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## Estate pledges to deliver Inveraray 'new town'



A BOLD plan to build a 'new town' in Inveraray featuring a 150-house residential development continues to progress, Argyll Estates has confirmed.

Speaking at an Inveraray regeneration summit last week, manager of Argyll Estate Andrew Montgomery said the estate remained committed to the ambitious project, having first unveiled the initial plan two years ago.

Explaining the plan was still in its infancy, Mr Montgomery said the first homes in the development, 25 per cent of which would be affordable housing, could be built within the next five years.

Setting out a vision of Inveraray in the next 20 years Mr Montgomery said the residential area would feature detached and semi-detached family homes as well as flats. This, he said, would help alleviate the chronic lack of affordable housing

in the area.

The new town plan, which also caters for commercial premises to be built in the Burgh, is part of a lasting legacy the Duke of Argyll hopes to build for future generations. Mr Montgomery said the Duke hoped to build on the settlement his forefathers had built in the 18th century.

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, on Wednesday Mr Montgomery said the development

would hopefully offer young people a vibrant place to live and work.

He said: 'It's important that Inveraray does not end up as a dormant retirement area.

'Without young people coming through we're going to end up like Mull or Tiree'.

Claiming the plan had been met with approval from many locals, Mr Montgomery said the estate had been in discussions with Argyll and

Bute Council and he had a 'good feeling' about the future.

Admitting it would be some time before the masterplan was put before planning officials, Mr Montgomery said the estate was working to attract businesses to invest in the area and create more employment opportunities.

He added: 'Inveraray is a popular place to live and it is a popular place to visit and we want to take advantage of the potential offered



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**Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group holds AGM**

MID ARGYLL Cancer Support Group held its annual general meeting recently at the Red Cross Centre.

Chaired by Arthur Barclay, the group confirmed a series of upcoming events including a strawberry tea in Ardrishaig on June 15 and a fashion show on September 27.

Finances were reported to be in good health, thanks in part to a £2,500 donation from artist Jolomo.

**How to look after your bones**

THE NATIONAL Osteoporosis Society is urging people with weak bones to attend their Managing Osteoporosis: Looking after Your Bones event, where medical advice and practical support will be available.

The free event, which includes a talk by Dr Sally Damborough of Lochgilphead Medical Centre, takes place at the Cairmbaan Hotel on May 9 at 2pm.



**Trio trek nine miles for Sport Relief**

Three youngsters from Tarbert raised £125 for charity last Sunday by completing a sponsored walk from Clachan to Tayinloan. Calum Guy, 11, centre, and his siblings, twins Finlay and Holly, 10, completed the nine-mile trek in aid of Sports Relief.

**Businesses lambast ferry fares hike**

A PLANNED hike in ferry fares for commercial vehicles has been lambasted by Mid Argyll businesses as they respond to the Scottish Government's Ferries Review.

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce has described the increased charges as 'catastrophic' and said they will impact on all aspects of trade within

Mid Argyll. The response comes after the Scottish Government announced it is to drop the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) and replace it with an enhanced trader discount scheme for commercial vehicles transporting goods to Argyll islands and the Western Isles.

Outlining its view as part of Argyll and Bute

**Concern expressed over possible extended pub opening times**

A GROUP hoping to cut the harmful impact alcohol has on Lochgilphead is calling on Argyll and Bute Licensing Board not to increase opening hours of licensed premises.

Community Action Lochgilphead Ardrishaig (CALA), a pilot scheme that aims to cut alcohol related harm in the community, said it does not believe local residents

would favour 3am licences.

Pointing to a recent survey of 250 adults in the area, CALA said early examination of the results suggested locals would not want pubs open until the early hours of the morning.

Caroline Church of CALA told the Advertiser that the project was currently compiling results of the survey that

asked locals about their drinking habits and the availability of alcohol in the area.

She said: 'There was a question in the survey that asked people if they felt an extension to opening hours would increase alcohol consumption and early indication is that they believe it would.'

**Assessed**

The results of the survey are being assessed as the local licensing forum debates extended opening hours, the introduction of curfews and staggering venue closing times across the county.

The forum, which met in Lochgilphead this week, said it would continue to investigate opening hours licensing policy before making a recommendation to Argyll's licensing board - the authority that governs the sale of alcohol

in the area.

But reminding people that the local licensing forum has not made any recommendation as yet, Peter Robertson from the licensing board said: 'The forum can make recommendations to the board about the application of licensing policy but the forum has not reached any conclusion on the matter; it is an item for discussion.'

Explaining representatives from CALA attend the local licensing forum alongside councillors, landlords and health officials, Caroline said: 'The results of the survey is the sort of stuff that will be brought to the forum because it is based on local evidence.'

The local licensing forum will meet again on July 18 when licensing policy will be discussed again. The meeting is open to the public.

Council's consultation on the Ferries Review, the chamber said: 'Many Mid Argyll businesses work on the islands of Coll, Tiree, Mull, Islay, Jura, Colonsay and Gigha. Increased overheads are damaging to mainland businesses and when it comes to our fragile islands the chamber agrees with the Tiree community, which recently described the increase as catastrophic. Construction, haulage, agriculture, crofting,

fishing, retail and tourist businesses will be affected.'

The Argyll And Bute Council consultation also urges the Scottish Government to implement the proposed Kintyre to Ayrshire ferry and to secure the long-term future of the Jura Passenger Ferry.

The council's executive committee was due to discuss the review yesterday (Thursday) as the Advertiser went to press.



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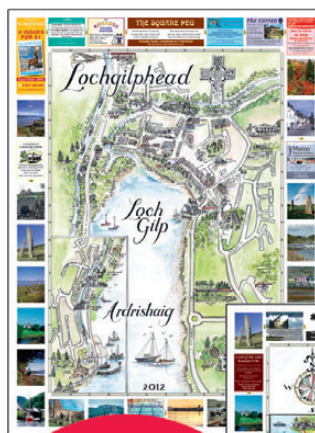
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## Police files

A WOMAN spent two days behind bars after being charged with assault.

The 34-year-old was detained in the cells of Lochgilphead Police Station in the early hours of Saturday morning after allegedly assaulting a man on Front Street, Inveraray.

The woman was released from custody on Monday morning after appearing before Dunoon Sheriff Court.

☐☐☐ POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a car was vandalised in Lorne Street car park in Lochgilphead.

The windscreen of a red Fiat Punto was smashed sometime between April 1 and 14. Police are urging anyone with information about the incident to contact Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

☐☐☐ THREE fines were handed out to motorists in Tarbert last Saturday evening after police discovered faults in the vehicles they were driving.

Carrying out spot checks on vehicles on the Campbeltown Road in Tarbert, police found broken seatbelts and other defects amongst the three cars.

☐☐☐ TWO CARS collided in a road crash on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road last week.

The crash happened at 3.40pm last Wednesday afternoon, one mile north of the Ford road junction.

A man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged careless driving following the incident.

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**Tommy Millar**  
Travel Counsellor

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**Alistair MacKinnon of Lochgilphead, his son Charlie, 4, and friend's daughter Phoebe Barclay, 2, of Port Ann, enjoyed the Fun Day at Lochgilphead Sports Centre last Saturday.** 08\_a16yorkhill02

## Great support for Yorkhill fundraisers

TWO FUNDRAISING events took place last Saturday with the aim of raising money for Ronald McDonald House at Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

In the morning and early afternoon a fun day at Lochgilphead Sports Centre took place for youngsters, which featured a bouncy castle, a trampoline, beat the

goalie competition and table tennis.

In the evening, a charity dance was held at the Stag Hotel featuring performances from musicians Danny Carroll and Vinnie Hutton.

A raffle was held including prizes such as Easter eggs, bottles of alcoholic drinks, t-shirts and smoked salmon.

The fundraising will

reach a dramatic climax when four of the fundraisers involved, Susan Mills, Gillian Darling, Craig Bruce and Ronald Sinclair, perform a sky-dive on April 29, as reported in last week's *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Susan Mills said: 'It's been going very well; we were inundated with sponsors and raffle prizes; it's overwhelming.'

## Get ready for an active summer

SOME of the most adventurous sports available in Mid Argyll will be promoted at a special sports open day tomorrow (Saturday).

Organised as part of Argyll Activities Get Ready for Summer Campaign, the open day will allow locals to take part in taster sessions for a host of sports (weather dependent) including cycling, kayaking, sailing and badminton.

The event will be launched by ath-

lete Colette Morgan. The Motherwell woman, who has won podium positions all over the UK in her chosen sport of wheelchair racing, will be on hand to inspire people to do more sport, whatever their ability.

Taking place in Ardrishaig Public Hall between 10am and 4pm the event will see experts on hand to offer advice about horse riding, watersports, swimming, rowing, badminton, cycling and kayaking.

# Murderer to spend at least 18 years behind bars

THE FIEND who murdered divorcee Suzanne Pilley has been jailed for life - and has been urged to reveal where he dumped her body.

David Gilroy, 49, was ordered to serve at least 18 years in prison by judge Lord Bracadale at the High Court in Edinburgh on Wednesday for killing Suzanne in May 2010.

Prosecutors do not exactly know how Gilroy murdered his former lover but it is thought he ended her life at the offices of his employers, IML Management Ltd, in the city's Thistle Street.

Gilroy, who continues to deny murdering the 38-year-old book-keeper, has refused to say where Suzanne's body is but police believe she lies in a shallow grave somewhere in Glen Croe, near the Rest and Be Thankful.

Passing sentence on Gilroy, of Silverknowes,

Edinburgh, Lord Bracadale said: 'It seems that you are the only person who knows where her body is.'

'I hope that a day will come in your life when you will feel able to disclose that information and that might bring some comfort to her bereft family.'

Commenting on the trial he added: 'The evidence showed that, after murdering Suzanne Pilley, you immediately embarked on an elaborate plan to dispose of her body and avoid detection.'

'With quite chilling calmness and calculation you set about the task.'

'You successfully disposed of the body, apparently somewhere in Argyll; and but for the commendably thorough investigation carried out by Lothian and Borders Police, you might well have been successful in avoiding detection and prosecution.'

The day after Suzanne went missing Gilroy travelled to Lochgilphead, telling his colleagues he was inspecting the sports pitches at the joint campus.

But as police closely inspected CCTV footage from towns and villages across Argyll they found it took Gilroy two hours longer to get there than the average time; the return journey was even longer.

Police were convinced that he had driven his car off road that day; they found damage to his car and cuts and bruises on his face and hands.

At the hearing on Wednesday Gilroy's defence agent QC Jack Davidson said Gilroy had never been in trouble before and had a commendable career in the Navy.

But Lord Bracadale said the murderer would spend 18 years behind bars before being eligible for parole.

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# New manager for Mid Argyll swimming pool

A BUSINESSMAN with years of experience running social enterprises has been appointed manager of one of Mid Argyll's most treasured assets.

Stuart Owen, who has been at the helm of five social enterprise companies in Manchester, became manager of Mid Argyll Community (MAC) Pool this month.

Stuart will be responsible for managing the pool's resources, finances and encouraging more people to use the pool.

Describing the pool as a significant community resource, Stuart said his first priority as manager was to get more people swimming there.

'I think it is important to get people involved with the pool from an early age and build on that relationship,' he said:

'If we get them involved learning to swim at three or five hopefully they will still be involved in swimming and the pool when they are 25.'

A keen scuba diver and watersports enthusiast, Stuart is already keen to expand the pool's learn-to-swim programme.

He said: 'It must be a priority in coastal areas that people have the opportunity to learn to swim. In this area so many people work on the sea; employers like the Scottish Salmon Company, which sponsors the pool's learn-to-swim programme, need to know their employees are strong swimmers.'

Stuart is very familiar with Mid Argyll, visiting Loch Fyne regularly for diving expeditions.

He recently moved to the area with his wife Kay.

Urging people to give him feedback on the pool and their ideas for the future, he said: 'I am really keen to get to know everyone and encourage people to call in and say hello when I am at the pool.'



Sue Hillman, chair of MAC Pool board, welcomes Stuart to his new role as manager of the pool.



Foundation rings, which will house the turbines of Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, were recently delivered to the Mid Argyll site.

## Allt Dearg receives first delivery of wind turbine tower parts

AN INNOVATIVE community-owned windfarm in Mid Argyll has this week received its first delivery of wind turbine tower parts.

Foundation rings, which will house the 81-metre high wind turbines of Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, were this week delivered to the site in the hills above Ardrishaig.

### Four tonnes

The rings, weighing over four tonnes each,

were transported to Mid Argyll by local firm

McFadyens Transport Ltd after a weeklong journey from Denmark.

The delivery marks the start of a three-month programme of deliveries which will see Campbeltown-based McFadyen's manage the transportation of turbine parts from across the globe.

Commenting on the complex logistics of the deliveries, Charles McFadyen said the project

proved Argyll has a workforce capable of producing, transporting and erecting wind turbines.

### Transported

'For the Allt Dearg project we have components coming from as far away as China, Spain, Denmark and Italy; these have all to be transported to a strict shipping plan insuring a smooth erection phase,' he said.

Allt Dearg Community

Windfarm is a partnership between the Broadfoot family of Stronachullin, the Lithgow family of Ormsary and Ardrishaig Community Trust.

It will generate £4 million in profit for Ardrishaig residents throughout its 20-year life, via Ardrishaig Community Trust, which owns one of the 12 turbines. The windfarm will be operational in December this year.

## Threatening and verbal abuse leads to deferred sentence

A FORMER Tarbert resident admitted threatening a woman and later verbally abusing her child when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Sean McGregor, 24, pled guilty to threatening violence towards a woman at a Tarbert address on January 29,

2012, further admitting verbally abusing her and her child at another Tarbert address on March 18, 2012.

Defending McGregor, now of 101 Main Street, Symington, Biggar, agent Christian Kane said: 'In an nutshell he's aware he behaves appallingly when

he has a drink.'

However, pointing to McGregor's previous convictions, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC, said: 'This is a pattern. This is a man who cannot behave properly to his partners.'

Sentence was deferred for four weeks for background reports.

## Council election clarification

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to clarify that independent Argyll and Bute councillors Douglas Philand and John McAlpine are not standing for election as part of the alliance of independent councillors.

Mr Philand, representing Mid Argyll, and Mr McAlpine, a candidate for Kintyre and the Islands, are not affiliated with the independent alliance which has been part of the governing executive of Argyll and Bute Council.

The Argyll and Bute Council election will be held on May 3.

## New free Gaelic app

Gaelic learners are set to benefit from a new app to help them get to grips with Scotland's native language.

The free app, which can be downloaded from iTunes to smartphones and iPads, contains key verbs and pronunciations from a native Gaelic speaker.

Aimed at students at all levels, the Scottish Gaelic LearnBot app supports the sell-out book, Verbots - Learn 101 Scottish Gaelic Verbs.

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## Stunning views of Mid Argyll hit the road

STUNNING views of Mid Argyll will be seen across Scotland and Europe in the coming weeks as part of a new marketing tool for the area.

Some of the region's most iconic landscapes, including the Crinan Canal and Mid Argyll coastline, will be hitting the road this week after being painted on to two West Coast Motors buses and an O-Fish-Shell delivery van.

The 'mobile billboards' will be viewed by thousands of people as the buses travel to Glasgow and back twice daily and the O-Fish-Shell van travels through Europe to Spain.

The marketing initiative is the latest promotional drive by the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA), which was set up last year to promote Mid Argyll as a tourist destination.

The original idea for the mobile marketing tool came from Joanne Kerr from the alliance as she sat behind a lorry on the busy A83.

John Brailsford of O-



Views of the Crinan Canal will be seen by people all across the West Coast of Scotland.

Fish-Shell in Ardfersaid: 'Both our lorries travel the length of the UK into Europe on a

weekly basis and previously had no markings on them at all. When we heard of the Heart of

Argyll project idea we jumped at the chance to help promote this wonderful place'.

# Architect urges Inveraray to go for world status

INVERARAY could once again become a 'jewel in Scotland's crown' if it were to receive world heritage status, according to one of Scotland's foremost authorities on architecture.

The claim was made last Friday at a summit of local residents and businesspeople to discuss ways of regenerating the Royal Burgh.

At the meeting in The George Hotel, Neil Baxter, secretary of The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, urged locals to seek the prestigious title. He said: 'As my wife and I come into Inveraray we both have the same reaction and think: isn't this a wonderful town?'

'Then we ask why Inveraray is not a world heritage site as it is not just a jewel in Argyll and Bute's crown, it is a jewel in Scotland's crown.'

Frances O'Hagan of

retail outlet Redshank warned that other measures were also needed to raise the Royal Burgh's profile because there was a lack of awareness of where Inveraray was.

She said: 'We need better signs. You get it for the likes of Crianlarich as far away as Aberdeen, but do we get a mention? No we don't.'

Ms O'Hagan also suggested that there were those who were not fully exploiting the Royal Burgh's cultural poten-

tial. She accused Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell of not living up to a previous pledge to turn Inveraray, birthplace of literary figure Neil Munro, into a 'literary town'.

She added: 'Nothing seems to have happened about that.'

The summit also discussed other issues including a lack of affordable housing, the appearance of the burgh and job opportunities for young people.

## Ardrishaig boat jumble

THE BOAT jumble organised by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) takes place tomorrow (Saturday) at Ardrishaig North Hall.

Unwanted and unused marine equipment is still being sought for the sale, including anchors, cable, rope, sails,

shackles, bottlescrews and electronic equipment.

The money raised will go towards funding for lifeboats.

The boat jumble will be the RNLI's second, following a successful event back in 2010, which raised more than £2,000.

# Argyll and Bute MP demands apology over intern claims



Alan Reid MP has received an apology from the Guardian following the article.

ARGYLL and Bute's MP, Alan Reid, has been victim of mistaken identity after being falsely accused by a national newspaper of taking on an intern funded by an anti-homosexuality charity.

Mr Reid has demanded an apology from the Guardian after it mixed him up with former Loughborough MP, Andrew Reed, who had listed in his register of interests for 2009-10 that the Christian Action Research and Education (Care) group had funded an intern for four days a week.

The charity had previously held a conference in London claiming gay people could be 'cured' of homosexuality.

Speaking of the mix-up, Mr Reid said: 'It's just a complete and utter untruth. Someone has blundered somewhere.'

'You would expect a national newspaper to take more care before they rush into print with a story like this.'

'I've never taken on an intern from an agency or any group, the only interns I've taken on I've done so myself.'

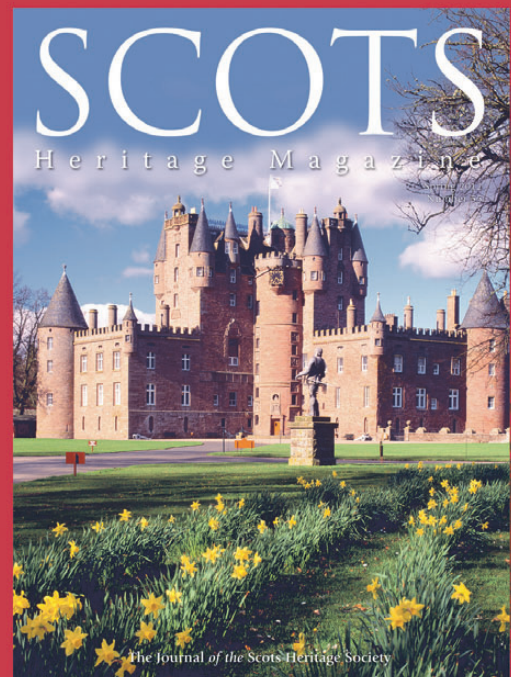
### Untrue

'I have now emailed the newspaper telling them its untrue and asking them what they're going to do about it.'

The Guardian has apologised to Mr Reid for the error, has amended its online version of the article and will publish a correction.

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# Argyll and Bute Council Elections

## Ward 2 - Kintyre and the Islands



**Anne Horn**  
SNP

**Ward 2 – Kintyre and the Islands**

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Regeneration of Argyll and Bute depends on agencies working together to provide jobs and housing in communities for young people. We must work to make local schools sustainable and an integral part of their community.

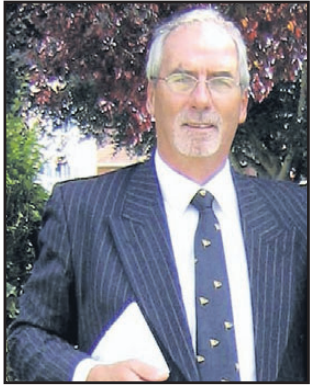
Efficient transport systems and reliable ferry links are essential for providing a lifeline service for residents and encouraging tourists to visit the fabulous area of Kintyre and the Islands.

If I am elected on May 3 I will continue to work full time as a councillor committed to representing the people of Kintyre and the Islands with respect.

**Bob Chicken**  
Scottish Labour

**Ward 2 – Kintyre and the Islands**

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Johann Lamont has challenged the Scottish Labour Party to be worthy of the people of Scotland by sticking with our principles and finding innovative solutions to the problems of these tough times.

This is particularly important here in Argyll and Bute where open, accountable govern-

ance, progressive policies and sound, strategic thinking seem as rare as hen's teeth.

We need forward thinking councillors with new ideas – councillors prepared to work with others to improve the lives of the people of Argyll and Bute.

My background in business and as a community campaigner give me the skills to fit the job description.

**Robin Currie**  
Scottish Lib Dems

**Ward 2 - Kintyre and the Islands**

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Being a councillor for Kintyre and the Islands for the past five years has been a great privilege. During this time I have worked closely with individuals, communities and voluntary groups to try and get the best for our communities.

I have a proud record of action and I am well known for being a strong voice for Kintyre and the Islands and I promise more of that for the future.

It is my intention that the priorities of the different communities in Ward two will be my priorities for the coming years. Working together we can make a difference.

**John McAlpine**  
Independent

**Ward 2- Kintyre and the Islands**

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I am passionate about rural services, in particular schools; maintaining rural schools is essential in retaining young families in the area.

We desperately need more rented accommodation, especially three-bedroom homes and housing associations must be given finance to provide such facilities.

Care for the elderly has always been a priority of mine and if changes are made to the service they must be in the best interest of families and carers.

Local councillors should be more involved in the planning process, which is not currently the case.

The current administration needs change; hopefully with your help this can be achieved.

QUESTIONS about rural schools, jobs, housing and care for the elderly all need answered – by the people who aim to represent you for the next five years.

Many big issues are being raised by candidates and voters in the run up to the local government elections taking place across the country and on these two pages we give the candidates – your potential councillors – the opportunity to tell you exactly what their intentions are for Argyll and Bute.

The Argyllshire Advertiser contacted all of those standing in wards 1 to 5.

However, Ed Tyler, standing for the Scottish Greens in Ward 2 – Kintyre and the Islands, Charlotte Hanbury, standing for the Scottish Conservatives in Ward 3 – Mid Argyll and Michael Hawke, standing for the Scottish Conservatives in Ward 4 – Oban South and the Isles did not respond to our request for candidate profiles.

The polls will open at 7am and close at 10pm on Thursday May 3. You can find your nearest polling station on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

Results are expected the following morning with three councillors being elected for each of wards 1 to 3 and four councillors elected for both wards 4 and 5.

**Arthur McFarlane**  
Independent

**Ward 2 – Kintyre and the Islands**

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I consider that the council has, through incompetence and unethical practices, squandered the resources and blighted the lives of Argyll people for a hundred years.

I am standing for election to play a part in replacing the council with something we

can actually take pride in.

My priorities will be to limit the council's activities to what it can do well, to set up a 'jury of residents' empowered to investigate any aspect of the council which causes concern, open up the council's relationship with the police and freemasonry and squeeze every penny's-worth of value out of the taxpayer's pound.

**Alastair Redman**  
Scottish Conservatives

**Ward 2 - Kintyre and the Islands**

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I am a local resident on Islay, having attended Islay High School and am now the post master and storeowner in Portnahaven. I want to work for my community, as Argyll and Bute is a vast area that needs strong voices to stand up for local residents.

I feel I have the skills

necessary to stand up for the people in Kintyre and the Islands on the council. There is much to do in this area and I hope you will put your trust in me on May 3, by giving me your first preference vote.



# Thursday 3 May, 2012

## Ward 3 - Mid Argyll

### The voting system

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### Who am I voting for?

Three councillors to represent your ward on the local council.

### How to vote

Always read the instructions for filling in the ballot paper carefully, even if you have voted before. The ballot paper lists the name of each candidate along with their party name, party logo and their address. Rank the candidates in order of preference. Put a 1 next to your first choice candidate, a 2 next to your second choice, a 3 next to your third choice, and so on. You can rank as few or as many candidates as you like. If you make a mistake then you can ask the polling staff to give you another ballot paper.

### Who is elected?

To be elected a candidate must reach a set amount of votes known as the quota. The votes are counted in stages. In the first stage only first preferences are counted. Anyone who reaches the quota is elected. Any votes received over the quota are not needed by the elected candidate and so are transferred to the second preference. If not enough candidates have then reached the quota, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated and all of their votes are passed to the next preference on the ballot papers. This process is repeated until three candidates have been elected.



**Alison Hay**  
Scottish Lib Dems  
Ward 3 – Mid Argyll



Alison Hay represents the Mid-Argyll ward and would like the opportunity to do so for another term. The last five years have been difficult. Young people are struggling to find jobs and with high fuel, food and energy costs, the cost of living has soared. No-one has

escaped. If re-elected Alison would like to continue pressing to find a solution to the A83, helping the communities and businesses who rely on this life line road. Tourism, vital to Argyll and Bute's economy needs a higher profile and proper support. Attractions like Kilmartin and Auchindrain Museums need to thrive.

**Donnie MacMillan**  
Independent  
Ward 3 – Mid Argyll



I am seeking re-election to Argyll and Bute Council as an independent candidate in Mid Argyll. I have many years experience as a councillor and look forward to your continued support, allowing me to carry on representing you all which has been a pleasure to do.

Being independent I am answerable to the community wholly and not to any political party but suggestions that come forward which would benefit ward three or Argyll and Bute I would be happy to support. Being retired I am fully dedicated, I hope you will consider me as your No1 candidate on May 3.

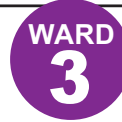
**Wendy Reynolds**  
Scottish Labour  
Ward 3 – Mid Argyll



We need to wake up the council. The communities of Argyll deserve a democratic, open and accountable council. Not one where decisions are made by a clique of councillors and officers.

I will campaign for full, fair and honest consultations when major changes in services are planned, so that the school closure fiasco does not happen again. As a carer, single parent and former health professional I understand the difficulties of juggling work and family and will stand up for families and the vulnerable. I will listen and respect all views and take any appropriate action to represent your concerns.

**Douglas Philand**  
Independent  
Ward 3 – Mid Argyll



Serving the Mid Argyll ward three over the past five years has been a great honour. I have been committed to rural schooling, advocating for vulnerable people, raising the profile of the A83 and its associated difficulties to as high as the Scottish Parliament

and highlighting the democratic deficits currently associated with the executive committee of the council which does not allow all elected members to have an equal say. I will continue to act on behalf of my constituents representing your views. To ensure you have positive representation vote Philand 1.

**Sandy Taylor**  
SNP  
Ward 3 – Mid Argyll



Our council is an important part of all our lives, more so in these times of financial austerity. Using the knowledge and experience gained over 19 years as a senior manager with this council, I will work with colleagues in an SNP administration to deliver our ambition for an administration which is closer to the communities it serves, listens and delivers change for the better.

I will ensure that the people of Mid Argyll have a voice in the council, a voice which will be heard; a voice for Mid Argyll, a place to be proud of.



## Those Were The Days

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IT WAS a long time coming home for historic artefacts which were returned to Kilmartin last Tuesday after an absence of more than 100 years.

In preparation for the formal opening of Kilmartin House next Saturday, items from the British Museum were returned to Argyll. Pots, jewellery and decorations were excavated from the Kilmartin area in 1864 by Canon Greenwell. They were then dispersed between museums in Edinburgh and London. With museum registration and loan agreements with the British Museum and the National Museums of Scotland in place, Kilmartin House is now entitled to display the artefacts. Gill Varndell of the British Museum said she was 'delighted' that the pieces were returning home after such a long time. A pot, just one of the many valuables returned, is around 3000 years old and was excavated from the Glebe Cairn, located just behind Kilmartin House.

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MRS FLORENCE Macpherson of Ardrishaig will receive the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's gold badge from His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent KCVO, at the Barbican Centre London on May 15.

Mrs Macpherson was honorary secretary of the Ardrishaig branch from 1971 to 1996 from which date she has acted as souvenir secretary.

In 1985 she was awarded the institution's silver badge.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



I was browsing through an old bible the other day when I found it.

It was a lovely wee flower I had put between the pages many years ago.

Now it was very dry and flat and lifeless. Its colour was dimmed and all vibrancy had left it long ago.

It had been lovely in its time, but was now just a shadow of what it once had been.

It had stayed within the pages of the bible and had not moved for years.

I wonder if this is sometimes like our spiritual lives.

While it's good to be rooted in the scriptures, we are sometimes reluctant to move forward and embrace new ways to worship God.

We are suspicious of new hymns and new ideas, little realising that God may just be encouraging us to be fresh in our faith and dynamic in our worship.

Throughout scripture we read of God encouraging his people to go forward with him.

He encouraged Abraham to move on, he led Moses through the desert of doubt and he took Ruth to a new land and a new experience.

God is the one who said: 'Behold I make all things new'.

Do we give to God the same worship we've given for centuries or do we give God the worship that is ours and is relevant for today?

Yes, God is the same yesterday, today and forever, but he is also a God who calls us on a journey. He is a God who is the God of our future as well as our past.

He is a God who challenges us to sing a new song.

As I look at my wee flower I think how lovely it was in its time, but I realise that there are also many new buds, full of new life, just waiting to blossom.



## Down Memory Lane

**THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. The picture shows Inveraray residents commemorating the life and work of writer and poet Neil Munro in December 2000. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.**

## Dougie's thanks

Sir,  
I would like to say a big thank you to the following for making last Saturday's charity race night in Lochgilphead Lodge such a success.

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To all those that bought horses for the evening and to everyone attending and making an excellent night for everyone involved – thank you.

The event raised

## Letters to the Editor

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£1705, which will be split between charities Maggie's Cancer Centres, Anthony Nolan Trust and Asthma UK.

Thanks to you all once again.

**Dougie Moore,  
Ardrishaig,  
By email.**

## Rest and Be Thankful

Sir,  
I am very pleased to report that Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown MSP has replied to my letter about the Rest and Be Thankful.

I had written to him on behalf of local businesses who were very concerned that the original proposal of a delay of up to one hour when using the planned diversion route was far too long.

The minister has informed me that the Scottish Government is now looking at the feasibility of partial two-way working on the proposed temporary diversion road on the forest track at the Rest and Be Thankful.

I hope this will result in a diversion route involving a delay of a lot less than an hour being constructed before the next landslide season starts in August.

**Alan Reid,  
95 Alexandra Parade,  
Dunoon,  
Argyll.**

## Parkinson's Awareness Week

Sir,  
This week is Parkin-

son's Awareness Week, and I'd like to tell your readers about this debilitating, incurable disease which affects around 120,000 people in the UK.

Parkinson's is a progressive disease of the nervous system that inhibits the way the brain controls movements such as walking, talking and writing. It has affected such famous figures as Muhammad Ali, Michael J Fox, Pope John Paul II and Salvador Dali.

People with Parkinson's or other disabilities often find it extremely costly and difficult to organise a break away from their difficult daily routine because of their complex medical and care arrangements.

As a result, a huge

number of people with disabilities and their carers give up on the possibility of ever getting any respite, due to the enormous physical or financial barriers they face.

But there is support out there.

I work for Vitalise, a national charity providing essential respite breaks at accessible centres around the UK.

Each year we welcome thousands of people with disabilities and carers to enjoy desperately-needed breaks with us – breaks which often mean the difference between coping and despair.

If your readers would like more information about our breaks or would like to support our vital work, please call us on 0303 303 0145 or visit www.vitalise.org.uk.

**Colin Brook,  
52 Upper Street,  
London.**

## Enjoy a day out at the Glasgow 7s

Sir,  
The Emirates Airline Glasgow 7s take place at Scotstoun Stadium in Glasgow on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6.

The best 16 teams in the world, including Scotland, are taking part. But the event isn't just about the 16 international teams. It's a carnival atmosphere, where you're encouraged to come along in fancy dress – the theme is the Wild West – and join in the fun.

You'll also be able to help the Bill McLaren Foundation, named after the legendary rugby commentator and designed to support the development of rugby among young people.

For more information log on to www.glasgow7s.com and you can help the Bill McLaren Foundation at www.billmclarenfoundation.co.uk.

Sevens is one of the core sports in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and will become an Olympic sport in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. I would encourage as many people from Argyll to support the Emirates Airline Glasgow 7's.

**Scott Hastings,  
By email.**

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## Three-day tractor trek success

A WOMAN drove a tractor through Mid Argyll and across central Scotland to raise money for charity last week.

Eilidh Grieve, 24, from Aberfeldy, made the journey in her vintage Super Dexta from Campbeltown to Crail over three days, including a stop-off in Lochgilphead last Thursday.

She arrived in Crail on Saturday afternoon.

The tractor has no cabin and no power steering, so there were a lot of things to get used to as she chugged along in her vehicle, which has a top speed of only 22mph.

She said: 'It was quite cold so I had about six layers on and considered putting on a seventh.

With no power steering if you're trying to turn in a tight space it does take a bit of getting used to but it builds up my muscles.

'Sometimes the road was really quiet which was great but if traffic started to pick up I would let people past because I know what it's like to be stuck behind a tractor.'

### Donation

Nevertheless, Eilidh said that the reception she got from other motorists was good, as people were stopping her to make a donation to her charity, the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RSABI) who she also works for.

She said one man overtook her in his Land



Eilidh travelled from Campbeltown to Crail in her vintage tractor. 08\_a16tractor03

Rover before flagging her down to give her £20.

Eilidh first received the 1963 model tractor as an 18th birthday present from her father Willie, who came along

with her to ensure the tractor remained in good working order.

He first bought the tractor when it was in a derelict condition and spent long painstaking hours restoring the

vehicle to its original state.

Eilidh had already completed a number of long distance drives in her tractor, including a gruelling trip from John O'Groats to Land's End.

She said: 'I had already done north to south so I thought why not do west to east this time?'

Eilidh expects to raise over £1,500 in total for the RSABI as donations

are continuing to flood in even after finishing her journey.

The RSABI is a charity which works to help people who make their living off the land.

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## Warning to keep dogs away from sheep

DOG - WALKERS should keep their pets away from sheep as lambing season gets underway, a Lochgilphead livestock farmer has said.

The farmer, who did not wish to be named, warned that it did not matter how friendly or harmless the dog was, explaining all animals are capable of

frightening a sheep.

The reminder comes a week after Tarbert farmer Neil Duncan told the *Argyllshire Advertiser* he would shoot any dog found to be bothering

his sheep, reinforcing the message to keep dogs under control in the countryside.

The Lochgilphead farmer added: 'A family pet can have an impact that people might not see themselves.

'Even a small dog can frighten a sheep, and if the sheep runs then the dog's instinct is to chase after it thinking what fun it all is, but there's a chance the sheep might become separated from its lamb resulting in great distress for both animals. Like children a sheep needs several things for good health: it needs to be well-fed, have open space and not to be frightened.'

The farmer said that the health of a sheep was paramount and was a huge factor of how much it might make at market.

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**LOCHGILPHEAD**

**Church fundraiser**

A CHURCH fundraiser took place at Lochgilphead Church Hall last Saturday to raise funds for St Margaret's Church.

Father David Connor was on hand to draw the raffle, which consisted of prizes such as chocolates, bubble bath and a bottle of whisky.

Father Connor said: 'It has been very busy today; it's a chance for folk to get together and chat.'



**Mary McCorquodale of Lochgilphead was the lucky winner of a bottle of Whyte and Mackay at last Saturday's coffee morning at the church hall.**

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**Music fills the air at Mid Argyll Hospital**

AN AFTERNOON of music was enjoyed at Mid Argyll Hospital last Tuesday.

Ciaran Dorris and Heather Innes performed a live concert for patients on behalf of Music in Hospitals, a charity that provides more than 1,700 concerts a year at care facilities throughout Scotland.

The duo also played a concert at Chalmers Court in Inveraray last Monday.

**Timebank invite to community lunch**

A SECOND community lunch is being held in Lochgilphead this week.

The lunch, organised by Mid Argyll Timebank, takes place at Lochgilphead Community Centre on Manse Brae next Friday at 2pm.

**MINARD**

**Tree planting marks 140 years of school**

CHILDREN and adults at Minard Primary came together to plant a tree to mark the school's 140 years educating children in the village.

Pupils from the school, with the help of Councillor Douglas Philand, planted the tree before the Easter break.

The youngsters followed the celebrations with an Easter egg hunt.

**ORMSARY**

**Scarecrow festival success**

PEOPLE living in Ormsary and along the Kilberry Road are already planning their 2013 Scarecrow Festival after the success of last week's event.

The scarecrow competition, which had 34 entries, saw households living along the B8024 Kilberry Road create a host of characters as part of the area's Easter celebrations.

Three scarecrows were named the winners of the creative contest with *Hoy on yer bike* by Ormsary Youth Club taking first place; *Teddy Bear's Picnic* by Danaidh and Steaphan MacEachern named runner up and *Eddy the Eagle* by the Bosmoworth family took third place.

**CAIRNDOW**

**Puppet show**

A PUPPET show is taking place at Cairndow Village Hall on Sunday.

**AUCHINDRAIN**



**Members of Artmap Argyll, left to right, Lucinda Hopkinson, Fraser McIver, Louise Oppensheimer and Zoë Ritchie.** 08\_a16art01

**Artmap Argl exhibition**

AN ART exhibition took place last Friday at Auchindrain Museum.

The display was put on by 11 members of Artmap Argyll, and

featured various works including canvasses, sculptures, textiles, ceramic tiles and glass paintings. Lucinda Hopkinson of Artmap

said: 'Auchindrain has a nice big tea room and a huge open space which has helped to draw more visitors in to the exhibition.'

**Coffee afternoon**

A COFFEE afternoon will be held at Templars Hall on Sunday as locals show their support for two Tarbert women running the London Marathon.

Sisters Lorraine MacDonald and Kathleen Mair will be pounding the streets of London this weekend in aid of Kidney Research UK, which has supported their nephew Robson Mair.

The coffee morning, organised by Tarbert Youth Group, will offer homebaking, a raffle, bottle stall, dress sale and face painting in a bid to raise cash for the valuable charity.

**ARDFERN**

**Curtain up on captain**

A THEATRE production will be showing at Craignish Village Hall on Tuesday May 8.

The Captain's Collection tells the story of the exploits of a highland composer and his ambitions to succeed at any cost.

The show begins at 7.30pm and pre-show meal will take place at 6pm sharp.

**INVERARAY**

**Car boot sale**

A CAR boot sale is taking place at Inveraray Primary School tomorrow (Saturday) to raise

**FURNACE**

**Caring Hazel wins award**

THE CARING wife of a Furnace man who has been battling cancer for months has recently won an award.

Hazel McFarlane, wife of Gordon McFarlane, won the Best Carer award at the Making The Difference Awards in Northern Ireland.

Hazel has dedicated the last eight months to caring for Gordon, who suffers from bowel cancer, at their home in

Lambeg in Co. Down. Explaining she was touched to receive the award, Hazel said: 'I don't feel I do anything special - I just look after my husband who is a true fighter. I was shocked I got the award; there are so many other people who I felt were worthy winners'.

Gordon's parents John and Mhairi McFarlane still live in the Loch Fyne village.



**Hazel, Gordon and a representative of the Making The Difference Awards in Northern Ireland.**

**KILMARTIN**

**Messy Church**

AN EVENING of fun can be had at the Living Stones Centre in Kilmartin on Thursday.

Everyone is welcome to go along to the Messy Church event from 4pm to 6pm. The evening will begin by gathering for food, followed by painting and craft making, and ending with a story, a song and a prayer on creation.

**KILMICHAEL GLASSARY**

**Busy meeting**

MEMBERS of Kilmichael Glassary SWRI spent a hands-on evening making paper flowers under the tutelage of Jenny Campbell.

Club president Catherine Smith showed off the Flower Cup she had won, as well as the Foursomes Salver won by the institute at a Mid Argyll-wide event earlier in the year. Forthcoming Federation Show competitions were discussed and Jean McIver and helpers provided refreshments.

Competitions: Creative Easter card: 1 Ginny Crawford, 2 Catherine Smith. Craft Easter Card: 1 Marina Campbell; 2 Catherine Smith, 3 Jean Blackwood. Border Tart: Catherine Smith.

funds for the school.

The sale begins at 10am and is expected to last until 2pm in the afternoon.

**Easter Bun Run**

IT WAS a perfect Sunday for a run as 20 runners took part in Inveraray jogscotland's Post Easter Bun Run.

The three-mile out and back proved to be most popular with local runner Linda Leyland coming home in first place with a time of 30.39, piping Simone Balcon of Ormsary jogscotland into second place on 31.08.

Ruby Bosomworth, also of Ormsary jogscotland was third to finish and the first junior on a time of 33.29.

Donald McCallum was first male finisher and the second junior with a time of 36.48. The youngest competitor Tilly Cunningham completed the run in 42.55.

In the four-mile run Freya Corner came in at 33.40 and her sister Rosie just behind on 35.29, with Wendy Macpherson, a newcomer to Inveraray jogscotland coming in on 35.46.

In the 5.5 mile route Toby Corner came first on 38.33, a massive eight minutes ahead of Garret Corner (46.27) and Ormsary jogscotland leader Dinah Bosomworth (46.40).

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## Marilyn hits the screen in Tarbert

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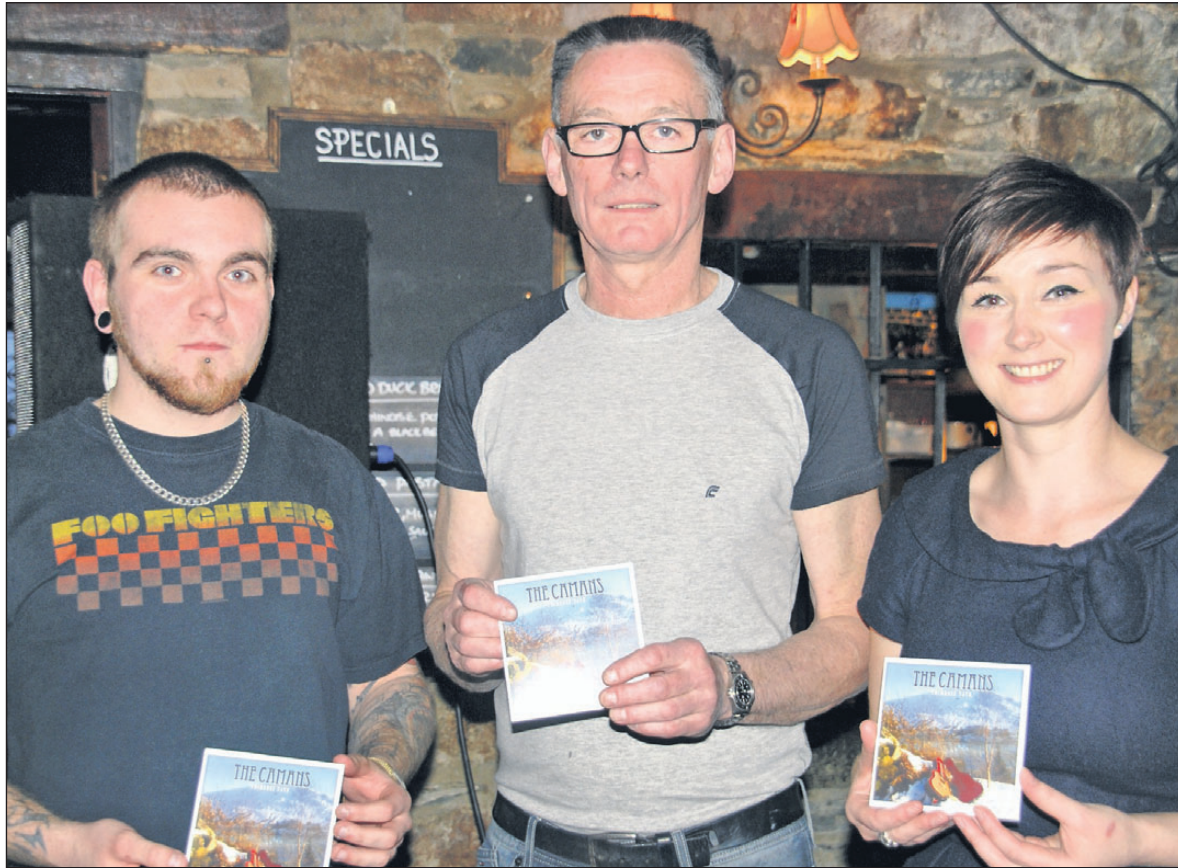
My Week with Marilyn, featuring Michelle Williams and Kenneth Branagh, will be screened in the Templar's Hall on Saturday evening.

The British film, directed by Simon Curtis saw both Williams and Branagh nominated for Oscars last year

The film is set in 1956 and Laurence Olivier is directing the film *The Prince and a Showgirl*. He casts Marilyn Monroe in the leading role; a decision he soon begins to regret. Meanwhile a young, eager film student talks himself into a job on set and there follows an intriguing, if short, relationship between himself and Marilyn.

With supporting roles played by Emma Watson and Judi Dench, the film elicited numerous favourable comments in the press, with the *Daily Mail* describing it as 'delightful, classy entertainment'.

The film will be screening will begin at 8pm.



The Camans celebrated the launch of their first album last Sunday at the George Hotel in Inveraray. 08\_a16camans01

## Camans celebrate launch of first CD

THE GEORGE Hotel in Inveraray was rocking last Saturday night as a local band launched its debut album.

*The Camans* - lead singer and guitarist Craig McIntyre, guitarist Dan Brown and violinist Rhona Donnan - delighted Royal Burgh revellers as they played songs from their new album, *Primrose Path*.

The album features a diverse range of songs with two originals written by the band, contempo-

rary cover songs, traditional Scottish jigs and two songs by Robert Burns: *Ae Fond Kiss* and *Sweet Afton*.

Well known on the Argyll music scene, the group are delighted to finally launch their first record.

'We have run off 300 copies of the album for sale at our gigs,' Craig said, 'and we're planning to release a number of promotion singles, including *The Settled Will*, which has gone down really well.'

Explaining the band is going from strength to strength after a few changes in the line-up, Craig said he was excited about the future.

Hoping to focus more on the band's original songs and less on cover music in the coming months, Craig, who runs the Ardanavan Croft music studio, added: 'I want to put money into the promotion of our original material, and we'll still be playing in the local hotels such as the George'.

## Cowal Gathering ranks among top UK events

THE LARGEST Highland gathering in Scotland has been recognised for its contribution to the events industry in the UK.

The Cowal Highland Gathering, an annual event based in Dunoon, was held up as an example of excellence at the recent National Outdoor Events Association (NOEA) awards.

The leading outdoor events trade association, the NOEA announced the Cowal Highland Gathering runner up in the NOEA Scotland award category.

Malcolm Barclay, event manager of the gathering, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to have been recognised in such a prestig-

ious award. Although we would have loved to have won the category, being runner-up to an event of the calibre of the Royal Highland Show is still a major achievement.'

Donald MacVicar, Argyll and Bute Council's head of community and culture, said the award was well deserved.

'The gathering is a vital contributor to the Cowal economy, as well as one of the country's best-loved and most spectacular highland gatherings,' Mr MacVicar said.

This year's gathering takes place at Dunoon Stadium between Thursday, August 23 and Saturday August 25, from 9am to 6pm daily.

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The classes will be delivered using the highly successful Ùlpan model.

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L-R: Grey Gull Inn owner Heather Leighton, James Quarton of the Argyll Community Theatre and Grey Gull Inn general manager Barbara Hinds.

# Grey Gull hosts Chekhov play

A NIGHT at the theatre will soon be part of the entertainment on offer at an Ardrishaig hotel.

The Grey Gull Inn is starting up a theatre production group and is working with Argyll Community Theatre (ACT) in preparation for their first play, *The Boor* by Anton Chekhov, showing next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

James Quarton, artistic director with ACT, said: 'I have known the owners of the Grey Gull for quite some time, and I had spoken to them about offering several types of entertainment to the public in the area.'

'It was only recently decided that we would

put together a play, pie and pint project, which is a model that's been used in lunchtime theatre for one-act plays; the idea being that you have something to eat and something to drink while getting a play as part of the package.'

James set up ACT three years ago, putting on summer drama workshops for young people and working closely with the Mid Argyll Youth Project on a number of initiatives.

So far James has recruited two Ardrishaig actors to take part in their first production, Hannah Nixon and Graham Dickie, but there have been enquiries

from actors and actresses from as far away as northwest London.

James admits that the Grey Gull theatre project is a big step forward for him; he said: 'It's quite exciting as we have never done this sort of thing before.'

'I'm really keen to see professional theatre being played in this area; people I have spoken to are really keen to come along and take in the experience.'

Barbara Hinds, general manager of the Grey Gull Inn, said: 'Hopefully the theatre will add a new dimension; it will be good for the hotel and hopefully it will help the local community.'

# 'Spellbinding' performance

THREE of Scotland's most innovative musicians gave a 'spellbinding' performance recently as they performed as part of the Mid Argyll Arts Association April concert.

**Sheila McCallum reviews.**

Members and guests of the Mid Argyll Arts Association were very fortunate to be treated to a performance by a magical musical trio last Saturday night.

The trio - Dick Lee, no stranger to Mid Argyll audiences; James Ross, who performed with Anna Wendy Stevenson exactly a year ago in Ardrishaig, and John Kenny, playing in Mid Argyll for the first time - delighted audiences with an eclectic array of music.

The musicians performed their innovative and renowned take on the *Ballad of Tam Lin*, which they were com-

missioned to write and perform at the Celtic Connections Festival in 2010.

In a most informative introduction to Tam Lin John Kenny explained that each member of the group had composed two movements but who wrote what piece remained a mystery for the audience to solve.

**Amazing**

Each movement was preceded by a short narrative relating to the story and what followed was a truly amazing musical journey, using an array of instruments, including piano, clarinet, saxophone, trombones, recorders, treble-descant played simultaneously and a tall wooden instrument called a fujara.

The audience became completely absorbed and spellbound by this composition which combined the genres and influences of folk, jazz

and classical music.

The second half of the evening featured solos from each artist, showcasing more original compositions on their chosen instrument.

James, who specialises in traditional Scottish music, played an air followed by a Strathspey and Reel in a very modern style,

Dick followed on clarinet with an unaccompanied blues-themed

number and John completed the trio with a performance of *Chants*, originally written by monks and discovered on the island of Inchcolm on the River Forth.

The musicians joined again for the final piece of music of the evening, which saw much improvisation and a fabulous piece of music that delighted the many jazz enthusiasts in the audience.



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

## Busy summer schedule

A BUSY summer schedule is in the pipeline at Kilmartin House Museum.

The Knapdale beavers will be the subject of a talk by Professor Bryony Coles at Dubh Loch on May 15. She will also be giving a talk about the animals on May 16 in Kilmartin, although a venue has not yet been confirmed.

A series of excursions to the Garvellach Islands have been organised by Kilmartin House Museum over the next two months.

A geology trip run by Dr Roger Anderton will run in April, while Professor Bob Furness will lead a study on birdlife on the islands. Dr Sharon Webb will give a talk there on archaeology in May.

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**Across**

- 1 Stroke when hurling (4)
- 3 Legitimate (4,4)
- 9 In such respect (7)
- 10 Adjust (5)
- 11 Dark overhead (12)
- 14 Short overcoat? (3)
- 16 Her trousers (5)
- 17 Also (3)
- 18 Occuring at different times (12)
- 21 As it were (5)
- 22 Loudly (7)
- 23 Boa (8)
- 24 Lump of earth (4)

**Down**

- 1 Between lessons (8)
- 2 Large rodent (5)
- 4 Due to (3)
- 5 Cattle disease (12)
- 6 Put into care of another (7)
- 7 Husband of a Countess (4)
- 8 Brazilian seaport (3,2,7)
- 12 A fish or sail (5)
- 13 Cross looks seen by one in charge? (4-4)
- 15 Buckthorn (7)
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rival of a costly nightmare – but while it may be easy to measure the plus or minus of financial implications, how do you put a figure on the warm glow of self-satisfaction if your dream home becomes reality.

Along with the land, bricks and mortar, you will need large volumes of dedication, commitment

and patience throughout the entire project. It will take longer than you thought. It will probably extend both deadlines and budgets so make a list in large lettering of the top three reasons of why you are constructing your own home – read it regularly, and put it in a prominent position that keeps you focused, especially when the

going gets tough.

Remember that undertaking this self-build is to achieve the home of your dreams.

You will need to inspire others to have the level of enthusiasm for your project as you have. Having the right attitude will fundamentally affect your self-build plan in a positive way.

There are many ways in which you will locate your ideal plot of land. Estate agents, advertisements in newspapers and word of mouth are probably the most common.

Land may also become available via auctions or on-line auction sites. These may appear as a cheap option. And they can be. But they come with their own complications.

Plots being auctioned are often the result of bankruptcy or other problems that make a quick sale desirable for the seller. They are traded on a 'sold as seen' basis. It is up to the bidder to ensure that the details being presented are accurate, suitable to the intended purpose and not without 'hidden' dangers.

If possible, visit any site for sale via an auction and make your own assessment – or better still pay an expert to survey the property or plot on your behalf. It may cost a little, but could save you a lot.

Whatever your chosen route to a piece of land, there are four basic areas to consider before embarking on a plot purchase – ground conditions, planning permission, utilities and services, and any legal considerations.

Ground conditions

Ground conditions are important as it forms the foundations of your dream home. It may be necessary to employ a specialist to ensure that the plot of land is ideally suited for your project. Simple things like a high water table, while not insurmountable, need to be identified, as do more serious issues with potential flooding, industrial or agricultur-



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Something as simple as the incline of the proposed plot should also be noted as this may add extensively to the cost of ground-work prior to the first stages of construction.

When viewing a plot, bear in mind that the overall dimensions should not only be capable of containing the house but that planning authorities may want evidence of sufficient space for parking, garages, or turning vehicles and other amenities in relation to the size of said home.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the dimensions of the land for sale is as stated.

It would also be advisable at this stage to come back from the site and, if possible, view it from a distance.

Planning  
Planning is often the biggest single obstacle that a self-builder has to negotiate.

Learn from other people's errors and experiences, and seek help from experts who do these often complex communications with local authorities on a daily basis.

Plots with outline planning permission already granted will cost in the region of 500 per cent more than land without. Obtaining planning from scratch may be time consuming and is not without its pitfalls, but it can also be rewarding if approached correctly.

There are also areas that come under the category of 'designated' – these are subject to complex planning and are probably best avoided by the inexperienced. Designated areas include Green Belts, which are not as the term

suggests open green field sites, they will most likely have strict restrictions on sizes and styles of house building.

Utilities and services  
All plots will require utilities and services at some stage.

Plots adjacent to other houses or existing buildings are often easier to get through the planning maze simply because water and power supplies may already be on-hand.

Rural and isolated locations are a very different proposal, with the cost of installing utilities becoming a major cost factor in negotiating the original purchase price of the land.

Legal considerations  
Before agreeing to buy building land ask your solicitor to a pre-purchase check for any title issues, the legality of the boundaries, rights of access through, or indeed, on and off the site – there is little point in buying a site that you cannot then gain entry to.

This is particularly relevant if the plot is in a rural or remote location where access is via neighbouring land. Old or verbal agreements between previous landowners/ friends/ neighbours mean nothing and must not be regarded as automatically transferable.

This is also true of shared access, which can sometimes be a very grey area that needs to be clearly defined in writing and map before money changes hands.

Shared access normally also means shared liability in relation to maintenance costs and shared liability for incidents or accidents that happen on that piece of shared land. Sometimes, in order to get planning permission, you will be asked to sign a legal obligation, also known as a planning agreement and in Scotland commonly called a Section 50 Agreement. This can restrict how land is used or make the applicant bear the cost of off-site works

before building work can go ahead.

You will also have to find out if there are any agreements relating to the plot that may have already been signed. As the purchaser, you are legally bound by any agreement that comes with the purchase. It's up to you to find it if it exists.

Also, there may be verbal agreements made with the vendor with regard to building or reinstating walls, fences, drains or even to the extent of getting the vendor's permission before extending, altering or even selling your property – these should be discussed at length with a solicitor before entered into.

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You may also have items that are only used seasonally. Christmas decorations, winter clothing, fan heaters, to name but three. You'll want them immediately available when they are required. What you now need are good lifestyle storage solutions.

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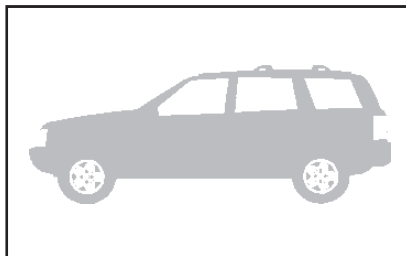
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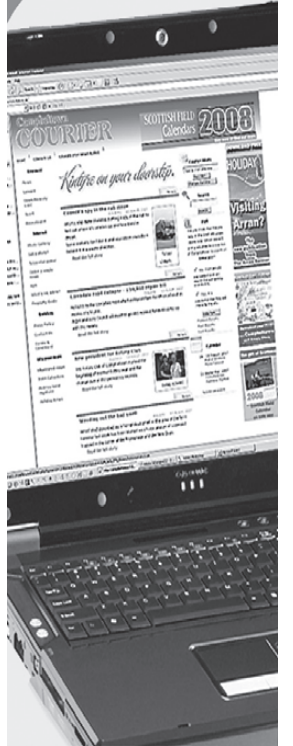
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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord ... will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom' (Isaiah 40:28).

**BIRTHS**



**MCQUAKER**

Stuart and Fiona are delighted to announce the birth of Kyle Zac, born on April 4, 2012. First grandchild for Donald and Margaret Anderson, Campbeltown and sixth grandchild for Iain and Sheila McQuaker, Irvine. Special thanks to midwives in both Southern General Hospital and Campbeltown, especially Isabel.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**WELCH - CAMERON**

David and Karen (Ardrishaig) are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Kathryn Emma (Katy), to Duncan, youngest son of Susan and Sandy (Ardrishaig).

**DEATHS**

**CARRIER** - Peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, on April 12, 2012, Muriel Gertrude Fleming Morton, in her 97th year, Calasith, Portrigh, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of the late Ken Carrier, much loved mother of Denise, Mike, Gavin and the late Jill and a loving and much loved gran and great gran. Service in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church, on Saturday, April 21 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only and no letters or cards please.

**DAY** - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on April 10, 2012, James Sydney Day, in his 88th year, Kilirvan Cottage, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret, much loved father of Pauline and a much loved and loving grandfather. Service in Southend Parish Church, on Friday, April 20 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**FERGUSON** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on April 13, 2012, Sarah Irwin Elkin, in her 96th year, Kirknowe, Campbeltown, formerly of Beach Hill, dearly beloved wife of the late Hugh Ferguson, much loved mother of Heather and the late Barbara, stepmother

of Nick and a loving and much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, April 23 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Medical Research.

**HENLEY PRICE** - Very peacefully, at home in Machrihanish, on April 15, 2012, Marjorie Joyce, dearly loved wife of Nick, for 45 years, and a much loved sister, sister-in-law, aunt and great aunt. A funeral and thanksgiving service, to which all friends are invited, will be held at St Kieran Episcopal Church, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, on April 27 at 12.00 noon, and thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. No flowers please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of Campbeltown Community Nursing Team or donations can be sent to the Charity Account in the Clydesdale Bank, Longrow, Campbeltown, PA28 6ER.

**MALOY** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 12, 2012, Mary Maloy (née Brooks), aged 87 years, of 7 Tigh-Na-Creige, West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late David Robertson Maloy, and loving mother of Ann, Margaret, Andrew and Stephen. Much loved mother-in-law, gran and great gran. A dear neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, followed by a memorial service in Ardrishaig Parish Church. Sadly missed.

**MCCOLL** - The funeral of the late Flora McColl will take place at Tarbert Free Church, on Wednesday, April 25, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, retiring collection if desired, for Tarbert Parish Church Restoration Fund and Tarbert Senior Citizen's Annual Dinner.

**MCSPORRAN** - Suddenly at home, Ornum, High Askomil, Campbeltown, on April 17, 2012, Alistair McSporran, in his 58th year, dearly beloved husband of Ann, much loved father of Karen and loving papa of Alex and Jamie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Tuesday, April 24 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Freeman Hospital Transplant Unit, Newcastle.

**ROWLAND** - Peacefully at home, Cnoc Araich, Southend, on April 16, 2012, after a long illness, Margaret Rowland, in her 78th year, dearly beloved wife of Roger Rowland,

much loved mother of Kevin and Fiona and a loving and much loved grandmother. Service in Southend Parish Church, on Wednesday, April 25 at 12 noon, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the church.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**TOMISON** - Mamie. A Thanksgiving Service will take place for Mamie in Kilmelford Church on Tuesday, April 24, at 2.00pm.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**DEANS** - Muriel and family would like to thank, most sincerely, all relatives, friends, neighbours and former work colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls following the sudden loss of Willie. Thanks to Dr Norrie, Dr Overton, ambulance crew and Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service and to all who attended church to pay their respects. Special thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for carrying out Willie's final wishes at Cardross Crematorium.

**WATT** - On behalf of Derek, Katie and Ross, Margaret, Fraser and John would like to thank most sincerely everyone for all the support given to them following the sudden death of their beloved daughter, Karen. Heartfelt thanks also to all who travelled from Campbeltown and Carradale to Greenock Crematorium, where again we were overwhelmed by the massive amount of people who came to show their respects for Karen.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**BLACK** - In loving memory of Jean, died April 24, 2011. A precious wife, mother, nana, great nana and sister. Loved and remembered always. - From all the family.

**GRAHAM** - Treasured memories of my dear wife, Jean McLean, who died April 21, 2007. A loving wife, mother, gran and great gran. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. - Angus and family, Corby and Fife.

**KERR** - Steve, died April 24, 1984, aged 16. A wonderful son and brother. Dearly loved and sorely missed always. - Love Mum, Craig and Barrie x.

**SMITH** - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Flora Smith, who died April 19, 2010. Always in our thoughts. - The family in Kilmichael Glassary.

**STEWART** - James. In loving memory of my dear husband, who passed April 21, 2010. A loving father and granda. Gone, but will never be forgotten. God bless you, Granda. Remembered with a smile. - Rachel and family.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday, 22nd April, 2012  
Ford 10a.m.  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
SC002121

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
Sunday 22 April 2012  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"Lord open our eyes!"  
Thursday 26 April 2012  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Sunday, 22nd April  
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.  
(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)  
Rev. Philip Burroughs  
Tuesday, 24th April  
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
Thursday, 26th April  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, 27th April  
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services**  
22nd April - all welcome!  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Lochfyneside (Minard) at 10 am  
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**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service at 11.30am  
Sunday Club Starts again at 11.30am - all children are welcome to join

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 22nd April 2012  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Sunday School 11.20am  
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Thursday 26th April 7.30pm  
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All Welcome  
Sunday 22nd April 2012  
11.00am Morning Service with communion  
Jumpstart Group  
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 22nd April  
10.00am Breaking of Bread  
Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
10.50am Coffee  
11.15am Family Service with Sunday School and Creche  
Mr R H Craig  
7.00pm Youth Group  
Wednesday 25th April  
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
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**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 22nd April 2012  
Third Sunday of Easter  
10.45am Family Communion  
Details of services are on the church door  
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The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
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Sunday Services  
10.30am Morning Worship  
5.45pm Prayer Meeting  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Tuesday  
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club  
1.30pm Adult Home League  
Wednesday  
7.00pm House Group  
Thursday  
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café  
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Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 22 April  
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am  
Morning worship  
Tayvallich Jubilee Green  
Sailing Service at 1:00 pm followed by refreshments  
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam  
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**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
George Street Campbeltown  
Sunday 22nd April  
12.15pm Prayer Meeting  
12.45pm Worship Service  
Speaker: Mr Calum Ferguson  
All Welcome  
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

**Highland Parish Church**  
SC002493  
Please note: all services in Kirk St Hall  
Sunday 22nd April 2012  
11.15am  
Morning Service  
FunDay Club (3yrs - P5)  
JaM (P6+)  
12.10pm Prayer time  
Tuesday 24th April  
7.00pm  
Campbeltown Churches Together  
Lorne and Lowland New Hall  
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## Bid to reform sports council

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leaders are encouraging sports clubs to attend a meeting on Thursday, where the possible reformation of the sports council will be discussed.

The meeting, held at Lochgilphead Community Centre at 8pm, will urge sports clubs to work together for the benefit of the wider community, as it had done previously.

The Mid Argyll Sports Council first formed over 20 years ago and the group later changed its name to Mid Argyll Sports Trust with the aim to create sports facilities in the area.

Despite having a membership of more than 30 local sports organisations, the sports council activities waned after the Mid Argyll Sports Centre opened in the autumn of 2007.

It is hoped a new sports council, together with the 2012 Olympics will encourage more people to get active in sports in Mid Argyll.



Iain Mackinnon tries to lose his opponent during Tarbert's 1-0 win over Paisley last Saturday. 08\_a16tarbert04

## Red Star game all square

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star took on Whitehill FP last Saturday in what turned out to be a dull, uneventful game.

With both teams stuck in the bottom half of Division One, a win would have been most welcome, however neither side could find a way through in the 90 minutes and the game finished all square.

The result leaves Red Star in seventh place, two points behind East Kilbride who have a game in hand.

Red Star face Port Glasgow Hibs tonight (Friday) in the semi-final of the Coronation Cup at Millburn Park, Alexandria.

The next league game sees Red Star at home to league leaders Tarbert next Thursday, kick-off 6.45pm.

# Tarbert top of the table

TARBERT moved top of the Scottish Amateur Football League Division One after a close victory over Paisley at Cil Andreis last Saturday.

Paisley started the match as league leaders but it only took Prentice two minutes to open the scoring for the home side when a defensive blunder allowed him to lob the keeper securing his 32nd goal of the season.

Tarbert had plenty of opportunities to increase their lead, but the Paisley defence made up for their early mistake keeping the home side at bay and the score at 1-0.

### Fine save

The away side grew in confidence as the half progressed but spurned a number of opportunities to equalise; first Tarbert number one Martin made a fine save with his legs to deny the Paisley striker before the visitors missed a penalty following a dubious handball decision.

### Half-time: Tarbert 1-0 Paisley.

The second-half saw some exciting end-to-end play, and Tarbert saw efforts from Mackinnon and Talbot go close, but as time went on it was Paisley who began to dominate possession, ensuring a nervy end to the game.

Paisley almost stole a point in injury-time, but Martin was equal to the deflected shot before seeing the ball cleared off the line.

A collective sigh of relief went around Cil Andreis as the referee blew for full-time, the Dookers replacing Paisley as league leaders on goal difference with only six games left.

Full-time: Tarbert 1-0 Paisley

Tarbert squad: J Martin, C Elliott, C Martin (c), J Smyth, D Ronald, M McCormick, I Johnson, M MacIver, I Mackinnon, J Prentice, F Talbot, I Smith, A Miller, J Mackinlay, S Currie.

## Under-15s in goal-fest

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star Under 15s entertained Dunbartonshire Football Development League basement boys North Kelvin United last Saturday, resulting in a goal-fest at the Ropework for the second week in a row.

Red Star's defence conceded five last week and they were given a fright after just nine minutes when United's forward was allowed time and space to strike a high shot past keeper Miller to open the scoring.

The home side were spurred into action and Deans went close when his shot bounced off the crossbar before Cammy Hendry scored the equaliser, placing his shot beyond the keeper at the near post. It was soon 2-1 when Dudding's parried shot fell to Hendry and this time he made no mistake.

Red Star were soon 3-1 up on the half-hour mark when Lewis Mahaffey set up Coates to score inside the penalty area.

### Half time: Red Star 3-1 North Kelvin.

Red Star continued to dominate play in the second half and Ewan Dudding netted a fourth with a shot just inside the box. Two minutes later, Dudding's defence-splitting pass found Deans but he could only put his shot narrowly past the post.

United almost pulled one back against the run of play in the 60th minute but Miller did well to save the shot.

Red Star went on the all-out offensive and defender Galbraith had a header cleared off the line and saw a second strike saved by the keeper. Galbraith was rewarded for his efforts however, when he connected with a Deans corner to put the result beyond doubt and Lewis Mahaffey added a sixth in the final minute to complete the game and cap an impressive all-round performance by the Lochgilphead side.

Lochgilphead Red Star Under 15s: Miller, McArthur, Guy, Galbraith, McKinlay, Coates, Dudding, Moore, Deans(c), Mahaffey, Hendry. Subs (all used) Gibson, Wylie, Newlands-Steele.

## SHINTY



Kyles' Donald Irvine and Kilmallie's Michael Rodger battle it out in Kyles 3-2 victory at Canal Parks on Saturday.



Euan McMurdo, Inveraray; Fraser Mackintosh, Newtonmore and David Robertson, Inveraray, tussle for the ball during last Saturday's Orion Premiership match at the Eilan. Photograph by Stephen Tunstall.

KYLES face old rivals Inveraray at Winterton Park, desperate to retain the Celtic Cup.

Although playing away from home, a resurgent Kyles have shown enough quality in recent weeks to make them slight favourites to progress to the semi-final stage.

Last weekend's good away win at Kilmallie saw hotshot Roddy MacDonald return to form, scoring two goals following Thomas Whyte's opener.

INVERARAY versus Kyles is often a final in the Celtic Cup competition but their premature meeting at the quarter final stage will be just as keenly fought.

Glad of a home tie against the holders, Inveraray have often referred to the Celtic Cup as 'our cup', having won it so often in recent years.

Manager John Smylie said: 'It doesn't matter when you draw Kyles in the Celtic Cup, as long as we get a home tie and that's what we've got.'

'The boys are on a bit

of a downer after losing 4-0 last weekend but I won't have to say much to get them up for a Kyles match.'

John had no excuses for his side's 4-0 hammering by Newtonmore on Saturday, admitting the Badenoch men are 'just a good team'.

Despite holding strong for large parts of the game, Inveraray were undone by some clinical finishing from the home side. John said: 'You sometimes have to hold your hands up and say you were beaten by the better team.'

## Strachur to host cup final

STRACHUR will host this year's AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup Final on Saturday, June 23.

It will be the second time the village has hosted the event and only the fourth time the game has taken place outside Glasgow since the tournament was founded in 1879.

The decision to hold the match in Strachur was taken following the launch of a new community pitch and pavilion in the village after 10

years work by Strachur and District Community Development Company (SDCDC).

SDCDC chairman Douglas Currie said: 'Strachur is a great venue for this final and the local club has itself contested many finals over the years. We expect Strachur will be supportive of this major sporting event.'

Strachur first hosted the final in 1974, where Inveraray edged out Kyles Athletic 4-3.

## GOLF

MEMBERS of Inveraray Golf Club headed to Bute last Sunday to take on Rothesay Golf Club.

The course was in great condition, and the weather ideal for the pairs matchplay which ended in a creditable 3-3 draw.

Duncan Robertson and Chris Crawford won their game for the visitors, as did George Morrison and George J Morrison.

Half-points were secured by Jimmy Kerr and Donnie Campbell and also by Ali Morrison and Derek McCulloch, but it was defeat for Dougie Fraser and John McDonald and for Kenny McDougall and Paul Armstrong. The return match in Inveraray takes place in August.

This weekend sees players compete for the April medal which will be a fundraiser for Cancer Research.



THERE was a good turnout for the April medal at Tarbert Golf Club last weekend.

The football boys teed up in the morning with John Martin posting the best net score of 64.

A light wind made things more difficult for the afternoon starters, with Donnie Sinclair leading the pack on a net score of 62, followed by Malcolm MacAlpine on 64.

Keith Blair led the gross category with an impressive 69, with Duncan Johnstone and Peter MacLean on 75 and 77 respectively.

Highlights of the day included John Hardie birdieing the eighth hole and Keith Blair birdieing at the 12th and 17th.

This weekend sees the opening round of the Fyne Tankard at Glenralloch, with more information to be found on the club noticeboard.

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## Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 3, 5 and 16. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

A MASSIVE £1,000 will be up for grabs in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week as another week passes with no winner. This week's numbers were 3, 6 and 14.

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery this week, with numbers 5, 6 and 7 drawn. The jackpot will reach the £1,000 limit next week.

G Johnston was the lucky winner of £100 in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw. The winning numbers were 2, 11 and 18. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

## Bid to reform sports council

WORK is underway this week to reform the Mid Argyll Sports Council after it ceased operating in 2008.

It is hoped local sporting organisations will become involved in the council and work together on creating sporting opportunities and facilities in the area.

If reformed the council will, as it did in previous years, secure funding for sports projects and facilitate grants to individual clubs and there are funds in the group bank account to kick-start the process.

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Heather Young got the bowling season underway as her husband George began his first season as Lochgilphead Bowling Club president. 08\_a16bowling01



Members of Tarbert Gun Club raised £1,000 for Help for Heroes at their annual charity shoot. L-R: Malcolm Weaver, Ian Winnard, Billy Bergant, John Sweeney, Ray Laird and Ally McDonnell.

## Gun club on target for Heroes

DOZENS of shooters descended on Barmore Shooting Ground last weekend as Tarbert Gun Club hosted a special charity shoot.

More than 36 people took part in the competition on Sunday, which was held in a bid to raise cash for armed forces charity - Help for Heroes.

The event, held in 'perfect shooting weath-

er', saw the gun club's John Sweeney named the overall winner after he won the difficult cross shoot competition. John was one of a few shooters that managed to hit the fast moving clay, which was shot from left to right at knee height.

Ally McDonnell also put in a strong performance winning the teal and overhead shoots, as

well as the flush contest with his partner Brian Thompson. Archie MacGilp senior and Pierre Godts took second place in the flush shoot, whilst Malcolm Weaver won the settler shoot and Ian Winnard the junior title.

The shoot raised £1,000 for Help for Heroes and a cheque will be presented to the charity in the coming weeks.

# Young bowlers needed to keep sport alive

## Warning as new season starts

MORE young people need to get involved in bowling to ensure the survival of the sport in Mid Argyll.

The warning came as bowling clubs across Mid Argyll began the new season last Saturday.

Ardrishaig Bowling Club President Derek Wallace said: 'We're looking for a lot more younger players coming in as our membership is struggling at the moment.'

It's not just us, it is the whole sport in general that has been struggling for a few years.'

At Tarbert Bowling Club, youngster Aron Harris, grandson of Tarbert president Bruce Harris, set an example by bowling the first jack of the new season.

Meanwhile, Lochgilphead Bowling Club began their new season under a new president.

**Ambitions**  
George Young began his new tenure as club president and he was quick to ascertain his ambitions.

He said: 'It's been a long time since we won the West Argyll Championship, but we are looking forward to start-

ing up again.'

Mr Young's wife, Heather, bowled the first jack to mark the start of the annual president v vice president's match, ending in a 27 shots to 21 victory for the vice president's team.

The president presented mementos to the highest scorers in the vice-president's team: Bob Martin and Cathie Cameron, while the vice-president did likewise with the highest scorers in the president's team: George Bruce, David Edsworthy and George Young.

## Soccer Centre coaching resumes

FOOTBALL coaching sessions for primary school children resume tomorrow (Saturday) at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre will be holding separate coaching sessions for primaries 1-3, beginning at 9.15am, and primaries 4-7, beginning at 10.20am.

A football tournament will take place in afternoon with teams lining up against opponents from Campbeltown, at 2pm.

The sessions will

take place on the grass pitches, weather permitting, otherwise it will be held on the Astroturf.

**Fun Fours**  
The Fun Fours football practice takes place on Sunday for primaries 2, 3 and 4,

starting 11am at Lochgilphead Sports Centre. Children wishing to take part must register at the Saturday Soccer Centre, and any parent who wishes to register their child should go along tomorrow to pick up a consent form.

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