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Half a million repair bill for Tarbert Parish Church

'We are just praying hard and hoping we will get somewhere'

THE FUTURE of the Tarbert Parish Church is hanging in the balance with news that vital repairs could total £500,000 - and could escalate.

Reverend Tommy Bryson confirmed to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* that the church has received less than £90,000 from the insurance company after the roof was badly damaged in the December 8 hurricane.

He said: 'It's going to take £500,000 to fix. Due to the age of the building and various other things the insurance didn't cover it all, we only got £80,000 - £90,000.

'We had a lot of problems with the church

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before the storm, and repairs needed done anyway. The building needs properly looked at.'

Rev Bryson also suggested damage to the church may still continue. He warned: 'The slates could easily come off with a heavy gust of wind.'

There are signs surrounding the old building warning of danger and that people should not enter the area, or do so at their own risk.

The church, which is around 200 years old, recently received a grant of £14,000 from the

Landfill Communities Fund, which Rev Bryson described as 'a start'.

He added: 'The congregation has put a lot of money and effort in. We have had donations and we are applying for other grants. It is just going to take time.'

'We are just praying hard and hoping by the end of the month we will get somewhere. We are being optimistic and hoping that Historic Scotland will help.'

The church has been holding various fundraising events to help repair the damage. An Easter bonnet parade at the weekend raised £362.



Tarbert Parish Church is going to cost around half a million pounds to repair - at least. 12_a15church01

Ardrishaig bus office future still unclear

COMMUTERS across Mid Argyll could face an even longer journey to book bus tickets as West Coast Motors ponders the future of its office in Ardrishaig.

The future of the local transport hub remains 'under review' as the staff member currently in charge is coming up for retirement. If the office were to shut, it would come only a year after the closure of the Lochgilphead tourist office where tickets could also be bought. This would mean the nearest ticketing centre would be at Tarbert, 10 miles from Ardrishaig.

Edward Laughton, convener of Ardrishaig Community Council said: 'The concern is that people without computer access, especially older people, will not be able to book tickets in person.'

Colin Craig, managing director of West Coast Motors, said: 'The future of the office is currently under review. No date has been set on its closure. Consultation is in progress with a member of staff and in the meantime tickets can continue to be purchased from the Ardrishaig office.'



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Community trust hopes wind turbine will generate up to £200,000 a year

A WIND turbine at Tarbert and Skipness could generate up to £200,000 per year for the area.

The project, which is being spearheaded by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, aims to build the structure by the Corranbuie Forest road.

The turbine is expected to generate between £100,000 and £200,000 per year for the Tarbert and Skipness area during its 25-year lifetime.

Robert McPhail of the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust said

the money generated would be of great benefit to the area.

He said: 'Our fishing industry is looking fragile, so we need support in the local community.'

'We would have to establish an advisory committee to look into it, but the money would likely be spent on charitable purposes and also to resolve problems in the community.'

'It could contribute towards developing low-cost housing and we could look into ways of aiding young people

in the community, such as helping them go onto further education.'

The project has been under development for four years and Robert is hopeful of making an official planning application at the end of this year.

Its development took a significant step forward recently when a wind-recording mast was erected on the proposed site, which will be used to record wind speeds in the area over a year.

Afterwards the wind speed data collected by

the mast will be used to determine how economically viable the project is.

Preliminary funding, which covers planning, research and land-lease negotiations, has been provided by Community Energy Funding, which is a representative of the Scottish Government.

Building the wind turbine is expected to cost £1.8 million, which will mostly be covered by bank loans; the hope is that the turbine will begin supplying power by 2015.



Robert McPhail of Tarbert and Skipness Trust has great hopes for the Tarbert and Skipness wind turbine project.

Exciting events lined up for Anthony Nolan weekend

AN EXCITING three days of events will mark the annual Anthony Nolan weekend, beginning Friday, May 4.

Among the events taking place, a children's version of Lochgilphead's Got Talent will feature for the first time on Saturday, May 5 on the front green, Lochgilphead, with primary school children demonstrating their abilities in singing, dancing, musical instruments or other.

The adult competition will be held the following day at the Argyll Hotel, with people encouraged to come along in costume; with a handful of Scottish and international stars already signed up, the competition is expected to be fierce.

Football

With the success of last year's football tournament the event will be run again this year on Saturday, May 5, but time restraints mean the number of teams competing will be limited to 12.

Other events include a Stars in their Eyes competition and a guess the baby contest which offers a 22' TV and DVD combo as a prize.

The Anthony Nolan Trust, a leukaemia charity, has helped organise the Anthony Nolan Weekend for the past 16 years, and in that time over £50,000 has been raised and 250 people have joined their bone marrow donor register.

Clinics will be held over that weekend for anyone else who wishes to join the register.



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New water pipe installed in Tarbert

A NEW water pipe has been installed in Tarbert, meaning the threat of bursts and freezing should be a thing of the past for residents.

Scottish Water undertook the work to replace an old cast-iron main with a length of heavy-duty plastic pipe, which is much less

susceptible to winter weather extremes.

The water company said 2,000 people would benefit from the upgrade, carried out by Campbeltown contractors Donald Maclean. The A83 leading south out of Tarbert is now running as normal again after

one lane was closed for over a month while the new pipe was laid.

As well as the traffic management, there were some minor disruptions to regular water supply for the duration of the work.

Jane McKenzie, regional community manager with Scottish Water, said: 'We would like to thank affected customers and road users for their patience and co-operation. We are sure they will appreciate any short-term inconvenience they experienced will be far outweighed by the long-term benefits this investment will deliver.'

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Allt Dearg community wind farm secures £14m

A WIND farm which could generate millions for the Mid Argyll area took a major step forward after securing funding from the Co-operative Bank.

The Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm has begun construction following a £14million loan from the bank, as well as around £3million from investment funds specialising in renewable

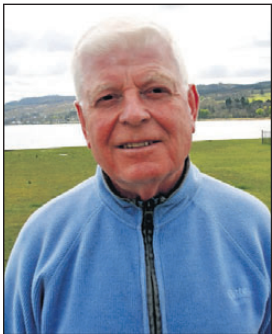
energy projects. The site is owned by Ormsary and Stronachullin Estates, and the project is part-owned by the Ardrishaig Trust which is expected to earn over £4million during the wind farm's 20-year lifetime. The wind farm will feature 12 turbines with enough power to supply up to 6,000 homes, enough for both Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

AS WEST Coast Motors considers whether or not to keep open its office in Ardrishaig, *The Squeak* went out on the streets to find out public opinion on the office's importance to the local area.



Isobel Macfarlane, 83, from Lochgilphead.
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'It would definitely be worse if the Ardrishaig office closed.
'Christina in there is fantastic, you can ask her anything and she'll tell you. I don't have internet and I've got no intention of asking my son to do it for me.
'If I phoned to book they would ask for my credit card number which is not on. You should be able to phone to book and then pick up your ticket and pay on the bus.' - **Isobel Macfarlane.**



Archie MacGilp, 60 owner of 'Fyne Tackle' in Lochgilphead.
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'I would like to see it stay open though I'm well aware the economic situation might make it difficult.
'For people booking buses that's the place, and when I get asked in the shop I direct them to the office. I could keep timetables in here but I couldn't deal with bus ticket bookings as it would be too time-consuming.' - **Archie MacGilp.**



Ian Smith, 70 from Ardrishaig. 10_a15buses03

'I think it will be a disaster if it closes.
'If the lady in the office isn't there then where do you go for your ticket? Not everybody has a computer. I do have one but it's my good lady who uses it and if she wasn't there I would be stuck.' - **Ian Smith.**



Craig Biddock, 51, from Lochgilphead.
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'I seldom use the buses though my partner does.
'Perhaps tickets might be sold through a retail outlet in the town.
'I think in a place this small you have got to operate on an agency basis.' - **Craig Biddock.**

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Argyll and Bute Council suspends two more staff after monitoring messages

HAVING suspended one member of staff in its press office over allegations of 'spying', Argyll and Bute Council has suspended two more after secretly monitoring private messages.
Press officers Janet West and Dinah Mackay were ordered to leave their desks on Friday after council officers intercepted a joke shared in a private message using the council's internal communications system, Microsoft Lync.
It is understood the messages were being monitored by the authority as part of an

internal investigation into the 'spy' allegations made against head of communications, Jo Smith, who was suspended in February. That investigation is being led by former Audit Scotland chief, John Clayton, who has earned the nickname, 'The Rottweiler'.
The Oban Times has learned staff were not made aware internal communications were being monitored.
However, the council has refused to answer any questions on the latest suspensions, instead responding with

a standard response.
A spokeswoman said: 'Two members of council staff have been suspended pending an investigation. This investigation does not relate to any other investigation being undertaken by the council.'
Investigation
The council refused to clarify exactly what investigation the press officers are now subject to, or on what terms they have been suspended.
It also refused to reveal if all communications between council staff are being routinely

monitored, including external calls and emails from members of the public.
A request to interview chief executive, Sally Loudon, has been refused.
Calls have now been made for a full, independent investigation into the management of the council's press office and the spying allegations, with a local political party questioning the scope of the spying investigation, set by Ms Loudon.
A letter has now been sent to the chief

executive, calling for a fresh investigation with a remit agreed by all councillors.
Argyll and Bute Council began installing the Lync software in December 2010. To date, around £250,000 has been spent implementing the system, with a further £100,000 to be spent completing the system by next year.
Described as a business alternative to IP chat software, Skype, the system is designed to provide a secure network for communications, telephony, video calls, internet chat and emails.

Alan gets chance of work experience on his doorstep

A CIVIL engineering student from Tayvallich has found valuable work experience not far from his home village.
When Glasgow University student Alasdair

MacInnes, 20, contacted civil engineering firm Jones Bros looking for a placement, the firm invited him to work on the construction of the Allt Dearg Community

Wind Farm on the Ormsary and Stronachullin estates.
Alasdair completed five days' work experience last week.

He told *The Argyllshire Advertiser*: 'I have been shadowing the engineers. It's been a good chance to get some time on a working site. In

the summer I'll be back working here again, not at Jones Bros but with Ormsary estate. They are working on engineering projects there.'



Alan, right, on the site at Allt Dearg with landowner James Lithgow and Jones Bros Project Manager James McColl.

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Mid Argyll council candidates announced

THE LIST of candidates standing for election in the Mid Argyll ward of Argyll and Bute Council has been published.

Sandy Taylor is standing for the Scottish National Party, Wendy Reynolds is Scottish Labour's candidate, Alison Hay will represent the Liberal Democrats, while the Conservatives' candidate is Charlotte Hanbury.

Donnie MacMillan and Douglas Philand are standing as independents.

Tarbert men Bob Chicken of the Labour Party, Ed Tyler of the Scottish Green Party and independents John McAlpine and Arthur McFarlane will be standing the Kintyre and the Islands ward. They will be joined by Anne Horne from the SNP.

The election takes place on May 3.

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Kebabish's Shaukat Chaudhry accepts the Eat Safe award from the council's environmental health manager Iain MacKinnon, extreme right, and Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health officer Sue Stefek, left. 15_t14kebabish1

Takeaway celebrates Eat Safe award success

AN ARGYLL takeaway has become the first business of its type to receive the Eat Safe award for outstanding hygiene and food safety.

Kebabish Curry House, in Oban, accepted the award last week as it welcomed a delegation

from Argyll and Bute Council to celebrate its success.

High standards

Owner Shaukat Chaudhry said he was pleased to win the award and said the popular eatery would strive to maintain the high standards

that saw it pick up the Eat Safe award in the future.

Presenting the award to Mr Chaudhry was Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health manager for west Argyll, Iain MacKinnon.

He said: 'The Eat Safe

award is designed to promote excellent food safety and those businesses that get it meet very exacting standards.

'Kebabish is the first business of its type to get this award and I'm delighted to be able to award it.'

Ardrishaig playpark to be renamed Bayview

THE PLAYPARK on the waterfront in Ardrishaig is to be renamed Bayview following a request by the community council.

Argyll and Bute councillors agreed to the name change during a meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee recently; the motion

passing unanimously. The name Bayview was chosen after a tenement block of the same name which once stood where the park is.

Half of roads cash to be spent on A816

MID ARGYLL is to receive £820,000 to spend on its roads this year – with Argyll and Bute Council designating almost half to improving the A816.

There will be £300,000 spent on edge strengthening and resurfacing three kilometres of the road between Cairnbaan and Lochgilphead.

But shorter stretches at Kilmartin North and Kintraw Hill will also be resurfaced and the B840 will be retreaded at the A816 junction to Eurach.

A kilometre from Loch Ederline to Ford will also have improvement works carried out.

Stewart Clark, contracts manager with Argyll and Bute Council, gave a detailed break-

down of roads spending to a meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles Area Committee last week.

Pointing out the £3.3 million total spend for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles was more than double what was spent last year, he said: 'It's quite an exciting time as an engineer, having money to spend.'

A special project to improve 21 kilometres of the B8024 'Kilberry Loop' will take up £700,000 of the budget.

A section of the B841 from Bellanoch Basin to Crinan Hill and the B8025 from Barnluasgan to Scotnish will be surface dressed, while the C42 from Strone to Seafield will be retreaded.

New team to oversee piping at Inveraray Highland Games

A NEW team has been appointed to oversee the running of piping competitions at Inveraray Highland Games.

Jimmy Beaton has taken on the role of Piping Convener and Eilidh and Emma Carmichael are Joint Secretaries.

The move comes following the sad loss of Robert Stewart and the retiral of Agnes Liddell, after many years service.

Jimmy, born and brought up in Inveraray, learned his piping from Pipe Major Ronnie MacCallum and Robert Stewart. He works at the National Piping Centre.

Eilidh and Emma are granddaughters of Mr Stewart. They have made significant alterations to the piping section of the games website where competitors can now access rules and enter online.

One of the conveners said: 'We are delighted to have Jimmy and his team to continue the good work done by Robert and Agnes and look forward to their contribution to what is already an important date in the solo piping calendar.'

Competitors are reminded that the closing date for entries is June 15 and no late entries will be accepted. Games day is July 17.

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Bogus caller fears unfounded

CONCERNS that a suspected bogus charity caller was operating within Mid Argyll have turned out to be unfounded.

Police had received several reports of an individual going door-to-door collecting donations, but the person turned out to be from a genuine charity.

Lochgilhead Police thank the community for its vigilance.

Fun-day, dance and sky dive for Yorkhill

A QUARTET of big-hearted Mid Argyll residents will hold a fundraising fun-day and dance for Yorkhill Children's Foundation this weekend – before jumping out of a plane.

Gillian Darling, 20, from Ardrishaig, will be joined by 22-year-olds Ronald Sinclair and Craig Bruce from Lochgilhead, and Susie Mills from Tarbert in the dare-devil style skydive on April 29, following this Saturday's charity fundraisers.

Children will be the first to enjoy the weekend's offerings, with a fun day organised for Lochgilhead Sports Centre from 11am-1pm.

The dance will then be held at the Stag Hotel, from 7.30pm starring Danny Carroll and Vinnie Hutton. The raffle offers prizes not to be missed.

Susie said: 'As the community in Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Lochgilhead are generous, we knew this charity would touch their hearts.'

World record peal attempt in Inveraray

BELLS will be ringing for seven hours in Inveraray next weekend as part of a world-record peal attempt.

The Ancient Society of College Youths will mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by ringing Inveraray's famous tower bells, at the All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church, on Saturday April 21, from 10.30am.

The church will be open for anyone who wants to listen and tea and coffee will be available.



Tarbert Academy pupils cook with Alastair Stewart.

French cookery lessons a big hit with Tarbert Academy pupils

HAUTE cuisine is on the menu at Tarbert Academy – thanks to the school's ongoing association with French chef Pascal Theze.

For several years now, the renowned Tarbert chef has been visiting the school to teach pupils the art of Gallic cooking.

And to add even more authenticity – and increase the educational

benefit – he delivers his lessons in the French language.

The unique partnership has come about thanks to the efforts of home economics teacher Heather Dixon and Christine Inglis from the French department.

This year, S2 pupils have just completed the project, with former pupil Alastair Stewart taking part

and assisting pupils to prepare the dish. head teacher Catriona Hood said: 'The school is most grateful to Pascal for his generosity with his time and for being so willing to share his skills and abilities with our pupils. It was also great to welcome Ally back to school as it encourages current pupils to see a former pupil doing so well.'

Groups share cash boost

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds have been awarded to projects across Argyll and the Islands in the latest round of LEADER cash to be dished out.

Among the lucky projects to receive money was the Craignish Boat Club which got £38,235 for the creation of community access to the sea.

Another big winner was Dunadd Community Council which received £37,500 for the Glassary play area as well as environmental improvements.

Chairman Ruaridh MacCallum said: 'There are no facilities in Kilmichael Glassary for local children so this play park will be a big benefit to them.'

The cost of the park is nearly £100,000 and funding has come from other grants as well as £7,500 from fundraising events held

by local people. Mr MacCallum added: 'It is a community orientated place and a great lot of work has been done to get this far, the people in Kilmichael Glassary should be applauded.'

Here We Are, a Gazetteer of Cairndow – a Highland community, also benefited to the tune of £9,725. While Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Heritage Group got £1,460 for a new heritage display.

This is the seventeenth round of grants to be handed out by the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group, who met in Dunoon in March.

A total of 15 projects across the region benefited from funding to the tune of £402,532.

The LEADER programme started in 2007 and will run until 2013. The next deadline for applying for funding is on July 26.

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Blow for Tarbert project

TARBERT Youth Group's search for a permanent base has met another obstacle.

The group's planning application to change a shop on Harbour Street into an information and drop-in centre has been recommended for refusal by planners.

Such a change contravenes planning policies that seek to preserve the appearance and vitality of the shore front retail area, and would result in 'dead frontage'.

But instead of refusing the application outright, members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee agreed to wait one month more before taking a decision to give the young people time to find an alternative venue.

Help for the not so famous Black Grouse

THE BLACK Grouse, big brother to Scotland's own Famous Red Grouse, is set for a new beginning in Argyll and Bute.

This charismatic bird has suffered a dramatic decline over the last century with populations decreasing by about 95 per cent.

To help halt this decline the new Argyll and Bute Grouse Recovery Project has just got underway.

Farmers, foresters, rangers and conservationists from across the area have come together to begin the project and Sandra Maclean, the new project officer, has just started work.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



IT was a flat calm as we sailed across to Gigha on the most perfect day.

We encountered a few early holidaymakers enthralled by the quick transition to summer, and ozzy the collie trembled with excitement at the prospect of a swim in the clear waters around the shore.

The island was at its most picturesque and was a haze of yellow as daffodils and gorse transformed the landscape.

Lambs sprinkled the fields like salt and as we walked up from the jetty, we felt we were transported to a paradise on earth.

'God's Island' is aptly named as God's presence can be seen in the beauty of the white sand and the myriad of colours in the sea.

It can also be felt in the stillness of the lovely wee church with its delightful message requesting visitors close the door on leaving so that the swallows won't get trapped inside.

It was then that I thought of the swallows that would be making their plans at that moment to fly from Africa back to their summer residence on Gigha.

What an amazing thought that is.

Without the benefit of sat nav, ordinance survey maps, iPads or any other modern equipment, these aerodynamic acrobats will soon be appearing in our Kintyre skies.

We will have the joy of sharing their lives for a few short months as they rear their young ones and delight us with their song.

How often nature whispers to us of God, and how often we don't even need words as we can find God in the silence.

On the ferry home, we met Ozzy the collie again. His whole body expressed what a great day he'd had.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, Ozzy's body language said it all.



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was submitted by Coll MacFarlane, a fisherman from Ardrishaig. Discovered whilst cleaning out an old van, Coll says do people remember the Ardrishaig Rat-Pack from May 1965? To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Culture on the agenda

Sir,
The Argyll and Bute Museums and Heritage Forum pose a challenge to nominees and the electorate to place our culture firmly on the agenda of this ballot.

Argyll has some of the most outstanding built and artefact heritage in Scotland. It is a powerhouse of national history and traditional life, but it is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

Heritage is not a luxury. It is DNA, safeguarding and rooting the soul of communities, particularly during vulnerable times of recession.

It builds pride and confidence, and creates jobs and income through cultural tourism. It brings people together and improves the quality of life. Heritage and culture are recognised tools of regeneration in com-

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munities – look at Glasgow and Dundee; look at the Highlands and Islands.

There is much work to do to bring Argyll level with other parts of Scotland: it is a risky strategy to leave the care of built heritage and artefacts principally in hands of willing volunteers, and alarming that there is so little strategic leadership. Nowhere else affords heritage the low status it has in Argyll, and conversely few other places can match the quality of what we have.

The baseline work is about recognising its importance and creating an atmosphere in which it can thrive. This costs nothing. There are mechanisms for development

but only if the foundations are laid, the ethos is right and the commitment is genuine.

The Argyll and Bute Museums and Heritage Forum challenges prospective councillors to commit to our heritage, past and future, by:

- Creating an atmosphere of support and encouragement for communities to celebrate and further cultural heritage in their own communities
- Recognising and promoting heritage and arts as intertwined activities in Argyll
- Recognising and fostering cultural tourism as a key economic driver
- Building partnerships and leadership.

Let's ask the questions

on the doorstep, and vote accordingly. And note that if promises are made, we will hold you to them.

**Catherine Gillies,
Chair, Argyll and Bute
Museums Forum,
Dunollie House,
Oban.**

More apprentices sign up

Sir,
The UK has seen welcome growth and investment in apprenticeships with over 450,000 new people signed up in 2010-11, up 63.5 per cent from the previous year.

While it is concerning that some apprenticeship providers have

chosen to manipulate this situation for their own means, this must not detract from the value of apprenticeships to young people and the wider economy.

Properly accredited and approved apprenticeships provide a high-quality alternative to traditional academic routes for our future engineers who will be at the heart of rebalancing the economy.

We urge the Government not to play a 'numbers game' but to seek to produce the fully qualified technicians that the UK so desperately needs for the future.

**Paul Davies,
Institution of
Engineering and
Technology,
Savoy Place, London.**

Remember Christ's death

Sir,
I was interested to read the letter by Mr Colin Nevin regarding Easter and although I agree with most of what he says about Easter, I must disagree about how often to remember Christ's death.

In acts 20 verse 7 it tells us that the disciples came together on the 'first day of the week', which is Sunday, to 'break bread'.

Nowhere does Jesus say when it was to be kept or how often but the ecclesia at troas, under the guidance of the apostle Paul celebrated it on the first day of the week, at least 12 to 15 days after the Passover was over.

About AD 112 Pliny's report to Emperor Trajan says that in his province, Bithynia, the Christians met together on a fixed day.

Justin's 'Apology' says that in the middle of the second century the breaking of bread was held 'on the day which is called the day of the sun'.

Until AD 321, before Constantine made Sunday an official holiday, they had to meet early on Sunday, then go to work. Evidence shows that it was the practice of the early Christians to break bread and drink wine once a week.

**Ron Meikle
53 Union Street
Lochgilphead**

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Easter events in Mid Argyll



Long John Silver and the Duchess of Argyll gave out prizes to the little treasure hunters at Inveraray Castle last Sunday. 08_a15pirate04

Pirates and princesses at Inveraray Castle

A BAND of miniature pirates and princesses joined Long John Silver on a treasure hunt at Inveraray Castle last Sunday.

The boisterous buccaneer helped the dressed-up youngsters through their quest in the pirates-and-princesses themed day.

The children braved the untamed wilds of the castle gardens, solving clues which brought them ever closer to the elusive treasure.

By the end of the day, their adventure was over and Long John ensured his motley band of helpers got their share of the plunder by handing out some Easter prizes, ably assisted by the Duchess of Argyll.

Best turnout

Castle manager Jane Young said: 'I think it went very well; it was probably the best turnout we've ever had since we started doing treasure hunts here.'

Easter egg hunt at Blarbuie

TWICE as many people turned out for Blarbuie Woodland's Easter egg hunt on Saturday than last year. Around 120 children and adults took part in the fun day, as youngsters scoured the woodlands in search of chocolate treats.

There was also time for a spot of face-painting for youngsters in between hunts.

The day was organised by Fyne Families, and director Chris Dalgano-Platt said: 'It went extremely well. The kids seem to have enjoyed it, especially when they found their eggs, and it's nice to see people coming out in support of Fyne Families.'



Gavin Boyle, 4, and his mother Heather Williamson of Lochgilphead, had a grand day out at Blarbuie Woodland's Easter egg hunt last Saturday. 08_a15blarbuie02



Lochgilphead youngsters Louise Pendereigh, 4, and her brother Tom, 2, are as cute as two little mice posing for the Squeak with their mother Jenny. 08_a15blarbuie03



Little Tom Pendereigh, 2, and his sister Louise, 4, of Lochgilphead, don their warpaint in preparation for the big egg hunt. 08_a15blarbuie01



Mary Semple of Ormsary helped organise the Easter craft fair, while her feathered friend acted as a colourful greeter at the hall entrance. 08_a15ormsary01

Easter craft fair raises money for new kitchen

AN EASTER craft fair took place at Ormsary Village Hall last Monday.

Ormsary and District Social Club (ODSC) organised the event to raise funds for a new kitchen in the hall.

As well as having a hall full of crafting tables, there was also food and hot drinks on offer, a tombola, a 'guess the weight of the cake' event and a bouncy castle.

ODSC chairwoman Mary Semple said: 'We usually have various events throughout the year but this is the biggest.'

Easter hat parade raises £362 for church funds

YOUNGSTERS got in the Easter spirit by donning their most outlandish bonnets at Templars Hall last Saturday – and raising £362 in the process.

The wild and wacky headwear was on display during the Easter hat parade to raise funds for the repairs to Tarbert Parish Church, damaged during a recent storm.

Parish minister Rever-

end Tommy Bryson said he was optimistic about reaching the halfway point for the £500,000 needed to fully restore the building within the next few weeks.

Effort

He added: 'People at the church are making a lot of effort, which is good. Progress is picking up pace and things are looking quite favourable.'



Tarbert children turned out in their Easter finest at Templars Hall last Saturday. 08_a15tarberthat01

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Jazz, folk and classical music at Ardrishaig

AN EVENING of jazz, folk and classical music will be on offer in Ardrishaig next week as the trio of renowned musicians visits the area.

Dick Lee, a clarinet and saxophone player; John Kenny a trombone and fujara player and Pianist James Ross will perform as guests of the Mid Argyll Arts Association at the public hall in the village.

The three Scots, amongst the county's most innovative musicians, will take to the

stage to perform their contemporary take on ballad *Tam Lin*.

The three men were commissioned to work on the piece of music in 2010 and performed it for the first time at the Celtic Connections Festival in 2010.

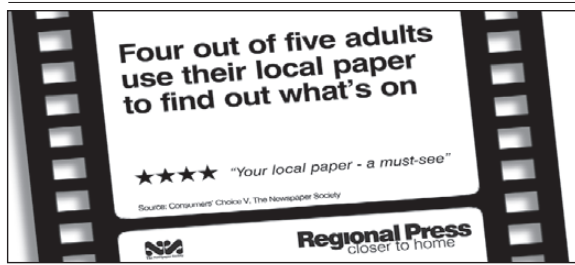
Jam session

The concert will also see the trio perform a jam session and solo sets.

The concert will begin at 7.30pm tomorrow (Saturday) at Ardrishaig Public Hall.



Dick Lee, John Kenny and James Ross will perform their legendary response to Border ballad *Tam Lin*.



JoLoMo exhibits at Kilmartin



Director of the MS Centre Alan Cameron with Jolomo at the launch of his latest exhibition *Kilmartin Glen Light*. 06_a15jolo001

VIVID scenes of the standing stones in Kilmartin Glen, Crinan Ferry and Duntrune Castle adorn the walls of Kilmartin House Museum this week.

The images, showcasing some of Mid Argyll's most iconic landscapes, are the latest works of renowned artist Jolomo – John Lowrie Morrison.

Unveiled

The exhibition, *Kilmartin Glen Light*, was unveiled at the cafe of the museum last Wednesday night amidst much praise for the Tayvallich-based artist.

Speaking at the launch of the exhibition John, a former art teacher at Lochgilhead High School, said: 'Maureen and I moved her 40 years ago and I used to paint these areas constantly up until about 10 or 12 years ago. It has been great to come back to the area to paint and not just Knapdale but the Kilmartin area as well.'

Retracing

Explaining his love for the three trees at Crinan Ferry and Duntrune Castle, John added: 'It has been a retracing of steps for me to places that I know well and love.'

John, who received

an OBE for his services to art and charity, will again donate proceeds from the exhibition to a local charity.

Explaining the MS Centre in Lochgilhead would benefit from the sales of paintings, John said: 'We have a lot of friends who have MS and I'm sure you all have friends or loved ones affected by it.'

'The MS Centre is a great charity to help and I hope we sell a great amount of paintings so that we can raise money for them as they are pretty low on funds at the minute.'

Coup

Kilmartin Glen Light also represents a coup for Kilmartin House Museum, which has been desperately trying to secure a display of work by Jolomo for five years; his exhibitions are often booked years in advance.

Sharon Webb, curator of the museum said: 'This is a fantastic exhibition and something I have wanted to feature at the museum since I came here eight years ago. It is fantastic that we have finally got Jolomo here and that he has painted the glen and its surroundings.'

Argyll Drama Festival

ACTORS from across Argyll and Ardrishaig will be treading the boards of Ardrishaig Public Hall next week as Argyll Drama Festival gets underway.

Theatre-goers will be laughing, crying and gripped in serious drama as a host of theatre groups perform across a range of genres.

The festival, which kicks off on Wednesday will see members of Ardrishaig's Shiskine Drama Club attend the festival for the first time alongside regulars such as Carradale Drama Club, the Accent Players and Benderloch and North Connell Drama club.

Campbeltown's Accent Players will be the first to take to the stage in the three-day event, with a performance of *Some Mother's Son*.

The mood will be lifted with the final performance on Wednesday evening

as Benderloch and North Connell Drama Club bring Edinburgh's new *pan-das* to life on the Argyll stage.

Lochgilhead Drama Group will tell the story of widow Lilly, who is facing eviction from her home and memories of her late Husband, when they take to the stage on Thursday.

The play *The Big Cats* sees the widow finally say goodbye to 'her Joe'.

Search

Comedy returns to the stage on Friday as the Peninver Players act out the journey of a woman in search of her 'sperm donor' father in play *Our James*.

The subjects of love and men dominate the final play of the festival as Shiskine WRI Drama Club perform comedy *The Real Problem*.

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Big Mac, the greatest adventurer of them all

To mark the clan's centenary celebrations on the Isle of Mull, *Scottish Field* magazine takes a look back at the life of perhaps the greatest Maclean of them all - Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel

By Trevor Royle

What's the best backdrop for interviewing an adventurer whom Winston Churchill once described as 'the mildest mannered man that ever scuttled ship or cut a throat' - a Highland mountainside for a stalk in grey weather or a walled flower garden on a gentle May morning in Argyll?

The great outdoors should win hands down at any time but to get the measure of a rounded character with a treasure-trove of stories, then give me the latter location.

Opportunity

So, in the late 1980s I took that opportunity when the BBC World Service sent me to interview Sir Fitzroy Hew Royle Maclean of Dunconnel, a man who encompassed so many kinds of lives that to label him with only one of the following job descriptions would be to do him an injustice - diplomat, soldier, politician, author and Highland gentleman.

The timing was exactly right. The internecine carnage in the Balkans had not yet begun when



Sir Fitzroy Hew Royle Maclean of Dunconnel. Photograph courtesy of Alan Macdonald.

Yugoslavia imploded in the following decade and memories of the Second World War were still fresh - both important considerations for a man whose name will always be associated with the evolution of that troublesome and endlessly complicated region. It was still possible to discuss the intricacies of Britain's

wartime policies in the Balkans without the attendant baggage of later events and it was soon clear that the man being interviewed had a story to tell - and more.

Maclean's moment came in July 1943 when he was summoned to Chequers, the prime minister's country retreat, after a period 'living dangerously' (his

words) in the Mediterranean theatre of operations. In the middle of watching a Mickey Mouse cartoon after dinner - Churchill was an inveterate movie buff - the news arrived of the death of the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. Immediately Churchill saw opportunities for loosening German power in Italy and turning to Maclean told him 'We must now put all the pressure we can on them on the other side of the Adriatic. You must go in without delay.'

Discover

Maclean's mission was to enter Yugoslavia to try to understand what was happening under German occupation and to discover the identity of the mysterious partisan leader known only as Tito. Some thought it might be an acronym, there were rumours that it could also be a beautiful young woman but Churchill came closest when he told Maclean that he had 'to find out who was killing the most Germans and sug-

gest means by which we could help them to kill more.'

In the aftermath of the Second World War Maclean devoted his life to politics having been elected Conservative MP for Lancaster in a by-election in 1941. Although he was never a political animal and was a poor performer in the House of Commons he was immensely influential in the fields of defence and diplomacy and was made Under-Secretary of War in Churchill's government in 1954.

It came as little surprise to his friends that in 1957 he bought the Strachur estate in Argyll on the eastern shore of Loch Fyne; with it came a fine mansion house built in 1780 and possession of the Creggan's Inn.

James Bond

Maclean was supposed to have been one of the models for the character James Bond who was created by his friend Ian Fleming. There are certainly many similarities

- from the obvious personal courage to Maclean's less obvious hedonism.

As I discovered while sitting outside Strachur House in the warmth of that west coast morning Sir Fitzroy Maclean was

very much his own creation, a man of strengths as well as weaknesses, who had forged his own place in history at the point where extremes meet.

Maclean died in 1996 aged 85.

For the full interview see the May 2012 edition of *Scottish Field* magazine

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LOCHGILPHEAD

Easter Bunny at Badden Farm

A SPECIAL guest came to visit the pre-school children at Badden Farm Nursery last week.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance, and helped hide lots of chocolate eggs for an exciting Easter egg hunt, even helping the children find them.

The nursery thanked the Easter Bunny for taking the time to visit the children.

Red Cross hold Daffodil Tea

CHARITABLE locals braved a wet Easter Sunday afternoon for the Daffodil Tea Party at the Red Cross Centre.

The event raised over £400 for the British Heart Foundation, and was well attended despite the dour weather.

Organiser Janice Harris said: 'People are superb when it comes to supporting events like this.'

'I always try to do something every couple of years and normally for Cancer Research UK, but this time I thought I would do something for the British Heart Foundation for personal reasons.'

Sponsored dog walk

A SPONSORED dog-walk by two Lochgilphead High pupils raised £205.20 for the re-homing unit at Achnabreac Kennels, Lochgilphead.

Miki Howieson-Pearce, 12, and Hannah MacDonald, 12, both in S1, raised the sum on the five-mile sponsored walk with their dogs Fushia and Nell.

The girls walked along the Crinan Canal from Miller's Bridge to Ardrishaig.

ARDRISHAIG

Pupils raise funds for Mary's Meals

BIG-HEARTED pupils at Ardrishaig Primary have been raising funds for charity Mary's Meals during their lunch hour.

Before the Easter Break the youngsters held a bring and buy sale, selling their toys and games to raise funds for the charity that helps feed thousands of starving children in Africa.

Dinner ladies from the school also donated some of their legendary homebaking to the sale, while Argyll and Bute Council agreed to do-

nate 10 pence from every school meal bought over a five-day period to the charity.

Headteacher at Ardrishaig Primary School, Robina Millar, said: 'We have a bring and buy every year and we always do it for a charity.'

'This year it's Mary's Meals, which we chose because it's a local charity and also because it's good for the children to realise how privileged and fortunate they are.'

Boat jumble

A BOAT jumble sale is being held a week on Saturday at the North Hall.

The sale is being held to raise funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), who are still looking for donations of marine equipment, books and charts to sell on the day.

The jumble takes place from 11am to 2pm and anyone interested in donating can get in touch with the RNLI on 01546 600160, 01546 602935 or send an email to rnlimidargyll@hotmail.co.uk.

TARBERT

Butterflies released

BUTTERFLIES were in the air recently in Tar-

LOCHGAIR



Members of the Lochgair Association Committee hailed Saturday's beach clean as a great success. 08_a15beach01

Annual beach clean and barbeque at Lochgair

THE ANNUAL beach clean, held last Saturday, is reportedly proving a long-term success in reducing litter along the local coastal area.

The clean, organised by the Lochgair Association Committee (LAC), saw a clear reduction in the amount

of rubbish collected since previous years which LAC chairman Ian Smith said was the result of previous clean-ups in Lochgair.

Around 40 people took part in the beach clean, which was followed by a barbeque.

COLINTRAIVE/ GLENDARUEL

HOUSEHOLDERS are being encouraged to be more energy efficient in a new community project.

The scheme, funded by the Climate Change Fund, aims to provide advice as well as installing insulation, as traditional housing which is common in the area is often hard to treat.

A number of events and home visits will take place to help householders make their homes warmer and cheaper to heat, thus reducing their carbon footprint.

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Antiques and ornaments at Ardfern

AN extravaganza of antiques and ornaments was on offer at the Craignish Village Hall last Sunday.

The West Coast Living Vintage and Interiors Fair drew antique dealers and casual shoppers from far and wide, with a diverse range of goods on sale, ranging from furniture, candleholders and hand-made baskets to clothing and felts; among the more unusual items on sale

was a genuine 19th century rifle.

The event was organised by Sara Qualter and Katie Ritchie who run West Coast Living.

Sara explained that the aim of the fair was to encourage local businesses to expand trade into a wider area.

She said: 'We're taking the fair out to different villages, if we take these local businesses around different areas we can spread the word.'

bert Community Healing Garden as members and friends of Tarbert Academy pre 5 unit released the creatures they

had cared for from pupal stage, right through metamorphosis and into adulthood. a15butterfly1no



Tarbert Academy pre 5 unit release butterflies in the Community Healing Garden. a15butterfly1no

S1 and S2 undertake a day's work

A BRING your sons and daughters to work day took place at Tarbert Academy recently.

All S1 and S2 pupils undertook a day's work experience with parents, family members or family friends, or if this was impossible, they took

on experience in the school.

Pupils went to work in places such as hotels, fish farms, office work and of course within the school itself.

The day was organised by Heather Dixon of PT Enterprise.



Tarbert Academy pupils went to work for a day in a variety of places, but some chose to work within the school itself.

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Juliet Robb from Bridge of Weir sold crafts from Palestine during Saturday's craft fair at Kilmartin Hotel. 08_a15kilmartin02

Craft fair held at Kilmartin Hotel

SHOPPERS turned out in force for a craft fair held at Kilmartin Hotel last Saturday.

The day drew bargain hunters enticed by the variety of items on sale, which included crafts from as far away as Palestine, as well as a va-

riety of cards, soaps, fabrics, glassware and jewellery.

Penny Airlie, who organised the fair, explained that the event was a chance for local businesses to get their products out into a wider area.



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Spring farming REVIEW

Native cattle point the way forward at Beachmeanach

NATIVE cattle breeds are thriving at Beachmeanach Farm near Tayinloan, Kintyre.

Last month the farm, run by Malcolm and Marion McDonald, won first and second prize for a pen of four Highland bullocks at Caledonian Marts Native Breed Sale in Stirling.

They also received the top price for a pen of seven Aberdeen Angus heifers. Bred on the farm, these latter beasts fetched an impressive average price of £2.36 per kilo.

Malcolm McDonald, aged 51, took over the running of Beachmeanach from his father in the mid nineties.

Malcolm said there are currently about 20 short-horn and Highland cross cows with Angus calves on the farm, as well as 25 Highland bullocks and 400 breeding ewes.

The cattle numbers are a reduction from what used to be kept: 'We used to have about 80 calves but we reduced the number in 2002. We will probably increase



Malcolm McDonald has been enjoying recent success with his native breeds. 20_c15malc01

to 30 in the next year or two though.'

The cattle are kept outdoors all year round, being summered on the hill and out-wintered on the flat fields next to the beach below the farm, a factor Malcolm believes is key to keeping them healthier.

He describes these dry, sandy fields as 'a big advantage' to the farm, though most of the land at Beachmeanach consists of clay soils on the

steep land behind the farmhouse and peat on the hill.

As well as making the best of their land, environmental schemes have been a key part of how the McDonalds have run the farm in recent years.

They have shut off fields to allow ground-nesting birds to be un-

disturbed, and planted natural woodlands and hedgerows to create wildlife corridors.

Having started participating in these environmental projects when the price of livestock fell in about 1996, Malcolm says he still does them, and expects to continue.

Creamery upgrade boosts Kilmaho

A KEY factor in encouraging a Kintyre dairy farm to further expand was the commitment made by First Milk to upgrade the Campbeltown Creamery.

Forty-year-old James McLean, who runs Kilmaho Farm near Kilkenny, Campbeltown with his wife Linda, installed a state of the art milking parlour and a modernised shed last year.

The couple said they are getting the best out of their Westfalia parlour installed by Dairy Flow, and revamped sheds, which have helped secure a future in this ever-evolving industry.

With 85 Holstein Friesians, a number they

hope to increase soon to over 100, James said they are averaging about 7,500 litres per cow in a year. James said: 'Now we are really starting to see the benefits of the new milking parlour after getting to grips with it in the first year. Also, with the new shed we can now winter all our cattle at home. Generally we've been trying to make our operation more efficient.'

'We keep all our heifers for breeding and the bull calves are kept and sold at a year-and-a-half to two years old.'

'We have about 30 heifers coming into the herd which start calving in June.'

Of their future plans,

Linda said: 'Hopefully we will be in the business for a while yet and make further investments. But the biggest thing next is to get our stock numbers up to where we want them.'



James McLean with son Donald James at the Westfalia parlour. 20_c15jmc01

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Quality the key at Woodend croft

THE BUSINESS of rearing quality cattle is very much a family affair at Clovullin, Ard-gour.

Three generations of Wrights - David Snr, son Robert and Robert's son David Jnr - produce a steady flow of prize-winning stock, which sees them regularly return from local agricultural shows with armfuls of silverware.

The family runs two crofts - David Snr at No.7, Clovullin and Robert, wife Alison and family at Woodend, a stone's throw along the township loop road off the A861 to Strontian.

Both have rights to Clovullin common grazings which back

up against Meall Breac, outlier of Beinn na Cille, the triangular peak towering over Ard-gour village and Loch Linnhe.

Sitting in the family home at Woodend, it quickly becomes evident the trio of grandfather, son and grandson, aged 78, 48 and 18 respectively, are proud they have kept faith with crofting when all around them land has fallen into rack and ruin.

There's hardly a sheep between here and Bracora at Morar now, they say - a distance overland of some 30 miles.

Overzealous conservation measures, they claim, have seen estates fence off huge tracts of land, remove all the



The heifers include a Limousin/Belgian Blue cross bought for a record £2,000 as a calf at the Oban sales.

sheep and cattle, shoot all the deer and switch to growing trees - all for money.

They cite examples of trees failing to grow, either because they have been planted in the wrong place - Scots pines flourish best on north-facing slopes apparently - or because ungrazed rank grasses have choked out saplings.

The single farm payment also comes in for a healthy dose of manure, not least because it has removed any incentive to keep animals.

Instead, it has been exploited by 'slipper farmers' to milk the system - perfectly legally - and be handsomely rewarded for doing absolutely nothing.

That could be about to change in 2014 - and



Robert feeds his bull and breeding cows at Clovullin.

not before time, says Robert.

'We had 30 or 40 cattle back in the 1990s under the headage payment scheme. The single farm payment has been a disaster - if you had a decent payment per head,

I could see production going back up again. I would definitely like to see us come away from a single farm payment and go back to a headage payment.'

Other changes to the crofting grants system would also be beneficial, Robert says, such help with reseeding and fencing costs - apparently financial assistance is available for a new fence, but not a replacement one.

Meanwhile, the work David Snr began after

he arrived in Lochaber from Carnlough in the Glens of Antrim in 1955 continues.

The two crofts are down to only 11 breeding cattle, but expansion plans are in the offing with stock quality, as always, the watchword.

Recent acquisitions include a Limousin/Belgian Blue cross heifer bought as a calf for a record £2,000 at Oban Auction Mart, believed to be the highest price ever paid for a calf at the sale.

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David Jnr casts an eye over three-week old Limousin calves on Clovullin common grazings.

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Historic land: IG MacDonald's croft lies close to the site of 'The Battle of the Braes'

LAST month, history was made when crofters elected the majority of commissioners to the new Crofting Commission for the first time.

Ian George MacDonald, from Braes on Skye, was voted in as commissioner for the West Highlands. Along with the eight other board members, he met environment minister Stewart Stevenson at their first board meeting in Inverness last week as work begins to rejuvenate the industry.

Here, Ian George explains that in order for crofting to know where it is going, it must understand where it has come from.



Ian George MacDonald from Braes: Crofting Commission's task is to reinvigorate the industry.

2011/2012 has again brought the past, present and future of crofting in the Highlands and Islands into sharp focus, with several anniversaries and commemorations calling for our attention.

Much to the shame of those of us who have spent a lifetime in the education profession, our young people, and not so young, are ignorant of the history of crofting and of its important role in retaining population in the Highlands and Islands.

We should therefore welcome the recent teaching programme 'Taking Stock; The Claim of Crofting', instituted on the occasion of the demise of the Crofters Commission, and sponsored by a number of government and non-government bodies.

The associated commemoration evening at Sabhal Mor Ostaig brought together both adults and children to celebrate crofting's claim,

and the follow-up teaching pack goes into all Scotland's schools very soon.

On the Braes Estate in Skye, where I have my croft, 2011 saw the bicentenary of John Blackadder's unveiling of his plans for crofting townships, where deliberately small lots were delineated in order to ensure that the workers of the land continued to be economically dependent on their feudal superiors.

Closely connected with the consequences of this piece of social engineering, April 17 this year sees the 130th anniversary of the Battle of the Braes, an event which helped to focus the attention of government on the plight of crofters in the Highlands.

Less than a quarter of a mile from the Commemoration Cairn at the battle site is the old Church of Ollach where the first meeting of Gladstone's Napier Commission took

place.

The words of Angus Stewart, the first witness still resonate down the ages: 'I cannot bear evidence to the distress of my people without bearing evidence to the oppression and high-handedness of the landlord and his factor.'

'What we suffer from is poverty. We are huddled together and the best part of the land is devoted to deer forests and big farms. If we had plenty of land there would be no poverty in the Highlands for there is a sufficiency of land and we are willing to work it.'

What an indictment on the cosy system that had developed between the legal system of the time and the landowner! It was a scathing assessment – and provided the backdrop for the commission as it went about gathering evidence throughout the north.

On 28th of this month, the Scottish Land Court

will celebrate its centenary with the launch of a book detailing its history and work.

Professor Ewen Cameron will give a lecture in Portree High School and inevitably, they will also hold a simple ceremony at the Braes Cairn.

The demise of the Crofters Commission after 57 years and its replacement by the new Crofting Commission, a body partly elected by crofters themselves, is another significant milestone in the story of crofting and we trust that the new body will play its own part in re-energizing the industry.

Since its inception, crofting has always been fraught with challenges and its health will not be improved by sticking plasters applied by the Crofting Commission

alone.

While lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities, precarious transport links and poor agricultural returns continue to infect rural communities we must lobby our councils as well as Brussels, Westminster and Holyrood to take a genuine interest in this particular patient and to strive for a favourable CAP Reform.

Crofters need to help themselves by co-operation, effort and optimism in face of adversity and to inform their member organisations, the Crofting Federation and NFU, of the tonics they require.

We need a boost! Let's hope the new Commission really can give a lead in supplying one.

IG MacDonald, Crofting Commissioner.

Memory lane – Dairy farming in Kintyre before the war

WITH a lifetime's experience of dairy farming in Kintyre, John Smith is in a better position than most to recall where the modern mechanised industry came from.

Born in 1925, as a young man John helped his father run Drumalea farm near Tangy, taking over himself in 1950. He ran the farm for 40 years until handing over the reins to his son, also John, around 1990.

Remembering the pre-war days, John said: 'In the 30s before the Milk Marketing Board came in we would make cheese for selling in the town. Our whole summer revolved around the cheese buyers who came in and sampled the cheese. It was a very dramatic moment.'

'There were lots of people employed on the farms then. Our farm had a foreman and a couple of young lads. There

was a good camaraderie, and the neighbours used to come to help for big jobs like sheep shearing, threshing or building the haystacks. In the evenings we used to have a game of cards on the kitchen table with a cup of tea.'

'There would be a melodeon or an accordion. When the neighbours came in everything had to be spick and span.'

'Cattle used to go away to Greenock on a boat that left at seven in the morning.'

'Every farm had horses then too. Lots of them would go away and end up working on the streets of Glasgow.'

'There were no boats after the war. They started up with road transport.'

'Tractors began to come in, horses began to go out, and 10 or 15 years later horses had disappeared from the farms completely.'

'In the war the land girls came in and did a great job on the farms. I don't think they received adequate recognition for the work they did.'

'They used to stay in a hostel at Glenlussa on the Peninver road. If you needed three or four girls for something you just contacted the organiser to arrange for them to come.'

'After the war there were never as many folk employed on the farms as before.'



John Smith ran Drumalea farm for 40 years before passing it on to his son. 20_c1johns01

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Dogs run the risk of being shot if caught worrying sheep

DOGS run the risk of being shot if found chasing or worrying sheep, a Tarbert livestock farmer warned last Monday.

Neil Duncan, from Stonefield Farm, has suffered a spate of attacks on his sheep in the last three weeks, and with lambing season underway he faces a real threat to his livelihood.

The problem has gotten so bad he has contacted the police and taken out adverts in local publications, warning dog owners of the consequences of letting their pets near his livestock.

Attacks on Mr Duncan's sheep have already cost him five animals, many of which suffered severe injuries to the point where they had to be put down.

Mr Duncan is certain who the culprits are. He said: 'It has to be dogs, and local ones at that as visitors tend only to stay around for a short time.'

'It's more likely to be someone nearby letting their dog out for a run.'

Neil said that problems with domestic dogs tend to arise when they get a taste of blood, and from then on sole animals can

become repeat offenders. He added: 'Dogs can also form into packs, although it seems unlikely in this case as there would have been two or three sheep attacked at a time instead of just one.'

A police spokesman confirmed Mr Duncan had made a complaint and that he was well within his rights to post such warnings against dog owners; the Countryside Code states that walkers must keep their dog on a short leash on most areas of open country between March 1 and July 31, and all year round near farm animals or else they are liable to be shot.

He said: 'As it is lambing time we would suggest that dog owners be in control of their animals and encourage them to be responsible.'

Mr Duncan's problems come just a few weeks after Scottish Natural Heritage urged countryside walkers to be aware of vulnerable wildlife, such as newborn lambs, in the run-up to spring.



Dog owners are being urged to keep their pets on a leash during lambing season.



Eilidh Grieve left Campbeltown on Thursday morning for Fife on her vintage tractor.

Eilidh drives forward with vintage tractor challenge

Funds raised will boost agricultural charity

A YOUNG woman will drive a vintage tractor through Mid Argyll for charity.

Eilidh Greive, who currently works for the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RSABI), a charity which helps people who depend on the land, will drive her 1963 Super Dexta from Campbeltown, through Lochgilhead to Oban, where she will stop overnight, before making her way across central Scotland to Crail, Fife.

The tractor has a top speed of 22 miles per hour and no cab or power

steering and Eilidh hopes to complete the challenge in three days, depending on any breakdowns or problems she comes across. RSABI, which will benefit from the money raised from the event, supports people who worked on the land in Scotland, and who, due to illness, low income, disability or crisis find themselves unable to cope.

You can donate to Eilidh's tractor challenge by visiting the RSABI website or texting 'tractor' to 70300 to donate £3 to RSABI.

Royal Highland Show voted best in Britain

AS THE show season approaches, farmers from across Argyll will be thinking of not only their local show but also one of the main agricultural events – the Royal Highland Show.

The event, held at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston near Edinburgh, has recently been voted as the best agricultural show in the UK by readers of a national farming magazine and in March it won a second top award - the Best Event in Scotland.

Show manager David Dunsmuir said: 'It is an honour to be recognised by our peers and demonstrates that we are major players in the event industry. With the award coming only a few weeks after the magazine award, 2012 has got off to a great start for the show.'

This year's Royal Highland Show takes place from Thursday June 21 to Sunday June 24.

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Screening for BVD becomes compulsory

CROFTERS and farmers are being reminded of a new mandatory screening project which was introduced at the start of February this year – and must be completed by February 2013.

All owners of breeding cattle must comply with the Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) screening order and, if you are a keeper of a breeding cattle herd in Scotland, you are required to screen your herd each year for BVD. BVD is a widespread disease of cattle causing various symptoms including abortion, stillbirths, diarrhoea, pneumonia,

poor condition and a lowering of resistance against other infections. It is a serious infectious disease of cattle and can be fatal.

BVD is caused by a virus spread by persistently infected cattle which constantly produce and shed the virus in saliva, nasal mucus, faeces and semen. Persistently infected cattle can only have acquired that infection in the first third of foetal life.

Approximately one of every 100 young stock in Scotland is persistently infected. They are always virus positive and don't produce antibody against the

virus. They can die of mucosal disease at any age. Some survive into adulthood and pose a real threat. A persistently infected bull can wreak havoc if added to a susceptible herd, and if a persistently infected cow has a calf it will always be persistently infected. Most die as calves but a few live much longer and many appear normal.

A 2007 survey by the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) showed around 40 per cent of herds have signs of exposure to BVD.

There are six method options of how to screen your herd and the best source of further advice

and information, in the first instance, is usually your vet.

Your vet will be able to provide advice about which method should be used and whether it is appropriate to test for antibodies to BVD or BVD antigen/virus in individual cases.

All samples must be

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MIDGE numbers could be heading for a record high on the west coast after an unusually mild spring.

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According to Dr Alison Blackwell of the Scottish Midge Forecast Service, normally the mild winter wouldn't have much of an impact of midge numbers.

But the warm start to the year – coupled with last weekend's rain storms – means the tiny pests are likely to start their breeding season early.

She said: 'They do seem to be extending their season, because there were still midges biting in October last year.'

Only the female midges bite and need the blood to mature their eggs. The males, on the other hand, feed exclusively on nectar.

The more female midges bite, the more eggs they can lay, said Dr Blackwell. Midges usually produce two generations a year – so the more they breed now, the larger the second generation could be.

Cash strapped 'Gers owe council for pitch hire

RANGERS Football Club's well-publicised financial troubles are even impacting Argyll and Bute Council - it is owed £406.80.

The debt was revealed by club administrators Duff and Phelps and the local authority has confirmed the money is due from leasing football pitches at Helensburgh's Hermitage Academy.

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Top cop's pledge on single police force: rural areas will benefit

A SINGLE police force for Scotland will benefit rural areas such as Argyll and the islands, according to one of the country's top cops.

On a fact-finding visit to Oban last Wednesday, Strathclyde Police Chief Constable Stephen House scotched fears the move would pull power away to the Central Belt - and claimed instead rural chief inspectors would be handed even greater control over resources.

Scotland will move to a single police force in April next year and Mr House, who would be a strong candidate to be chief constable of the new force, denied a

more centralised service would have an adverse affect in rural areas.

His stance runs counter to views expressed by Highlands' police representatives that a single force could mean less local accountability.

Speaking exclusively with *The Argyllshire Advertiser* after going out on patrol in Oban with road policing officer Ronnie Stevenson, Strathclyde's most senior police officer said: 'I can understand the perception that a single police force would give rural areas a worse service but I believe it will be the other way round. The new chief constable



Strathclyde Police Chief Constable Stephen House, left, out on patrol with road policing officer, PC Ronnie Stevenson. 15_t15chief01

of the Scottish police force will be based at Tulliallan - how are they

going to be controlling policing styles of more than 17,000 officers

across the whole of Scotland? What they are going to do is massively

devolve powers to the chief inspectors across Scotland, who will have even more freedom to police how they want to.'

Chief Constable House said police priorities were based on local community consultation. He added: 'With the best will in the world you are not going to get regular patrols in every area but we do have significant rural assets in Argyll and Bute.'

'We have to balance that with our priorities. To see a police officer is reassuring and makes people feel safe but if there is a house break-in, people want a police officer there in seconds.'



Jura passenger ferry skipper Nicol MacKinnon and Rob Tigear of the Jura Development Trust prepare for the ferry's maiden voyage last Thursday. 15_t15jura08

Jura passenger ferry sets sail on new season

Optimism over future extends across island

THE NEXT two years could make or break the Jura Passenger Ferry service but its operators say they are looking forward to the pressure that comes with proving its worth.

Funding for the ferry service, which runs between Tayvallich and Craighouse on Jura in under one hour, was secured for two years in March, after Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government announced late funding packages.

JDT member Rob

Tigear said: 'We are building on previous years by marketing the service better and the two-year funding package allows us to plan that more effectively.'

'Whereas last year there was a relief that the service had been saved, we now have that security to move ahead.'

'Good feeling' Ferry skipper Nicol MacKinnon said: 'There is a good feeling about the passenger ferry service this year because people are talking about it.'

'If we can prove ourselves, hopefully we get to keep the service.'

But the optimism for the ferry service extends beyond the people running it.

Jura Distillery has revamped its visitor centre, Jura Hotel has refurbished its bedrooms and dining room in expectation of a busy season and Sharon Hovarty has taken on the lease at the community-owned Antlers Restaurant with the expectation of a passenger ferry boom.

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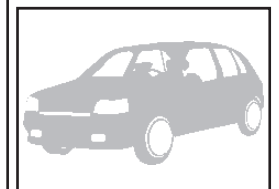
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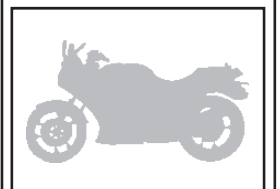
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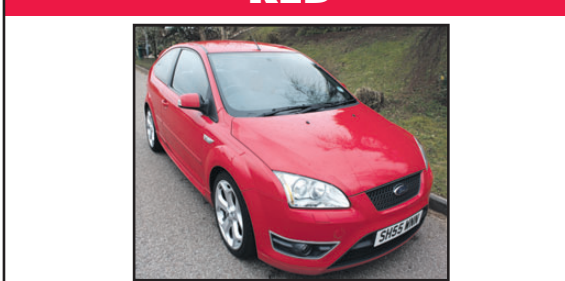
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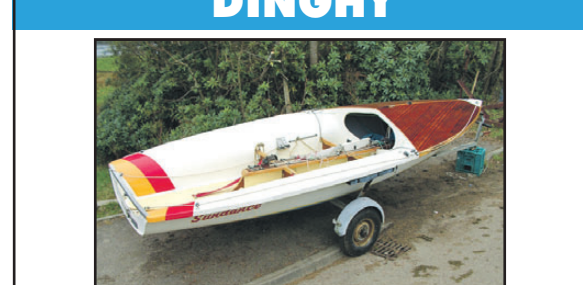


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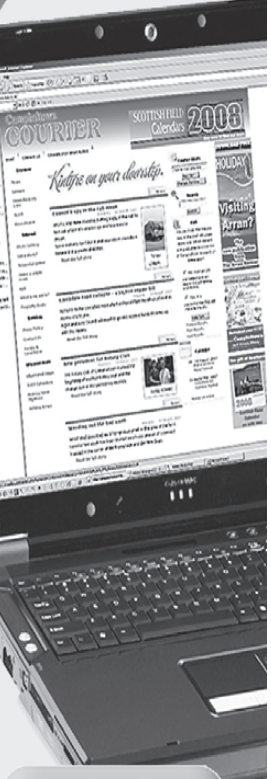



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



BORTHWICK

Kevin and Emma are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Dylan Kyle. A little brother for Freya. Thank you to all at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, especially Elspeth.

CLIFTON - Claire (née Brown) and Daniel are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Lara Hailey, on March 7, 2012. A precious little sister for Dylan, and first great granddaughter for Isa Anderson.



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SINCLAIR - Donald and Alison are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their little boy, Ben, at Princess Royal Maternity, Glasgow on April 4, 2012.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

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DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully after a long illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 4, 2012, Kathleen M Brown, in her 84th year, of Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, and formerly Carnin, Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late John and much loved mum of Iain Houston, Alistair and Joyce. Much loved granny and mother-in-law. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church today, Friday, April 13, at 11am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Scotland and British Heart Foundation.

COLVILLE - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, Hayburn, George Street Walk, Campbeltown, on April 9, 2012, Catherine Rankin McLachlan (Renee), in her 76th year, dearly beloved wife of Roy Colville, much loved mother of Norma, Douglas, Ilene and Barry and a loving and much loved granny.

MCCOLL - Very suddenly, but peacefully, on April 7, 2012, Flora McColl in her 74th year, at home, 13 Hillfoot, Tarbert, beloved wife of Robert (Bobby McColl). Funeral service in Tarbert. Date to be confirmed.

RICHMOND - Suddenly, on Tuesday April 4, 2012, in her 94th year, Alice Richmond, beloved wife of the late Willie Richmond (Tarbert), beloved mother of Lillian and the late Jim Richmond (Toronto, Canada), much loved mother-in-law of George and Jean, grandmother of Alasdair, Allison, Andrew, Glenn and Heather, great gran to James, Erin, Jamie and Jordyn. Remembered forever.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

BRUCE - Mary, Chubby and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following John's death. We greatly appreciate the understanding shown to John by all the very caring doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward, and Ward 64 of Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, together with the district nurses, ICT staff and Naomi Campbell, who all were a help and support to Mary. Thanks also to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors who attended to all details in a kind and supportive way; to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service and to the Tayvallich Inn for their kind hospitality. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The collection raised over £240 for Glenaray Ward.

CALDERWOOD - Steph, Phil, Harry and family would like to say a huge thank you to all our family, friends and Liz's neighbours for their wonderful support and kindness shown following the sad loss of our mum, Liz. We couldn't have got through this sad time without you all. A special thank you to the doctors, nurses, district nurses, ICT and OT staff at Argyll and Bute hospital in Lochgilphead who helped look after mum and myself with such care and dedication. A huge thank you to the special friends at Living Stones Christian Centre for an uplifting service and welcome buffet afterwards. The retiral collection will go to Asthma UK, as Mum would wish. God bless you all.

SMITH - We would like to thank everyone for their kind support, expressions of sympathy, cards and letters following the recent bereavement of Duncan. Thanks to all doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital and Southern General, Alasdair and Kenneth for funeral arrangements, Argyll Hotel for catering and all who paid their respect at the church and graveside. Thanks to John McKay for help in driving Duncan to hospital and Raymond for the key. The Smith Family.

IN MEMORIAM

MCKERRAL - In loving memory of our dear mother, Isobel, who died on April 13, 2005. Your kindness and thoughts to everyone will never be forgotten. Always in our thoughts. - Isobel and Mary.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES



Highland Parish Church SC002493 Please note: all services in Kirk St Hall Sunday 15th April 2012 11.15am Morning Service Mr James McLellan FunDay Club (3yrs - P5) Rev Michael J Lind Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH Scottish Charity Number SC011686 Sunday, 15th April Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class) William Crossan Tuesday, 17th April Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m. Thursday, 19th April Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m. Friday, 20th April Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown Due to our Edinburgh Conference there will be no Sunday Meetings this week. Tuesday 12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club 1.30pm Adult Home League Wednesday 7.00pm House Group Thursday 11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café New to you Stall Major Dolores Thomson

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND George Street Campbeltown Sunday 15th April 12.45pm Rev David Meredith (DVD) What makes Jesus angry? (John 2:16) All Welcome Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES "Come and worship the Lord" in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services Sunday 15th April - all welcome! Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgar Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Furnace Village Hall at 10 am --- Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church 11.30 am

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St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277 Sunday 15th April 2012 Second Sunday of Easter 10.45am Family Communion Details of services are on the church door Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH Charity Number SC001002 Sunday 15 April Inverlussa Church 11:30 am Morning worship Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam Saturday 14 April Coffee Morning in Tayvallich Hall 10:30 - 12 noon Tues 17 April, 7:30 Session meeting Tayvallich Church All Welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

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Red Star and Tarbert back in action

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star resume their SAFL Division 1 campaign tomorrow at home to Whitehill FP, while Tarbert take on Paisley at Cil Andreis; both games kicking off at 2pm.

Wednesday sees Red Star and Tarbert square off against each other in a local derby at Rope-work Park; kick-off at 6.45pm.

Tarbert currently lie in third place in the league with Red Star in seventh, but there is still all to play for, with a mere five points separating the top seven sides.

In the Coronation Cup semi-final, Red Star were drawn against Port Glasgow Hibs, although a venue and date have still to be confirmed.

Course for beginners at Inveraray

BUDDING runners in Inveraray can now start pounding the pavements with the help of Jog Scotland.

A new beginners course is starting to help people get fit with a bit of support and motivation – at only £1 a session.

The new group will be a six to eight week course starting on April 19 at 6.10pm from Inveraray School Shelter Shed. Call Fiona on 01499 302160 for more details.

Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery this week. The numbers were 3, 10 and 20 and next week's jackpot will be £925.

There were no winners in the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery this week. The numbers were 2, 4 and 6 and next week's jackpot will be £200.

C Gilmour won £800 on the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week. The numbers were 1, 9 and 18 and next week's jackpot will be £100.

Works morning

A WORKS morning is planned at Tarbert Golf Club this weekend at Glenralloch. All those taking part are requested to be at the course for 9am.



Lewis Mahaffey scores with a header to put Red Star 3-2 up against Lenzie last Saturday, but his side had to settle for a draw. 08_a15star01

Under 15s serve up a ten-goal thriller

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star under 15s' first home game of the year provided a 10-goal thriller for spectators in what was an action-packed match against Lenzie Colts Thistle.

Lenzie went into the match unbeaten, and had only dropped two points following a 1-1

draw with Red Star earlier in the season.

It was Red Star who drew first blood when Josh Coates' spectacular strike from outside the box beat the keeper in the first minute. Their lead barely lasted that long though, as the Lenzie striker immediately lobbed keeper Gib-

son to equalise. Cammy Hendry struck soon afterwards to put Red Star back in the lead, but Lenzie again responded quickly to level things at 2-2.

Breathing space

A Lewis Mahaffey header once again put Red Star ahead, and Cammy Wylie added a fourth to give the

home side some breathing space.

It should have been five before half-time, but Cammy Hendry put his shot wide when through one-on-one with the keeper.

At the other end, Gibson pulled off a spectacular save to ensure a 4-2 lead at half-time.

Half-time: Red Star 4-2 Lenzie.

Red Star's good work in the first half was undone as the Lenzie players went in with some hard challenges. The home side were then caught short, as the visitors proceeded to score three goals in quick succession, putting them ahead 5-4.

It looked as though the league leaders would snatch all three points in sensational style, but with 10 minutes left, a disputed handball inside the box allowed Cammy Hendry to score the resultant penalty, ensuring at least a point for Red Star at the final whistle.

Full-time: Red Star 5-5 Lenzie.



Cammy Hendry battles for the ball during Red Star's thrilling 5-5 draw with Lenzie last Saturday. 08_a15star02



FREE kayaking and sailing sessions took place at Craobh Haven last Saturday. The events were part of an open day by newly-formed Craobh Haven Watersports, who also held an Easter egg and scavenger hunt for children and a barbecue. The open day raised £120 for children's charity Unicef.

Young Campbeltown footballers head to Soccer Centre

A TRIP has been organised to Lochgilphead next Saturday by the Campbeltown District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA).

It is being aimed at children in P2 - P7 and was organised following a series of discussions between Lochgilphead Soccer Centre and the CDJFA.

The soccer centre is keen to arrange regular exchanges with Campbeltown.

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Runners prepare for Kintyre Way Relay and Ultra

TWO OF the most scenic long-distance races in the country take place later this year.

The Kintyre Way Relay and the Kintyre Way Ultra take place on Saturday June 16 and are expected to draw entrants from as far away as Spain and the Netherlands.

The relay takes place between Tarbert and Campbeltown, with up to six runners sharing the 67-mile course, with changeovers at village

halls in between.

The Ultra offers long-distance running, with three optional distances: 35.5 miles starting in Tayinloan, 45 in Clachan and 67 in Tarbert, all ending in Campbeltown.

Event organiser Rob Reid encouraged locals to get involved in the race, by volunteering as marshals, timekeepers, tea-makers, first-aiders and lift-givers.

He added: 'Anyone able to spare an hour

or two for any of these tasks on June 16 is strongly encouraged to get in touch now.'

Key entrants to the race include Gary Morrison, who won the 268-mile Spine Race on the Pennine Way last January, and Kenny Valentine who completed the 95-mile West Highland Way Race in just 20 hours 33 minutes.

More details about the races can be found online at the website www.kintyrewayrelay.co.uk.



Runners-up team in last year's Kintyre Way Relay. Chris Bell, Andy Dale and Tim Brand, from the Scottish Association for Marine Science at Dunstaffnage.

Inveraray golf

APRIL showers kept competitors – but not spirits – damp at Inveraray Golf Club on Easter Sunday where the subscription medal was up for grabs.

Iain MacDonald won the competition with an excellent 66, a full five shots clear of the rest of the field.

Duncan Robertson came second, opening his season with a 71 and John Smylie, also on his first outing of the year, a stroke further back on 72.

After a long wet winter the course is taking shape and still providing a stiff challenge for golfers.

Next up for the club is an away team match versus Rothesay on April 15 with the next home competition, the April Medal in aid of prostate cancer research, on April 22.

SAFL fixtures

PREMIER Division - Oban Saints v Rolls Royce EK. Premier Division Two - Alba Thisle v Campbeltown Pupils. Division One - Red Star v Whitehill; Tarbert v Paisley.



Davy McPherson chases in midfield.

Inveraray lose out to Fort William

INVERARAY'S sparkling run of form was halted by Fort William last Saturday at Winterton Park but the Royal Burgh will have to regain their form immediately if they are to match high-flying Newtonmore at The Eilean this weekend.

Manager John Smylie identified two

or three missed chances that could have turned last weekend's match in Inveraray's favour and his forwards know they will have to be more accurate come Saturday.

John admitted he was happy with the start his team had made to the season, considering the difficult fixtures.

Argyll area golf season kicks off

THIS weekend sees the 2012 area golf season kick off with the annual match play championship taking place at Machrihanish.

The 16 qualifiers from last year's stroke play will do battle over the weekend. Several clubs are represented with players from Glencruitten, Machrihanish, Port

Bannatyne, Millport, Blairmore and Strone and Rothesay taking part.

Four ex-winners in the shape of Stuart Campbell, George Reynolds, Ross Currie and Graham Bolton are in the field

The draw is as follows: 8.50 Allan McKie (Glencruitten) v Reeve Thomson (Machrihanish) 8.58 John Jack (Millport) v

David Graham (Machrihanish) 9.07 Ross Currie (Machrihanish) v Robert MacIntyre (Glen) 9.15 Alister McLean (Glen) v Graham Bolton (Rothesay) 9.23 Oliver Armour (Machrihanish) v Sean Dunstaffnage (Glencruitten) 9.31 Ian McGougan (Machrihanish) v Kenneth McCallum (Glen) 9.40 Stuart Campbell (Machrihanish) v Stephen Renfrew (Port Bannatyne) 9.48 George Reynolds (Rothesay) v Gordon Tyre (Blairmore & Strone)

Camanachd Cup Final to be played in Oban

Mossfield Stadium, Saturday 15 September

THE Camanachd Association has announced that the venue for the 2012 Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final which takes place on Saturday, September 15 is Mossfield Stadium, Oban.

Mossfield last hosted shinty's premier event in 2009 where Fort William defeated Kyles Athletic with a dramatic last minute winner from James Clark.

Making the announcement, Camanachd Association President Archie Robertson said: 'We are delighted that Oban will once again host the final of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup. Mossfield Stadium boasts some of the best facilities in the country and I am in no doubt that it will provide an excellent platform for shinty's most prestigious competition.'

Donald MacVicar, Ar-

gyll and Bute Council's head of community and culture, said: 'The Camanachd Cup Final is a major event in the Scottish sporting calendar, and we're delighted that the association has decided to bring it back to Oban this year. It's a tremendous vote of confidence in the town, which I am sure will live up to its reputation as a top quality venue. The cup final showcases the very best that shinty has to offer, is always a wonderful advert for the game and a hit with locals and visitors alike. I'm obviously hoping

that we have an Argyll and Bute team to cheer on the day – as we did the last time the event came to Oban – but it promises to be a fantastic occasion regardless of the teams who contest it.'

The Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final will be broadcast live on BBC Scotland, Radio Scotland and Radio Nan Gaidheal as well as streamed online.

The decision comes after last week's announcement that Scottish Hydro has renewed their shinty sponsorship for a further three years worth over £150,000.

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