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80-year-old pensioner battles on for Ardrishaig bus shelter

Anger at being targeted by computer fraudsters

A LOCHGILPHEAD pensioner's computer crashed after a suspected scam on Tuesday.

Reverend Lesley Risby, 64, a retired minister, said that vile tricksters called her pretending to be computer engineers.

Mrs Risby said: 'A man called and said my computer was faulty and that I should turn it on and follow his instructions.'



Lesley Risby at her computer.
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'He said to hit the windows and 'R' key at the same time this caused a stream of information a bit like a scene from the film Matrix.'

'It lasted half-an-hour, followed by a message saying it could be fixed for £99 a year.'

'I realised it was a scam and told the man: 'You are scammers, liars and thieves'.'

Mrs Risby's computer has not worked since.

Mrs Risby cancelled her online banking, phoned Lochgilphead police and her internet provider.

On Wednesday morning scammers phoned for a second and third time. It is not known if the calls came from the same 'company'.

One identified himself as Alex Farquhar from London but hung up promptly when Mrs Risby said she had called the police.

She added: 'These are clever people. Their psychology makes you feel stupid and angry. I am here alone. Many older people would feel quite scared.'

REPORT by MARK DAVEY

A BUS shelter in an Ardrishaig road could save an 80-year-old pensioner from freezing in the rain.

For the past four years, Ellen Muir has campaigned for an overhead cover at the bus stop, where she catches the 422 service, in Kilduskland Road, just outside her Burnbank Terrace home.

Mrs Muir, who does not drive, said that the issue was brought up at Ardrishaig community council some years ago but that people with cars opposed the idea of a shelter.

Responding to Mrs Muir's claim community council convenor Edward Laughton said: 'She wants to be able to come out of her house and stand at a shelter does she?'

'Putting a shelter there would require space but where the stop is situated now does not have



The bus stop in Kilduskland Road. 06_a16busstop01

sufficient space.'

Last month Mrs Muir decided to write to her then Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid who replied just before parliament was dissolved.

In his reply dated March 23 Mr Reid acknowledged her repeated attempts to get a shelter erected and said that he was sorry to hear that Mrs Muir has been unsuccessful.

Mr Reid went on to say that he had written to

the head of community regeneration at Argyll and Bute council and would let Mrs Muir know the outcome of any reply.

An Argyll and Bute council spokesperson said: 'On a number of occasions we have proposed installing a bus shelter on Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig.'

'However, the majority of local residents have opposed all attempts due mainly to the potential

impact on parking space.'

'There are therefore no current plans to place a shelter in this location.'

Mrs Muir said: 'There is a bus shelter at the roundabout by the entrance to the Kilmory industrial estate but who needs one there?'

Mrs Muir's son John, 59, said that perhaps the only solution would be to see if it was possible to 'buy a blow up bus shelter'.

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Beware of cold callers claiming to be NHS

NHS Highland has warned that crooks are trying to sell medical equipment by cold calling people in Mid Argyll.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said that reports had been received from GP surgeries and a hospital that a company had been cold calling older people claiming to be from the NHS and setting up home appointments.

Once in the individual's house they try to sell them medical equipment.

The spokesman said: 'The NHS does not cold call people and would not try to sell people medical equipment.'

'Enquiries into these reports by Police Scotland and Trading Standards are ongoing and anyone affected should contact Police Scotland on 101.'

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Threat to boycott Vodafone



Members of Lochgilphead community council, back from left: Ian Liddell, Norma and Brian MacLennan, Sarah Taylor, Avril Stewart, John Fisher, Charles Edmonds and Bob Millar. Front: Donald Mochrie, James Simpson, Andy Bunton, Helen and Betty Rhodick. Elaine Vassie and Gillian Voinot were absent. 06_a16lochgilpheadCC01

All change at Lochgilphead community council

LOCHGILPHEAD community council convenor Bob Millar stood down this week after three years in the hot seat.

A ballot was held for members to choose between Betty Rhodick and Andy Bunton with Mr Bunton gaining the chair.

Mrs Rhodick was confirmed as vice convenor, correspondence secretary is Ian Liddell, minutes secretary Helen Rhodick, treasurer Bri-

an MacLennan and vice treasurer Jimmy Simpson.

Two new members, Sarah Taylor and John Fisher, were co-opted.

Fury over lack of signal

FURIOUS residents of a Mid Argyll village could boycott their mobile network provider, after being urged to by their community council.

A number of people from Tarbert, who are with Vodafone, have not had a signal since March 31.

It is the second time this year that their network has been down for a lengthy period of time.

During a meeting held in Templar's Hall Tarbert community council's secretary Gina Chicken recommended 'people to go to other providers'.

She said: 'I'm aware there are a number of Vodafone customers in the area getting no coverage from the network. We are going to ask Vodafone that people who are without coverage are automatically reimbursed, even those who are on pay as you go.' Mrs Chicken has

since contacted the UK network provider, which had stated that the service would be up and running by April 14.

A spokesperson from Vodafone said: 'We understand how frustrating it is for our customers but the nature of radio communications means that we cannot guarantee a fault-free service. We're doing everything we can to get the site up and running as soon as possible.'

Mrs Chicken felt that the company had missed the point as the community was under no illusion there could be technical issues, however, the concerns were over how long it took to fix problems.

As of Wednesday, April 15 the network was still not up and running. A statement from the mobile phone company regarding reimbursing customers was pending at the time the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to print.

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Figurine stolen from restaurant

A LOBSTER-LIKE figurine was stolen from outside a Tarbert restaurant at the weekend.

The marketing model was taken from the Anchorage on the village's Harbour Street between 6pm and 8pm on Wednesday, April 8.

Anyone with any information on the theft is asked to contact constable Frame in Tarbert on telephone number 101.

Bikes taken from shed

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two bikes were stolen from a shed near Ford last week.

A 'Rock Hopper' mountain bike and woman's bicycle were taken sometime between 11pm on April 8 and



This lobster-like figure was stolen from Tarbert.

9.30am on April 9.

Anyone with information should contact Constable Brindle in Lochgilphead on telephone number 101.

Drink driver

A MAN was arrested on suspicion of drink driving after a roadside test suggested he was over the limit.

The 44-year-old was stopped while driving a car on the A83 trunk road to Tarbert at 9.45pm on Friday, April 10. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of bail curfew

A MAN was arrested in Lochgilphead on

suspicion of breaching bail conditions.

The 18-year-old will appear in court for allegedly failing to comply with a curfew on Saturday, April 11 on Lochnell Street.

JCB vandalised

POLICE are appealing for information after a JCB was vandalised in Ardrishaig.

The rear door of the mini digger was smashed between 6pm on Monday, April 6 and 9.30pm on Tuesday, April 7 at a site on Darroch Road.

If anyone has information they should call police on 101.

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



Bluestone proprietor Sara Park-Patterson. 06_a16shop01

Gifted Sara in the running for retail award

REPORT By MARK DAVEY
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A LOCHGILPHEAD gift shop worker is on top of the world after being picked as a finalist in a national retail competition.

Sara Park-Patterson, 25, joined her family's business, Bluestone, in Argyll Street, when she graduated from Strathclyde University in 2011 with a degree in marketing and law.

Miss Park-Patterson, will travel to the Savoy Hotel, London, on May 7 for the 13th year of the Greats Gift Retailer awards.

The firm is a finalist for three different awards: Independent Gift Retailer for Scotland, Best Gift Retailer of Fashion and Jewellery Accessories

and Retail Employee of the Year.

The shop first opened in Lochgilphead in 2008 and Miss Park-Patterson spends at least one week a month there.

Alternating her work round the firm's other two branches in Barrhead and Largs, she said that she did not expect to enjoy shop work at first but has grown to love meeting different people.

Miss Park-Patterson said: 'I love working in the shop and now could not imagine life without being behind a counter.'

Her mum was a craft worker and her dad made clocks before they set up the shop 15 years ago.

Tarbert minnow forces charity to back down

A FISHERIES charity that made a proposal which would see Tarbert fishermen out of work has backed down following uproar.

Last month Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT) released details of a proposal that would see sections of the Firth of Clyde closed to trawlers for two miles from shore to sea.

Following an outcry from industry leaders, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell approached SIFT.

He said: 'SIFT has agreed not to pursue its

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regulating order to allow further discussion and that has been helpful.

'The way forward probably lies with an enhanced and more focussed role for Clyde 2020.'

SIFT was initially working with the multi-agency group Clyde 2020, which was set up by Scottish government to negotiate how to manage the Firth of Clyde to keep in line with European Union

plans by 2020. But Tarbert fisherman and Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) chairman Kenny MacNab claimed that SIFT wanted to go its own way and had been 'sneaky' in its approach to releasing the proposal.

Kenny said: 'SIFT has crept in the back door, looking like it is on the fisherman's side and then came out with this order that will have a huge impact on the

industry. The size of the areas the order would close are five times bigger than I initially thought. The map that featured in its brochure was not scaled to size.

'When I asked verbally the size of the area highlighted I was told it was two miles. The map is misleading.'

Kenny added: 'It is the whole Clyde, not just us. CFA is working with 2020 and we are all in agreement that SIFT's plans are ill-advised.'

The proposal to regulate the area could also affect people

working in a shellfish processing plant in Uddingston, which was built two years at a cost of £1.6million.

Bertie Armstrong, chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, said: 'This proposal is totally the wrong way to manage the fishery.'

'We will turn a fishery managed under the auspices of an accountable and elected government to one that is managed by private individuals - and we don't even know who these individuals will be, or their agenda.'

Charles Miller, director of SIFT confirmed: 'SIFT has further postponed the date of submission of the regulating order application to allow further time for industry consultation.'

'We are currently awaiting industry responses to our invitation to meet.'

Committee changes at community council



Community council convenor Edward Laughton. 06_a16ardrishaig01

ARDRISHAIG community council's convenor has taken on a third term.

At the annual general meeting, Edward Laughton agreed to continue in post for a year after his wife, Janette, announced her resignation from the secretary's job citing ill health.

Peter Garret agreed to combine the posts of secretary and treasurer and was duly elected.



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New therapy championed by local ladies

TWO MID Argyll women are driving a campaign to roll out a new form of musical therapy after they discovered a passion for it during a bus journey to Glasgow.

Sue MacDougall, of the Lochgilphead Resource Centre and Maggie McLaren, of Dochas Centre, have been working to introduce Playlist for Life across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the islands.

Playlist for Life was founded in 2013 by

BBC Scotland's news presenter Sally Magnusson. It is aimed to help people with dementia and Alzheimer's communicate and recover memories.

Individuals will be supported to create a play list of music that they were once familiar with and will be able to listen with earphones during group and one-to-one workshops.

Sue and Maggie have been friends for years, but it was when they

met on the bus travelling from Lochgilphead to Glasgow they realised a shared enthusiasm for the therapy.

Together they have led the project bringing Playlist for Life to the region and are now reaching out to people in Mid Argyll communities to help implement it.

Sue, a development worker, said: 'We held our first awareness session on March 18 at the Dochas Centre and

we had about 30 people come along. This form of therapy is available to and helps a wide spectrum of conditions, ranging from down's syndrome to depression and dementia.

'Although we haven't yet trialled this specific therapy ourselves, I have personally seen the benefits of music therapy. It has helped me to work with and communicate with people diagnosed with dementia.

'So I can see the logic

in Playlist for Life.'

It is thought that using familiar sounds or songs could have a calming and even memory triggering effect on vulnerable adults with dementia and other conditions.

Maggie, Dochas Centre manager, said: 'It doesn't have to be popular music, it could be anything from football programme theme tunes to the sound of car racing or soap opera theme tunes. It is about the sounds people are familiar with. People with dementia or Alzheimer's can be confused, upset, frustrated or angry, so this therapy can help with that.'

Other organisations on board include the MS Centre in Lochgilphead, Ardfenaig care home, carers centres across Argyll and Bute and Alzheimer's Scotland. Almost 20 people took part in a training event led by Playlist for Life's chairman Andy Lowndes last month.

Held in Inveraray, the day aimed to equip professionals with the skills to deliver the service.



From left: Maggie McLaren and Sue MacDougall are looking forward to rolling out Playlist for Life. 08_a16playlist01



Some of the people who went to an open day at Dochas Centre in March.

Maggie said: 'Now we have to find funding to buy Ipod shuffle devices, earphones and all the other equipment we will need. We also ask that anyone who can donate old devices they do not use any more to

the Dochas Centre.' The pair are now working towards securing funding to launch the service.

People can volunteer and donate used Ipods at the Dochas Centre at 50 Campbell Street in Lochgilphead.

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Ted Self holds a Columbine and a Cactus. 06_a16coffee03

£660 raised at church spring coffee morning

A NORTH Knapdale church spring coffee morning in Tayvallich village hall raised £660 on Saturday.

During the event youngsters got creative at a design-your-own-t-shirt stall which was £4 a go.

Gardener Ted Self ran a popular stall selling a range of pot plants and there

was a £1-a-go lucky square for a hamper of food which was won by Shirley Gordon with number 75.

Flower

There will be another coffee morning on May 23 to raise funds for the flower show which is staged in the hall on August 12.

Next generation grammy winners sought

A GRAMMY award winning music producer is seeking professional musicians from Mid Argyll to make an album titled: 'Made in Argyll'.

David Donaldson will bring together Argyll's musicians over three days as part of the launch of the 'Music Makes Me' project.

The musicians will work together, writing, composing and producing, to create an album of original work.

The programme, funded by Creative Scotland, will take place near Strachur.

Musicians and lyricists who would like to take part in 'Music Makes Me' should email alana@thewalkingtheatrecompany.com for an application form by 12noon on Friday May 8.

Bird house hobby just what the doctor ordered

'I am just following family tradition'

REPORT By MARK DAVEY
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RECYCLED pallets are an Ardrishaig cancer sufferer's raw material for creating birdhouses.

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2013 John Muir returned to carpentry to keep his mind off his condition and the pain associated with it.

Mr Muir, 59, of Westbank Road, says the work is purely a hobby and dulls the pain in his thighs from regular injections and radium treatment.

Check ups

He goes for three monthly check ups at the Beatson West of Scotland cancer centre in Glasgow.

Before his diagnosis

Mr Muir spent 27 years in the oil industry, working on rigs in the North Sea, Norway and Africa and now his cottage style bird houses are gaining an international reputation.

The unique creations grace gardens in Campbeltown, Tírree, Hertfordshire, Holland and Germany.

Mr Muir said: 'Locals and tourists see the bird tables in Ardrishaig gardens and want to know where they can get them.'

'If they come to see me I tell them to come back in a few days and I will have one ready.'

'My dad loved wood work so really I am just following family tradi-

tion.

'It is amazing what you can turn your hand to. There's a wishing well at the top of the garden that was entirely made from recycled wooden.

'I have also made miniature models of trawlers and windmills.'

All the pallets are donated by local firms, which include MacLeod construction and C and J Shellfish.

Mr Muir said: 'One of the directors at MacLeod's yard said to just take whatever waste wood I needed.'

In his youth Mr Muir tried kayaking and still harbours a dream to do a sponsored kayak from Ardrishaig to Arran to raise funds for the Beatson unit.



John Muir with one of his bird houses and another is in the background.

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No workshop holds up Men's Shed start up

A SOCIAL group for men in Mid Argyll will not be able to get up and running until a premises is secured.

More than 30 men want to get involved to set up a Men's Shed but the group has so far been unable to find a place to use as a workshop.

Men's Shed leader Lynda Syed said: 'We are all agreed that we cannot succeed without premises. We are therefore putting all our efforts over the summer into identifying a suitable space, so if anyone knows of anywhere that may fit the bill then please get in touch.'

Email lynda@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk with suggestions.

In the meantime the group will hold one-off repair workshops in Mid Argyll villages. If anyone wants more information or to get involved contact the email address above.

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A pair of cans and string would work better

IT IS hard to believe a 21st century mobile phone company cannot restore connection in a matter of hours, let alone two weeks.

Many Vodafone customers in Tarbert have not had a signal since the end of March.

The firm will pay compensation for a three day outage.

Vodafone should offer to pay for any outage, if not for the benefit of customers, then at least to preserve its brand.

The telecoms giant should go further and let contract customers cancel and choose another provider.

The firm's network appears to be not fit for purpose which may allow customers to invoke the sale of goods act.

Modern business is all about customer service.

From the hundreds of comments on social media it would seem this company is not concerned about its Mid Argyll customers.

Singing in the rain

TO CUT carbon emissions we are told to leave the car at home and take the bus.

Some people do not have that choice as they either do not have a car or cannot drive.

Why should they be penalised and not have a dry place to stand while waiting for a bus?

On the front page of this week's newspaper, *The Argyllshire Advertiser* tells of a woman who has campaigned for a bus shelter since she was 76-years old.

It is unbelievable that the loss of a parking space should be given as an excuse for not providing one.

Bus passengers take vehicles off the roads and should be encouraged by all possible means.

Many Mid Argyll communities have excellent shelters so why is this part of Ardrishaig denied one?

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Neolithic landscape may be quarried

Sir,
I often holiday in Argyll and I was distressed to see a big digger ripping up fields near Kilmartin Quarry. This, I was informed, is a survey to see if expansion of the gravel quarry is viable.

Surely the question should be: 'Can we afford to lose the Neolithic landscape?'

It is ironic that Kilmartin House Museum has applied for huge funding from the lottery citing an increase of visitors to 200,000 per annum, when landscape not half a mile away is being destroyed.

Torquil Morrison,
Easter Road,
Edinburgh.

Coach passenger's thanks to people of Argyll

Sir,
I would like to express through your newspaper my thanks to the people of Argyll following the coach crash at the Rest and Be Thankful on Thursday March 26.

All of us who were passengers were overwhelmed by the acts of kindness on that day.

To the motorists who stopped and helped people from the coach and then cared for them in their vehicles until the emergency services came - you were lifesavers in that cold and rain.

To the staff of Ardlochan community hall who came and opened up and provided much-needed hot drinks and biscuits, thank you for your caring concern.

Thanks are also due to the

very professional fire and ambulance crews, the paramedics and doctors, police and helicopter rescue personnel.

Without their skills and prompt attendance things could have been so much worse.

Colin Crowhurst,
Buckwells Field,
Bengeo,
Hertford,
Hertfordshire.

Politicians need to listen to the people

Sir,
I was so bored with last week's three politically motivated opinions that I felt I should write.

Redman's letter said how wonderful things will be at £6.70/hour. Craig insisted that under Reid we have never had it so good and Smith poured scorn on Sturgeon.

These guys don't get it - like it or not, the vast majority of people living in Scotland demand that their issues be addressed by politicians and that the quickest way to the political scrap-heap is to ignore what we are telling them.

I believe that it is more important than ever before that you think about who you trust when you vote in this general election.

The people want their MPs to work together, to be honest, honourable and devoted to the well being of their constituents. We want to see a fairer balance of gender, class and race in government.

We don't want austerity, particularly that which penalises the low paid and infirm, and we fail to see why banker's debt should continue to be ours thereby blighting the economic future of these is-

lands for generations.

As Mandela said: 'Vote for your dreams not your fears.'

My vote will be for Brendan O'Hara.

Jonathan Arnot,
Tarbert.

Toeing the party line

Sir,
All political parties wish their MPs to behave in a collegiate manner.

At a SNP conference, members passed new standing orders for MPs containing 11 clauses on whipping and discipline.

Conference agreed that 'No member shall, within or out with the parliament, publicly criticise a group decision, policy or another member of the group.'

I felt sorry for Brendan O'Hara, SNP's candidate for Argyll and Bute, thinking he would be stifled and limited.

I understand that Mr O'Hara is reported to have said: 'In this next parliament loyalty and discipline will be essential.'

'After 33 years of SNP membership I will not break ranks with the parliamentary group when the going gets tough.'

Argyll and Bute people are used to an MP who will not toe the party line if he thinks something is not in the best interest of his constituents.

The former Liberal Democrat MP Alan Reid voted against his party's three-line whip on increases in fuel duty, university tuition fees and the 'bedroom tax'.

Scottish Nationalists by nature are centralists with a centralised police force; fire service and domination of

committees of the Scottish parliament.

We need an MP who knows the communities of Argyll and Bute and will fight for them.

If you don't want an SNP party-minion, vote for the experienced and independent Liberal Democrat candidate Alan Reid.

Alison Hay,
Minard,
Argyll.

Ferry boards need local representation

Sir,
Labour has called for 'greater accountability, full transparency and major reform' of how Scottish ferry agencies are governed and operate.

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Mary Galbraith,
Labour candidate,
Argyll and Bute.

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Argyll and Bute a four-way marginal

WITH less than three weeks before the general election polling day on May 7 the battle for Argyll and Bute is hotting up.

The constituency stretches from Helensburgh, just 32.5 miles from Glasgow, to Islay 124 miles further west.

In 2010 Lib Dem Alan Reid won the seat with 14,292 votes, 5,729 more than the

fourth placed SNP candidate on 8,563.

Nominations for the constituency closed at 4pm last Thursday with five candidates declared.

Homes

Three have homes within the constituency: SNP's Brendan O'Hara from Helensburgh, the Conservative's

Alastair Redman from Islay and Alan Reid from Dunoon. Labour's Mary Galbraith is based in Bishopton, Renfrewshire, and UKIP's Caroline Santos comes from Selkirkshire.

If Alan Reid takes the chequered flag on May 8 he may be the only Lib Dem left in Scotland.

Candidates' statements



ALAN REID - LIB DEMS

Continuing the recovery

THIS will clearly be a very close election between myself and the SNP challenger, with the other parties out of the running.

People have a choice between the Liberal Democrat policy of continuing the recovery from the crash of 2008 or voting SNP with their policy of going to London to demand a £7 billion cut in the Scottish parliament's budget.

I promise to put Argyll and Bute first, as I always have done.



BRENDAN O'HARA - SNP

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This is what a vote for the SNP can achieve, not only for you and Argyll and Bute, but also for Scotland and everyone across the UK. Only you have the power to make that happen.



MARY GALBRAITH - LABOUR

Representing everyone

THIS election is about choosing who can best represent everyone in Argyll and Bute.

A Labour government will increase the minimum wage to £8, end exploitative zero-hours contracts, tackle tax-dodging, lower energy prices, abolish the bedroom tax, introduce a £1,600 future fund for school leavers and protect the NHS.

Born and reared in Argyll, I grew up on the family farm in Kintyre, was educated in local schools, then studied economics and German at Glasgow University.

It's the need to transform our prospects here that drives me to represent local people. Because Argyll and Bute deserves better.



CAROLINE SANTOS - UKIP

End rule from Brussels

THE ELDEST of three, brought up and educated in Argyll, I am delighted to have been selected by UKIP for my home constituency of Argyll and Bute.

Educated at rural Rashfield primary and then Dunoon Grammar, I worked in the tourist industry on the Isle of Tiree and then at a fish farm outside Dunoon.

I then changed direction to spend some of my career working in the care industry while bringing up three children.

If elected to represent

Argyll and Bute, I will prove a doughty champion for the issues affecting the constituency whilst campaigning to end rule from Brussels and promote Scotland's place at the heart of a united kingdom.



ALASTAIR REDMAN - CONSERVATIVE

Keep economic progress going

AS A SMALL business owner in Argyll and Bute, I know the challenges faced by both the rural and urban parts of this constituency.

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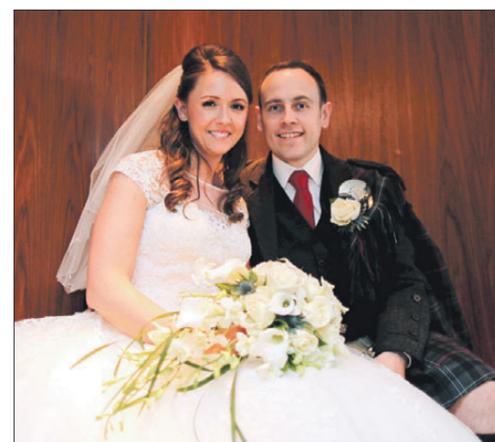
still facing big challenges.

It's clear that only the Conservatives have the strength to beat the SNP and only we can safeguard Argyll and Bute's hard-fought economic progress.

Vote Conservative and Unionist at the election and I promise to work tirelessly for Argyll and Bute.



WEDDING



McLENNAN - CRAIG

Cameron McLennan, son of Cameron and Angela McLennan, Lochgilphead, married Lyndsey Alexandra Craig, daughter of Catherine and Ian Craig, Newton Mearns, Glasgow at Cameron House, Loch Lomond, on Saturday 21st February 2015. A truly fantastic day was had by all.

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Inveraray Castle hosts classic cars

AN ARGYLL car club's historic vehicles were an added attraction on Sunday afternoon for many Inveraray Castle visitors.

It was this year's first event for the Argyll Classic and Sporting Car Club (ACSCC) which saw 18 cars roar out from Auchinstarry Boathouse near Kilsyth at 9am.

They took a scenic route including the Rest and Be Thankful before

stopping for lunch in the castle.

Vehicles taking part included a rare 1937 MG SA Tickford drop head coupé which was a two-litre sporting saloon produced by the MG car company from 1936 to 1939.

More modern

MGs dominated the display with other models including an MGB convertible and the more modern machines made by Rover.

There were a pair of Jaguars, an Audi Quattro and a rare three-wheeler kit car powered by a Yamaha motorcycle engine. The Yamaha had no weather protection and the driver took an involuntary shower on more than one occasion when the heavens opened.

During the afternoon members had the opportunity to take un-timed runs up a one-mile road hill climb including two



ACSCC members outside the Castle. 06_a16carclub02



Cars lined up at Inveraray Castle.

hair pins in Glen Shira.

The older cars went up rather sedately but many other drivers took the chance to use maximum power safe in the knowledge that there would not be any traffic coming in the opposite direction.

Club members paid £20 to take part in the run. After administration costs were deducted combined with proceeds of a breakfast time raffle more than £300 was donated to Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS.)



The Tickford MG on the hill climb. 06_a16carclub01

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Duncan and Morna Turnbull demonstrate how to remove an injured biker's helmet. 06_a16biker01

Road show targets biker safety

HOW TO remove a helmet from an injured motorcyclist was just one thing people learned at unique event at Loch Fyne on Sunday.

Bike Fyne was the first event of its kind in Argyll and Bute with the express aim of cutting accidents and deaths on the A83 trunk road.

The event, held in a marquee at Loch Fyne

Oyster's car park, brought together the council's road safety department with First Aid Scotland, Inveraray based Moto Scotland, com and the government scheme Safety Helmet Assessment and Rating Programme (SHARP).

Bike Fyne was the brainchild of Loch Fyne Oysters deputy managing director Martyn Pat-



Martyn Paterson and Leanne Muldowney from Loch Fyne Oysters with Morna and Duncan Turnbull of First Aid Scotland. 06_a16biker02

erson, 51, who has ridden bikes for 16 years.

Mr Paterson said: 'It is the first year we have run the event and the aim is to educate bikers and raise awareness of the high numbers of motorcycle accidents that we have in the area, particularly on the A83.'

'On west coast of Scotland roads there were 219 accidents last year, with five fatalities.'

'With Loch Fyne Oysters being a global brand and a prominent business in Argyll we want to use that to raise awareness of the road safety issues that we have.'

Mr Paterson stressed these accidents have a wide impact and don't just effect the biker involved.

During the event, First Aid Scotland managing

director Duncan Turnbull and his daughter Morna ran a series of workshops for groups of up to 20 bikers.

The pair demonstrated first aid that might be administered by the first person on the scene of a crash involving a motorcyclist.

Argyll and Bute council road safety officer June Graham said: 'Last year in Argyll and Bute 18 per cent of those killed or seriously injured (KSI) in accidents were motorcyclists. Bikers aged 46 to 55 were most prominent in those KSI statistics.'

Clive Rumbold who set up Moto Scotland, com in Inveraray two years ago is passionate about educating road bikers, to give them the best chance of surviving

an emergency situation.

He uses off road bikes to train both riders interested in purely trail riding and those who only ride on the road.

He hosted a workshop on how to use maximum force on the front brake, locking the wheel on a slippery surface and keeping moving without falling off the machine.

After Clive's demonstration riders were invited to try out their new skills and every participant managed the test without falling off.

Tom Anderson, 57, a psychologist from Penrith in Cumbria, had travelled up specifically to take one of Moto Scotland's one-day courses. He said: 'There is no training like this in Cumbria and one skill we learned was to skid safely.'



Clive Rumbold of Moto Scotland.com who is based in Inveraray. 06_a16biker04

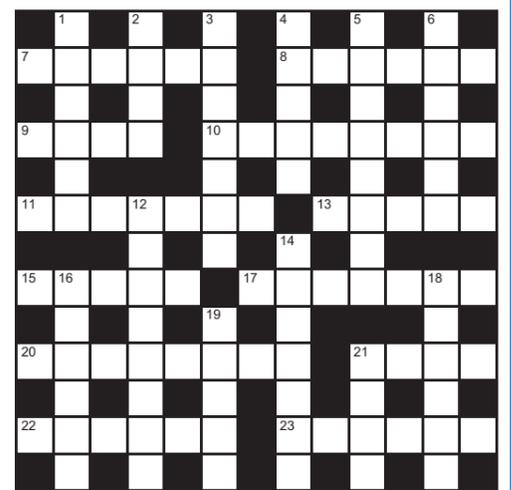


Martyn Paterson ready to roll. 06_a16biker05



Argyll and Bute council road safety officer June Graham and road safety assistant Kay McGhee. 06_a16biker03

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- 8 Commotion (6)
- 9 Stench (4)
- 10 Intact (8)
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- 13 Assess (5)
- 15 Neither here nor there (5)
- 17 Loose hair (7)
- 20 Doorless (4-4)
- 21 List of jobs (2-2)
- 22 Side cramp (6)
- 23 Immense (6)

Down

- 1 Urge (6)
- 2 Blockage (4)
- 3 Made certain (7)
- 4 Sleep on it (5)
- 5 May make decisions when given (4,4)
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Scuba divers survey Campbeltown wrecks

A LOCHGILPHEAD diver donned flippers and mask to search for a former paddle steamer the Lapwing.

Simon Exley from Lochgair joined nine scuba divers from the British Sub Aqua Club

in a wreck diving expedition to Campbeltown.

Despite two days of searching the group failed to find the Lapwing probably due to shifting sands which may have completely covered the wreck.

Mr Exley said: 'Most of the wrecks we were surveying sank many years ago and little was known about their current condition and how much they had deteriorated over the years.'

'The aim was to locate, survey and record these wrecks, producing photo mosaics and dive site guides for future use by nautical archaeologists and scuba divers.'

The two key wrecks which the team conducted full surveys on were HMS Breda and the Glenhead.

Mr Exley said: 'HMS Breda was once a magnificent steam yacht but was requisitioned for both world wars.'

'She sank in Campbeltown Loch in 1944 following a collision with

a submarine. Her most impressive feature is her undercut stern, standing proudly up out of the mud.'

Glenhead lies much deeper at 38 metres, on a gently sloping mud and shingle seabed. The Glenhead was a Clyde Puffer which carried coal and iron ore up and down the west coast of Scotland.

She sank in 1890 after being caught unexpectedly by a large wave.

Mr Exley said: 'Her boiler, engine room and fore-cabin are still intact. They are inhabited by many squat lobsters and schooling fish as well as northern feather stars which are Scottish Natural Heritage priority marine features.'



Diver on Glenhead wreck. Photograph by Yo-Han Cha

Life-saving equipment bought by Port Ban fundraisers

STAFF and residents from a nearby caravan park who took part in a six-day trek last year raised cash to buy defibrillators for Kilberry.

Eight people from Port Ban Holiday Park undertook the challenge of walking Hadrian's Wall to fund two of the heart starting machines.

The group, named Ron Rambler's, raised £1,652 and they were aided by additional funds from the Brit-

ish Heart Foundation (BHF) to buy the vital equipment.

The machine can help to restart the heart when a person goes in to cardiac arrest by sending controlled electric shocks through the chest wall.

Jonathan Sheldrick, owner of the family business, said: 'We are delighted to have raised enough money to help fund the defibrillators, allowing more to

be available locally for these emergencies.'

A spokeswoman from BHF said: 'Defibrillators need to be available in areas of greater risk such as rural areas and those with poor road networks.'

The 86-mile walk was completed by the Ron Rambler's last summer.

One of the defibrillators will be held at the caravan site, while the other will be housed in Kilberry Church.



Some of the walkers who raised cash by walking Hadrian's Wall were supported by the British Heart Foundation.



To celebrate the Mull Music Festival, The Mishnish Hotel in Tobermory has teamed up with the Argyllshire Advertiser to offer readers the chance to win a delicious three course meal for two people.

The Mishnish Hotel are delighted to be one of the festival venues hosting bands and sessions throughout the weekend, including performances from The Mad Ferret Band, amongst others. The Mad Ferrets are a Scottish duo from Perth, Scotland, known on the folk scene for their hard hitting blend of traditional and contemporary folk music. Their lively, energetic performances are packed with fast Mandolin solos, tight harmonies, driving Cajon beats and earth-moving Guitar sounds. The influence from both Scottish and Irish folk music has helped shape their unique sound.

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New manager for local charity

FYNE families has recruited a new manager who is set to introduce holiday clubs and activities.

Aisa Nebreda has been welcomed to join the team based at Lochgilphead community centre.

She brings with her seven years' experience in the third and education sectors.

Aisa is already working to develop new activities as well as calendar and holiday clubs at the local charity.

Fyne Families leads an after

school club for pupils in P1-P7 at the community centre and at Lochgilphead sports centre, a toy library on Friday mornings and a baby and toddler club on Wednesdays.

The team also hosts a family centre at Duncholgan Travellers site where they deliver pre-school and after school activities.

To volunteer with Fyne Families or for more information phone 01546 606885 or email fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk



Aisa Nebreda is the new manager of Fyne Families.



Lochgilphead drama club winners at Lorn drama festival. From left: Kirstin Thompson, Liz Fraser, Jim and Ruth Morrison. 16_t14drama03

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Lochgilphead drama festival in the spotlight

LOCHGILPHEAD drama club will be hoping for a re-run of its Oban success on the Ardrishaig stage next week.

At the Lorn drama festival last month, Lochgilphead's version of 'The Play-Reading' by Joan Honey won three trophies: The Robin Banks for first place, the J R Smith for stage set design and the Dan Clelland for dramatic production.

It was produced by club stalwart Jim Morrison, stage manager was Mary MacPherson and the cast included Sandra Staniland, Kirstin Thompson, Ros Way, Joanna Boddy, Ruth Morrison and Elizabeth Fraser.

Mr Morrison said: 'We don't enter these competitions for the cups, we do it for the enjoyment, but it is amazing to get three trophies here. One would have been enough.'

They will face tough competition from local rivals, Ardrishaig-based

Mid Argyll drama club, which won the award for best moment in comedy at Oban.

In a less than a week the action will move to Ardrishaig when the 67th Argyll drama festival opens from Wednesday April 22 to Friday April 24 at Ardrishaig public hall with curtain up each evening at 7.15pm.

Enthusiasm and talent are the hall marks of these eight productions. The players come from all walks of life, including school pupils to senior citizens.

The talented youngsters of Tarbert Academy drama club team A open the three-day extravaganza with an intense drama 'Fireflies'.

Next up is Mid Argyll drama club with a comedy 'Darlings, You Were Wonderful!'

Finally that evening is a gentle comedy 'Peas', produced by Benderloch and North Connell drama club.

Thursday evening

opens with the winners of the Lorn festival's youth trophy, Taynuilt and district drama society youth team, with their production of the comedy 'Exit, Stage Left'.

Taynuilt will be followed by Campbeltown's Accent players who placed first at the Kintyre drama festival, with their black comedy 'That Old Black Magic'.

To end the second evening of the festival, Lochgilphead present their spine-chilling comedy thriller 'The Play-Reading'.

Friday evening opens with youngsters from Tarbert Academy drama club and their team B's challenging play 'The Dust of the Street'.

The final production of the festival is presented by Campbeltown's Peninver Players. Their locally-based comedy is titled 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal'.

After Friday's final play, adjudicator Alasdair Hawthorn will sum up the festival and

award the prizes. Mr Hawthorn trained at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and has had a busy stage, film and television career.

He founded the Luckenbooth Theatre Company to stage plays to raise money for Scottish Aids charities. He was associate director at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford where productions included Bugsy Malone and Romeo and Juliet.

The festival is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, the Round Table, The Grey Gull Inn, Flowers by Morna, Peter Law and Son, Clock Tower, Rumbly Tum, Premier Laundry Services, Corran Bed and Breakfast and Casa Hair and Health.

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£795 - Bayview. BAX: £885(5) - Island Farm. CHARx: £925 - Ballimartin and Eorrabus(8). HERx: £745 - Kilchiaran. LIMx: £1,145(2) - Coilabus (Carmichael); £1,115 and £1,015(3) - Uiskentuie; £975(2) - Kilchiaran and Corrary; £945(5) - Uiskentuie; £925 Ballimartin and Eorrabus(2); £915(12) and £905(2) - Lössit. SIMx: £825 - Island.

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AAx: 246p(3) - Callumkill Estate; 244p - Gartacharra(8) and Tallant(4); 241p(3) and 233p(2) - Ardmenish; 230p(10), 227p(16), 225p(12) - Craigs; 224p(10) - Octomore; 222p - Tallant; 220p(7) and 219p(9) - Craigs. BRBx: 231p - Bayview. CHARx: 295p(2) - Carrabus; 272p and 261p - Tallant; 258p - Carrabus; 257p(3) - Eorrabus; 253p(3) and 251p(2) - Ballimartin; 245p(5) - Gartacharra; 242p(8), 237p and 232p(7) - Craigfad; 224p(3) - Corrary; 223p(5) - Craigfad; 222p - Callumkill Estate and Gartacharra(2). HERx: 211p - Kilchiaran. LIMx: 308p(2) - Corrary; 293p - Duich; 284p(2) and 280p(2) - Lössit; 274p(2) - Kilchiaran; 273p - Grulinbeg; 271p(2) - Tallant; 269p(20) - Duich; 268p - Carrabus; 267p - Carrabus; 263p(2) - Island; 260p - Carrabus(2), Corrary(3) and Balaclava(4); 257p(2) - Lössit; 253p(8) - Ballimartin; 252p(4) - Uiskentuie; 251p - Ballimartin and Tallant; 250p - Carrabus; 249p(5) - Balaclava; 248p(5) and 247p(5) - Kilchiaran; 247p(3) - Kilbride; 246p - Balaclava(2) and Ballimartin(6); 245p - Corrary; 243p - Eorrabus(2) and Ballimartin(7); 240p - Glenegadale (Bell) and Balaclava(2). LUINGx: 261p(11) - Duich. SHx: 253p - Kilchiaran. SIMx: 252p - Uiskentuie; 248p(2) - Kilbride; 237p(4) - Corrary; 235p(6) - Cladville; 233p(3) - Kilchiaran; 232p - Carrabus and Kilchiaran(9). WBSHx: 242p - Carrabus.

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Committed to the creamery

Kintyre farmers want to secure plant's long-term future

DAIRY farmers in Kintyre have committed to work with their milk buyer First Milk to secure the long-term future for the creamery and milk production in the area.

At a meeting of NFU Scotland's Kintyre branch in Campbeltown last week, around 40 members turned out to discuss the difficult situation within the sector and to look at what can be done to drive positive change.

Allan Bowie, NFU Scotland president who chaired the meeting, listened to producer concerns and ideas, and agreed to relay those back in person to First Milk officials.

Milk production and the creamery at Campbeltown are hugely important to the economy of the area. The future

of the creamery has received a boost with £450,000 funding recently secured from the Scottish government to install badly-needed new boilers within the plant.

Backing their product, the new 'Kintyre Cheese? Yes Please!' campaign was launched by local farmers last Tuesday to encourage the region to keep supporting dairy farmers and buy local cheese.

With the recent appointment of Mike Gallacher as new chief executive of First Milk, there is a desire from the local dairy farmers to continue to work with First Milk. However, producers seek significant improvements in their relationship with the company and want a more open and transparent dialogue.

NFU Scotland repre-

sentatives were joined by First Milk director Jim Baird and Fergus Younger of Argyll Agricultural Forum for last week's meeting.

A NFUS spokeswoman said: 'It was agreed to continue with the new campaign and push for a re-branding of Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, with a strategic marketing plan drawn up by First Milk that targets local markets and also sales nationally and internationally.'

'It was also agreed to work with First Milk and ensure the promised investment from the Scottish government in Campbeltown Creamery is put in place as quickly as possible, and further to continue to support First Milk in its efforts to turn around the milk pricing situation as quickly as pos-

sible and meet with the new chief executive in the immediate future.'

David Bolt, NFU Scotland's Kintyre branch chairman, said: 'Lots of positives came out of the meeting. There was a strong representation from all the farmers in Kintyre, expressing disappointment at the turmoil within the milk industry.'

'However, a lot of good suggestions were made. We want to work with First Milk, get more clarity on the current situation and look for it to improve its communication with its members.'

'We hope in the longer term that First Milk will deliver on all the promises and agreements that have been made in the past.'

'We look forward to working with the new chief executive Mike

Gallacher and want to welcome him to Kintyre to experience first-hand the passion and enthusiasm the farmers here have for the future of dairying in Kintyre and Scotland. We want milking cows to be part of our farming landscape for generations to come.'

Mr Bowie added: 'We need First Milk to do more to ensure that Scottish, UK and international consumers have the chance to buy the fantastic Mull of Kintyre cheddar.'

'Investment in the creamery needs to start as soon as possible, and we all need to work on how we take Mull of Kintyre cheddar further.'

'Producers have some great ideas, and we need them to be effectively channelled to First Milk.'

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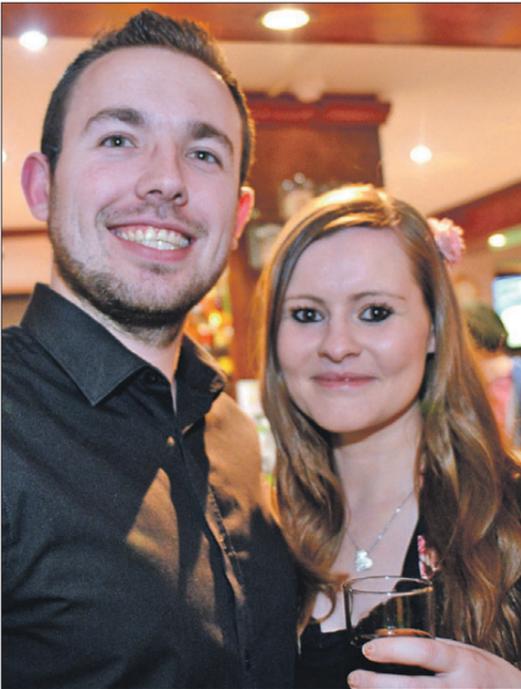
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Fundraisers Kelly McGuinness and Marie Downey. 06_a16disco02



Andrew Kennedy donates £1,000 to Steven Beattie. 06_a16disco01



Andrew Turnbull and Emma Anderson. 06_a16disco08



Right: Supporters in the disco hall. 06_a16disco16



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Pumping up the volume for charity cash

DANCERS rocked the night away at a fancy dress fundraiser in Lochgilphead on Saturday.

Kelly McGuinness, 24, organised the event in an effort to contribute to a larger fundraiser on behalf of her mother-in-law Janice Beattie, who

recently underwent surgery to remove a brain tumour.

Supported by her friend Marie Downie, Kelly hosted a race night last Friday evening followed by a superhero-themed dance at the town's Argyll Inn.

The pair have man-

aged to raise £3,400 which will be donated to the cranial unit at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.

Argyll Inn's landlady Karen Ellis offered organisers the use of the function suite free and got into the spirit of the event by dressing as Poison Ivy.

Vinny Hutton and Andrew Granston took to the DJ booth as dancers piled through the venue.

Kelly said: 'We were really happy with the turn out. More than 110 people filled the floor and made it a great night. We are giving a special thank you to local people and businesses whose efforts have helped us to achieve such a figure.'



Party time in the Argyll Inn. 06_a16disco06



Four lads at the disco. 06_a16disco13



Jade Martin and Charlie Airlie. 06_a16disco10



Above: Cateriona McLean and Alice Stevenson. 06_a16disco20



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Fifty jobs created by Portavadie development

A LOCHSIDE leisure resort that has transformed a derelict industrial site on Loch Fyne is just months from opening its spa.

Portavadie Marina, on the Cowal peninsula, is just a 20-minute ferry ride from Tarbert, this latest development was first planned two-and-a-half years ago.

Soon there will be two large outdoor jacuzzis and an 82-square-metre heated outdoor infinity pool with views across Loch Fyne.

Currently 75 people work full and part time at the complex and that should go up to 120 once the spa is operational.

In addition a biomass plant, with a capacity for 130 square metres of woodchip, has been installed to heat the water.

General manager Iain Jurgensen said: 'We have ambitious plans to put in a combined heat and power plant.'

Despite the luxury appearance, Mr Jurgensen, is keen to stress the in-

clusiveness of the resort.

He said: 'It is about all generations of a family having a place to go.'

'Portavadie is not just about yacht owners coming to the marina, it is for everyone.'

'Members of Lochgilphead's Dochas Centre come here for their annual day out.'

'A group called the Befrienders come on Mondays for soup and fish and chips.'

'At the Easter weekend we had Bentley and Maserati owners and at the other end of the scale Austin Seven owners.'

'Rooms range from dormitory to five star luxury plus our lodges.'

Less than a decade ago the marina consisted of some yacht berthing and two temporary site cabins on the hill above its lagoon.

The site was a 1970s oil boom white elephant after Labour minister

Tony Benn found £17



General manager Iain Jurgensen.

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million to develop a rig construction site.

But rig construction changed from concrete to steel and Portavadie was mothballed.

It underwent a short reincarnation as a fish farm before whisky magnate Sandy Bulloch saw the potential for a marina.

Mr Jurgensen added: 'Sandy, his wife Elsie and three daughters, Lynda, Elspeth and Carol, had always holidayed in the area.'

'So far the family has invested about £32 mil-

lion in the development.'

Near the marina, Mr Bulloch last year bought the so called 'ghost village' of Polphail for £250,000. It was originally built to house the expected construction workers.

This year he announced ambitious plans to create a distillery, bonded warehouse and visitor centre on the site.

An unusual feature is a house planned for pet bats which should act as midge controllers.



Spa manager Stephen McCafferty with the part finished spa in the background.

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Mother and daughter team hope to have success all sewn up

A MOTHER and daughter duo are spreading their love of knitting and embroidery by creating a craft hub within their Dunoon shop.

Deborah Rycroft, 37, and her mum Janet Mills, 60, opened Jinty and Baa Needlecraft based in the village of Kirn, earlier this year.

With support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, Jinty and Baa offers a variety of modern designer fabric, knitting and sewing products as well as workshops for people

to learn how to sew and embroider.

The shop, which is named in tribute to Deborah's late dad Bob, is attracting customers of all ages, and people who knit but are keen to share their skills.

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Deborah said: 'My dad had bought the building a few years ago but his illness prevented him from doing anything with it.'

'After he passed away, we had to decide if we wanted to keep or sell it and that's when we

came up with the idea to set up our own business.'

'The feedback so far has been great and our classes are becoming busier, which has led us to putting on even more, including spinning, felting and sock making.'

Now, Deborah and Janet plan to offer even more classes and develop the interest the shop has sparked. The pair aim to stock more unusual and new designs as well as selling customer favourites such as their range of buttons and yarn.



From left: Mum Janet and daughter Deborah are in business.

Deborah added: 'It's still early days but we're really excited about the future of Jinty and Baa and we know my dad would be proud of us.'

'Business Gateway has been really helpful

and our adviser Donald Melville has been so supportive. He talked us through our business plan as well as helping us to identify funding that we can apply to in future.'

It really does pay to be unique in the business world

THE team of advisers at Business Gateway Argyll and Bute understand how it feels to start and grow a successful business.

One of them, Donald Melville, shares his top tips on how to identify unique selling points (USP).

He said: 'You need to have a USP. It is the difference that sets your business apart from others who are providing the same, or similar, products or services.'

'You will need to research other businesses and determine what their USP is - look into whether they have been successful, or if they are missing a crucial component, as this is where your business can fill the gap.'

'Understanding market trends is essential if your business is to make the most of its opportunities and remain competitive. Try to get answers on the demand for your product or service, what new products are in your competitors' pipeline and how they promote themselves.'

'After you have conducted your competitor research, put yourself in your customers' shoes. Carrying out customer research on loyalty and satisfaction can make a big difference to your business.'

'If you know how your existing and potential customers make their buying decisions, then you can adapt your sales methods to fit their needs.'

'You can do this by having a focus group to discuss your product where you ask the participants for feedback and suggestions regard-

ing it. Or you could send out a survey to past or potential customers.'

'Talking to potential customers is one of the best ways to gather information because not only will you get crucial information, but you may well gain some invaluable ideas on marketing your product or service while you do it.'

'Your USP should be something you completely believe in and are truly passionate about, as you need to convey this passion and drive to your customers in order for them to want to buy your product or service.'

'Once you know what you are doing better, faster, stronger or more professionally than your competitors, you will have your USP.'

Some key points to keep in mind:

* Ask your Business Gateway adviser about accessing market intelligence and business information from the Business Gateway information service.

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15/00387/PP	Erection of a 80 metre anemometer mast for a period of 2 years	Land South East Of Achnafad Largie Estate (Mast 2) Tayinloan Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
15/00677/PP	Upgrading of access and formation of footpath	Land South Of Caoruinn High Airds Carradale Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00782/AMSC	Approval of conditions 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 relative to planning permission in principle reference 13/01424/PPP for the erection of dwellinghouse with garage, formation of new access and installation of septic tank	Land West Of Red Gate Lodge Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/00799/PP	Upgrading of existing track and formation of new section of hill road to enable construction access relative to planning permission 13/01481/PP	Land North Of Brechoille Farm Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00877/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of septic tank and formation of new access	Land Opposite SSE Ballure Sub Station Tayinloan Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan

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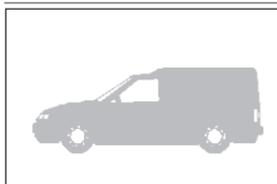
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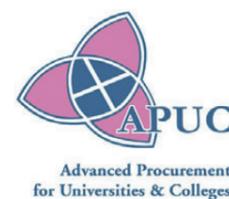
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'DO you have a reservation?' we were asked at the lovely little restaurant in Whiting Bay on Arran. The restaurant, aptly named 'Coast' is most popular, and the quality of the food and service is undoubtedly the reason for its success.

A varied and inventive menu, which spans options for all tastes and budgets, brings choices seldom offered elsewhere.

The presentation was wonderful and a talking point in itself. The regular customers are greeted by name and the holidaymakers given a warm welcome by the owner.

It's not often I cannot make a decision, but the choices were so appealing that I was glad to be staying for a week so that I could make several return visits.

'Do you have a reservation?' Well, we did not have a reservation on our first visit, but were welcomed and accommodated anyway.

Soon the wee restaurant was full and echoed with happy chatter as food and wonderful scenery were both enjoyed.

Customers continued to congregate at 'Coast' and those who hadn't booked were promised an alternative time and a table to suit.

So what makes 'Coast' different? I think it is not only the welcome, but the originality in the menu.

It is different: it is interesting: it is mouth-wateringly tempting.

There are surprises we did not expect. So what makes 'Coast' special? People make it special.

We knew that in the coming week we would have no reservations about making reservations for this welcoming little bistro.

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Carissa started piano and fiddle lessons - classical and traditional - aged eight, going on at 15 to study classical piano, violin and voice at the Junior Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, as well as traditional Scottish music on fiddle and clarsach.

After leaving school, she continued at the Royal Conservatoire

of Scotland (RCS) and studied music education resulting in a music honours degree.

Carissa is a full time music teacher and in addition she finds time to teach Scottish music and song to the junior section at the RCS at weekends.

The 'Music in the Smiddy' concert starts at 7pm, with doors open from 6.45pm.

The ticket price includes light refreshments at the interval.

The Strachur Smiddy is a small venue so it is advisable to book tickets in advance, either at the museum daily between 1pm and 4pm or by calling 01369 860-256, 01369 705796 or 07776 073196.



Carissa Bovill.

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Mid Argyll Pipe Band fundraiser

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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).

DEATHS

BULLOCH - Malcolm MacGregor. Peacefully, on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at St Margaret of Scotland Hospice, Malcolm, loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, on Saturday, April 18 at 11.30am. All welcome. Family flowers only please, donations to St Margaret of Scotland Hospice and Beatson Oncology Centre.

HALE - Jessie (née Crawford), passed away peacefully in hospital in Birmingham, on April 1, 2015, after a long illness. Deeply missed by husband Alan, daughter Angela and sisters Anne, Trigg and Mary McCorquodale.

LEESMOFFAT - Peacefully, at the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on April 13, 2015, Margaret Watson Thomson Urquhart, in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Captain John Leesmoftat, much loved mother of Elizabeth-Isla (Poppy) and loving granny of Mathilda and Zephyr. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11.00am, 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 RNLI, Campbeltown Branch.

MACADAM - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on April 6, 2015, Ian MacAdam, in his 95th year, 1 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret McMillan (Pearl), much loved father of Donald and Finlay and a loving and much loved grandfather of Andrew and Lorne. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1.00pm, 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 Lorne and Lowland Church.

MACFARLANE - On April 11, 2015, peacefully at Ardfenaig Home, Ardrishaig, Rita MacFarlane, née Vivian, in her 85th year, beloved wife of Alexander MacFarlane, much loved mother of John and the late Lynwen, dear nana of Sharon and John and great nana of Bethany, Kai and Jamie. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church (today), Friday, April 17 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for Ardfenaig Home, Ardrishaig.

MCKENZIE - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 2, 2015, Donald J McKenzie, in his 81st year, of 31 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilhead, beloved husband of the late Mary Cameron, much loved father of Sheila and Iain and a much respected father-in-law of David and Carrie. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, today Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11.30am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Marie Curie Mid Argyll and the Beatson Oncology Unit.

MCMURCHY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 9, 2015, Janet Kelly, in her 76th year, Machrie, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Bobby McMurphy and a dearly loved sister and aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACKELLAR - Kenneth MacKellar and his wife, Jana, would like to extend their sincere, heartfelt thanks to all the consultants and nursing staff at the Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban for the care given to the late Edna MacKellar (née Shepherd) during her sudden, but brief illness. Also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair, who provided a highly professional, yet personal and attentive service to us and ensured that all of Mum's wishes were met and to the reverend Philip Wallace of the Lorne and Lowland Church for delivering a very unique and fitting sermon dedicated to Mum. Thanks also to all family and friends who attended the service and made donations to the respective charities and also the Ardsheel Hotel staff for the after service refreshments.

STEWART - George and family of the late Isobel would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many expressions of sympathy and cards received following their recent loss. Thanks to Agnes Stewart for conducting a lovely service; to the Highland Parish Church and organist, David McEwan, for the beautiful music, to the Ardsheel Hotel for the excellent catering and to Blair Funeral Directors for their sympathetic and dignified services. Thanks also to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects.

STEWART - The family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, sympathy, support, lovely flowers and cards and hospital visits prior to and following the sad, but peaceful, passing away of our dear mother, May Mathieson, beloved wife of the late Charlie Stewart. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended her funeral, and to the Rev P D Wallace of the Lorne and Lowland Church for delivering a beautiful service, and for the kind donations to the retiral collection. We are very grateful for the wonderful care and attention provided by Dr Lazarus and all the staff at the Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks also to Ardsheel Hotel and Blair Funeral Directors for all services carried out with dignity.

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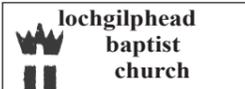
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Kilmory crash out of Bailliemore Cup

Kilmallie	7
Kilmory	1
Bailliemore Cup	

KILMORY kept Kilmallie at bay, but once the Fort William outfit started scoring they were unstoppable. Despite conceding seven goals, Kilmory stand in keeper Ally McLellan played a great game and stopped many more. Craig Taylor added the only ray of hope when he found the Kilmallie goal giving him three goals in as many games. Alister MacArthur said: 'It was not as bad a game as the score line suggests. They are in the division above and top of the league. 'One of our players, Hal Jones, broke his thumb in four places which required a trip to hospital and emergency surgery in Glasgow on Sunday. 'The weather was unbelievable and included snow, hail, rain and baking hot sun.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Kilmory have a local derby at Inveraray in the league. Throw up at Winterton Park is at 2.30pm.

Strachur lose out again to Ballachulish

Strachur	1
Ballachulish	2
Bailliemore Cup	

WITH 15 minutes to go the game seemed to be Strachur's, but two goals in the final minutes of play sealed their fate. For the second week running Ballachulish got the better of the home side but Strachur at least halved the deficit from four to two. Robert Flint opened Strachur's account in the 55th minute with Andrew Banks bringing Ballachulish back into the match on the 87th minute. Just two minutes later, Alan Clark scored the winner. Strachur are back in league action this Saturday (April 18) away to Kyles Athletic. Throw up 2.30pm.



The full time whistle went as this shot was hit at Winterton park. 06_a16shinty01

High flying Lovat prove to be too tough a test for Royal Burgh side

LOVAT scored six goals for the second week in a row in a nine goal thriller at Inveraray on Saturday.

Inveraray	3
Lovat	6
Marine Harvest Premiership	

'Aray went two goals down in the first five minutes at the town's Winterton Park on Saturday. Lovat's Greg Matheson did the damage firmly putting 'Aray on the back foot. A brace from Euan McMurdo brought the home side back into the game but Matheson's third completed his hat trick for Lovat.

Inveraray coach Joe Fyfe said: 'To give them the two goal start we did was just criminal. 'If you take the two early goals away we didn't have such a bad start. We hit the post and we had loads of chances in the first half to try and punish them.' Lewis MacNicol was to score the final goal for Inveraray leaving

the Kiltarlity team the remainder of the goal scoring, with two from Fraser Gallagher and one from Kevin Bartlett. **Injured** 'Aray's key player John Kennedy went off injured just before half time. Mr Fyfe said: 'There were a lot of things which conspired against us, the elements in the

second half and losing Kennedy just before half time. 'It is one bad defeat, it is a heavy defeat as in 6-3 but that's not taking away from our performance and the effort the boys put in. 'Lovat have every chance of winning the league as long as they keep scoring goals. We got three today and I am happy with that. We will move on and we will fight another day.' Mr Fyfe named David Robertson, who plays in the centre of the park,

and Nicholas Crawford as the men of the match. He added: 'On the whole you have got to be happy with having a good performance and getting three goals. 'We made mistakes and Lovat are very clinical in front of goal and you can see that they are a sharp team.'

Inveraray are away at Aberdour tomorrow, (Saturday April 18) in the quarter final of the Celtic Society Cup. Throw up is 2.30pm.



Last throw up of the game. 06_a16shinty02

Target setter marks just one

THE MAN who set up the targets for the Tarbert Gun Club's first shoot of the season was pipped on the double crosser. Roy Laird managed to mark just one of the four target stances that he created, much to the amusement of the teams. Sunday saw the launch of the club's summer season and it kicked off with the annual trophy competition.

All 36 shooters taking part desperately tried to boost their display cabinets, while Laird missed his own set up. Targets looked easy on the first inspection, but proved difficult when shooters tried to break them, culminating in three maximum scores out of the four. Ally McDonnell was on the teal, while Norman MacDonalld was on the double over-head

and Bob MacColl was on the settler. The club's popular annual charity shoot will be held next month at Barmore shooting ground. Money will be raised for the MS Centre, Lochgilphead, and the centre's team will be at the event on Sunday May 10. More details will feature in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* soon.

Your time to Tri?

ANYONE tempted to try a triathlon has no excuse thanks to a £4100 Mid Argyll training scheme.

Potential trainees would have about five months to train for the MacQueen Bros Mid Argyll Sprint triathlon in September 2015.

Triathlon is a multi-disciplinary sport of swimming, cycling and running and the local event is a mainstay of the Scottish calendar.

The initiative named: '5Tri' aims to create fully fledged triathletes from couch potatoes and is sponsored by the Scottish Sea Farms (SSF) Heart of the Community Trust.

It was announced at the annual general meeting of the Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club (MATCC) by committee president Colin MacFarlane.

Mr MacFarlane said: 'The club is delighted to have received the support of SSF which means we can offer this great opportunity to train and coach five keen individuals.'

'5Tri is open to anyone over 16 years old in

Argyll, who is of good health and who has never before completed a triathlon.'

The cash will largely be spent in Argyll - on pool time at the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool), sporting venues, basic equipment and athletic clothing.



A runner in the 2013 sprint triathlon.
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MATCC will invest by providing the five selected applicants with free coaching, workshops, membership and free entry to the sprint triathlon in September.

Mr MacFarlane said that the Mid Argyll Sprint was an iconic triathlon and 'must do' for any Scottish triathlete.

It is the final race of

the annual season and is strongly supported by clubs from Glasgow and Stirling.

Mr MacFarlane said: 'The event is characterised by its accessibility, especially in the team competition, and is the most friendly and approachable on the sport's calendar.'

Scottish Sea Farms' has its main production headquarters in Argyll and is the exclusive producer of Marks and Spencer's Lochmuir salmon.

Heart of the Community is a funding vehicle for SSF which enables the company to invest in projects of local importance within the areas where it farm.

SSF selected 5Tri for funding due to its focus on personal development and its clear promotion of a healthy active lifestyle.

Anyone interested in the scheme should go to an information evening at the MACPool on Wednesday April 30 between 6pm and 8pm.

Further information is also available at: www.midargylltri-cycleclub.co.uk



Tarbert Jog Scotland group. 06_a15jog01

Tarbert jogscotland group now has more than 30 regular runners

A TARBERT jogscotland group has raced forward this winter and now boasts more than 30 regular runners.

Delighted

Seven jog leaders are delighted that numbers have continued

to increase despite the season's weather.

Thursday night sessions include complete beginners through to marathon level runners, from teenagers through to people in their 50s, with par-

ticipants from as far away as Kilmichael. Last Thursday was the last week of the current 10-week programme. The new season starts on Thursday April 23. The group meets at Tarbert Bowling Club at 6.30pm.

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Dookers storm back to defeat Eaglesham

Tarbert	3
Eaglesham 'B'	2
SAFL Division 1B	

DOOKERS played at home for the second week in a row on Saturday, where they took on Eaglesham 'B'.

Their win against the visitors brought them up to second on the table, as their quest for promotion gathers pace.

Manager James Prentice was still missing regulars MacDougall, MacIver and MacNaughton through injury and suspension.

However, captain Fraser Talbot and Jamie Stuart returned to the squad. Tarbert made the bold decision to play into the wind in the first half, and this allowed Eaglesham to build a number of promising attacks early on.

The home defence of Allan Blair, Craig Johnstone, Jamie Meechan and Callum Elliott held firm in front of John Martin in goal, but there was little they could do when the visitors took the lead midway through the first half.

The Glasgow side won a corner and a clearance from David Ronald at the front post cannoned off the 'Hams strik-

er and trickled past the keeper. At half time Eaglesham held a slender advantage of nil one.

In the second half the Dookers tried not to be disheartened by their opponents' upper hand, but the pressure was on and the next 45 minutes could determine where the team plays next season. Dookers went on to dominate their opponents, despite not playing their best attacking football.

Clear cut

It was proving difficult to create any clear cut chances in front of goal, but they were handed a lifeline when Prentice was tackled down at a corner. Ronald stepped up to take the penalty, but his effort was saved by the 'Hams keeper.

The home side took another knock when Johnstone was robbed of possession in midfield and the Eaglesham counter attack gave them a sight at goal.

They made no mistake prodding the ball into the roof of the net to double their advantage.

Dookers rose to the challenge and were back

in the contest moments later when they were awarded their second penalty of the afternoon.

Ronald was the one who clipped in the box, and captain Talbot stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way.

The Dookers changed to three at the back replacing Meechan with Jamie Stuart.

Just moments after coming on Stuart won Tarbert another penalty when he was adjudged to have been fouled, much to the dismay of the Eaglesham players.

Talbot stepped up again, sending the keeper the wrong way, to level the score at 2-2.

The Dookers began to attack at every opportunity desperate to find a winner, and were presented with a glorious chance when youngster Andrew Guy raced to the beeline and fired across to the back post for the on rushing Kacper Krawczyk who, despite making a solid contact, could only fire over the bar.

Redeem

It was left to experienced midfielder Ronald to redeem himself after his earlier penalty miss.

He fired a curling effort past the keeper and into the net to wrap up the three points for Tarbert in the final minute of the match.

The win propelled Tarbert up to second in the table after six wins in succession. It was a superb comeback from the Argyll outfit but they will need to play better if they are to seal promotion to the Premier.

Saturday's squad: Tarbert Squad: John Martin, Craig Johnstone, Allan Blair, Callum Elliott, Jamie Meechan, Andrew Guy, David Ronald, Iain Johnson, KacperKrawczyk, James Prentice, Stephen Campbell, Finn Scott, Iain Bruce, Fraser Talbot, Jamie Stuart, Gavin Liddell.



Emma and Kirsty Gargan in action at Lochgilphead Bowling Club. 06_a16lochgilpbowls01

Young bowlers take to the green

YOUNGSTERS took to the green to open the bowling season at Lochgilphead bowling club on Saturday.

Sisters Emma, 11, and Kirsty Gargan, 12, bowled the first ball on the green as members watched.

With the new season, the club

launches two open evenings aimed to encourage people of all ages to try out the sport.

Club president Alan Guy said: 'We have open evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Bank Park club house. Beginners or non-members are welcome to come

along and see what bowls is all about.'

Club fixtures start on Sunday, April 26 at 2pm when Lochgilphead play Tarbert at home.

The first local derby is on Sunday, May 10 at 2pm when Ardrishaig entertain Lochgilphead.

Bowls back on the green at Ardrishaig

APRIL showers failed to stop Ardrishaig bowling club members meeting to kick off the season on Saturday.

The afternoon brought four seasons to the village as bystanders looked on when Betty McCrae, club member, rolled the first jack of the year down the green.

The club is keen to recruit some new members and hosts a mid-week training session on Tuesdays from 6.35pm.



Betty McCrae bowls the first jack of the season. 06_6_a16ardrishibowls01

Club lottery numbers

THIS week's Tarbert football club lottery numbers were 9, 16 and 17. There were no winners. The jackpot next week will be £400.

There was one jackpot winner at Kilmory Camanachd club's weekly lottery. F. Gillies won £200. The numbers drawn were 6, 9 and 17. The jackpot next week is £100.

Inveraray shinty club's lottery numbers were 5, 12, 13. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £200.



Tarbert's David Ronald scored the winner in the last minute of the game.

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