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Council bites back over critical schools report

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A SPECIAL meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last week backed officers in a formal complaint about the conduct of Scotland's official school watchdog.

Members agreed that the council should accept the findings of a recent highly-critical Education Scotland report, and an action plan is now in place to improve education services in Argyll and Bute.

But councillors also supported concerns raised by council officers over the process and conduct of the September 2016 inspection – focusing on the conduct of individual inspectors.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for

education and life-long learning, said: 'It seems strange that the criteria we only saw in August formed a key part of the inspection in September. The inspection followed just weeks after publication of the criteria which hadn't yet permeated around the council and staff.'

Helensburgh member Gary Mulvaney voiced his own concerns, saying: 'When reading the [Education Scotland] report the tone is adversarial and very aggressive, maybe even hinting at another agenda.'

This backlash against Education Scotland comes after council leaders were accused of failing to accept

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Summer is coming as bowlers hit the greens

Bathed in spring sunshine last weekend, Fiona Crawford plays the ceremonial opening shot of the 2017 outdoor season at Lochgilphead Bowling club as fellow bowlers look on. Full story on page 31.

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Tenant's dampness woes prompt flood memories



Mrs Heafy has had dampness in her home since she moved in. 06_a14ACHArowanpk03

A STORY in the April 7 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* about an 80-year-old woman sleeping in her living room because her bedroom was too damp compelled a reader to get in touch.

The subject of the story was Mrs Agnes Heafy, a tenant of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) at the Rowan Park development in Lochgilphead.

Dampness has been

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a problem for many years in her home, and last week ACHA put the problem down to damp cavity wall insulation, with moisture penetrating through the outside gable.

The external wall had been re-roughcast and internal plasterwork renewed in Mrs Heafy's bedroom.

Mrs Heafy's family is convinced, however, that the dampness is coming from underneath the property and rising through the fabric of the building.

The reader, a retired firefighter from Lochgilphead, got in touch – see letters, page 6 – to say that he recalls being called out with the fire brigade to a house near Mrs Heafy's home 30 years ago.

Pump

The call-out was not to deal with a fire, but to pump out water from under the (then) council house.

The former firefighter, who prefers not to be named, said: 'At that time we pumped hundreds of gallons of water out from the council house, as it was at the time.'

'At the time the be-

lief was that there was a spring near the houses that was causing the problem.'

Though not making a direct link between the two incidences of water damage, he was nonetheless struck by the coincidence, saying: 'I don't know the full details about Mrs Heafy's house, and events over the road 30 years ago may be completely unrelated, but it just brought back memories for me.'

The *Advertiser* contacted ACHA for its views, and Christine Johnston, director of housing and neighbourhood services at the association, replied: 'You will be aware that ACHA only took over these houses from the council in 2006 through the stock transfer, so I am sorry but we are unable to comment on an incident that took place around 30 years ago and what remedial measures the council may have taken.'

'However, we are currently working with our tenant Mrs Heafy to address the issues raised with us regarding her property.'

Police files

Dangerous driving

POLICE arrested a 31-year-old man after a blue Vauxhall Vectra was reported to have been driven in a dangerous manner while overtaking on the A83 near Inveraray at 3.10pm on Tuesday April 4.

The man was charged with dangerous driving and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Man arrested and charged

DURING police investigations on April 5 into men carrying out work at the home of an elderly Lochgilphead woman, a man, aged 24 was detained for providing false details.

The man was arrested, charged and held for court the following day and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

In relation to this incident, police are appealing to any witnesses or anyone with information about the driver of a red Renault Laguna estate car, registration number HK07 OTU, to contact them.

Heating oil stolen

SOME time between January 19 and February 4, heating oil was stolen from a tank at a house at the Corran

roundabout in Lochgilphead.

Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with information to contact them.

Theft from shed

A GARDEN strimmer and a chainsaw were stolen from an unlocked shed at a house in Achnamara between March 26 and April 9.

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

Bicycles lifted

A MOUNTAIN bike was stolen from outside a house in West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, between 7pm and 9pm on Saturday April 8.

In Lochgilphead, a child's green BMX bike was stolen from a garden in Ross Crescent between 9pm on Saturday April 8 and 9am on Sunday.

Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

IF ANY member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Arrests made after weekend of violence

TWO MEN have been arrested after violent attacks in Dunoon at the weekend left two men in hospital with serious injuries.

The first attack took place sometime between 8pm on Saturday April 8 and half past midnight, although it wasn't until the following morning that officers were notified by medical staff at Cowal Community Hospital that a 20-year-old man had received treatment for serious injuries, inflicted by a bladed weapon.

Detectives believe this may relate to a disturbance within a flat in John Street, Dunoon. A 26-year-old man was arrested and detained for a court appear-

ance. Inspector Douglas Wilson, Dunoon CID, said: 'I am asking anyone with any information to contact us.'

'You may think the information you have is insignificant, but it could make all the difference.'

The violence continued on Sunday evening when a stabbing left a man in critical condition, with detectives treating it as attempted murder.

At around 5.15pm on Sunday April 9, a 30-year-old man was allegedly stabbed during an altercation with two other men in a flat on Auchamore Road.

Left with severe injuries, the man was taken to Cowal Com-

munity Hospital and later transferred to Inverclyde Royal Hospital where medical staff now describe his condition as stable.

A 25-year-old man has since been arrested and detained in police custody in connection with the incident.

Detective Inspector Wilson said: 'There will have been plenty of people around in the aftermath of this violent attack and I would appeal to any witnesses to come forward.'

Anyone with information is asked to contact officers at Dunoon CID via 101 or CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111 where details can be given in confidence.

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Tony leads the tunes for accordion and fiddle club

THE RED Cross Centre in Lochgilphead will play host once more to the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club as they get set for a big night of tunes.

The club will meet on Tuesday April 18 for their regular dose of traditional music, with special guest artist Tony Kearney headlining the evening.

The music will get going around 7pm to 7.30pm and any local musicians are more than welcome to come along and join in and the club is looking for a good turnout.

Tickets cost £5, players are free.

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Meet your election candidates

MOST OF us, from time to time, grumble about Argyll and Bute Council.

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about what we see the council getting up to and how money is spent.

In just three weeks, there will be a chance to elect your councillors – and the *Argyllshire Advertiser* is

offering you the perfect opportunity to meet the candidates and question them about their views on the issues that concern you most about our local authority.

A hustings will be

held at Ardrishaig Public Hall next Tuesday, April 18, at which candidates for the Mid Argyll ward will present their case for election and face questions from the public – though time will

limit the number of questions that can be asked. Topics for discussion will be restricted to those immediately relating to the work of Argyll and Bute Council.

The event is free and

open to the public. Proceedings will get under way at 7.30pm, so it would be advisable to get to the hall slightly earlier to avoid disappointment on what should be a lively evening of discussion.

Beaumont makes another fleeting return to Argyll

ENDURANCE cyclist Mark Beaumont was Wild About Argyll and then some on day eight of his Around Britain training ride.

Mark stopped briefly in Argyll on Tuesday this week during his cycling tour around the coastline of Britain, a warm-up to his World Cycle chal-

lenge. Having started the day in Dumfries and Galloway, he entered Argyll and Bute, after a short ferry ride from Gourock, before heading west to Portavadie, over to Tarbert, across to Kilberry and then heading north again on the A83 to Oban. Along the way he passed some of Ar-

gyll's most scenic locations which featured in his Wild About Argyll challenge last year.

Gavin Dick, chairman of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC), has been following Mark on his route tracker, and has been very impressed with the pace he has maintained since leaving London.

Gavin said: 'We're amazed at his performance. We are very proud to say Mark is the face of Wild About Argyll and know he is inspiring the next generation of ultra adventurers.'

'We are looking forward to seeing him complete this part of his training, before his ultimate round the world in 80 days adventure this summer.'

The AITC encourages everyone to get behind Mark, give him their support and follow him around the entire coast of the British mainland. Follow Mark's progress via his tracker at www.artemisworldcycle.com.



Mark makes a pit stop in Tarbert on the eighth day of his British coastal cycle tour.

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Inveraray clubs challenged – ‘work with us on community centre’



AMBITIOUS plans to transform Inveraray's former school and community hall into a new multi-purpose community centre were centre stage last week.

Around 20 people turned out to the Nicol Hall last Thursday for the AGM of Inveraray Community Company, but with just four people presently on the company board, an appeal was made for people to come forward as volunteer directors.

After a wide consultation over the past year using the architect's drawings for the new community centre, chairman Derrick Anstee confirmed at the meeting that the plans had been scaled back in size, although he gave assurances that it would still serve the needs and desires of the people of Inveraray.

The big news, due to be announced at the

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AGM but delayed until the following day, was that the deeds of ownership of the community centre can now be transferred from a hall trust to the community company after a protracted transfer process.

The purpose of Inveraray Community Company is broadly to manage community land and assets and provide recreation facilities for the community.

Questions from the floor at the AGM soon made it clear that work needs to be done to raise the community company's profile among local people – with some present advocating a change in name to avoid confusion with Inveraray Community Council.

There was a call for a stronger and more re-

sponsive social media presence to draw in the younger generations and promote the company's activities.

Mr Anstee responded: 'Now you can see why we need more help from people of all ages.'

The meeting called for local clubs and groups to become involved in developing plans for the new community centre, as the community company moves towards the preparation of a business plan ahead of funding bids.

Closing the meeting, Mr Anstee said: 'We'll hopefully take on board a lot of what was said tonight.'

'We are not going to rush things with the community centre; we want something that is sustainable and that people want to use.'

Debate on the future of Inveraray at last week's community company AGM. 06_a15ln-vCommCo02

Future of Campbeltown care home a 'huge concern' for council

AUCHINLEE Care Home may be safe for now but problems will 'escalate' in the near future according to councillors.

A report from the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) confirmed details of a 12-month extension for the Campbeltown care home at a Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area council meeting last week.

Although there was relief at the meeting that Auchinlee will stay open for another year, councillors gave stark warnings of the problems that await Argyll

care homes in the near future.

The locality manager for the HSCP told the committee: 'We have begun to give guarantees of employment to staff and assurances that we will commit to operate services as such.'

Looking at the bigger picture, councillor Anne Horn said: 'Auchinlee is a huge concern. The current solution is only addressing what's here and now rather than what's to come in the very immediate future. With an aging population, the problem will escalate.'

'Auchinlee residents may be serviced satisfactorily in the end but future service users may not be. We're not thinking far enough into the future.'

With a £20million hole in the health budget, the committee agreed that long-term issues facing Auchinlee, and of care homes in general, cannot be understated.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'This problem is not going away. We need to keep pressure on the powers that be to look at longer term alternatives.'

Spring arrives at Tayvallich Hall

NORTH Knapdale Church marked the change of seasons with a special spring coffee morning last Saturday (April 8).

Tayvallich Hall hosted the seasonal event which raised £823.34 for church funds.

Morag Rea was the lucky winner of the Easter hamper with number 79.

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Argyll the perfect place to enjoy the 'rose tree' splendour

GARDENS throughout Argyll are taking part in a nationwide celebration of a bloom some describe as Scotland's second national flower – the rhododendron.

Organised by Discover Scottish Gardens and supported for the first time this year by VisitScotland, the Scottish Rhododendron Festival will run until May 31.

Coming hot on the heels of the increasingly popular Scottish Snowdrop Festival, the Scottish Rhododendron Festival will include public gardens, castle grounds all over the country.

A host of gardens that make up the Glorious

Gardens of Argyll and Bute, including Crae Garden, Benmore Botanic Garden, Arduaine, Inveraray Castle and Ardinglas Gardens, are taking part.

The festival was launched by Glorious Gardens of Argyll and Bute in 2015. After a successful first year, Discover Scottish Gardens extended the festival across the country and, in 2017, nearly 60 Scottish sites, including public and private gardens, are taking part.

They will be offering horticultural events, guided tours and exclusive openings in celebration of this exotic Asian spring shrub

that thrives so well in Scotland.

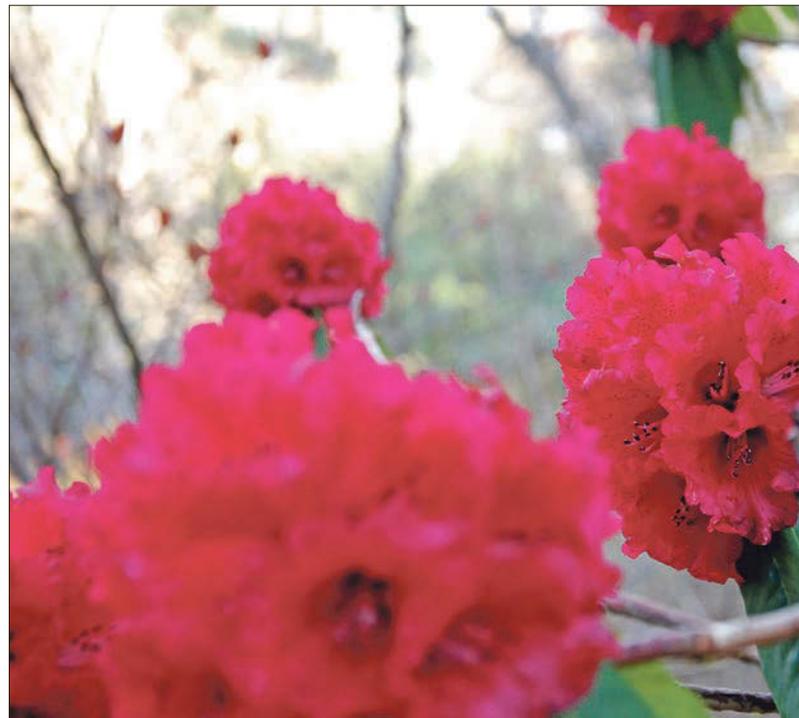
From the ancient Greek for 'rose' and 'tree', there are more than 1,000 species of rhododendron, which are famous for their vibrant colours. More than half of the participants are opening their gardens to raise money for national charity organisation Scotland's Gardens.

David Adams McGilp, regional director at VisitScotland, said: 'We hope people of all ages will be inspired to get out and about to enjoy these colourful, vibrant flowers around some of Argyll's most stunning gardens.'

Peter Baxter, curator

of Benmore Botanic Garden and chairman of Glorious Gardens of Argyll and Bute, said: 'The rhododendron season is already well under way but many more will still flower in April and May. It is not only a sight to behold as aromatic foliage is another bonus in rhododendrons which can come as something of a pleasant surprise to the uninitiated.'

'The west of Scotland has a particularly good climate for growing this spectacular group of plants, which prompted the Glorious Gardens of Argyll to instigate the initial festival in Scotland in 2015.'



Rhododendrons, like this example in Crae Garden, are coming into magnificent full bloom. 06_a15rhodies01

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We would urge anyone with an interest in the future of Mid Argyll to come to Ardrishaig Public Hall next Tuesday – see details on page 3 in this edition – and size up the people who aspire to be our councillors.

Stand up for community

IT IS, sadly, an all-too-common problem across Argyll and Bute – too few people willing to stand up and volunteer on community groups.

Whether this is the result of an ageing population, growing apathy or the power of TV and Facebook over real social interaction, it is hard to say, but it seems to be on the increase.

In this edition you will read about an appeal for people to become directors of Inveraray Community Company.

Elsewhere, the future of Tarbert Flower Show is under threat due to a lack of volunteers.

There are always plenty of people willing to criticise and offer helpful suggestions from the sidelines – so maybe it is time to get involved and offer your skills where they can do most good.

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Improving Scotland's parking

Sir,
I read with interest last week's Argyllshire Advertiser front page story on pavement parking.

Guide dog owners are among the many people who are affected by pavement parking.

If there is not enough room to get past on the pavement, the dog will guide its owner onto the road, around the vehicle, and back onto the pavement.

The Scottish Government has launched its consultation on improving parking in Scotland to seek views on proposed parking restrictions and we would encourage people to respond to the public consultation, which ends on June 30.

The findings of the stakeholder consultation will inform the development of the parking provisions in the government's bill and supporting guidance to be introduced in this parliamentary session. The website can be found at www.consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/ where you can complete a consultation.

Those who would like to see an end to pavement parking can also submit a shorter response via the Living Streets website www.bit.ly/2oA2iaN

Emma Brown,
Engagement Officer,
Guide Dogs Scotland

Colourful toddle coming up

Sir,
Toddlers in Argyll and Bute raised £852 for Barnardo's Scotland during last summer's animal-themed Big Toddle.

We would like to thank to the toddlers who dressed up as animals such as tigers and giraffes and took part in a half mile walk to raise money for vulnerable children.

Nurseries and parents are now signing up to take part in this year's Big Toddle, which runs from June 19 to 25, and has the theme of 'colours'.

The Big Toddle is marking its 20th anniversary this year by teaming up with the Teletubbies, who are also celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Since 1997, the Big Toddle has raised £14.5 million.

A huge thank you to everyone in Scotland who helped raise more than £27,000 by taking part in the 2016 Big Toddle which is helping to transform the lives of the most vulnerable children in Scotland.

I'm delighted that lots of nurseries, parents and children are signing up to this year's Big Toddle which is sure to be a colourful walk.

To find out more and to register to Barnardo's Big Toddle please visit www.bigtoddle.org.uk.

Martin Crewe,
Barnardo's
Scotland director

Spring causing problem?

Sir,
I was very interested to read in the April 7 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* about the plight of Agnes Heafy, who is living in an ACHA house in Lochgilphead with seemingly serious damp problems.

I was particularly interested because I was one of the firefighters who pumped water from underneath a house on the other side of the road from Mrs Heafy's home about 30 years ago.

At that time we pumped hundreds of gallons of water out from the council house, as it was at the time, and I remember council workers being up to their waists in water.

At the time the belief was that there was a spring near the houses that was causing the problem.

I don't know the full details about Mrs Heafy's house, and events over the road 30 years ago may be completely unrelated, but it just brought back memories for me.

Retired firefighter,
Lochgilphead
(name and address
supplied)

Benefit cut 'disgraceful'

Sir,
In all my years I have not seen any government policy as disgusting and disgraceful as this Tory regime's in-

attention to cut benefits to poor families or mothers with a third child unless it can be proved that that third child was conceived as a result of rape.

Words escape me.

And is the father of this child if identified as such then taken to court and charged? Disgusting and imbecilic.

Dave McEwan Hill,
Sandbank, Dunoon

Carers need more support

Sir,
A third of carers have never had any significant time away since they started caring. Astonishing when you consider that more than five out of 10 had been in a caring role for 10 years or more and 30 per cent are 70 or over.

I work for Revitalise, a charity that provides respite breaks for disabled people and carers from all across the UK.

We're now able to provide further support via the Simplyhealth Care Community, an online carers' forum. This enables unpaid carers to be part of an online support community, a place where they can talk about their concerns, experiences and ask questions to others in similar situations.

We know it's likely there are thousands more carers out there who feel the same and are in need of our support.

Stephanie Stone, Revitalise.

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Blame game does nothing for our children

AS BLAME was hurled around the council chamber last Friday, there was a feeling that the real issues in the recent Education Scotland report were being a little overlooked.

The council administration is clearly aggrieved by the report.

At the special meeting, it became apparent that certain councillors felt Education Scotland approached the inspection with preconceived notions – though why this might be is not clear.

They may have a case. The inspection framework used is now out of date, it was claimed that none of the inspectors were education practitioners and council staff complained of rushed interviews and loaded questions.

Even councillors at the meeting who pressed for withdrawal of the formal complaint felt that questions remain over the inspection.

It is a shame, though, that the process and conduct of the inspection, rather than the results, are what dominated the council debate.

It is this adversarial attitude that inspectors highlighted as one of the most destructive features of the council's educational leadership, with Friday's meeting doing little to allay those concerns.

The council claimed the overall 'weak' grading in the report was unsound, with their own self-evaluation grading of 'satisfactory' nearer the truth.

But surely to goodness our ambitions need to be much higher than 'satisfactory'?

The report should be a catalyst for improvement and not a point of conflict.

Supporting teachers, school staff and pupils must now be the overriding concern as we look forward to a new council following May's elections.

Unions stress impact on staff following inspectors' report

TWO EDUCATION unions have warned of the impact on school staff and pupils of the recent Education Scotland findings, writes *Neill Bo Finlayson*.

With many aspects of Argyll and Bute's education services graded 'weak', leadership and staff support were singled out as particularly poor. Failings in communication, ethos and values across the education service were pinpointed along with concerns relating to staff isolation and poor morale.

Larry Flanagan, general secretary of the Education Institute of Scotland, said: 'Educational leadership at local authority level is vital. Its weakness, and in some instances absence, in Argyll and Bute undoubtedly impacts on the ability of schools to support pupils' learning. This has been further exacerbated on occasion by ill-informed and ill-judged comments from local councillors which serve to undermine the morale of hard-working teachers trying to focus on the needs of their pupils.'

Another education union, Voice Scotland, raised concerns about the 'trickle down' impact of government and council deci-



sions on head teachers, school staff and children. Jennifer Barnes, of Voice Scotland, said: 'All school staff are committed to doing the best they can for their children. Reductions in support from education officers to head teachers can leave them feeling undervalued and overwhelmed with work, impacting on a school and its pupils. Negative inspection reports can affect the morale, confidence and support of school staff, especially when the issues are outwith their personal control.'

Council hits back over critical report

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responsibility for the results of the report.

Councillor Sandy Taylor tabled an amendment at last Friday's special meeting proposing that the formal complaint made to Education Scotland be withdrawn, commenting that this is one of the 'worst reports' the council has received and yet 'no one is wanting to learn from it'.

He continued: 'Going forward, the need for a formal complaint has every potential to deny or prohibit relationships with Education Scotland, which is one we need for improvement.'

Councillor Vivien Dance focused on the wider education picture in Argyll and Bute, commenting: 'This is a sad day for Argyll and Bute Council. I feel for the children and it is disappointing to know

they will be attending a school that the powers that be have labelled as weak.

'What I've seen today is a denial of our own weaknesses. Denial as a local authority will get us nowhere as we've proved in years before.'

She added: 'This is definitely a case of reputational damage for the council. The devil is in the detail and we have many fears to allay. The issue here is

that frontline staff are having difficulty with strategic leadership.'

Council leader Dick Walsh responded by saying that everyone in the council is proud of the education service and the work of staff, but improvement is needed.

He said: 'I appeal to everyone to put differences aside and support the motion which recognises what we need to do going forward.'

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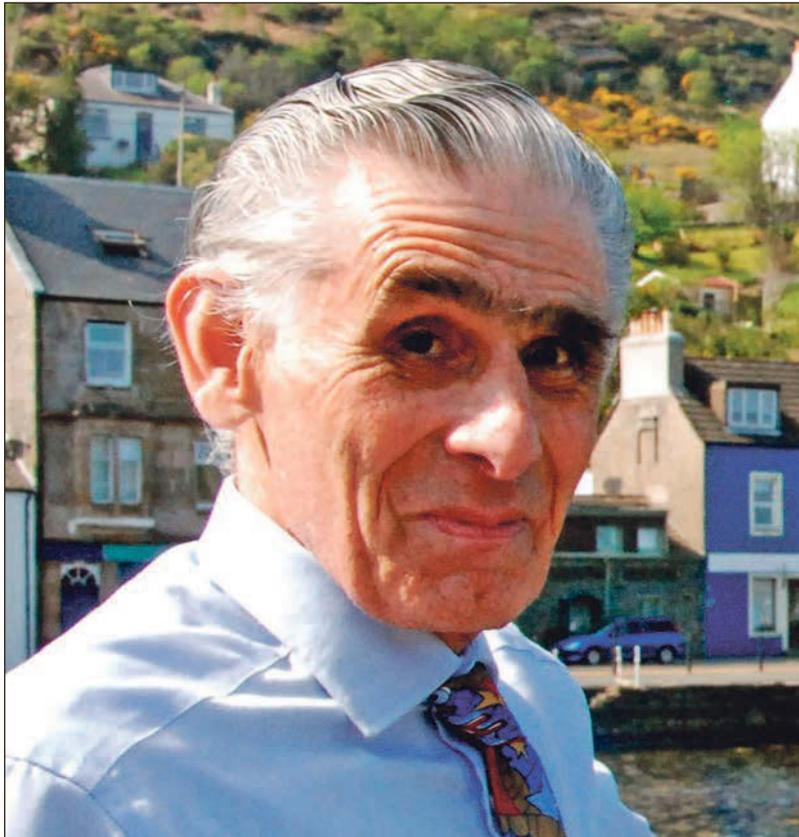
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Urgent appeal for help to prevent Tarbert show from withering



Ian MacIntyre has asked people to support the show. 06_a21tarbertpark02

A MAJOR fixture in Tarbert's social calendar for almost 70 years could cease to exist if new volunteers fail to come forward.

A public meeting of Tarbert Horticultural Society, to be held next Thursday, will attempt to form a new and younger committee for Tarbert Flower and Vegetable Show.

Ian MacIntyre, himself a committee member for decades, said: 'Over the past few years the number of voluntary helpers has been reducing, and now must be replaced to ensure the continuation of the show.'

by COLIN CAMERON
 editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A recent committee meeting concluded that it is now essential to recruit new members if the show is not to wither and die. Mr MacIntyre said: 'Volunteers are required to take on the task of organising this year's show. The retiring members will continue and act as advisers during a settling in period, for a rejuvenated committee.'

The Tarbert Flower and Vegetable Show has been held annually since 1949, without a break. The first

show was arranged by a committee of local business people under the chairmanship of Dr AC Mayer. The objective was to encourage the growing – and thus the consumption – of vegetables to improve the diet and health of the local population after years of wartime rationing.

In its early years, the show entries included farmers' classes, for entries such as field turnips, corn stocks and the like, and attracted more than 1,000 entries

annually. Recently, reductions in the number of classes have meant fewer overall entries, but still regularly in the region of 500 to 600. The annual flower and veg show, held each September in Tarbert Village Hall, is still an important feature in the village calendar. Mr MacIntyre concluded with an appeal ahead of the crunch meeting at the Templar's Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday April 20. 'Please assist if you can,' he said.

'No special skills are necessary other than a willingness to get involved.'



A fine floral display from the 2015 Tarbert Flower and Vegetable Show. 08_a36tarbertfs11



Vegetables play a big part in the show – but the future is uncertain. 08_a36tarbertfs14

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University continues to grow with PhDs

THE UNIVERSITY of the Highlands and Islands is inviting applications for 26 fully-funded PhD studentships.

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There is a wide range of courses on offer, including the use of digital technologies in healthcare, the history of distilling and whisky production, eco-tourism, salmon farming in Scotland and the impact of the nuclear industry on British communities.

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world are being invited to apply for the studentships by noon on Monday May 8. Successful candidates will start in October and have their fees and living expenses covered. Speaking about the studentships, Professor Clive Mulholland, principal and vice-chancellor of the university, said: 'Since becoming a university in 2011, our reputation has been founded on our innovative approach to learning and our distinctive research and curriculum which are enriched by the people, natural environment, economy, culture and heritage of the Highlands and Islands and its communi-

ties. We are investing in our research capacity and are delighted to be able to offer these new studentships. The students will have the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge alongside world-class researchers and be part of the next chapter of our story.'

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To find out more about the individual projects and to apply, visit www.uhi.ac.uk/grad-school/funding.

Fundraising campaign launched by museum to preserve Coll collection

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to raise enough cash to preserve some of the rarest Bronze Age artefacts discovered in Argyll.

Kilmartin Museum must raise £10,000 to undertake the essential conservation work on an incredible hoard of bronze weapons discovered on the isle of Coll.

Kenny MacIntyre, a metal detector enthusiast on Coll, was exploring the south of the island at Breachacha one morning in summer 2015 when he came across a metal object.

Realising it was significantly older and more unusual than the scrap metal he typically came across, Kenny contacted the Treasure Trove Unit in Edinburgh, which is responsible for ensuring items

of cultural significance to Scotland's past are protected and preserved in museums.

Staff there confirmed the article was an ancient artefact, from the late Bronze Age, and was an exciting



Preservation work is urgently needed.

enough find to warrant an excavation at the site.

Over the following weeks, with help from Kenny and archaeologists from various organisations, 13 items

were found in the dig on Coll, believed to be from at least seven different weapons including ancient spearheads, sword fragments and a knife socket.

Trevor Cowie, a former conservator at the

been excavated from the site they were claimed by the Crown, as is usual with ancient objects in Scotland.

Through the Treasure Trove process, they were allocated to Kilmartin Museum, the nearest museum to Coll on mainland Argyll.

Assessed

These precious and fragile items were then sent to the Scottish conservation studio in Edinburgh, where they were assessed and recommendations made for their conservation needs.

The fact they had survived so long in the ground of Coll is extraordinary.

Now they have been removed from this delicately balanced environment, they need to be specially preserved to prevent them from decaying further and to allow them to eventually be displayed at Kilmartin Museum where they can help keep Scotland's history alive.

The cost of this conservation and preservation will come to around £10,000. Kilmartin Museum is hoping that with your help they can raise the money to keep these fascinating artefacts preserved and displayed for years to come.

Please visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/coll-hoard-conservation to see more about the Coll hoard and see how you can help keep history alive and accessible.

Pledges

Meg Haig, redevelopment project officer at Kilmartin Museum, said: 'We have received quite a few pledges so far, but there is still a bit to go. 'Every little helps, so please help us preserve this amazing collection.'



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Generous quizzers boost charity funds

THE STAG Hotel in Lochgilphead was the venue for a quiz night that raised hundreds of pounds for the SiMBA charity.

The group was set up to offer support to parents, families and all those affected by the loss of a baby, pre or post-natal. The grand quiz, held on Friday March 31, raised £400 to support the good work done by SiMBA.

One of the charity's local organisers Rena Liddell said: 'A big thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle and to the charity. Many thanks to the Stag Hotel for the hospitality and to everyone who took part in the quiz, particularly the winners who generously donated their £50 prize money straight back to SiMBA.'

A regular support group run by SiMBA is held on the last Thursday of every month in the Stag Hotel between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

The group is open to parents, grandparents, family or friends who have gone through the death of a baby at any stage of pregnancy or close to the time of birth. For more information, call Tracey France on 07920 032398.



Out with the old, in with the new: construction work under way next to the existing grammar school.

New Campbeltown school on schedule

CONSTRUCTION work on the new Campbeltown Grammar School is well on schedule, according to reports.

Work on the build-

ing's floors, stairs and atrium are all completed, while work on the roof and drainage systems are progressing well.

Construction of win-

dows, curtain walling and masonry works has also started in recent weeks. Pupils and staff are due to move into their new premises in February next year, with the existing school building being demolished to make way for a new 3G sports pitch and a car park.

The school construction project, the Campbeltown and Oban DBFM, has been nominated for the Partnerships Awards 2017 for two categories: best

education project and public sector procurer of the year. The Partnerships Awards is the biggest event recognising and rewarding the best projects in public private partnerships and is open to projects all around the globe.

In a recent update report, assurances were given that all work on the new school will be completed on schedule and that Campbeltown can look forward to opening its new grammar school early next year.



Aerial view of the construction site for the new school.

Sporty art project set for throw up

SHINTY is at the centre of a new art project. Throw Up 20.18, a joint project between the Camanachd Association and the Highland Print Studio, will commission artists to work with selected shinty clubs to produce bespoke pieces of artwork inspired by their experiences.

Four professional artists will be commissioned to create a series of artworks inspired by the contemporary culture and heritage of Scotland's iconic indigenous sport of shinty.

The artists will spend time with their assigned club over the 2017 and 2018 season, actively engaging with the club and its wider shinty community.

They will research the club's history, with

the help of the fans and the players, and gain an insight into the game.

The four participating clubs are Beaulie, Newtonmore, Fort William and Skye.

Each artist will produce, in collaboration with Highland Print Studio, a series of original prints that will form a contemporary visual art archive that will be a legacy for the clubs.

The artwork will be exhibited at shinty's showcase event - the Camanachd Cup Final 2018.

Highland Print Studio is looking for submissions from visual artists from any discipline.

Submissions should be sent to opportunities@highlandprintstudio.co.uk by Friday May 5.



The Camanachd Cup at the Highland Print Studio.

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Argyll fish restaurants in the running for seafood awards

SURROUNDED by sea, it should come as no surprise that Argyll features heavily in the 2017 Fishing News awards.

The annual event spotlights the achievements, expertise and innovation in the UK and Ireland's commercial fishing industries.

In the running for coastal fish restaurant of the year are Inveraray's Samphire

Seafood Restaurant and Skipness Seafood Cabin.

This category recognises fish restaurants that have shown outstanding support for the commercial fishing industry in their local area in 2016.

Nominees will demonstrate a focus on locally-landed fish and a menu that incorporates a good range of species; encouraging

diners to experience varieties that are more commonly exported, and others which deserve to be more popular.

Samphire has been supporting local small businesses since its opening three years ago. From hand-dived scallops, native lobsters and line-fishing, the restaurant looks for ways to ensure there are seafood stocks for

future generations, whilst serving the finest ingredients they can find around Argyll and the west coast of Scotland.

Owner and chef Andrew MacLugash, 31, said: 'I was really surprised to hear we had been nominated. I'm not sure who was responsible, but it's a great honour.'

Skipness Seafood Cabin is often described as a hidden gem. Dedicated to serving simple, fresh local seafood, the cabin is tucked away on the Skipness Castle Estate.

They offer scallops, queenies, langoustines, mussels and oysters from Scottish shores.

Open in spring and summer, its down-to-earth approach and support of local businesses have given it a great local following.

In other categories, a Tarbert man is up for the prestigious lifetime achievement award. Kenny McNab is a former skipper and now



Andrew MacLugash, proprietor and chef at Samphire Seafood Restaurant. 06_a15Samphire02



A delicious platter for two at the Skipness Seafood Cabin.

Mild winter explains badger road kill

A RECENT unfortunate spate of badger deaths on Argyll roads is the result of a relatively mild winter.

An increase in badgers activity in Argyll, particularly in Mid Argyll, has been noticeable, with locals commenting on the number of sightings near main roads.

This increased activity has, inevitably, resulted in a rise of badger road kill seen at the side of main roads including the A83.

Andy Riches, a trustee for Scottish Badgers, said: 'The situation with road casualties is very unfortunate. Thousands of badgers are killed on roads

each year. Scottish Badgers keeps records of every road death we are notified of and this information helps with aspects of our work as well as highlighting areas where many accidents take place to enable mitigation to be considered.'

Andy explained this is a busy time for badgers for a number of reasons. Badgers are not only emerging from a winter period of limited activity and are looking to gain weight but they will also have young who are beginning to emerge from the sett and venture forth into the world.

A lot of the males will also be looking for mating opportunities in neighbouring social

groups. All this, along with recent weather conditions, means this is the time of year when badgers are at their most active.

Andy continued: 'This year, the relatively mild winter and the particularly mild spell of late means that pretty much all the badgers in the area are out and about foraging and courting. It is the mild weather and not a sudden explosion in badger numbers that is responsible for what people are noticing.'

Motorists are encouraged to watch out for badgers on the road at this time of year and any badger deaths should be reported on www.scottishbadgers.org.uk.



Increased activity of badgers means drivers must be extra vigilant.

chairman of Clyde Fishermen's Association.

A great supporter of the Fishermen's Mission, Kenny raises a lot of money for this charity, as well as local centres on the Clyde.

On the shortlist for fish processor of the year is Camp-

beltown-based Kintyre Smokehouse. The Hilton Treetops Hotel in Aberdeen is the venue for this year's awards ceremony on Thursday May 25, and it promises to be a night to remember.

The proceedings will be hosted by the comedian, impressionist

and playwright Rory Bremner, who will MC the awards and provide after-dinner entertainment.

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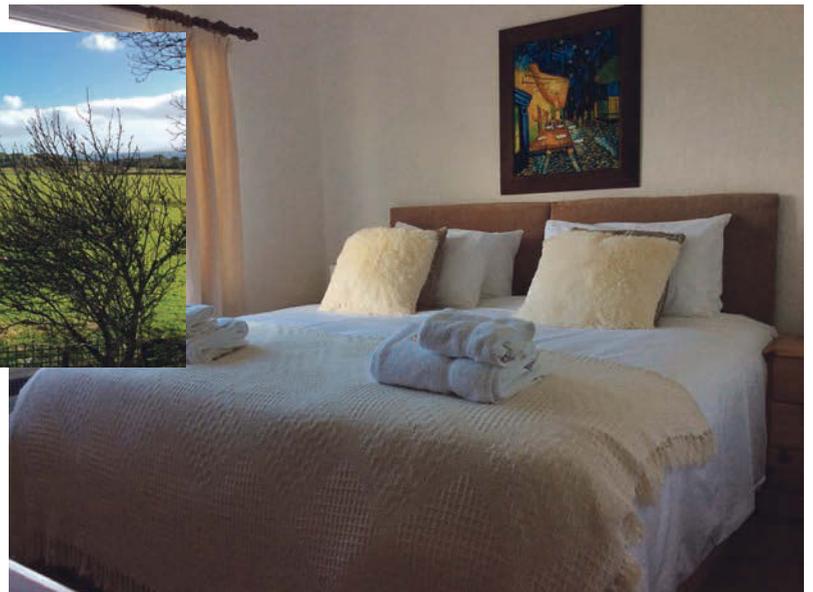
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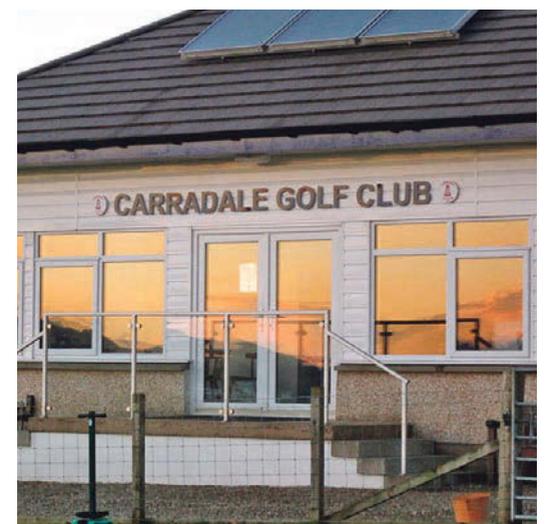
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The sixth hole recently featured on the Signature Special Hole Golf website. Moreover, if you are looking to eat out, then the Glen Bar and Restaurant can accommodate you.

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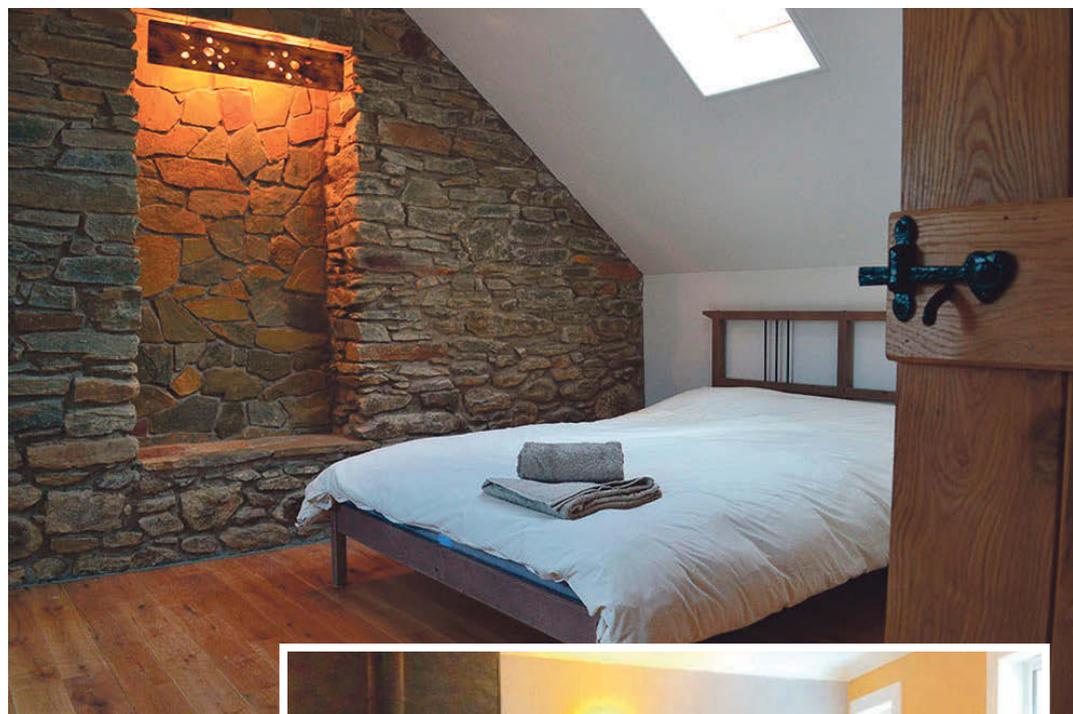
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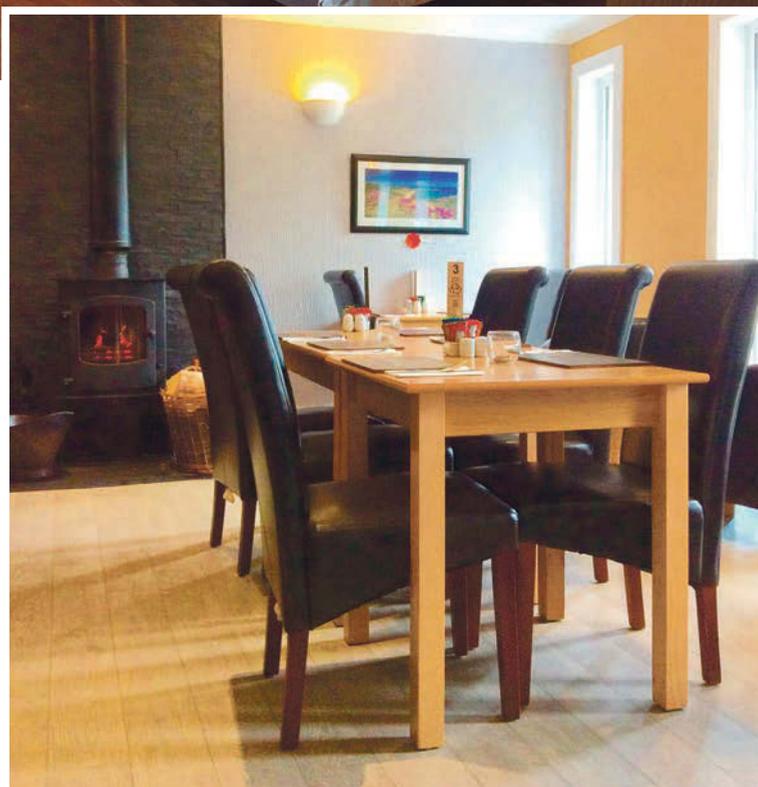
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Argyll crews hit the black stuff in Edinburgh

A BUMPER entry of 80 cars contested the second round the Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, hosted by Dunfermline Car Club.

The over-subscribed rally on April 1 saw eight stages laid out within the Ingliston Royal Highland showground.

Among the entries were a couple of all-Mid Argyll crews and two co-drivers.

This was John Kean and Malcolm McDonald's first visit to Ingliston in their Saxo-powered Peugeot 205. Power steering had been newly fitted to the car to cope with the tight and twisty nature of the event. Although this was a vast improvement over the previous set



Willie Beattie and Paul Hunter receive their award. Photograph: Davie Hatrick.

up, it had a habit of locking up when trying to change direction quickly, so more work is needed there. Apart from this minor niggle, the car performed faultlessly, which is more than can be said for the driver and

navigator. A couple of spins and a major trip to the grass didn't help the stage times.

But it was Malcolm, trying to make up the time lost by John's spins, who managed to bring the car off the stage a lap early

at the split and merge not once, but twice. This earned two stage maximum times adding nearly six minutes to their overall time – the difference between 39th and 50th place. Not a terribly good day, but very much a learning experience – and a finish.

Also flying the flag for Argyll was STRC 'newbie' Willie Beattie, ably assisted by Paul Hunter.

Willie's DA MacDonald/MJ Fabrication-backed mark two Escort was immaculately turned out – as you would expect as his other sponsor is Kilmartin Auto Repairs – and sounded absolutely immense round the first couple of stages. Willie was neat and

tidy, despite Paul egging him on to get it sideways for the cameras and this resulted in him starting to climb the leader board and beginning to learn the limits of the car. A minor hiccup on stage three and stage seven, with the spark plugs fouling and causing a drop in power, cost the pair a bit of time but, with the knowledge of the stages and the confidence in the car growing, the pair powered on to an overall finishing place of 22nd – earning them the 'best improvement in seeding' award, and it was thoroughly deserved.

Ian Parker was sitting alongside Alex Adams in his Love Street Coachworks Escort mark two, but the pair had throttle cable issues and then a failed gearbox which resulted in a DNF.

Finally, Grant McNiven from Oban answered a last-minute call to navigate for Greg Turner in his competitive class two Peugeot 206, helping Greg finish in 36th overall and seventh in class.

The next outings look like Leuchars at the end of May for John and Malcolm and possibly Nigel Feeney and Phil Sandham followed them home in second in the AMS Arnside-



Full pelt in the Ford Escort, Alex Adams and Ian Parker.



Rear wheels airborne for Greg Turner and Grant MacNiven.



Willie Beattie and Paul Hunter in action.

The event was won by Alan Kirkaldy and Cameron Fair in another mark two Escort, posting fastest stage times on all eight of the tests to take overall victory by over a minute and a half. Nigel Feeney and Phil Sandham followed them home in second in the AMS Arnside-

prepared EvoX and the final spot on the podium was taken by a very quick and impressive young talent, Taylor Gibb, ushered round by the experienced Jane Nicol in his ex-Andrew Gallagher Mitsubishi.

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Event winners Alan Kirkaldy and Cameron Fair scream round a bend.



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Bingo fun for Loch Fyne Viking Festival

THE VIKINGS are coming in just three months.

Fundraising continues for this year's Loch Fyne Viking Festival, due to be held in July.

A prize bingo night in the Tarbert Hotel last Saturday, run by Tarbert charity bingo, raised more than £500. A great evening of



The Tarbert Hotel was abuzz for the prize bingo fundraiser.

fun was enjoyed by everyone who came along, with a finger buffet provided by the hotel.

This year's Viking festival is due to take place between July 6 and 9, involving five villages along Loch Fyne – Ardrishaig, Inveraray, Lochgilphead, Portavadie and Tarbert.

The whole event is run as a not-for-profit enterprise. As well as grant funding, donations are needed to keep it 'afloat'.

If you would like to donate, go to www.crowdfunder.co.uk/lochfynevikingfestival and make a pledge. In return, the festival organisers will take you for a row during Tarbert Seafood Festival (£5), or you will receive a Loch Fyne Viking T-shirt (£10) – or, for £250, you can go for a row in longship 'Freydis' on Loch Fyne, maybe for a wedding or corporate event.

The next planned event will be a casino night at the Tarbert Hotel on May 6.



Look out for more longships such as 'Freydis' this summer.

Easter bunny will be hopping to Skippers this weekend



You might even see the Easter bunny around the park.

IF YOU are looking for something to do this Easter weekend, skip along to Skippers bar and bistro at Argyll Caravan Park.

The popular meeting place and eatery, just south of Inveraray on the A83, is run by David and Cindy MacInnes, and they have an Easter extravaganza planned.

Tonight, Friday April 14, there will be a pool competition starting at 8pm. Tomorrow, Saturday, it's eyes down for an afternoon of prize bingo from 2pm.

On Saturday evening there will be live music by Still Waters, from 9.30pm to late. Then it is on to the main Easter event – Sunday's charity fun day.

Starting at 1pm, there

will be something for children and adults alike. Come along and meet the Easter bunny, enjoy an Easter egg hunt, and there will be children's prizes for the best Easter bonnet. As if all this was not enough,

there will also be egg painting, tombola, face painting, barbecue, bring and buy stalls and much more.

Funds raised will be split between a number of charities chosen by David and Cindy.



There will be plenty of Easter fun at Skippers.



One of last year's frighteningly good scarecrows.

Scarily good fun at Kilberry

SCARECROWS make a welcome return to south Knapdale over the Easter weekend.

The main centre of activity will be Ormsary Hall on Easter Monday, April 17.

At the hall there will be lots to see and do, with a display of photos from Mid Argyll Camera Club and prints

available to buy; a well-stocked tombola; a book stall; and a fantastic Easter egg hunt for the kids.

Come along

Macmillan Cancer Support will have a stall – and if you would like your own free-of-charge table to sell your goods, come along before noon.

Soup, tea, coffee and home-baking

will be available between noon and 4pm. Not to be missed, though, are the fantastic scarecrows to be found at various points along the B8024 Kilberry road between Torinturk and the junction with the A83 at Inverneill.

It is well worth taking a tour round the peninsula – but drive carefully on the single track roads.

Comedy and a curry at the Smiddy next Wednesday

TOP Scottish comedy is coming to Lochgilphead.

The Smiddy Bistro will be the venue on Wednesday April 19 for well-known stand-up comedian Bruce Fummey, as he brings his Edinburgh Festival show to Mid Argyll.

Early in his career, during 2004, Perth man Bruce was a semi-finalist in Channel 4 series *So You Think You're Funny* and took part in BBC Talent in 2005.

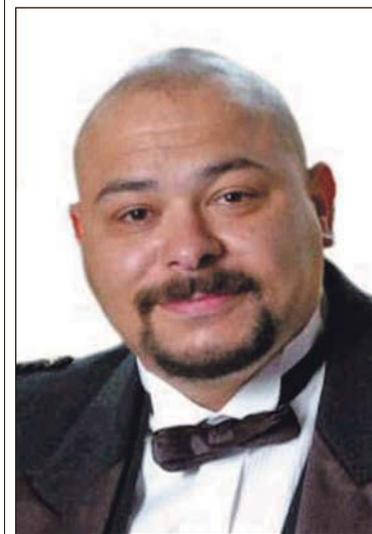
In 2014, he was named the Scottish

Comedian of the Year.

At the Smiddy you would expect nothing less than some delicious food, and you will be able to choose from a selection of home-made curries, naans and accompaniments as you relax and enjoy the show – which might just involve an unusual take on Scottish history.

The evening starts at 7.30pm, with tickets priced at £18.95 available from the Smiddy Bistro, or call 01546

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Walking, learning and fun this Easter at Kilmartin Museum

THERE is plenty to do at Kilmartin Museum this Easter.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, join a knowledgeable guide on a walk around atmospheric Kilmartin Glen, where you will discover what makes the ancient landscape of the area so unique.

The walk, starting at the museum at 1.30pm, will take approximately two and a half hours and finish back at the museum.

Other than guide dogs, please leave canine companions at home. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, and boots and waterproofs are recommended.

Just sign up at the museum shop on the day to take part, numbers permitting.

If you still have the energy the following day, a family Easter day is also planned for Monday April 17.

Join Kilmartin Mu-

seum at the Moine Mhor nature reserve car park to celebrate spring with an Easter trail, natural weaving and an egg hunt. Fun for all the family will be available, and activities are free. The activities begin at 1pm and again at 2.15pm.

Booking for this event is essential, so email Kilmartin Museum at education@kilmartin.org or call 01546 510278.

Nothing ugly about vintage ragtime jazz at its best

THE UGLY Bug ragtime trio had the joint jumping last Saturday night in the Lochgilphead Parish Church.

This new band – guests of Mid Argyll Arts Association for the evening – played a wonderful mix of hot rags, blues and stomps from the golden age of jazz. The connection between the three

artists was evident as they improvised solos and finished each piece in unison.

John Burgess, on clarinet and saxophone, has played all over the world, from the USA to the Middle East and Europe, as well as playing on more than 100 recordings with names such as Digby Fairweather,

Forrie Cairns and Max Bygraves.

Ross Milligan, on guitar and banjo, has graced live and studio sessions including the BBC Symphony Orchestra and has recorded with Sir George Martin.

Andy Sharkey has played alongside singers such as Todd Gordon and Niki King, and pianists Brian Kellock and Euan Stevenson, among other artists. Sharkey has also toured in the UK and US with the west end musical hit *The Rat Pack*.

The night took off with the vibrant *Clarinet Marmalade* by the Original Dixieland Jazz Band, which matched the mood of the warm day outside the church and immediately took



The trio in ragtime action.



Ross Milligan, Andy Sharkey and John Burgess – the Ugly Bug ragtime trio.

the audience back to the 1920s. This was followed by Roy Turk's melancholy *I'm alone because I love you*, transporting us to a smoky bar in New Orleans. The rest of the first half was sprinkled with animated and

smooth, sultry pieces from composers such as Jelly Roll Morton and Spencer Williams.

The second half was opened with William H Tyers's *Panama*. The mood darkened when the band played *Black and Blue* with

its relative message of racial oppression, yet spirits were lifted again by the stylish *Bei mir bistu shein*. The trio finished with the immensely toe-tapping *That's a plenty*, which had the whole crowd moving, even one of

the overhead lights flickered in time. They were met by rapturous applause and – after a little begging from the audience – they came back for one more piece named, appropriately, *Home*.

Eve Maxwell

Argyll South Pony Club greets the spring with a daffodil ride

ARGYLL South branch of the Pony Club is to hold a special daffodil pleasure ride next Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23.

The Scottish Endurance Riding Club will be joining members and friends on Sunday and the ride will be

able to count as official miles if you are a SERC member.

Starting from Skipness House at 11am, there will be a choice of routes. Riders can choose a 10-mile circuit, of which 1.5 miles is on the public road between Glenreasdell

Mains and Claonaig junction.

There will also be a six-mile circuit from Skipness to Claonaig, over the old road, returning on the public road to Skipness. You might also select the same Skipness to Claonaig return route,

but all on the old road. A two-mile route is also available.

Routes will be marked and there will be maps available on request.

Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. If you have a medical armband, please bring it with you. Make sure you have a mobile phone between riders. You must check in with the organisers at the start and end of your ride.

Entry for the event is £10, and proceeds will be evenly split between Pony Club funds and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Bring a packed lunch, and friends and relatives are welcome to come along and lend a hand.

Find out more on the Argyll South Pony Club Facebook page.

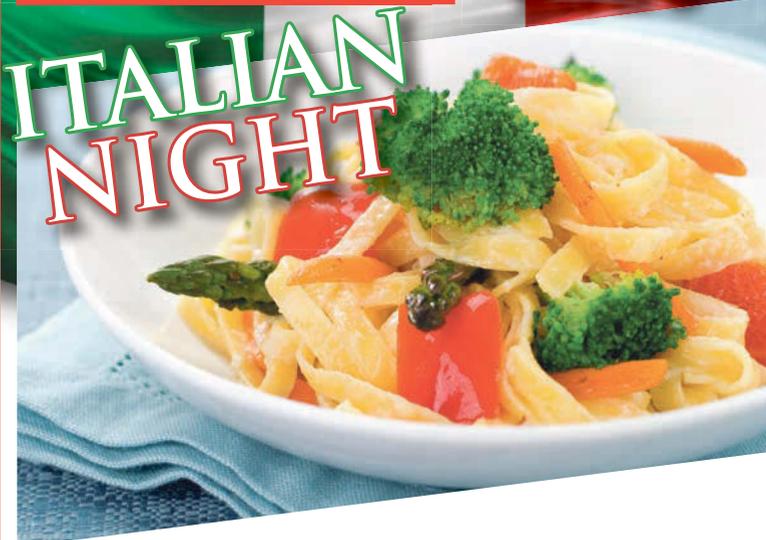


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Wonderful live music and fresh home-baking helped Saturday's fundraiser.

Keeping the music flowing with cake, tea and coffee

THE SOUND of donations was music to the ears of the people behind Fèis an Tairbeirt. A coffee morning last

Saturday, April 8, at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre raised £354 to support live music workshops.

Organisers took to social media to thank everyone who went along, particular the musicians who helped

make it a special event and all the volunteers, baking and raffle donors and those who handed in donations.

Runners set to break free in Inveraray

DOZENS of runners will be set loose in Inveraray when the annual Jail Break race returns in a few weeks. Starting at Inveraray Jail, the athletes will ascend 250 metres

up Dun Na Cuaiche before returning to the finishing line at the jail. To be held on Sunday May 14, the race is part the Inveraray Bluebell Festival.

And the organisers are looking for volunteers to help out either in preparation for the race or on the day itself, particularly in the role of race marshals. More details can

be found at www.inverarayjogscotland.org.uk/jailbreak. If you are interested in taking part or helping out, email jailbreak@inveraray-jogscotland.org.uk.

Celebrated authors bound for Tarbert

THE LOOK of this year's Tarbert Book Festival is beginning to take shape.

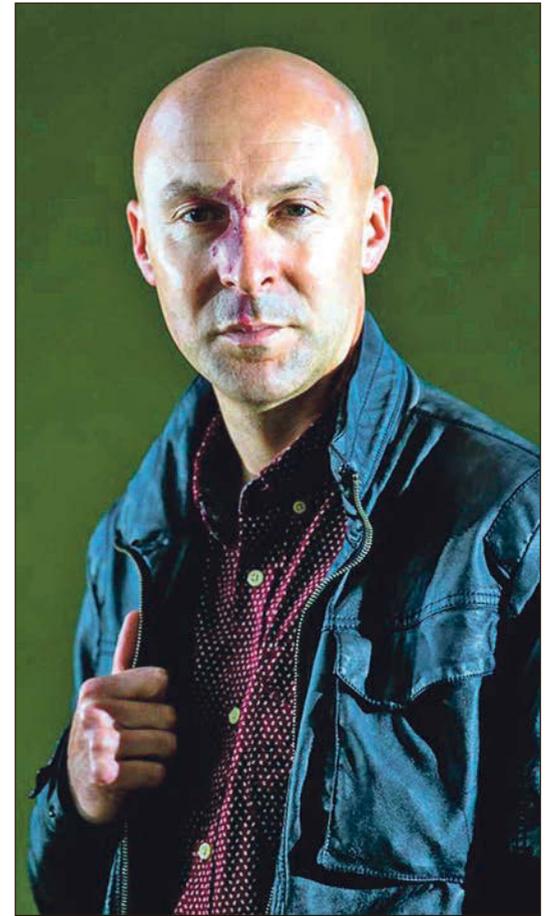
The festival will take place over the last weekend in October, starting with the highly popular children's events on Friday October 27.

The weekend of October 28 and 29 sees the very welcome return to the main festival of author Chris Brookmyre, where he will discuss his latest book – out shortly.

Famous children's writer Theresa Breslin will also be making the trip to Tarbert for the event.

Look out for more details about authors as the programme is confirmed.

Chris Brookmyre has signed up for a return to Tarbert.



Chocs away for Easter at Crarae Garden

THIS Easter weekend, collect your hunt map, follow the clues, solve the puzzle and claim your chocolate reward at Crarae Garden.

The garden, situated between Minard and Furnace on the A83, will be one of many locations around the country where kids can enjoy a Cadbury egg hunt over the Easter weekend.

Crarae Garden offers an exotic

splash of Himalayan-style wilderness in an Argyll glen on the banks of Loch Fyne.

Intrepid

Created in 1912 by Lady Grace Campbell, aunt of intrepid plant hunter Reginald Farrer, the garden became home to trees and shrubs from China, Nepal and Tibet.

Crarae Garden is now run by the National Trust for Scotland.

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Prices up on year at Islay auction

UNITED Auctions had a total clearance on Saturday April 8 at their Islay sale of store cattle when they had a catalogued entry of 723 head.

Bullocks rose £40.48 per head or 21.6 pence per kilo on the year whilst heifers recorded a rise of £47.43 per head or 19.9 pence per kilo. Bullocks levelled out at £872.53 per head or 241.83 pence per kilo whilst heifers sold to average £787.59 per head or 231.75 per kilo.

Mr Carmichael, Coillabus led the top priced bullocks per head at £1,330 for Limousin crosses whilst the Lossit consignment led the kilo prices in this section at 285 pence.

Limousin heifers from Coillabus again led the prices per head at £1,110 whilst Tallant topped this section per kilo for Charolais crosses at 276 pence.

Principal lots and prices
Top prices per head
Bullocks
AAx: £1,100 (8) and £1,040 (9) – Craigens : £1,030 (7) – Balli-

martin : £1,010 (5) – Craigens : £1,000 (7) – Craigens : £980 (10) – Octomore : £970 (9) – Craigens : £940 (19) – Craigens : £900 – Craigfad and Tallant (2).

BRBx: £1,080 (2), £1,000 (2) and £900 (2) – Sunderland.

CHARx: £940 – Carrabus : £900 (11) – Craigfad.

LIMx: £1,330 – Coillabus (Carmichael) : £1,060 & £1030 (4) – Kilchiaran : £1,020 (2) – Lossit : £1,010 (2) – Kilchiaran : £1,000 – Island (2), Craigfad and Ballimartin (7) : £980 (5) and £970 – Lossit : £970 – Kilchiaran (11) and Ballimartin (4) : £960 (8) – Lossit : £950 – Corrary and Island : £920 – Corrary, Ballimartin (2) and Island (9) : £910 – Corrary.

LUINGx: £820 – Duich.
SHx: £730 – Kilchiaran.

SIMx: £950 (7) – Island : £940 (2) – Corrary : £880 (10) – Kilchiaran.

Heifers
AAx: £950 – Bry-



Cattle sold well at the UA sale.

bruich : £950 (5) – Octomore.

BRBx: £940 – Sunderland.

CHARx: £830 (4) – Island : £800 (6) – Craigfad.

LIMx: £1110 – Coillabus (Carmichael) : £1020 – Kilchiaran and Coillabus (2) : £980 – Coillabus : £960 – Corrary, Ballimartin (3), Coillabus

and Lossit : £950 (3) – Lossit : £930 – Lossit (9) and Kilchiaran (5).

SIMx: £890 (2) and £860 – Cladville.

Top prices per kilo
Bullocks
AAx: 271p (2) – Tallant : 261p (10) – Octomore : 253p (9) – Craigens : 249p (19) – Octomore : 249p (2) – Tallant : 247p – Ardarnal : 246p (6) – Crai-

gens : 245p – Craigfad.
BRBx: 255p (2) – Sunderland.

CHARx: 277p (4) – Carrabus : 275p (4) – Craigfad : 251p – Carrabus : 249p (3) – Mansefield : 245p (11) – Craigfad : 245p – Carrabus.

LIMx: 285p – Lossit : 279p (5) and 273p (3) – Carrabus : 272p (7) – Duich : 270p –

Island (5) and Tallant : 263p (4) – Carrabus : 256p (2) – Craigfad : 255p (9) – Island : 252p (2) and 251p (7) – Ballimartin : 251p (8) – Lossit : 250p (11) – Kilchiaran : 249p (6) – Ballychatrigan : 244p (5) – Corrary : 243p – Lossit : 243p (2) and 242p (5) – Kilchiaran : 241p – Kilbride (4) and Kilchiaran (4) : 240p – Ballimartin (4) and Duich (13).

LUINGx: 240p – Duich : 237p (2) – Ballychatrigan.

SHx: 231p (6) – Kilchiaran.

SIMx: 260p (5) – Corrary : 255p (6) – Kilchiaran : 254p (2) – Corrary : 240p (6) – Cladville.

BGL: 279p and 277p – Carrabus.

Heifers

AAx: 246p (12), 244p (4) and 238p (2) – Octomore : 232p – Tallant : 230p (5) – Craigens.

BRBx: 227p – Sunderland.

CHARx: 276p (2) – Tallant : 259p (3) and 257p – Carrabus : 251p (2) and 250p (2) – Mansefield : 241p (4) – Island : 240p (3)

– Craigens : 239p and 236p (6) – Craigfad : 236p – Carrabus.

LIMx: 274p (6) – Duich : 259p – Carrabus : 256p (7) – Lossit : 250p – Glenegedale Lotts : 249p (3) – Island : 248p – Mansefield : 245p – Tallant (3) and Kilbride (5) : 244p – Tallant (3) and Ballychatrigan (2) : 242p (13) – Duich : 241p – Corrary and Island (7) : 239p (5) – Craigfad : 238p – Glenegedale Lotts : 237p – Kilbride : 236p – Ballychatrigan (5) and Corrary (3).

SIMx: 252p (5) – Corrary : 237p – Kilbride.

BG: 259p – Carrabus.

Change to recording of BVD instances in screened cattle

CATTLE herds where an animal has tested positive for bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD) virus saw their BVD status change from not-negative to positive on Monday April 10.

This positive status only applies to holdings where there is evidence of a live persistently infected (PI) animal in the herd.

Once the PI has been removed from the holding, or the animal has been re-tested allowing

the presence of the virus to be ruled out, the BVD herd status will revert to not-negative.

BVD control is centred on the identification of PI animals and the removal of these cattle from the herd. Introducing a BVD 'positive' status makes the eradication scheme easier to understand, the Scottish Government claims, and highlights herds that pose a higher BVD risk for those buying or moving cattle.

Penny Johnston, animal health and welfare policy manager for NFU Scotland, said:

'While this doesn't actually introduce any additional controls for those herds now designated as BVD positive, it is an important step in recognising that any herd which retains a live PI status is known to have BVD so must be considered a positive herd and cannot hide behind a more ambiguous not-negative status.'

'It is a small change but one which we hope will make people think twice before holding onto a PI animal. If we are to get on top of BVD in Scotland, all PI animals need to be removed from herds as soon as possible.'

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Order 2013 has a mandatory annual screening requirement for breeding herds to establish whether or not a herd has been exposed to BVD.

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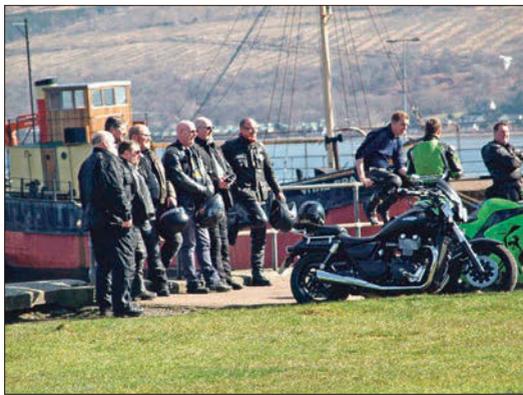
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Bikers bask in the glorious Loch Fyne sunshine at last year's Ride In.



Motorbikes from across the country will be cruising into Inveraray.

Bikers head back to Inveraray for road safety awareness day

THE ROAR of revved-up motorbike engines will be reverberating around Loch Fyne later this month as the Ride In event returns to Inveraray.

Following the success of last year, *Scottish Biker Magazine* has decided to return to Inveraray and has promised that this year will be bigger and better.

Taking place on Sunday April 30, the Ride In is primarily a road safety awareness day, supported by MotoScotland, Police Scotland motorcyclists and Argyll and Bute Council's road safety team, among others.

Scottish Fire and Rescue's Biker Down team

will also be in attendance, hosting helmet removal demonstrations, while Knockhill, MotoScotland, Get2Grips and Robbie Allan Off-Road Experience will be giving training advice.

Display

Other exhibitors, such as Saltire, Cupar and Glasgow Triumph Motorcycles, will have plenty of display bikes to show off at the event.

Event organisers said: 'This promises to be a great day out for motorcyclists and families, aiming to raise awareness and help road users stay safer on the roads.'

The day will start off at 10am and there will



Road safety is the order of the day for the hordes of bikers.

be refreshments available throughout the day.

If you are a biker and interested in attending the Inveraray Ride In, then organisers would like to know about your biking experiences. They

are having group discussion sessions to find out what types of riding people taken part in – whether it be on road, off-road, on-track – how you benefited and what motivates you to ride. They'd also

like to speak to folk who've not done any training or are thinking about it. If you'd be keen to be involved, or would like more information, message hello@scottishbikermagazine.co.uk.

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THE LIFETIME OF HOME BUYING IN SCOTLAND REVEALED

The average homeowner in Scotland bought their first home aged 27, will live in eight different properties and will spend £25,213 on redecorating during their lifetime, according to new research.

Scots will typically move out of their parental home at 21 years old and reside in two rental properties before getting on the property ladder for the first time. A typical Scottish homeowner will end up living approximately 60 miles away from their childhood home, and will live in only two cities their entire life. The average mortgage will take 20 years and 10 months to pay off – one month above the UK average. This will cost a total of £113,207, which is £21,658 lower than the typical national spend. While a total of £14,183 will be spent on hiring removal vans, paying the legal fees and paying the stamp duty. This is only £45 above the UK average.

The research of 2,000 UK homeowners was commissioned by Origin, manufacturer of bespoke aluminium bi-folding doors, residential doors, windows and blinds. It looked at the different stages of property buying for the average British homeowner and how property aspirations change over time. Ben Brocklesby, director at Origin, said: 'With the cost of moving so high, we have seen that families now choose to improve their current homes, rather than move.'

'Many years ago, a home would be for life, but that changed and people started moving as their needs changed – whether it be as a result of new job or starting a family.'

'However, today we are seeing a resurgence of people choosing to renovate and improve their current property so it fits with their needs without incurring moving costs.'

Typically, it takes four months and three weeks to get settled into a new home – while over half of adults described moving home as the most stressful thing they've ever done. On average, respondents will contribute towards two separate mortgages over their lifetime, and will typically look to downsize age 56. The average UK property is estimated to be worth £249,127 on average among those polled – while the typical mortgage is £542.41 per month. Of those who have ever had a mortgage, 39 per cent have paid it off, with the largest proportion of them – 27 per cent – aged 55 and over. Of those surveyed, more people – 29 per cent – live in properties built before the 1950s than from any other period.

The average UK home has three bedrooms, while eight in 10 adults own a home with off-road parking and over half own a house with a garage.

The most popular style of interior is 'modern' followed by 'English country' and 'minimalist'. Seven in 10 homeowners jointly own their property with their partner and a fifth received money from their parents to help them get on the property ladder. A third of home owning Brits currently live in a semi-detached property, over a quarter live in a detached house and 15 per cent live in a terraced home. The research also explored what UK homeowners of different demographic groups consider to be most important about their homes.

TEN FACTS ABOUT THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNING BRIT:

- Bought first home aged 26
- Will live in seven different properties throughout their life
- Spends four months and three weeks settling into a property
- Will spend £26,295 redecorating
- Will take 20 years and nine months to pay off their mortgage
- Moves out of their parental home aged 21
- Will have two mortgages
- Downsizes at 56 years old
- Will live in two different cities
- Will spend £134,864.82 paying off their mortgage

FOUR STAGES OF BEING A HOMEOWNER:

Ben Brocklesby said: 'By speaking to homeowners of all ages through the research, we have identified five distinct homeowner stages that we most commonly go through. Each shapes the composition of the home that we live in now, and our home aspirations for the future. "The homeowner profiles: the Penthouse Pretenders, Multi-Space Renovators, Dynasty Dwellers, Zoneowners and Full Spec Finders, each have different priorities for the layout, style and function of their homes.'

PENTHOUSE PRETENDERS

For young couples with no children, also known as 'Penthouse Pretenders', a private garden, big bathroom and lots of natural light were among the most important things about where they live currently.

Homeowners in this stage want a nicely decorated home with big windows, period details and great views.

DYNASTY DWELLERS

'Dynasty Dwellers', families with multiple generations living under one roof, said that having a separate living area for children and having a granny annex are key aspects of what they like about their home.

ZONEOWNERS

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REF. No.	PROPOSAL	SITE ADDRESS	LOCATION OF PLANS
17/00811/PP	Formation of ground-mounted solar array (up to 1MW) with associated access and infrastructure	Land At MACC Business Park Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/00894/LIB	Installation of flue	Seaside Low Askomil Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6EP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/00806/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 14/01714/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access)	Land North East Of Druim A Bhuinne Kilberry Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

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An interview is a discussion in person, by phone or online, between you and an employer.

The employer wants to see if you're the right person for the job. You'll get the chance to make a good impression and show the employer what you have to offer. You can also see if the job is one you want.

Types of interview

The most common types of interview are:

Competency-based – focusing on the skills and personal qualities you need, you'll have to relate your skills and experience to the job.

Technical – usually for technical jobs in areas

like IT or engineering, you'll have to display your technical knowledge of a certain process or skill.

Face-to-face – in person.

Panel interview – one person usually leads the interview and other panel members take it in turns to ask you different questions.

Telephone or online – could be the first stage of the interview or the only stage, and you should prepare in the same way as for a face-to-face.

Informal chat – in some areas like the creative industries you'll have an informal, work-focused discussion about your experience and career aims, usually somewhere like a cafe.

Group discussion – with other candidates,

you'll have to show you can get along with people, put your ideas forward and be respectful of others.

Before the interview

To help you prepare, you can think about which areas of your CV or application form the interviewer might ask you to talk more about, and how you can relate them to the role. Prepare some answers about why you want the job, what your strengths and weaknesses are, and your relevant work and life experience. Think of some questions to ask about the role and the company at the end of the interview, but don't ask about pay yet.

Try to relax the night before the interview.

Doing lots of last-minute work could make you more anxious and reduce your sleep time.

What to wear

When it comes to what to wear, plan what you're going to wear before the day of the interview. Find out what the company's dress code is and wear clothes that suit the company that's interviewing you. Don't wear clothes that you're uncomfortable in, or shoes that you'll struggle to walk in and don't wear too much strong perfume or aftershave.

Getting to the venue

Check in advance how to get to the interview venue, and how long it'll take. On interview

day, make sure you leave plenty of time to get there and aim to arrive a little early.

Get settled and ready to begin

Just before the interview starts, make sure your phone is turned off ask for water if you haven't already been given some. Don't let your nerves show too much – use breathing techniques and try to remember a few nerves are normal.

During the interview

When answering the questions, take your time when thinking of your answer – it's fine to say you need a moment to think. Look alert and attentive, speak clearly and confidently,

and don't swear or use slang.

Give full answers, don't just say 'yes' or 'no'. Give examples of when you've used the skills they're asking for.

If you're asked about your experience, talk about the situation you were in, the task in front of you, the action you took, and the result of your action (STAR technique). Be positive about your experiences – avoid negativity about yourself or any previous roles you've had.

Make sure you fully understand the questions you're asked – ask for more explanation if you need to. Avoid mentioning salary or company benefits unless asked. Don't lie – the interviewer may see through you and, even if you get the job, your employer can dis-

miss you if they find out you've been dishonest.

If you're asked about a work skill you don't have, you could say what you'd do in a certain situation or use an example from your personal life, and also explain that you're a fast learner. Don't be arrogant and assume you've got the job – employers don't like disrespectful or over-confident candidates. Don't bring up topics like religion or politics where people can have strongly-held personal beliefs.

Difficult questions

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If you've been out of work for a long time and get asked about it, describe any positive steps you've taken such as voluntary work, courses, networking, industry events, keeping fit, community roles, keeping yourself up to date with your field.
If you left your last job by choice and are asked about it, you could make it clear you were grateful for the opportunity and learnt a lot, but you wanted a fresh challenge.

When the employer contacts you after the interview:

After the interview.
If you're offered the job, thank them and agree things like start date and what to bring on the first day.
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Roddy and Elma would like to thank their family, friends and everyone for the gifts, flowers and cards received on the occasion of their golden wedding.

Happy 40th Birthday
Ross McEachran
on the 12th April
Lots of love from
Mum, Dad, Beth
& your heavenly
brother, Gary xxx
~~~~~  
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE WERE amused at a most unusual notice in Poppies garden centre just outside Oban.

It said: 'Unaccompanied children will be given a double espresso and a kitten.'

What a tactful and amusing, yet kind, way to make a point. How much gentler than a threat about what would happen to unsupervised youngsters – and their parents.

It also made us smile.

People usually respond well to constructive remarks, but can be damaged by destructive comments.

Often people are quick to point out mistakes, yet slow to offer affirmation where it is due.

Some folk have the gift of saying just the right thing at the right time in the right way.

It is important that we find the right words, especially for the tender or special times in the lives of those we love.

People sometimes find the Bible critical and judgmental and feel burdened by guilt at not being good enough.

Words can be misinterpreted and cause hurt when taken the wrong way.

Words are inadequate for the most precious of feelings and they fall short in their ability to convey our deepest emotions.

The word of God was often misunderstood.

So God decided to come to us in person, in the form of Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to show us God's love in action, to take away our guilt and to affirm that forever we will be immersed in the love of God.

Easter proves how much God loves us. We are not naughty children he wants to punish. We are the apple of his eye and the treasure in his heart.

Wishing you all the joy and the blessings of Easter ... and, if any of you have mischievous children I could borrow ... I love coffee and kittens!

### ARDFERN

## Beach combers are needed

IF ANYONE is looking to make a difference to the Argyll coast, then this may be the perfect opportunity.

Two different community beach cleans are taking place over the next few weeks, in Kintraw and Craobh.

The Kintraw community beach clean is on Sunday April 23 at 11am and starts in the village itself, while the Craobh community beach clean gets underway on Sunday May 14 at 11am.

For more information, please contact Elaine Purdy on 01546500384.

### TAYNUILT

## Trout tasting treat in store

FOLLOWING on from last year, residents from across Argyll are being invited to a free trout tasting event. Locals can sample a range of freshly farmed trout produced at farms on Loch Etive and Loch Awe at an event by fish farming company, Dawnfresh.

There are five farm sites at different points in Loch Etive, from

Port na Mine in the east to Ardchattan House in the west.

The event will take place in the Taynuilt Village Hall on Wednesday April 26 from 4pm to 7.30pm.

### LOCHGILPHEAD

## MP to meet church group

ST MARGARET'S justice and peace group will meet Brendan O'Hara MP to discuss the problems faced by people living on benefits in a rural area.

The politician will meet the group on April 28 at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Parish House.

There will then be a screening of the film *I, Daniel Blake* in the parish hall, organised by Moving On Mid Argyll and Citizens' Advice Bureau, which will involve some discussion and review afterwards.

The event is aimed at raising awareness to people in a unfortunate situations as to how they can seek help.

The remit of the justice and peace group is to lobby and act as advocates on a range of issues in connection with the escalating problems facing people on benefits.

### LOCH LOMOND



Rangers, staff and national park representatives helped launch the public consultation.

## Loch Lomond national park wants your thoughts

THE PUBLIC consultation phase of Loch Lomond's new draft National Park Partnership Plan 2018-2023 was launched this week. The draft plan proposes how the national park authority, alongside a wide range of other organisations and interests, can work together over the next five years to look after, enhance and make the most of the special landscape of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

James Stuart was joined by an inspiring group of apprentices and youth workers at the Callander youth project for the launch.

Partnership working is essential to everything the park does and it hopes the proposed priorities and suggested areas of partner working will be well received.

### Comments

The national park wants locals to get involved and is looking to hear people's comments and thoughts as the plan goes through its 12-week public consultation, from April 10 to July 3, 2017.

You can read the plan and let your views be known on the consultation pages at [www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/nppp](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/nppp).

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

The Bible says, 'Live in harmony with one another' (Romans, 12:16).

**DEATHS**

**MACKAY** - On April 4, 2017, suddenly at home, Linda Jessie MacKay, in her 59th year, beloved wife of Willie MacKay, much loved mother of Mark and Ross, dear mother-in-law of Katie and Vicky, dearly loved gran of Laura, Hollie, Sophie, Charlotte and the late Tori. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, (today) Friday, April 14, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital.

**MILSTEAD** - At Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, on Friday, April 7, 2017, Alyson Marjorie Milstead, née MacRae, of Dunvalanree in Carradale, in her 63rd year. A loving wife and companion to Alan Milstead, mother to Robbie, Diain and Lauren, mother-in-law to Sarah and granny to Charlotte. Service to be held at Saddell and Carradale Church, on Tuesday, April 18 at 2.00pm. No flowers. A retiral collection will be held for the Beatson Cancer Charity. Please, no black ties.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**JOHNSON** - Malcolm, Katharine and families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy following the recent sad loss of their mother and afterwards at the Carrick. Many thanks to all who joined the family to celebrate Margaret's long life. Special appreciation goes to Marjorie Kelly for her wonderful playing of Gaelic airs and to Stan Lupton for his help and advice. The Tarbert Hotel provided a lovely lunch and a welcome which was enjoyed by all. A generous retiral collection of £500 has been donated to the RNLI in Margaret's memory.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**GLEN** - Patricia. In our hearts, tucked up tight, You're here and here you'll stay, With love and all the memories, We had along the way. - Catherine Ann, Alistair, Alan and Alistair.

**GROGAN** - In loving memory of Andy, died April 17, 2016. Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. - Love from Kathleen and family xxxxx.

**GROGAN** - In loving memory of our dear brother, Andy, died April 17, 2016. Only ever a thought away, Loved and remembered every day. - Mary, Jim, Flo, Margaret, John and Harry.

**LEESMOFFAT** - Margaret Watson Thomson, who passed away on April 13, 2015. Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. - Poppy, Daniel, Mathilda and Zephyr xx.

**MACLULLICH** - In loving memory of Duncan, dear husband, father and brother who died on April 11, 2013. Loved and remembered always. - Annette, Alasdair and Ishobel.

**MAXWELL** - In loving memory of Florence (Bunty), who died April 17, 2013. Sadly missed. - Tom, James and family.

**MCLEAN** - In loving memory of Hector, a dear husband, father and grandfather, who died April 16, 2015. Loved and missed every day by us all. - Anne and family.

**MCSPORRAN** - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012. Although you can't be with us, We're truly not apart, Until the final breath we take, You'll be living in our hearts. - Ann, Hilda, and all the family.

**WEIR** - In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father, papa and great papa to us all. We all miss you. In our hearts you'll always stay, Loved and remembered every day. - Tina, Bell, Allan and families xx.

**WOOD** - In loving memory of my dear wife, Jean (McDonald), who died suddenly on April 13, 2016. She was a wife with a heart of gold, Her memory in my heart I hold, It's not the words they are so few, It's just the memories I have of you. - Inserted by her loving husband, Benny.

**WOOD** - In loving memory of our mum, gran and great gran, who died on April 13, 2016. We never asked for miracles, But today just one would do, To see our front door open, And our dearest mum walk through. - Your loving son, David, Cheryl, Lauren, Robert and great grandchildren.

**WOOD** - In loving memory of our dear mum and gran, Jean, died on April 13, 2016. The angels sang "Amazing Grace", The Lord came down and touched your face, He held your hand and whispered low, Come walk with me, it's time to go. - Loved always, Irene, Gordon, Niamh and Lucie.

**WOOD** - In loving memory of my dear mum and gran, Jean, who passed away April 13, 2016. To those who have a mum, Love her while you may, Because we wish with all our hearts, Our mum was here today. - Your loving daughter, Moira, Danielle and Liam.

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**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**  
Good Friday 14th April Mass 10.30am  
Easter Sunday 16th April Mass 10.00am  
Easter Monday 17th April Mass 10.30am  
All Saints, Inveraray  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
**01546 602380**  
All Welcome (SCO002876)

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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 16th April**  
11.15am Easter Service  
Calum Ferguson  
2.30pm Easter Film  
**Wednesday 19th April**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
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**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 16 April**  
Easter Day  
Kilmory Chapel 8.30am  
Inverlussa Church 10 am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
**Friday 14 April**  
Bellanoch Church 7pm  
Good Friday Meditations  
Rev C Acklam  
**Saturday 15 April**  
Achnamara Hall 10.30am  
Café Connect  
**Monday 17 April**  
Tayvallich Church 10.30am  
Prayer Time  
All welcome  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
**Sunday 16th April 2017**  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
**Morning Service**  
In Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
All welcome

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road,  
Lochgilphead  
(SC013787)  
**Good Friday 14th April**  
12 - 3pm Ecumenical  
Good Friday Service at  
Christ Church  
**Easter Day 16th April**  
11am Easter Fire & Sung  
Eucharist  
St Columba's, Pottalloch  
(SC031391)  
**Easter Day 16th April**  
Holy Communion 9am  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Easter Day 16th April 2017**  
Communion Service  
Kilmartin 11.45am  
Rev. C R Acklam  
All welcome  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 16th April**  
11.00am  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
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Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Friday 14th April**  
Good Friday  
Devotional Service 10.30am  
**Sunday 16th April**  
Easter Day  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
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**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
Easter Weekend  
**FRIDAY 14TH 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 16TH APRIL**  
Easter Sunday Services at the Tennis Court, 8:00am and in Achahoish Church at 9:45am and Ardrishaig Church at 11:00am

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 16th April 2017**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Family Services  
**Skipness Service 10am**  
Easter Communion  
Rev. Walter Ritchie  
**Tarbert Service 11.30am**  
Mr Matthew Ramsay  
**Kilberry Service 2pm**  
Congregation Led  
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Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622  
Skipness SCO04280

**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Kintyre Christian Fellowship meeting to be held on  
**Friday 21st April**  
at 7.30pm in Highland Parish Church Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown  
Guest speaker:  
Rev Colin Buchanan from Dumbarton Free Church  
Tea/coffee served after the meeting  
Everyone most welcome.

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Good Friday Service 14th April 2017**  
7.00pm at the Guide Hall  
**Easter Sunday Baptismal Service**  
16th April 2017, 11.00am  
A special Baptismal Service at Peninver Hall followed by refreshments (Please note: no service at the Guide Hall)  
Pastor Chris Holden  
**Youth Fellowship**  
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Every Sunday (term time only)  
**Mainly Music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
Pastor Chris Holden  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
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**ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN**  
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All Welcome  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Walk of Witness, after Gathering at the Cross at 10am  
The Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, 3.00 pm  
Way of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross, 6.00 pm  
**HOLY SATURDAY**  
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am  
Visit the 'Lord's Tomb' throughout the day  
**THE EASTER VIGIL OF THE HOLY NIGHT**  
beginning with the Service of Light at 8.30 pm  
**SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Holy Mass, 10.00 am  
Saturday 9.30-10.00am or on request.  
Islay  
**First Sunday of Easter**  
(16 April) - Holy Mass 4pm;  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
(23 April) - Holy Mass 4pm.

**Highland Parish Church**  
  
SCO02493  
**Friday 14th April**  
Joint Good Friday Service will be held in Lorne Lowland Church at 8.00pm  
**Sunday 16th April**  
**Easter Sunday**  
'Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends'  
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 16th April**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
All Age Service  
Rev P Wallace  
**Monday 17th April**  
Congregational AGM  
New Hall 7.30pm  
**Tuesday 18th April**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am New Hall  
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## A Fyne contest sets season on right course

THE MEN'S golfing season gets under way this week at Tarbert Golf Club. Tomorrow (Saturday April 15) sees the first round of the Fyne Tankard take place as golfers vie to make it through to round two, which takes place the following weekend. Captain Keith MacTaggart is hoping for a decent turnout for the opening event of the season.

The lady members have played two competitions already with Heather Brownlie taking the honours in the April medal with a net 72 and Seona Martin winning the weekend's stableford with 37 points.

The club would like to extend their congratulations to former club stalwart David Lamont who won the Argyll and Bute matchplay championship at Machrihanish Golf Club.

## Summertime and the bowling is easy

SUMMER is on the way in Ardrishaig.

Tomorrow (Saturday April 15) sees the grand opening of the green at Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club.

Members old and new are invited along for the green opening at 2.30pm.

If you have never played bowls before, you are very welcome to come along to the club and have a go on Tuesday evening or Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm.

All you need are flat shoes, and the club supplies the rest.

Fresh air, exercise and good company – what could be better?

The tennis courts are also available on a first come, first served basis.

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# Lochgilphead Golf Club has a spring in its step

SPRING arrived at Lochgilphead Golf Club with a busy week-end of events.

A race night on Friday March 31, officiated by the Round Table, set the scene and was greatly enjoyed by members and guests.

Participants bid to be

owners in the last race, with a £50 meal voucher up for grabs for the winning horse owner. This was won by Keith Cowan, whose horse Awesome romped home. If only his golf was as good.

Thanks to the Round Table and to all race

sponsors and horse owners who kindly supported this evening.

The first competitions of the year were played over the same weekend. The ladies played for the Nograll Trophy, which was won by this year's lady captain Ele Hunter. The gents played for the Dunlop Tankard, won by secretary Douglas Whyte.

The concept of keeping it in the family seems to have become keeping it in the committee.

In beautiful weather, Sunday April 2 was very busy with visitors able to have a go at pitching, driving



A busy session at the open day as members offer some tips to learner golfers.

and putting, followed by afternoon tea in the clubhouse.

The day was a great success, with new members signing up to join and some others signing up for the coaching package.

Many thanks to all the members who assisted in making this day such a success.

Staff and volunteers are busy addressing the issue we had with the greens recently, so please bear with

us during this period. We have a busy work schedule mapped out by the consultant we have employed so the next few weeks will see lots of work activity around the course.

Ele Hunter



Delicious afternoon tea in the Lochgilphead clubhouse.

## Shinty news and views . . . Shinty news and views . . . Shinty news and views . . .

### Camanachd Cup Kilmory 5 Glenorchy 1

IT WAS Kilmory who progressed to the first round of the Camanachd Cup as they overcame Glenorchy 5-1 in preliminary round tie at MacRae Park.

Alister MacArthur gave Kilmory an early lead on 11 minutes, signalling the start of a busy afternoon for the Kilmory forwards.

Alex Cunningham made it 2-0 on 35 minutes to edge the Lochgilphead side further in front.

When Hal Jones scored a vital third goal on the stroke of half time, Kilmory had one foot in the next round.

Alister MacArthur

continued to have a successful day in front of goal, netting his second on the hour mark. He went on to complete his hat-trick on 75 minutes with an impressive reactionary volley from close range.

Conor Sartain's goal for Glenorchy 10 minutes from time was mere consolation for the Dalmally club as they were dumped out of the national cup.

Kilmory can now look forward to a home tie against Taynuilt in the first round of the Camanachd Cup.

### Premiership Kilmallie 1 Kyles Athletic 2

KYLES Athletic made it three wins out of three when they beat Kilmallie 2-1 at the

Canal Parks. It was Kyles who exerted the early pressure and Gordon Whyte put them ahead after 35 minutes. Kilmallie keeper Shane Gillies saved a low Sandy MacKenzie shot and Whyte was in quickly to bundle the rebound over the line.

However, their lead only lasted five minutes before Mark Graham made it 1-1. A clever, scooped pass from John Stewart out-foxed the Kyles defence and Graham nipped in ahead of keeper John Whyte to score.

The first half had been a very tight contest but not long into the second half, Roddy MacDonald scored what proved to be the winner with a smart, volleyed finish just three minutes after the restart.

Kyles could have added to their tally but for some great saves by Kilmallie keeper Shane Gillies.

Kyles, with Andy King excelling at the back, always carried a threat and the win lifts them to third place in shinty's top flight.

### National Division Inveraray 1 Strathglass 2

WITH an opportunity to go top of the Marine Harvest National Division gone begging, Inveraray will rue their 2-1 defeat to Strathglass in their home match at the Winterton.

The visitors took the lead after just five minutes when Archie Wotherspoon scored.

With co-managers Ruaridh Graham and John Montgomery lending their experience from the touchline, Inveraray's new generation lacked the necessary composure to get back on level terms and Strathglass took their 1-0 lead into the break.

A long ball from Ryan Balharry deceived Inveraray keeper Scott MacLachlan, who had ventured off his line to clear the danger. The ball ended up in the net and the team from Cannich were 2-0 up.

John Kennedy eventually found the net with a tap-in from only two yards out



Lewis MacNicol in action.

with just five minutes remaining.

An equalising Inveraray goal seemed inevitable but Strathglass held out to take the points.

Next up for Inveraray is an intriguing Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup tie against Bute at The Meadows.

### Sutherland Cup Lochaber 6 Inveraray 2

(after extra-time) It took extra-time before Inveraray reserves were put out of the first round of the Sutherland Cup, losing 6-2 at Spean Bridge.

Inveraray bolstered their pack with Gary MacPherson playing his first game since

last season's Artemis Macaulay Cup final. Experienced defender Andrew McMurdo also played, as did veterans John Smylie and Douglas Watt.

Keith Neville and Douglas Watt exchanged goals to leave the sides level at 2-2 after only 16 minutes.

That was the end of the scoring during the regulation 90 minutes.

The extra-time period was just a step too far for Inveraray and Lochaber went on to put the tie to bed.

Once Finlay MacDonald made it 3-2 with a screamer on 100 minutes, three more quick-fire Lochaber goals consigned Inveraray reserves to an early exit from the cup.



Kilmory's Alister MacArthur turns and puts a strike on goal. 06\_a15kilmory01

# Open season at Lochgilphead Bowling Club

IN LOVELY spring sunshine, Lochgilphead Bowling Club opened for the season.

Club president Sandy Crawford welcomed members to the grand opening on the afternoon of Saturday April 8, and particularly thanked members from the neighbouring Ardrishaig club for com-

ing along to support the occasion.

The sun was shining and a slightly chilly breeze blew across the green as the club president's wife, Fiona Crawford, had the honour of throwing the opening bowl of the season.

Sandy also paid tribute to Ian, Neil and

Hamish for their hard work in preparing the Lochgilphead green for the season.

Lochgilphead Bowling Club welcomes new members of any age and bowling experience. The club also holds a prize bingo session in the clubhouse on Fridays at 8pm, and everyone is welcome.



Fiona Crawford plays the symbolic opening bowl of the season in the spring sunshine. 06\_a15bowlsgilp04



See a video clip of the opening bowl being played on the *Argyllshire Advertiser* Facebook page.

Lochgilphead Bowling Club president Sandy Crawford speaks as the green opens for the season. 06\_a15bowlsgilp02

## Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Jimmy Marshall Cup, third round – Houston v Campbelltown Pupils, postponed; Pupils have withdrawn from the cup; Premier Division – Oban Saints 2, Moth-erwell Thistle 3; Premier Division One – Dunoon 1, Kings Park Rangers 3; Premier 2A – Lochgilphead Red Star 5, Millbeg 0; Premier 2B – Arkleston 4, Tarbert 0.

Due to the Easter holiday weekend, the only game involving an Argyll and Bute team is the Scottish Amateur Cup semi-final between Colville Park and Oban Saints taking place at New Douglas Park, Hamilton, kicking off at 2pm.

## Sports clubs' lottery results

THE numbers drawn on Monday in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 3, 12 and 15. Peter McLean won the £200 jackpot so next week's prize is £100.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 2, 13

and 18. There were no winners this week so next week's prize will be £300.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 5 and 13. Inveraray Fire Service won the £400 jackpot, meaning next week's prize will be £100.

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# Red hot Star keep promotion dream alive

**Lochgilphead Red Star** **5**  
**Millbeg** **0**  
SAFL Premier Division 2A

HOPES of promotion now lie in the hands of Red Star players after a convincing home win against Millbeg set up an exciting end to the season.

Victory in their final two league games of the season will see the Lochgilphead side finish in second place, winning promotion to the SAFL Premier 1.

With other results in the league also going their way, Red Star have given themselves an opportunity to charge for promotion thanks to the three points picked up on Saturday.

In the previous meeting between these two sides, Red Star gained a narrow 1-2 victory away to Millbeg ear-

lier in the season and were anticipating another tight match at the Ropework.

Manager Dougie Moore welcomed Ben Pollock back into the side in place of the injured Luke Kalache and Colin Weir took the place of the suspended Kieran Moore.

It was the home side who made the more positive start, with Rab Docherty, Colin Weir and Innes Meikle all creating a number of chances early on but Star once again found themselves up against a goalkeeper who was in excellent form.

The opener did eventually come for Star from the penalty spot on the half-hour mark. The Millbeg defender

inexplicably raised his hands above his head to stop a cross, leaving referee Jimmy Litster with the simple decision of pointing to the spot. Rab Docherty stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way to put Star 1-0 up.

The home side were settling into a nice rhythm now and the midfield pairing of Lee MacLean and Aaron Moore were starting to dominate the game, spraying passes out to their wide men and forwards.

The second goal of the afternoon came as the result of a long throw from Kyle Selfridge, a tactic that has worked to good effect in recent weeks.

The centre back's long throw found its way to the middle of the six-yard box where it was met by Aaron Moore, who powered



**Aaron Moore loses his marker and leaps to reach an aerial ball into the box** 06\_a15redstar02

his header into the net and Star were 2-0 up at half-time.

In the second half, Red Star were eager to secure the points early as Innes Meikle had an effort blocked by the Millbeg goalkeeper straight from the kick off after he broke clear of the defence.

Despite the match becoming a bit scrappier at the beginning of the second half, Star were still creating plenty of chances and it was no surprise when they added to their tally on the hour mark.

Once again Kyle Selfridge's long throw was met by the head of Aaron Moore, scoring a carbon copy of his first-half goal to make the score 3-0.

It was now a case of how many Star could score as the back four of Andy Weir, Luke Naisby, Kyle Selfridge and Connor Crawford were enjoying a reasonably comfortable afternoon in

defence while 'keeper Ben Pollock was virtually a spectator.

Innes Meikle got himself a goal with 20 minutes to go, which was fully deserved for his overall performance. His effort from the edge of the box bobbled over the unfortunate 'keeper into the net to make the score 4-0.

The Star management were once again able to give the full squad a good run out. However, this didn't affect the team's performance as they kept pushing to the end and were rewarded with a fifth goal. Once again it came from the penalty spot after Innes Meikle's run was stopped by a despairing lunge.

Aaron Moore slotted home the spot kick to seal his hat-trick despite the valiant efforts of the Millbeg goalkeeper. Star closed out the game as 5-0 winners and eagerly await their crucial final two matches of the season.



**Ciaran McPhie gliding through the Millbeg defence.** 06\_a15redstar01



**Ciaran McPhie leaving another defender in his wake.** 06\_a15redstar05

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