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Lead theft

A LARGE amount of lead has been stolen from a building site near Lochgilphead.

Police are appealing for information following the theft from a site at Red Lodge.

Officers from Lochgilphead Police Office believe the material was taken sometime over the weekend.

Contact the police on 01546 702200 with any information.

Man arrested

A 34-YEAR-old man has been arrested following an incident in Furnace last weekend.

The man was arrested by officers on Saturday at 1.30pm. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in Dunoon.

Road repairs

REPAIRS totalling more than half a million pounds will be spent upgrading the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road this summer.

For more on this story see page two.

Diamond wedding

TAYVALLICH couple David and Audrey Thomson will be joined by family and friends at Ardfeniag on Monday to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

For more on this story see next week's *Advertiser*.

Teenager hits high notes with invite to top school



Mairi Voinot has been extended a personal invitation to attend a top fiddle school in California. 06_a15mairi01

Mairi's dream chance to play in California

A LOCHGILPHEAD teenager has been extended a personal invitation by one of Scotland's top fiddle players to attend his summer school in California.

Mairi Voinot was asked by Alasdair Fraser to apply to his summer camp 'Valley of the Moon' after hearing her play at a fiddle camp in Skye.

The 16-year-old said she was 'shocked' after being extended the invitation adding: 'Alasdair is my idol; he's just amazing.'

Mairi is a regular feature on the competition circuit, travelling all over Scotland.

So far this year she has competed in Inverclyde Music Festival as well as the Mid Argyll Music Festival; each time walking away with silverware.

And what makes Mairi's success even more awe-inspiring is that she only picked up a fiddle five years ago.

'I'd previously played the violin but then I saw Archie McAllister playing the fiddle and I thought 'I want to learn

REPORT BY
JENNY SUTHERLAND

that' so I have,' explained Mairi. 'I practise every day for 45 minutes to an hour,' she added.

Part of the Lochgilphead Fiddle Folk group, Mairi is tutored by three top fiddle players: Mike Vass, Archie McAllister and Aonghas Grant.

Dream

Mairi, a fourth-year pupil at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, is now on the fundraising trail as she will have to formally apply to the prestigious summer school and needs to raise £1,000 to make her dream a reality.

She's already raised £400 by selling handicrafts and Ardrishaig Guides plan to hold a coffee morning on May 7 to boost the coffers.

'I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me and donated so far,' said Mairi. 'I'm so excited about this opportunity.'

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Oban road to get £½m upgrade

MORE than half a million pounds will be spent upgrading the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road this summer.

A host of structural repairs and resurfacing works will be carried out on 4,500 linear metres of the road.

The work, which begins in June, includes resurfacing and retexturing the road at Tibertich and structural repairs in Barrananoil, Carinbaan and Kintraw.

The repairs are part of a £2 million programme of road works to be carried out across Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Islay,

Jura and Colonsay. Four Mid Argyll roads will benefit from the repair work, which will start between June and September, at a total cost of £881,000.

The Ford road, where the B840 meets the A816 will be up graded, the Kilberry road, the B8024, will be resurfaced at Avinagillan and Loch Arial and the C42 road between Seafield and Castle Sween will be retextured.

The schedule of work was announced at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee meeting last

week. At the meeting technical officer for Argyll and Bute Council, Julian Green, said patchmaster vehicles had been tackling potholes on the minor roads across Argyll but severe cold weather had made permanent repairs difficult.

'We need to have a plan that is sustainable so we move away from temporary repairs,' said Julian. 'Winter conditions make it difficult but where possible more permanent repairs are being done.'

Sandy Dunlop of Oban Electrical Services Ltd, which has staff based in

both Oban and Lochgilphead, said the company has a minimum of three or four vans on the road every day.

Mr Dunlop said: 'This is welcome news but I would like to see more work done. It is three miles being repaired; three miles out of 38 is not a lot.'

'These roads were never built for HGV lorries,' he said, 'they need to be hard around the edges.'

Argyll and Bute Council announced that an additional £3 million would be invested in the roads network when councillors approved the 2011/12 budget in February.

Animal welfare award

THE SCOTTISH SPCA is inviting nominations for its new Young Person Animal Welfare Award.

The award scheme recognises young people who have either helped animals or demonstrated good animal welfare practices. Nominees must be under 18 years old and can be nominated as an individual or a group. The closing date for nominations is August 5. For more information telephone 03000 999 999 or email education@scottishspca.org.



Bug on a Blade was just one of the fantastic images captured by pupils of the Snapberry Project.

High school pupils get 'snappy'

A GROUP of Lochgilphead High School students have been snapped up by Scottish Natural Heritage's Good Practice Team after producing breathtaking photos.

Snapberry, an environmental arts project led by Scottish Natural Heritage, has seen specialists in photography and

natural heritage working with the students on the Tainish and Moine Mhor National Nature Reserves. Now the *Snapberry* model of working will be used as the basis of a talk at The Participant event at Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Headquarters next Wednesday (April 20).

The team of students, led by Project Manager Caroline Anderson, will talk about their work and their individual experiences of the project, as well as exhibiting some of their photographic interpretations of the natural heritage of Mid Argyll taken during their fieldtrips.

Kilmichael to get all weather sports pitch

AFTER more than 10 years campaigning for an area of derelict land, Dunadd Community Council has taken over its lease and now plans to create a sports area suitable for the whole community.

The community council plans to transform the area of wasteland at the top of Kilmichael into an all weather soft surface, which can be used by Glassary Primary School and community groups.

Colin Ferguson, convenor of Dunadd Community Council, said: 'We now hold the lease for the land, which is owned by ACHA.'

'It will be an improvement to the area and will benefit the whole community.'

As well as including a soft all-weather surface, plans are afoot to use some other parts of the ground.

'There's talk of getting some shrubs and a seating area where the parents can sit. The school can also house their vegetable garden on the plot,' added Colin.

Colin says the community council is keen to hear from the village's residents.

'We'd be keen to hear from the community. We want to know what sorts of things they would like from the area,' he explained.

It is anticipated that work will start as soon as possible on the village's new facility.

Help Scotland wipe out litter

MID ARGYLL folk are being urged to Keep Scotland Beautiful as part of a national spring clean campaign.

People are being asked to pick up litter from open spaces in their area as the country's largest co-ordinated clean up operation.

The annual campaign, now in its fifth year, has been extended so that volunteers can carry on cleaning from March 14 to May 16. To volunteer and receive free clean up kits visit www.keepsotlandtidy.org.

Outdoor talk

AN OUTDOOR talk will take place next Wednesday April 20 in Kilmichael Glassary.

Dr Richard Tipping of Stirling University will demonstrate how environmental reconstruction can recreate a lost landscape in Kilmartin Glen. The event is being run by Kilmartin House Museum.

Rise in Argyll house prices

HOUSE prices in Argyll and Bute have risen, a price report by slhomes.com has revealed.

The first quarter of 2011 has shown an increase of 1.29 per cent in asking prices, with the average advertised asking price in Argyll and Bute growing from £191,219 in the final quarter of 2010 to £193,689.

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Mark Weldon of Mark Weldon Hairdressing with his staff. Not pictured is stylist Jodie Brown. 06_a15marks01

Salon's new 'prime' location

MARK Weldon Hairdressing has moved to a 'prime' Lochgilphead location after seven years in its former premises.

The hair salon is now located on 18 Argyll Street, above MacArthur Stewart Estate Agents.

Proprietor, Mark Weldon, said the new premises are 'brighter and lighter' and allow both staff and clients more space.

'We were in our former premises

in Smithy Lane for seven years and were in Colchester Square for eight years,' explained Mark. 'Our new premises are in a prime spot in Lochgilphead.'

Loyal

The salon has a 'loyal' client-base, explains Mark.

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Roadwork disruption will last another two weeks

MOTORISTS growing ever-more frustrated with the road works at the top of Argyll Street have just over two weeks left to endure them.

The repairs, which have seen traffic lights on Bishopton Road, Argyll Street and now Manse Brae, are part of strengthening works being completed by Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD).

Part of a multi-million pound investment by SHEPD, the work began on March 21 and is expected to be completed by May 4.

A total of seven kilometers of underground cabling is being strengthened.

The contractors for the work is Tarbert-based firm, Mellex Plant and Construction.

Samantha O'Connor, spokeswoman for Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution, said: 'This new investment work means the electricity network is even more robust and if there is a loss of power, supplies in the area will be restored more quickly.'

She added: 'SHEPD would like to thank all customers and businesses for their patience.'



A representative from Kids in Museums hands over a certificate to Kilmartin House Museum staff - Dr Sharon Webb, Anne Smart, John Fisher and Kate Moody.

Kilmartin Museum commended at top family friendly awards

A MID ARGYLL museum has been named one of the most family friendly museums in Britain.

Kilmartin House Museum has been awarded a certificate by Kids in Museums after being shortlisted for the Guardian Family Friendly Museum Award.

One of the most prestigious awards to be bestowed on a museum - Kilmartin House was the only museum in Scotland to be named as a finalist.

Staff from the museum attended an awards ceremony in London last week where

they were presented with a certificate and commended for their good work.

Praising Kilmartin House Museum director of Kids in Museums, Dea Birkett, said: 'We had fantastically strong entries for this year's award, so Kilmartin are to be especially congratulated for making it to the six-strong shortlist.'

'Judges were particularly impressed by the strong, loyal local following and sense of community, with visitors making comments like we are very lucky to have them in this rural area. Kilmartin

proves that you don't have to be a big, national, city centre museum to make a real difference.'

Speaking after the awards ceremony curator at Kilmartin House Museum, Dr Sharon Webb said the highlight of the event was meeting staff and volunteers from other shortlisted museums and previous award winners.

Sharon said: 'This coupled with the positive feedback received has motivated and inspired Kilmartin staff to review and improve what we do with the objective of going one step further in 2012.'

Mid Argyll primary schools stay on closure list

TWO MID Argyll primary schools remain on a list of potential school closures following Argyll and Bute Council's pre-consultation process.

Minard and Ashfield primary schools still face the threat of closure after council officials met with members of both communities.

An agenda for a meeting on Tuesday at Argyll and Bute Council headquarters shows that all 12 schools where pre-consultation meetings were held have been moved another stage towards closure.

Argyll and Bute councillors will now vote on whether or not to put the Mid Argyll schools out to formal consultation for closure.

If approved school amalgamations will be implemented during the Christmas recess this year.

Chair of Minard Parent Council Brian Barker said: 'We are very disappointed. We put a lot of hard work into the preparation for the

pre-consultation meeting and put across a detailed case as to why the council should take Minard off the list. It looks like they were not listening.'

Sian MacQueen of Ashfield Parent Council said the council had not completed a full community impact assessment.

She added: 'The case for closing Ashfield in the agenda papers for April 19 is again based on inaccurate and misleading calculations.'

Decided

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Statutory consultation, if decided on by elected members, will take place between May 3 and June 30, 2011.'

'If statutory consultation is agreed final decisions will be taken by councillors in October.'

'Anyone who did not agree with the council's decision will have three weeks to refer their complaint to the Scottish Government.'

Sunny weekend sees ice cream melt-down

LAST weekend's warm and sunny weather saw a rip-roaring trade in ice cream to the point that Inveraray's shops went into melt-down.

The Royal Burgh's shop owners were left having to beg, borrow and buy ice cream and cones from those who had some left after an 'incredibly' busy weekend saw shops completely run out. Gwen Lindsay, owner of Sweet Memories, said: 'We eventually ran out

on Sunday. I think the only shop left with ice cream was Adriano Pia.

'Inveraray was absolutely mobbed; but it was a great start to the season.'

Caprice Irvine, co-owner of The Pier Shop, added: 'We didn't have any ice cream left come Monday. It was quite crazy; we just weren't expecting it but it was like a summers day and everyone was just wanting their first ice cream of the year.'

Firework appeal

POLICE are asking people to notify them if they are planning to set off fireworks or Chinese lanterns near water.

The call comes after police officers from Oban and Lochgilphead were scrambled to Innis Chonnell Castle on Loch Awe where there had been a report of flares being let off. After an hour-and-a-half spent looking for the flares, police were advised that fireworks had been let off as part of a party.

Swimming for Gambia

FIRST Aid 4 Gambia's marathon fundraiser is in full swing.

Participants are getting their goggles at the ready to swim for the charity, which supplies first aid training and supplies to schools and nurseries throughout The Gambia. To ensure the project keeps growing the charity aim to raise £30,000.

If 3,000 swimmers can all swim one-mile and raise £10, the charity will its target.

For more information on the fundraiser visit www.firstaid4gambia.org

Warm up for Climate Day

WEDNESDAY marked Climate Day with the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) calling on Scotland's political parties to warm up their plans to improve energy efficiency, and energy creating potential, of Scotland's homes.

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Awards will take place 17th June 2011 Council Chambers Kilmory Lochgilphead

First Aid Awareness Week

A NATIONAL survey has revealed that only 14 per cent of people would act to administer CPR with 77 per cent of people opting to call the emergency services.

The survey was undertaken by St John Ambulance, St Andrew's First Aid and British Red Cross to mark national First Aid Awareness Week, which takes place this week.

The survey also reveals that most people are put off by the idea of giving mouth-to-mouth. When asked if they would be more likely to carry out CPR if chest compression only was required, just over half, 56 per cent say they would be more likely to try and resuscitate a casualty.

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Jenna receives her Employee of the Year award from ACHA'S Chief Executive, Alastair MacGregor.

Jenna named employee of the year

AN ARDRISHAIG woman has been named Argyll Community Housing Association's (ACHA) first Employee of the Year.

Jenna Shaw works in ACHA's Mid Argyll office at Dalriada House in Lochgilphead as an area administration officer.

She received the award as a result of nominations from her colleagues and members of the public and was decided on by a panel of her peers.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's Chief Executive said: 'I have known Jenna as a colleague for six years and she is an incredibly hard working and conscientious member of staff. This award is fully merited and reflects the enormous respect that Jenna has from her colleagues and members of the public.'

On receiving her award, Jenna said: 'I was genuinely amazed to get this, I had no idea I had been nominated. I consider all that I do as being part of a team in Mid Argyll and Kintyre so I'd like this award to reflect all their good work too.'

Cadbury Easter Egg Trails at Crarae Garden and Arduaine Garden

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Highbank's new playpark

RESIDENTS of Highbank Park are delighted with their newly upgraded play area.

As part of ongoing improvement work by Argyll Community Housing (ACHA) the refurbished play park has drawn in many of the area's children.

Resident, Patricia Wilson, contacted the *Advertiser* to say how lovely it was to see so many children enjoying the park. She added: 'It just so nice to see all the youngsters out playing.'

'The mums and dads are all sitting around talking; it's bringing the community together.'

This play area was upgraded in-line with ACHA's Play Area Strategy, which was developed to deal with

over 30 play areas that transferred to ACHA along with the houses at stock transfer. The total cost of the work is £21,000 and was funded by Early Action Funding from the Scottish Government via Argyll and Bute Council.

The Play Practice, a specialist play area contractor based in Livingston, completed the improvement following a competitive tender comparing design and value.

ACHA's Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services, Christine Johnston, said: 'ACHA is delighted the play area is being so well used by the community and proving to be such a benefit to the neighbourhood.'

Bells ring for Rev Roy Flatt

BELL RINGERS from the Scottish Association of Change Ringers will attempt to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the ten bells of All Saints Church, Inveraray tomorrow, Saturday.

The bells will be rung in memory of the late Rev. Roy Flatt.

If the ringers are successful the bells will be rung from around 11.30am until 3.30pm.

The usual sound controls will be in place.

For the last 27 years Rev. Flatt was Rec-

tor of Christ Church, Lochgilphead, All Saints, Inveraray and St.Columba's Kilmartin.

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During this time he worked hard to ensure that the Bell Tower has been accessible and the bells have been maintained as originally intended.

The Tower contains the second heaviest ring of ten bells after Wells

Cathedral in Somerset.

Bell ringers come from near and far to ring these bells in the

English style of full circle bell ringing.

Many people are unaware that the bell tower was created by the Ninth Duke of Argyll as a memorial itself to the dead of Clan Campbell.

On this occasion the bells will be rung to celebrate the life and work of Rev. Roy Flatt, who was well known locally.

His Grace the present Duke of Argyll will welcome the ringers to the tower before the peal.

Young Scot Award come to Argyll

ARGYLL and Bute walked away from this year's Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards last week with one of the top prizes.

Michaela Girven scooped the Sunday Mail readers award for her work in combating bullying.

The 14-year-old from Rhu, near Helensburgh, was bullied for three years and in order to combat the problem, Michaela has spoken at conferences designed a board game and set up a website to talk to others victims of bullying.

The awards were held in Glasgow's Hilton Hotel last Thursday, April 7.

Be ready for Easter

NHS SCOTLAND is urging DIY enthusiasts across Argyll and Bute to take care and be prepared when they reach for the tools this Easter.

The school holidays, Easter weekend, the Royal Wedding and May Bank Holiday might tempt residents to tackle a range of projects around the house or garden.

But Be Ready for Easter campaign is encouraging people to take a few simple steps to avoid injury and stay healthy this spring.

For more information about the campaign, visit - www.nhsinform.co.uk or phone 0800 22 44 88.

Ardrishaig tennis trophies given new lease of life

A SHIELD donated to Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club by a former editor of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* has been given a new lease of life.

Six trophies, as well as the *Advertiser* Shield, date back to the early 1930s and formed part of Ardrishaig Tennis Club's silverware collection.

The trophies have now been taken under the wing of retired Ardrishaig couple, Fiona and Donald MacLachlan.

Armed with a duster and some polish, Donald set about restoring the cups to their former glory.

Fiona, who is the current secretary and treasurer of Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club, said the cups brought back some memories of former players and coaches,

sadly many of whom are no longer alive today. She said: 'Miss Eileen Henderson was the coach of the tennis club for many years before she left Ardrishaig in 1951.'

'Her name appears on one cup five consecutive years running, as well as the *Advertiser* Quaich.'

Fiona added: 'We always kept in touch with Eileen until she sadly passed away in December last year, aged 105.'

Fiona and Donald now hope to permanently house the silverware in the bowling club. But at present the trophies do not have a display cabinet.

Anyone who thinks they can help by supplying a trophy cabinet can get in touch with the *Advertiser* on 01546 602345.



Donald MacLachlan from Ardrishaig has restored the trophies to their former glory. 06_a15trophies01

Council slashes festival funding

FESTIVALS throughout Mid Argyll have had their funding slashed by Argyll and Bute Council for the next 10 years.

Festival committees, which applied for third sector funding for their 2011 events, have been told their funding will be cut by 50 per cent.

Mid Argyll Area Committee voted to apply a blanket policy to grant applications for third sector funding, which sees events and festivals that have received funding for two years or more have their grant cut by 50 per cent.

The Mull of Kintyre was the only event exempt from the cut, receiving £3,500.

Mid Argyll Music Festival, Tarbert Festivals Committee and Lanterns@10, which organises Lochgilphead's annual Lantern Parade, have collectively lost almost £3,000 this year.

Chair of Mid Argyll Music Festival, Jane Macleod, said: 'The Mid Argyll Music Festival, along with the Festival in Tarbert and the Lantern Parade in Lochgilphead add to the richness and variety of life in Mid Argyll.'

'The Festival goes a long way to help support local businesses.'

The MS centre in Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers were excluded, receiving £1,500 and £2,000 respectively.

Mid Argyll Community Swimming pool, Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Association and the Mid Argyll Pipe Band also received funding.

Community development officer for Argyll and Bute Council, Audrey Baird, told councillors that the revised policy ensured that 'all applicants received something'.

Disappointment at delay in water supply switch-on

Auchindrain misses opening date

RED TAPE and bungling is how Auchindrain Visitor Centre has described the delay in being connected to the mains water supply.

The delay now means the refurbished visitor centre and tearoom missed its April 1 opening.

The two water companies involved, Scottish Water and Aimer, say they are in the process of 'doing everything they can' to get the centre open for Easter weekend.

But development manager for the Museum, Bob Clark, says everyone is 'bitterly disappointed' about the delay.

He added: 'Everything was ready to go when, in mid March, we discovered that our application to be connected to the mains - an application which we made on October 15, 2010 - had not been progressed by our supplier, Aimer, and Scottish Water.'

Mr Clark said there was no indication that anything was amiss until he began chasing for a connection date, only to discover that the application had not been progressed.

'Subsequent access to an exchange of e-mails between Aimer and Scottish Water showed that there had been a four month gap in communications on the matter, leading to the current delay,' explained Mr Clark.

Although the Tearoom is unable to open the site is open to visitors and a planned Easter event on April 23 will go ahead.

Bad weather

Paul Allen, project manager for Aimer, said: 'We had a delay in operations in December because of the bad weather and the enquiry didn't progress.'

'I'll be honest, we should have pushed Scottish Water more in terms of the application and we didn't.'

Mr Allen added: 'But now its about overcoming these issues - it's critical we get the tearoom open for Easter.'

A spokesman for Scottish Water said: 'We have recently advised the visitor centre that we will do everything we can to get the connection completed by the Easter weekend.'

Motorbikes targeted in spring roads campaign

POLICE bikes were in abundance in Inveraray last weekend as officers from the Road Policing Motorcycle Unit in Glasgow stopped dozens of bikes at 'Aray Bridge.

The officers were speaking to bikers as dozens flocked to the area in the good weather.

Four defect forms were issued to bikers over the weekend.

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Athletes perform well at UK final

SAM JESPERSON, a pupil at Oban High School, performed well at the UK Final of Sports Hall Athletics which were held in the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

Sam travelled with a group of 18 others, representing Argyll and Scotland and he started the day off with a third place in the four-lap time trial in 43.4 seconds, then performed well in the speed bounce event and long jump. Sam's overall performance on the day gained him an individual points score of 266 and he gained fourth place.

Sam also won a silver medal when he and Jonathon Rochford from North Connel excelled in the eight-lap paarlauf relay and they finished in second place. Jonathon also ran well in the four-lap time trial which allowed him to finish in fourth place in 43.6 seconds.

The standard of the boys and other Argyll youngsters at the UK final was very high and all of them did well in the contest.

Sports court plan for Tayvallich

TAYVALLICH could soon have its own all-weather outdoor court. Members of the Tayvallich Village Hall Committee are currently looking into transforming the land across from the village hall into a community sports facility.

The idea for a new sports court was suggested when a new sewerage system was installed in the village and the contractors which carried out the work, donated the base for a sports court.

Chris Tosss, secretary of Tayvallich Village Hall Committee, said: 'The project has aroused a great deal of interest in the village and outside, but there's lots to do and lots of funds to raise.'

£8,000 has already been raised by the village hall committee, with £7,000 donations by villagers and visitors, £750 from Argyll and Bute Council and £350 from the Scottish Co-operative Community Dividend Scheme.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



WE were waiting by St Martin's cross outside Iona Abbey on a glorious Palm Sunday morning.

Across the Sound of Iona, the rocks of Mull were pink in the morning light and a dusting of snow had settled on the top of Benmore.

Little fishing boats nestled in the bay and there was a sense that time stood still.

We waited with a small band of pilgrims who would reenact the events of that first Palm Sunday over 2000 years ago.

There was a great feeling of anticipation as we were given our palm branches and waited to go into the Abbey church.

Then we heard the music and the call to follow. There was a sense that time stood still.

We sang outside in the still morning air and our breath was visible in the coolness. There was a sense that time stood still.

We processed into the church, our boots making the cobbled stones ring out.

I thought of the echo of a donkey's hooves on other cobbled stones at another place and another time. There was a sense that time stood still.

The Abbey candles flickered and familiar words were read in this beautiful Abbey church that had welcomed so many pilgrims.

Maybe that's why time itself seemed to stand still and that in some mysterious way, we worshipped with them too.

Now we were the crowd on that Palm Sunday morning. I wondered if we would be faithful or fickle; I wondered if we would betray or deny the man on the donkey all over again.

I wondered if our hosannas would drift into the air like our breath and just disappear; I wondered if it was just coincidence, or did I hear a cockerel in that nearby farm. There was a sense that time stood still.



This week's Down Memory Lane was submitted by Derek Wallace from Ardishaig. The photograph, which features his father, shows Tarbert Football team in or around the late 1960s. Can anyone help with information regarding when exactly the picture was taken and where? Let us know by emailing - editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or telephone 01546 602345.

Lent: a foreign concept

Sir,
I would like to respond to Fr. William Maclean (Argyllshire Advertiser: April 1) who felt in my previous letter that I tried to 'devalue Lent.'

Certainly I was pointing out that there was no Scriptural command, and therefore necessity, to keep 'Lent' as it is a foreign concept to what would have originally been a completely Jewish Church in the first century.

These man-made observances were invented much later, and whilst there is actually great value in fasting, as Fr. Maclean correctly points out, that the Disciples were told that they would fast after Jesus, or Yeshua as He would have been called in Hebrew, would be taken away from them.

Therefore, I am not against fasting as a Biblical observance, but the tradition of setting aside 40 days for partial-fasting such as is observed in many of the Church denominations today, such as giving up chocolate, and then hardly a time to fast at any other time throughout the year. My point remains that Yeshua as our perfect example never indicated that we should keep such an observance.

Fr. Maclean then informs us then that Lent, as well as iden-

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tifying with Yeshua's sufferings, is a time to express solidarity with the poor around the world and by being generous to those who have less, presuming of course that the poor are not believers who are also giving up things for Lent and would not be able to accept the luxuries that we are giving up.

Passover falls on 14th Nisan in the Biblical calendar and on April 18 in Pope Gregory's, yet few will celebrate the passion of our Lord when it actually happened, but on the man-made date of 'Easter' instead completely ignoring God's 'appointed times'. 'Better to devalue Lent than devalue the Passover of the LORD. - As Yeshua said: 'Do this in remembrance of Me.' How many do?

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

Treasure TT 136 information

Sir,
I write in response to the Down Memory Lane photograph of the fishing boat

'Treasure' submitted by a Mr D Crawford.

I am one of five granddaughters of John Crawford who owned the boat in partnership with his brother.

I would like to state that the information given was inaccurate as the photograph was not taken in 1940 as it was sold and left Minard in the 1930s as were all the boats.

Also, my grandfather was from Upper Achagoil and not Inveraray as stated.

Finally I would be very interested to meet the 'mystery' Mr D Crawford who submitted the photograph and claims this was his grandfather's boat.

In actual fact there is only one grandson who is also called John Crawford, Lochgilphead and formally Furnace.

Christine Crawford,
1 Goatfield View,
Furnace.

Veteran appeal

Sir,
I am a researcher for Testimony Films, one of Britain's leading social history documentary companies. I am currently working on a new doc-

umentary for the Yesterday Channel to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the arctic convoys in the winter of 1941, the most treacherous voyages undertaken in the Second World War.

The courage and endurance of all the British sailors has recently been honoured in Russia, yet few in Britain are aware of the crucial importance of the mission and the sacrifice made by these sailors. We hope this programme will be a fitting tribute to the bravery they displayed for Britain's war effort.

We are very keen to hear from anyone who made the treacherous journey from Britain to Russia in any of the arctic convoys throughout the war. We want to hear how they coped with the dangerous sub-Arctic conditions, the devastating loss of comrades at the hands of the enemy and the constant threat of attack from both the air and sea. We would also like to hear about camaraderie, the sense of embarking on an adventure and how it felt to reach their destination safely.

If you or someone you know was involved with the arctic convoys and have memories to share, contact Pete Vance on 01179258589, email pete.vance@testimonyfilms.com or at write to Arctic Convoy Appeal, 12 Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5RH.

Pete Vance,
Researcher,
Testimony Films.

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Curtain up on Drama Festival



THE 63rd ARGYLL Drama Festival opens in Ardrishaig Public Hall, later this month with, with nine enthusiastic teams presenting their one-act plays.

Running from April 26-28, the festival kicks off on the Tuesday evening with Dalmally and Loch Awe Drama Society presenting two smash-hit comedies, the uproarious *Time for Ben*, followed by the scintillating *Late Entry*, placed

second in North Lorn Drama Festival.

A sparkling comedy inside a funeral parlour, second place in Lorn Drama Festival, *The Atkinson Affair* from Accent Players, Campbeltown ends the evening.

Riotous Comedy

Three hilarious comedies on Wednesday begin with Accent Juniors, *The Strawberry Tea*; then Carradale Drama Club, winners of the Kintyre

Festival, present, *A Little Box Of Oblivion*. And the evening ends with the winners of the Lorn Drama Festival, Lochgilphead Drama Club and their riotous comedy, *Meat and Two Veg*.

On the final evening, the talented Tarbert Academy Drama Club present an intriguing drama, *Dicken's Children*, followed by a laugh a minute comedy, which took second place at the Kintyre Festival, *World Premiere*, from Peninver Players.

Enthusiasm, dedication, lots of talent are the hall marks of these nine productions reaching the highest quality of drama and entertainment. From all walks of life, from youngsters at school to senior citizens, come the team members all of whom are determined to make your evening's entertainment memorable.

So anyone wanting a good night out with lots of laughs get your tickets for the Argyll Drama Festival from the Bookshop, Lochgilphead, or at the door on the night. And the curtain goes up at 7.15pm.



Lochgilphead Drama Club will be taking to the stage at this year's Argyll Drama Festival, performing their riotous comedy, *Meat and Two Veg*. Pictured are members of the cast at last year's festival. 08_a18drama01

Piano in Peril Concert is a hit with the audience

By John Stewart

MANY AN Argyll concert-lover should be writhing in despair at having missed such an amazing performance from Scotland's premier concert pianist, Steven Osborne, in his first ever recital at Crear, near Kilberry.

Over the years I have not been a frequent concert-goer – just enough to discern what distinguishes the good player from the not so good.

But last Sunday in a bright sun-dazzled Studio at Crear, I knew that I was in the presence of greatness. And I am not one normally given to rapturous praise.

Words like 'master at creating the sense of atmosphere, superlative performance, immaculate in technique, Osborne at his extroverted best, cling to every review of this astonishing performer'.

To have him play at Crear was a very special occasion indeed.

This was Steven's 1000th concert. People travelled from Glasgow, Paisley, Edinburgh and further afield to hear this young virtuoso. It is too early to say how much has been raised for the 'Piano in Peril Appeal, but the fund is off to a good start with £5000 raised at the concert.

And what was extra special is that Steven was so bowled-over by the space and the setting at Crear, that he is very keen to return in the near future.

Schubert had a worthy champion in Steven Osborne at this concert. I am glad I was there. From this coming weekend Steven

is in Stuttgart, followed by Hong Kong and Singapore performing Messiaen and Mozart. I hope they can hear that they are in the presence of one of the greatest concert pianists Scotland has produced.

See www.crear.co.uk for more concerts throughout 2011, and look in at www.stevenosborne.co.uk for more on this masterful performer.



Scotland's premier concert pianist, Steven Osborne, bowled over his audience at Crear.

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Junior winners of the Inveraray Piping Association Junior Competition.

INVERARAY Piping Association held its annual Junior Competition earlier this month.

Pipers from across Scotland travelled to the Royal Burgh to take part in the competition, held on Saturday April 2 in Inveraray Primary School.

Results
Drumming Events: Stick & Pad 2 part March Under 15yrs: 1 Raymond Gosling: Carradale; 2 Lorne C. Sinclair: Connel; 4-part March Under 15yrs: 1 Ewan Fyfe: Inveraray; 2 Callum MacMillan: Innellan; 3 Alexandra Mundy: Rothesay; **Jig: 14years & Under:** 1 Ewan Fyfe: Inveraray; 2 Mark Leishman: Campbeltown; 3 Callum MacMillan: Innellan; **Hornpipe & Jig: Age 15 & Under 18yrs:** 1 Fraser Davidson: Dunoon; 2 Ewan Fyfe: Inveraray; 3 Ryan Houston: Dunoon; 4-part MSR age 15 & Under 18yrs: 1 Fraser Davidson: Dunoon; 2 Mark Leishman: Campbeltown; 3 Amy Underwood: Dalmally; **Tenor: 4-part March - 14 and under:** 1 Helen Stage: Oban; 2 Lauren Davie: Dunoon; 3 Mhorren MacMillan: Innellan; **Tenor: 4-part MSR 15 and under 18yrs:** 1 Iona Underwood: Dalmally; **Novice Tenor - 2-part March under 18yrs:** 1 Naomi Baxter: Ardrishaig; 2 Amy Underwood: Dalmally; **Piping Events: 15 and under 18yrs: MSR - age 15 & Under 18yrs:** 1 Angus J. MacColl: Benderloch; 2 Iain Wilson: Strachur; 3 Billy Millar: Annan; 4 Iain Crawford: Strathaven; 5 Ciaran Sinclair: Saltcoats; **Piobaireachd - age 15 & Under 18yrs:** 1 Ciaran Sinclair: Saltcoats; 2 Iain Crawford: Strathaven; 3 Kyle Orr: Benderloch; 4 Christopher Gray: Lockerbie; **Hornpipe & Jig - age 15 & Under 18yrs:** 1 Angus J. MacColl: Benderloch; 2 Steven Gray: Lockerbie; 3 Billy Millar: Annan; 4 Iain Crawford: Strathaven; 5 Kyle Orr: Benderloch; **Piping Events:**

14 yrs and under: **March - 14yrs & Under:** 1 Daniel McDermott: Rothesay; 2 Rebecca Tierney: Strathaven; 3 Taylor Townsley: Airdrie; 4 Lucy Ferguson: Dollar; 5 Sandy Cameron: Roy Bridge; 6 Chris Coates: Lochgilhead; **Strath/Reel - 14yrs & Under:** 1 Rebecca Tierney: Strathaven; 2 Daniel McDermott: Rothesay; 3 Taylor Townsley: Airdrie; 4 Lucy Ferguson: Dollar; 5 John Campbell: Glasgow; 6 Sandy Cameron: Roy Bridge; **Jig - 14yrs & Under:** 1 Rebecca Tierney: Strathaven; 2 Daniel McDermott: Rothesay; 3 Sandy Cameron: Roybridge; 4 Joshua Townsley: Airdrie; 5 Cameron Underwood: Dalmally; 6 Gordon Wishart: Erskine; **Piobaireachd - 14yrs & Under:** 1 Sandy Cameron: Roy Bridge; 2 Taylor Townsley: Airdrie; 3 Rebecca Tierney: Strathaven; 4 Callum Wynd: Dunblane; 5 Harry McLachlan:

Aberfeldy; Chanter & Novice Piping Events: Chanter - Scale & Part of a Tune: 1 Finlay Bennett: North Connel; 2 Jack Ferguson: Campbeltown; 3 Emily McLean: Campbeltown; **Chanter - March - 11yrs & Under:** 1 Ciardha Baxter: Ardrishaig; 2 Ryan McLachlan: Campbeltown; 3 Jack Lague: Lochgilhead; 4 Jamie McKerral: Campbeltown; **3- Chanter - Strath/Reel - 11yrs & Under:** 1 Ryan McLachlan: Campbeltown; 2 Jamie McKerral: Campbeltown; 3 Jack Lague: Lochgilhead; **Chanter - March - 12yrs & Over:** 1 Sean Condy: Dunoon; **Chanter - Strath/Reel - 2yrs & Over:** 1 Peter MacCallum: Lochgilhead; **Novice Piping - March - 11yrs & Under:** 1 Ewan Murray: Annan; 2 Selina Keppie: Lochawe; 3 Finlay Cameron: Roy Bridge; **Novice Piping - March - 14yrs & Under:** 1 Molly Semple: Campbeltown; 2 Josh Coates: Lochgilhead.

Ace duo to return

ACE SCOTTISH traditional Duo, Anna Wendy Stevenson (fiddle) and James Ross (piano) will be this month's MAAA guest artists in Ardrishaig tomorrow (Saturday).

The Duo first played together in 2003, and straight away they developed a strong musical personality, with original Scottish sets - reels, marches, strathspeys, slow airs, polkas - played in a dynamic yet thoroughly authentic style.

Anna Wendy, who is the grand-daughter of eminent Scottish composer, Ronald Stevenson, teaches at the College of Music in Benbecula, whilst James is much in demand in Edinburgh as soloist and accompanist.

Their concert, in more light hearted vein than the usual chamber music programme brings the MAAA official concert season to a close, with just the annual Gala to come on Friday May 6. **JH**

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Got an Easter event planned?

WHETHER it's an Easter Egg hunt, bonnet-decorating contest or an Easter fete; the *Advertiser* wants to hear from you.

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The Duke of Argyll opened the doors of Inveraray Castle to celebrate Allan Macinnes' latest work - *The British Confederate: Archibald Campbell, Marquess of Argyll, c1607-1661*.

Castle hosts book launch reception

A FORMER Oban man, described as one of the finest Scottish historians of his time, returned to Argyll last week for the launch of his latest book.

Allan Macinnes, historian, professor and author, attended a special reception at Inveraray Castle to celebrate his book - *The British Confederate: Archibald Campbell, Marquess of Argyll, c1607-1661*.

Published last year the biography reviews Archibald Campbell's formative influence in shaping British frontier policy during the period 1607-38 and his leadership of the Covenanting Movement in Scotland between 1638 and 1645.

Allan enjoyed privileged access to the archives in Inveraray Castle during his research of the man, so often referred to as the Scottish Cromwell.

Speaking at the reception he said: 'It takes me back coming here tonight.'

'I remember coming here

over 20 years ago, for what was the most difficult interview of my life with the late Duke of Argyll to gain access to the papers kept here.'

Papers at the castle have informed a range of books written by the former Oban High School Pupil including *Charles I and the Making of the Covenanting Movement, 1625-41; Clanship, Commerce and the House of Stuart, 1603-1788; and Union and Empire: The Making of the United Kingdom in 1707.*

Biography

Having been charged with writing the political biography several years ago Allan said he nearly gave up three times.

'I will never do it again,' he joked.

'This is, by far, the most difficult book that I have ever written.'

Born in Ballachulish, Allan later moved to Dunbeg when he attended Oban High School. He is currently Professor of Early Modern History at Strathclyde University.

Dalriada ends season on a high note

AFTER THE 30th birthday celebration last month with the Ian Muir Band, the Dalriada season ends on another high with the visit to the Argyll Inn of ever-popular three row accordionist, Dochie MacCallum from Drymen.

As ever, Dochie will have with him his trusty pianist, Neil MacMillan from Rowardennan, and they are guaranteed to offer an evening of great Scottish music in the highest tradition. Dochie's lively and expressive playing is in a class of its own, and it is little wonder he is one of the most sought after artists on the circuit.

Club chairman John Hunt will start the ball rolling at 7.30pm with local and visiting artists, who seem to increase in number every month, so do come along for this, the last club night of the current season; everyone will be made very welcome.



Club's blooming good coffee morning

MID ARGYLL Flower Club not only had bright floral arrangements on display last Saturday (April 9) but also some tasty treats at their annual fundraising coffee morning.

The event, in the Red Cross Hall, raised £680 for club funds. The organisers would like to thank everyone who donated helped on the day. The club is holding an open evening with a demonstrator on Wednesday May 25 in the Red Cross Hall and tickets will be available shortly for anyone wishing to attend.

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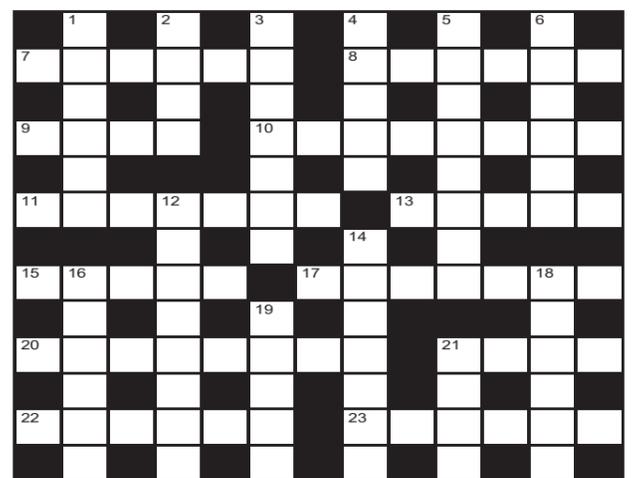
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Last Week's Solution



KILMICHAEL

Fundraising dance planned

A FUNDRAISING dance to raise money for Glassary Primary School funds is being planned for June.

Colin Ferguson and his wife, Jae, hosted the marquee event last year at their home in Kilmichael Glen.

Mr Ferguson has said the dance will go ahead this year.

He said: 'The school brings everyone of all ages together so this joint event is a way of everyone coming together for a sociable night.'

INVERARAY

Festival Fortnight revival

ONE ROYAL Burgh community councillor is planning a revival of the popular Inveraray Festival Fortnight.

Davie Scott wants to re-start the festival, which hasn't been run for several years.

Davie said: 'The festival fortnight will be held in July but I'm keen to hear from residents, or anyone with an

interest in the festival.

'I'd like folk to submit ideas for events but I'm also keen to hear stories about the past festivals.'

To contact Davie with any suggestions or ideas, email him at -davie537@btinternet.com

History society learns of Brigadiers

INVERARAY History Society was fortunate to have as its speaker on Tuesday April 5 Brigadier John Macfarlane.

The Brigadier's family have had close ties to Tainuilt since around the 1500s. He was brought up in Argyll, attended Oban High School and Glasgow University. He joined the Army and served in the Royal Army Education Corps, serving around the world.

He was eventually promoted to Director of the Army Educational and Training Branch. He is a fluent Gaelic speaker, has been president of the 1745 Association and has just completed a year as President of the Gaelic Society of Inverness.

John's particular interest lies around the Tainuilt area where he has been researching for many years, aided by

TARBERT



Some of the youngsters decorate some handicrafts ahead of the Easter Egg-stravaganza on Sunday. They are supervised by David Bellshaw.

Youth Centre plans Easter Eggstravaganza

YOUNGSTERS of Tarbert Youth Centre have been busy making bunting, posters and decorations ahead of their Easter Eggstravaganza this Sunday.

Today and Saturday the youngsters will

don their aprons and get baking ahead of the fundraiser. Heather Bellshaw, youth centre co-ordinator, said: 'I'm hoping we have a good turn out and that the weather is fine so we can show off our vegetable patch.'

the numerous papers and documents in his ancestral home.

Society members were treated to a fascinating insight into old Gaelic names from around Tainuilt and how they came into being.

He also has logged many old Gaelic stories (myths) from this area. The eventual idea behind all this research is to produce a comprehensive book on the Gaelic language for the benefit of Gaelic scholars.

The society was most fortunate to have the Brigadier as its guest speaker.

The next society meeting will be the AGM at Ardkinglass on the May 17, 2011 at 7pm.

TARBERT

Raised algal toxins

RAISED levels of naturally occurring algal toxins have been identified in an Argyll and Bute loch.

Monitoring work carried out by the Argyll and Bute Council has identified increased levels of the toxins at Stonefield in Loch Fyne.

Eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor fish from this area may pose a risk to human health, and notices to warn the public have been posted on the shore.

Commercial shellfish harvesters in the affected

area have been contacted by the council, and steps taken to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside.

The council continues to monitor the situation across Argyll and Bute, and the warning notices at Stonefield will be removed when the levels sufficiently subside.

For further information, please contact the council's environmental health team on 01631 567920.

Chandlery set to open

A NEW yachting chandlery will open in Tarbert next week.

Run by Ardferrn Yacht Centre, the new chandlery will open its doors on Monday.

Situated on Garvel Road, the shop will stock a range of nautical necessities.

For more on this story see next week's *Advertiser*.

ARDRISHAIG

Residents whist to fundraise

IT MAY be a long-time off but Ardrishaig Social Club is already busy fundraising for its annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner.

Residents come together

every Thursday night to play whist and new players are always welcome. The games get going at 8pm in Caledonia Court. A raffle is also held.

ARDRISHAIG

Committee appeal

THE MID Argyll Sailing Club is in danger of folding if new committee members cannot be found.

The club was established in

2006 to promote sailing in Mid Argyll and to offer training sessions for youngsters in the area.

Every year the club has provided sailing sessions for between 30 to 35 youngsters through the summer months. Some of these youngsters have become very proficient sailors and are going on as instructors to train the next generation.

The club, based in the old engine shed on the North Green in Ardrishaig, has had notable success in obtaining grant funding to become well established. In the first year it acquired a substantial safety boat and built a superb slip from which to launch its fleet which includes five Laser Picos, a Wayfarer, a GP14 and a Devon Yawl.

There has been much change over the time the club has been operating and people move on. For the club to continue and prosper it is essential that a new committee is formed to manage and take the Club forward.

It is proposed to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) April 21 in Ardrishaig Public Hall to elect a revitalised committee.

There is a real danger that if a committee cannot be formed then the Club will fold and that the club's assets will be passed to similar organisations within Argyll and Bute.

Anyone interested in helping to develop this club are asked to attend the meeting to ensure the club can continue to provide a great sailing facility for youngsters in Mid Argyll.

For more information contact Donnie McLeod on 01546 603489.



Musical evening fun

Residents of Ardfeniag enjoyed a musical-filled evening on Tuesday with some relaxing harp music. The Ardrishaig-based care home was treated to a live concert from the Music in Hospitals' experienced solo harpist and singer Margaret Knight who performs regular concerts on behalf of the charity. Margaret performed a vibrant mixture of both Scottish traditional music as well as more classical pieces. Pictured are some of the residents with Margaret and her impressive harp. 06_a15harp01



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LOCHGILPHEAD

Swallows fly back to Badden Farm

THE CAMPBELLS at Badden Farm welcomed back some far-flung visitors last week as their annual flock of swallows returned.

Jenny Campbell contacted the *Advertiser* to say her son, Craig, had spotted dozens of the birds flying in and out of their barn.

'They're whizzing about already leaving plenty of you-know-what behind,' added Jenny.

Coffee morning for Japan

THE 3x1 class from Lochgilphead High School have organised a coffee morning to raise funds to help Japan recover from the recent Earthquake and Tsunami.

The event will take place in the Mid Argyll Youth Centre in Union Street, Lochgilphead on April 28.

A selection of tea, coffee,



Bride-to-be, Laura Thomson from Lochgilphead, gets ready to board the Boogie Bus for her Hen Party in Glasgow. 06_a15boogie01

juice, cakes and biscuits will be on offer.

For more information contact the school on 01546 602598.

Storyteller moves audience

MEMBERS of the Mid Argyll University of the Third Age

enjoyed good old-fashioned story telling at their latest meeting.

The group, aged 50 and over, were joined by Heather Ritchie, a storyteller passionate about keeping the art form alive.

Heather's first story evoked a few tears from the audience, regaling them with a tale of a man who fell in love and married one of the Seal People. After years of married bliss the woman's temptation

to rejoin her people was so strong she left him. He was grief stricken. The group congratulated Heather on her graphic story telling and ability to move people with her tales. The University of the Third Age will meet again on April 28 when they will be treated to a performance by Barbershop singings and poetry recitals. The event will take place in Lochgilphead Community Centre at 2pm.

Lochgilphead hens boogie their way to Glasgow

A LOCHGILPHEAD woman got a shock last Friday as a black and pink bus pitched up ready to take her to Glasgow for her Hen Party.

Laura Thomson, along with nine Hens, boarded the 'Boogie Bus' for a journey they'll certainly never forget.

The girls enjoyed a weekend of fun in the Big Smoke ahead of Laura's wedding to Andrew Cranston on May 21 in Ardrishaig Church.



The ladies of Mid Argyll Flower Club with their beautiful arrangements.

Supermarket dash for stems of greenery

MEMBERS of Mid Argyll Flower Club were presented with a rather interesting but fun task recently.

The ladies of the club were asked to partake in a 'Supermarket Dash' with a difference. Each competitor was given a bunch of Tesco roses, three stems of greenery, identical dishes with a block of oasis and invited to make a floral arrangement. The result: 23 entirely different but beautiful floral arrangements. Members then held a secret ballot to vote for the arrangements they considered to be blooming brilliant. Taking the top spot was Janet MacVean from Drimvore.



The finished Tesco floral arrangements.

KILMARTIN

New exhibition at Kilmartin Museum

A NEW exhibition entitled: 'The Four Elements' Earth was officially launched in Kilmartin on Wednesday.

The exhibition will run in Kilmartin House Museum until May 24.

It will take the form of a series of four exhibitions on the museum's cafe walls and will relate to one of the four elements.

The museum is looking forward to seeing what local artists produce on an Earth theme.

The artists, who are all part of Artmap Argyll, are: Tom Butcher, Alice Strange, Jane Walker, Frazer McIver, Susan Berry and Melanie Chmielewska.

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Fire station planning permission granted

STRATHCLYDE Fire and Rescue has been granted planning permission to build a single storey garage at their station in Lochgilphead.

Argyll Bute Council gave the green light to the plans, which will also involve the demolition of an existing outbuilding.

The new single storey garage could eventually house a rescue boat.

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said: 'No decision has been taken as to whether a boat will be stored at the garage.'

Story Swap Shop

PRIMARY pupils in Argyll and Bute are being urged to sign up to a reading challenge which will help raise money for disadvantaged young people.

For more information or to register, contact Susanne Grant at The BIG Partnership on 0141 333 9585 or email - susanne.grant@bigpartnership.co.uk

Pupils learn about Loch Awe's ecosystem and wildlife

PUPILS from six schools near Loch Awe have been taking part in a project to learn more about the loch's ecosystem and wildlife.

Children from Inveraray, Furnace, Kilmichael Glasary, Kilmartin, Kilchrean and Dalmally schools hatched trout eggs taken from Allt na Cuile Rìabhaiche, Arbreknish, in their classrooms and over the past week have been returning the trout alevins to the river.

Diaries

As part of the Rivers in the Classroom project, the children have kept diaries on the progress of the trout and will return to the river to check on how their reared fish are progressing. Using a method called electro-fishing, the fish will be temporarily stunned in order to be studied.

Loch Awe Improvements Association (LAIA) has funded the scheme, with the support of Argyll Fisheries



Rivers in the Classroom project manager Hazel Stanworth helps children from Inveraray Primary School release their trout alevins back into the river. 15_t13laia01

Trust, and appointed project manager Hazel Stanworth to co-ordinate the schools work.

LAIA treasurer Richard MacKenzie said: 'It is important for the next generation to appreciate the river and everything within it. The health of the river is a barometer of

the health of the local environment.'

Inveraray's 22 primary four and five pupils released their alevins earlier this month. Teacher Gemma Young said: 'The children have loved this project and have been updating their diaries every day.

'Hazel came in once a week to do lessons on food chains and habitats and really brought science to life.'

Schools involved will be produce a scrap book of their work and the best entry will receive a prize at the LAIA open day on August 7.

Step aboard the Waverley

PADDLE steamer Waverly will begin her year sailing the waters around the islands of Jura, Gigha and Colonsay.

The steamer sets sail from Campbeltown on April 22 as well as Tarbert every Wednesday from June 29 until August 24.

Look good and Feel Great

TONIGHT, Friday, will see the winner of Heaven Hair Salon's Biggest Loser competition announced.

For the past six weeks women have been battling it out to lose weight, with the winner announced later tonight at a special celebration do in the The Argyll, Ardrishaig.

There will also be some inspiration speakers to motivate the audience into Looking Good and Feeling Great.

For more information contact Heaven Hair Salon in Ardrishaig on 01546 603340.

Arthritis study moves forward

A MAJOR research project that looks into the safety of long-term pain relief for sufferers of arthritis has taken a significant step forward this week with the recruitment of its 4000th patient volunteer.

The SCOT study is designed to examine the effectiveness and safety of drugs commonly used to treat the pain of arthritis.

Patients in the NHS Highland locality are now being invited to join the study, which could benefit millions of arthritis sufferers around the world.

For more information email info@scottrial.co.uk or telephone 01382 632575.

Police visit communities

RESIDENTS of Tarbert, Ardfern, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Inveraray are being reminded of police community visits, which will take place later this month.

Officers are keen to hear of any concerns residents may have during their visits from April 27-30.

The mobile unit will be in Tarbert, from 12-2pm on Wednesday April 27; Ardfern on Thursday April 28 from 3-5pm; Ardrishaig car park from 9.30-11.30am on Friday April 29; Lochgilphead's Co-operative car park on Friday April 29 from 1.30-3pm; and Inveraray Pier car park on Saturday April 30 from 12-2pm.

Commemorative voyage for the steamer *Lochfyne*

A STEAMBOAT named after Loch Fyne will be commemorated later this month in Oban.

Caledonian MacBraynes' *Lochfyne* was a regular feature in and around Argyll during the 1930s-1960s.

The steamboat will be remembered by way of special sailings in and around Oban on Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1. The sailings commemorate 80 years since *Lochfyne* entered service in Oban.

Lochfyne was built to operate out of Oban, and now, Caledonian MacBraynes' vessel *Rover*, will operate some unique sailings from the town.

Ian Ramsay worked aboard *Lochfyne* for a season in the 1950s and remembers hearing about the surprise the steamer's design had on her passengers when she was first commissioned in 1931.

He explained: 'Although I was around when *Lochfyne* entered service, being one year her junior, I was not, needless to say, personally aware of

the shock that her design and her appearance must have had on the steamer enthusiasts of 1931.

'Apart from her then revolutionary diesel electric propulsion system, she was quite different from any other British coastal excursion ship with her two dumpy funnels having their tops, unusually, parallel to the load waterline.'

Lochfyne's happy saga as a Royal Mail and excursion ship

came to an end in September 1969.

'Her sad and lingering end until she finally went to the shipbreakers at Faslane, is, perhaps, best forgotten on today's happy excursion,' added Mr Ramsay.

Rover can be seen coming through the Crinan Canal at Ardrishaig on Friday April 29 at around 10.30am, before making her trip to Oban Harbour.



Lochfyne will be commemorated by way of special sailings to and from Oban later this month.

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The 'Three Dancing Ladies' help bring income to Gigha



Since the community buy-out in 2002, the famous 'Dancing Ladies' of Gigha have brought in around £100,000 per year for the island's heritage trust.

Faith, Hope and Charity, the island's three v27 wind turbines in the south of the island were bought second hand from a Cumbrian wind farm, and were erected and commissioned in 2005.

The community reaps the benefits of the turbines, with the profits from the energy company, which sells the electricity, Gigha Renewable Energy Ltd, going straight back into the Island's redevelopment.

This project was the first ever-Scottish community owned wind farm, which was connected to the national grid.

The amount of profit the island receives depends on how much wind blows each year. To date however the turbines have successfully generated approximately £100,000 of profit per year for the Trust.

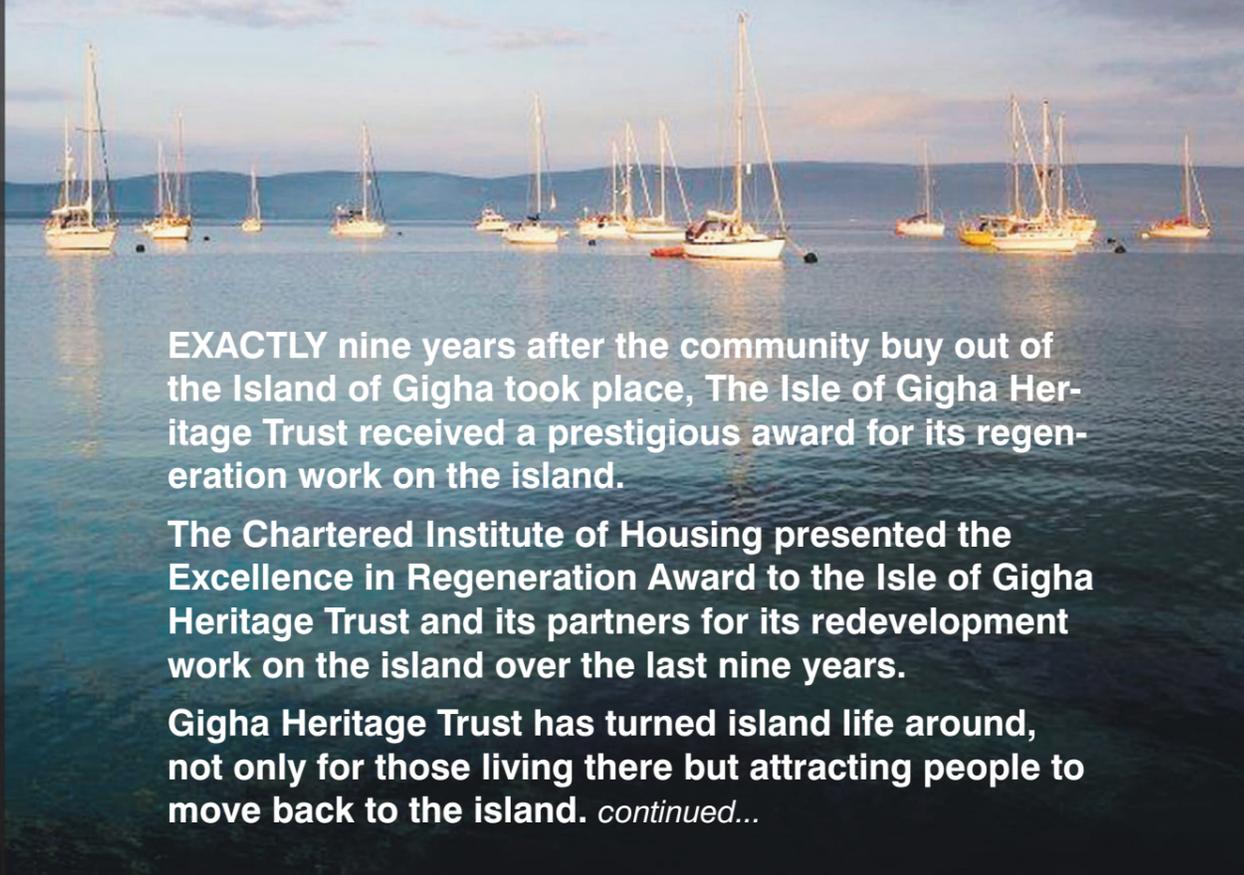
These monies are an essential contribution to the regeneration of the Island.

They are known locally as The Dancing Ladies or Creideas, Dòchas and Carthannas, Gaelic for Faith, Hope and Charity.

The Trust are currently working on a project for the installation of a fourth turbine.

The wind farm has allowed trustees to borrow money for projects on the island such as housing.

Welcome to the island of Gigha ...a winning island



EXACTLY nine years after the community buy out of the Island of Gigha took place, The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust received a prestigious award for its regeneration work on the island.

The Chartered Institute of Housing presented the Excellence in Regeneration Award to the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust and its partners for its redevelopment work on the island over the last nine years.

Gigha Heritage Trust has turned island life around, not only for those living there but attracting people to move back to the island. *continued...*



Gigha Renewable Energy Ltd



The Trust has been making life better for everyone: renovating properties and promoting the island itself, doubling the population and substantially increasing the school roll.

A total of 10 new businesses have started up on the island since the buyout.

Housing improvements have been the biggest task the trust has taken on, and one of the main points they were credited on for the regeneration award.

When a housing survey was carried out by the Trust after the buyout, it revealed of the 42 Trust houses, 75 per cent were listed as 'below tolerable standard' and should not be lived in.

Another 23 were classed as 'in serious disrepair'.

The survey also revealed a high rate of hidden homelessness; parents and siblings providing homes for adults.



Over the years Gigha's population has plummeted. In the 18th century the island's population was more than 700, but in 2002 when the buyout took place it was at just 96, with just six pupils in the school. Nine years on the Trust has transformed the island, increasing the population by 50 per cent to 151, and the school roll by 300 per cent, to 22 pupils.

The Chartered Institute for Housing recognised the 'holistic approach to Hebridean renaissance and controlling the islands regeneration'.

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One of the Trust's most popular assets acquired as part of the buyout is Achamore Gardens.

The beautiful gardens have a warming influence of the North Atlantic Drift and contained within 54 acres, exotic and unusual plants are in abundance.

Frosts and snow are rare in the garden, with the gardens lying between 10 metres to 100 metres above sea-level, there are stunning views out toward the sea.

The Trust owns and manages the gardens with gardeners employed by the Trust, essential to keeping the gardens running.

The present compartment woodland layout was created by Colonel Horlick and his assistant Kitty Lloyd Jones in 1946. The woodland compartment, linked with meandering signposted paths, allow the vast number of rhododendrons to grow and flourish.

Contained within the gardens is the glorious Achamore House.

The Trust sold Achamore House when it first took over the Island to fund part of the £1million it required to pay back to the Scottish Land Fund, within the first two years of Community ownership of the Island.



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Builders Ltd, and Calum McKinven of McKinven & Colville.

Gordon McLeod is the quantity surveyor for the trio and Morham and Brochie from Oban are the quantity surveyors on behalf of the Trust.

Ian Campbell and Brian Reffin, of CP Architects, are behind the design work of the houses with RA Clements the accountants to the Trust.

They have also worked in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council and Fyne Homes over the years for the island's development.

The Trust has been trying to keep as much of the work within the area as possible and through the DPC Consortium has managed to succeed in this.

Out of the total of 42 houses to receive work, the Trust only has 16 left to do.

It costs the Trust around £160,000 to renovate each house, bringing them up to a modern standard for living.

All of the houses have had to be completely stripped back to the bare walls and refurbished.

The renovation of the properties by the Trust has for the first time in a great number of years given people warm, dry, safe and comfortable houses. This year the Trust has been awarded two £60,000 grants from Argyll and Bute Council to continue with further renovation works.



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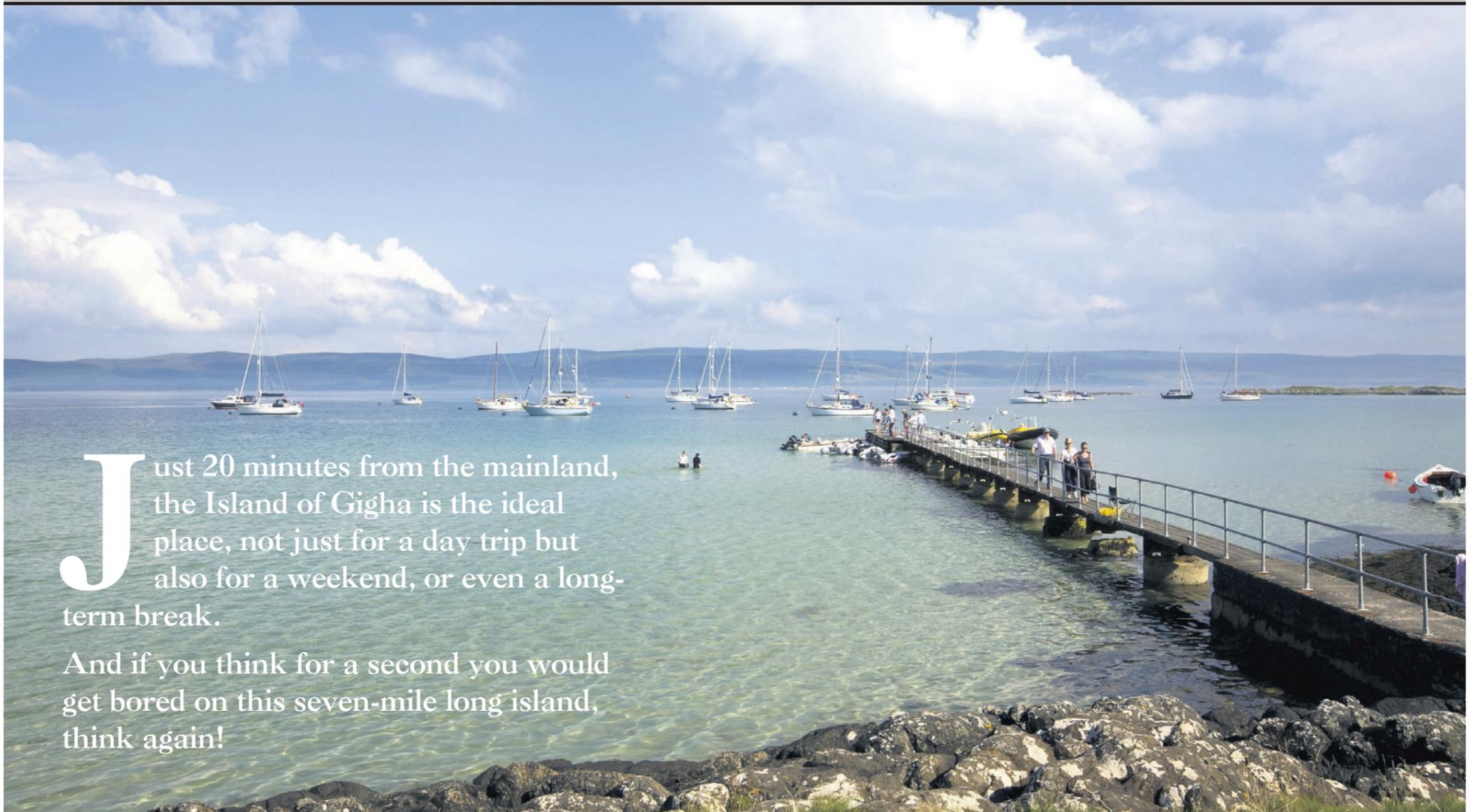
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Gigha is bustling with life and activities that will keep kids, and adults entertained, whether its on dry land or at sea. If you only visit for the day you are guaranteed to feel the urge to come back to take in more of the island and learn about its history and people. Many people come back to this inner hebridean island time and again after meeting the locals and getting a feel for the island.

WALKING

The Island is seven miles long by a mile and a half wide and is a walker's paradise. Going towards the north of the island, those wishing a challenge can take in all Creag Bhan has to offer. This is the highest point on the island and measures exactly 100 metres with views for miles across to Islay, Jura and Kintyre, when you reach the top; it

is also known as the white or sacred rock. Also in the north are the twin beaches, two white beaches that are secluded and tucked away. On the south side of the island there is a small uninhabited island called Cara. The island is part of the MacDonald of Largie estate on the Kintyre peninsula. Many species of seabirds breed on the island of Cara.

Rabbits, goats and otters can be seen frequently.

GETTING THERE

Getting to Gigha couldn't be easier. On the hour a car and passenger ferry runs from Tayinloan to the island's Ardmish Bay. The Trust recently took over ownership of the moorings in Ardmish Bay from Argyll & Bute Council. The moorings are available for yachts for a £10 donation to the

Trust. Cruise ships can sometimes be seen visiting the island.

Gigha also boasts a small grass airstrip in the south.

WHERE TO STAY

There are a variety of B&Bs, self-catering and hotel accommodation to choose from for your stay on the island, and each has its own special touch to make your stay one to remember. For an action packed break there are plenty of activities to choose from. The nine-hole Gigha Golf Course is situated toward the north end of the island, and offers pano-

ramic views across the island and mainland. At Gigha Boats Activity Centre you can hire bikes, sea kayaks, rowing boats and wetsuits, everything you need to get the most out of this petite island and experience its wild-life, exceptional views and clear seas. A relaxing stroll round Achamore Gardens is a must for any visitor to the island. Influenced by the gulf stream, the gardens feature a wide variety of rare and unusual plants. Gigha Heritage Trust owns and manages Achamore Gardens.

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Last year's Mid Argyll Show attracted a high number of entries, particularly in the cattle section. Photograph courtesy of MoSo Images.

Mid Argyll Show plans underway

PLANS for this year's Mid Argyll Show are underway with the committee looking forward to another successful event.

With last year's sunny weather making for a busy day, secretary of the show committee, Ian Salmon, says they are hoping to draw in another large crowd this year.

The 2010 show raked in an impressive £5,000 at the gate and this year the committee has added more money to its ever-increasing running costs after holding a fundraising ceilidh in Ardrishaig; the event raised £2,500.

Entries at last year's event

were up on previous years, with the poultry, sheep and cattle sections attracting a large number of entries.

Mr Salmon said: 'We're hoping for another strong year of high numbers following on from the success of last year's show.'

Weather

'The committee is looking forward to another good show this year; all we need is the good weather.'

The show committee has already released its Trade Stand applications, which are available to download from the show website - www.mid-argyllshow.co.uk

Appeal to dog owners to take responsibility for their pets

ARGYLL and Bute Council and the National Farmers Union for Scotland (NFUS) are asking everyone, especially dog owners, to take responsibility for their actions when enjoying the countryside.

Lambing is now well under way and responsible dog owners will know they must not allow their dog to chase sheep or lambs. Most ewes will be heavily pregnant and may abort if chased.

Owners should always avoid

entering a field of sheep and lambs with dogs since this can cause lambs to become separated from their mothers.

During the spring some cattle are turned out after being housed over the winter and may be especially curious of anyone strange entering a field or even passing by.

Many beef herds will also be calving right now, meaning that people need to be careful when entering a field with cattle.

Cows will try to defend their calves so you should never take a dog into a field if there are calves present.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'In the last year research has linked dog fouling with abortions in livestock which can cost farmers a lot of money. As a responsible dog owner you should always pick up and remove any dog's dirt and place it in a bin just as you would in a public park.'

The Argyll and Bute Council Outdoor Access Team can be contacted for advice by land managers and anyone wanting to know more about their rights of responsible access to the countryside on 01546 604119.

Trade on the up

UNITED Auctions sold 6,739 prime sheep at Stirling when trade continued to rise, including 21 spring lambs averaging 245.3p and 5,814 hogs averaging 237.6p/kg (+22.4p) and 904 ewes and rams. Spring lambs sold to £127 for Suffolks from Old Medwyn Mill, while Langside sold Charollais to £124 and 258p per kilo. Suffolk hogs from Hollycroft sold to £160 and to £149 or 339p per kilo for Beltex from Luckenburn. Lenaig sold Suffolks to 260p per kilo Suffolk ewes from Fallhills sold to £168, with Texels from Langside to £158.50. Lossit sold Blackface ewes to £94.50.

Champion limousin

ARGYLL bred cattle were among the awards and top money when Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd held their show and sale of commercial calves at Stirling.

For the first time the event was also held alongside the Clyde and Central Young Farmers Calf Rally. Judge for the day was Donald MacPherson, Castlehills, Berwick on Tweed, and Mill Farm, Barcaldine, and he selected as his Open Champion an 11-month old Limousin cross heifer, out of a Limousin cross British Blue cow, from Hugh and Lynne Dunlop, Holehouse, Cumnock.

She later sold to Nigel and Liz Bunkam, Tregarrick, Cornwall for £3,200. Champion in the Young Farmers' section was a one-year old cross Limousin

bullock, Limited Edition, which had been champion at Lorn Show last August.

Bred by Douglas MacDonald, Tyree, Benderloch, the bullock, by Tweedside Upstanding, was also overall reserve champion at Appin Show before being purchased at Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd's Oban sale by Graeme Stirling, Burnbank, Throsk.

The bullock sold for £1,600 to Gareth Scott, Ardrossan. The heavyweight heifer section winner in the Young Farmers' show also has Argyll connections, when Jennifer Hyslop, Barrhill, Girvin had success with a cross Charolais heifer which was bred at the RSPB farm on Islay.

The heifer was sold at £1,400 to Robert Wotherspoon, Maddison.

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Increased fuel taxes not an option for farmers

EUROPE is being called upon to put food production first in any debates surrounding fuel duty rebates and increased taxation on the fuel that farming uses according to National Farming Union (NFU) Scotland.

Farmers and politicians will unite as The European Commission's draft proposal on energy taxation changes would look to remove existing tax reductions for the fuel used in sectors like agriculture with a suggestion farmers could also face a new energy consumption tax based on carbon dioxide.

These measures are part of a leaked draft proposal

to encourage agriculture to be more energy-efficient. As well as industry opposition, the proposals are likely to come up against considerable political resistance from certain Member States.

The Union believes as many as 17 Member States currently give tax allowances on agricultural fuel, including the UK.

Unanimity

Any new legislation on taxation would require unanimity from all EU members and, at the moment, such agreement would appear to be unlikely on this issue.

NFU Scotland Policy Director Scott Walker said: 'With regards

to fuel efficiency, those driving this green energy agenda need to bear in mind that there are very few savings left that a farmer can make.

'That is why any EU proposals to hike up the fuel tax on red diesel would make little sense.

Prices

'They would increase production costs on farm, at a time when food prices to consumers are already rising, and there would be little or no gain for the environment.'

Mr Walker continued: 'With record oil prices, there isn't a farmer in the country who is going to use more fuel than is

absolutely necessary. Even with the current levels of tax rebate for non-road use, red diesel is still a huge input cost and at farm level, many farmers are doing what they can to be as fuel-efficient as possible.

Consumption

'Modern machinery is increasingly geared towards low fuel usage and many farming techniques are now designed around reducing fuel consumption.'

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Mum Fiona just keeps on running

AN INVERARAY woman who is battling breast cancer is continuing to fundraise for charity whilst undergoing bouts of Chemotherapy.

Fiona Corner will run three races in seven weeks to raise money for Breast Cancer Care and the Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Unit.

Mum-of-three Fiona was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2010. After checking herself, she discovered a lump in her breast and went to the doctors to have it examined.

'The lump did not show on a mammogram but did show up on an ultrasound scan,' explained Fiona. 'The lump was removed and sent away for examination and that's when I was told it was a Grade Two, Type Two Cancer.'

Fiona is now undergoing Chemotherapy every three weeks before having Radiotherapy.

And whilst undertaking six sessions of Chemo, Fiona is determined to keep running.

She said: 'Six days after having the lump removed I started running again.'

'I also attend two running

Inveraray woman to run three races in seven weeks whilst undergoing chemotherapy

groups a week; not necessarily just for the fitness but for the moral support from friends which has been such a help.'

The 46-year-old is also a JogScotland leader in Inveraray and is continuing to take out groups each week despite the Chemotherapy making her extremely tired at times.

Travelling to the Vale of Leven in Dumbarton is also taking its toll.

'To be able to just pop up to the Mid Argyll Hospital for treatment is going to be so good for people,' said Fiona. 'The rising cost of fuel as well as the physical side of travelling is just exhausting,' she added.

Fiona's three-race-bout begins on Sunday with her running the Crinan Puffer, an eight-and-a-half mile race

along the Crinan Canal. She will then run the Inveraray Jail Break Race on May 8, finishing off with the Mull of Kintyre 10k on May 29.

'I'll be doing three very different races,' explained Fiona.

'From hill runs to road runs and path runs – it will be varying running surfaces.'

'I have dropped a few gears with regard to my overall speed but as long as I can keep running and complete the races, I'll be happy,' she added.

To donate to Fiona's fundraising, visit – uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FionaCorner or telephone Fiona on – 01499 302160. Cash donations which can be made directly or at the races will go to the new Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Unit.



Fiona Corner is undergoing chemotherapy but will run three races in seven weeks to raise money for Breast Cancer Care and the Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Unit.

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Report pinpoints priorities

NINE communities in Argyll and Bute should be given 'prime consideration' when planning social and economic regeneration, a planning report has said.

Argyll islands, Mull, Iona, Coll, Tiree, Colonsay, Islay and Bute along with mainland towns Campbeltown and Dunoon have been earmarked priority areas for economic development. Described as 'economically fragile' or with a significant 'employment deficit' the nine areas have been identified in the Local Area Development Plan Main Issues Report. Produced by Argyll and Bute Council the Local Development Plan is a strategic document, which sets out a vision of what the region should look like over the next twenty years.

The main issues report identifies areas for housing, industry, renewable energy,

tourism and conservation. Setting Argyll and Bute up as a leader in the renewable energies industry the report identifies Coll, Tiree and Islay as areas with a large off shore renewable energy potential.

Sandbank Industrial Estate has also been mentioned as an area with the potential for growth, with the possibility of delivering 800 jobs. Situated on the Cowal peninsula the estate could boost employment in neighbouring Dunoon.

The main issues report, which notes both a falling and aging population in Argyll and Bute, states the continued growth of these key industries within the region will encourage young people to continue working and living in the area and boost immigration. Members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee noted the report when they met last week.

Music festival omission

FOLLOWING last week's article, cataloguing the results of the Mid Argyll Music Festival, we have been asked to point out that the result of the Vocal Duet (Secondary 1-3) class was omitted from the paper.

The winners of that class were Hannah Prill and Emma MacFarlane from Tarbert Academy, who lifted The Mid Argyll Male Voice Choir Bowl.

Driving with no insurance

A 22-YEAR-old man has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in Dunoon for allegedly driving with no insurance.

The man was stopped by officers on the A83 at Minard on Monday at 3.30pm.

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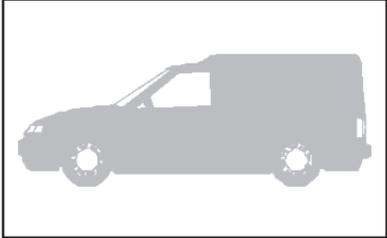


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Love, Mum, Dad, Holly and Kelly
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THANK-YOU

For cards, presents and flowers received on my birthday.

Special thanks to John for organising the party, to Karen, Laura and Heather for decorating the room and Kirstin for her taxi service, Drew Anderson and staff of the Argyll Hotel Inveraray and a huge thank-you to everyone who attended the party, you made it a night to remember, and to everyone who can't remember.

Thank-you,
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth' (Isaiah 41:28).

ENGAGEMENTS

CROFT – ROXBURGH – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Neil and Allanah on March 28, 2011.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL – Suddenly, at his home in East Wemyss, Fife, on the evening of April 7, 2011, Malcolm Bannatyne, aged 74 years, beloved husband of Pat, much loved father of Louise and Malcolm, father-in-law of George and Deborah, and adored grandfather of Sarah, Jamie and Jade, George, Emma, Jessica and Elliot. Malcolm was the youngest son of the late Colin and Douglas Campbell, 'Garavoire' and much loved brother of Isabel, the late Douglas, and Colin and a dear uncle to their children. Funeral Service will be held at Kirkcaldy Crematorium on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 11.00am.

FLETCHER – On April 12, 2011, peacefully in her sleep, at Glencairn House, care home, Auchterarder, Perthshire, Lily (Todd) Fletcher, formerly of Dochas Place, Lochgilphead, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late Angus Fletcher, much loved mother of Margaret, Gerald and Catriona, loved step mum of Moira and Eunice, a dearly loved nana and grandma. Funeral service, at Lochgilphead Baptist Church, on Monday, April 18, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Achabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Starlight.

MCALLISTER – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 8, 2011, Archibald McKay McAllister, in his 83rd year, 2 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Mitchell, much loved father of Isabel, Sandra and Helen, father-in-law of John, Tony and Ian, loving granda of Neil, Craig, Kimberley, Ruairidh and Daniel and a loving brother and uncle.

SMITH – On April 5, 2011, suddenly at Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Iain Alexander Mitchell Smith (Smit), in his 52nd year, dearly beloved husband of Carol, much loved father of Kyle, Iona and Iain, dearly loved son of Dugald and the late Jessie, dear brother of Lorna, Maureen and Sheena, loved seanair of Brook and Kady. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, (tomorrow) Saturday, April 16, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends, are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for RNLI and Fisherman's Mission.

WILLIAMSON – Peacefully and with family around him on April 6, 2011, in Glenaray Ward, George (Geordie) Williamson, in his 89th year, of 24 High Bank Park, Lochgilphead. Dear husband of the late Allie and a loving and much loved father of Alexis, Sylvia, Gladys, George and Mavine and adored grandfather, great grandfather and uncle. A good neighbour and a dear friend to many. Funeral Service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL – Lilian and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their many expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received after their sad loss. Grateful thanks to staff at the Kintyre Care Centre for all their kindness to Alex during his stay there and to doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention over the years. Special thanks to Dr J Leask for his help during many difficult times. Our thanks also to Rev Philip Burroughs for a comforting and uplifting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and efficient funeral arrangements, Ian McKerral for pipe music at Kilkerran and the Ardshiel Hotel for catering. Finally thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. A retiring collection for the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital raised £852.48.

MACMILLAN – Hamish and the family of the late Duncan Lang MacMillan wish to thank relatives, friends and former colleagues of Duncan for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following their sad bereavement. Sincere thanks to Rev Mike Lind for his comforting service and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their personal and professional funeral arrangements. Special thanks to all the staff and services of dementia support in Campbeltown, the staff of the Kintyre Care Centre, and the staff of Erskine Park Care Home, particularly during the last few months. Thanks also to Seaford Hotel for their fine purvey. A retiral collection of over £400 was raised for Erskine Park Care Home.

REID – The family of the late Mattie Reid would like to thank family and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, baking and flowers they have received after the sad loss of their mum. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for the care given to mum over the last six months, Rev Burroughs for a comforting and uplifting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for attentive and efficient

funeral service, Argyll Hotel for a lovely tea and finally thank you to all who paid respect at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

GRAHAM – In loving memory of my dear wife, Jean McLean, who died April 21, 2007. The happy hours that we once knew, Are gone forever, like the morning dew. They say that time heals a broken heart, But sadness lingers while we're apart. - Angus and family, Corby and Fife.

MCKERRAL – Treasured memories of our dear mother, Isobel, died April 13, 2005. Remembered every day. - Mary and Ishbel.

SMITH – Fond memories of a dear mother and grandmother, Flora, who died April 19, 2010. Always in our thoughts. - Sadly missed by all the family, Kilmichael Glassary.

STEWART – Treasured memories of a much loved husband, Jim, who died April 21, 2010. Remembering you always Forgetting you never. - Rachel and family. Night night Granda. - From all your grandchildren.

TYRRELL – Remembering my beloved sisters, Isobel McKerral, April 13, 2005 and Margaret McCallum, April 24, 2009. "Happy memories". - Jenny.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 17th April 2011
The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday
10.45am Family Communion
Friday 22nd April
Good Friday
10.45am Devotional Service
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2011
11.00 am Worship Service
Dr. John Lowrie Morrison OBE
All Welcome
Further information (01546) 606218
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Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE
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"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"
Services in **Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am**
Saturday 16th April
Coffee Morning and
"Good as New" Sale (Hosted by the Eco Group)
North Church Hall
10:00am till 12noon
Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
Scottish Charity Number SC016097
Sunday 17th April 2011
Palm Sunday
Cumlodden Church (Furnace) 10.30 am
Lochfyneside Church (Minard) 12 noon
Lochgair 3 pm
Rev. Roddy MacLeod
Ceud mile fàilte
All Welcome
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
22nd April
Lochgair 7 pm
Good Friday Three-Hour Service
Christ Church, Lochgilphead 12 noon – 3 pm
(Worshippers may come and go at any time during this time.)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
SC002493
Sunday 17th April 2011
11.15am
Palm Sunday Family Service with children in Church
Creche 0 – 3yrs: Church 12.10am
Prayer
Wednesday 20th April
7.15pm – Bible Study
Fellowship – Manse
DVD: Jesus – Man, Messiah, or More?
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 17 April 2011
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Behold The Lamb!"
Thursday 21 April 2011
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All welcome

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting to be held on **Friday 22nd April** (Easter Friday) at 7.30pm in Salvation Army Hall, Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Rev Gordon Mair, Free Church, Fort William
Musical Items
Tea & coffee served after meeting
Everyone welcome.

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 17th April 2011
Tayvallich Church ... 10.00am
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
EASTER SERVICES
Maudy Thursday
Communion
Tayvallich Church ... 7.30pm
Good Friday Meditations
Bellanoch Church ... 7.30pm
Early Morning
Easter Worship
Kilmory Chapel ... 9.00am
Easter Celebration
Inverlussa Church ... 10.00am
Easter Breakfast thereafter
All Services led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 17th April 2011
Palm Sunday
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Afternoon Service 3.00pm
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
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Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 17th April 2011
11.15am
Palm Sunday Family Service with children in Church
Creche 0 – 3yrs: Church 12.10am
Prayer
Wednesday 20th April
7.15pm – Bible Study
Fellowship – Manse
DVD: Jesus – Man, Messiah, or More?
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday, 16th April
Inner Wheel
Euan McLean Memorial Fund
Coffee Morning - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Sunday, 17th April
Palm Sunday
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Tuesday, 19th April
Kirk Session - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 21st April
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 22nd April
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 17th April
11.00am Morning Service
Scottish Charity SC015187

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Saturday
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10.30am Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
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Major Dolores Thomson

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Yachts on the horizon?

Inveraray take the points in Oban

INVERARAY coach John Smylie fears a forwardline crisis on Saturday after revealing all four of his preferred strikers are a doubt for the game against Kilmallie.

Gary MacPherson, Euan McMurdo, Russell MacKinlay and Grant Griffin are all doubts for the away tie but there is some consolation for Inveraray in that young Neil Campbell seems to have found an eye for a goal in recent weeks; he scored two of the Royal Burgh's three goals last Saturday in a 3-1 win at Mossfield against Oban Camanachd.

John said: 'Gary, Euan, Russell and Grant are the four I would have started with, were they available, so I am ex-

pecting a tough game against Kilmallie.

'But Neil Campbell has been in and around the first team set up for a couple of years now and seems to be taking his chance just at the right time.'

Turned

Last week's match against Oban Camanachd began well for the home team when Lewis Cameron turned two defenders before hitting his shot at the keeper; Daniel MacKinnon was on hand, however, to slip the ball into the net.

However, an immediate response from Neil Campbell levelled the tie and further goals from Campbell and a second half Russell MacKinlay strike ensured the points went back to Lochfyneside.



Inveraray's Gary MacPherson takes on Oban Camanachd defender James McMillan during last Saturday's 3-1 win for the Royal Burgh side at Mossfield. Photo Kevin McGlynn

Red Star Dazzle in away game against Sporto

SAFL Division 1

Sporto 2

Lochgilphead Red Star 4
ARGYLL INN-sponsored Red Star travelled to Glasgow on Saturday to face Sporto. The match promised to be a close affair with the sides going in to the match level on points.

Despite a nervy start it was the Mid Argyll side who took the lead after Morrison had his shot parried by the keeper into the path of the on-rushing G.Peacock who buried the rebound.

Star were initially struggling with the movement of the Sporto front men and this was to cost them an equaliser as the tricky winger was able to get a cross in and find his striker in acres of space to plant his header past Kalache to make it 1-1.

The home side took the

lead after half an hour when the referee awarded Sporto a penalty after the ball struck C.Crawford on the arm and the striker converted, leaving Kalache with no chance.

Just as it looked like Star were going to be behind at the break the game was turned on it's head once more.

Outstretched

First of all a neat move down the left allowed G.Peacock to get a run at his marker and he left the defender for dead before firing his shot past the outstretched keeper to bring his side level.

Star then took the lead for a second time when Morrison calmly converted after a Naisby knock down to make the half time score 2-3 to Star.

Into the second half and there was far less goal mouth action with the Star rearguard hold-

ing firm despite Sporto having the majority of possession.

The visitors managed to give themselves breathing space when a quick break resulted in G.Peacock charging past the Sporto defence once more and keeping his composure to finish the game as a contest and pick up his second hat trick of the season.

Both sides finished the game with 10 men with Broderick seeing red for dissent before Sporto had their full-back dismissed for a cynical foul on L.Peacock just before the end.

Manager Weir was much happier with the effort shown by the side in this game and will be looking to pick up another three points tomorrow, Saturday, when Star face Inverkip at home. Kick-off is at 2pm.

Curtain up on Argyll and Bute Golf Union

THE CURTAIN raiser for the 2011 Argyll & Bute Golf Union takes place this weekend with the matchplay championship being contested at Machrihanish.

The top 16 players from last year's strokeplay will battle it out over the world famous links.

Permitted

Players are reminded that Distance Measuring Devices are permitted this season for all Argyll & Bute golf union events; a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed

to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play; for example gradient, windspeed or temperature, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

The draw for the first round is: 8.50am: Graham Bolton V Kevin Mapes; 8.58am: Reeve Thomson V Gordon Lundie; 9.07am: Allan O'Neill V Kenneth McCallum; 9.15am Les Pirie V Steve Ellis; 9.23am: John Jack V Callum Mckirdy; George Reynolds V Craig Pirie; 9.40am: Gordon Tyre V George MacMillan; 9.48am: Alan Finlayson V Allan McKie.



Tarbert Bowling Club opened their green last Saturday, April 9 amidst glorious sunshine. The first jack of the season was thrown by young Fergus Galbraith.

Anthony Nolan football reminder

FOOTBALLERS throughout Argyll are being reminded of a charity football tournament in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust.

The Joanna MacVicar Memorial seven-a-side football tournament kicks off on April 30, at the Ropework Park in Lochgilphead, and organisers want boys and girls teams to compete for the cup final.

Funds raised from the charity match will be used to help and support those living with leukaemia.

Entrants to the football tournament must be aged 16 and over. For more information contact Ian MacInnes or John Sweeney on 01631 569995 or email anthony-nolan.oban@strathclydefire.org.

Junior golf coaching

LOCHGILPHEAD Golf Club's junior coaching programme begins next Tuesday, April 19.

This will be the second year the club has run a ClubGolf programme, with last year's 20-week course seeing 26 young people take part.

All coaches are licensed and trained by ClubGolf.

Places are limited on the course which can take children aged between five and 16 years.

To book a place telephone Ele on 01546 602381.

Bowling club openings

LOCHGILPHEAD and Ardrishaig Bowling Club's will officially open for the summer this weekend.

Lochgilphead will cast its first jack of the season at 2pm on Saturday, with Ardrishaig following on at 2.30pm.

SAFL results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S results: Premier Division - Oban Saints no game. Premier Division One - Duncannrig 2, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Premier Division Two - Eaglesham 3, Dunoon 2; Tarbert 0, Rutherglen 2. Division One - Sporto 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Kilpatrick v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 'A' v Centre; Premier Division Two - Dunoon v Finnart; Tarbert no game; Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Inverkip Thistle; Division Three - Campbeltown Pupils 'B' no game.

Nominate your regional sports volunteers

PEOPLE in Argyll are being urged to nominate sports volunteers for a regional award.

With more than three in ten adults in Argyll and Bute volunteering in the last year the council wants to recognise their efforts with the Sports Volunteer Awards 2011.

Argyll and Bute Council is calling for

nominations across four categories - adult and junior volunteer, sports organisation and sports event. The winner will be announced at the Volunteer Week Awards in June 2011.

To submit a nomination log on to www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sports-volunteer-awards-2011 before May 27.

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Mid Argyll's London marathon runners

TWO MID Argyll runners will travel south this weekend to take part in the Virgin London Marathon.

Dougie Moore, from Ardrishaig, will run the 26 miles in aid of Maggies Cancer Caring Centres, whilst Carolyn McAlpine from Tarbert will run in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Lottery numbers

TARBERT AFC lottery numbers for this week are 5, 6 and 15. There were no winners with next week's jackpot rising to £600.

KILMORY Camanachd Shinty Club's lottery numbers for this week are 5, 10 and 15. There were three winners, S.Cameron, D.Hatton and I.MacKinnon, who shared the £1000 prize. Next week's jackpot returns to £100.

INVERARAY Shinty Club lottery numbers for this week are 1, 7 and 13. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

Runners set to get puffing

A HOST of local and visiting runners will take part in the annual Crinan Puffer race on Sunday.

Starting in Ardrishaig and ending in Crinan, runners will cover an 8.5 mile distance. The event, which is being sponsored by Scottish Sea Farms, starts at 10am and is expected to finish around 12noon at Crinan.



Young riders, Gemma Rae, Janey Van Stone and Maggie Richmond were the Accreditation Day Guinea Pigs.

Dookers lose to bottom of the table

SAFL Premier Division Two
**Tarbert 0
Rutherglen 2**

TARBERT AFC welcomed bottom club Rutherglen to Cil Andreis on Saturday (April 9), a re-run of the previously abandoned game earlier in the season.

There was everything at stake for both clubs, for Rutherglen an opportunity to get a step closer to Tarbert in the league table, and for the home side, a chance to put some daylight between the sides.

It was the home side who started the brightest of the two, having some joy down the right hand side of midfield. Stuart Johnson firstly who cut back for Prentice, his shot just going over the crossbar. Next McDougall fed Ronald on the left and his effort was blocked

by a determined Rutherglen defence.

The visitors were dangerous on the counter attack, and they took the lead when the right winger was released down the right, crossing for the Rutherglen striker to finish past Martin.

Handball

With 30 minutes gone it was two nil, referee Scott let a handball go, however the Dookers defence did not deal with the danger, and Rutherglens number nine just managed to slot his shot under Martin to make the half time score 2-0.

The second half saw the Dookers push forward looking to get back into the game, desperately trying to cement their Premier status, but once again too many of them were off the pace.



Tarbert's James Smyth jumps in for a header whilst his teammates Craig Martin and Allan Miller look on.

Rutherglen were breaking with purpose and only some outstanding blocks and tackling from Captain Craig Martin prevented the away side from further increasing their lead. Tarbert were almost

handed a lifeline when D MacDougall latched onto a Ronald cross, his header going just inches past the post with the keeper stranded.

The Dookers now have just four league matches remaining

before the season finishes, with every one of them extremely important as they look to pick up enough points to keep them in the Premier.

Full time: Tarbert 0, Rutherglen 2.

Accreditation day for pony clubbers

ARGYLL South Pony Club held a busy and interesting Accreditation Day at Glengilp Stables, Ardrishaig last Saturday.

The instructor/lecturer for the day was Mrs Sheila Thom from Ayrshire who swiftly created a relaxed atmosphere among the parents, helpers, instructors and young Pony Club members who attended.

The morning session involved an informative talk on coaching issues followed by workshop sessions on actual lesson techniques.

After a picnic lunch in the spectacular Ardrishaig sunshine the afternoon session moved to the arena where three young riders, Gemma Rae, Janey Van Stone and Maggie Richmond, were the guinea pigs for a demonstration lesson from Mrs Thom which also involved the watching audience of 18 participants.

The young members were not daunted by their close observation by so many people and the comments and questions in the plenary session closed a busy and successful day with Pony Club DC Ms Jackie Lamond giving a vote of thanks to all who supported the event and especially Mr and Mrs John Campbell for the use of Glengilp Stables for the day.

So near, yet so far for under 16s

WITH THE sun shining and the Ropework Park looking good, Lochgilphead Under 16s played host to top of the table team, Kilpatrick, from Clydebank last Sunday, April 10.

Lochgilphead worked hard and got off to a great start, when Ian McGuinness slotted the ball into the corner of the net. However, Kilpatrick equalised from a corner after some slack defending from Lochgilphead, then took the lead shortly before half-time.

Equaliser

Into the second half, Lochgilphead pressed for an equaliser, and following a pass-back that Kilpatrick's keeper collected, Lochgilphead were awarded a free-kick in the box.

With the full Kilpatrick team defending on the goal-line, Stuart Crossan touched the ball on to Donald McCallum, who hammered the ball into the net, to even the score.

Kilpatrick struck again to bring the score to 3-2 in their favour, with Selfridge pulling off several heroic saves to keep the visitors at bay, how-

ever, it was backs-to-the-wall for them for the last 15 minutes, as Lochgilphead pressed and pushed forward time and time again, with McGuinness narrowly missing after beating the Kilpatrick keeper.

Unfortunately, it was not to be for Lochgilphead and the game ended in a disappointing

2-3 score-line.

Next week, Lochgilphead travel to Glasgow to play Garthamlock.

* Lochgilphead Under 16s will be attempting to boost their club funds tomorrow morning (Saturday) by hosting a coffee morning in Lochgilphead Baptist Church Hall.



Ian McGuinness rises above the Kilpatrick defence to head the ball.

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