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Charity disheartened by sports pitch fee policy

Council charges vary from £1 a year to £80 an hour



Cute lambs can this week be seen hopping along the fields in farms across Mid Argyll as the lambing season gets into full swing. Hikers and dog walkers in particular are being reminded to be careful not to frighten or cause distress to lambs and ewes when walking in rural areas. For more on the lambing season see page 7. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

ARGYLL and Bute council has defended its policy of offering sports pitches to some clubs for £1 a year whilst charging others up to £80 an hour for the use of a similar facility.

The *Advertiser* has learnt this week that MacRae Park, home ground of Kilmory Camanachd, has been leased to the shinty club for 25 years for £1 per annum.

However just across Lochgilphead, Ropework Park, the home ground of Red Star, is leased to the football club for £80 a game.

Sponsors of the club, which has four teams playing in Scottish leagues, have forked out more than £5,000 in fees to the council in the last eight months.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services pays for Red Star teams to train on the council's astro pitch and compete at Ropework.

Fiona Kalache from the charity said it was disheartening to think a charity was paying thousands of pounds a year to help young people take up sport whilst others paid next to nothing.

'We are a charitable

organisation paying the council thousands of pounds a year to pay for a service that they should be subsidising.

'We are not asking it for free. We understand the council has costs to cover but there should be some discount.

'The football teams have a high number of young people, hundreds in fact, that play football and we sponsor them because of the benefit it brings to young people in the area.'

The two pitches are in an equally poor state in terms of drainage and a level surface. But the council attributed the high cost of the Ropework site to the fact that it 'maintained and repaired' it.

Douglas Moore, chairman of Red Star FC, did not comment on the inequality of the arrangement but said: 'Any further help from the local council would be greatly appreciated.'

Argyll and Bute Council has said this disparity in charges is not unusual.

The local authority has said eight sports clubs have been granted permission to use sports facilities for a 'nominal fee'.



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Police detain man following disturbance at house

A 31-year-old man, who allegedly broke his bail conditions, was detained by police last Tuesday night.

Police were called to a disturbance at a house in the Kilmory area of Lochgilphead and the man was later charged with breaching bail, culpable and reckless conduct and abusive behaviour.

Bonfire leads to fine for teenager

A LARGE bonfire built by youths at a field in Kilmory last week saw one teenager fined by police.

Police were called to the scene by concerned locals at 10.30pm on April 3 and later arrested a 17 year-old for a breach of the peace. He was issued with a £40 fixed penalty ticket.



Chris MacAulay was due to arrive in China today (Friday) to take up an internship with the biggest golf resort in the world.

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Chance of a lifetime for Ardrishaig teenager

AN ARDRISHAIG teenager has been selected to work as an intern at the biggest golf resort in the world - Mission Hills Golf Resort in Shenzhen, China.

Chris, 19, a student with the University of the Highlands and Islands, flew to China on Wednesday to take up a position as a management trainee, which will see him learn Mandarin and help manage the resort's 22 golf courses.

Described as the opportunity of a lifetime, Chris will work at the resort for six months as part of his BA Honours degree in golf management.

Explaining he had applied to a number of golf resorts in the UK and America, Chris said: 'It will be an amazing experience.'

'This is the difference between working in a country club in America and the biggest resort in the world with 22 golf courses. Having this on my CV will be exceptional and be really good for my career in the long run.'

Chris' time at Mission Hills, which hosts the World Cup of Golf and the Asian Amateur Championship, will see him greet guests from around the world, organise their stay and work in the golf department organising compe-

titions and maintenance of the fairways.

He said: 'I have to teach English out there and learn Mandarin, that will be a job in itself. They have classes for their employees as they have 22 nationalities working there.'

A former pupil of Lochgilphead primary and secondary schools, Chris is in his second year of his degree but has played golf all his life.

'I'm from a golfing family,' he said. 'I am interested in golf design; we study that in third and fourth year so to go to a resort with so many courses is definitely a step in the right direction.'

Fuel oil thefts prompt special police probe

A SPATE of fuel oil thefts across Argyll will prompt a special investigation by police, who have also warned locals to be on their guard.

Oban Chief Inspector Alasdair Davidson said targeted action is to be taken in a bid to halt the fuel thefts blighting Argyll, with all reports of thefts to be examined by data analysts to see if there is any pattern.

CI Davidson, former inspector at Lochgilphead Police Station, spoke about the new police operation after another two fuel thefts were reported in Mid Argyll.

A barrel of diesel was stolen from Rhuddle Mill, Kilmichael Glassary, between 9am on April 2 and 10am the following morning, whilst heating oil was also stolen from

a property at Carse, Tarbert, sometime between February 3 and April 4.

He said: 'It is a problem we're looking at and we're now co-ordinating our approach across the region.'

'We're asking analysts to look at the data to see if there's any patterns forming that we may not have identified.'

Heating oil theft is one of the biggest problems in Argyll and Bute, but CI Davidson is confident of catching the persons responsible having already seen two arrests in connection with heating oil thefts in Mid Argyll.

'It is a continuing problem,' he said. 'We have a lot of houses in isolated areas and a lot of holiday homes in the area so in some respects it's easy pickings for these people.'

'We will get there though, we just need a break of the ball. If we get one we will get them all.'

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Organisers confirm date of Mod Dhailriada

THE 85th Mod Dhailriada will be held on September 21, the organising committee has confirmed.

The 'Wee Mod' as it is affectionately known was the first provincial Mod in Scotland and the current Mod Dhailriada Committee is working hard to keep the tradition going.

Volunteers

The organisation's annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, when it is hoped an army of volunteers will turn out to lend their time to help run the event, which celebrates Gaelic culture.

The AGM will take place at 7.30pm at Lochgilphead Community Centre.



Memorable win for Atomaig Piseag

Atomaig Piseag, pictured with conductor Raymond Bremner, have members from Ardrishaig, Barcaldine, Campbeltown, Connel, Dunoon, Lismore, Lochgilphead, Mull, Oban, Strachur, Tarbert Loch Fyne and Tainuillt.

AN ARGYLL ladies' Gaelic choir is celebrating a marvellous start to its 10th anniversary year with a memorable win for Scotland at the 42nd International Pan Celtic Festival.

Atomaig Piseag won the title of best overall choir at the festival, which celebrates the Celtic cultures of Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Isle of Man, Cornwall and Brittany, and was held last week in Carlow in Ireland.

Required to sing two contrasting songs, the first winning Piseag piece was, *Gheibhinn cadal math*, an Eilidh MacKenzie arrangement of a love song by Alan

MacDonald, Glenuig, whose tune was one of the winning compositions in the first *Oran Ur do Mhuile* competition four years ago. Their second offering was a specially commissioned, rollicking Neil Houston arrangement of *Fiullaigean*.

The choir, including members from Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Tayvallich, has enjoyed considerable success at previous Pan Celtic festivals, winning the ladies' competition on four out of five visits but this time, festival judges also awarded Atomaig Piseag the Supreme Champions trophy for best choir overall.

The day before competition, the Argyll ladies participated in some enjoyable cultural exchange and linked up with the North of Scotland contingent and Thurso Pipe Band for the traditional march through the town with singers, dancers and musicians from the other Celtic countries. Later the same day, choirs from all participating Celtic nations performed at a gala evening of choral singing in Carlow Cathedral.

Next year, the Pan Celtic Festival will move to Derry Town which will be the first time it has been held in Northern Ireland.

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Police files

A TEENAGER was charged with being in possession of a knife in Tarbert.

The 18-year-old was stopped at 10pm on Church Street, on Saturday night.

☐☐☐ POLICE charged a motorist for speeding on the A83 in Tarbert on Sunday afternoon. The 42-year-old woman was stopped at 6pm.

☐☐☐ A PENSIONER, who is disqualified from driving, is alleged to have taken a car without the consent of the owner and driven without insurance.

Police stopped the man driving the car at 7.45pm last Thursday on Front Street, Inveraray. The 68-year-old was charged with three traffic offences.

No cut in police numbers next year



Barry McEwan divisional commander for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire and area commander Marlene Baillie met with councillors on Tuesday to discuss policing in Mid Argyll under the new single police force.

But cuts cannot be ruled out in future years

THE NUMBER of police officers on the beat in Mid Argyll will not be reduced in the next year, the new divisional commander for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire has said.

Barry McEwan, who became divisional commander when Police Scotland came into effect on April 1, has said resources will not be cut in the immediate future. He said: 'In the MAKI (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay) area the resources can't go any slimmer when you take into account things like annual leave and the geography of the area. There is nothing on my horizon to change resource levels in MAKI.'

But he added: 'Over the next two to three years Stephen House will be

asked to make savings. There has to be a realism and professionalism that at some point reductions may come. I don't see any change in the next year or two but beyond that I'm not going to make predictions.'

In the interim, Mr McEwan said it would be 'business as usual' as the new single police force took effect.

He said the priorities for the area remained the same, ensuring violent crime remained low, whilst tackling disorder associated with drugs and alcohol.

McEwan said: 'From a policing point of view this is a low crime area. The bad guys are in the minority but they need to know they are being policed, they need to know they are not free to go about and cause harm in our communities.'

Fishing industry in Tarbert and Kintyre on brink of collapse

THE FISHING industry in Tarbert and Kintyre is on the brink of collapse, it has been warned.

Furious skippers have told Marine Scotland proposed cuts to days allowed fishing at sea could ruin them.

'This could definitely force men out of business,' said Andrew Harrison, skipper of Kintyre prawn boat The Atlas.

Around 30 skippers of prawn fishing boats from Tarbert, Carradale and Campbeltown - who represent up to 150 crew members - met Marine Scotland bosses in Kintyre recently.

Skippers said proposed cuts averaging 15 per cent of their allowed days at sea would make

it uneconomical to fish.

At the root of the problem are a Cod Recovery Plan and 'nonsensical' European Commission regulations being imposed on prawn fishermen for whom cod represents less than 1.5 per cent of catches.

Only hope Mike Palmer, head of sea fisheries at Marine Scotland, said Brussels officials may grant Clyde fishermen exemption if cameras were introduced to boats to prove their negligible cod catches.

But that idea was dismissed by skippers, who said their only hope of survival was to borrow days at sea in advance from 2014 and 2015.

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No conflict of interest over park lease to shinty club, claims council



Chairman had no part in authority's decision to award 25-year contract

A SENIOR council officer who is also chairman of a sports club that agreed a £1 annual lease for a sports pitch played 'no part' in talks for the 25 year agreement, it's been claimed.

Angus Gilmour is head of planning at Argyll and Bute Council and chairman of Kilmory Camanachd. The club is currently in a dispute over the lease of MacRae Park with other sports organisations in Mid Argyll.

This week the council said that the planning officer had no part to play in the authority's decision to grant the lease for the exclusive use of the pitch.

A council spokeswoman said: 'Council em-

ployees and elected members are often involved in organisations within their communities. If there is an overlap with council business, then such interests are declared and the employee or councillor plays no part in the decision-making process.

'In this specific case, the decision about MacRae Park was taken by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee.'

Last week the

Advertiser revealed that funding, identified to upgrade MacRae Park, could be in jeopardy as the funding was based on Kilmory sharing the use of the pitch with Mid Argyll Athletics Club and Mid Argyll Rugby Club.

Argyll First councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand and Bob Chiken, far right, of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, met with David Stewart MSP, centre, on Tuesday.

Councillors voice continuing A83 concerns to MSP

ARGYLL First councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand this week meet with David Stewart MSP, chairman of the Scottish Government's petitions committee.

Argyll First launched the Sign for the A83 petition last year which called on the government to address a series of problems along the trunk road.

Speaking after the meeting, councillor Kelly said: 'We confirmed we have serious concerns

regarding the proposals being taken forward for the Rest and be Thankful and felt that the green option, to upgrade the Glen Croe Forestry Road, should continue to be progressed as a matter of priority.

'We also feel that the proposed programme for the removal of the pinch points has to be accelerated.

'Mr Stewart supported our concerns and agreed to monitor all the issues we had raised and would report back to the petitions committee.'

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This week it was fantastic to see a young man compete on an international stage and win an internship with China's Mission Hills - the biggest and most prestigious golf resort in the world.

Chris MacAulay, aged just 19, is a reminder to all teenagers in the area that people living and working in rural, isolated areas can achieve remarkable things. Chris was educated at Lochgilphead primary and secondary schools and is still studying in a rural area with the University of Highlands and Islands, proving the university can compete with other internationally recognised institutions.

Chris, who will teach English whilst in China and learn Mandarin, will be a fantastic ambassador for Mid Argyll when he is welcoming people from all over the world to the resort.

Next week also sees the Young Scot awards take place in Glasgow, where Martha Payne will be up for an award, as well as presenting an award to some of the most generous and hard working young people in the country.

The awards ceremony is just one day before Kilmartin's Ruaridh Aitken takes to the pitch at Murrayfield with Oban RFC to compete in the final of the RBS National Bowl. The teenager is another fine example of what hard work and dedication can achieve.

The *Advertiser* congratulates these young people on all their achievements and the hundreds of other young people that make Mid Argyll a richer place to live and visit.

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Call to have 25-year pitch lease rescinded

Sir,
Your front page 'expose' on Argyll and Bute Council's Angus Gilmour highlights his huge conflict of interest as a high-ranking council executive and chairman of Kilmory Shinty.

He brazenly declares the shinty club must have control over the facility, well of course he would.

The 25-year exclusive lease must be immediately rescinded, and not just for probity reasons, otherwise how else will our community be able to benefit from the sportscotland funding grant to drain and level MacRae Park, thus allowing the use of the field for other sports, principally athletics and rugby, but which would not be allowed under the present exclusive lease.

As a community, we must stand up to injustices and inappropriate behaviour by unelected council officers displaying outrageous cronyism and bias.

R.E Brodick,
Lochgilphead.

Compulsory microchipping

Sir,
Dogs Trust strongly believes that the time is right to introduce compulsory microchipping in Scotland, and welcomes the Scottish Labour Party's support for this important facet of animal welfare. Microchipping has a vast number of welfare benefits - predominately the ability to rapidly reunite a lost or straying dog with its owner. It is important to remember, however, that the

microchip number on its own is meaningless.

Owners must register their details with an appropriate computerised database and ensure that they keep these details updated.

Microchipping need not pose a financial burden on dog owners - chipping is provided for free at Dogs Trust's two Scottish re-homing centres in Glasgow and West Calder, and if compulsory microchipping is introduced in Scotland, we will provide free chips widely for a set time period to ensure that no dog owner is left behind.

With momentum building in the rest of the UK, Dogs Trust is urging the Scottish Government to act now to ensure Scotland doesn't fall behind in this vital aspect of animal welfare and responsible dog ownership.

Laura Vallance,
Public Affairs Manager,
Dogs Trust.

Youth question time at Islay High School

Sir,
I was very pleased with the recent youth question time at Islay High School which I was fortunate to be on the panel of.

I was even happier with the results of the straw poll on independence with over a hundred students between the age of 16 and 17.

Four raised their hands for separation and the remaining 100 plus raised their hands for staying in the UK.

A landslide result for the unionist youth vote on Islay of about 96 per cent to 4 per cent.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

Housing fund a major success

Sir,
I note with concern the letter in last week's *Oban Times* from Alastair Redman from Islay relating to the funds held by Argyll and Bute Council in its Strategic Housing Fund.

The letter asks when the 'hard pressed council tax payer can expect to see any direct benefit from this fund?'

As a member of Islay Community Council, I would have expected Mr Redman to have been well aware of the major benefits the fund continues to provide across Argyll and Bute and the large number of affordable homes that have been built with support from the fund.

The balance of the fund at the end of March 2013 was projected to be £5.140 million and not the £8.652 stated by Mr Redman.

I would also like to point out to Mr Redman that the fund is there to benefit those in housing need across Argyll and Bute and not to benefit the council tax payer, as he puts it.

If Mr Redman looks on the council website, he will note that the council recently allocated £18 million for housing initiatives over the next three years with £8.35 million allocated from the fund. Along with £9.5 million allocated from reserves, this will bring major benefits for those in housing need across Argyll and Bute.

Mr Redman is clearly not aware that only three weeks ago, the council allocated approximately £4.5 million for housing projects. Even on his own doorstep, major housing developments at Port

Ellen and Bowmore are being progressed.

I would suggest Mr Redman invites councillor Robin Currie from Islay along to an Islay Community Council meeting to explain the benefits of the fund to him and his colleagues. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Strategic Housing Fund has been a major success story for the people of Argyll and Bute since it was set up eight years ago and will continue to be so while I am the lead councillor for Strategic Housing within Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor George Freeman,
Lead Councillor for
Community, Culture and
Strategic Housing, Argyll
and Bute Council.

Big cat research

Sir,
We are big cat researchers from Big Cats in Britain who are interested in meeting or talking with the witnesses in the area who have seen a big cat, or found evidence that may point towards a large feline.

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Sheilagh Cameron, acting convenor of Carradale Community Council, outside the village hall which is set to provide a main centre for the area's residents in event of an emergency. c15hall01no

Emergency plan for Carradale

CARRADALE residents are determined never to be caught out again by extreme weather or power cuts.

The isolated community plans to have its own emergency generator to provide heat and hot food.

The village also intends having its own communication strategy to ensure no one is left alone or uninformed.

The residents' move comes as a Kintyre councillor has hit out at his 'farical' experience trying repeatedly to contact Argyll and Bute Council's headquarters at Kilmory during last month's power cuts and being met simply by an answering machine.

Councillor Rory Colville insisted the council had lessons to learn. See full story on page 4.

Carradale's proposed generator would be based in the village hall, where other emergency items like candles, torches and small gas stoves would be stored.

'I think we have all learned lessons from last month's power cut,' acting convenor Shelagh

Cameron told Carradale Community Council last week.

'We were left out in a limb with no communication. Nobody knew what was going on.'

'Everybody was caught on the hop. The situation highlighted how vulnerable we were.'

'We were very lucky nothing untoward happened.'

Most Carradale residents were left without heating, light and hot food for six days.

Tony Leighton said he was 'very disappointed' that no Argyll and Bute councillors were at the community council meeting.

Praising the work of Scottish and Southern Energy staff in restoring power, he said questions needed to be asked of Argyll and Bute Council to see if it could have handled the crisis better.

'What happened demonstrated that are at the back of beyond here,' he added.

The community council members agreed the village hall would be an obvious location to site a 30 kva generator, suitable to power

the hall.

Second hand ones can cost around £4,000, and funding could be sourced from Argyll and Bute Council and the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust.

Mrs Cameron said the village also needed a communications strategy to ensure checks can be made on everyone during an emergency.

The community council agreed the Carradale area could be broken up into around a dozen key locations, each involving a volunteer ensuring residents were informed and safe.

In light of last month's experiences, it was suggested a proposed community minibus may be better as a 4x4 vehicle.

It was agreed to look into this 'more expensive' option.

Treasurer Catharine Forbes said: 'Perhaps instead of a bog-standard minibus we could have something robust and fit for purpose.'

'A lot of people are going to need help in their homes.'

Piping society hold recital

THIS weekend sees Kintyre Piping Society hold its last recital before the summer break at the Masonic Hall in Campbeltown.

Inveraray Pipe Band, under pipe major Stuart Liddell, will be performing on Saturday night.

The band has been competing well against the top bands and on August 14 they will be giving a concert ascension in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

£625,000 upgrade for Argyll and Bute roads

KINTYRE'S roads are to receive a £625,000 upgrade between now and the end of August as part of Argyll and Bute's roads capital reconstruction programme.

Several small sections of roads are to be patched, and widened, including the B842 at Oakfield and Moy.

The A83 at Glenbarr is to have £65,000 spent on surface dressing prep-

aration, while Clachan Loop road is to have its drainage improved and carriageway resurfaced.

A section of the B842 in Carradale is to have £75,000 spent on preparation and surface dressing.

In Campbeltown, footways are to be repaired and just outside the town at Drum, £180,000 will be spent on structural widening and sur-

face dressing.

A further £25,000 has been allocated for structural patching on an as needed basis.

White lining, which has caused considerable concern amongst people in certain areas, is supposed to start on April 22 and will be done in area such as the B842 at Stewarton and the A83 between Tayinloan and Muasdale.

Survey to be carried out at Tayinloan Pier

A SURVEY is to be carried out at Tayinloan Pier to monitor the movement of silt and other material which caused disruption to ferry traffic in January.

The contractor was due to proceed with the survey some time ago, but due to the blizzard conditions three weeks ago, their progress has

been halted. The aim of the survey is to understand the movement of silt on the beach since November 2012 and decide what the best course of action is to avoid further disruption to the pier.

Diverted

In January, ferries between Tayinloan and Gigha were diverted to Kennacraig after the

pier was closed due to a build up of silt and sand at the pier.

This happened despite a multi million pound upgrade in the summer last year, clearing sand from the area.

Once the survey has been completed, a report will be sent to the council detailing ways to solve the problem.

Vandalism

VANDALISM at Kilkerran Cemetery in Campbeltown has sparked a police appeal for information.

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Spectacular show of contemporary dance to be held in Ardrishaig

'It has a real mix of styles'

EIGHT professional dancers from around Scotland will join Dalriada Youth Dance Company tomorrow (Saturday) for a spectacular show of contemporary dance.

The show will see Dalriada Youth Dance Company, led by dance teacher Katie Milroy,

perform their 1920s inspired piece *Mo Bros and Flapper Gals*.

Local dancer Lawrence Gorringe, who is now studying at London Contemporary Dance School, will also make an appearance at the event.

Performed at Ardrishaig Public Hall,

the show will then see professional dancers perform a 30-minute dance, choreographed by Katie.

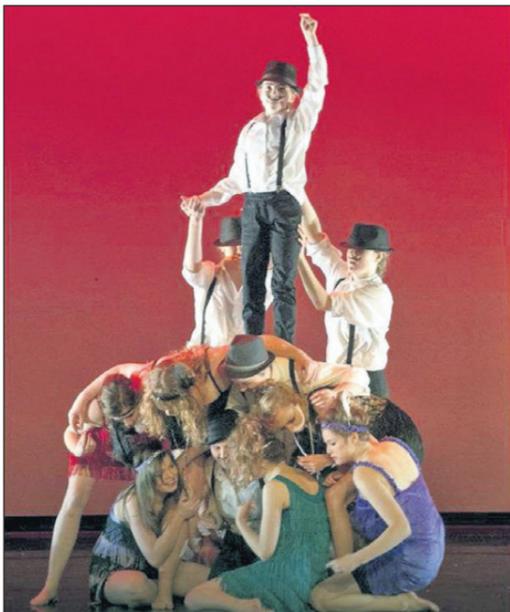
A treat for Mid Argyll dance and music enthusiasts, the piece *Exactly Where They'd Fall* will make its premiere at the Ardrishaig event.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week, Katie said she had been working on the piece for almost a year.

Explaining the dance explores how people interact with light, Katie said: 'It has a real mix of styles, there's a lot of duets and lifts and the material is very challenging to perform.'

Katie, who lives in Aberdeen, will also resume her teaching role when she returns to the area this weekend, with a dance workshop tomorrow morning.

Taking place in Ardrishaig Hall between 10am and midday, the workshop is available for people aged 11 to 21 with some dance experience.



Dalriada Youth Dance Company will be one of the acts to perform at a special evening of contemporary dance.



Photographers hold silent auction to raise funds for dementia ward

SCENES of wildlife, landscapes and sunsets are brightening up the waiting area of a Lochgilphead hospital as amateur photographers hold a silent auction of their work.

Five photographers, who recently completed a beginners photography course, last week launched a display of their photographs at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Mike Thompson, Christina Carmichael, Dianne Frame, Christine MacIntyre and Moira McKechnie have displayed a range of images that highlight

the beauty of the landscape and wildlife on the west coast.

The students' photography is the result of a 14-week digital photography course, organised by Argyll and Bute Council's adult learning department in partnership with Argyll College.

Excellent

Paul Goldie of Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The quality of the work is absolutely excellent and we thought it would be good to showcase the work. The silent auction will allow people in the hospital waiting area put their bid in the box and the proceeds

will go to the dementia ward.'

The five students completed the photography course under the tutelage of the Sarah Wyatt.

Mike said the course gave him and his fellow students more confidence in using their cameras.

He said: 'What I got out of it was exploring what I can do with my camera, how to improve photographs using the tools on your camera and then how to use Picasa and other software to enhance the picture.'

The exhibition is set to remain at the hospital until next Friday.

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Tarbert Film Club to show Oscar winning film *Argo*

THE FILM named best picture at the 2013 Oscars will be screened at Tarbert Film Club tomorrow (Saturday) evening. *Argo*, directed by Ben Affleck, tells the true story of Americans taken hostage in Iran after a group of Islamist militants invaded the US Embassy in Tehran in 1979. The thriller will be screened in Templar's Hall at 8pm.

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Charlie returns to Tayvallich

CHARLIE McKerron, Capercaillie's renowned fiddle player will be making a much anticipated return to Tayvallich this month.

Charlie, recently described as a 'wonderful, high octane fiddle player and composer', will perform at Tayvallich Village Hall next Saturday night.

Performing alongside guitarist Marc Clement and Ross Ainslie as the Charlie McKerron Trio, the Tayvallich gig is a major coup for the village hall committee, which has been working hard to get the fiddler back for another concert following his successful 2011 show.

Charlie, who has clocked up 25 years on the road as a professional musician, won Composer of the Year

in the Scots Trad music awards in 2005 and received two Royal Television Society awards for co-writing the music for BBC2 Scotland Gaelic series *Gruth is Uachdar*.

Founder member Meanwhile Inverness born Marc Clement is a founder member of Blazin' Fiddles, the trad band which enjoys worldwide success.

Completing the trio, is Ross Ainslie, one of

Scotland's finest traditional musicians and composers. He is highly sought after on the Scottish contemporary folk scene for his skill on pipes, whistles and cittern. He first picked up a chanter at the age of eight and developed his musical skills with legendary Scottish piper Gordon Duncan.

Doors open for the gig at Tayvallich Village Hall at 7.30 on Saturday 20th April.



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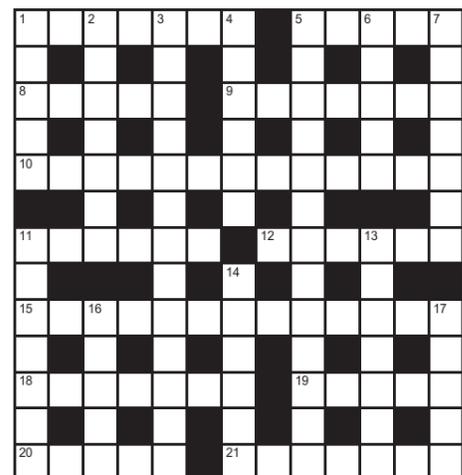
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The Argyll Brass Quartet won the Strategem Consultants Trophy at this year's Mid Argyll Music Festival. 06_a12music56



Jessica Tanner won the P7 brass solo section at the Mid Argyll Music Festival.



Argyll Brass was established last year under director Darren Tarn. 06_a14brass01

Argyll Brass celebra

AS ARGYLL Brass celebrates its first birthday by picking up a gold medal at its second major competition the *Argyllshire Advertiser* caught up with the band's conductor Darren Tarn. The Lochgilphead High School teacher reflects on the band's outstanding year and ambitions for the future.

Argyll Brass held its first meeting in January 2012. Thirteen young people turned up, some were well-rehearsed musicians whilst others had only been playing an instrument for 12 months.

But just one year on the band has exceeded all expectations, winning

gold at the prestigious Brass @ the Bards competition.

The win followed the band's silver medal award at the Youth Brass Band Championships in November. Organised by the Scottish Brass Band Association, it is the largest event of its kind in the world.

'We have gone from being a novice band to a developing one within a year which is brilliant,' Darren said.

'The way the band played at Brass @ the Bards was amazing as they really took it up a notch. To be awarded silver and gold in two major competitions is an amazing achievement for such a new and in-

experienced band.'

Argyll Brass, which now includes 19 young people from P7 to S5 from all over Mid Argyll, was set up in Lochgilphead after Darren was approached by the Scottish Brass Band Association (SBBA).

The association which represents brass bands all over the country saw a need for a county brass band.

'Argyll Brass was set up with the aim of furthering the musical education and experiences of our young people but what we have achieved to date goes far beyond that,' Darren said.

Explaining the success of the band is down to the hard work of the young musicians, Darren said it was inspiring to see the young people give up their free time to further the band.

Enjoy performing

'For them to personally progress is great but fundamentally they enjoy performing as a band,' Darren added.

'It goes back to that thing that they are under no obligation to do it but the fact that they enjoy it and are willing to put the hard work in is what pays off and why they get the better performances. That's why the band is a success, I wouldn't be able to do it without the kids.'

The endless talent and musicality of the band members has not only led to the band's recent success but also award winning performances as individuals.

The band is home to trombone



Trombone player Matthew Tanner, who plays with Argyll Brass, received the highest mark ever in the history of the Mid Argyll Music Festival last year for his solo performance. 08_a14trombone01

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tes its first birthday

player Matthew Tanner who, in 2012, achieved the highest mark ever awarded for a brass performance in the entire 33-year history of the Mid Argyll Music Festival.

He retained the Gifford Bowl for gaining the highest mark in brass competitions in the 2013 festival, whilst his 12 year-old sister Jessica, fellow Argyll Brass member, won the P7 brass solo competition.

Indeed, Argyll Brass is a family affair, with the three Cupples siblings - Fiona, Andrew and Alistair - also performing in the band. Alistair, the youngest, this year won the overall prize at the Mid Argyll festival for being the most promising performer.

Argyll Brass Quartet, including Fiona Cupples, Matthew Tanner, Freya Corner and Carys MacPherson, also won the ensemble section of the competition.

The recent success of the band and its individual members has helped to boost its profile, as has performances at key events on the Mid Argyll calendar such as Remembrance Day and Christmas celebrations.

Darren said: 'The response from the public at these performances has been more than we could have hoped for.'

'We played at the Mid Argyll Show and Remembrance Day service and I never expected the community to take us to their hearts the way they have.'

'The aim is to build an organisation that will provide the communi-

ty with a brass band which will be here for many years to come.'

Looking to the year ahead Darren is already selecting the musical programme for the Youth Brass Band Championships at the end of the year.

The band, which competed as an under-14 band, with the approved two older members, in the novice section of the championships in 2012, could this year compete against much older and more experienced bands.

Explaining the classification of bands and age categories is under review, Darren said: 'The band hopes to return to the competition in Perth in November as an even stronger and more experienced group of musicians.'

'The class we end up in will have a big impact on the result as we could be up against 18 year-olds that have been playing together for a long time. But everyone will, as always, give their best and enjoy being there.'



Argyll Brass celebrate their gold medal win last month. 06_a14brass03

Alistair Cupples was named the most promising performer at the 2013 Mid Argyll Music Festival. 06_a12music63

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The recycling operations at Kintyre Recycling keep £300,000 in the local economy while also saving the council, and therefore council tax payers, in

landfill charges.

Amanda Card, general manager said: 'Recycling with us will help the community - not only for environmental reasons, but it is keeping money in the local economy.'

The company is meticulous when dealing with the recycling they are given by quality sorting through everything to make sure it is separated correctly.

They also make sure they get the best prices at market for all of the recycling, making sure it is as viable as possible.

Speaking about the direction the company is going in, she explained: 'There are challenges ahead, but there is a lot of optimism for the future.'

'The feedback from the guys is that it's very worthwhile and they enjoy their jobs.'

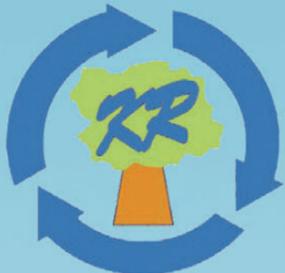
'I see the guys coming on and learning new skills.'

The future is indeed looking bright for the company with an agreement with Argyll and Bute Council to deal with recycling in the Kintyre area and a new set of brightly coloured vans so they are easily spotted in the town.

Amanda added: 'A thank you has to go to Gordon from Argyll Signs for the vehicles. We're really happy with them. Also to Argyll and Bute Council for their continued support.'

To start sending your recyclables to Kintyre Recycling, which helps not only their employees and the environment, but also the local community, contact the office. They can supply collection bags, which can be delivered and also inform you about pick up times.

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Spot checks on crow traps lead to warnings

A JOINT operation over four days to ensure farmers and estate managers in Argyll are operating traps correctly saw several issued with warnings.

Legal requirements

The project, between the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA) and police, saw officers visit crow trap license holders to ensure all traps were up to

date and being operated correctly.

John McAvoy, Scottish SPCA senior inspector, said: 'During a joint operation with police, we visited crow trap license holders at farms and estates on mainland Argyll and the Isle of Mull, to ensure all traps were up to date and being operated correctly.'

'This was a successful exercise and we found the majority of

crow traps met the legal requirements, while in some cases warnings were issued to license holders.

'All crow traps must be registered, bear identification tags and be rendered inoperable when not in use.'

'Once caught within these traps, birds are offered the full protection of the Animal Health and Welfare Act (Scotland) 2006.'



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Argyll farmers praying for rain

AFTER weeks without rain, areas of Argyll are in danger of experiencing a drought.

With the hill farm lambing in full swing and many lowland farms with ewes and lambs in

the fields, farmers are being forced to buy in additional feed as easterly winds and the lack of rain resulting in a lack of grass growth.

Euan Warnock, an agent with the Nation-

al Farmers Union and NFU Mutual, said: 'I was speaking to a hill farmer who said it's like death by 1,000 cuts. The weather is beautiful but there's nothing for the sheep to feed on.'

Bullocks sell to 281.40p per kilo at UA Stirling sale

UNITED Auctions sold 2,372 store cattle and cast cows, plus 627 store sheep at Stirling last Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 226.66p (+1.74p) and sold to 281.40p per kg for a 334kg Charolais cross from Laigh Alticane and £1,630 for a 668kg Charolais cross from Forneth Farms.

Black and white bullocks averaged 169.43p (+11.70p) and sold to 186.20p per kg and £1,030 for a 535kg Friesian from High Cattadale.

Heifers averaged 212.84p (-0.31p) and sold to 265.40p per kg for a 260kg British Blue cross from Girhill and £1,560 for a 604kg Charolais cross

from Wheatrig.

Forward cattle averaged 187.70p and sold to 230p per kg for a Limousin from Quixwood and £1,610 for a Limousin from Quixwood and a Limousin from Sketenan.

Cast cows averaged 152.98p and sold to 224.10p per kg for a Limousin cross from Muirhouses, Kirriemuir and £1,770 for a Limousin cross from Randerston.

Texel cross hogs from Victoria sold to £79, with Charollais crosses from Daldron and Mules from Inverdunning to £69. Suffolk crosses from Lochmill sold to £66.

Prime sheep sales at Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 2,704 prime sheep, ewes and tups at Stirling on Tuesday.

Prime hoggets were down 1.46p selling to 279p per kg or £119 for Beltex's from Easter Ochtermuthill and to £113.50 for beltex crosses from the same home. Texels sold to 261p per kilo from Newton Farm and £110 from Nethermyres. Blackfaces from Brackley sold to 221p per kilo and to £99 from Bankshot.

Heavy ewes averaged £100, selling to a top of £150, £149 and £147.50 for Suffolks from Broadleys. Bluefaced Leicesters from the same home sold to £134.50. Lighter export ewes averaged £59.66 selling to a top of £67.50 for Blackfaces from Thorn, Dollar.

Tups sold to £132.50 for a Texel from Horn.

Prime hogs in demand at UA

UNITED Auctions sold 6,978 prime sheep including 5,590 hogs avg 214.0p (+11.3p/wk) and 1,388 cast ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday.

Texel cross hogs from Strageath Mains sold to £131 and to 298p per kilo from Luckenbooth. Boghall sold Suffolk crosses to £116 and Cheviots to 259p per kilo, while Woodhead of Aberdalg, Gladhouse Cottage and High Craighead sold Cheviot crosses to £109.

Blackface hogs from Forneth sold to £107 and to 230p per kilo from Balnaguard.

Suffolk cross ewes from Glenrath sold to £153.50, with South Baldutho selling Texel crosses to £131.50. Cheviot crosses from Parkhouse sold to £116.50, with Balnaguard selling Blackface ewes to £100.

Laigh Alticane had Texel rams to £114.50, with Parkhouse selling Charollais to £93.50 and Little Gleniston Suffolks to £90.

Meetings hear that geese are 'the single biggest threat' to island crofting

VORACIOUS greylag geese are threatening the livelihoods of crofters on the islands, it is being claimed.

The Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) says goose numbers have rocketed from 150 breeding pairs in 1986 to over 10,000 today - far above the 3,500 to 4,000 crofters regard as 'tolerable'.

Current laws prohibit all year round shooting, which the SCF says must be introduced if crop growing and livestock rearing is to remain worthwhile.

'Catastrophe'

Meetings in North Uist and Benbecula last week discussed how the 'out of control' birds were ruining cereal crops and grass by grazing and fouling.

According to SCF chair Derek Flyn, the problem has reached 'devastating' proportions after a crow eradication programme eradicated the goose's only predator.

He said: 'A crofter will wait on tenterhooks for the crop to ripen, balancing this against the risk of the geese coming. If he is unlucky, just when the crop is ca-

pable of being harvested they move in and completely destroy his field in hours.'

'Reseeding gave the geese a supply of feed that inevitably attracted them to stay and breed. And despite these vast numbers, geese are still protected by law.'

He added: 'There is a catastrophe unfolding and officialdom appears to have failed to recognise this and to take action. Crofters and their families are now the endangered ones.'

Rebecca Cotton of Machair Life+ warned funding for crop protection on the Uists ends in 2104 - and described greylag geese as 'the single biggest threat' to island crofting.

She said: 'We all talk about the need to retain young people as the most important contribution to the sustainability of the Western Isles.'

'But in crofting terms there will be nothing left for the young people unless we do something about the goose problem now.'

'Despite tireless efforts this year - estates, scarers, gun clubs and syndicates shot over 4,000

greylags - numbers are still rising.

'If we lose a year of the joint crop protection and adaptive management work, greylags will definitely threaten the growing of corn and, therefore, the raising of cattle on the Uists.'

She added: 'Wild goose should become part of the Uist diet - it is local food - but it should also be a commercial opportunity.'

A Scottish Natural Heritage spokesperson said: 'We are exploring a number of angles including the deployment of marksmen, co-ordination of volunteer input, use of decoys, licensing, potential for changes in legislation and demonstrating the value of goose meat as high quality local produce.'

'We obviously recognise that the resident greylag goose population in Uist is damaging agricultural as well as ecological interests.'

Shooting greylag is currently forbidden from February 1 to August 31, except with a special licence issued under a scaring regime to stop geese damaging cereals, vegetables and grass.

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Horse riders at Brenfield Estate in Ardrishaig have been making the most of the good weather, taking their four legged friends – canine and equine – for a paddle in Loch Fyne. This photograph was taken recently on Brenfield shores.

Festive lights group to be formed

A CHRISTMAS lights committee is to be established in Ardrishaig after residents expressed their disappointment at the lack of festive cheer last year.

At a meeting of

ARDRISHAIG

Ardrishaig Community Councillor, Arthur Barclay said work had to be done after the Christmas tree was ‘a

massive disappointment’ and there was very little decoration in the town. Members of the council agreed and have said they are keen to set up a group to look into buying more lights

and undertake some fundraising. When compared to other towns, such as Lochgilphead, one member said: ‘I think we will always be a poor relation but we should do better.’

KILMARTIN

Youngsters enjoy mini wildlife trail

YOUNGSTERS from across Mid Argyll enjoyed an afternoon with a difference as they embarked on a bog safari.

Local families descended on Moine Mhor Natural Nature Reserve just outside Kilmartin on Wednesday for a mini wildlife trail.

They looked through microscopes, learned about the watery creatures of the bog and made a dragonfly from art materials.

The activity, organised to entertain youngsters in the school holidays was a partnership event between Scottish Natural Heritage and Kilmartin House Museum.



TARBERT

Young people from Tarbert at their first beach clean of the season.

Youth group Easter break beach clean

YOUNG people in Tarbert have been keeping themselves busy this Easter break with a mammoth beach clean on the shores of West Loch Tarbert.

Youngsters and teenagers attending Tarbert Youth Group collected reams of rubbish from the shoreline, filling 41 bin bags.

Tarbert Youth Group co-ordinator Heather Bellshaw said after the event: ‘I’m amazed at the amount of rubbish we picked off the beach. One of the things we teach at youth group is that we should care for our environment.

‘That’s why it’s so disappointing that people continue to litter and I’d appeal to everyone to please take their rubbish home with them and keep Argyll clean.

The young people worked so hard this morning and they will be rewarded with a barbeque and kayaking from Kayak Majic before the summer holidays.’

Tarbert Youth Group has been busy for the last fortnight providing a hub for children in the village during the school holidays.

FORD

Virtual tour of Kilmartin Glen

MEMBERS of Ford SWRI experienced a virtual tour of Kilmartin Glen at their April meeting courtesy of Jim Malcolm, one of the guides from the Kilmartin Museum.

The women travelled through the Ice Age from 24,000 years ago, when the area was engulfed in ice, to the Bronze Age, which showed evidence of the lifestyle, equipment and weapons fashioned by the people.

With the ‘virtual tour’, the group was also able to see an artist’s impression of what a burial cairn would have looked like all those years ago and, from an aerial view, the way the cairns formed a straight

line through the glen. Jim gave a fascinating insight into the mystery surrounding Mid Argyll villages, the culture and nationalities of the people and the secrets of the rock art and standing stones. The competition for Coconut Ice was won by Mairi Mcphie and the competition for the pin cushion was won by Peggy McIntyre, with Mairi Mcphie second.

INVERARAY

Fundraising bingo day

LOCHFYNE residents can head to Argyll Caravan Park tomorrow for an afternoon of bingo.

The Bingo Day has been organised to raise money for Loch Fyne-side Football Club and there will be a variety of prizes up for grabs.

The team has recently

been accepted into the West Scotland Amateur Football League and players hope to raise as much money as possible before the season kicks off in August.

People can bring their dabbers to the park at 1pm.

TIGHNABRUAICH

Boat owners’ day trip invite

BOAT owners living on east Loch Fyne are invited to take to the seas next month for a day trip to the isle of Arran.

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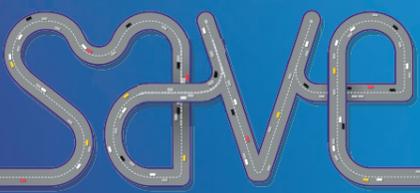
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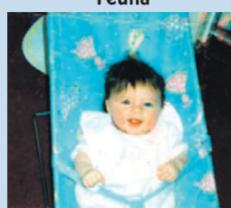
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'EARLY in the morning while it was till dark' we walked silently and expectantly up to the Abbey on Iona.

In the darkness the torches of other pilgrims cast their glow and spread their shadows.

It was just before 6am on Easter morning and the air was full of promise.

We gathered by the Reilig Oran, that lovely graveyard which holds the last earthly remains of many saints.

Hushed voices hung in the early dawn and our breath was visible in the coolness.

The last stars merged into the first streaks of morning as we wavered between life and death.

We had come to a graveyard to find the one who had died. The graves looked sombre in the half light and figures blurred into the gloom.

Then some women looked into the empty tomb and called to the rest of us, 'He is not here - he is risen!'

The cry echoed through the crowd, 'He is alive, he is risen'.

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Ladies put baking skills to good use

Women from Ardrishaig Parish Church put their baking skills to great use at the weekend and hosted a coffee morning in the village. Raising funds for the church's fabric fund, the women served up a wealth of cakes, scones, pancakes and a hot cuppa to thirsty locals. The event raised £230. 06_a15coff01

Photo contest winners celebrate success

AMATEUR photographers Linda Anderson-Kerr and Lucy Thornhill are celebrating this week after triumphing in our Tesco-sponsored Photo of the Year competition.

Linda Anderson-Kerr, 54, of Shuna Terrace, Oban, enjoyed the double honour of claiming most votes in the competition and the judges' favour with her stunning photograph of Puck's Glen, Benmore - claiming £300 of vouchers in the process.

Lucy Thornhill claimed the people's prize, a Fuji S4240 camera from Tesco, after gathering the second most votes with her capture of a deep orange sunset over Oban Bay, taken from Pulpit Hill.

Linda has been tak-



Tesco's Gary Killorn presents Linda Anderson-Kerr, left, and Lucy Thornhill with their prizes. 16_t15photowinner1

ing photographs since she was four and is delighted to have won the top prize, having shot the image on her Canon EOS 550D.

Describing her inspi-

ration, she said: 'I was walking through the glen and it was appealing to all the different senses. It was like a film set, I could almost see the fairies or Bilbo Bag-

gins.' Lucy, 32, took her winning shot on a Olympus bridge camera. She said: 'It's fantastic to have won. People think I tinkered with the image's colours, but

that's exactly how the light was.

'I can't wait to try the new camera out.'

Wyvex Media news editor Steven Flanagan said: 'The judges had a very difficult job picking winners - the public vote was also very close.

'Both winning photographs are examples of good technique and timing - importantly they've also captured the unrivalled beauty of the Highlands and Islands.'

Tesco duty manager Gary Killorn said: 'There was a lot of spectacular photos sent in for the competition, I think the good weather helped, but Linda and Lucy's pictures were excellent and they deserve their prizes.'

Curtain up on Argyll Drama Festival

TALENTED teams of thespians will descend on Ardrishaig Public Hall this week as the 65th Argyll Drama Festival gets underway.

The three-day festival kicks off on Wednesday, with three theatre groups taking to the stage to perform their one act plays.

Local group Lochgilhead Drama Club will be the first

to perform, fresh from their recent success at Lorne Drama Festival. They will perform *The Witching Hour* and be followed by Peninver youth team, who will take to the stage for spine-chilling drama *Who Calls?*

Finally Benderloch and North Connell Drama Club, winners of the Lorne Drama Festival, present their laugh a minute production of *Little Grimley*

Presents Strictly Sex Factor on Ice.

Thursday evening will see the audience experience a mix of emotions as they enjoy tense dramas and comedies from Tarbert Academy Drama Club, Campbeltown's Accent Players and Carradale Drama Club.

Hilarious comedies bring the festival to a close on the Friday evening. First, the Castaways

drama group from Arran, on their first appearance at the festival, present their award-winning production, *Say Something Happened*, whilst newcomers the Spotlight group will take to the stage with their production of *George and Bertie, the Trilogy*.

Friday evening will see the adjudicator hand out prizes and announce the overall winner.

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

ENGAGEMENTS



WELCH - MCCALLUM
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Lauren Helen Maxwell McCallum, to Thomas David Welch, at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, on Sunday, March 31, 2013.

RUBY WEDDINGS

MACCALLUM - MCPHERSON - Bill to Mary, on April 14, 1973, at Glassary Parish Church, by Rev W C B Smith. Present Address, 38 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

ANDREW - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 6, 2013, Emily Craig Andrew, in her 88th year, 7 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, dearly loved sister of Janet and the late Agnes and Sam and a much loved aunt and great aunt.

CARMICHAEL - Suddenly, after a short illness, on April 5, 2013, Sheena Carmichael (née Wilson), aged 92 years, of Ford, Argyll, wife of the late Alasdair Carmichael, mother of the late John Roderick Carmichael, and grandmother of Alasdair and Neil. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, today, Friday, April 12, at 12 noon, thereafter to Kilmartin Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mary's Meals

CUNNINGHAM - Suddenly, at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank on April 6, 2013, Isabella (Isa) Brown Cunningham, aged 76 years, of 23 Seaside Park, Ardrishaig and formerly of Port Ann, beloved wife of the late Jock Cunningham, much loved mother of Jane, Eileen and the late Alex and Jessie, much respected mother-in-law of Tony, Alistair and Anne, cherished grandmother of Alex, Alisdair, Andrew, Sarah Jane and Siobhan, and great grandmother of Alexander. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Tuesday, April 9, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

GILLESPIE - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on April 5, 2013, Adam Gillespie, in his 75th year, 18 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, beloved son of the late William and Ina Gillespie, a much loved brother to all the family and a dearly loved uncle.

JACKSON - Peacefully after a long illness, at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital on April 10, 2013, Dr Gordon Jackson, aged 78 years, of Lochgair, beloved husband of Hazel and much loved father of Helen, Nicholas and Adrian. Funeral service will be held at Lochgair Parish Church, on Wednesday, April 17 at 12 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae.

KELLY - Peacefully, after a short illness, in the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on April 9, 2013, Donald Kelly (Donnie), in his 82nd year, 73 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Anne Kelly, much loved father of Dawn and Fiona and a loving granda. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, April 12, 2013 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in aid of the Highland Parish Church.

MACDONALD - On April 8, 2013, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Ian Jeffrey MacDonald, in his 58th year, beloved husband of Diana and much loved son of the late Jock and Greta. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on April 11, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

CLEUGH - Rena and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and kind words of sympathy following the sudden sad loss of George. We would like to convey our sincere gratitude to all the kind people who came to George's assistance, also the ambulance crew and hospital staff. Heartfelt thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their very caring and professional services and our thanks also to those who attended the service and to all who donated to the British Heart Foundation.

HARDIE - Anne, Lisa, Jamie and all the family would like to thank everyone for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of David. Thanks to doctors, nurses and ambulance crews involved throughout the years in David's care, to Reverend Steve Fulcher, MA for the lovely service, Alasdair Blair & Son for professional service, staff at Seaford Hotel for excellent purvey, Strathclyde Police for all their help and fitting tribute and to all who attended the church and graveside, your support and kindness was greatly appreciated. Finally, to everyone for the retreat collection, which raised £2,123 for The Brain Tumour Trust.

SMITH - The family of Hamish Smith would like to thank all those many friends who helped

us through this difficult time. Hamish and Jean were welcomed on their return to Campbeltown and so enjoyed being an integral part of this wonderful community. We were touched and humbled by the outpouring of loving support from the community at the service and by those who travelled so far to attend this celebration of his life. Our humble thanks to Reverend Steve Fulcher for his amazing eulogy and sincere understanding of an outstanding son of Kintyre, who was loved and respected by all who came to know him. With sincere thanks from the Smith family.

IN MEMORIAM

BROCK - Treasured memories of my loving husband, Ian, who passed away on April 11, 2006. Forever in my thoughts. - Love, Flora x.

BROCK - Ian, a dear brother-in-law. Simply the best. - May x.

COLVILLE - In loving memory of our loving mum and granny, Renee, who passed away on April 9, 2012.

A special person, a special face
 Someone we love and can't replace
 Never selfish, always kind
 These are the memories you left behind
 Always Remembered.

- Barry, Lindsay, Kyle, Logan and Emma.
MALOY - With treasured memories of our dear mum, Mary, who died April 12, 2012.

- With love from Ann, Margaret, Andrew and Stephen.

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012. Much loved and greatly missed by Ann and all the family.

WILLIAMSON - In memory of our beloved dad and grandad, George (Geordie) Williamson, who died April 6, 2011. Always in our thoughts.

- Much love, Sylvia and Simon, Malcolm, Ross and Lynne.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
 7.00pm House Group
Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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SUNDAY 14TH APRIL
 11am Morning Worship
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Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service Lochfyneside (Minard) at 10am
 Gaelic Service Lochgair at 3pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 14th April, 2013
 Ford 11.30am
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 Holy Communion
 All welcome
 SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 14th April 2013
 11am Morning Service
Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
 Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 14 April 2013
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Stan Holloway "Sonship" (Part 1)
Thursday 18 April 2013
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 14 April
 Bellanoch Church 10 am
 Morning Worship
Tuesday 16 April
 Tayvallich Church 7.30 pm
 Congregational Board
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
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 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 14th April 2013
 10.00am Breaking of Bread
 Mr James McLellan, Kilmichael
 10.50am Coffee
 11.15am
 Family Service with Crèche
 Mr James McLellan, Kilmichael
 7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 17 April 2013
 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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Family Service
 11:00 am
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 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
 SC043322

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 14th April 2013
 11.15am Morning Service
 Fun Day Club & JAM in church
 Rev. Catriona Hood
Tuesday 16th April 2013
 Badminton Club - Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 - 5 - 6pm - 7pm
 Primary 6 - 7 - 7pm - 8pm
 Final evening for this session
Wednesday 17th April 2013
 7.30pm Bible Study
 Ballywilline Farm
 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
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Monday, 15th April
 Messy Church - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 16th April
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
 Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 18th April
 Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 19th April
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 14th April 2013
Third Sunday of Easter
 10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
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The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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Thursday 18th April
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High School pupils raise funds for new strips

SPORTS teams at Lochgilphead High School have been playing in new strips in recent weeks, thanks to the fundraising efforts of two senior pupils.

Fraser MacNicol and Alistair MacVicar were chosen as the school's sports ambassadors by their peers at the beginning of the year and one of their first aims was to buy new team kits, which could be used by the school's various sports teams.

Last term the boys organised a non-uniform day that raised more than £300 to pay for the news strips and were tasked with picking colour and design of the t-shirts.

Speaking about their fundraising efforts Jillian Gibson, Active Schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, said the work they had done throughout the year had been outstanding.

'They have done a brilliant job in their roles and as a way to say thank you they were able to pick the team strips,' she said. 'It was all their work so they deserve to do it.'



Through their roles as sports ambassador for Lochgilphead High School Fraser MacNicol in the striped kit and Alistair MacVicar have raised money for two new sports strips, which will be used by the various teams within the school. a13strip01no

Lochfyneside to play in West of Scotland League

'We would like to thank everyone for their support in recent months'

A MID Argyll football team has a busy few months ahead after being accepted into the West Scotland Amateur League six months after forming.

Lochfyneside Football Club has been accepted into the league and is now preparing for the season, which will kick off in August and see them come face to face with the likes of Oban Athletic.

The club formed in October last year with almost 20 players turning up to the side's Thursday night training sessions.

The focus has now turned to improving

their fitness levels.

The side's manager Jim Divers said the club was delighted to have been accepted into the league and would be working hard over the summer.

'We are thrilled to be in the league next season,' he said, 'Our focus will be getting our fitness levels up in the coming months.'

Home matches

The team will play its home matches on Furnace football pitch and Jim said the community has been a massive help in establishing the club.

'We have secured sponsorship for our strips which is brilliant and Furnace Communi-

ty Council has helped as well. We will be using Furnace Village Hall as our shower and changing rooms for games,' he said. 'We would like to say thank you to everyone who has given us their support in recent months, it has been fantastic.'

Over the coming months the side hope to organise a number of pre-season friendly matches and will concentrate on raising funds for the club.

Jim said: 'We have a few fundraisers in the pipe line and things are really starting to click into place so it looks promising,' he said.



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This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are: M fortune, Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown and S Lovell, The Walk, Campbeltown

Inveraray hoping to keep up good form

Key players should be back for Kyles

INVERARAY will be looking to continue their good form when they host Glenurquhart this Saturday.

The 'Ara surprisingly lost to this weekend's opponents at the Winterton last season but won in Drumnadrochit, so player-manager Gary MacPherson admitted this game could go either way.

Inveraray scored 'a scrappy goal, to win a scrappy game' against Lochaber last Saturday, according to the manager.

But MacPherson said he doesn't care how his team win, as long as they keep getting two points from the matches.

Last Saturday Ex-Kilmallie forward Peter MacIntyre struck on 69 minutes, pouncing on a rebound to push the ball into the net and score the only goal of the game.

'The game never got any tempo,' said

MacPherson. 'It must have been a terrible game for the spectators.'

Douglas Dando and Christopher Crawford are likely to be long-term absentees through injury but Stuart Robertson is recovering from a hamstring injury and could take his place on the bench this weekend.

KYLES ATHLETIC trainer James Perlich is not worried about his team's recent slump in form, as he tries to find a settled and injury-free team selection.

The Tighnabruaich men lost 3-2 at Kinlochshiel on Saturday, following up the 3-1 derby defeat to Inveraray the previous week.

Kyles had gone 2-0 up through Roberto Zavaroni and Roddy MacDonald against Kinlochshiel but failed to kill off the home side,

who punished them in the second half.

Speaking ahead of this weekend's home game against Lochaber, Perlich said: 'We are not thinking about Lochaber too much because we have to concentrate on ourselves at this time.'

'We need to focus on getting a settled team again that plays well together. We have been missing six of our regular starters through injury in recent weeks.'

'Last Saturday Kinlochshiel simply took their chances well and hardly played at all in the second half.'

'The team we had out did their best but we are hopeful of getting some key players back for this Saturday.'

Kyles expect centre David Zavaroni and winger Duncan Kerr to be fit for this weekend as they look to get their title charge back on track.



Opposing number 7s David Robertson, left, from Inveraray, and Lochaber's Martin Johnstone fought out a tough battle throughout the game at Spean Bridge. 20_f15shinty05

Dookers pick up vital points in battle against relegation

SAFL Division 1A
Tarbert 5
East Kilbride YM 2
JAMES Prentice was a hat-trick hero when Tarbert gained a vital three

points against East Kilbride YM at Cil Andres last Saturday.

The 5-2 victory was a reverse of the team's fixture earlier in the sea-

son. With the park in good condition, the Tarbert Hotel sponsored side raced out the blocks and put the visitors under pressure, winning

several corners and free kicks.

After ten minutes, a Ronald long throw into the box found Prentice at the back post, and he took one touch past his marker before firing into the bottom corner of the net from six yards.

The Dookers doubled their tally five minutes later when a cross found Prentice on the edge of the box and again he took one touch before finding the bottom corner. Tarbert worked hard to limit EKYM to long shots from distance, which keeper Martin dealt with easily.

Tarbert got another with half an hour played when MacDougall cut in from the left and fired into the bottom corner from 20 yards.

Tarbert's Smith was replaced by Meechan after the left back picked up an ankle knock. The

second half started in much the same fashion with Tarbert overrunning the visitors, however against the run of play EKYM pulled a goal back when Martin was harshly adjudged to have handled the ball during a slide tackle and a penalty was awarded.

Free kick

The Dookers replied quickly when Prentice fired a free kick into the roof of the net from 35 yards to complete his hat-trick.

With half an hour of the game remaining, Tarbert left an EKYM forward free on the six-

yard line to tap into the net. It was to be the last time the visitors troubled Tarbert and with 10 minutes remaining they completed their scoring when a corner was nodded on at the front post and the in-rushing Johnstone volleyed into the net.

It was an excellent team display from Tarbert and the midfield worked extremely hard.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Tarbert are away to Eaglesham and that will be followed by their Coronation Cup semi final against Goldenhill on Tuesday, April 23.

SAFL results and upcoming fixtures

LAST weekend's results: Saturday - Premier Division - Oban Saints 1, Castlemilk 0; Premier Division 2 - Dunoon 1, Paisley 2; Division 1A - Tarbert 5, East Kilbride YM 2; Division 1B - Lochgilphead Red Star 0 v Inverkip Thistle 1; Jimmy Marshall Trophy, quarter final, Campbeltown Pupils 5, Eaglesham 2.

Sunday - Jimmy Marshall Trophy, 2nd round - Oban Saints 9, Carlton YM 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division 2 - Rutherglen v Campbeltown Pupils; Division 1A - Eaglesham 'B' v Tarbert; Division 1B - Easthall Star v Lochgilphead Red Star. Jimmy Marshall Trophy, quarter final - Oban Saints v Postal United.

Weather relents to allow golf at Glenralloch

THE Glenralloch course hosted the April Medal competition on Saturday and saw Iain Johnstone return to his winning ways. He lifted the monthly medal with a net score of 61.

Craig Martin came a close second with 62, whilst Keith MacTaggart was third on 63.

The gross section of the competition was won by Ross Currie, with a gross score of 72. Iain MacAlister, showing some good early form, was second with 73 and third went to Keith Blair with 74.

Tarbet Ladies played their April Medal on Sunday with Jannean Reppke taking the top spot with a net 64. Second, with a net 65, was Seona Martin, and third, with a net 66, was Rae Bleasby.



Hat-trick hero James Prentice, player manager of the Dookers, charges in for a 50/50 ball. 06_a15star04

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Duncan wins Subscription Medal

DUNCAN Robertson maintained his good form to lift the Inveraray Golf Club Subscription Medal on Sunday.

Duncan posted an excellent 68 to secure the medal and also deservedly cut one stroke off his handicap.

Rory Campbell carried his winter league form into the medal competition and was runner up with a 72.

John Smylie was third, just edging out Alan Whittingham on a countback after they both posted 73.

Sunday will see golfers head on to the fairways to compete for the April Medal. The match will be a fundraiser for Cancer Research and is also a qualifier for the Hall of Fame charity competition.

Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 1, 12 and 15 drawn. The jackpot will be £600 next week.

D. Shaw was the lucky winner of £700 in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery, with winning numbers 5, 6 and 20. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw were 2, 12 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

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Poor performance results in another defeat for Red Star

SAFL Division 1B
Red Star 0
Inverkip 1

RED STAR'S worst performance of the season was reflected in the result last Saturday as the Lochgilphead side went down by the odd goal in what was a match to forget.

The game against Inverkip, played at Rope-work Park, should have been an easy win for the Lochgilphead lads as the Greenock side is currently languishing at the bottom half of the Division 1B league table.

Kip grabbed what proved to be the winner on 20 minutes after what was a simple but well-worked goal. A long throw-in was launched into the box and the big

forward was able to get his head on the ball first and divert the ball over everyone and into the Star net.

There was plenty of huffing and puffing from Star as they tried to net the equaliser before the break. However chances came and went for Peacock, Kirk and Crawford.

The second half continued in much the same vein with Star having plenty of the ball but lacking the craft in the final third. Players were taking too many touches or making the wrong pass at the wrong time.

Star thought that they had finally grabbed a late equaliser when Moore latched onto a corner and powered his header towards goal.

The ball thumped off the underside of the bar and the majority of the Star players felt it was well over the line but the referee could not be certain and chose not to award the goal.

The game finished 0-1 to the visitors.

Manager Weir was not happy with the performance and attitude shown by the team, as the result leaves Star well off pace in the push for promotion. The team has only five games remaining to climb to the top of the league table.

Star will need to regroup quickly as tomorrow (Saturday) they travel to Glasgow to face table-topping East-hall Star, who have only dropped five points in the league this season.



Defender Connor Crawford staves off a threat from the Inverkip forward near the Star goal. 06_a15star05

Argyll derby at Strachur

KILMORY'S impressive performance against league leaders Glenorchy has ignited fears amongst their opponents this weekend, as the team prepares to take part in an Argyll Derby.

The Lochgilphead team take on neighbours Strachur tomorrow (Saturday) in the first round of the Balliemore Cup.

Kilmory enjoyed a 2-2 draw with the north Lorn side Glenorchy, with much-needed goals from Ewan Carmichael and Ali MacLennan.

Strachur coach Donald MacDoanld, told the *Advertiser*: 'I was impressed with Kilmory's performance against Glenorchy and we have

always had a tough game against them.'

But he added: 'I don't think there will be much between the two teams as we both have quite young teams this year. The average age for us is about 18.'

'A lack of experience is having an impact

on our performances. When we played Aberdeen the boys had more of the game but the difficulty was finishing and that was down to experience.'

The Argyll derby will be played at Strachur's new pitch, throw up at 2.30pm.



Goals from Kilmory's Ewan Carmichael and Ali MacLennan saw the local side secure a draw against South Division 1A league leaders Glenorchy last weekend.

Volunteers required for Puffer 8.5

AS THE renowned Crinan Puffer 8.5 is set to get underway next week organisers are still seeking volunteers to help run the event.

Length

The race, which sees athletes from all over Scotland run the length of the Crinan Canal, gets underway next Sunday.

Organisers of the event Jog Scotland Mid Argyll are urging locals to lend their support to the popular race by volunteering as marshals.

Marshalls

Matthew Watkiss, a jogscotland leader in Lochgilphead, said: 'We need people to act as marshals at various points along the canal bank to help direct runners and report to the

lead organiser in the unlikely event of any problems.'

'The race is a significant fundraiser for local good causes such as the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool and can only take place with generous help of local people.'

Help

Please, if you can spare a couple of hours on the morning of Sunday, April 21 to lend a hand you will be helping to make the event as suc-

cessful as it has in previous years.'

There will be a full marshals briefing at around 9.15am which all volunteers would need to attend.

The 8.5 mile race begins in Ardrishaig at 10am and ends at Crinan.

Volunteers willing to support the race should email Matthew at matthew.watkiss@live.co.uk or call 07970 811159.

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