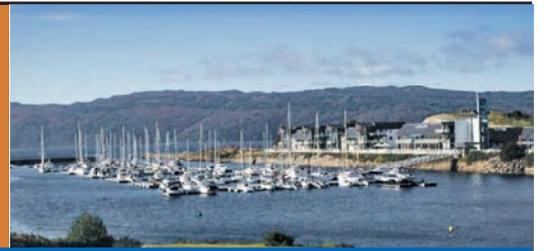





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Anger and frustration as health forum cancelled for second time

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MEMBERS of the public have been left angry and frustrated after the Argyll and Bute Health and Care Forum (HCF) was cancelled for the second time in six months.

The meeting has now been rescheduled for Tuesday April 24 to allow the public to have their say on health cuts.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* previously reported on Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) plans to close Lochgilhead Resource Centre and make cuts to other vital community services in an attempt to save up to £13 million.

The forum is widely recognised as the community's link to HSCP bosses.

A quote on the front of HCF information

leaflets says: 'We will listen to you, learn from your experience and use this insight to guide what we do.'

Stuart White from Minard, who had been planning to attend the event, said he was frustrated the meeting had been cancelled at such short notice. He said: 'The whole issue is just too ridiculous for words.'

'The final decision on cuts is supposed to be made in May and with the preliminary meeting now rescheduled, I do not think this is enough time for everyone to give their view.'

'We deserve to have our say on these cuts, which could put a huge amount of pressure on the voluntary sector.'

Following the cancellation, health bosses pencilled in the next meeting for June.

But this left many members of the com-

munity outraged as a June date meant they would not be able to have a say or ask questions on proposed cuts before the May deadline set by the HSCP's governing body, the Integrated Joint Board.

Barabel McKay, vice-chairwoman of the HCF, said she had not been notified of any plans to cancel the meeting.

She said: 'I am appalled the second meeting in six months was cancelled with the next date originally set as June.'

'Now that the meeting has been rescheduled to April 24, I hope those who had planned to attend are still able to do so and that the cancellation has not affected public confidence in the partnership.'

Councillor Dougie Philand also highlighted his concerns at a



POLICE divers launched into Loch Fyne on Wednesday, as part of a recovery operation attempt to lift the FV Nancy Glen, which sank near Tarbert on January 18 with the loss of skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman

Przemek Krawczyk, who are believed to have gone down with the boat. The operation aims to raise the boat to a depth where divers can be deployed to search for the missing men.

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recent Lochgilhead Community Council meeting, saying the public deserved to have their concerns heard.

He said: 'Concerns had previously been expressed at the can-

cellation of the Health and Care Forum meeting, but I am delighted the concerns have been listened to and a meeting is being scheduled for April 24.'

'I make the plea that

members of the public do attend, with the venue and time still to be notified.'

An NHS Highland spokesperson said: 'We apologise to all concerned for the fact the

Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum meeting was cancelled at short notice.

'We are currently arranging a new date and all members will be notified accordingly.'



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Busy weekend for Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team

ARROCHAR Mountain Rescue Team was busy last weekend helping several injured walkers.

On Saturday April 7 at 11.50am the team was called out to help a 75-year-old man who had fallen and injured his head and shoulder near Butterbridge.

One team member, who was on the hill, helped the man, while the team was deployed with equipment to carry the casualty below cloud level.

The man was then taken to hospital.

Karen Black, from Glasgow, commented on the Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team Facebook page: 'This is my dad who, despite his many injuries, is making good progress in hospital.'

'We can't thank everyone enough that was involved in his res-

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We can't
thank
everyone
enough.
We are so
grateful

Karen Black

Daughter of
rescued walker

cue. We are so grateful
to you all.'

The team was then called out to help a woman who had fallen near Beinn and Lochain. As an air ambulance attended this incident, it spotted a second male casualty and assessed him as a priority. He was winched on board and taken to hospital.

The team search manager requested another



The air ambulance near Beinn an Lochain.

helicopter to deal with the original woman casualty and a helicopter was dispatched from a training exercise near the Kyle Lochalsh to help.

Four team members helped the woman onto a stretcher and she was airlifted to hospital.

Police files

Windows smashed

THREE windows in a house at Columba Court, Ardrishaig, were smashed at 3.45pm on Tuesday April 3.

Attempted theft and damage

POLICE are investigating after an attempt was made to steal canoes from a shed at the

rear of 16 Cairnbaan Cottages, Cairnbaan, Lochgilhead, sometime between 10am on Thursday March 29 and 12.50am on Wednesday April 4.

During the incident, a drainpipe was damaged and firewood was stolen.

Car damaged after being hit

A GREEN Fiat 500 was damaged by an-

other vehicle which failed to stop sometime between 5.30pm on Monday April 2 and 2.30pm on Tuesday April 3 near to Café Cadora in Harbour Street, Tarbert.

Windows smashed

AROUND midday on Wednesday April 4, four windows were smashed and a CCTV camera was damaged at the Square, Oakfield Estate, Lochgilhead.

Police appeal after elderly couple are threatened at home

POLICE are appealing for information after an elderly couple were threatened in Ardrishaig on Friday April 6.

At 6pm, a man and a woman in their eighties were in their home in Glengilp, Ardrishaig, when a man banged on the windows and doors threatening them.

The man has been described as being in his 30s, around 5ft 8in, of slim build, with blonde hair and missing teeth. He spoke in a Glaswegian accent and was wearing a blue sports jacket, blue jeans and a blue beanie hat.

Detective Sergeant Keith Phillip, of Oban police office, said: 'Although no-one was hurt, this incident was frightening for the elderly couple and has left them shaken in their own home.'

'We believe this incident was a case of mistaken identity and are working to trace the person responsible as well as the intended targets. We would appeal to anyone who knows anything about this incident or may have seen or heard anything that could help us trace the person responsible.'

Anyone with any information should contact Oban police office via 101, quoting incident number 3177.

Alternatively, anyone with information can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Any witnesses or anyone with any information about any of the above incidents should contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Man charged after two disturbances

A 26-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with two counts of a breach of the peace following disturbances in Argyll Street and Campbell Street in Lochgilhead at 5.30pm on Tuesday April 10.

He was taken into custody for a court appearance on Wednesday April 11.

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MP focuses on island growth

A HIGH-LEVEL summit organised by MP Brendan O'Hara on Wednesday April 4 discussed a long-term plan for sustainable economic growth for Islay and Jura.

Among those attending the summit at the Gaelic Centre in Bowmore were three Scottish Government ministers – Humza Yousaf, Fiona Hyslop and Michael Russell.

Also in attendance were the chief executives of Argyll and Bute Council and Highland and Islands Enterprise.

The views of the whisky industry were articulated by The Scotch Whisky Association and Diageo, as well as representatives of numerous distilleries on Islay and Jura.

Also present to give the view of the local population were Islay and Jura community councils, the local Ferry Users' Group and the islands' Tourism and Marketing Group.

They were joined by senior management from CalMac, Transport Scotland, Visit

Scotland and Mull's Hauliers.

Opening the summit, Mr O'Hara explained his reason for bringing together so many representatives of national government, local government, the community, public bodies and industry together on Islay.

He said: 'As MP for Argyll and Bute and chairman of the all-party group on Scotch whisky at Westminster, everyone I speak to talks about their plans to increase spirit production on these islands and the rise in tourist numbers that will inevitably follow.'

'Yet at the same time, I know the people of Islay and Jura are at the end of their tether over crumbling roads and the huge challenges posed by a ferry service that is very often unreliable and occasionally bursting at the seams. I just couldn't see how increased spirit production, coupled to the inevitable rise in visitor numbers, would be possible given the already huge demands being put on the

roads and the ferries. Everyone was happily ploughing their own strategic overview or a long-term plan for sustainable economic growth.

'That couldn't go on and I felt it essential all the stakeholders, from community to national government, got together to arrive at a shared vision for the future wellbeing of Islay and Jura.'

Following the summit, Mr O'Hara trav-

elled to Craighouse on Jura to host a public meeting with Scottish Transport and Islands Minister Humza Yousaf.

He then returned to Bowmore to meet several local groups including TSI, the Seniors' Forum, local councillors, the National Farmers' Union of Scotland, South Islay Development, the islands' Health and Social Care Partnership and the small business forum.



MP Brendan O'Hara with Scottish minister Humza Yousaf MSP.



Diabetic support group tries out Tai Chi

MID ARGYLL Diabetic Support Group celebrated its fifth anniversary with a special Tai Chi lesson from Ian Smith and Sandy Richardson at Mid Argyll Community Hospital. More on page eight.

Coffee and jumble with the MS Society

THE MS Society Scotland will play host to a table-top jumble sale at the Red Cross hall in Lochgilphead on Saturday April 14 between noon and 3pm.

Attendees can enjoy a hot drink and baking while checking out what's on offer at the event. Organiser Karen Pickering will also be completing a ziplide challenge on Saturday May 5 on behalf of the MS Society Scotland. To donate go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teampickering.

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Taking the long road to the Wee Toon



John and Lorna were pleased to reach Inveraray on day two of their four-day charity walk, the hilliest stretch behind them. 06_a15CampbeltownWalk01

‘What’s made it easier is the support we’ve had along the road. The number of people who stopped to speak or to offer us a lift was amazing. It really does spur you on’

SORE feet, aching knees – but spirit unbroken – two Campbeltown natives are toughing it out as they walk 134 miles from Glasgow to the capital of Kintyre.

The idea for the charity challenge was born for John McCallum and Lorna Black during a New Year’s Day walk near their Glasgow home.

An off-the-cuff remark along the lines of: ‘Wouldn’t it be great to get back to Campbeltown under our own steam...’ developed into a four-day trek, following main roads all the way.

They set off from Crookston at 6.30am on Tuesday April 3, bound for Arrochar. They arrived more than 13 hours later, sore and exhausted after a day treading tarmac and dodging traffic.

A hearty breakfast, and it was off at the slightly later time of

8.45am the following day for Inveraray as sleet and snow fell.

That particular leg involved negotiating the notorious Rest and be Thankful mountain pass. ‘It was a bit of a blizzard coming into our faces while we were coming up the old military road, so that was a tough section,’ explained John. ‘But we made it.’

Lorna added: ‘What’s made it easier is the support we’ve had along the road. The number of people who stopped to speak or to offer us a lift was amazing. It really does spur you on.’

When the couple came through Cairndow, they were surprised when one man stopped and handed them £5.

They made it to Inveraray around 4.30pm, feeling the pace a little with aching feet and knees.

But the pain is worth the gain

for their chosen good cause – the Beatson Cancer Charity.

‘The Beatson has given such great care to many people close to us over the years, it’s very close to our hearts, and to many people across the west of Scotland,’ Lorna explained.

Penultimate

The weather was against them, with wet and windy conditions for the duration of the walk as the pair suffered blistered feet and burning calves.

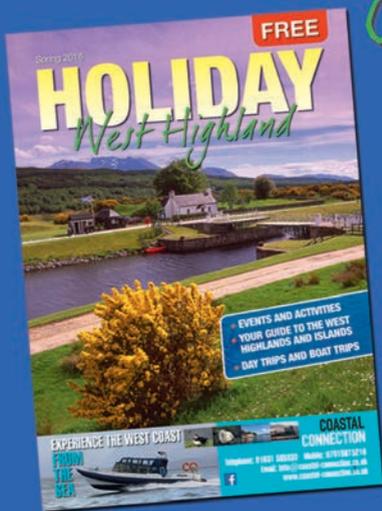
Despite the conditions, the couple made it into Campbeltown and were welcomed by a cheering group of friends and family.

If you would like to donate to their fundraising effort, visit the JustGiving page entitled ‘John and Lorna’s home from home challenge’.

And if you see them on the road – spur them on and give them a toot.

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The overflowing dog poo bin beside the Crinan Canal.

Dog bin causes another stink

A DOG poo bin on the Crinan Canal path has been left overflowing once again with walkers saying it is an 'awful sight'.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* contacted Scottish Canals, which said the bin was the responsibility of Argyll and Bute Council. However, the council stated the bin was actually to be emptied by officials from Scottish Canals.

A spokesperson from Scottish Canals said: 'The bin pictured is managed by Scottish Canals. We have increased the frequency of this bin being emptied but it appears an oversight on the part of our contractor has resulted in the build-up of waste shown.'

'We have raised this with them as a matter of urgency and they have guaranteed to empty the bins today and weekly from then on.'

Duchess backs rural life-saving charity

THE DUCHESS of Argyll has shown her support for a rural emergency response charity following a presentation at Inveraray Castle.

The Duchess presented Dr Kate MacGregor of Taynuilt Medical Practice with a Sandpiper Bag of life-saving equipment on Saturday April 10 at Inveraray Castle.

Dr MacGregor was announced as the latest British Association for Immediate Care (BASICS) responder.

In rural areas such as Argyll, responders act as volunteers when off duty, providing critical first aid and saving lives.

BASICS responders are equipped with Sandpiper bags which contain all the necessary equipment re-

quired in an emergency. Working in conjunction with the Scottish Ambulance Service, responders are located and dispatched as soon as the emergency call comes in.

This approach results in more patients being treated within 60 minutes following medical trauma or accident, during which there is the highest likelihood that quick medical treatment will prevent death.

Sandpiper trustee Penny Dickson commented: 'This was a very special occasion as it followed directly from a generous offer to the Sandpiper Trust from the Duchess of Argyll to promote its work at the Best of the West Festival in 2017.'

'Dr MacGregor was prompted to volunteer

and train as a BASICS responder as a result of attending the festival and her equipment was financed directly by funds raised at last year's event.'

The Sandpiper Trust has now supplied more than 1,000 Sandpiper bags to volunteer doctors, nurses and paramedics in rural areas of Scotland.

Each individual bag costs more than £1,000, but to appoint a fully equipped responder to the network can cost £4,000.

Additional items required include defibrillators, tracking devices linked to the ambulance service and protective clothing to ensure responder safety. For more information on the Sandpiper Trust, go to www.sandpipertrust.org.



The Duchess of Argyll with a woman whose son was saved by a Sandpiper Trust volunteer doctor.

ZamScotEd host coffee morning

ZAMSCOTED is hosting a fundraising coffee morning at Lochgilphead Parish Hall on Saturday April 21 from 10am until noon.

There will be tasty cakes and hot drinks on offer. Everyone welcome.

All change at Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface

ARGYLL and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) has announced its new top team with the appointment of a new chairman and chief executive.

Jim Hayle is the new chairman of Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface.

Mr Hayle said: 'I am very pleased to take over as chairman of the Argyll and Bute TSI.'

'John Stevens, the outgoing chairman, has led the organisation very well through a difficult period.'

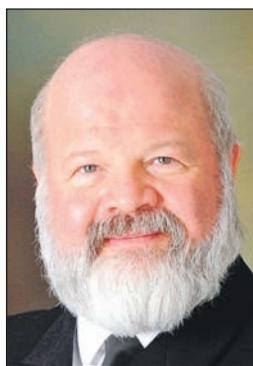
'With the appointment of our new CEO, I now wish to focus on

improving the way that the TSI delivers advice and assistance to volunteers and those organisations providing support in communities across Argyll and Bute.'

The new chief executive is Kirsteen Murray, who joins after a career spanning the private public and voluntary sectors.

From 2016 to 2017, Ms Murray was interim national director in Scotland for Diabetes UK.

Ms Murray said: 'I'm looking forward very much to developing strong and supportive



Jim Hayle is the new chairman of Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface.

working relationships with all of our stakeholders in Argyll and Bute – voluntary sector organisations, social enterprises and our

statutory sector partners, as well as gaining a deep understanding of what is important to the local communities that we serve.'

With offices across Argyll and Bute, including Oban, Islay, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown, TSI helps communities to help themselves through volunteers and volunteer-run organisations. This can be in the form of helping with organisational structure, income generation, charity regulations, sourcing and applying for funding and more.

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Editorial

Public concerns must be addressed

THE cancellation of the Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum (HCF) has caused frustration among many in the community – and rightfully so.

The HCF is one of few meetings where the public can voice their concerns with health bosses so for this to be cancelled in the wake of huge potential cuts is effectively silencing those whom these cuts affect the most.

We hope those who had planned to attend the meeting this week will be able to attend the new planned date on Tuesday April 24 to have their worries about healthcare cuts addressed.

Elderly couple threatened

IT WAS saddening to hear that an elderly couple were left frightened and shaken in their home last week after a man banged on the windows and door and threatened them.

Anyone with information is urged to contact police on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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God bless you

Sir,

At the end of the recent Good Friday Easter service at Christ Church Lochgilphead, and the reading of my Homeless Jesus booklet, an anonymous donation of £100 was left for our homelessness awareness project ARGYLLSHARE.

To that kind person, God bless you.

We have donated the money to our nominated charity, Grub's Up Recovery Cafe. Such generosity of time, money and spirit is, I am quickly discovering, a virtue of living in this big-hearted landscape.

Thank you.

Sharon Wilkie-Jones
ARGYLLSHARE

Sugar tax

Sir,

The introduction of the sugar tax on April 6 is undoubtedly a positive move to help reduce the excessive quantities of sugar in everyday foods and drinks. However, for those who live with or care for young children with type 1 diabetes, quick access to a fizzy drink or sugary food can be a life-saver, and the change is likely to create a new challenge.

People with Type 1 must regularly monitor their blood glucose levels. If levels drop dangerously low, they will experience hypoglycaemia (or hypo) and need sugar. For many, instantly reaching for a favourite fizzy drink can be what it takes to stop them going into a coma. They know the exact sugar content and exactly how much they need to drink.

All this changes as drinks manufacturers bring in new recipes and new cans of the same fizzy drink appear on the supermarket shelf alongside the old cans. The certainty of what they are taking is lost.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition which affects more than 30,000 Scottish adults and children. It cannot be prevent-

ed and is not linked to lifestyle. Awareness of the challenges associated with type 1 diabetes is increasing and the impact on them of the new sugar tax needs to be acknowledged and tackled both with understanding and good communication.

Yours sincerely,

Catriona Morrice
Development manager
– JDRF

Lynx numbers

Sir,

Lynx numbers are on the rise in Europe, through natural colonisation and reintroductions, sparking calls for the species' return to Britain. While this may be undesirable for some, tangible benefits would include helping to control the damaging effects of deer in commercial woodland, and opportunities to boost Scotland's appeal for nature based tourism.

Reintroducing lynx would be a milestone for British nature conservation. By preying on roe deer, they could play a vital role in maintaining healthy woodlands. But the lynx's return could bring challenges too, so a respectful dialogue with those who live and work in the countryside is essential before any reintroduction could ever happen.

Evidence suggests that lynx survived in Britain until after the Middle Ages. The Highlands may

be where it held out longest, and this is also where a modern-day lynx population could live, given the area's abundance of forest and woodland deer as prey. Previous research indicates that the Highlands could support a population of at least 400 wild lynx.

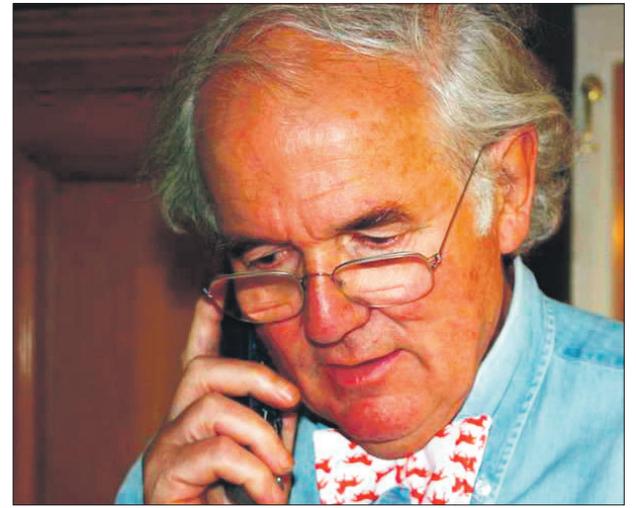
Following centuries of decline due to deforestation, persecution and overhunting, the lynx has been reintroduced to several European countries since the 1970s – including in busy areas more densely populated than the Highlands, and which are used for farming, hunting, forestry and tourism. The lynx's shyness and small size mean attacks on humans are virtually unknown.

In Scotland, there would be scope for conflict between lynx and human hunters of deer, but probably less so than in other countries, where there are fewer deer and more hunters. Impact on red deer stalking is unlikely to be significant because lynx are shy ambush-hunters, which avoid open areas and instead prefer smaller woodland deer such as roe and sika. Lynx also avoid red deer stags, which are most sought after by human hunters.

Attacks by lynx on sheep grazed in open pasture are relatively rare, but occasionally happen. Switzerland's 250 lynx cause livestock losses of 20 to 50 animals each year, while



A lynx pictured in the Jura Mountains in Switzerland.



Crinan Hotel owner Nick Ryan passed away on Wednesday April 4 following a battle with dementia.

preying on 12,500 wild roe deer and chamois annually. Nevertheless, farmers here would need to be reassured that negative local impacts could be managed.

This could be achieved by using and adapting methods tested in other countries for years – such as livestock protection measures, compensation schemes, and even lethal control.

Based on evidence from other countries, there would be no significant impact on threatened species such as wildcats and capercaillie. Meanwhile, lynx are known to routinely prey on foxes, which do prey on capercaillie and can compete with wildcats for food.

A major benefit of a healthy lynx population would be to reduce the impacts and costs of browsing by deer. Scotland's high numbers of woodland deer – which currently lack natural predators – can have a costly impact on forestry and on wildlife habitats through heavy browsing.

Lynx could offer opportunities for Scotland's tourism industry, especially important in economically fragile areas such as the Highlands. Nature-based tourism is growing, and has been calculated to have a direct economic benefit to Scotland of £1.4 billion and 39,000 full-time jobs annually.

David Hetherington
Ecologist and author
of *The Lynx and Us*

Passing of Nick Ryan

Sir,

It is with a huge amount of sadness that we share the news of Nick Ryan's passing.

Nick was one of the owners of Crinan Hotel in Argyll, a founder member of Luxury Scotland, a friend, a highly respected hotelier who contributed immensely to all aspects of Scottish tourism over the past 45 years, a wonderful raconteur, witty, funny, kind, an unforgettable human being.

Our thoughts are with Frances his wife, children and family.

Thank you for everything Nick, from the very beginning.

You are a bright star in the sky.

Luxury Scotland

Sir,

It is with great sadness I read of Nick Ryan's passing.

I met Nick the first time in Caigellachie in 1994 and remember every minute of that first meeting and the many that followed. It is very poignant to be in Craigellachie again today after many years away.

To me, Nick will always be one of the greatest hoteliers with the most personable of hospitality. Nick, you will be so missed my friend.

Tomas Gronager

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A winter in Argyll – part three

Over the next few editions, we will continue the serialisation of a short story by an Edinburgh writer with an enduring love for Mid Argyll. We hope you enjoy it and look out for another chapter in next week's edition.

By Carolyn McKerracher

Over my two months in Mid Argyll, I walked in many woods.

Some of them I knew, some were new, and to navigate them all I bought two books: Keith Fergus's 'Oban and North Argyll' and Sharon Webb's 'In the



Wonderful lichens in Crinan Wood.

Footsteps of Kings', both available in Lochgilphead bookshop. The former is best for the pocket (size-wise), and the latter for background, history and archaeology. Archaeology is the bedrock of Kilmartin Glen. According to Dr Webb, there are 'three hundred and fifty prehistoric and historic monuments within six miles of Kilmartin'.

When I was a child, the excellent museum (and café with another amazing view) did not exist and the monuments had not yet been fully excavated, but still my sister and I loved the strangely carved stones around Kilmartin Church. I have since been amazed at the plethora of sites to visit, the

depth of information available and the incongruity of ancient standing stones, surrounded by sheep.

I've battled through Kilmartin Glen in a snowstorm, stood with past kings (and queens?) on Dunadd at sunset, laid on the ground (!) at Ormaig in the rain and sunk in mud on the Mòine Mhór. I've been awestruck at all the stunning cup and ring marks, including those at Cairnbaan, Kilmichael and Achnabreck.

There are also many fine castles in the area and, one beautiful Sunday afternoon, I climbed to the top of Castle Dounie, for the breathtaking view over the Sound of Jura. On the way down, Keith Fergus advises that the path drops steeply and 'can be slippery after rain'.

Despite good boots and a walking pole, I



The incredible rock carving at Achnabreck.

slipped and fell. Badly. So badly, I thought I had fractured something important. Slowly and very painfully, I managed to trudge three miles back to the cottage, spurred on only by memories of tales in the *Reader's Digest* of mountaineers crawling miles in the snow with two broken legs, a fractured spine and a dog on their back. If they could do it, so could I.

Two hours later, I made it back home, only to discover that everyone in the surrounding cottages was out. Unable even to bend to get in my car, I longed for the number 22 Lothian bus, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Instead, I couldn't even get hold of a taxi.

I imagined dying alone in agony on the driveway but, ever-resilient, I managed to

hobble back to the road and flag down a passing car. They weren't going my way but, as I began to dissolve, they folded me gently into the front seat and took me to A&E.

Nothing broken. Just a prolapse and nerve damage. They drugged me up and gave me the number for KJ Cars, who promptly arrived and delivered me home with due care and attention.

For two weeks, I could hardly move. I screamed with every forward bend, particularly when trying to put my pants and socks on. The solution to that is obvious, but although pants are quite possibly dispensable up here, socks are most definitely not.

Two pairs required at least. And that's just in bed.

To be continued.

Youth group on the ball with cash boost award

THE SUCCESSFUL 'Sports Not On The Green' community event has been given a lift after being awarded government funding.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS), which organises the annual sporting extravaganza, was given the £1,962 grant through the Year of Young People Youth Community Action Fund.

Sports Not on The Green brings people together for a fun day of sport, the arts and a variety of workshops. Local sports clubs run free sessions, such as football, athletics, rugby and golf.

MAYDS runs workshops on the day, with experts from all over the UK. In previous years there have been sessions with a stuntman, professional foot-

baller, breakdancer and even a steel band. Mid Argyll Community Pool brings along water walkers and MAYDS hires a mobile skatepark.

Young people are given free sporting accessories such as footballs to encourage participation in activities.

This year the young people from MAYDS will organise the late June event themselves,

ensuring it showcases local young people, their talents and achievements.

With the help of MAYDS trained youth work staff, they will organise every aspect and run 10 weekly workshops ahead of the event, involving experienced members of the community sharing their talents with the young people.

Jim Sweeney, CEO

of YouthLink Scotland, said: 'We want to celebrate young people and the youth workers who make a difference.'

'This event, designed in partnership with young people, is a fantastic opportunity for local young people to illustrate the breadth of talent across Argyll.'

The Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

The Youth Community Action Fund is administered by YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work and is funded by the Scottish Government.



Plenty of fun and action at Sports Not on the Green 2017.08_a27maydssports04

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Former convener David Carruthers serves hot drinks during the MOMA fundraising coffee morning. 8_a15MOMAcoffeemorning02



Marian Pallister and Debra Nelson from Addaction enjoy a cuppa. 08_a15MOMA-coffeemorning03

Coffee and cakes galore at charity coffee morning

A FUNDRAISING coffee morning for Moving on Mid Argyll (MOMA) has raised £333.

The annual general meeting that followed the fundraiser saw David Carruthers resign as convener. He was replaced by MOMA founding member Sandy Taylor.

MOMA is a charity run by the Baptist Church, Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church and other organisations including Argyll and Bute Council and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The charity was founded nine years ago to address local homelessness and alleviate the impacts of poverty during challenging times.

Former convener David Carruthers said: 'Nearly 30,000 families and individuals find themselves homeless each year in Scotland. While you are less likely to see the rough sleeper type of homelessness in Mid Argyll, anyone can become homeless, perhaps as a consequence of bereavement, family break-up, debt or losing their job.'

'MOMA's role is to provide starter packs of basic household essentials for those who have been homeless and are moving from temporary to more permanent accommodation, helping to turn an empty flat or house into their home.'

MOMA also supplies those in need with emergency food

parcels, with requests doubling in the year 2017/18, with 72 parcels provided to individuals, couples and families.

Some of the most common reasons for a rise in the use of food parcels is a short-term delay in benefit payments. Most recently, MOMA has considered how families can be helped with the rising cost of school uniforms, with the charity currently in discussion with the heads of local schools on how best to address this issue.

Argyll and Bute Council provides school clothing grants, but these are often not enough to cover costs. If you wish to donate, visit the Moving On - Mid Argyll Facebook page.

Diabetic group celebrates anniversary with Tai Chi

MID ARGYLL Diabetic Support Group celebrated its five-year anniversary by inviting Ian Smith and Sandy Richardson along for a Tai Chi demonstration.

Sandy and Ian led the group through Chi Kung exercises, with each exercise carefully chosen as the most appropriate for those with a diabetic condition.

Tai Chi originates from 2700BC when the Yellow Emperor practised the exercises based on the observations of the movements of birds and animals.

High standard

By the 13th century, the Zen Buddhist monks had perfected Tai Chi as a martial art, which was practised to a high standard.

Group leader Barabel McKay encouraged those who suffer from diabetes to attend the group and said: 'We are always looking for innovative ways to manage the symptoms of this distressing condition, which affects so many thousands of people in this area.'



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Autograph Archie hits the big time

FOLLOWING a recent article in the Argyllshire Advertiser, Mid Argyll autograph hunter Archie MacColl-Smith has grabbed a few more big names for his autograph book.

The 13-year-old from Inveraray recently caught up with the Glasgow Warriors rugby team during a training session and has also been invited along to a wrestling event in Tarbert.



Archie with his autograph book, which will soon feature some big names in the rugby and wrestling world. 06_a12Archieautograph02

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Farmers urged to 'look out' for overhead lines

A SCOTTISH and Southern Electricity Networks, (SSEN) safety campaign is calling for farmers to 'look out, look up!' when working near overhead power lines and poles.

Across its electricity networks SSEN wants to highlight the possible dangers faced by the agricultural industry as farmers and contractors approach the busiest months of their year. It is sharing practical advice with the farming community in a bid to help them avoid incidents and accidents related to power supplies.

Last year, SSEN recorded more than 780

incidents on agricultural land across its infrastructure where third-parties came into contact with poles, overhead lines and cables, cutting off local electricity supplies and having the potential to cause serious injury, or worse, to those involved.

To ensure that farmers and their teams are armed with the knowledge they need to stay safe in the field this summer and beyond, SSEN is issuing the following advice: 'Look out, look up!'

Before starting work in any areas where electricity lines are present, risk assess and be aware of the height

of machinery that will be in use near lines and ensure there's plenty of clearance – remember that electricity can 'jump' if an object comes near enough; if you do come in to contact with an overhead line or cable, stay in your cab or vehicle and try to avoid touching anything metal within it; call 105 immediately – this is the UK-wide single emergency number for power companies and is the quickest way to put you through to the correct network operator; if the situation is too dangerous to stay put, i.e. if the machinery is affected by fire, then it is advised that



Farmers are being urged to avoid power lines.

you leap out of the vehicle as high and as far as you can to avoid touching any part of the machinery or electricity network.

Richard Gough, head of safety, health

and environment (networks) explains: 'The 'look out, look up!' message encourages anyone working in the field to take stock of their surroundings and the overhead lines that

may run across or into the land, as our rural landscape changes by the season.

'Trees and hedges may have grown since the last time you checked and now ob-

scure the nearby lines, intense heat in the summer can cause lines to sag slightly and working with different styles or heights of machinery may bring you closer to the lines than in previous years.

'Always take the opportunity to risk assess before any work begins; striking a pole or coming into contact with electrical equipment can have serious and potentially lethal consequences for those involved.

Further information on staying safe when working near power lines can be found at <http://www.ssen.co.uk/SafetyLeaflets>



Produce being sold at last year's show.

Agricultural show challenges bakers and gardeners

GARDENER will need to put their green fingers to good use in the next few weeks if they want to enter the new produce section at Kintyre Agricultural Society's show on August 3. Classes for gardeners include tomatoes, lettuce and peas.

Bakers will have the opportunity to show off the products of their skills in various competition classes, with pancakes, oven scones and apple tarts among the items to be judged.

Children can also participate by entering a decorated digestive biscuit and a jar of garden flowers, which are two of the items in their section.

Schedules

Paper schedules can be obtained from George McMillan's newspapers on Main Street, Campbeltown, or from local SWI groups, while a digital version can be obtained by emailing valerie.nim-mo18@btinternet.com

Dearest hogget trade ever recorded

HOGGETS were the dearest trade ever recorded at the centre at Caledonian Marts' sale of 1,815 spring lambs, prime hoggets, ewes and tups on Tuesday.

The overall average for 1,573 hoggets sold was 273.12ppkg (+41.24p on the week and +106p on the year) with 1,135 hoggets (39kg-52kg) averaging £126.40 (+£46.52 on the year). Top price of the day went to Jack Farms, Wester Upper Urquhart, for a crackling 55kg Texel at £164.

Top price per kg went to Jimmy Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, for a pen of four Beltex at 42.5kg, realising £150 or 353ppkg.

A feature of the sale was a consignment of 30 hoggets from Jimmy Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, averaging £145.

Leading hogget prices per head: Beltex £160 Easter Ochtermuthill; Texel £150 Easter Ochtermuthill; Texel X £149 Nether Strathkinnes; Suffolk £146 Nether Strathkinnes and Castle Rednock; Beltex X £145 Newbigging; Cheviot £145 Nether Strathkinnes; Cheviot X £138 Burnshott; Mules £130 Meikle Seggie; BF £130 Wester Upper Urquhart.

Leading hogget prices per kg: Beltex 329p and 325p Easter Ochtermuthill; Texel 322p Nether Strathkinnes; Beltex X 319p Leysbent and Strageath; Texel X 316p Meikle Seggie; Suffolk 298p Wester Upper Urquhart; Cheviot 296p North Kinkell; Mule 262p Broomfield and

Meikle Seggie; BF 266p Easter Coates.

Also forward were 242 cast ewes and tups.

A smaller show for numbers, trade met a high, with heavy ewes averaging £110.62 selling to £168 for a Suffolk cross from A McLaren & Co, Nether Strathkinnes, St Andrews.

Export ewes averaged £71.34.

Other leading prices: Texel: £161 Walton; £160 Whitehouse; £146 Claddach; £145 Kirkton; £140 Tillyrie; £138 Dechmont. BF: £84 Glenalmond; £83 Craighead; £68 Dullin; £65 Glenalmond. Suff: £165 Whinneyhall; £141 Whinneyhall; £137 Whitehouse; £128 Nether Strathkinnes. Mule: £117 Airthrey Kerse; £111 Ampherlaw; £108 Whitehouse; £103

Broomfield. Zwarble: £128 Broomfield. Chev: £92 Whinneyhall. Cross: £109 Nether Strathkinnes and Tillyrie; £105 Craighead; £100 Blairnessnock.

Tups averaged £114 selling to £168 for a Suffolk from R Wardrope, Easter Coates.

Other leading prices: Texel: £166 Whinneyhall. Beltex: £120 Easter Coates. Zwarble: £98 Blairhall.

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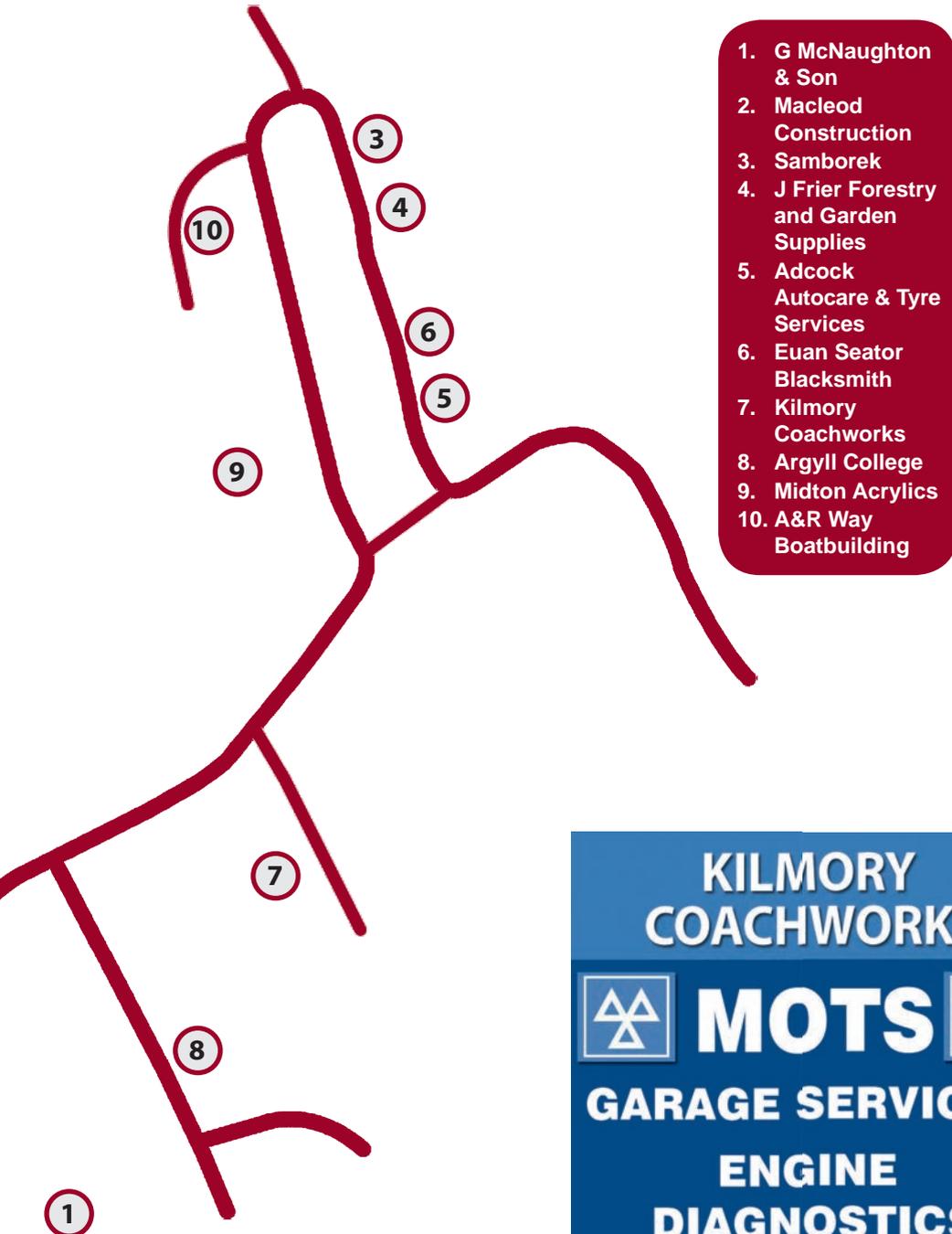
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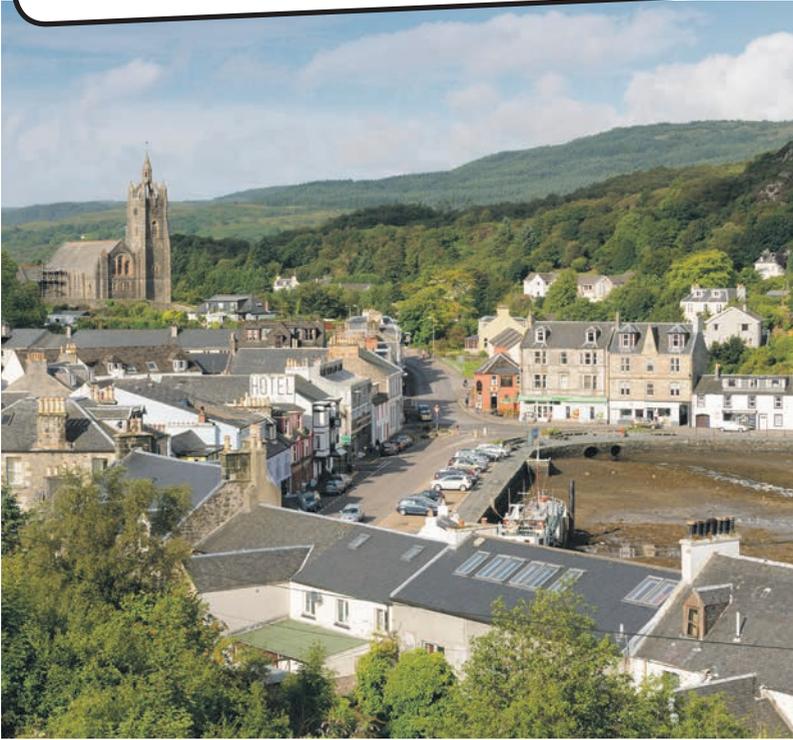
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The event will be kicking off from 11am-2pm with the Salty Dog Cafe providing refreshments throughout the day.

Stalls are £15 to rent for the day, with entry £2 for adults and free for children. For information, email littlesewandsewsargyll@gmail.com or phone 07806 756 012.

Successful scarecrow festival for Ormsary

ORMSARY and District Social Club would like to thank the community for making some fantastic scarecrows and making the festival a huge success.



The community hall was buzzing on Easter Monday as the committee were run off their feet providing tasty soup and cakes for the visitors.

The social club would also like to thank the Ormsary Estate for letting the group host the event in the hall, and for allowing the children to go around the estate to hunt for Easter eggs on the Easter trail.

This scarecrow seems to be in need of a hand.



Jack and Victor in scarecrow form.

Glasto for Craobh Haven!



A SINGER who has performed at Glastonbury will take to the stage at the Lord of the Isles pub at Craobh Haven on Friday April 13 at 8.30pm.

Katie Whittaker, originally from the Highlands, will be performing some of her top tunes including *Welcome to Life*.

The event is free and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Lord of the Isles on 01852 500658.

Katie Whittaker will be performing at the Lord of the Isles this Friday.

Easy Club to host a music night

AN ALL-INCLUSIVE music group based in Mid Argyll is hosting a music and prize draw

fundraising evening at the Argyll Inn on Friday April 27.

Music will be provided

by the Easy Club house band and Danny C, with tickets costing £5.

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Easy Club members performing last year.

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West Coast in bloom for rhododendron festival

INVERARAY Castle and Arduaine Gardens spring into bloom as the Scottish Rhododendron Festival begins this month, offering 'rhodo walks' around 20 estates in Argyll and the Isles until May 31.

The festival, organised by Discover Scottish Gardens, aims to encourage locals and tourists 'to enjoy the wonders of Scotland's gardens during the rhododendron flowering period', as swathes of bright yellows, purples, pinks and reds brighten up the duller days.

VisitScotland explains: 'The rhododendron is a huge family of around 1,000 species, from small mountain shrubs to magnificent tree-like specimens.'

'Rhododendrons require acidic soil to thrive and some of their natural habitats include the Himalayas, Japan and China. Luckily for us, most soil in Scotland is naturally acidic, making it a great place for these beautiful shrubs to flourish.'

The curator of Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Garden, David Knott, said: 'Rhododendrons make such a significant contribution and provide fantastic displays in many Scottish gardens. They range in height from large tree-like plants, to dwarf alpine shrubs, and depending on the weather there will be rhododendrons in flower from February right through to August. Many will have already begun to bloom in gardens across the country, despite the recent bad weather.'

However, when rhododendrons escape these beautiful gardens, controversy can follow. Last year Scot-

tish ecologists working on the West Coast discovered native plants need a helping hand if they are to recover from the 'invasive' species.

A study in the *Journal of Applied Ecology* revealed that – even at sites cleared of rhododendron 30 years ago – much native flora has still not returned. As a result, rhododendron eradication programmes may need to be supplemented by re-seeding for the original plant community to re-establish.

Working in the Atlantic oak woodlands of Argyll, Kintyre and Lochaber on Scotland's west coast, researchers from the James Hutton Institute, the University of Aberdeen and Scottish Natural Heritage found that – even 30 years after rhododendron removal – the native understorey normally found in Atlantic oak woodlands had not recovered. Instead of dramatic displays of primroses, violets, wild garlic, ferns and grasses, only dense mats of mosses and liverworts had returned.

Lead author Dr Janet Maclean said: 'Uninvaded Atlantic woodlands are often called the Celtic rainforest. With their gnarled, lichen-covered trees, rich carpets of moss and burns tumbling down rocky ravines, they look like something from Lord of the Rings.'

'In spring, luxuriant carpets of bluebells cover the ground, interspersed with the fiddle-heads of the diverse fern species starting to emerge.'

'Sadly, rhododendron-invaded woodlands present a different vista, vast stands of this single species re-



Inveraray Castle, pictured, Benmore Gardens and Arduaine Garden will be hosting activities and 'rhodo' walks for all the family, alongside 17 other estates in Argyll and the Isles.

placing all the diverse native flora as far as the eye can see. The forest floor becomes a dark, barren place devoid of life apart from the dense rhododendron stems barring the way in all directions,' she says.

The paper added: 'Since it was first imported in 1763 to brighten up our gardens, rhododendron has become one of Britain's most damaging invasive species.'

'Rhododendron has spread throughout the

UK, affecting around 827,000 hectares, and is particularly widespread across western Scotland and Snowdonia.

'Eradication programmes cost around £8.6 million a year and the results of this study show that – as well as removing rhododendron – land managers should also consider clearing mats of common mosses from the ground and re-seeding with typical woodland grasses and flowering plants.'

Time to get dressed for Armed Forces Day

SHOP and other businesses in Lochgilphead have been reminded of their chance to add to the spectacle of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day.

The annual spectacular, organised to pay tribute to the work and sacrifice of the armed forces past and present, is all set to be held on June 16.

Colourful

But a big part of this colourful occasion is the window competi-

tion arranged each year by the Armed Forces Day committee.

The overall theme for anyone creating window display this year is '100 years since the end of WWI', and windows should be dressed by Monday June 4.

A handsome trophy will be presented to the winner, to be chosen by public vote. Members of the public can place their vote in a box to be placed in the Mailbox post-

office and shop on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, and this will be available until Saturday June 16 – then at the Armed Forces Day hospitality tent thereafter.

Contact

Anyone who wishes to take part in the window dressing competition is asked to contact Armed Forces Day secretary Betty Rhodick at lochgilpheadarmedforcesday@yahoo.com or by calling 01546 602205.



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Bruce the Beaver reads all about it

BRUCE the Beaver travelled to Lochgilphead from Knapdale last week, picking up a few essentials at the Co-op while catching up on the local news.

The friendly beaver was also on hand to remind shoppers that the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation is one of the three groups being supported by the Co-op's Local Community Fund this year.

Bruce the Beaver said: 'We are raising money to repair

our fantastic barn and wonderful compost toilet. The barn serves as our outdoor classroom and community venue for events.

'Most recently, the 19th Argyll Scouts visited and spent a chilly night in the barn.'

Co-op members can help contribute to the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation and other selected organisations every time they use their membership card when they shop in Lochgilphead.

Housing group launches 2018 garden competition



ARGYLL Community House Association (ACHA) has officially launched its 2018 'Garden in Bloom' competition.

The competition, which has been running for eight years, has proved popular across Mid Argyll and Kintyre with a host of entries from committed tenants working hard to maintain their gardens.

Friends, family members and neighbours can nominate ACHA gardens to the association from April until July 2018.

Mid Argyll and Kintyre nominated gardens will be judged by members at the annual general meeting on Wednesday August 1, with judges choosing the best garden and best container.

Winners will receive a trophy and vouchers for a garden centre of their choice.

ACHA will also be welcoming entries for the largest sunflower from all pre-fives nurseries throughout the area.

Sandra MacKenzie, vice-chairperson of the

Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee, commented: 'Happy gardening after the wild winter in hope of a good summer ahead.'

For more information and an application form contact the Lochgilphead office on 01546 605800.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band ceilidh fun

MID ARGYLL Pipe Band will be hosting a ceilidh at Ardrishaig public hall on Saturday April 14 at 8pm.

There will be a licensed bar, raffle and finger buffet, with music provided by Ceol An Aire, Coisir Og Dhàil Riata and Bar None Community Choir.

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Ardrihaig Public Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Tuesday 24th April 2018, 7.30pm
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Notice of **Extraordinary General Meeting**
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Full members please attend

East Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust
Applications are invited for funding from this year's first disbursement from the above trust. Grants for capital or revenue funding may be available to charities, community groups and village halls within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport to the North and Peninver to the South. Advice, criteria and application forms are available on the Windfarm Trust pages of the East Kintyre Community Council website - eastkintyrecc.org or alternatively from the Secretary/Treasurer:
Alasdair Bennett Tel: 01583 431112
E-mail: ekccwft@hotmail.com
Closing date for applications: Thursday 24 May 2018

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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010
THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013
Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc a company registered in Scotland under number SC213460 having its registered office at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth PH1 3AQ plans to hold a pre-application consultation event regarding a proposed licensable marine activity at the crossing of the existing electricity submarine cable between:
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Further information concerning the proposed submarine electricity cable installation between Arran and Carradale can be obtained from:
<http://news.ssen.co.uk/submarinecables/>
The pre-application consultation events will be held at:

Date	Location	Venue	Time
21/05/2018	Arran	Auchrannie Hotel, KA27 8BZ	2pm-6pm
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25/05/2018	Carradale	Carradale Hall, PA28 6QG	12pm-3pm

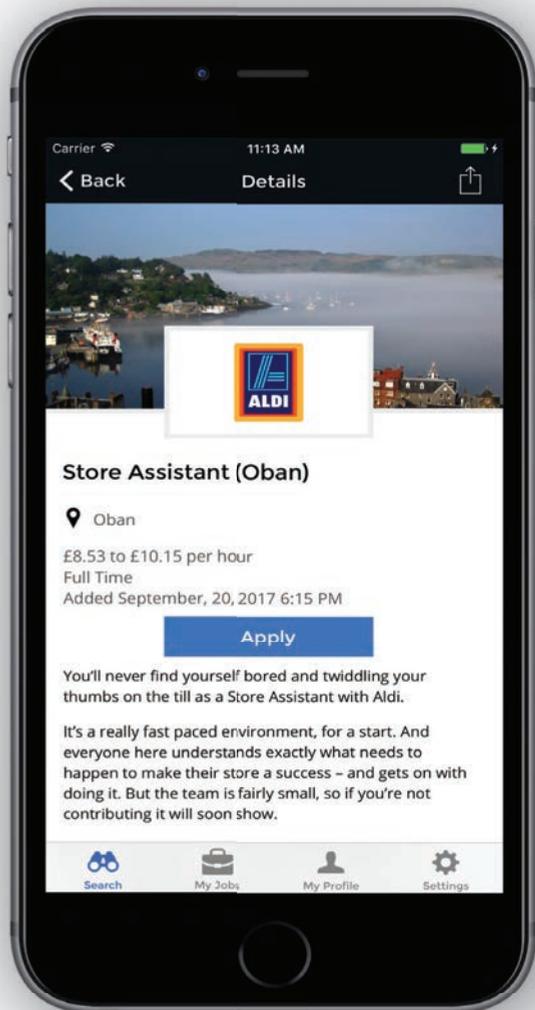
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
18/00348/PP	Change of use of land from agricultural use to form a caravan park for the provision of 50 caravan stances - Part Retrospective	Kilmashenachan Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
18/00775/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage, formation of vehicular access, installation of sewage treatment plant and air source heat pump.	Plot 2 Land 480M South Of Achnaba House Achnaba Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00644/PP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land East Of Glencreggan North Lodge Glenbarr Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
18/00226/PP	Change of use of post office to residential accommodation	Kilmartin Post Office Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RQ	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00643/PP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land South West Of Achnaba Glenbarr Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
18/00154/PP	Internal and external alterations to distillery visitor reception to include new sales and retail area and replacement of 3 windows and 1 door to 3 windows	Springbank Distillery Well Close Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6ET	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
18/00414/PP	Siting of shower block, erection of replacement shed (retrospective), erection of fencing, installation of 2 gas tanks and erection of 2 sheds	Machrihanish Holiday Park Machrihanish Caravan And Camping Park Campbeltown PA28 6PT	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Isuzu UK managing director William Brown commented: 'We're really proud to receive this award as it strengthens the D-Max's position as the most reliable vehicle in the sector. It's really pleasing that professionals from a number of industries have recognised all the hard work that has gone in at Isuzu UK to make such a great product.'

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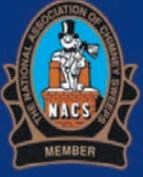
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I would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for calls, cards, flowers and well wishes during my recent stay in hospital and since coming home.
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THANK YOU
Malcolm and Inez would like to thank family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts received on the occasion of their ruby wedding. Thank you also for the very generous donations to Cancer Research and the MS Society, £1,715 was raised. We had a great night in Dunaverty Hall.

CLACHAN

Dancing event

THERE will be a dancing event in Clachan Hall on Sunday April 15 from 2pm until 4pm. Visitors are asked to bring a donation to cover the cost of the hall. All welcome.

TARBERT

White Shore beach clean

TARBERT and Skipness Trust will be hosting a beach clean at White Shore on Sunday April 22. Those interested are encouraged to meet at the harbour office at 10am with the beach clean kicking off at 10.30am.

The plan for the day is to clean the shoreline so it is ready for summer picnics. Hot and cold refreshments will be available through the day. For more information go to argyllcommunities.org.

ARDKINGLAS

Fun day on the Gruffalo Trail

ARDKINGLAS Woodland Garden will be hosting a family fun day along the Gruffalo Trail on Saturday April 14. Visitors will have the opportunity to follow the trail through the woods to discover the Gruffalo sculpture and listen to readings of 'the Gruffalo in Scots' by Stewart Ennis at noon and 1pm. There will also be face painting and a pop-up cafe for adults to grab a quick cuppa. Entry is £5 per person and £15 for families. More information can be found on www.ardkinglas.com/whats-on-at-ardkinglas.

KILMARTIN

Kilmartin Glen guided walk

A GUIDED walk through Kilmartin Glen has been organised by Kilmartin Museum, and takes place on Wednesday April 18 at 1.30pm. Walks are free and last approximately two and a half hours. For more information, contact education@kilmartin.org or phone 01546 510278.

OBAN



The new sports hall at Oban High School.

New school to open in Oban

OBAN'S new high school will officially open to pupils on Wednesday April 18. The majority of pupils will step inside the new £36 million school for the first time after the Easter break. The council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'We want the very best for our young people and we want them to succeed in life. This wonderful new state-of-the-art high school in Oban will help us to achieve that and will provide our young people with a learning experience where they can succeed. This really is a school fit for the 21st century and I wish all the staff and pupils every success and happiness in their new school.' The new school was built by Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with hub North Scotland Ltd and the Scottish Futures Trust through the Scottish Government's Schools for the Future programme. It has room for up to 1,300 pupils and is located next to the current school site. Head teacher at Oban High School Peter Bain said: 'This is a very exciting time for everyone involved, a historic occasion. The new school looks great and will provide our young people and staff with a modern teaching and learning environment that will bring benefits for years to come. Morrison Construction was the main contractor.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



TWO PIECES of news have recently both saddened me and encouraged me. I was saddened when I heard of the death of Sudan, the last male white rhino in existence. Northern white rhinos used to roam east and central Africa in vast numbers, but conflict, poaching and habitat loss eliminated them. Now this magnificent species is on the edge of extinction. 'This is a creature that didn't fail in evolution,' said Thomas Hildebrandt, head of reproduction management at the Wildlife Research Centre in Berlin. 'It's in this situation because of us.' What an indictment on humankind. Human beings are supposed to be stewards of the earth and its inhabitants. We are meant to nurture, care for and cherish the wonderful diversity of life on this planet. Yet we have plundered, violated and abused that which we are supposed to preserve. We all know the horrendous cruelty that is associated with the greed and the lust for the acquisition of ivory. Elephants and rhinos are killed for their tusks and horns. These sentient creatures are slaughtered because people think they have the right to rob them of what makes them who they are. But I am encouraged that the British government has now imposed a total ban on the sale of ivory. This brings hope and gives us even the slightest opportunity to save these magnificent creatures before it is too late. Elephants are among the most sensitive of creatures. They live in families which care for each other. They have an ethical social structure from which we could learn much. I pray that we will take the time to listen to these gentle giants before it is too late to redeem our own morality.

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CROFT - RONALD Noreen and Chic McCormick are delighted to announce the engagement of their older daughter, Lindsay, to David, older son of Liz and Keith Croft, on April 2, 2018.

DEATHS

COFFIELD - Peacefully at home, 73 Roding, Campbeltown, on April 4, 2018, Elizabeth McTaggart McIntyre (Betty), in her 79th year, dearly beloved wife of the late John Coffield, much loved mother of Johnny, Andrew and Kevin, mother-in-law of Rosina, Tracey and Linda, and much loved nanna and "special" nana.

GALLACHER - Peacefully at home, 52 Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown, on April 11, 2018, Euphemia Campbell Buchanan (Effie), in her 75th year, dearly beloved wife of John Gallacher, much loved mum of Ann and John and a loving nana to Andrew, Katie and Grant. A service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, April 14 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery, Carradale. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Friends of the Beatson and Motor Neuron Scotland.

MURRAY - Peacefully at home, 5 Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig, on April 5, 2018, Mrs Jean Scott Murray, née Lawrie, in her 93rd

year, formerly of Chalmers Street and East Bank Road, Ardrishaig, and of Montrose Crescent, Hamilton, beloved wife of the late Hamilton Murray, dearly loved mother of Thea and Hamilton, adored nana of Catriona and Gavin and proud great grandmother of Jonathan. Dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. Co-founder of Talking Newspapers. Funeral service was held in Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig, on Thursday, April 12, 2018, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

RYAN - Nick, Master Innholder, died April 14, 2018, in Edinburgh, aged 76, beloved husband of Frances, adored father of Julia and Ross, unrivalled grandfather of Archie and Jock. There will be a private service at St Andrews Church, Ravelston, Edinburgh, donations if desired to Feedback Madagascar. A celebration of Nick's life will be held at Crinan Hotel, on June 29, 2018, to which all friends will be welcome (details to follow later).

WALLACE - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 9, 2018, John Wallace, in his 77th year, Uigle Farm, dearly beloved husband of Jean Wallace, née Young, much loved father of Margaret, Elizabeth and the late Isabel and a loving grandpa of Alice, Jamie and Ailsa.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HENDERSON - The family of the late Maureen Henderson would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for his comforting service and to all who attended the church and graveside. We would also like to thank T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional and caring arrangements, and the Ardshiel Hotel. Lastly, Lorna would like to thank all the wonderful staff at the Kintyre Care Home who looked after her mum so well over the last few years.

MACBRAYNE - Flora and family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support following the recent sad loss of Colin. Special thanks to Rev Crossan for his comforting words and fitting funeral service. Also to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional arrangements, and the Ardshiel Hotel for their hospitality. A special thanks to staff at Campbeltown Hospital and all carers. Thank you to all who attended at church and graveside. A retiral collection of £442 was raised for the local RNLI, Campbeltown Acute Unit and Books for the Blind.

MACFARLANE - The family of the late Alexander (Alex) MacFarlane (Maha) would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital and carers for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for his visits and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to the Fishermen's Mission totalled £242.50.

MATHER - Lesley and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and support received following the sad loss of her dad, Willie. Grateful thanks to all staff at Oban Hospital, Inveraray Surgery and the Glenaray Ward at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, for the kindness and care given to Willie; to all those who attended at Cardross Crematorium, to Sheena Johnston for a most appropriate and comforting funeral service and to Bill Nelson for his personal tribute; to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for their efficient and professional arrangements; to the George Hotel, Inveraray for excellent purvey, and special thanks to friends and neighbours of Willie for all their help and support over the last few months. Finally, sincere thanks to all those who gave so generously to the collection, which raised £650 for Mid Argyll Cancer Care Endowment Fund (Chemotherapy Suite).

MCLAUGHLIN - Andrew and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support after the sad loss of Maureen. A special word of thanks to the nursing team, catering staff, doctors and management of Campbeltown Hospital, Macmillan Nurses, Maggie and Sheila, the care, kindness and respect shown during Maureen's illness was outstanding. Thanks to Father Tony for all the spiritual support and guidance and the beautiful service, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional and caring service, especially Rhys, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the mass and for the generosity in the retiring collection for Campbeltown Hospital, which raised £500.

IN MEMORIAMs

GROGAN - In loving memory of Andy, passed April 17, 2016. We can't have the old days back, when we were all together, But happy memories will be with us forever. - Love, Kathleen and family xxxxx.

LEESMOFFAT - In memory of Margaret Leesmoftat, who died April 13, 2015.

You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide, Although we cannot see you, You are always by our side. - Love, Poppy, Daniel, Mathilda and Zephyr x.

MAXWELL - In loving memory of Bunty, who sadly passed away, April 17, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - Tom and family.

MCLEAN - Charles, Promoted to Glory on April 6, 1995. Precious memories of our beloved dad, granda and great-grandpa. Too good to be forgotten, always in our hearts.

Also, our beloved brother and uncle, Daniel Stuart McLean, Promoted to Glory on April 21, 2013. Much loved and sorely missed.

- Rene, Flora, and families, Senga, Sean and Millie, Maureen and Eddie and the family at home and away xxx.

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012.

Years have gone since you were here, But in our eyes there is still a tear.

In our hearts you will always stay, We love and miss you every day. - Ann, Hilda, and all the family.

WEIR - In loving memory of Alex, a dear husband, father, papa and great grandpa, who passed away on April 11, 2013. Sorely missed by us all xxx. RIP.

WOOD - In loving memory of our dear wife, mum, gran and great gran, Jean, who died April 13, 2016. Memories are treasured, No one can steal,

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Sunday 10 am (St. Columba's, Bridgend, Islay)
All Welcome (SCO02876)

THE SALVATION ARMY
Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00 pm Make & Munch Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

CHURCH NOTICES

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
SUNDAY
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 15th April 2018
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Cumlodden Church 10.00am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
Inveraray Church 11.30am
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493
Sunday 15th April
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Please note that there will be a congregational meeting on Monday 23rd April at 7.00pm in Kirk Street Hall with a session meeting to follow.
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 15th April
11.15am Morning Worship
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 17th April
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 5.15pm
Junior Section 6.15pm
Church Hall
Company Section 7.00pm
New Hall
Wednesday 18th April
Board Meeting 7.30pm
Session Room
Thursday 19th April
Choir
Friday 20th April
Lunch Club
New Hall 12.00 noon

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 15th April
Family Communion Service
11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Thursday 19th April
Bible study
7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

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(The Church of Scotland)
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Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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Wednesdays
from Noon till 2:00pm in Ardrishaig Church.
Stay as long as you like (includes corporate worship 12:45pm—1:15pm)

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

15th April 2018
Sunday Worship
Ford 10am
Rev. C Acklam
Tuesday 17th April
Trustees Meeting
Church Hall, Kilmartin 7.30pm
Thursday 19th April
Messy Church
Living Stones, Kilmartin 4pm-6pm
All welcome
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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 15th April 2018
Skipness Service 10.00am
Dr John L Morrison O.B.E.
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mrs Angela Stather
Everyone very welcome
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Contact
Rev. Catriona Hood
on 07771 692570
or 01880 730366
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Try - it may surprise you.
Sunday 15 April
11.30am Tayvallich Church
Rev C Acklam
Saturday 14 April
10.30am Tayvallich Hall
Coffee Morning
Monday 16 April
10.30am Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time
Thursday 19 April
4-6pm Messy Church
All Age Event
LSCC Kilmartin
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknappdale.org

GOLF

Returning members steal the show in Lochgilphead

THERE was an excellent turnout for both the ladies' and gents' competitions at Lochgilphead Golf Club on Sunday April 8, with many returning members competing.

The gents played for the Dunlop Tankard and, although comments of 'could have played better' were heard in the clubhouse, everyone enjoyed the round and many were surprised at the speed of the greens.

Winner of the gents' Dunlop Tankard was Liam Scott with 38 points, beating David Sinclair on a count-back.

The ladies played for the Booker Trophy and three players had 28 points. But Kathleen Young came out on top, beating Ele Hunter with a better inward nine.

GOLF

Good turnout encouraged for Tarbert Golf Club event

THIS Saturday, April 14, sees the men's competitions get under way at Glenralloch with the first round of the Fyne Tankard.

Captain Chris Smyth is hoping for a good turnout of members for the season's first event.

The Tarbert ladies have two competitions under their belt already, with the April medal being won by Helen Samborek.

The April Stableford was won by Seona Martin on 37 points, with Rona Young in second place on 31 and Joanne Kerr earning third place on 29 points.

On Sunday April 15, the ladies will contest the Coronation Four-somes.



A participant running in the sunshine on a hilltop near Tayvallich during last year's event.

Date announced for Tainish Run Festival

TAYVALLICH will once again play host to the Tainish Run Festival on Saturday May 12 to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The race will finish at Tayvallich village hall, with all participants running through the picturesque Tainish National Nature Reserve on a route of their choice.

There's a 6.8-mile run along the reserve's more winding trails or a flatter, 10km run along the woodland's spinal road.

Spectacular views

can be enjoyed along either route and runners may also spot some of the reserve's wildlife, including otter, deer, red squirrels and ospreys.

Race organiser Colin MacFarlane said: 'We're looking forward to welcoming runners and supporters to this year's race.'

Scenery

Tainish is a special place to run in, with stunning scenery, wildlife and great routes.

'Our local Macmillan Cancer Support group also organises a coffee morning in the vil-

lage hall, which means everyone in the community can come along and support the runners and this great cause.'

Race entry is via EntryCentral and all the information needed regarding the race can be found on the Tainish Run Facebook page.

Both links can be found on entrycentral.com/Tainishrun festival and facebook.com/thetainishrun.

The race is organised by Colin MacFarlane, supported by Mid Argyll Athletics Club and run under Scottish Athletics rules.

Tarbert beaten by Busby in fiery match

SAFL Premier Division 2

Tarbert	1
Busby	4

TARBERT welcomed Busby to Cil Andreis for league duty last Saturday.

The home side had a few key players missing again as they looked to secure three points and climb the table.

The game began in the best weather conditions so far this year, but with only 30 seconds on the clock, Tarbert lost their player manager David Ronald to injury.

As he skipped past a couple of Busby players, a crude challenge at knee height led to the first free kick and first substitution of the day.

This was to set the tone as the match went on with Busby constantly argumentative and throwing fists and

elbows whenever the chance arose.

Tarbert, to their credit, were not falling foul of this, but fell behind after 10 minutes when a deep cross into the box evaded everyone for a tap-in goal.

The home side dug deep and battled well for the rest of the first half and were unlucky not to draw level when a cross into the box just evaded Prentice at the back post.

The second half was similar to the first, with Tarbert trying to play football but Busby determined to make it a kicking match instead.

Several cynical fouls and scraps off the ball led to a flurry of yellow cards for the away side and Tarbert can feel aggrieved the colour was not red on a couple of occasions.

The home side almost drew level as a tidy through ball from

MacKinnon fell to Blair but his shot from the edge of the box went wide.

Tarbert lost their keeper to injury, forcing Prentice in between the sticks for the remainder of the match.

As the home side attacked, looking for the winner, Busby sprung the counter-attack twice to go 3-0 ahead, while in between also going down to 10 men as finally the referee brandished a red card.

A roused Tarbert created a couple of chances and pulled a goal back through MacKinnon with 15 minutes left.

The joy was short-lived as another counter-attack allowed Busby to go 4-1 ahead and end the match as a contest.

This week Tarbert are at home to Cardross in a must-win home game.

Cairndow shooters enjoy dry conditions for tournament

CAIRNDOW Gun Club welcomed competitors on a dull but dry day for their 50 DTL competition on Saturday April 7.

High gun for the day went to Alan Brown, with 27 competitors vying for the top spots across the tournament.

Results: 1 Alan Brown, 49/147; 2 John Kennedy, 50/145; 3 = Ted Blakeway and Gordon Griffiths, 49/143; 5 Paul Chalmers, 48/141; 6 David Milton, 48/140; 7 Eric McAllister, 47/137; 8 John Gillchrist, 47/135 and 9 Hector McFadyen, 46/134.



Some of the competitors in Cairndow Gun Club's 50 DTL competition.

Tarbert Golf Club to host TT100 Nancy Glen Open

TARBERT Golf Club will be hosting a fund-raising competition, barbecue and raffle in aid of the Nancy Glen appeal on Saturday May 5.

There will be numerous prizes on offer and entry is £12 per person with all proceeds from the day going to the appeal. Non-competitors are welcome to attend.

For more information or to book a tee, contact 01880 820565 or 07799504790.

Scottish AFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup quarter-final – Goldenhill v Oban Saints, Donald Dewar Sports Centre, kick-off 1.15pm. Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two – Port Glasgow OBU v Lochgilphead Red Star, Tarbert v Cardross.

Successful shoot at Glendaruel

DESPITE cold weather and a flurry of snow, 21 guns took part in the recent spring trophy shoot at Glendaruel and Colintraive Gun Club.

High gun for the day went to Eric MacAllister of Killin with 145 out of 150. Second was Paul Chalmers from Cairndow on 143, followed by Gordon Griffiths of Garelochhead in third on 136 and Ted Blakeway, fourth, on 135.

Along with the high gun trophy, Eric MacAllister also received a hamper donated by Andy McMaster of Argyll Vintners. Best local trophy went to Ted Blakeway.

Thanks to Pat Currie, Ann McPhail and Jean MacKellar for their help with the catering.



Left to right: Richard Deane, Paul Chalmers, Eric McAllister, Gordon Griffiths and Ted Blakeway.

Sports club lotteries

DRAWN on Monday April 9, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 3, 11 and 16.

There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £200.

Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw numbers this week were 5, 18 and 20. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £1,100.

The winning numbers for Tarbert Football Club lottery were 6, 13 and 18.

There were no winners, so next week's jackpot will be £200.

Correction: we previously printed that the Tarbert Football Club £1,000 jackpot was won by Margaret Macnicol and Lilyanne Macdonald. This was incorrect, and the jackpot was won by Margaret Scott.

Margaret Macnicol and Lilyanne Macdonald won £100 that was then shared between them.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2250

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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Strathmore, 7
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Campbeltown

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

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If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Successful shoot at
Glendaruel

Shinty:

Sutherland Cup – first round

*Strathspey 1
Strachur 3*
STRACHUR beat Strathspey 3-1 at Grantown Grammar School.

Strathspey's Stuart Sloss began a two-game suspension. Matthew Davies netted for the hosts but Ian MacLean grabbed a hat-trick to give Strachur victory.

Strachur's reward is a trip to Balgait to play Lovat in the next round.

Marine Harvest South Division 1

*Kilmory 4
Tayforth 0*
Kilmory go top of Marine Harvest South Division 1 after they beat Tayforth 4-0 at MacRae Park.

This was a good game, played on a heavy pitch, and it was a personal triumph for Kilmory's Alister MacArthur, who scored all four of his side's goals giving Kilmory a solid win.

The opening goal came on 16 minutes. A Hal Jones shot from 20 yards was saved but MacArthur was straight onto the rebound to pop the ball into the net.

MacArthur added a second on 29 minutes when he collected a pass from half forward and turned his marker before slotting the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

He completed his hat-trick five minutes into the second half when he took a ball from the wing and fired it into the bottom corner of the net.

MacArthur got his and Kilmory's fourth with an individual effort on 62 minutes, dribbling the ball past his marker before tapping past the keeper to make it 4-0.

Mid Argyll host mini rugby festival

MINI rugby teams from across Argyll and Lochaber gathered at Lochgilphead's Ropework Park on Saturday March

17. The festival was the second Dalriada Mini Rugby Festival in recent weeks, with teams meeting the previous

weekend when Oban Lorne hosted.

Mid Argyll welcomed a good turnout of teams with Oban

Lorne, Etive Vikings, Kintyre and Highland visitors Lochaber RFC all attending, along with a few players from Isle of Mull RFC.

A mild spring day and fantastic underfoot conditions helped complement some fantastic rugby from all of the players on the day.

Mid Argyll were fantastic hosts on the day, and thanks from all the teams were passed onto Duncan (Brochan) Aitken and his team of coaches, as well as parents at the club who offered some great hospitality.

The next Dalriada Festival will be hosted by Campbeltown/Kintyre RFC on Saturday April 21.



Mid Argyll RFC P6/7 all smiles after great performances throughout the day.



The P4/5 team showed what they were made of.

Results: P4/5 – Lochaber 3, Oban Lorne 2; Mid Argyll 6, Kintyre 1; Etive Vikings 5, Lochaber 2; Kintyre 4, Oban Lorne 5; Lochaber 5, Kintyre 1; Etive Vikings 4, Mid Argyll 1; Mid Argyll 2, Lochaber 2; Oban Lorne 1, Etive Vikings 5; Mid Argyll 1, Oban Lorne 2; Kintyre 0, Etive Vikings 5.

P6/7 – Kintyre 3, Etive Vikings 2; Mid Argyll 3, Oban Lorne 3; Oban Lorne 1, Etive Vikings 3; Mid Argyll 4, Lochaber 1; Etive Vikings 4, Mid Argyll 4; Lochaber 2, Kintyre 3; Kintyre 4, Oban Lorne 1; Etive Vikings 4, Lochaber 1; Mid Argyll 3, Kintyre 2; Lochaber 0, Oban Lorne 5.

Red Star put nine past 10-man East End

SAFL Premier Two
Lochgilphead Red Star 9
East End United 0

RED STAR played host to Greenock's East End United at the Joint Campus 3G on Saturday April 7, and produced a totally dominant performance against a visiting side who played more than half the match with 10 men.

Star got out of the traps early and had the match sewn up as they raced into a 3-0 lead after only eight minutes.

Ian McGuinness opened the scoring after some good attacking play down the right between Kieran Moore and Rab Docherty.

Docherty then

squared the ball to McGuinness who made no mistake from close range.

Kieran Moore was on hand to double Star's lead after six minutes when some more quick passing proved too much for the East End defence.

The third goal came from the penalty spot when Gregor Peacock's surging run was ended as he was brought down by the visiting full-back and referee Peter Laing correctly pointed to the spot.

Up stepped Rab Docherty to send the goalkeeper the wrong way and put Star well in command at 3-0.

The home side con-

tinued to press with the midfield trio of Ben Forbes, Aaron Moore and Innes Meikle giving their opponents no time to settle in possession.

It was no surprise when Star added to their lead just after the half hour when some more neat build-up play saw the ball crossed to Docherty who hammered his shot home for his second of the day.

Star added a fifth goal soon after when some good link up play between Gregor Peacock and Ian McGuinness saw Peacock get his shot away from the edge of the box, leaving the keeper helpless and Star 5-0 up.

The day got even worse for East End when their goalkeeper was ordered off having handled the ball outside the area and left Mr Laing no option but to show a red card.

Into the second half Star took a bit longer to get started with several chances being wasted along with the deputy keeper proving hard to beat.

The goals did eventually come again, however, with Cammy McDonald, on as a second-half sub, chipping the ball home from the edge of the box to make it 6-0.

Gregor Peacock then added his second of the afternoon along with Cammy McDon-

ald who finished at the second attempt to give Star an 8-0 lead with 10 minutes to go.

As the clock ticked down, it was Kyle Selfridge who popped up from defence to round off the scoring as Star declared at 9-0.

There was time for Ben Pollock in the Star goal to be called into action at the other end.

However, the stopper was on hand to keep his clean sheet intact as he touched a well-struck free kick past the post.

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