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Naturists banned from swimming pool

PRUDISH Argyll and Bute Council has refused 120 nudist folk from using Dunoon swimming pool amid health and safety fears.

The naturists hoped to use the Riverside Swim and Health Centre when they visit the seaside town later this month.

Returning to Dunoon for a second British Naturism (BN) Scottish Weekend, the group will enjoy a naked disco, 'bareobics' workout sessions and a Burns Supper.

Disappointed

Kevin O'Connor, national volunteer co-ordinator for BN, said: 'We are very disappointed. It is a very Victorian attitude from Argyll and Bute Council.'

'The naturist pound is just as good as any other pound.'

'We have more than 100 swims across the country without any problems.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'We will always seek to do our best to accommodate special requests while bearing in mind the needs of other people using the facility, their health and safety and that of our staff.'

Lochgilphead on a knife edge as more shops shut



All smiles at Easter outdoor camp

Youngsters who attended the Mid Argyll Easter Holiday Camp enjoyed the great outdoors on Monday as they were taught how to make a woodland den. Children took part in team-building exercises and fun woodland activities under the watchful eye of outdoor adventure expert Andy Craven. For more on this story see page 3.

Town's 'economically fragile' warning

ARGYLL and Bute Council is failing in what could be its last attempt at saving many fragile communities in the region, according to an Argyll councillor.

John Semple says the local authority's economic development plans 'lack ambition' as Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) confirms Lochgilphead is 'economically fragile'.

HIE, which is tasked with encouraging businesses to set up shop in the region, dubbed Lochgilphead 'economically fragile' because of its falling population, residents' low incomes, limited job opportunities and remoteness.

Evidence of this fragility was compounded this week when the owner of Cockles confirmed the shop could

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shut within two months, Mrs Macs coffee shop remains closed and plans to open a kebab shop on Argyll Street were shelved.

Now Mr Semple, who previously headed up economic development at the council, says the local authority is not doing enough to turn things around.

'The trouble with the plans from the new administration I have seen to date is that they lack ambition and look much like previous plans which failed to retain our young people or attract significant numbers of economically active people to live here,' Mr Semple said.

'These 10 year plans in development... maybe

the last opportunity to save many of our fragile communities.'

Mr Semple said, based on previous census figures, the council should be looking to create at least 500 jobs in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and islands area over the next 10 years.

He identified the forestry, agriculture and food industries as areas for further development and job creation.

'I want to project an image to the Scottish Government that this is a council that is ambitious for its future. They won't invest in an area that's not making these kinds of noises,' he added.

Council leader Dick
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BEAUTIFUL hand made crafts from Argyll and Zambia will be on sale at the M.A.L.I (Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative) Craft Cocktail fundraiser.

The event will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall tomorrow (Saturday) and run from 10am until 2pm.

Along with hand made crafts, tea, cakes, coffee and a soup and sandwich lunch will be available.

Money raised at the event will be used to support the education of vulnerable young people at the charity's Mthunzi Centre, Zambia.



Pictured at the handover of area command in Oban are, from left: Inspector Julie McLeish, Oban, Inspector Alistair Davidson, Lochgilphead, Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan, Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie and Inspector Tom Harper, Campbeltown. 15_t14police01

Top cop vows to make roads safer

THE WOMAN who heads up policing in Mid Argyll has said making roads safer is a top priority as she prepares to take over policing in Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Marlene Baillie was last week confirmed as the chief inspector for north Argyll, extending her original remit as the boss for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

stand alone Road Policing Department with responsibility for policing our trunk roads in Oban, Campbeltown and Lochgilphead and the surrounding area, and rolling out initiatives such as the designated drivers scheme that will help reduce the temptation for people to drive under the influence of drink or drugs.'

Drivers

She took on her new role in the same week that saw two serious car crashes in the area and the start of the tourist season.

One woman remains in hospital after a serious crash on the A83 near Furnace on Sunday afternoon and a man had to be airlifted following a head-on collision last Wednesday on the A819 near to Dalmally.

Speaking to the Advertiser this week, Chief Inspector Baillie said: 'With nine fatalities in our area last year road policing is a priority and I am looking at ways of building on the existing partnerships that we have with key stakeholders, establishing a

It is understood the dedicated road policing unit will be established throughout Argyll next year to target dangerous drivers, while in the short term more traffic police and unmarked cars from other divisions and the national trunk roads policing unit will patrol the area.

Chief Inspector Baillie added: 'I am committed to reducing the number of serious and fatal road crashes that occur on our roads. The affect of such incidents can be devastating for families within our communities and can impact significantly on our local economy and we need to do more to try and tackle this issue.'

Seven involved in crash near Furnace

ONE WOMAN remains in hospital after a serious crash on the A83 near Furnace on Sunday afternoon.

The crash involving seven people occurred when a Honda CRV vehicle and a Vauxhall Safira collided at 4pm on the road between Furnace and Auchindrain.

Three occupants of the Honda and four oc-

cupants of the Vauxhall car were injured during the incident and taken by road and air ambulance to hospitals in Lochgilphead, Oban and Glasgow.

All of the injured have since been released from hospital apart from a 40-year-old Argyll woman who was still receiving medical care as the Advertiser went to press.

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This year's team of celebrity experts offering advice are TV Interiors guru John Amabile, architect and presenter George Clarke, fresh from Restoration Man, award-winning gardens expert and designer Diarmuid Gavin and Technology and Gadgets Ambassador, Suzi Perry.

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Walsh said: 'We are ambitious for our people and our area.

'This ambition must be founded on realistic actions and the recognition that the task of growing our population

cannot be achieved by the council alone.

'This is being tackled through our Single Outcome Agreement which is a ten year plan, developed with our partners, to grow our economy with a rising population.'



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Kayla Willan and Emma Skrzypowski, both aged 5, took a break from the trampoline on Monday as they took part in the Mid Argyll Easter Holiday Camp. 06_a15east01

No home visits in shake-up of GP services

‘There is the potential we could lose our out of hours service... this seems grossly unfair’

INVERARAY residents are furious home visits could be slashed from the out of hours GP service, despite reassurances from NHS Highland no final decision has been made.

The contract to take over the running of Inveraray Medical Practice was awarded to Lochgilphead Medical Centre last week.

But residents erupted when they were told the out of hours service would no longer include home visits. Instead locals would be required to contact NHS 24 and face the 25-mile journey to Lochgilphead by either car, taxi or ambulance to

see a doctor.

NHS Highland said this week the future of the out of hours service had ‘not been set in stone’ and residents would be consulted before changes are made.

A spokeswoman for the local health authority said: ‘NHS Highland intend to proceed with awarding the Inveraray/Furnace GP contract to Lochgilphead Medical Centre. The next stage will be to involve the community in shaping the new service, with the practice as part of the remote and rural sustainable services project.’ The consultation

is expected to start next month, but Iain MacAskill, convenor of Inveraray Community Council, said the offer of community discussions did little to reassure residents.

‘I feel we have had the raw end of the stick and we are not getting a good deal out of this situation. There is the potential we could lose our out of hours service...this seems grossly unfair,’ he said.

Mr MacAskill added: ‘We plan to hold a joint meeting with Furnace Community Council to discuss the matter further.’

Armed Forces Day date confirmed

PLANS to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War One are underway in Lochgilphead as the date for this year’s Armed Forces Day is confirmed.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 21 and will include a parade of veterans, serving personnel and cadets down Argyll Street.

The march will fall out after paying respects to fallen soldiers at the town’s war memorial.

In the afternoon there will be a gala day on the front green until 4pm.

Holiday camp a big success

THE MID Argyll Easter holiday camp returned this week after the success of last summer’s holiday programme.

The camp is run by MAC Pool, Mid Argyll Active Schools and Mid Argyll Sports Centre and provides a variety of fun activities for children aged five to 12. This week, the children got involved in activities such as football, badminton and athletics and also enjoyed an archery master class with local instructor Andy Craven. At

MAC Pool, activities included the pool inflatable, water walkerz and several fun games in the water.

Camp organisers say they were ‘blown away’ by demand for places on this week’s camp, with 28 places filled on each day.

They are now urging anyone interested in attending the forthcoming summer and autumn camps to book a place as soon as possible by contacting MAC Pool from Monday onwards.

Property market emerging from recession

THE PROPERTY market in Argyll is finally showing signs that it is emerging from the recession, according to Oban based estate agent

Bell Ingram.

A company spokesman said houses, especially those in town centres, can now sell within three to six months com-

pared with 12 months in recent years. But, they warned it could still be another year before the market sees a consistent growth upwards.

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Man reported to procurator fiscal

A MAN allegedly found with cocaine and cannabis in Lochgilphead has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

The 28 year old was apparently found with drugs after he was traced by police pursuing a traffic complaint in the town last Friday night. Officers later searched the car where the drugs were said to be uncovered.

A second man, aged 24, was also found with cannabis in a separate incident in Lochgilphead on Saturday afternoon.

Rascals visit recycling plant

CHILDREN at Riverside Rascals made a visit to the Lochgilphead re-cycling plant at Lington recently to mark the end of their time learning about recycling.

The trip was an opportunity for the children to see first hand the difference they can make to the environment when using the three Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Re-cycle.

Tobermory makeover planned for Ardrishaig

'We want something that will make people pause or stop'

TEN HOMES on Ardrishaig's main street could be given a 'Tobermory make-over' as residents plan to improve the appearance of the village.

Two proposals

Former architect Joe Kerr, of Ardrishaig Community Council, has put together two proposals to improve the look of the houses and flats on Chalmers Street in a bid to attract more people to the area.

Seeking inspiration from Tobermory's famous multi-coloured high street, the first plan would see the flats at 65 Chalmers Street painted in an array of bold colours.

The second, less extreme option would see the homes painted white with window frames and sills painted in brighter colours.

The designs are part of the community's ongoing plans to revitalise



Tobermory famously became the set of BBC children's TV series Balamory, drawing thousands of families to the island every year.

ise the village as Scottish Canal prepares to invest more than £1 million around the Crinan Canal.

Balamory

Tobermory famously became the set of BBC children's TV series Balamory, with each programme focused around one of the coloured houses.

The publicity attracted

tens of thousands of visitors to Mull.

Discussing the proposal at a recent meeting of Ardrishaig Community Council, Mr Kerr, said: 'We want something that will make people pause or stop.

'Perhaps if there was artwork or an exhibition space in the shops below [the flats] it would make people stop and walk

along the street to have a look at what's around.'

The designs for the 'Tobermory make-over' have however received mixed reviews from tenants and property owners.

Fellow community councillor and Chalmers Street resident, John Woods said: 'There was some interest in the effect it would have - dif-

ferent buildings in different colours - but people were not so keen on it. There did not seem to be a natural breaking point [in the building facades] to change the colours.'

Ardrishaig Community Council has said it will discuss the plan further with the affected residents, while looking at options to funding the project.

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Tourist merit award for Inveraray Castle for second successive year

VISITORS to Inveraray Castle have rated it as one of the best tourist attractions in the UK for the second consecutive year as it picks up another industry award.

The castle, the seat of Clan Campbell, received a merit award in the UK Awards of Excellence, run last week by Irish bus tour operator CIE Tours International.

The company, which transports thousands of visitors around Scottish tourist destinations every year, gives merit awards to attractions that achieve a customer satisfaction rating of 90 per cent or more, based on customer feedback.

Torquhil Campbell, the 13th Duke of Argyll, said: 'This award is recognition of all the hard work our team at Inveraray Castle put into creating a memorable visitor experience. Argyll

and the Isles has a great deal to offer our international visitors and working with a partner like CIE Tours makes it all

the more rewarding for everyone.'

The award comes one week after the Advertiser revealed Inveraray

Castle confirmed visitor numbers increased by more than 20 per cent in 2013; 82,638 entered the castle gates last year.



Jane Young, manger at Inveraray Castle, accepted the award.

Reliefland home owners to pay 10 per cent of repair costs

HUGE repair bills facing flat owners in Inveraray's Reliefland and Arkland tenements will be slashed by 90 per cent under the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

Owners of the flats within the 400 year old buildings will pay only a fraction of the original £25,000 repair bill they were issued with two years ago.

Private home owners and Argyll Community Housing association (ACHA), which owns some of the flats, will benefit from a fund of more than £1million, which will be used to repair the listed buildings.

Frances O'Hagan of

the Inveraray Regeneration Group said: 'When you consider how historically important Inveraray is and how old some of buildings are - they date back to 1770 - it is critical that any repair work is done properly by people who are accredited to work with historical buildings and that makes it very expensive.'

'If you go back to September 2011 people were being asked for figures from the mid 30s to more than 40 per cent per flat and so to find ourselves in a situation where it's going to be a 10th of that is really superb.'

The owners of Tem-

perance Hotel, Chamberlain's House and the Town House, the three other buildings included in the CARS scheme, will also pay 10 per cent of the total repair costs to their buildings.

It comes after Historic Scotland pledged £970,000 to the Inveraray CARS scheme and Argyll and Bute Council £350,000.

Meanwhile Iain Barker has been appointed the CARS officer for Inveraray by the local authority. He will encourage people to conserve the built heritage of the Royal Burgh, focusing on the long-term care and preservation of historic buildings.



Jamie Grant from Infinis, left, delivered a £5,000 donation to MAC Pool last week. 06_a14pool01

Wind farm donation of £5,000 to replace lighting at MAC Pool

ENERGY bills at MAC Pool will be cut further this year as the social enterprise receives a £5,000 donation to replace lighting in the pool hall.

Reduce

Infinis, the company behind A' Chruach Wind Farm near Minard, last week handed over the cash

for new lights which will drastically reduce electricity costs for the pool and increase its sustainability.

Jamie Grant from Infinis said: 'As a renewable energy company we were keen to assist the pool in its drive for further energy efficiency and I am glad that our do-

nation will help to modernise the pool lighting, ensuring the delivery of a sustainable community facility that will be even more enjoyable to use.'

Delighted

Stuart Owen, manager of the pool said he was delighted with the donation.

Macmillan fundraising programme announced

A DEDICATED group of volunteers in Mid Argyll raised more than £10,000 last year to help people in Scotland affected by cancer.

The Mid Argyll fundraising group for Macmillan Cancer Support said its ventures throughout the 2013/14 financial year raised £10,700 for the national charity.

The news comes as the group announces a programme of fundraising events for the coming months.

Visitors to Lochgilphead Co-op on April 25 and 26 will see the group selling raffle tickets for a cash prize, while a sponsored walk of the Crinan Canal has been organised for May 31.

The renowned home baking of group members will again be put to good use at Mid Argyll Show as the group again hosts the tea tent, while a successful pub quiz held recently has also inspired the group to organise another in September.

Easter fun at Lochgilphead Library

CHILDREN can head to Lochgilphead Library on Wednesday for some Easter fun. There will be a craft sessions between 3pm and 4pm where youngsters can make an Easter bonnet or Easter crown.

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People living in the area must know by now that they cannot let their dogs loose to run around on agricultural land.

Farmers too however could help themselves.

It would be worthwhile erecting signs on fences and gates to warn people, especially those who are not from the area, that sheep, and lambs in particular, are in the fields.

While agricultural people will be familiar with the lambing season, visitors from outwith the area may not give it a second thought.

Safer driving on our roads

PLANS to tackle dangerous driving and bring back a 'bespoke road policing unit' will no doubt be welcomed by every motorist in Argyll.

The question remains however as to why the traffic unit which operated in Argyll was ever disbanded in the first instance?

It never made sense to place traffic and road policing in the hands of police officers based more than 50 miles away in Dumbarton.

Now, having seen sense police chiefs are having to rearrange shift patterns and police officers are again being moved around in a bid to reinstate what was an effective police unit to begin with.

Let's hope the new unit, when it arrives, stays for good.

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Help is available over bedroom tax

Sir,
The Scottish Government has finally yielded to Scottish Labour and popular pressure and made funds available to effectively end the bedroom tax in Scotland.

With little fanfare, the Scottish Government wrote to councils a couple of weeks ago to tell them to grant all requests made for discretionary housing payments. These payments are for people who are struggling with the additional costs as a result of the tax and are the way in which councils and housing associations can effectively cancel out any shortfall in money.

Previously, the SNP told everyone that they could not do this. John Swinney said that he wanted to keep our most vulnerable at risk of losing their homes because he didn't want to let Westminster 'off the hook'. It was shocking to see the SNP play politics with our poorest.

Scottish Labour offered the SNP a solution. Housing Associations and Labour councils had offered a way to protect all their tenants. Jackie Baillie, our social justice spokeswoman, had introduced a members bill to prevent any bedroom tax evictions in Scotland. Still, the SNP would not move. Finally, after huge pressure, the SNP relented. They have made the money available.

Not many people will know about Scottish Labour's success in achieving this concession from the SNP Government.

Tenants across the Highlands and Islands can now

make requests for discretionary housing payments to cover the money they're losing as a result of the bedroom tax. Local authorities can now make these payments knowing they will get the money back from the Scottish Government.

So if you are affected by the bedroom tax, apply to your local council for these payments. Don't wait - there is a solution available now.

**David Stewart
Highlands and
Islands Labour MSP.**

Voice of a true Scottish Patriot

Sir,
We are all indebted to Ken McCoy for his letter on April 4, on the Scottish Independence referendum.

Mr McCoy is clearly the voice of the true Scottish patriot who puts the good of his country ahead of party-political allegiance and harbours no romantic illusions over how wonderful Scotland will become if only we all tick the 'Yes' box.

The opening day of the Scottish Parliament was one of the best days of my life.

I was filled with optimism that Scotland would show the world how a parliament should work and build a country that its people could be proud of.

However, now what I feel is sadness that the Scottish Parliament has degenerated into little more than an arguing arena for career politicians where the pledge to share power with the people has been forgotten and truth and justice - the glue that holds any good socie-

ty together - are seen as luxuries that cannot always be afforded.

The golden opportunity that the Scottish Parliament gave us has been wasted and Scottish 'Independence', seen in the light of the Scottish Parliament's performance, does not now look so enticing.

This is a tragedy for Scotland, but one we need to acknowledge and work our way out of.

Going from the political mess, which is the status quo straight to 'Independence' would be a huge irresponsible gamble and if it fails not only we, but also people not yet born would suffer the consequences.

Like Mr McCoy I believe that now is not the time and I would go further and say that until we can demonstrate to ourselves that we have made the Scottish Parliament work no one should be entertaining thoughts that we can make 'Independence' work.

And I do not believe those who say 'It's now or never'.

The opportunity to vote on independence for Scotland, in any form we wish, will be there for us any time the people of Scotland demand it.

So, let's not be railroaded or panicked into this leap into the dark that some are advocating.

Let's take our time and when we do choose to form an independent Scotland - if we do - let's do it with the confidence that having made the Scottish Parliament work we can make independence work too.

**Arthur McFarlane,
Mount Pleasant,
Tarbert,
PA29 6TU.**

Sports Hall Athletics success

Sir,
The organisers of this year's Sports Hall Athletics which saw its final at the Atlantis Leisure in Oban last Saturday wish to thank all the young athletes and their parents for supporting the competition.

Hopefully the indoor events will continue in future years and this year's competitions resulted in a 50 per cent increase in entries from last year.

The final was the last in a series of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months promoted by Mid Argyll Athletics Club and sponsored by a Communities 2014 Lottery Grant.

Councillor Roddy McCuish was an interested and impressed spectator and kindly agreed to present the trophies at the end of a long day.

With a lack of adequate outdoor facilities for athletics in Argyll the indoor events provide the only opportunity for the young boys and girls to come together for serious competition.

**Bill McCallum,
Mid Argyll Athletic
Club.**

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Set back to plans for museum extension

PLANS to expand Kilmartin Museum received a set back this week as a £3.9 million application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) was rejected.

But HLF has told museum bosses it may look more favourably on an application for a lesser sum of money and that a second application could be assessed within months.

The news comes after the museum unveiled plans for a £6.9 million expansion last year. More than doubling in size, the museum would have additional space to display artefacts found in Kilmartin Glen, a state of the art education room, temporary exhi-

bition centre and larger café.

Kay Owen, development administrative officer at the museum said: 'Feedback from the Heritage Lottery Fund is that they recognise the international significance of Argyll's heritage and the important role that Kilmartin Museum plays in conserving and telling the story of this heritage.'

'HLF praised the quality of the application but advised that due to very high demand for funds, proposals would need to offer better value for money in order to be competitive with other projects.'

Explaining value for money meant attracting

investment from other sources, Mrs Owen said Kilmartin House Trust has hired a fundraising consultant.

She added: 'The museum will now act on the positive feedback provided by HLF with the intention of making another bid and are pleased to announce that they will be working with Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Argyll and Bute Council in the coming months whilst developing a revised fundraising strategy.'

The museum has been invited to submit another funding application in June but said a definitive date had not yet been set.



Volunteers stand by the Marie Curie Field of Hope which is now in full bloom 06_a14marie01

Marie Curie Field of Hope in full bloom

MORE than 3,000 daffodils now welcome visitors to Mid Argyll Community Hospital, as the Marie Curie Field of Hope comes into full bloom.

The field, which was planted with daffodils by volunteers last October, is a place for people to remember loved

ones they have lost to cancer.

People can have a daffodil, which is the symbol of Marie Curie Cancer Care, dedicated to the memory of their loved one as a book with a list of names is to be made available in the hospital soon.

Brenfield Wind Farm poll set up

A POLL is to be set up to find out whether or not Ardrishaig people support the proposed Chruach Brenfield Wind Farm. It comes as EDF Energy Renewables says it will submit a planning application for the 18 turbine development to the Scottish Government this month.

Ardrishaig Community Council has said it will devise a postal questionnaire and use responses to decide whether or not to formally object to the wind farm.

Community councillors say the questionnaire will be devised next week and may include questions on a second wind farm, proposed in the same area.

Energy giant E-ON has confirmed its planning application for Allt Rhuaba Wind Farm, near Inverneil, will be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council next month.

The local authority will then seek the community council's views on the application.



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Spanish music at Ardrishaig

PEOPLE can enjoy an evening of Spanish music when guitarist Andrew Robinson performs at Ardrishaig Public Hall later this month.

The concert, on Saturday, April 27 at 7.30pm, has been organised by the Mid Argyll fundraising group for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Those who go along can expect a mixture of classical and flamenco guitar music.

Egg hunt is on

FAMILIES can 'egg-splare' Crarae Garden, near Minard, across Easter weekend as the annual egg hunt gets underway.

The theme for this year's trail is adventurers and children will receive a make-it-yourself helmet, a trail journal, containing all the clues needed to complete the hunt, and an eggexplorer passport to be stamped along the way.

When they complete the challenge they will receive a delicious Cadbury Egghead.

This is also an opportunity to find out more about the National Trust for Scotland garden. The garden is open from 10am until 4pm.



The Girl Guides in Lochgilphead were busy serving tea, coffee and cake on Saturday morning as they hosted a fundraising coffee morning at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall. Aged between 10 and 15, the girls manned a home-baking stall, sold raffle tickets and a guess the name of the teddy bear competition. Money raised from the event will be used to help fund activities for the Guides in the summer. 06_a15guides01

Budding photographers mark John Muir's Birthday

A PHOTOGRAPHY exhibition, which features the work of Mid Argyll residents, will mark the second year of celebrations of naturalist John Muir's birthday.

The Picture This exhibition will feature the works of people who last year took part in a workshop hosted by acclaimed wildlife photographer Philip Price.

Phillip's event at Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve, taught the budding photographers how to get the best out of their camera and techniques in photography while exploring the natural heritage of the area.

The pictures taken during that time will be included in the Picture This exhibition which marks the second celebration of John Muir's birthday.

The images will be displayed in the historical setting of Tainish Mill - a recently stabilised building on the Tainish National Nature Reserve that is now an open air exhibition space.

The exhibition forms part of the John Muir Festival 2014, which celebrates the life and legacy of the pioneering conservationist.

Open to the public all day, the Picture This exhibition will run from April 17 to May 1.

Jennifer Logan treats Mid Argyll to cabaret performance

Jennifer was the perfect artist for an evening such as this

Review by Sheila McCallum

THE MID Argyll Arts Association featured a cabaret style evening of entertainment for its April concert.

Staged at Ardrishaig Public Hall on Saturday, the event promised so much but in essence delivered so much more.

Titled Itchy Feet, the show was performed by singer Jennifer Logan, who invited the audience to join her as she embarked on a musical journey of 24 songs.

The trip took us by land, sea and air all over Britain, parts of Europe and even New York, with the weather fore-

cast included for good measure.

Her original material was witty, humorous and vocally very demanding but all were performed in a highly entertaining and captivating manner, which had everyone hanging on her every word.

Impeccable

In this respect Jennifer's diction was impeccable and simply tripped off the tongue.

Among the many numbers were songs by Noel Coward, Flanders and Swan, Richard Rodgers and Sondheim, to name but a few.

The setting on John Ireland's Sea Fever was

transposed to munro fever and the Small Hotel was to be found in Motherwell. The tango pasodoblé from Walton's Facade Suite was a real tongue twister and, like the previous songs, was delivered with panache.

Jennifer was the perfect artist for an evening such as this. Her sparkling personality shone throughout as she moved effortlessly from one song to the next.

She was given tremendous support from her accompanist, Stuart Hope, who was never obtrusive and did much to enhance the occasion.

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Richard Demarco unveiled his exhibition at the Crinan Hotel Art Gallery on Saturday. 06_15rich01

One of Scotland's most renowned artists unveils exhibition at Crinan

ONE OF the most influential figures in the performing and visual arts in Scotland has launched an exhibition of work at Crinan Art Gallery.

Richard Demarco CBE has unveiled 44 paintings which he says reflects his love of the West Coast of Scotland and Argyll in particular.

Passionately

Demarco's exhibition, dubbed The Road to Meikle Seggie from Edinburgh to Argyll, was a work of love for the 83-year-old painter, who speaks passionately about the Crinan Canal and the ancient kingdom of Dalriada.

'The entire subject matter is the west coast. I just love this place. It is almost a dream, you are here

but you can't believe it,' he said. 'This has been my favourite part of Scotland for years.

'I have dedicated this exhibition to what happens up here, you get a feeling of the eternal because in mid summer the sun sets more or less at the same time that it rises, it is because you are so far north and I think it is unique.

'In this setting you are hugely aware of life, about life living in this part of the world on the sea's edge. There is a theme here of boats, fishermen, harbours and lock gates on the canal and that is seen in my paintings.'

Indeed the 44 paintings included in the exhibition feature images with boats and the Paps of Jura in the background, The Puff-

er Vic 32 in Crinan Harbour, the Waverley at Rothesay, Templewood at Kilmartin Valley and numerous sunsets and scenes from the Crinan Canal.

Inspiration

Introducing his exhibition, Demarco said: 'I have always found inspiration where the land meets the sea, where fisher folk live and work alongside farmers and crofters and shepherds and herdsmen.

'I search for the gear and tackle of those who work on our quaysides, in fields and farms. I am mindful of the motto of the Benedictine monks as farmers and fishermen - to work is to pray. To me, painting a watercolour is about work aspiring to the condition of the prayer.'

In the footsteps of the legendary Tom Weir

A NEW series is to be aired on STV that follows in the footsteps of Scottish walker and broadcaster Tom Weir which will highlight some of Argyll's most beautiful landscapes.

Filming for On Weir's

Way with David Hayman has started in locations across the Highlands and includes Applecross, Crianlarich, Torridon, Loch Maree and Oban. The original Weir's Way programmes aired from

1976 to 1987.

This series will follow actor and broadcaster David Hayman as he travels to places once explored by Mr Weir.

Mr Hayman will meet some of the people Mr Weir met in the first ep-

isodes while meeting new residents as well.

He will look at how the environment has changed and will learn about daily life out doors. The programme is expected to be aired later this year.

New Easter Fire at Inveraray

Next Saturday, April 19, evening will see the new Fire of Easter kindled at All Saints Church in Inveraray.

A tradition that goes back to the very roots of Christianity in Scotland, the fire is lit before a great candle is lit from it to symbolize the rising of the light of Christ out of the darkness of the tomb.

All Saints, Inveraray has among its special treasures a medieval font, hollowed out on both sides, so that Roman Catholic and Protestant baptisms could be celebrated in it on different sides.

It is said that the 16th century priest, Niven MacVicar, when taxed with blasphemy, replied that as the Gate of Heaven was so narrow, it was no more than a Christian charity to open it a little wider. The blessing of the waters in this font will be a special part of the Easter ceremonies, which is open to all the community.

The whole service will conclude with hot-dogs and drinks under the stars - or under the protection of the neighbouring bell-tower if necessary.

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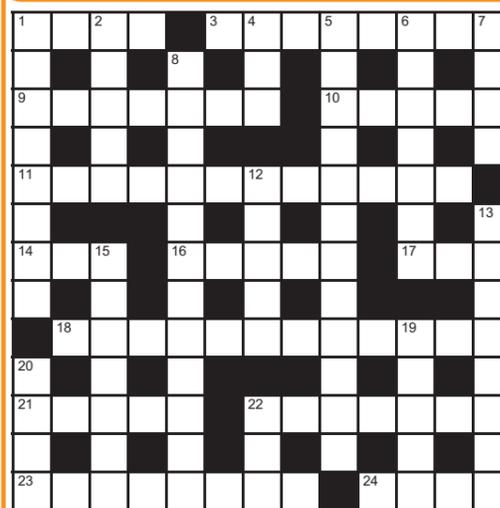
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NT Live: King Lear 12A - Thursday 1st May at 19.00

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Across

1 Hope for (4)

3 Mixture of beverages (8)

9 Defendant (7)

10 Very slow in tempo (5)

11 One who inspires (7,5)

14 Just there (3)

16 A mission in 1836 at San Antonio (5)

17 Dash (3)

18 Liveliness (12)

21 A puzzle of symbols and words (5)

22 Poor (7)

23 Parting word (8)

24 Increase distance by foot (4)

Down

1 Upstarts (4,4)

2 Cold dishes (5)

4 Away (3)

5 Mixture of colours (12)

6 Dirigible (7)

7 Diving bird (4)

8 Selling ready to eat foods (12)

12 Used at the last supper (5)

13 Hurries along faster (6,2)

15 As a pointed example (7)

19 Could be secret or raising (5)

20 Of eye and plant (4)

22 Belonging to the lady (3)

Last week's solution



High hopes for bumper tourist season 2014

HOTELIERS and businesses in Mid Argyll are looking forward to a bumper year for tourism as bookings are up and more tour operators come to the region.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HoATA), which represents tourism businesses in the area, says it is preparing for a busy year ahead as a series of festivals - including the Loch Fyne Viking Festival,

the Homecoming Muster at Dunadry and the Crinan Canal Water Festival - draw people to the area.

Bookings

Darren Dobson, of the Cairnbaan Hotel and HoATA member, said: 'Our advanced bookings are better than I can remember and I am confident we are going to have a really good season.'

'It seems that more and



Members of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative at the VisitScotland expo in Glasgow.

more people are choosing to stay at home for their holidays and that can only be a good thing for Argyll.

'At last tourists are becoming more aware of

the wealth of activities and facilities that this area has to offer. In the past we seemed to miss out to the 'big boys' of the tourist industry but that is changing.

'People are no longer driving through Mid Argyll to get to Oban but stopping to enjoy the scenery and the wide range of places to stay and eat.'

The news comes as Irish bus tour operator CIE Tours International, which brings thousands of tourists to Mid Argyll every year, says demand

for Scottish holidays is growing. The company says it is anticipating an increase of 20 per cent in visitors to Scotland this year, due to interest generated by Homecoming Scotland.

Promotion

Meanwhile Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) says its promotion stand at last week's VisitScotland expo was well received by international buyers.

Connie Lovel, AITC chairwoman, said: 'Our stand showcased some

of the very best of Argyll and the Isles, so it's not surprising that it generated a great deal of interest.

'AITC has worked extremely hard over the last couple of years to up its game in terms of effectively promoting the region as a world class visitor destination, and we're delighted with the feedback we've received over the last couple of days with potential visitors telling us how excited they are in terms of what we have to offer.'

Search on for citizen of the year

NOMINATIONS are being sought by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll for its annual citizen of the year award.

The organisation is seeking people who have made a significant contribution to their community, to the lives of others or made a remarkable achievement in the last 12 months.

Club president Jane MacArthur said: 'We all know of kind-hearted people, those who do odd jobs or go shopping for the elderly, those who go the extra mile to help others in times of need or crisis, the person who does an incredible amount for charity, or those who dedicate their spare time to helping young people. The club would like to recognise their contributions to our community and would welcome nominations.'

Nominations should be sent to the Garry Kidd, Rouns End, Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8SZ. Entries must be in by April 25.

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Creel boat to the rescue at Tarbert

THE CREW of a creel boat came to the rescue of a fishing boat just outside of Tarbert Harbour recently.

The fishing boat was stuck after a wire became wrapped around its propeller.

The boat - TT77 - was blown near to Lee Shore Rocks, but creel boat OB936 was able to manoeuvre and get a line to it before it struck the rocks.



Volunteers needed for new care project

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help raise awareness of self directed support in Mid Argyll as people are being given more control over the type of care they receive.

Helpers are being sought to work on the Community Contacts project.

It provides impartial advice and support to people who are now able to hire their own support

workers and care assistants under the scheme.

Becs Barker, Carr Gomm's Community Contacts project manager, said volunteers would help individuals to understand what these changes may mean for them.

She said: 'We're here to help individuals and their families navigate their way through Self-Directed Support. Our job is

to support people to decide for themselves what's right for them and help them to access the information and services they want and need.'

All volunteers will receive full training and support from the project team.

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Dog owners urged to keep pets under control

NFU Scotland is urging dog owners and dog walkers to keep their pets under control around livestock.

Incidents of sheep worrying are growing with more farmers across the country seeing their livestock distressed, hurt or killed by dogs.

At this time of year, with fields full of pregnant ewes or ewes with young lambs at foot, an incidence of worrying can have a devastating impact on a flock and cause severe distress to the shepherd.

A case recently saw six sheep, worth around £900, being 'worried and mauled to death' on farmlands at Clerkhill near Eskdalemuir.

The clear and consistent message from the union is for members of the public to be responsible, and to keep their pets under control.

Scott Aitkens, of Kipps Farm, Linlithgow has had regular problems with dogs being allowed off their leash by their owners and attacking his sheep.

Mauled

He said: 'Over the past two years we've had several attacks where dogs have mauled our sheep, the most recent of which was two weeks ago.'

'We want to stress that although you don't see sheep or other livestock immediately in front of you in a field, it doesn't

mean they aren't in that area.

'Whenever dog owners come to me looking for their dog that has run off on our land, they tell me the dog won't bite and 'just wants to play'. Would you put your children in a pen with lions that 'just want to play'?

'Our plea is to keep your dog under control. If it doesn't come back automatically when you call, then don't let it off the leash.'

'We don't want to stop people going out to enjoy the countryside, however we need to make sure that they are being responsible.'

'Our sheep are our livelihood and we can't risk having them dis-



A sheep at Kipps Farm, Linlithgow which was recently mauled by a dog.

ressed, hurt or killed by dogs who have irresponsible owners.

'By following the simple messages in the Scottish Outdoor Access

code that require dogs to be kept under close control in the countryside, these distressing incidents can hopefully be avoided.'

MARKET REPORT

Caledonian Marts (Stirling)

CALEDONIAN Marts in Stirling sold 708 store cattle and 73 young bulls on Tuesday.

Bullocks 398 averaged 232p to 283p per kg for a 235kg Limousin from Wester Whin, Slamanan and £1,390 gross for three 675kg Charolais from Loanrigg, Slamanan.

Heifers 268 averaged 223p to 285p per kg for a 525kg Limousin from Hilton of Beath, Kelty and £1,500 gross for the same animal.

Bulls 73 averaged 125p to 219p per kilo for a 305kg Limousin from Heads, Strathaven and £980 gross for a 510kg Limousin from Meikle-Coull Farms, Tannadice, Forfar.

42 black and white bulls averaged 131p per kilo.

Leading prices bullocks, £ per head: 0-250kgs - £670 Wester Whin, 251-300kgs - £745 Wester Mail-

ing, 301-350kgs - £940 Mid Ervie, 351-400kgs - £1,030 MeikleCoull Farms, 401-450kgs - £1,190 Walton

451-500kgs - £1,120 Wester Pirleyhill, 501-550kgs - £1,195 Mid- dlerigg, 551-600kgs - £1,325 Greencraig, 601-650kgs - £1,335 Greencraig, 651-700 kgs -£1,390 Loanrigg.

Leading prices heifers, £ per head: 0-250kgs - £640 East Gartfaren, 251-300kgs -£690 Wester Mailing, 301-350kgs - £845 Walton, 351-400kgs - £930 Martnaham Mains, 401-450kgs - £1,090 Hilton of Beath, 451-500kgs - £1,110 Woodend, 501-550kgs - £1,500 Hilton of Beath, 551-600kgs - £1,160 Heads.

Leading prices bullocks, p per kilo: 0-250kgs - 283p Wester Whin, 251-300kgs - 272p West Lochhead, 301-350kgs - 273p Hilton of Beath, 351-400kgs - 260p Meikle-Coull Farms, 401-450kgs - 270p Walton,

451-500kgs - 242p Martnaham Mains, 501-550kgs - 217p Middlerigg, 551-600kgs - 224p Greencraig, 601-650kgs - 215p Greencraig, 651-700 kgs- 206p Loanrigg.

Leading prices heifers p per kilo: 0-250kgs - 266p East Gartfaren, 251-300kgs - 270p Wester Mailing, 301-350kgs - 252p MidErvie, 351-400kgs - 243p Windyedge Bungalow, 401-450kgs - 256p Hilton of Beath, 451-500kgs - 226p Woodend, 501-550kgs - 285p Hilton of Beath, 551-600kgs - 205p Greencraig.

Caledonian Marts also had forward 555 store hoggets, feeding ewes and ewes with lambs at foot.

Ewes with lambs at foot, 11 sold, averaged £162.18 selling to £188 for Beltex x from J Buchanan, Leadmachany.

Store hoggets, 493 sold, averaged £66.59 selling to £98 for Tex-

el's from D Gracey, Orchard.

Feeding ewes, 61 sold, averaged £48.39 selling to £92 for Texel's from M Robinson, Kirkland.

Leading prices ewes with lambs at foot: Belt x gimmers with twin lambs - £176 Leadmachany, Belt x ewes, (2 crop) with twin lambs - £171 Leadmachany, Belt x gimmers with single lambs - £162 Leadmachany,

Texel x gimmers with single lambs - £160 Leadmachany.

Feeding Hoggets: Tex - £90 Orchard, Char - £88 Auchenlay, Easycare - £85 Dinar Estate, Cont - £83 Hoodshill, Suff x - £81 Straiton, Mule - £79 Orchard, Chev - £75 Ballymeanoch, BF - £70 Orchard.

Feeding ewes: BF - £64 Cruachan, Swale - £60 Morenish, Chev - £58 Kirkland.

Young farmers have a new committee

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers held its annual AGM last week when a new committee was selected.

They are: Fraser Cameron, chairman; Kelsey Brown, vice chairman; Thomas Irwin, secretary; Michael Smith, vice secretary; Nichola Kerr, treasurer.



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Women for Independence

A GROUP that encourages women to become fully involved in the independence debate will hold its first meeting in Lochgilphead next week.

The Women for Independence meeting will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall on April 19 and aims to cater to all women interested, concerned, or confused about the Scottish referendum.

Two women from the

group - Elaine Morrison and Linda Morpurgo - will speak on the environment and their belief that the current voting system works against people in Scotland.

But Linda, from Lochgoilhead, said: 'Our opening speeches are very short... it's the floor discussion that is the major point of interest.'

'The aim of our meetings is to get women speaking, to us and to one another.'

Beach and litter education day

MORE than 70 children from primary schools across Mid Argyll attended a workshop to learn about the dangers of beach litter.

Organised by the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum, the event was part of Beaches and Marine Litter Education Day.

Youngsters got to grips with seaweed and other plants found along the shore, while the GRAB Trust provided workshops on marine pollution and sea energy.

Ardfern sailor dons walking boots in memory of his wife



Tess and her master Alistair Pratt will take in the 230-mile walk next month in memory of Margot.

Couple's devoted Labrador to walk 230 miles to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support

A RENOWNED sailor will this month swap his lifejacket for walking boots as he embarks on the challenge of a lifetime in recognition of his wife and sailing companion.

Alistair Pratt, who works for several months of the year at Ardfern Yacht Centre, lost his wife Margot to cancer in September 2013 after completing a lifetime of sailing challenges together.

Now Alistair and the couple's beloved dog Tess will leave their yacht at home on the Isle of Lewis and walk the 230 miles to the family's former home, the Isle of Arran.

Explaining the inspiration behind the walk, which will raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support, Alistair said: 'It was Margot's wish to have her ashes scattered on the beautiful Reef beach on Lewis and on the dramatic summit of Goatfell. Our aim is to

be on the top of Goatfell on May 26, which would have been Margot's 69th birthday.

'The main reason I want to do this walk is to remember Margot, who for six years handled her illness so very well with such a positive and upbeat attitude.

Support and effort

'I also want to repay Macmillan Cancer Support for all that they have done, and, for all the support and effort the Macmillan nurses put in at the time when we really needed help.'

Tess and Alistair will set off on their three-week challenge from Reef Beach on May 1 and walk on islands Harris, Berneray, North Uist, Benbecula and South Uist.

'We'll then catch the ferry to Oban and walk from there via Ardfern on the Craignish Peninsula on to Skipness on the Mull of Kintyre, before taking the final ferry trip to Lochranza on

Arran,' Alistair said.

The expedition will focus on old drovers roads and forestry tracks, while good friend David Wilkie, from Kilmelford, will drive the campervan that will provide accommodation throughout the trip.

Well known in West Coast sailing circles, experienced yachting couple Alistair and Margot had completed three Atlantic passages, as well as voyages around the North of Norway, Greenland, Iceland and the West Coast of Scotland on their yacht.

A holder of the Tilman

Medal for Sailing and Mountaineering in High Latitudes, Alistair retired from running an outdoor activity centre on Arran. He now works part-time at Ardfern Yacht Centre during the spring and autumn rush periods.

A charity hog roast will take place at Ardfern Yacht Centre on May 17 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, as Alistair passes through the Mid Argyll area.

Donations to Alistair and Tess' walk can be made on-line at www.macmillan.tributefunds.com.

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Volunteer of the Year

PEOPLE that dedicate their time to improving the lives of Argyll residents are to be recognised as the Volunteer of the Year Awards are held this summer.

Nominations are currently being sought for six categories at the awards: Individual volunteer of the year, young volunteer of the year, community group or organisation of the year, social enterprise volunteer of the year, regional timebank heroes and health volunteer of the year.

Nominations should be submitted to Argyll Voluntary Action - via argyllcommunities.org - by April 18.

Lochawe tragedy family hand over £4,000 cheque to Lochwatch volunteers

THE FAMILY of one of the four fishermen who drowned on Loch Awe have marked the fifth anniversary of the tragedy by handing over a cheque for £4,000 to Lochwatch volunteers.

Last Friday marked five years since Craig Currie, William Carty, his brother Steven and Thomas Douglas fell from their boat and drowned in the freezing loch. Craig's father, Les, brought members of his family to the loch side from Glasgow to visit the memorial cairn built in the victims' memory.

Les also handed over the cheque to Lochwatch volunteers Iain MacKinnon and

Murray Humphries, who said they were 'bowled over' by the sum of money raised at two community events in Glasgow.

Lochwatch was established in the wake of a fatal accident inquiry into the deaths and the volunteer, multi-agency group has spearheaded a major loch safety campaign, including the purchase of lifesaving equipment and a patrol boat.

Mr MacKinnon said last Friday: 'We are very humbled by this donation and the ongoing support from the Currie family and their friends. It must have been a difficult day, emotionally, for them.'

'They are doing amazing fundraising work in their own community in Glasgow and I don't know if people here realise how much they are doing behind the scenes in support of Lochwatch. Gestures like this reaffirm our commitment to making the loch as safe as possible for residents and visitors.'

Lochwatch may use the money for an auxiliary engine for its patrol boat, in case of failure with its main engine, and an on-board generator for electrical equipment.

Les had previously told The Oban Times how fundraising had

helped the family to cope with the loss of his son and called on people across Argyll to continue supporting Lochwatch's aims.

The latest donation takes the total raised by the Currie family for Lochwatch to nearly £15,000.



Les Currie and grandson Jay, flanked by Lochwatch volunteers Iain MacKinnon, left, and Murray Humphries, were among the family members visiting the memorial cairn at Loch Awe last Friday. 15_t14lochwatch01

Plans to improve Argyll's social housing

MORE than £12 million is to be invested in 5,100 homes in Argyll, by the area's biggest social landlord in a bid to bring them up to standard. Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will spend £2.4 million on day to day repairs and £1.6 million in planned maintenance to its existing homes.

The work was agreed by the board at ACHA as part of the 2014/2015 budget.

The budget aims to have homes at the Scottish Housing Quality Standard by 2015.

The association's new build programme, which will see 102 units built within the next year, will see a further £10 million invested.



From left: pupils Lewis McNeill, Andrew Francis, Eilidh Norris, Heleana McAllister, Joseph McAllister, Morvern Paisley, Zac Carter, Mathilda Moller, Leo Silvan and Alasdair Paisley in Gigha's Bible Garden.

Clachan and Skipness pupils explore Gigha

CLACHAN and Skipness Primary Schools recently took a trip to Gigha and explored the island.

Getting to know

The two P7 pupils, Kayleigh McNeill and Peter McAllister, spent the day at Gigha Primary, getting to know the other P7 pupils there and their teacher Lorna MacAlister.

Everyone else Nordic walked around parts of the island, visiting the Bible Garden and the beach.

The pupils would like to thank Anne McIvor for showing them round the Bible Garden.

Much discussion has been stimulated following their visit as it has encouraged pupils to ask

questions about events and characters in the bible.

Investigating

They later Nordic walked to one of Gigha's coves and, despite the wind, enjoyed exploring, creating sand sculptures and investigating life on the seashore.

The trip was pupil Andrew Francis' idea.

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Schools shout out!

Achahoish Primary School teachers say farewell



Teacher Karen Baird with pupils from Furnace Primary School on their village litter pick. Photo: Lynda Syed.

ACHAHOISH

'It's a very special school'

ONE OF Mid Argyll's smallest schools last week said goodbye to two of its teaching staff.

Achahoish Primary School's head teacher Louise Paterson and Namaste Bevin both left last Friday after three and a half years getting to know the 11 youngsters at the school.

Mrs Paterson said: 'A highlight has been working with the children and getting to know them all individually because there are so few of them and working with the parents has been great.'

'There has definitely been strong bonds formed and it is just like having an extended family.'

'The staff have been amazing to work with and because it is a small school it is very flexible. It is a very special school and there are a lot of special people around it.'

Fiona Drynan, clerical assistant at the school, said: 'When they came it was big change at Achahoish, but not only did they embrace the challenge they exceeded all expectations. We would like to say thank you from all the parents and staff for their hard work.'

Mrs Paterson has taken on the role of depute head teacher at Tarbert Primary School and Mrs Bevin is off to Kilmartin Primary School. Both teachers will take up their new roles after the Easter holidays.



Louise Paterson, head teacher, right, and Namaste Bevin said goodbye after three years at Achahoish Primary School. 06_a14cha01

ARDRISHAIG

Ardrishaig Primary School turns back time

PARENTS, grandparents and other residents turned back the clock when they held an open day that allowed adults to join in with classes.

Visitors to the school were welcomed with tea and cake, which was followed by a presentation on Scotland's history and future by the P5/6 and P7 classes.

Parents were impressed at how clearly pupils set out the potential pros and cons of Scottish Independence during the presentations, which pupils researched and prepared themselves.

Visitors then spent time in classes working alongside the children and finding out more about the young people's daily routine.

One happy parent said: 'It really gave me a sense of how well my children have achieved this term - it brings their learning journey to life.'

Pupils learn more about Lochgilphead Library

CLASSES from Ardrishaig Primary

School have been visiting Lochgilphead Library to learn more about what the facility can offer.

Carol Lawson at the library organised the visits, which have allowed all the pupils in the school to research their projects, enjoy stories and access a range of media and books.

Ann McMillan, principal teacher, said: 'It has been a great opportunity for the children who haven't been to the library before to see what's on offer. Lots of the boys and girls have already started visiting with their parents and the school now has its own library card.'

a Bottle day when they decorated plastic bottles.

Teacher Karen Baird said: 'We have asked parents to record how many plastic bottles they have used in a week and how they dispose of them, then we will produce a graph to compare if they, and we, have used less following the information they received about plastic bottle waste.'

The Grab Trust lent the school litter pickers, bags and gloves for the litter collection.

GLASSARY

Pupils to dribble their way around the world

GLASSARY Primary School pupils are getting set for a trip around the Commonwealth as they pick up their hockey sticks and try to dribble their way around the world.

The Commonwealth Dribble is an exciting hockey-based challenge for young people. It aims to boost hockey skills amongst youngsters while they learn about the Commonwealth Games.

Organised by Scottish Hockey, the Commonwealth Dribble will see Glassary children dribble a hockey

FURNACE

Waste Week collection

PUPILS from Furnace Primary School joined in the UK wide Waste Week by collecting litter from around their village.

Donning gloves and litter pickers, the students collected rubbish totalling 22.9kg.

The youngsters have also been monitoring waste from school lunches and packed lunches and tried to reduce it; reduced wasted paper in the classroom by reusing and recycling and held a Bling

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LOCHGILPHEAD HS

Argyll and Bute Dance Festival

NINE S1 pupils from Lochgilphead High School travelled to Oban for the annual Argyll and Bute Dance Festival recently.

Fusion dance group, which is led by modern languages teacher Catherine Kemp, entered the junior competition which was for S1-3.

Despite being the youngest group in the competition, the pupils put on an excellent show, which was well received by the audience, and were unfortunate not to be placed in the top three.

The pupils danced to Jumped Up Kicks by Foster the People and their dance routine was excellently choreographed by S5 sports leader Rebecca Foster.

The dancers will continue their training as they build up to their next performance at the Lochgilphead High School end of year prize giving.

Sports leader Ewan stands out from the crowd

A SPORTS leader from Lochgilphead High School 'stood out' in a crowd of more than 100 students when he attended an event aimed at boosting the skills of teenage sports coaches. Ewan Glendinning was one of eight students to attend the Lead 2014 conference at Strathclyde University last month. It was here, when students took part in a workshop about making sport fun, that Ewan was noticed by sport-scotland staff.

Innes Paterson, Active Schools coordinator for Mid Argyll, said: 'SportScotland experts told me Lochgilphead was very lucky to have Ewan and that he had great potential to be a fantastic sports leader in the future.'

Lead 2014 is a partnership between the Youth Sport Trust, sport-scotland and Glasgow 2014 and aims to harness the enthusiasm and potential of young people to create the next generation of sports leaders.

Ewan and the rest of the S5 sports leaders will now look to organise a lead 2014 festival in Mid Argyll where they hope to increase participation in sport amongst younger children.

The group is currently in discussions with Innes and early years support worker Lorna Cameron about arranging a commonwealth games festival for pre-school pupils in the Mid Argyll area.

ASHFIELD

Evacuees Arrive at Ashfield Primary

TERM two at Ashfield Primary School saw students become World War II evacuees for the day as they delved into the past.

The evacuees were all labelled and correctly dressed. They had all carefully packed their suitcases according to wartime instruction and they carried gas masks, ID cards, ration books and teddy bears.

All the children were marched up to Ashfield Primary School for a morning of 1940's style lessons. There was chanting tables, reciting poems and writing letters home. They also tried out some old playground games such as 'kick the can' and marbles. Although the teachers were strict no one was given the belt.

TARBERT

Sport Relief

THERE were fun and games at Tarbert Primary School when pupils took part in the Sport Relief Mile.

Sara Sinclair was partners with her P6/7 classmate Cerys Baird for the challenge.

Sara said: 'We decided to complete our mile - four times round the astro - doing the crab walk for one lap, skip for one lap, spin for one lap, and do a weird walk that I invented for the last lap - at least, that's what Cerys calls it. I call it my press-up walk because you walk in that position.'

Once everyone had completed the mile, head teacher Neil McKnight, led everyone in a conga around the astro turf.

'Then he challenged the top four classes to a race against him. No one is sure who won though,' Sara added. 'It was a brilliant day.'

Tarbert Academy Drama Club Performance

MEMBERS of Tarbert Academy Drama Club took to the stage recently to perform the Grimm Tales stories.

The stories were Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, The Musicians of Bremen, Rumpelstiltskin and Little Red Cap.

Caitlin Taylor, a P6/7 pupil, said: 'It was quite a build up to the performance. It took around seven months practise till we performed in front of people. We had rehearsals every Thursday from 3.30 pm till 5.30 pm. We also had word rehearsals and an all-day rehearsal on a Saturday.'



Pupils from Ardrihaig Primary have been learning more about their local library.

She added: 'Following the performance we had people come up to us to tell us that we were really good and they really enjoyed it. I think the performance went really well and we really enjoyed it. We hope the audience liked it too.'

The drama club would like to thank Susan Connor, who helped with the stage actions, Barbara Bell for helping with their lines and the school for allowing them to perform.

ALL SCHOOLS

Mid Argyll youngsters let loose on the fairways

ClubGolf will be delivered to 10 primary schools across Mid Argyll after the Easter holidays. The ClubGolf programme was launched in 2003 to ful-

fill the Scottish Government's promise to provide every child in Scotland with an opportunity to experience golf ahead of the 2014 Ryder Cup.

The game has been especially adapted for children. They will play with golf clubs that have bigger heads and larger golf balls, while velcro targets will make it more enjoyable and achievable for young players.

A partnership between Mid Argyll Active Schools and Inveraray and Lochgilphead golf clubs, ClubGolf will see pupils receive four weeks of expert coaching from qualified coaches Robbie Wilson, Derek McCulloch and David McAlister.

It is hoped that upon completion of the schools programme that youngsters will attend ClubGolf Summer programmes at the respective golf clubs.



ye to staff, parents and children

ball around the school playground in a bid to reach a target distance set by their teachers.

The distance achieved by Glasary school will be added to the efforts of other schools around Scotland. It is hoped a total of 9,828 kilometres - the distance from Glasgow to Delhi, the host of the previous Commonwealth Games - can be reached.

MINARD



PUPILS from Furnace and Minard Primary School gathered for the annual duck derby, which raised more than £350 for school funds. Parents, teachers and children gathered at the stream near Minard Primary School for the 18 race event. The overall winner of the competition was pupil Adam Goodwin, who received a one month leisure pass for Inveraray's Loch Fyne Hotel and Spa.

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14/00734/PP	Erection of extension and formation of two additional parking spaces.	Ardrishaig Primary School Glengilp Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA30 8HF	1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
14/00740/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, garage and installation of septic tank	Plot 1 Land West of Glenramskill House Kilkerran Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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14/00783/PP	Alterations and change of use of office to public library	Unit 1 Argyll House Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
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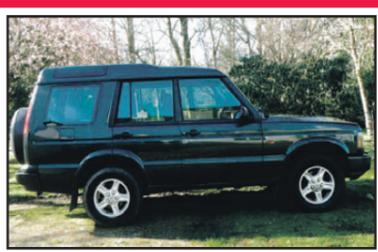


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THANK YOU

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers, gifts and visited, following my recent hip replacement operation. I am now getting out and about again and feeling the benefits already. Love and thanks, Sheena Ramsay, Portnastorm, Carradale.



Happy 21st Birthday John

Love from Mum, Dad, Holly and Kelly XX



Alastair (Plummer)

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PERSONALS

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Happy 21st Mummy

Lots of Love
Liam xxx

LOOK WHO'S 50!

Love Kevin, Kirstin, Hannah, Ian, all your family and friends. xxx

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IT took us forever to pack.

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We needed all our 'toys' too: books, kindles, tablets, phones, ipads, ipods, golf clubs, walking boots, waterproof gear, cameras and binoculars.

We even had to take the tortoises, as our tortoise 'sitters' had also gone on holiday.

They needed hay, lamps, boxes, heated pads, a playpen and a bed.

Finally we were ready and as we squeezed into a bulging-at-the-seams car, I remembered Jesus saying to his disciples, 'When you go on a journey, take nothing with you'.

Too late, I thought, but it did get me thinking.

Of course, we cannot go on holiday with nothing, but we have become a people of possessions.

We have more gismos and gadgets than any other generation before us.

Does that make us more content, or do we take it all for granted?

This same week we enjoyed an evening of 'Messy Church' when about 54 of us shared a meal, some craft work and a lot of fun together.

I watched as children and adults made things together, without computers or any other modern wizardry.

The children enjoyed the simplicity of glue and card, decorating biscuits, putting plants in flower pots, making Easter baskets and just using all their God-given creativity.

It certainly was 'messy' but it surely was fun.

The God spark in each of us will never be replaced by technology, but sometimes we have to be reminded of it.

So I think I will go back for my paints and Scrabble - it might just fit in.

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TAYVALLICH AND KILMARTIN



CHURCHES in Tayvallich and Kilmartin this week celebrated the Passover with a special musical performance. The church choir staged From Pharaoh to Freedom which used song to illustrate the vital relationship between the Jewish festival and the Christian celebration of Holy Communion. The choir included the congregations of North Knapdale, Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford churches.

TARBERT

Decorators wanted

DOOKERS are urgently being sought to help decorate Tarbert Parish Church, ensuring it re-opens as soon as possible.

DIY jobs such as cleaning, sanding, varnishing and painting still have to be completed before the renovated church can hold services.

People who are able to offer their time to the project can contact Lisa MacFarlane on 07900 174977.

Meanwhile fundraising activities are continuing to raise the £4,000 needed to repair the prominent church clock, with £1,500 already donated.

It is hoped the Easter coffee morning, taking place from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, April 19, will further boost the fundraising total.

FORD

Illustrated talk on Malawi

THE APRIL meeting of Ford SWRI saw Janet Jardine and her husband, David, give the group an illustrated talk on their recent visit to Malawi.

The couple were amongst eight people to visit the country through a twinning initiative run by Mid Argyll churches.

Visiting their partner church in Lilongwe, the

couple saw first hand the living conditions Malawi people endure, as well as the work being carried out by hospitals, schools and a very well run orphanage.

Janet and David stressed the value of the link between the Mid Argyll and Lilongwe communities, stating the everyday commodities we take for granted are much less abundant in Malawi.

Coffee from Malawi was sampled by the women and David judged the now well known 'Fish & Chip' baby jumpers, which had been entered for the monthly competition.

The winner was Sue Grocock, second Mavis Yuill and third was Heather Dixon.

ARDRISHAIG

Skipping for the British Heart Foundation

STAFF and pupils from Ardrishaig Primary School raised more than £1,700 for the British Heart Foundation when they took part in a sponsored skip-athon.

In the run up to the event, children practised skipping during their P.E lessons and then took part in a variety of skipping events during the day itself, culminating in the whole school performing a mass skip at lunch time.

Pupils and staff also traded in their usual

school dress and wore red for the day in order to raise awareness of the charity.

TIGHNABRUAICH

New beauty therapist

A NEW beauty therapist has joined the team at Portavadie Marina, which will see a range of new treatments offered.

Katrina Owen has joined The Beauty Room and will offer reflexology and spray tanning to users alongside the existing therapies.

The marina hopes the addition of Katrina will encourage more people in the local area to make the trip to Portavadie for treatments.

ACHNAMARA

Trip down memory lane

OLDER residents of Achnamara took a trip down memory lane recently as they attended the village primary school to tell youngsters what their community was like in yester years.

The children had prepared home baking and tea to serve as they asked questions about life in the village years ago. Some of the visitors had been pupils of the school when it was first built and brought photos to show the children how it looked in the 1950's. George MacDonald brought old

forestry and farm tools to show, while Alistair Hamilton brought a wealth of information about the area including a 1900 map and a writing slate.

KILMICHAEL

Charity bingo night

A CHARITY bingo night that will raise cash for the British Heart Foundation will be held at the Horseshoe Inn on April 17.

There will be plenty of prizes and a raffle as well. People should have their dabbers at the ready for 7.30pm.

INVERARAY

History society hold meeting

IT WAS standing room only at the April meeting of Inveraray and District History Society as the very popular Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan was the guest speaker for the evening.

People travelled from as far a field as Glasgow to hear the BBC Alba sports commentator speak and they were not disappointed.

Mr MacLennan, author of Shinty and Shinty, Not an Orchid, spoke about the importance of Inveraray to the history of the national sport.

A fascinating and humorous evening, Mr MacLennan's talk almost became a debate when the subject of In-

veraray losing the Camanachd Cup in 1903 was discussed.

The Royal Burgh side however went on to win the cup in 1924-25, which a member of the audience suggested was the result of a Furnace man's contribution to the team.

Next month will see Inveraray and District History Society host its annual general meeting at the Nicholl Hall on May 20 at 7.30pm. The meeting is for members only.

KILBERRY

Scarecrow festival

THE KILBERRY Road Scarecrow Festival has begun in earnest.

Organised by Ormsary Social Club, the festival sees residents of the B8024 ring road erect colourful scarecrows in their gardens, highways and byways for all to see.

A hotly coveted prize is awarded to the best dressed scarecrow and Port Ban Holiday Park has already told the Squeak it is going for gold after its 2013 Scarecrow 'St Columba and his SSE monks' took the runner up spot.

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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

BAKER - Alistair and Louise (née Adam) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Alexander on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Aberdeen Hospital. A wee brother for Andrew and a new grandson for Flora and James Baker, Lochgilphead, and Christine and Alexander Adam, Aberdeen.

BARBER - Martin and Elaine (née Robins) are delighted to announce the arrival of Erin Morag on Friday, March 21, 2014. A little sister for Anna.



CAMERON

Edith Sarah, to a thrilled Craig and Emma (MacNair) on April 3, 2014. Many thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll and Paisley RAH.



MACKENZIE

Douglas and Diana (née Brodie) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, John Douglas, on April 2, 2014 at Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for Diana and the late John Brodie, and first great grandchild for Barbara McCallum. Special thanks to Dr Alan Mathers and his Team and Elspeth Colville, Midwife, Campbeltown.

STEWART - TAYLOR Chris and Cheryl are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Christopher Sean Stewart, on March 15, 2014. A little brother for Rachel and Teigan, and first grandchild for David and Joanne.

ENGAGEMENTS

MARTIN - PATERSON - James Martin and Jo-Anne Paterson would like to announce their engagement on March 23, 2014. Our families are absolutely delighted with this news.

DEATHS

BROWN (née Law) - Suddenly on Monday, April 7, 2014, Susan, beloved wife of the late Bill and devoted mother to Alan, Eric and Stuart. Much loved gran to Joanne, Kirsty, Morven, Ashley and Ian. Good friend and neighbour to many. The Funeral Service will be held in St John's Church on Tuesday, April 15 at 11am a.m. and thereafter to Cowal Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited.

LEYDEN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 6, 2014, Jamesina Hamilton (Ina), in her 99th year, 51 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Willie Leyden, much loved mother of Margaret, Arthur and the late Fay and a loving grandmother of Andrew, Ian and Scott. RIP Service in St Kierans RC Church, on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 1pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - Jenny and family would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, baking, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad passing. Sincere thanks to Dr Ward and nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, along with the extended care nursing team, for all their care and attention to Duncan during his illness. Our thanks are also extended to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a most comforting service, and to Rev Hilda Smith for providing a personal tribute. Thanksto Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and caring services; and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection has realised over £600, which will be divided between Glenaray Ward and extended care nursing team. Thank you.

HARROGATE - The family of the late Mary Stewart Harrogate would like to thank everyone who helped us in our recent sad loss of our beloved mum and granny. Thanks to the ambulance men and Dr Villalba for attending and for his kindness to us, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their caring and professional services, The Ardsheel Hotel for the purvey and lastly, to everyone who attended the service and sent messages of sympathy, we thank you all.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROCK - Treasured memories of my dear husband, Ian, who died April 11, 2006.

Not just today, Always in my thoughts. Flora.

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

MACLULLICH - In loving memory of Duncan who died on April 11, 2013, dear husband, father and brother. Always in our thoughts, Annette, Alasdair and Ishobel.

MARTIN - In loving memory of Jimmy, who died on April 11, 1998. Always in my thoughts, Alice.

MARTIN - In loving memory of a dear dad and grandad, James, who died April 11, 1998.

Always in our thoughts, from his family at home and away.

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

WEIR - In loving memory of my dearest husband Alex, died April 11, 2013.

Gone but not forgotten, Although we are apart, Your spirit lives within me, Forever in my heart, Your loving wife Tina xx. **WEIR** - His weary hours and days of pain His troubled nights are past, And in our aching hearts we know, He has found sweet rest at last. We love and miss you, Bell and Jim xx.

WEIR - Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Love always, Allan, Jinty Alastair, Ailsa, Kian and Kara.

WEIR - Alex. In loving memory of a dear dad and papa. Sadly missed, Allan, Kirsteen, Colin, David and Andy x.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday 13th April
 Palm Sunday
 Glassary 10.00am
 Rev. C. Acklam
 All welcome
 SCO 02121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
 Sunday 13th April 2014
 11.00am Morning Service
 At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
 Monday 14th April 2014
 Ladies Meeting - 2.30pm
 Easter Quiz
 Free Church Hall
 Wednesday 16th April
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 Sunday 13 April 2014
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "The Humility of Christ"
 Thursday 17 April 2014
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday Service
 11.00 am
 with Sunday school
 Refreshments after the service
 Baby & Toddler Group
 10.00 - 11.45 am
 Every Thursday (term time only)
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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free church of scotland
 George Street, Campbeltown
 Sunday 13th April
 12.45pm Worship Service
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie
 No Sunday School
 Details for the Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will be announced on Sunday
 All Welcome
 Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

Highland Parish Church
 SCO02493
 Sunday 13th April
 11.15am Mr. W. Crossan
 No Sunday School
 Tuesday 15th April
 Session Meeting
 Kirk St Hall - 7pm
 Everyone very welcome

GIGHA AND CARA LINKED WITH KILCALMONELL LINKED WITH KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE
 Gigha and Cara Parish Church
 Sunday 20th April
 Easter Service 11am
 Rev. David Thom
 Kilmalmonell Parish Church
 Clachan
 Sunday 20th April
 Easter Service 10am
 Ms. Marilyn Shedden

Killean and Kilchenzie Parish Church A'Chleit
 Thursday 17th April
 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm
 Rev. David Thom
 Sunday 20th April
 Easter Morning Beach Service 7:30am (followed by breakfast in A'Chleit Hall)
 Rev. David Thom
 Easter Service 11:30am
 Ms. Marilyn Shedden
 All welcome

Scottish Episcopal Churches
 Everyone Welcome
 Holy Week Services April 2014
 Christ Church, Lochgilphead
 13th Palm Sunday 11 am
 17th Maundy Thurs 7 pm
 18th Good Friday 12 - 3 Ecumenical Service: Meditation on the Passion (Drop in)
 All Saints, Inveraray
 19th 8pm Watch Night of Easter
 Easter Sunday 20th
 9am St Columba, Poltalloch (Holy Communion)
 11am Christ Church Easter Liturgy
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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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 Sunday 13th April 2014
 11.15am Family Communion with crèche
 Pastor Ross Ferguson
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 Wednesday 16th April 2014
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 7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
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St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
 "It is good to sing praises to our God"
 Sunday 13th April
 Palm Sunday
 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
 Service in Achahoish at 9:45am
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Friday 18th April
 Good Friday
 Vigil Service
 in Christchurch, Lochgilphead from 12noon till 3:00pm
 Evening Reflection in Ardrishaig Church at 6:30pm followed by Night-time Thoughts in Columba's Cave, Ellary at 8:00pm
 Sunday 20th April
 Easter Sunday
 "He is not here, for he has risen!"
 Service in Achahoish at 9:45am
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
 Sunday 13th April
 Morning Worship 11.15am
 Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
 Rev P Wallace
 Monday 14th-Saturday 18th April
 Easter Reflections and Breakfast 7.30am New Hall
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 Tuesday 15th April
 BB Anchor Boys 6-7pm
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 Thursday 17th April
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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
 13th April 2014 - all welcome!
 Cumloddan Lochfyneside and Lochgair
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 Morning Service in Cumloddan Church at 10 am
 Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm
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 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
 Sunday 13 April
 Bellanoch Church 11:30 am
 Palm Sunday Worship
 Thursday 17 April
 Tayvallich Church 7 pm
 Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday 18 April
 Bellanoch Church 7 pm
 Good Friday Meditations
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TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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Close encounter for high school football teams

Campbeltown Grammar 4
Lochgilphead HS 3
School Football - Boys

LOCHGILPHEAD High School's senior boys team made the journey down the Kintyre peninsula to take on Campbeltown Grammar school in a friendly match last Thursday and it was the Campbeltown boys that came out on top in a pulsating game.

Both teams were a credit to their schools as the game was played in a competitive but good sporting manner.

Lochgilphead took the lead after 20 minutes when a long-range strike was fumbled by the goalkeeper and Ewan Dudding reacted quickest to thump home the opener.

The lead did not last long as Campbeltown equalised 10 minutes

later. A terrific through ball was taken down expertly by the striker, who despatched a volley over McCulloch's head and into the empty net.

The second half started evenly with neither side creating too many chances but it was Campbeltown who took the lead after 60 minutes when their pacy midfielder broke free and finished well to make it 2-1 to the home side.

Campbeltown went further ahead with a long-range strike which swerved into the top corner leaving McCulloch no chance.

Despite being 3-1 down the Lochgilphead boys continued to put pressure on the Campbeltown defence and

were rewarded for their efforts when Cammy Hendry scored with a neat finish after a good passing move.

At 3-2 down Lochgilphead were pushing for the equaliser and had to commit men forward. This left them vulnerable to the counter attack at the back and Campbeltown broke once again to score a fourth goal.

Lochgilphead then went straight up the other end from the kick off and pulled themselves back into the game once again. A long range effort was fumbled by the Campbeltown keeper and Cammy Hendry tapped home from close range for his second goal of the game.

Despite a couple of late chances, Lochgilphead were unable to find the equaliser in the closing stages and the game finished 4-3.



The Lochgilphead High School senior boys were narrowly defeated by their Campbeltown counterparts.

Share of the points for ten men Star

Lochgilphead Red Star 3
Allander Colts 3
DFDL Under 17 League

RED Star under 17s could only secure a draw on Saturday when they welcomed Allander Colts to play on a waterlogged and muddy Ropework Park football pitch.

Star's Hendry opened the scoring when he steered a Coates' shot from the left past the stranded away keeper. This put Star in complete control and the home side looked like they would extend their lead with every attack, but the game soon

changed when Allander scored twice in quick succession to lead 2-1.

Star were reduced to ten men when the Allander striker raced clear on goal only for Gibson to clip his heels as he was about to shoot. The referee had no option but to show him a red card.

Into the second half and both teams pushed to add to their tally, with Star's McCulloch forced to make a great save from a free header in the box.

It was Red Star however who equalised when Hendry burst through on goal to stroke the ball into the net with a composed finish.

Dominate

Star began to dominate the game but again it was the visitors who who netted their third in a 30 second period that almost defined Stars season so far. From a corner the ball broke to Moore who shot for goal, only for the defender to clear off the line.

Allander broke up field and with Red Star exposed at the back the striker forced the ball past the combined efforts of McCulloch in goal and Mclean on the

goal line to extend the lead. The under 17 side does not lack character however and they were rewarded in the last five minutes when Wylie was on hand to score after the keeper could not hold a Moore shot, calmly slotting the ball past the keeper and into the net.

Coach Brain Deans said: 'It was a terrific second half performance from the team, especially given the conditions, and for some it was their third game in seven days, after last week's draw with Ardencaple and a highly entertaining and competitive school game in Campbeltown on Thursday night.'

Lochgilphead and Tarbert girls go head to head in first football match

Tarbert Academy 3
Lochgilphead HS 2
School Football - Girls

THE FIRST and only girls football team at Lochgilphead High School took part in their second ever competitive match last week when they took on rivals Tarbert Academy in a schools exhibition match.

The Lochgilphead team has been training since October with Active Schools coordinator Innes Paterson, while Tarbert Academy girls are being coached by new PE teacher Dave Sandercock.

The teacher has already assembled a team full of enthusiastic and talented girls who finally came out on top of what was an exciting game between the two young teams.

The game started at a frantic pace and it was

Tarbert that were on top in the early stages. With the wind at their backs, they took full advantage and took the lead through a powerful strike from Jacquelyn Clark. Despite having a number of efforts on goal during the remainder of the first half, Tarbert were unable to add to their tally and the score line at half-time remained 1-0.

Tarbert started the second half in similar style and extended their lead to 2-0 with a tidy finish from Tara Christie. This goal seemed to kick start Lochgilphead and they created several chances which were thwarted by some excellent goal-keeping.

A goal finally ar-

rived for the Lochgilphead girls through Captain Lauren MacDonald. After pulling the ball down, she beat the defender before slotting it past the goalkeeper to make it 2-1.

Tarbert then increased their lead almost immediately after the re-start with a well worked goal from Emma MacFarlane.

Despite going 3-1 behind, the Lochgilphead girls did not let their heads go down and they got themselves back in the game thanks to a long-range strike from Ashley Gorrie.

The closing moments were exciting for the supporters with chances falling to both teams but Tarbert held on for a deserved 3-2 victory.

Following the success of this fixture, both coaches are looking to play more regular games between the schools in the future.

Shinty News and Views

INVERARAY only managed a draw against Lochaber on Saturday but would have won comfortably were it not for the heroics of Lochaber goalkeeper Calum MacDonald.

That was the view of the Royal Burgh player manager Garry MacPherson, who could not hide his frustration at a missed opportunity to climb the Orion Group Premiership table.

Two lapses in concentration early on saw Lochaber race to a 2-0 lead after just 20 minutes at the Winterton but the hosts went on to dominate proceedings, scoring through Chris Crawford and Euan McMurdo and level the tie. Inveraray still have

long-term injury woes to contend with but the emergence of young half-back John Kennedy is giving cause for optimism ahead of a tough game against Glenurquhart, to be played at Winterton Park this Saturday.

KYLES ATHLETIC will fancy getting their first win of the 2014 campaign against Kinlochshiel this Saturday after leaving The Dell with a point last weekend.

With only two draws from four games so far this season, the Tighnabruach men will hope to give their league season a boost with two points this Saturday.

Kyles are at home to Kinlochshiel this weekend.

Kyles' junior team recorded a thumping 5-1 away victory over Tayforth last Saturday, thanks to a hat trick from Roddy MacColl. Innes MacDonald and Ally MacKay added the extras.

STRACHUR shinty team crashed out of the Balliemore Cup after they were forced to forfeit the match against Skye as they could not field a team.

The South Division One side will be back in league action tomorrow (Saturday) when they play Ballachulish at Strachur Park.

The teams sit joint second in the league table, but Ballachulish has a game in hand.

The match will throw up at 2.30pm.

KILMORY lost their home advantage in their Balliemore Cup clash after Saturday's game against Inverness was postponed because of the weather.

The Mid Argyll men will now make the eight hour round journey to fulfil the first round fixture against the North Division One team tomorrow (Saturday).

Alister MacArthur, from Kilmory, said: 'Playing a north side will be totally different to what we are used to, but we are looking forward to it.'

The side currently sit top of South Division One and stormed into the next round of the AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup with a 4-1 win over Ballachulish.

Lottery numbers

KAREN McLarty was the lucky winner of £1,300 in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery with numbers 6, 9 and 19 drawn. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

The numbers in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery were 5, 18 and 19. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £600 next week.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Lottery with numbers 11, 15 and 20 drawn. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

Red Star agree Jimmy Marshall Cup tie switch

RED Star will travel to Oban on Wednesday 16 April to take on Oban Saints in the 2nd round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup

The match should have been played in Lochgilphead but because of the poor state of the Ropework Park playing surface Red Star has agreed to switch the game to Oban.

Kick-off will be 6.30pm at Glencruitten.

Lochgilphead's Duncan and Paul hit rally road

Racing duo perform well in Scottish Tarmac Championship

TWO BUDDING race car drivers from Lochgilphead launched themselves onto the Scottish rally car scene on Saturday when they took part in the Scottish Tarmac Rally (STRC) Championship.

Duncan MacLean and Paul Hunter performed in the second round of the competition in Ingleston in their newly fitted Woodhouse Motorsport 106 GTi rally car.

The men, who were greeted by damp conditions, were tasked with completing eight routes, known as stages, on the day but mechanical problems squashed their ambitions of a top ten finish.

The Mid Argyll men struggled for grip in the first two stages of the day but were getting visibly quicker as the day progressed. Duncan got to grips with the new machinery and Paul



Duncan MacLean and Paul Hunter took part in the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship on Saturday.

grew more confident with the notes.

Duncan showed great commitment at Ingleston's famous 'roundabout jump' in stage three. With barely a lift before take off he slid the car

majestically down on the hairpin bend.

Unfortunately, the pace the boys were maintaining resulted in the car suffering some damage and, on stage 5, while on a real push, the off-

side driveshaft broke away from the hub.

The pair had to sit with the stricken 106 until the next stage was completed before being recovered to service, where the woodhouse mechan-

ics had the shaft changed in super quick time and the car ready to re-join the rally for the final two stages.

But, due to a small health and safety issue, stage seven and consequently stage eight were cancelled and the rally results stood after stage six.

From a starting position of 85 the Lochgilphead lads had climbed to 47th overall and 14th in their class, which had a total of 29 competing cars.

Duncan and Paul will return to the racecourse on July 5 and 6 as Dunfermline Car Club brings the STRC to Machrihanish, in Kintyre.

Scottish Amateur Football League results and fixtures

FOOTBALL

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Castlemilk v Oban Saints postponed. Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 4, Shawlands 1; Dunoon v Rutherglen postponed. Premier Division Two - Goldenhill v Dunoon Athletic postponed; Lochgilphead Red Star v Easthall Star postponed. Division 1A - Tarbert 11, Shawlands 'B' 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - St Joseph's v Oban Saints. Premier Division One - Dunoon v Kings Park Rangers; Rutherglen v Campbeltown Pupils. Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v Glencastle Sparta; Port Glasgow United v Dunoon Athletic. Division 1A - Tarbert v Millerston Thistle.



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Tarbert remain unbeaten in 2014



David Ronald scored one of Tarbert's 11 goals on Saturday.

Dookers fire 11 goals past a luckless Shawlands 'B'

TARBERT Football Club maintained their good form when they returned to league duty on Saturday, putting 11 past Shawlands B to retain their unbeaten record in 2014.

Manager James Prentice made two changes to the team which won the previous week's Coronation Cup quarter final fixture, with the injured Mark McCormick and Craig Johnson replaced by David Ronald and Kyle Doull.

The Dookers quickly got on top of the

game with every Tarbert player working extremely hard to close down their opponents and provide an option to the team-mates when in possession. This was to be the standard for the game as the Dookers turned in an excellent display of passing football on what was, once again, a poor playing surface.

Tarbert's good play was rewarded with 15 minutes when Prentice opened the scoring with a low shot into the bottom cor-

Tarbert	11
Shawlands 'B'	2
SAFL Division 1A	

ner from 18 yards. Tarbert quickly added two identical goals through Nikki MacDougall, who scored with headers from Allan Blair corners.

With half an hour played Shawlands pulled a goal back when Tarbert lost the ball while attacking and, with the defence outnumbered, the unmarked midfielder fired low into the net at the back post.

Tarbert quickly regained control of the match however when a corner was cleared only as far as Callum Elliott and his ball over the defence found Kyle Doull, who took a touch before shooting across the goalkeeper into the far corner.

On the stroke of haltime Tarbert added to the scoreline when Prentice was on hand to tap the ball in when the goalkeeper

dropped a powerful shot from Malcolm MacIver.

The start of the second half saw Shawlands have their best spell of the game when they forced Tarbert goalkeeper John Martin into two good saves but Tarbert quickly nipped this spell of pressure in the bud when they scored their sixth.

Prentice completed his hat trick when he spun in from the left and unleashed a daisy cutter from 25 yards which left the keeper with no chance at the near post.

Despite leading the match 6-1, the home side maintained their efforts to score a further five goals through James Prentice, David Ronald, Iain Johnson and two excellent finishes for young Kacper Krawczyk - his first goals for the club. Shawlands man-

aged to gain one final consolation goal but the whistle soon blew for full time with the final score 11-2.

Man of the match was awarded to Malcolm MacIver for his hard tackling and great use of the ball in centre midfield.

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