to them should contact assistant area land agent Raymond Mundie at Forest Enterprise Scotland, Whitegates, Lochgilhead, by email at raymond.mundie@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or by calling 03000 676673.

Under-pressure council holds education meeting

ARGYLL and Bute Council has been accused of avoiding responsibility over its 'weak' education service as a special council meeting was arranged to debate the issue.

The council will meet today (Friday) amid claims its leadership is failing to shoulder the blame for an inspection report from Education Scotland which graded aspects of the service 'weak'.

Local politicians

by NEILL BO FINLAYSON
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have raised concerns over the reaction of council leaders to the damning education report since its publication in March.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'There is a significant and growing body of opinion that deeply regrets the inability of the council to accept the verdict of Education Scotland, knuckle down to pro-

ducing and implementing an urgent, well-resourced and carefully thought through improvement plan.'

He continued: 'Weak leadership attempts to muddy the waters to avoid taking responsibility; strong leadership seeks to provide clarity, consensus and agreed progress.'

The criticism followed internal wrangling among coun-

cil members over who should have had prior sight of the report ahead of publication.

Jackie Baillie MSP, whose constituency includes schools within Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'I had hoped the authority would embrace the findings and substance of the report and focus on what needs to be improved.'

Council leader Dick Walsh has come under criticism over his handling of the edu-

cation report. In response, he said: 'It is continually unfortunate that certain parties seek to present matters in a way that paints officers of our council in a negative light. This is a time for a collaborative approach to the improvement work and I would hope that involves everyone in contributing to this work rather than senseless attacks on Argyll and Bute Council's dedicated officers and staff.'

Conservation work praised

PROGRESS of a scheme to restore and refurbish parts of Inveraray has been praised by Argyll and Bute councillors.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area committee commended the progress of the Inveraray Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) on Wednesday.

Rory Colville, in the chair, said: 'It is unbelievable the work that has been done. Initially, things

were slow to take off and there were a lot of problems but the project has been a great coming together.'

The CARS scheme will see five priority buildings renovated in the centre of Inveraray, with work completed by March next year. The committee noted the significant improvement in the appearance of the town after scaffolding came down last month to reveal the progress of refurbishments.

Grave concern over missing slab prompts official red faces



Now you see it ... in its original position in the chapel.



Now you don't ... but it should be back soon.

by COLIN CAMERON
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IT COULD have been an ambitious April Fool prank, or perhaps even a dastardly and equally audacious crime.

On Sunday April 2, local people noticed that one of the fine medieval grave slabs at Kirkton Chapel on the Craignish peninsula was missing.

The preserved early 13th-century chapel houses a collection of 14th- and 15th-century grave slabs.

Social media was abuzz, with scores of people condemning this despicable act on the Craignish community Facebook page.

Claim

One wag even suggested that the medieval knight who originally owned the stone might have come back to claim it.

Two days later, after a great deal of consternation, the mystery was solved.

On receiving reports of the missing/stolen grave slab, government agency Historic Environment Scot-

land (HES) coughed slightly before confirming that ... um ... they themselves had removed the slab last year for repair.

Broken

A site visit by HES in December 2015 revealed that the carved stone had broken along the line of an old repair and had been par-

tially demounted from its fixings. After going through the necessary red tape, it was removed for repair by stone conservators in Edinburgh.

A spokesperson for HES said: 'Hopefully, it won't be too long before it is put back in position again.'

The final comment goes to an online poster, who wrote: 'They might have left a note.'

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Pensioner Agnes sleeps on sofa in damp ACHA home

by COLIN CAMERON
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AN 80-YEAR-OLD partially-sighted woman sleeps on her living room sofa because her bedroom is too damp to use.

A tenant of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Agnes Heafy has had problems with damp in her home at Rowan Park, Lochgilphead, since moving in 15 years ago.

At the end of last year, black mould on her bedroom walls led to the housing association removing the plaster down to the underlying brickwork to allow it to dry out with the help of a dehumidifier.

That was more than two months ago.

Mrs Heafy's daughter, Ann Gillies, claims that this is just the latest in a series of recent problems, saying: 'This is about fourth or fifth time we've had work done to tackle damp in the bedroom.'

'We had to buy a new carpet and a new mattress because of mould. The floor was absolutely soaking. We have had to redecorate many times, and mum has also had to throw out clothes due to mould in the cupboards.'

Ann continued: 'Mum has a bad chest, so can't sleep in the bedroom.'

Mrs Heafy's family blames damp rising from the ground and soaking through the



Mum's had enough and so have we. She is not sleeping or eating properly

Ann Gillies

fabric of the house – but this is disputed by ACHA.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA chief executive, responded: 'The problem is not rising damp, but relates to wet cavity wall insulation.'

'Over the past 18 months we have carried out work to inspect and remove areas of wet blown fibre cavity wall insulation and replace plaster internally in Mrs Heafy's property. We also re-rough-

casted the whole gable. This has been discussed with Mrs Heafy and progress of the drying process has been passed. The property was inspected last week and we have confirmed that the brick work has dried, allowing plaster work to start. A dehumidifier was left to help the drying process.

'We hope that over the next couple of weeks the issue will be resolved and we will be offering the appropriate compensation through the association's policies.'

But Mrs Heafy's family is far from satisfied. 'They (ACHA) were supposed to come back last week to replace the plaster,' said Ann, 'but failed to turn up – and this has happened numerous times.'

Her family would like Mrs Heafy to be moved to new accommodation if the problems persist, but the



Agnes Heafy is waiting for ACHA to return to replace the plaster in her bedroom.

lady herself is not so keen. 'If I got another house, they would just paint that over and the next person would have the same problem,' she said.

It's not long since Agnes was told that her sight had almost completely gone due to macular degenera-

tion, and a house she's familiar with clearly makes getting around easier.

'It's a nightmare,' Ann concluded.

'Mum's had enough, and so have we. She is not sleeping or eating properly, and I just don't know how much more we can take.'

Super news for Argyll as broadband cash is announced

LONG-SUFFERING broadband customers in Argyll should see a much-improved service by the end of next year, according to the Scottish Government.

Cabinet secretary for finance and constitution Derek Mackay last week announced a cash injection of £15.6m into the Scotland-wide superfast broadband programme.

The extra funding should mean that premises such as those in rural areas will now be able to get superfast broadband.

Work is under way and will be complete by December 2018, according to the Scottish Government, which also claims that 97.5 per cent of Argyll and Bute will have access to fibre broadband – including assumed commercial coverage – by this time.

The announcement comes after parts of Mid Argyll, including Tarbert, Inveraray and Lochgilphead, experienced ongoing broadband difficulties in recent weeks and months. Households and businesses have been left without telephone landline or broadband for periods of weeks at a time.

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A wee bit of consideration would go a long way.

Meeting will be an education

IT IS good to see that Argyll and Bute Council is to hold a special meeting of the full council today to debate the recent report on the authority's education service.

By all accounts, it took a little persuasion – otherwise it was to be discussed only at a council committee – but eventually sufficient councillors demanded a special meeting for it to happen.

This is open to the public, as are the majority of council meetings. If you have never experienced these gatherings of councillors before, it might be an education to go along to Kilmory at 10.30am today, Friday. Best behaviour, though.

Stone the crows

IT RAISED a smile in our office earlier this week when we learned about the mystery of the missing grave slab in Craignish.

It would have been no laughing matter while the medieval artefact was believed to have been taken without permission.

All's well that ends well though – but (memo to Historic Environment Scotland) a note would have been handy right enough.

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Argyll is behind Mark's challenge

Sir,
Mark Beaumont's world record attempt to cycle the world in 80 days is a phenomenal challenge.

We continue to be astonished by Mark's ability to push the boundaries of endurance cycling. Great things happen when you challenge your own boundaries, and through this incredible world record attempt Mark will also be inspiring the next generation of endurance athletes.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative is proud to have Mark Beaumont as the face of Wild About Argyll and looks forward to welcoming him back to Argyll and the Isles in a few days as he circumnavigates the 3,500-mile UK coastline on his Around Britain training ride.

Mark will cycle through Argyll and the Isles approximately a week after he sets off on the Around Britain ride on April 4. Anyone interested in joining Mark for a few miles should follow the tracker on the website for live updates.

We wish Mark and all the Artemis World Cycle Team the very best of luck for the ultimate challenge this summer, and we'll be following him throughout via his tracker on www.artemisworldcycle.com.

Gavin Dick,
chair, Argyll
and the Isles
Tourism
Co-operative.



Mark Beaumont on the A83 during his Wild About Argyll 12-day epic challenge. Photo: Kieran J Duncan.

Caring for carers

Sir,
Some 759,000 people in Scotland care, unpaid, for a disabled, older or ill family member or friend.

While caring can be rewarding, without the right support it can also take a serious toll on a carer's health, relationships and finances.

That's why, this Carers' Week – June 12 to 18 – we are asking individuals and communities up and down the country to do what they can to make life that little bit easier for carers.

Whoever you are, whatever you do, you can make a difference.

This year, we want to highlight the importance of carer-friendly commu-

nities – places where local people and services understand what it is like to be a carer and show what they are doing to help and support carers better.

We are asking people to visit the Carers' Week website to recommend carer friendly services.

It might be an employer, local GP, pharmacy, local care service, school or a café that is carer friendly.

We urge everyone to pledge their support to carers and make a change.

You could also run an activity or event and add it to the Carers' Week website to get a free event pack with resources for your event.

Follow Carers' Week on Twitter @CarersWeek and use the hashtag

#carersweek. Like Carers Week on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carersweek and join in with the discussions.

Simon Hodgson,
Director, Carers
Scotland on behalf
of Carers' Week.

Meningitis charity dinner planned

Sir,
I am organising a fun-filled evening of food, drink and entertainment in Glasgow on May 13 to raise funds for Meningitis Now, which supports everyone affected by the devastating disease across Scotland.

I can promise everyone who comes along a fantastic evening and the chance to win some great prizes.

The dinner, at The Studio on Hope Street, will feature music from the band The Highway Sons of Glasgow, and tickets are available by contacting me on 07872 331688.

Local businesses, and many of my close friends, have generously donated raffle prizes including holidays, family days out and distillery tours.

Dress code for the charity dinner is cocktail chic and tickets include a prosecco reception, a three-course meal and wine.

Please join me for an evening filled with food, drink and entertainment, all while raising money for Meningitis Now.

James Duff,
Glasgow, charity
supporter.

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Dochas carers get royal treatment at country house

DOCHAS carers from Argyll were last month treated to a glamorous four-night break courtesy of the Landmark Trust.

Twelve carers from Mid Argyll, Kintyre

and Islay enjoyed a weekend break at an elegant 18th century Scottish country villa in Ayrshire. Over the trip, 25 day-trippers from the area joined the group to experience the luxury of the magnificent Auchinleck House.

This is the second year Dochas has been awarded a break for the carers from the Landmark Trust, an organisation which rescues and restores historic buildings and lets them out for self catering holidays.

Everyone was well looked after, getting relaxing therapy treatments and hav-

ing three-course meals cooked for them at night in the magnificent dining room, with champagne and cocktails served in between.

The carers could hardly be happier with their royal treatment, with one commenting: 'This is the first break I have had in 17 years. I'll be going back home a different person.'

With plenty of laughter, fun and relaxation, the memories of this trip will likely last for years.

The Dochas Centre would like say a big 'thank you' to the Landmark Trust and everyone else who made this trip such a success.



Carers dining in luxurious surroundings at Auchinleck House.



Carers and day trippers lapping up the sunshine in the grounds of the country villa.

Hardy Holly strides out for cancer charity

TIRE D legs failed to stop a Mid Argyll schoolgirl from walking miles for charity.

Holly Robertson is a P7 pupil at Lochgilphead Primary School, who was inspired to do something to help after a friend's mum

contracted cancer.

'I just thought that I wouldn't like to be in her shoes,' said 11-year-old Holly.

'I wanted to do something, so I decided to do a walk of the Crinan Canal.'

So, accompanied by



Proud mum Tracy with Holly.

mum Tracy, grandma Margaret and three-year-old Jack Russell Cara, she set off last week to walk eight miles from Ardrishaig to Cairnbaan and back again.

And she was hard to miss on a gloriously sunny day, dressed in a pink tutu and matching hat - with Cara similarly attired for the occasion.

'We had a really good time, and I felt like I was doing

a good job,' Holly explained.

'We had to stop a couple of times for my gran, and by the time we finished my legs were getting a bit tired, but it was ok.

'I managed to raise more than £200 for Cancer Research UK, and people we met walking the canal even donated money.'

Holly concluded: 'Thanks to all the people who donated money for my walk.'



Holly and Cara are resplendent in pink tutus, while gran Margaret Robertson goes for a more understated pink jumper.



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THE RED Cross Centre in Lochgilphead was a bustling hive of activity on Saturday as two charitable organisations held a joint fundraiser. The RNLI and Red Cross worked together to hold a coffee morning in memory of a stalwart of both organisations who passed away recently. Kirsty Barr was an active voluntary member of both the RNLI and Red Cross for most of her life and



Kirsty's family were grateful for the support of everyone involved in the coffee morning. 08_a14redcrossrnli01



The RNLI in full support of the coffee morning. 08_a14redcrossrnli03

the two charities were close to her heart. The family had requested that the two organisations be involved in the event and so it was a fitting tribute to have them both well represented on the day.

Bountiful plates of cake and biscuits were served to tightly packed tables of people, revelling in the quality of the home baking and enjoying the friendly atmosphere.

Thanks to the number of people who came along, the coffee morning managed to raise a total of £740.50, which will be split equally between the Red Cross and the RNLI.

The family are very grateful for the level of support shown by both the charities and people in the community and wish to thank everyone who contributed to the morning.

Kilmichael SWI enjoys delicious meeting in Kilmartin

SPECIAL guests for the March meeting of Kilmichael Glassary SWI were Everett and Jennifer from Marmalade Deli in Lochgilphead.

At the meeting, held in Kilmartin Church Hall on March 14, institute vice president Jane Gibson welcomed 12 members and friends.

After business was concluded, Jane introduced Everett and Jennifer. They explained how they try to source as many of their shop products locally, and with a very small environmental footprint.

Everett and Jennifer brought along some products for the gathering to sample, and all were received and enjoyed with great gusto.

This was a very entertaining and informative evening.

Tea, which was served by Betty Rhodick and helpers, was much enjoyed and a raffle for institute

funds was drawn.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12 at Kilmartin Church Hall where members are asked to bring along any articles they are working on for next year's federation show and also to come armed with ideas for community entries.

Competitions for April 12 will be for a small flower arrangement and a 'dairy-free' cake - and please bring the recipe. Competition results, March 14: Three cheese scones - 1 Jane Gibson, 2 Betty Rhodick, 3 Corrina Charlowood.

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Silversmith Margaret Ker, right, with Wilma MacKenzie, glass engraver, and Fraser MacIver, painter and printmaker, in front of Fraser's oil painting, *The Beltane Sunrise*.

Auchindrain showcase for Argyll artwork

TO HELP mark the 10th anniversary of Artmap Open Studios, Auchindrain Museum is hosting a special exhibition of work. As an official Artmap Argyll venue for 2017, the museum is showcasing artists' work throughout the year. The exhibition opened on Saturday April 1 at the Scottish Highland township museum, situated between Inveraray and Furnace, beside the A83. Visitors to the museum are invited to

drop in to the visitor centre for a cup of coffee and cake and have a look around. Artmap Argyll aims to promote the development of professional visual artists and makers working in Argyll, and is committed to supporting the presentation of high quality art in Argyll. The Artmap Open Studios event in August offers an opportunity to visit artists' studios without any pressure to buy work – though this is, of course, always welcome.

'Between homes' club keeps the music going

THE RED Cross Centre was the venue for a night of musical revelry as the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club hosted one of its famous session nights.

On Tuesday March 21, the club welcomed the Matthew MacLennan Duo to Lochgilphead to play tunes for Mid Argyll's faithful traditional music fanatics.

Although it might not have been one of the club's busiest events, everyone in the room was delighted



The Matthew MacLennan Duo – with Matthew on the right – was more than happy to accompany local musicians.

to be treated to the lilting sounds of Matthew MacLennan's accordion playing, as well as catching up with good friends.

Club chairman Bruce Robertson said: 'The club is sort of between

still active during this time.'

A number of local musicians were in attendance, and they opened proceedings with a few jaunty tunes to set the mood.

After everyone was warmed up, the Matthew MacLennan Duo took to the stage and blended nicely with the locals before finishing the session off on their own.

Bruce continued: 'A few local musicians have turned up to try and give the band a helping hand. It's always good to get some tunes from people in the area.'

'I would encourage anyone who enjoys music to come along to our evenings.'

Ian Muir Trio entertains

CHAIRMAN Niall Iain MacLean welcomed a near capacity crowd to the Inveraray Inn for the March meeting of the Inveraray and District Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Supporting players were in short supply, but stalwarts Fyne Folk got the evening under way with Sally Hall, Jake MacKay and Alex John MacLeod on fiddles and Agnes Liddell on keyboard.

They were followed by Geoff and Margaret Burton from the Campsie Club on accordion and keyboard.

Jake and Agnes were again on hand with the 'moothie' and keyboard respectively, and all their tunes were

much enjoyed. Guest artistes were the Ian Muir Trio, with Ian on accordion, Marie Fielding on fiddle and Neil MacMillan on keyboard.

They treated the audience to a great variety of sets including two solos from Marie – the haunting airs *Hector the Hero* and *Leaving Lerwick Harbour*, beautifully played,

followed by some cracking reels. After the final set of reels from the band, the chairman thanked all the artistes for a great night. Next week the club looks forward to the welcome return of Kilberry man Iain MacPhail and his Scottish Dance Band for the grand finale of the season.



The Ian Muir Trio.

Argyll brewery among the best

AN ARGYLL business features in a new map of the 'best regional breweries' in the UK and Ireland.

Travel website expedia.co.uk launched the interactive guide with the help of beer sommelier Melissa Cole. Fyne Ales brewery near Cairndow is featured and is described in the guide as 'perched at the head of the Glen of Fyne, this family brewery has been consistently turning out some of Scotland's finest beers for 15 years'.

Ragtime comes to town

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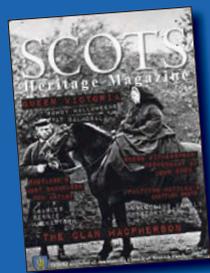
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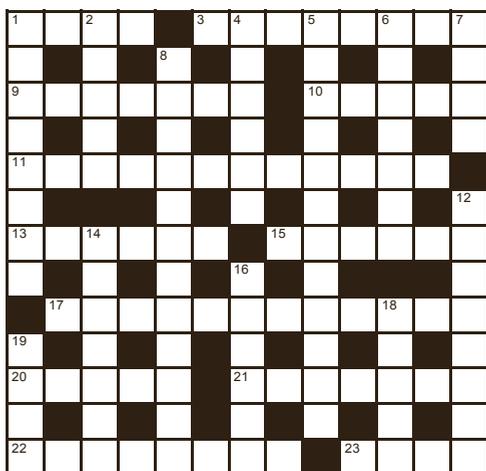
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Zimbabwean orphans are aided by Ardfern charity

IN SPITE of turbulent times in Zimbabwe, the Pelandaba Orphans Charity remains steadfast in its commitment

to educate the children of the African country. With a severe drought causing disaster last year and elections

coming up in 2018, the Pelandaba Charity will have to overcome serious hurdles in its push to ensure that school fees of orphans are covered.

The small charity, based in Ardfern, aims to raise funds solely for the purpose of paying the school fees of orphans living in and around Pelandaba, a suburb of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe.

It is currently paying for the education of 45 primary and secondary-aged children and is managing to get



Charity founder Cindy MacDonald with a group of orphans in Pelandaba.

money through to Zimbabwe Senator Mike Carter and charity co-ordinator, Sandra Gumedede, to ensure that these children continue to get a chance to succeed.

Cindy Macdonald, who founded the charity, visited the children last year and was impressed by their dedication to learning in order to improve things for others.

She said: 'Their appreciation and gratitude for all those who are helping them was humbling. They have no expectations, but are still happy and wanting others to ben-

efit in the same way. Any continued support for these children is greatly appreciated and it makes a huge difference in their lives.'

Numerous events are held each year all around the area to raise funds and Cindy stresses the importance of working with local schools to promote the cause. Glassary, Tayvallich and Ardrishaig primaries will be getting involved with fund raising this year.

The charity will be hosting a race night held at the Masonic Club in Lochgilphead on Saturday April 8 at 7pm and all are welcome.



Cindy with Sandra Gumedede.

Mary poses Cub picture questions - who, where, when and why?

A WOMAN from Lochgilphead is looking for some help with pictures uncovered in her loft.

Mary Campbell found the two black and white images while spring cleaning her attic, and though she features herself, Mary would love to get the names of the others in the pictures.

She also has no idea of where the photo of the seated youngsters was taken or what the occasion might have been for either photo, so any information on this would also be welcome.



This posed shot was taken at the old Lochgilphead High School, with the site of the current library behind - but again the occasion is unknown. Mary says that Kit Cramond is first left on the (taller) back row; beside her is Peggy Ramsay, then Mary Gillies. Standing on his own at the back is believed to be Ian MacCallum.

Both photos relate to Lochgilphead Cub Scouts and were taken, Mary thinks, around



First on the left, smiling, is Ann Govan, says Mary. In the row behind, beside Ann, is dark-haired Kit Cramond. Another dark-haired girl, fifth from the left in the same row as Kit, is Mary Gillies. The middle boy on the front row is, Mary believes, John McIntyre. But where was this photo taken and what was the occasion?

1956/57. In the photo captions, Mary Campbell is identified by her maiden name from the time, Mary Gillies.

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Egg-cellent adventure for children's hospital

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AN EASTER parade with a difference is all set to leave Lochgilphead for the big city next weekend. And bike enthusiast Stephen McCormick is looking for plenty of locals to join him on one of the biggest motorbike runs in Scotland – for a cause close to his heart. The annual Easter Egg Run is held in support of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, a cause which

Stephen has been part of for many years. 'Along with a few pals, I've been doing the bike ride for the past eight years or so. We'll be travelling to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow and, though we're supposed to take an Easter egg, the main point of this is to raise cash.' Bikers from Lochgilphead will leave the Riverside filling station at 8am on

Easter Sunday, April 16, before heading to Glasgow to meet up with fellow bikers from all over Scotland near Glasgow Green. The colourful and spectacular parade then winds its way across the Clyde and through the city to the hospital, part of what was the Southern General but is now the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. 'Though I've been doing it for years, I never thought I would experience the services of the hospital,' said

Stephen. 'But recently my own granddaughter has been receiving treatment there, and it brings it home to you just how important these places are. The staff have been fantastic.' There is a constant need for fundraising, so if you would like to donate money towards the Easter Egg Run, you can hand it into the Riverside filling station or to MacLeod Construction Ltd offices at Kilmory Industrial Estate. If you want to meet



Stephen prepares for the road trip with his unnamed travelling companion. 06_bikeride02

Stephen and his trusty Honda Pan-European 1300 bike, he is planning to be at the Riverside tomorrow,

Saturday, with his collecting tin. 'I would encourage anyone with a bike to come along next Sunday,' added

Stephen. 'Come as you are – or in fancy dress if you like. It's a good laugh, and it is for a really good cause.'



Right: There was even a guest appearance from Bruce the Beaver.

A wildly beautiful opening event for Knapdale centre

ON A beautiful spring afternoon over 90 people attended the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation's visitor centre opening event at Barr an Daimh in Knapdale. Some visitors enjoyed the short walk from Barnluasgan car park around the edge of the loch and up towards the Bellanoch view point, while others took the opportunity to drive in and use the new car park next to the centre. The main building was bustling with folk of all ages for last Saturday's opening, enjoying activities from litho printing to identifying creatures in tanks containing pond water, and checking out things in miniature under the microscope. Children made badges and recreated animal footprints in sand, while older ones helped to make a hazel hurdle screen. The bird and squirrel feeders, which can be seen through centre wildlife window, were busy with the local woodland birds,

and a small vole kept onlookers entertained as it gathered nuts and seeds to store in its burrow. Artmap Argyll and Kilmartin Museum provided family activities which were enjoyed by all. A quiz based on identifying wildlife items within

the displays was won by Lars and Jenn Brunner of Easdale. Bruce the Beaver was on hand to greet and entertain visitors as they explored the centre's facilities – and most people agree that even a trip to the beautifully carved compost loo

can be an experience. Oly and Pete, the centre's environmental interpretation officers, look forward to welcoming visitors – so pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Check the website for details www.heartofargyllwildlife.org.



The new centre was packed with activities for all the family.

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Easter extravaganza at MS family fayre

A SUNNY spring morning welcomed visitors to the MS Centre in Lochgilphead on Saturday.

Staff and volunteers at the MS Centre organised an Easter extravaganza fundraiser to bring in the new season, with face-painting, raffles and home baking all on offer on a day of fun and excitement.

Claire Cameron, long

term conditions outreach officer at the MS Centre, said: 'We were delighted with the turn out on such a busy and sunny Saturday morning. We would like to thank everyone for coming along and our fantastic volunteers for helping us on the day, and an especially big thank you to our bakers for all the lovely home baking.'

The final fundraising

total of the fayre, £318, is a welcome boost and will help to cover the running costs of the centre. The MS Centre's aim is to help and support people with long term health conditions, as well as the wider community who can also access its services.

It is a busy centre and is open Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 5pm and hosts



Families and children enjoyed the Easter festivities at the fayre.

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Goodie bags kept the kids well satisfied.

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a wide range of activities, including accessible chair exercises, therapies, yoga classes, coffee mornings and has a hyperbaric oxygen chamber which is used on a daily basis for treatments.

The next fundraising event will be a fashion show on Islay on May 12, in partnership with

MacTaggart Leisure Centre.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in the MS centre then please contact the centre on 01546 606303 or msargyll@btconnect.com.

Taking entries for the 'name the whisky' game.

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HEART of Argyll Wildlife Organisation's new centre at Barr an Daimh will be open from April.

Initially part time, you will be able to catch us between 10am and 4pm on Thursday April 13 to Monday April 17, then on Wednesday April 19, Tuesday April 25 and Thursday April 27.

During May we will be open every Monday and Thursday.

The recent few days of warm sunshine has prompted the appearance of many plants and animals either from hibernation - I spotted the first pipistrelle bats a couple of



days ago - or returning from their winter feeding grounds; wheatears have arrived and the first ospreys have been spotted.

The emergence of 'grey-boy' midges prompts our brown trout to start feeding again as the pupating midges (non-biting!) ascend to the surface of our lochs to hatch.

Dusty-looking small tortoiseshell butterflies are emerging from nooks and crannies. Their speckled brown

underwings have allowed them to pass the winter undisturbed; I always have to collect a few from the loft of my bothy on the first warm days of spring.

A quick check of the pond at Blarbuie Woodland the other day saw whirligig beetles spinning across the surface like old-fashioned metal wind-up toys.

They have a clever adaptation; eyes in two halves, the upper for seeing above the wa-

terline, the lower below. There were also water-boatmen and backswimmers.

These bugs look similar, with oar-shaped legs for getting about; one swims on its belly, the other its back - the backswimmer, though, is a voracious predator.

There were also a number of baby palmate newts (known as 'efts') in various stages of development.

These will have been born last year and it is common for newts in more northern climes to remain in this juvenile stage. They sport feathery gills either side of their head, and then mature the following year.

We still have much to do and are always in need of volunteers to get involved in any number of tasks.

You can find all the details regarding the centre and our walks and events on our website at www.hear-tofargyllwildlife.org

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
17/00775/PP	Change of use of flat to ancillary accommodation for laundry services (Class 1)	Davaar North Shore Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6EQ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/00418/LIB	Installation of two communal satellite dishes	1-17 Relief Land Main Street South Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UA	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/00419/LIB	Retention of communal satellite dish	1-6 Chamberlains House Front Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UY	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/00647/PP	Change of use of land for the formation of 8 stance caravan park, 6 glamping pods, tent pitches, erection of office/reception, toilet block and amenity block. Formation of new access/car parking areas and installation of mechanical treatment plant – part retrospective (amendment to previous approval reference 13/00359/PP)	Land 500M South Of West Loch Shores Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
17/00620/LIB	Display of replacement fascia sign	R S Mccoll Ltd 6A Main Street West Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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Tariff	Description	Rate
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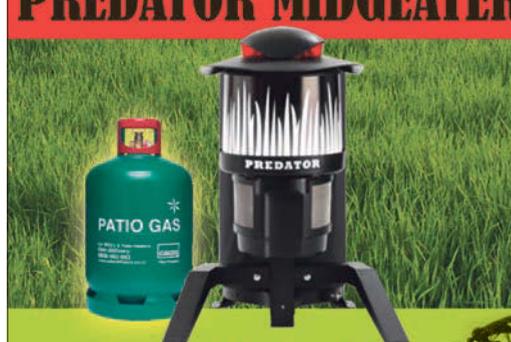


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On our recent visit we were enchanted by its beauty.

There are many features which make it quite unusual.

There is no central aisle and instead there is a long communion table right down the centre of the church.

This is a remnant of the days gone by when parishioners paid to have their own family pew.

Those who couldn't afford the fees for a family pew had to sit round the long table in the middle of the church.

I don't think this is quite what Jesus would have endorsed, but that is the way things were.

In time, most churches got rid of these tables, but the folk of Ardchattan couldn't afford to do this, and so the table remains to this day.

And now it is a great blessing as it is used regularly for communion services when the church family gathers round this table to share the most special of family meals, and all are equal.

I thought about this quite a lot and wondered at the concept of 'paying for a pew'.

God's amazing and gracious gift of love is free, yet there was a price put on where people sat in his house.

In God's kingdom we are all equal and there is no special seat, there is no top table, there is no hierarchy.

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As we approach Holy Week we remember that Jesus invited all to a place at his table.

It was an ordinary meal which became extraordinary and Jesus paid the price himself for us to be there.

KILMARTIN

Museum walks begin

GUIDED walks of the ancient archaeological landscape of Kilmartin Glen will be starting up again. The Kilmartin Museum will be starting up again. The Kilmartin Museum will hold walking tours from April through until the end of summer where knowledgeable volunteers will guide visitors around Kilmartin Glen, discovering the area's unique ancient monuments.

The first of these walks is a spring special held on Sunday April 16 to mark the beginning of the new season.

Free weekly guided walks will continue throughout the year, taking place on Wednesdays.

HELENSBURGH

Campaign for elderly recognised

AGE SCOTLAND has announced that Grey Matters from Helensburgh has been named the winners of the Jess Barrow Award for Campaigning and Influencing at the Age Scotland 2017 awards

ceremony. The award was given to the group in recognition of its efforts to support older people in the area by tackling loneliness and isolation.

DUNOON

Biodiversity education for Dunoon school

SANDBANK Primary School near Dunoon has had a lesson in biodiversity from Trees4Scotland and WebHelp as part of their Tree Amigos programme.

The programme was developed to provide a fun and easy way for school children to learn about biodiversity and the environment.

In the first of several events planned across Scotland, the pupils were given a talk on the importance of biodiversity and took part in a tree planting ceremony.

Anton Manley, chief operating officer at Webhelp UK, said: 'Under the Tree Amigos programme we will be supporting local schools with tree planting initiatives and helping to show the children the importance of protecting our environment.'

LOCH LOMOND



A cheque for the funds was presented to members of the three teams at the National Park Headquarters in Balloch.

Cash for mountain rescue

ARGYLL mountain rescue teams are to benefit from a cash boost of nearly £5,000 thanks to fund-raising efforts by staff of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

The Arrochar, Lomond and Killin mountain rescue teams will split the £4,786 between them to help provide vital search and rescue services.

Each year the staff at the national park authority choose a charity of the year with the three moun-

tain rescue teams being chosen this time round. Staff organised a series of events and activities throughout the year including running a marathon, quiz, Great Scottish Swim, cake bakes, tea and toast mornings and a very popular tuck shop.

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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).

DEATHS

MACLEOD - On March 29, 2017, suddenly at home, Charlotte (Lottie) MacLeod, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late Alexander (Alec) MacLeod, much loved mother of Alexis and dear mother-in-law of Alex. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, (today) Friday, April 7 at 12.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to RNIB.

MCEACHRAN - Suddenly, as the result of an accident near Balfour, on March 30, 2017, Gary McEachran, in his 43rd year, dearly beloved son of Malcolm and Barbara McEachran, much loved brother of Ross, brother-in-law of Beth, a very much loved uncle of Christopher and Alyssa and loving boyfriend of Louise. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Diabetes Scotland and Cancer Research.

MITCHELL - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 31, 2017, Elizabeth Mitchell, née McFadyen, in her 87th year, formerly of Woodside and Tosh's Park, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late John Mitchell, much loved mother of Joyce, Elspeth and Mairi and a loving granny and great granny. A graveside service will be held in Brackley Cemetery, Carradale, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 12.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

MORANS - On April 4, 2017, peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Edward (Eddie) Morans, in his 89th year, beloved son of the late Edward and Margaret Morans, much loved brother of Katie, Rose and the late Margaret, John and Archibald, and a much loved uncle and grand uncle. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Wednesday, April 12 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Tarbert Free Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BARR - The family of the late F L Kirstie, Duisdale, Lochgilphead would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages and cards during their recent loss of Kirstie. We would also like to thank the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital, the First Responder from Carr Gomm and the ambulance crews in attendance for their care and attention; Donald MacDonald for their professional service; Jenny Campbell, Linda Tighe and their colleagues for arranging the coffee morning in memory of Kirstie and in aid of the British Red Cross

and the RNLI, everyone for their raffle donations and all who attended. The total sum raised was £740.50. We would also like to thank Kirstie's many friends for their support and friendship to her over the years.

DUNLOP - Elaine and Alistair, Andrew and Sandra, Alistair and Sharon, Craig and Elly would like to thank relatives, friends and David's colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following the recent sad loss of David. A heartfelt thank you to all who cared for David over the last months, the doctors and nurses at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their dedicated care, kindness and attention; to Belinda Braithwaite for a fitting and moving service, celebrating David's life; to Patrick for his live streaming of the service to the family in Perth, WA; to Roddy and Fiona for their caring, friendly services and to the Coachhouse Inn, Cardross for catering. A big thank you to all who joined us at Cardross Crematorium to pay their respects. The retiral offering for The Tartan Army Children's Charity and The Friends of the Beatson raised £1,220.

HART - The family of the late Neil Hart wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to all the caring staff at Auchinlee, to Reverend Philip Wallace for his heartfelt service and words of spiritual comfort and to Blair Funeral Directors. The retiral collection at the door raised £216.11 for The Friends of Auchinlee.

KENNEDY - The family of the late Joan Kennedy would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy on the sad loss of Joan. Our thanks to all who came to the church and cemetery, what a send-off for Joan. Many thanks to Ardfenaig Care Home for their kindness and attention to Mum over the last year. Thanks also to Roddy and Fiona for their caring and efficient arrangements; to the Stag Hotel for an excellent purvey and to Father Simon for a personal and comforting service. The retiral collection raised over £300 for Ardenaig Comfort Fund and Marie Curie.

MCMILLAN - Douglas, Mairi, Ailie, John and their families would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and visits received following their recent sad loss of Alasdair. Grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional services; to Morna for beautiful flowers, and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks are extended to the many who paid their respects at the church and graveside. Your kindness and support at this time is greatly appreciated by all the family. The retiral collection has raised £550 for Lochgilphead Joint Campus. **SMITH** - The family of the late Robert Smith would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special

thanks to Jean MacDonald who did Dad's shopping and cleaning so well and carers, especially Ann MacLeod, for the kind care and attention received. Special thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for her support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Stag Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for Cancer Research UK raised £225.

WARDROP - Susan, Alan and all the family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following the sad passing of Jan. Sincere thanks to Doctor Lazarus, all nurses and auxiliary staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their wonderful care and support, to Mairi Allibone for all her help and advice, to our special team of Joanna, Danielle, Meg and Katie for their exceptional care and kindness and sister-in-law, Ella, for her tireless devotion to Jan. Grateful thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace for a beautiful and uplifting service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their caring professionalism and guidance and to the Argyll Hotel for excellent catering. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who attended the church and the graveside and gave generously to the collection for the Acute Ward.

IN MEMORIAMS

GLEN - In loving memory of my sister, Patricia Glen (Ellis), died April 5, 2002. Only ever a thought away. - Always, Catherine xx. Loved and remembered every day.

- Brother-in-law, Davie x. Miss you. - Karen xx.

LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990. To us you were someone special, What more is there to say, Except to wish with all our hearts, That you were here today. Loved and remembered every day, Missed more than words can say.

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

MACDONALD - "Loving and kind in all her ways, Upright and just to the end of her days; Sincere and true, in her heart and mind, Beautiful memories, she left behind." Everlasting memories of Ishy MacDonald, who passed away Easter Sunday, 2007. Wife of the late Donald MacDonald. Loved and remembered by all her family. - Heather and Roderick.

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 and thoughts. - From all the family.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our dear parents, Bella, who died April 5, 1983, and Peter, who died April 30, 1988. To all of you who still have parents, cherish them with care, because you never miss their value, till you see their vacant chairs. Simply the best. - Angus and Margaret.

MCLEAN - Charles, Promoted to Glory on April 6, 1995.

Precious memories of our beloved dad, granda and great-granddad. Too good to be forgotten, always in our hearts. Also, our beloved brother and uncle, Daniel Stuart McLean, Promoted to Glory on April 21, 2013. Much loved and sorely missed.

- Rene, Flora, and families, Senga, Sean and Millie, Maureen and Eddie and the family at home and away xxx.

WILLIAMSON - In loving memory of a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather, George (Geordie), who died April 6, 2011.

Much missed. - From Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimée and Lynne.

CHURCH NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

Services in Achahoish at 9:45am Ardrishaig at 11:00am

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 9th April 2017

PALM SUNDAY
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr John Morrison
Guild Meets
Monday 10th April

Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 9th April 2017

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell

Morning Service
In Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

SEIRBHEIS GHAIHLIG (Monthly Gaelic Service)
In Lochgair Church at 3 pm
All welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 9 April
Palm Sunday
Tayvallich Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam

Saturday 8 April
Tayvallich Hall 10.30am
Coffee Morning

Monday 10 April
Tayvallich Church 10.30am
Prayer Time

Thursday 13 April
Tayvallich Church 7pm
Maundy Communion
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome

Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 9th April

The service will be conducted by Mr M Ramsay and will be held in the church at 11.15am The Sunday Club invite you all to come along and celebrate Palm Sunday with them. All welcome.



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 9th April

11.15am Worship Service
Rev Iain McDonald
6.30pm Sunday Supplement

Wednesday 12th April

12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome

www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9th April

11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
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Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday
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Drop-In Cafe

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Lochgilphead
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)

Friday 7th April
Stations of the Cross
12.45pm Soup Lunch

Sunday 9th April
11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
Maundy

Thursday 13th April
7pm Eucharist of the
Lord's Supper
& Watch

Good Friday 14th April
12 - 3pm Ecumenical
Good Friday Service at
Christ Church

St Columba's, Pottaloch
(SC031391)

1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Palm Sunday 9th April 2017

Worship Service
Glassary 11.45am
Rev. C R Acklam
All welcome
SCO 02121

CHURCH NOTICES



Argyll Street, Campbeltown

St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown

Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday
Holy Communion 10.45am

Friday 14th April

Good Friday
Devotional Service 10.30am

Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN
SCO02876

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday 6.30pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Mass with Solemn Procession 10.00 am

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

Holy Mass 10.00 am
The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

The Evening Mass 6.30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm

Way of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 6.00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Office of Readings and Lauds 10.00 am

Visit the 'Lord's Tomb' throughout the day

The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night beginning with the Service of Light (Lucernarium) at 8.30 pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Mass 10.00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday-Wednesday & Saturday 9.30-10.00am or on request. Islay

PALM SUNDAY

- Liturgy of the Word, distribution of Palms and Holy Communion 4 pm; First Sunday of Easter - Holy Mass 4pm; Divine Mercy Sunday - Holy Mass 4pm.

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
Maundy Thursday 13th April
Holy Mass 10.30am
Good Friday 14th April
Mass 10.30am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

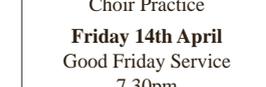
Sunday 9th April
Morning Worship 11.15am
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Rev P Wallace

Monday 10th - Saturday 15th April
Easter Reflections and breakfast
New Hall 7.30am

Tuesday 11th April
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am

Thursday 13th April
Choir Practice

Friday 14th April
Good Friday Service 7.30pm



Campbeltown Corps
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz

6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

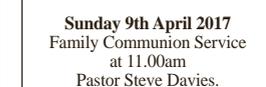
SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 9th April 2017
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
All welcome.

Wednesday 12th April
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with
Campbeltown Free Church for
Prayer and Bible Study

For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
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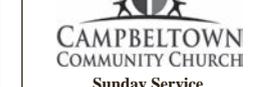
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**Artemis
Macaulay Cup –
First Round****Bute 1
Kyles Athletic 7**

IN THE first round of the Artemis Macaulay Cup, Kyles Athletic powered past Bute in a 7-1 victory at The Meadows.

Kyles started the match with real intent as Grant Irvine and Roddy MacDonald both scored in the first 10 minutes.

Grant Irvine followed up with his second on 25 minutes and five minutes before half-time, Roddy MacDonald scored his second, meaning the Marine Harvest Premiership side were 4-0 up and already had a foot in the next round.

Bute, who play two leagues below, showed

their fighting spirit when Duncan Davidson pulled a goal back on 58 minutes.

Grant Irvine and Roddy MacDonald then went on to complete hat-tricks, however, and a Sandy MacKenzie goal made it 7-1 at the final whistle.

Kyles Athletic now await the winners of the tie between Aberdour and Glasgow Mid Argyll in the next round.

**Marine Harvest
South Division 1****Kilmory 3
Aberdour 3**

ABERDOUR remain top of Marine Harvest South Division 1 after they picked up a hard-earned point in a 3-3 draw with Kilmory at MacRae Park.

Despite the heavy surface, David Mac-

Dougall dribbled the ball into the danger-area to put Aberdour 1-0 ahead with 15 minutes played.

It only took Kilmory four minutes to restore parity through Andrew Cunningham but it was Aberdour that had the edge in the first 45 minutes.

Aberdour put themselves in a strong position with a blistering start to the second half.

John Martin Philips made it 2-1 on 46 minutes with Angus Thorburn adding a third just 60 seconds later.

Kilmory fought back and Alastair MacArthur made it 3-2 on 55 minutes.

Boosted by the goal, Kilmory went in search of a leveller and it arrived on 62 minutes when Andrew Cunningham got his second.



Dunoon wing centre Jonny Black fends off Inveraray's David MacPherson.

Photo Sinclair Images.

Aberdour are a point clear at the top of the table, ahead of Tayforth who have a game in hand.

**Taynuilt 1
Glenorchy 1**

TWO goals in the final 13 minutes saw Taynuilt and Glenorchy

share the points in a tense 1-1 draw at the Taynuilt Sports Field.

Alex MacPherson gave Glenorchy a 77-minute lead in this derby match but Steven Campbell equalised with just five minutes remaining.

This was Glenorchy's

first league game of the season and they now turn their attention to next Saturday's Marine Harvest Camanachd Cup tie at Kilmory.

**Marine Harvest
South Division 2****Inveraray 4
Dunoon 0**

FULL of confidence after their resounding victory against Glasgow Mid Argyll last week, the Inveraray second team earned a 4-0 victory over Dunoon Camanachd at the Winterton.

David MacPherson, for so long a trusted wing centre with the Inveraray senior team, has been lending his experience to the reserves this season and he made it 1-0 after 20 minutes with a 35-yard shot which flew into the roof of the net.

MacPherson got his second just five minutes later when he clinically followed up after a good save from the Dunoon keeper, Gordon Asher.

The experience of MacPherson and David Robertson started to show as Inveraray pulled ahead and looked in control.

Dunoon never let their heads drop, however, and a superb Gregor Mather double-save denied them a goal before Inveraray went on to seal the win.

Despite some Dunoon pressure, Kenny Kirkhope and Coll MacKay added two more goals late in the match to make it 4-0. The win puts Inveraray seconds top of South Division 2, ahead of Strachur on goal difference.

Sports club lotteries

THE NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 3, 7 and 19. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £200.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 4, 8 and 16. There were no winners this week so next week's prize will be £200.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 12, 14 and 15. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £400.

Stylish Star put on a show

PREMIER 2A's bottom club, Port Glasgow OBU, travelled to the Ropework on Saturday as Red Star returned to league action.

The match got off to the perfect start for the home side as Aaron Moore managed to head home a Kieran Moore corner from close range to put Star 1-0 inside two minutes.

Unfortunately for Star they lost goalkeeper Luke Kalache to injury early in the game after an OBU striker accidentally landed on him, causing the Star number one to dislocate his shoulder. With Kalache forced off, Luke Nais-

by donned the gloves while Kyle Selfridge replaced Naisby at the heart of the defence. After initially taking a bit of time to settle after the injury, Star soon started to get their passing game going and started creating some good chances, however, they were frustrated that it was only 1-0 at the break.

After some words of encouragement at half time, Star set about putting the match to bed early in the second half and they dou-

Lochgilphead Red Star	5
Port Glasgow OBU	0
SAFL Premier Division 2A	

bled their lead when Rab Docherty found the bottom corner from close range after an Innes Meikle assist.

The superior fitness of the young Star side began to show as the movement of wingers Ciaran McPhie and Kieran Moore were causing OBU all manner of problems.

Star's third goal came from a tremendous individual run from Ciaran McPhie, beating a handful of defenders and the goalkeeper to put Star 3-0 up and se-

cure the points.

Neil Russell added to the scoring, coming off the bench and latching onto a through pass before slotting the ball under the keeper for 4-0. Soon after, the veteran forward was able to get on the end of a Kieran Moore cut back and poke the ball home to round off another good afternoon for Red Star.

This Saturday, Star look to keep the pressure on the top of the league when they play host for the final time this season to Millbeg at the Ropework (or Astro weather permitting), with kick off at 2pm.

**Scottish AFL
results and
fixtures**

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils 1, Inverclyde 2; Shawlands v Oban Saints, postponed; Premier Division One - Rutherglen v Dunoon postponed; Premier Division 2A - Lochgilphead Red Star 5, Port Glasgow OBU 0. Tarbert, no game.

This Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup, third round - Houston v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division - Oban Saints v Motherwell Thistle; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Kings Park Rangers; Premier 2A - Lochgilphead Red Star v Millbeg; Premier 2B - Arkleston v Tarbert.

Shinty memories core to heritage project

SHINTY is at the centre of a new project aimed at jogging the memories of former players and supporters.

The Sports Heritage Scotland project, launched at Hampden Park on Friday March 31, will deliver a nationwide, community-based sports reminiscence project for vulnerable people. The purpose of the project is to

aid people living with dementia, and other forms of memory loss, loneliness or isolation, by collating and sharing old photographs of certain sports in an attempt to reignite some happy old memories. The project will also, more indirectly, help to preserve and manage the sport's heritage and documented history.

In the next two years, Sports Heritage Scotland will set up a network of more than 100 volunteers to establish a minimum of 30 reminiscence groups for shinty, golf, rugby, and cricket.

The Sports Heritage Scotland website, www.sportsheritagescotland.co.uk, also serves to highlight and promote the heritage of the

member sports and will be available to view in English and Gaelic. If you have any images which you think could contribute to the memories project and could be included in the sports archive, relating to 1940-90 in the first instance, please contact Hugh Dan MacLennan on hughdan.maclennan@sportsheritagescotland.co.uk.

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Mid Argyll hosts rugby festival

A SLIGHTLY different ball game was played at Ropework Park in Lochgilphead when Mid Argyll Rugby Club hosted the latest Dalriada Festival on Saturday March 25.

The festival, organised by Argyll and Bute's rugby development officer Allan Wright, was well attended, with teams from Oban, Taynuilt, Isle of Mull and Kin-

tyre all visiting the Mid Argyll juniors.

The warm and sunny weather brought along a lot of friends and family to show their support and enjoy what turned out to be a great show of quality for mini rugby in Argyll.

All the teams played well on the day with plenty of try-scoring and exciting action as all the teams put on a fine display of sportsmanship and spirit.

Thanks

Allan said: 'A massive thanks to everyone who came along to the Dalriada festival at Mid Argyll.'

'It was a great festival and was fantastic to see some very strong teams in attendance. Mid Argyll, as usual, were great hosts, even managing to arrange some good weather for us.'

The next Dalriada festival is to be held at Lochaber on Saturday April 29.

Training will be as



Mid Argyll Rugby Football Club P6/7 team line-up at Ropework Park.



Mid Argyll's Murray MacDonald breaks a tackle.

usual on Tuesdays at 4pm unless it is a school holiday. Everyone is welcome to come along whether they are experienced or just want to try it out for the first time.

Results: Primary 4/5: Oban 5-1 Mid Argyll; Etive Vikings 10-5 Kintyre; Mid Argyll 4-4 Kintyre; Etive Vikings 3-2 Oban; Kintyre

1-4 Oban; Etive Vikings 8-3 Mid Argyll.

Primary 6/7: Mid Argyll 3-1 Mull; Etive Vikings 5-0 Oban; Etive Vikings 4-1 Kintyre; Oban Lorne 0-6 Mid Argyll; Kintyre 4-2 Mull; Mid Argyll 0-1 Etive Vikings; Oban Lorne 5-4 Mull; Kintyre 5-2 Oban Lorne; Etive Vikings 6-2 Mull; Mid Argyll 5-0 Kintyre.



Logan Allan on the ball against Mull.

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Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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Young Dunadd side on form to beat Lorn

DUNADD ladies had their second game of the season last Sunday at home against the newly-formed Oban Lorn team.

Following on from their recent defeat against Ardnamurchan, the young shinty team came back strong and confident, despite missing experienced player Iona MacNicol due to injury.

The sides were evenly matched, given that the majority of the players from both teams had only recently taken up the sport. What the players lacked in experience, though, they more than made up for in grit and determination.

Unlucky

Most of the possession was Dunadd's in the first half, but they were unlucky with a few missed goal opportunities and the match remained scoreless at half-time.

Zoe McKillop scored the first goal of the game for Dunadd, soon to be followed by another from Nicola Smyth. Oban Lorn were not discouraged, and fought back with vigour to cause the Dunadd defence a few scary moments.

A goal by Grace Jeffrey of Dunadd was disallowed due to off-side. Laurene Cameron managed to score a third goal after a few disappointing misses.

A late minute goal from Zoe McKillop brought the hard fought game to 4-0 at full time.

Dunadd would like to thank Ross Brown for refereeing, Oban Lorn for the competition and travelling, and the Stag Hotel for the excellent hospitality.

Dolphins make big waves at Swimathon

ASPIRING young swimmers took to the water last Thursday to raise funds for local organisations.

The Mid Argyll Dolphins were pushed to the limit in a gruelling swimathon challenge that saw both juniors and seniors swim in a series of timed endurance events.

No less than 33 swimmers took part in the challenge which was organised to help raise funds for both the MS Centre in Lochgilhead and MACPool itself.

Karen McCurry, from the MS Centre, attended the swimathon and commented: 'The MS Centre and MACPool work quite closely together, often organising joint fundraisers, just like this one. 'The MS Centre's work mainly focuses on adults so it's good to get involved to make sure kids are aware of our services for the future.'

The young swimmers were tasked with raising money themselves through sponsorship money for their swims, with each child

collecting the money themselves after picking what distance they wanted to swim.

Karen added: 'Congratulations to all the swimmers and a huge thanks to MACPool and the Dolphins for helping to raise funds; it's been great to be a part of it all and refreshing to see parents and children working together to support local charities.'

Parents volunteered to help with time-keeping, scorecards and adjudication, while also playing the role of cheerleaders for the swimmers.

The swimathon has been a focal point of the Dolphins' training in recent months and has helped to encourage the youngsters to train and compete in swimming.

Some of the senior Dolphins are looking for pathways into regional or national competitions and are keen to develop their swimming on to a higher level and the swimathon has provided a platform for this.

Arlene Green, head coach of the Dolphins,



Junior Dolphins after their heats in the pool. 08_a14swimathon01

said: 'The kids have been training for two months for the swimathon and have worked incredibly hard; they've been great.'

'Some of the juniors are swimming 600m (30 laps) while many of the senior Dolphins are swimming 2000m (100 laps) which is very impressive.'

'The older teenagers in the group have continued to swim which is good because the younger juniors look up to the seniors and inspire them to keep

training.' The Dolphins are in good health with 38 members, up to 17 years of age and continues to hold events like the swimathon thanks to the support of sponsors Landcatch.

Training is on Mondays and Thursdays at the MACPool and anyone interested in getting involved should ask about the Dolphins at the swimming pool.

Best senior times: 2000m - Megan Danson: 32:11. 2000m - Lorne Barry: 35:51. 1600m - Aileen Barr: 33:19. 1600m - Christopher McCartan: 35:21. 1000m - Ruth Neville: 23:42.

Junior swimmers: 200m: Jodie Sansom, Olivia Veitch, Santo Pia, Valerio Pia, Jacob Potter, Emma Plummer, Maisie Gilmour, Betsy Jeffrey. 400m: Alasdair Toner, Ben Davidson, Niamh Shaw. 600m: Anya Grittan, Tom West, Rhona Love, Cara Banaghan.

Senior swimmers: 1000m: Ruth Neville. 1600m: Rose MacCallum, Logan Allan, Arasi Kasirajan, Aileen Barr, Christopher McCa-

rtan, Hannah Young, Ellen Moir. 2000m: Megan Danson, Ruby Bosworth, Molly Dykes, Euan Gilmour, Innes Cameron, Lorne Barrie, Johnnie Neville, Ian Munro, Felix Maddox, Ben Maddox.



Swimmer of the month for March, Rose MacCallum. 08_a14swimathon07

Tarbert tees off in style

TARBERT Golf Club heralded the new summer season on Saturday with its traditional president's match.

The season opening event saw president MacTaggart's team take on vice president Smyth's team, with the president's select easing to a comfortable victory in sunny but blustery conditions at Glenralloch.

Members have been busy over the winter months undertaking some necessary drainage works and the rebuilding of the sixth medal tee, so the club is happy to get the summer season underway in good spirits.

The next gents' competition takes place on Saturday April 15 for the first round of the Fyne Tankard.

Race is on to enter Dookers Dash races

ENTRIES have opened for this year's Tarbert Dookers Dash races.

Though the three events that make up the children's races will not take place until mid August, the opportunity is there to get names in early.

Youngsters can take part in the Dookers Dash mile, the Dookers Toddlers Dash over 50 metres, or the Dookers Dash 70-metre run.

Entry closes for all three races on August 10, 2017.



Senior Dolphins with their certificates after the mammoth swim. 08_a14swimathon06

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