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Cake sale boosts school funds

Enterprising pupils from Inveraray Primary School helped raise hundreds of pounds at the weekend by selling homemade cakes. Youngsters, including Rachel Watt, left, and Romy MacPherson, from the school, manned a stall at a car boot sale on Saturday, organised by the school's parent council. For more on the sale see page 9. 06_a17sale01

Pay up for power cut

Householders cut off for four days

HOUSEHOLDERS in Tarbert are 'outraged' after a local energy provider said it would not provide compensation to people who had been left without power for four days.

A number of people have received a letter from Scottish Southern Electric (SSE) this week stating they would not be entitled to a £75 goodwill payment, despite being some of the worst effected people in the January 8 storms.

Earlier this year SSE said it would offer compensation as a goodwill gesture to its customers who had been without power for more than 48 hours after a severe storm ravaged the area and its electricity supply.

But in one day alone the *Argyllshire Advertiser* heard from six people who have been refused the payment even

though they were without power for days and incurred additional costs for food and fuel.

Donna Franceschild from Tarbert said she was told she would not be getting a payment because there were 'multiple problems with the supply'.

She said: 'I was without power for four days; it was incredibly cold. My son was here and I sent him back to Glasgow as I had no heat, light or any means to cook.'

Payment

Donna was eventually told that she would receive her compensation payment on Wednesday after the *Argyllshire Advertiser* contacted SSE on her behalf.

But dozens of other people throughout Mid Argyll are yet to see a penny of the promised £75.

A spokeswoman for SSE said: 'Following

the storms of December 2011 and January 2012, we reviewed our position on compensation payments in recognition of the problems our customers experienced.

'It has been widely publicised that a payment of £75 ex gratia would be made to all customers who claim and were without supply for over 48 hours.

'However, the criteria remains that in order to qualify for this payment a property must be without supply as a result of a single fault that exceeds 48 hours.

'The power loss that affected many of our customers in the Tarbert region was a result of multiple interruptions, with each fault being restored within the 48-hour timescale. Therefore, claims for compensation from these particular areas will not qualify for the ex gratia payment.'

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Jacqui Barker: 'I was told last week we are not getting compensated. We were left without power for longer than 48 hours before they started putting it on for a half hour some evenings.'

'I also had to put fuel in my car to travel to Lochgilphead on two occasions to fill cans of fuel to run a generator so my fridge and freezer wouldn't defrost, this also ran a heater, lamp and kettle to keep my family warm. This cost me around £70. I am very, very disappointed in SSE.'

Llana Sandilands: 'My mum was told she wasn't entitled to payment as it was more than one fault that caused the problem, which was clearly not true as a tree had come down across the power lines, her power was off for three days!!'

Alexis Prentice: 'SSE has let us down; we lost all food in two freezers.'

Rebecca Harvey: 'We received reimbursement for meals bought during three day power cut without any problem from them.'

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Renewed public response on Suzanne murder

DOZENS of Argyll people have contacted Lothian and Borders Police in recent weeks about possible areas where Suzanne Pilley might be buried.

Calls to the police have increased in the last few weeks after the murder trial and conviction of David Gilroy. A documentary, featured last week on BBC One, tracing the killer's steps throughout Argyll has also jogged people's memories.

The renewed response came as Lothian and Borders Police released maps detailing areas of the Rest and Be Thankful and Glen Croe Forest that have already been searched.

Detective superintendent Gary Flannigan, who has led the police investigation for the last two years, said: 'During the course of the trial we have had a significant response from the

public suggesting areas of Argyll that should be searched.

'The areas the inquiry team have already covered were selected because other aspects of the investigation led them there.

The locations we were directed to tie in with the two extended periods of time where there would be the opportunity to stray from the route. Our inquiry leads us to believe there would be very limited time to do anything elsewhere.

'As such, I am releasing this information to highlight the areas that have been searched based on this information.'

A vast area surrounding the Rest and Be Thankful was searched by police and 100 mountain rescue volunteers, including volunteers from Oban and Arrochar, in August 2010.

Ian Campbell of Oban

Mountain Rescue Team did not take part in the search but lived at the Rest and Be Thankful for five years.

'I know the Rest and Be Thankful very, very well. There is a lot of forest area that people have not visited for years,' he said.

'It is a huge area and the chance of finding anything gets slimmer as time goes on. The vegetation has had a couple of years to grow and that can hide everything as well. The chances of finding her are slim but you never know.'

Police carried out extensive inquiries in Argyll during the investigation of the 38-year-old's murder, pursuing 19 calls about possible suspicious activity and 11 calls regarding discarded property.

Suzanne Pilley went missing from Edinburgh on May 4, 2010. David Gilroy was convicted



Lucas Gritten, Piers Gritten and Megan Danson enjoyed kayaking with instructor William Brown on Loch Fyne on Saturday. 06_a17activities01

Teenager inspires pupils

AN INSPIRATIONAL teenager visited Lochgilphead this week to encourage young people to get fit and reach their goals.

Colette Martin, part of the Scotland disability athletic squad and tipped for the 2016 Rio Olympics, was in Mid Argyll to speak to young people about sport.

The 17-year-old wheelchair racer spent time with Lochgilphead High School pupils last Friday explaining the benefits of taking part in sport. She then became the face of Argyll Activities on Saturday as the group launched taster sessions to introduce lo-

cals to some of the adventure sports available in the area.

Organised as part of Argyll Activities Get Ready for Summer campaign, the open day allowed locals the chance to try cycling, kayaking, sailing and badminton.

Commenting on the sporting extravaganza, which featured Lunga Riding Stables, Stramash, Craobh Haven Watersports and Mid Argyll Athletic Club, Colette said: 'I think it has been a good experience. The pupils at Lochgilphead High School were really interested in what I was talking about, asked questions

and some of them have come along to try different sports.'

Praising Argyll Activities' aim to get more disabled people involved in sport, Colette added: 'I think it is good that people with disabilities have the opportunity to do different kinds of sport. There are some sports that some people physically can't do but it is important they are brought into sports that, a few years ago, they wouldn't of had the opportunity to do.'

The Argyll Activities event saw a host of people try something new with kayaking proving particularly popular.

Police files

PARENTS and motorists were given advice this week on how to fit car seats and ensure child safety when youngsters are in the car.

The advice was delivered by a team of police officers and road safety officers from Argyll and Bute Council in a joint initiative.

Stopping cars near the Corran roundabout in Lochgilphead on Tuesday, the team targeted people travelling with children, ensuring the youngsters' seatbelts were fastened correctly.

TWO MEN have allegedly been found in possession of cannabis in Lochgilphead within a week.

A 21-year-old man was searched by police last Thursday when a small amount of the illegal drug was found, whilst a 34-year-old man was discovered with the drug at 8.50am in Lorne Street car park in Lochgilphead on Monday morning.

Both men have been reported to the procurator fiscal.

TWO DRIVERS escaped injury after their cars collided on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road.

The crash happened at 11.40am last Thursday near the Cairnbaan junction.

A woman has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged careless driving.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a spate of sheep worrying in the Tarbert area.

A dozen sheep have been killed in recent weeks in what is believed to be attacks by dogs.

Police are urging anyone with information about the incidents at Stonefield Farm and Barfad Farm to contact them on 01546 702200.

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New beaver trial education ranger 'excited' about role

WILDLIFE enthusiast Oly Hemmings is 'excited' about starting her new role as the Scottish Beaver Trial's education ranger.

She is the latest recruit to the project – a five-year trial reintroducing beavers to Knapdale Forest.

Oly said: 'I feel really lucky to have the opportunity to be involved with the trial release of beavers back into Scotland; it's a species that has such an influence over an entire eco-system and should help to increase the diversification of the area's flora and fauna.'

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Glitz and glamour in Kilmory Forest

THE GLITZ and glamour of the fashion world came to Mid Argyll on Tuesday as a fashion shoot took place in Kilmory Forest.

Models posed in a variety of bizarre and outlandish outfits, dressing up as jungle cats, fairies and even Alice in Wonderland, with the dense forest background adding to the fantasy atmosphere.

Course

The event formed part of the hairdressing course at Argyll College, with 24 students demonstrating their styling skills on the models to gain their SVQ level three.

The course is in its fourth year,

but this is the first time the college decided to do a photoshoot.

Photoshoot

Maria MacKenzie, hairdressing course leader, said: 'We decided to change from doing a hair show every year to the photoshoot as we thought it would give the students more experience.'

'We came up with the idea of themed gardens, with the models dressing up as butterflies, fairies and such. It has been really successful; the girls have put so much hard work into it.'



Hannah Parker, 21, of Lochgilphead, played her cards right with this stylish cut. 08_a17model07

Sheep slaughter

MORE than a dozen sheep have been slaughtered in farms on the edge of Tarbert this month as cases of sheep worrying rise in the area.

In the most recent incident eight lambs were attacked at Barfad Farm.

In a savage attack, believed to be carried out by a dog, seven lambs were killed and an eighth has been seriously injured. The lambs were just two days old.

The attack comes only weeks after neighbouring Stonefield Farm lost five ewes.

Speaking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser* last Thursday, Dr Douglas Barker, who owns Barfad Farm, said he has been left 'devastated' after the attack.

Describing the scene

of the incident as 'carnage', Dr Barker said: 'All the lambs had been bitten and the ewes were traumatised, dashing about panicking. We had eight happy lambs when Iain McConnell, our shepherd, went to check on them at 12.30pm on Wednesday, but then he phoned me later that day at 5pm to say there was carnage.'

Five of the lambs had been killed on the spot, with a further three badly injured; one died soon after the attack, with another going missing, believed to have been taken by a fox or bird of prey. The third had to be placed with a surrogate ewe after becoming separated from its mother amidst the chaos.

Convinced his animals fell victim to a dog, Dr

Barker said: 'The lambs have just been picked up by their middle, shaken and killed. It would not have been a fox; they normally kill one lamb, take it away and then come back later, and even then they will normally only kill one that is a twin, as ewes can only defend one lamb at a time.'

Police, currently investigating both incidents, are urging dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash, asking them to stay away from farmland. Reminding the public that sheep worrying is a criminal offence, Strathclyde Police said the maximum penalty is a £1,000 fine but added dog owners can be held financially liable for any damage caused by their pets.

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Children urged to swap books

CHARITABLE children across Argyll and Bute are being urged to swap books as part of the Swap Shop reading challenge.

Primary schools are encouraged to sign up for the event, allowing pupils to exchange books to encourage reading, whilst donating 50 pence to charity per swap.

The money raised will go towards Aberlour, a children's charity providing help to more than 6,000 of Scotland's most vulnerable children, young people and their families every year.

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Lifeline transport service secured

A LIFELINE service that allows elderly people to lead active and independent lives has this week been secured.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers which transports elderly people to social activities, the shops and medical appointments has been awarded £3,500.

The money was awarded by Argyll and Bute Council last week as part of its public transport discretionary fund programme.

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Marathon success for sisters



Above: Sisters Lorraine Macdonald and Kathleen Smith with their London Marathon 2012 medals. 06_a17marathon01

Left: Little Rocky Robson. 06_a32rob02

TWO SISTERS from Tarbert have completed the London Marathon, spurred on by thoughts of their sick nephew.

Lorraine Macdonald and Kathleen Smith ran the gruelling 26 miles in an impressive five and a half hours despite both having injuries.

Taking on the challenge to raise funds for Kidney Research UK, the women raised an incredible £6,000 in recognition of their nephew Robson who needs a kidney transplant.

Robson, aged just two years old, is in renal failure after operations he underwent as a newborn baby put too much strain on his kidneys.

As the youngster awaits a transplant, hopefully with a kidney donat-

Pair clock up the miles to help sick nephew

ed by his father Keith Mair, his aunts took to the streets of London to raise funds for a charity that hopes to find new treatments for kidney disease.

'It was amazing' the girls said in unison, 'to stand at the start line with all those people was just amazing.'

Modest

Incredibly modest about their achievement, Lorraine said: 'We trained for a four and a half hour marathon but I did my knee in and Kathleen hurt her hip. The most important thing was that we finished it; we didn't want

to let people down; it was all about finishing and getting over the line.'

Explaining the 26 mile challenge was made a little easier with the camaraderie of runners and spectators, Lorraine added: 'The whole way along there was people there shouting your name as we had our names printed on our tops, it was really good.'

Not put off by the pain of her first marathon Kathleen is already planning to take part next year.

'I'd like to do it again,' she said, 'I definitely

have the running bug.' The mum of four who only started running 18 months ago added: 'This time last year I would never believe that I could have run a marathon; it's crazy.'

Now recovering from the running ordeal at home in Tarbert the woman paid thanks to all the people that donated money throughout the last year.

'Most of the money was donated locally; we never expected to get anywhere near that amount and people are still asking us how to donate,' the girls said.

Looking to the future the pair are hopeful that little 'Rocky Robson' as he is affectionately known gets his transplant very soon.

Council press officers resign

TWO PRESS officers suspended by Argyll and Bute Council for sharing a joke via a private messaging system have resigned, *The Argyllshire Advertiser* can reveal.

Dinah Mackay and Janet West handed in their notices after being investigated by the council for sharing lighthearted comments via the internal Microsoft Lync messaging service.

Staff were unaware

their communications were being monitored as part of a separate investigation into 'spying' allegations against the council's communications head, Jo Smith.

Following their resignation, the council has ended an investigation into the pair's conduct.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'It is not this council's normal practice to provide briefings or oth-

erwise make comment in respect of on-going disciplinary investigation work. But in view of some inaccurate and misleading reporting of this matter within some areas of the media, it is considered appropriate to confirm the following: On Wednesday, April 4, two members of council staff were suspended pending an investigation. The background to both suspensions and

the resultant investigation put in place to deal with matters does not, in any way, relate to any other investigation being undertaken currently by the council.

'Both officers have since submitted letters resigning from their positions and these have been accepted by the council. As a consequence, this concludes matters as regards both officers.'

Clarification: Inveraray world status comments

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser would like to clarify comments made in the article *Architect urges Inveraray to go for world status*, which featured in last week's paper.

The comments made about Inveraray becoming a literary town were not made by Frances O'Hagan as stated in the article.

The comments, which suggest Inveraray promote its heritage with Scots literature, being the birthplace on Neil Munro, were in fact made by another woman at the meeting who does not want to be named.

However, it must also be made clear that the lady did not accuse MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael

Russell as not having acted on this idea.

Frances O'Hagan of retail outlet Redshank and Reliefand Residents' Association said both Michael Russell and Mike MacKenzie MSP for the Highlands and Islands had been very supportive of regeneration projects in the Royal Burgh.

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Museum café chef dedicated to local produce

FORAGERS, anglers and gardeners could have their fruit, vegetables and catch of the day served in a Mid Argyll restaurant.

The news comes as a chef, dedicated to using local produce, searches for the best possible ingredients for his meals.

David Baird, the newly appointed chef at Kilmartin House Café and Restaurant, is keen to promote small Argyll suppliers and wants to hear from new producers as well as local gardeners who think they may

have something unique to offer.

David said: 'I have lived in Argyll for over 15 years and really love to go out and talk to local producers to see how we can work together.'

'The museum is inspirational in how it promotes and protects Argyll's history and landscape - I want to make sure the café builds upon this by using seasonal local produce to interpret and promote the landscape too.'

David can be contacted at the museum café on 01546 510278.

MP's call to halt fuel duty increase

ALAN Reid MP for Argyll and Bute has joined local businesses in calling on the UK Government to halt plans to increase fuel duty by three pence a litre.

Speaking about the increase, due to come into effect in August, at the House of Commons last week, Mr Reid said: 'In Argyll and Bute the high price of fuel is doing damage to businesses and people's incomes, because of the long distances people by necessity have to travel.'

Ally's top of the class

A TEACHING assistant who makes pupils feel respected and valued has been shortlisted for a national education award.

Ally Robertson, an education support worker at Furnace Primary School, has been named a finalist in the 2012 Scottish Education Awards.

Ally, who works with two children with additional learning needs, has been recognised for her overall contribution to school life in the educational supporter of the year category.

Very modest about her achievement, Ally said she was shell-shocked when she realised she had been shortlisted for the award.

'It's a great honour, she said, 'it took a while to get used to it.'

Explaining her job is very rewarding Ally said it is great to see the children grow in confidence and achieve goals.

'That's what it is all



Pupils at Furnace Primary School Henry, Robert and Kieran are delighted support worker Ally Robertson has been shortlisted for a Scottish Education Award. 06_a17education01

about,' she said. 'But I am a very small part of a really great team. We all muck in to get things done and that really benefits the kids.'

Nominated for the award by her colleagues and headteacher James

Herbert, teachers and pupils alike are delighted her hard work has been recognised.

Mr Herbert said: 'When we came across the criteria for education support worker of the year it described Ally

to a tee. The description could have been written for her.'

He added: 'Ally has a fantastic way of communicating with young people; they always feel valued and respected. She can hone in on what

a child is finding difficult and provide support tailored to that individual child.'

Working with children both in and outside the classroom, Ally, a mum of two, helped establish an after school club in Furnace eight years ago and volunteers as a leader with the girl guides.

Nominated

Furnace Primary is one of five schools throughout Argyll that has been nominated for a Scottish Education Award.

Alison Palmer from Arrochar Primary has been shortlisted for the headteacher of the year award, Hermitage Primary School has been selected in the learning through technology category and Kilmodan School has been named a finalist in the enterprise and employability across learning award.

The winners of the awards will be announced at a special ceremony in Glasgow on June 12.

Places Still Available at Your Local University



Alexander Mack of Dunoon, a BA (Hons) Scottish Cultural Studies student at Argyll College UHI, is passionate about the need to recognise and build upon the varying languages, cultures and dialects within Scotland which are reflected in his choice of study. He was named Argyll College UHI student of the year in 2011 and is the Argyll representative for UHISA, the university's students' association. He has organised band nights in Oban and has served on quality monitoring groups and subject review panels to help ensure that students in Argyll are getting the very best level of support.

Argyll College UHI - At a Glance

- Argyll College UHI is located throughout the mainland and Islands of Argyll and offers students the flexibility of accessing learning resources at 13 of its well equipped centres
- Each centre is complete with computer and video conferencing facilities, and gives students access to the UHI online library service
- The campus has excellent facilities and, with friendly staff and the opportunity to meet other students across the university, it offers a close network of support
- The number of students undertaking full-time courses at Argyll College UHI has more than doubled over the last three years

The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) is still welcoming applications from those who wish to study this year but, with many people asking, "where is my local campus?" the answer is "right on your door step". Your local college, Argyll College UHI, is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands and offers access to degrees and other qualifications, with the same independently assessed quality standards as other universities in Scotland.

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The University of the Highlands and Islands offers a range of degrees, many reflecting the industries and culture of the region from Adventure Tourism Management to Archaeology, Health Studies to History, Marine Science to Music. As well as more general vocational courses such as computing and business studies, there is a broad choice on offer to suit anyone considering a course of study.

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Those Were The Days

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Sailors stranded

EIGHT teenagers and five adults were left high and dry last Thursday when their sail training vessel ran aground on Inveraray's renowned sandbanks.

But after stepping ashore, an unruffled skipper coolly said: 'It happens every year.'

The 72 foot Ocean Youth Club yacht Taikoo was left stranded on the reef opposite Inveraray's Loch Fyne Hotel for several hours on Thursday morning after a nautical miscalculation by her crew.

She was about 150 to 200 yards offshore and listing badly. The twin-masted yacht had left Inveraray pier at 8am and ran aground some twenty minutes later.

Tarbert housing talks

DESPERATELY needed housing is on its way for disabled people in Tarbert.

The Margaret Blackwood Housing Association plans to build five or six specially designed ground floor houses in Kintyre Street and Back Street.

The land which makes up the development site had been owned by four different parties. After a major effort, Argyll and Bute District Council has succeeded in acquiring all the land.

It is now in a position to sell this on to the housing association for the Scottish Homesbacked development.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SOMETIMES it's not easy to describe the things which are most precious to us. Sometimes we just can't find the words to paint a picture of a place, which enchants us. Sometimes we feel totally inadequate as we wish to share an experience with someone and know we are just not getting the message across.

Sometimes the only thing to do is to say: 'come and see'.

We had tried to explain the beauty of Iona to our friend. We had talked about the colours at the north end, of the beauty of Port Ban, of the peace in the Abbey Church, of the wonder of singing in the Reilig Oran, of being still amidst the cloisters, and so much more.

But the words are inadequate without the experience, and so we said: 'come and see'.

So Catriona came to Iona with us, and it was then that the words and the pictures came to life.

It was being involved that made sense of all that we had said and the experience became personal.

After Jesus had spoken to the Samaritan woman at the well, she wanted to share this experience with her friends.

She knew she could never convey the wonder of this meeting, and so she went to her friends, and said: 'come and see'.

Seeing is believing and there is nothing quite like personal experience.

When Andrew met Jesus by the lakeside his life was changed forever, and the first thing he wanted to do was share it with his brother.

So he went to find Peter and said: 'come and see'.

Come and see for yourself.

When we can't find the words and we want to share the special things, we can say: 'come and see'.

Wonderful things happened when people told others of Jesus, and said: 'come and see'.



Down Memory Lane

THIS week's Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* archives and shows the ladies of Dunadd Camanachd team in April 1999. 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.

Clean up your act

Open letter to the Environment Department of Argyll and Bute Council.
Sir,

Easter has passed and the holiday season is well in to its stride.

On a warm day the accumulation of natural material smells on Loch Long as well as being unsightly it also gives the wrong impression to visitors to the area and is also unsightly.

Apart from removing two damaged plastic dinghies over two weeks ago no other work has been carried out to improve the situation.

Using the 'wait until the spring tide has passed' method which occurs each month throughout the year or as in the case of Gana-

van sands just wait and see if the vegetable material will get up and move away on its own is not good enough.

When is your department going to do something about the situation?
David Burley,
Cairn View, Arrochar.

Be proud of CARE

Sir,
The Guardian Newspaper has falsely accused Alan Reid of employing an intern funded by CARE, which it describes as an 'anti-homosexual' organisation.
CARE is a Christian

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organisation that campaigns, amongst other activities, against human trafficking, which enslaves thousands of people annually, many being forced into the sex trade as prostitutes, their lives being made as miserable as those slaves whose plight was defended by William Wilberforce and his friends in the early 19th century.

These evangelical Christians waged a tireless campaign against the social evils of their day - that campaign is today being waged by organisations such as CARE.

They also campaign against euthanasia and abortion, and defend the traditional family, which statistics prove is the basic building block of a stable society. These statistics have proved the advantages to children of growing up with a father and mother.

This is not to denigrate the efforts of single parents to provide a stable and loving home for their children.

If I were Alan Reid, I would be proud to have such an intern on my staff.

Rev Donald Morrison,
Free Church Manse,
Lochgilphead,

Improving education

Sir,
Teachers in the Education Institute of Scotland think that if voters wish to improve the educational opportunities for their children in the local elections they should be interested in the views of the candidates in the following areas of education.

Maintaining teacher numbers and reducing class sizes. Improving resources for schools and for the new Curriculum for Excellence. Access to quality professional development for all teachers. Appropriate resources to provide for disruptive pupils. Access to quality nursery education for all three to five year olds and the children being taught by qualified nursery teachers. Appropriate resources to support for pupils who experience barriers to their learning.

Parents should also be interested in how they will ensure that positive support is 'positively' resourced.

Billy Marshall,
EIS Argyll and Bute
Local Association
Secretary.

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Bell-ringers of the Ancient Society of College Youths who broke the record for the longest peal in Scotland at Inveraray Bell Tower on Saturday.

New record rings out from Inveraray Bell Tower

WORD of a new Scottish record rang out across Inveraray last Saturday as a band of bell-ringers completed the longest peal ever rung in Scotland.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the set of 10 bells at Inveraray Bell Tower continuously for seven hours and 13 minutes.

The record-breaking feat was carried out to mark the Queen's 86th

birthday and to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee; the idea coming from Richard Smith, one of the 10 members who took part.

Richard said he came up with the idea after successfully undertaking a similar record attempt on an eight-bell set in his home city of Cambridge.

Afterwards, he met up with others who had taken part and they got chatting about undertaking a similar record at-

tempt on a heavier 10-bell set.

Richard said: 'We had to decide where to do it and we chose Inveraray as the bells there are a joy to listen to; they're my favourite 10-bell set, in fact my favourite, period.'

Commenting on the new record Richard said: 'It was not a foregone conclusion that we would succeed so I'm very pleased we got to the end still ringing at a good standard.'

The other bell-ringers who took part were Dickon Lowe, Philip Earis, Alan Winter, Paul Seaman, Michael Purday, Philip Goodyear, Paul Tiebout, Andrew Mills and conductor David Brown.

The bells at Inveraray Bell Tower, the heaviest weighing in at two tonnes, are the second heaviest ring-of-10 in the world, after Wells Cathedral in Somerset, England.

Company's Euro exports rise

THE SCOTTISH Salmon Company has seen exports to Europe rise by 35 per cent over the past year.

The fish farm company, with farms and processing plants in Mid Argyll, is enjoying a hike in sales thanks to the success of its pre-rigour pin-bone out fillets.

The company has, in the last 12 months, won an additional 50 contracts supplying salmon in European stores including one of France's leading supermarket chains.

The sales boost came as the company attended the European Seafood Exposition in Brussels this week.

Coffee afternoon spreads message support exists

THERE is support for people living with Parkinson's disease in Mid Argyll, a local charity has said.

The Dochas Centre, which provides support for carers in the area, is reminding people that charities such as Parkinson's UK is working to improve the lives of people affected by the illness.

The message was delivered at a special coffee afternoon held last Friday to mark Parkinson's Awareness Week and to raise money for the national charity.

Commenting on the week-long awareness campaign, manager of the Dochas Centre, Maggie McLaren said: 'I think any kind of publicity raises awareness and while people might not do anything about it right away they at least know that there is support out there for them.'

Parkinson's UK support worker Susanne McCardel was also at

the event, and she said: 'There are quite a lot of people with Parkinson's disease in this area; there is no cure but the money we raise today will go towards finding one.'

Parkinson's Disease is a progressive brain disorder affecting everyday activities such as walking, talking, writing and swallowing. It affects one in 500 people throughout the UK.



Tea and cakes helped raise awareness about Parkinson's disease at the Dochas Centre last Friday. a17parkinson02

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Members of Tarbert Youth Group show off the special Kidney Research UK cake made for the fundraising afternoon.

Kidney Research UK fundraiser held at Tarbert

LADIES enjoyed shopping for a new dress whilst enjoying a cuppa in Tarbert last Sunday afternoon as the Kidney Research UK fundraiser got underway.

A coffee afternoon that offered locals the chance to buy a new frock whilst sipping on a hot coffee was held to coincide with two Tarbert women's attempt to run the London Marathon.

Sisters Lorraine Macdonald and Kathleen Muir ran the marathon in a bid to raise funds

for the charity that has supported their nephew Robson Muir, who needs a kidney transplant.

Tarbert folk turned out in force to support the women, buying every piece of homebaking on offer.

The event, organised by Tarbert Youth Group in partnership with the Muir family, raised £757 for Kidney Research UK.

For more on the women's marathon run see page 4.

Win a pair of tickets to ROCKNESS

THE *Argyllshire Advertiser* is giving readers the chance to see acts such as Mumford and Sons, Deadmau5, Biffy Clyro, and Noah and The Whale at the Highlands' premier music festival – Rockness.

Special

We have teamed up with the organisers for a special competition to give away two pairs of general weekend tickets to the award-win-

ning festival, including camping passes, worth £159 each.

Details of how to enter the competition will be published across Wyvex Media's titles over the coming two weeks.

Among the other acts confirmed to appear at this year's event, which runs between Friday, June 8 and Sunday, June 10, are Annie Mac, The View, Mystery Jets, Friendly Fires, Death

in Vegas, Mylo and Beadyman.

A host of comedy acts have also been announced to appear, headed up by musical comedian, Tim Minchin.

Confirmed

In total, more than 90 acts have so far been confirmed for this year's Rockness, making NME's Small Festival of the Year 2012 a must in any festival-goers calendar.



You could win tickets to see Mumford and Sons at Rockness this June by entering our competition. Details to be published next week.



Zoe McKillop and Iona McCulloch sold household items donated by grandparents after Zoe's homemade cupcakes sold out. 06_a17sale02

Car boot sale at Inveraray primary

THE CAR park of Inveraray Primary School transformed into a market place on Saturday as students sold a host of goods at a car boot sale.

Pupils bartered like market traders as they sold cakes, toys and teddies in a bid to raise cash for the school's parent council.

Selling goods donated by parents and grandparents, the youngsters

drove a hard bargain for the canny shoppers, whilst their own home-baked buns sold like hotcakes.

The sale was the latest fundraiser to be held by the parent council, which often contributes to the cost of day trips for the pupils. Children in primaries 5-7 are currently looking forward to a five-day trip to the Lake District.

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Lochgilphead win Argyll Drama Festival

THE ACTING calibre of Lochgilphead Drama Club proved too good to beat as the club won the overall title at the recent Argyll Drama Festival.

Winning a total of three trophies, the drama club was commended for the quality of the production and the acting perform-

ances in its production *The Big Cats*.

Memories

The local group, which took to the stage on Thursday night, told the story of widow Lilly, who faces eviction from her home and memories of her late husband. The play, a drama, saw Lil-

ly finally say goodbye to 'her Joe'.

The performance, by club members Ruth Morrison, Duncan Berndt, Dorothy Hogbin, Jennifer Philimore and Shiela MacKenzie was awarded the The Oona Campbell Trophy, The John MB Anderson Trophy and The Dunoon Town Council Trophy.

Featured

The festival, which featured performances from drama clubs in Arran, Kintyre and north Lorn, saw The John Brown Trophy awarded to the Shiskine WRI Drama Group for gaining the highest mark for a comedy performance. Their play, *The Real Problem*, was also named the sec-

ond overall winner in the festival.

The Shiskine Drama Club from Arran also won the first prize for stage setting, whilst Benderloch and North Connel's *Pandamonium* play was named third overall winner.

Speaking after the festival, now in its 33rd year, organiser Jim Morrison, said: 'This year's Argyll Drama Festival was a great success. On each of the three evenings, the audiences saw three highly entertaining plays, which included hilarious comedy and moving and thought provoking drama of a very high standard.'

'The audiences all expressed their enjoyment of this community produced entertainment.'



Trophies were presented by Betty Huton (centre). Betty is well known in Mid Argyll drama circles for her talent and enthusiasm. She moved away from the area recently after the death of her husband, Gordon, who was also very much involved in the drama activities, but returned for the festival last week.



Organisers of the RNLI boat jumble Colin Davies and Maggie Donaldson. 06_a17boat02

RNLI jumble sale

OARS, lifejackets and a host of boating equipment packed Ardrishaig North Hall on Saturday as the RNLI held its annual boat jumble.

Organised in a bid to raise money for the lifeboat charity, the sale saw boaters and sailing enthusiasts from across Argyll descend on Ardrishaig in search of a bargain.

Bought

Anchors, cables, ropes, sails and shackles were all bought at the event, raising almost £1,500.

Speaking after the event, Colin Davies, of the Mid Argyll fundraising branch of the RNLI, said: 'We would like to thank all donors of equipment, books and charts, plus those who came and purchased so much, as well as pupils from the high school who helped with home-baking.'

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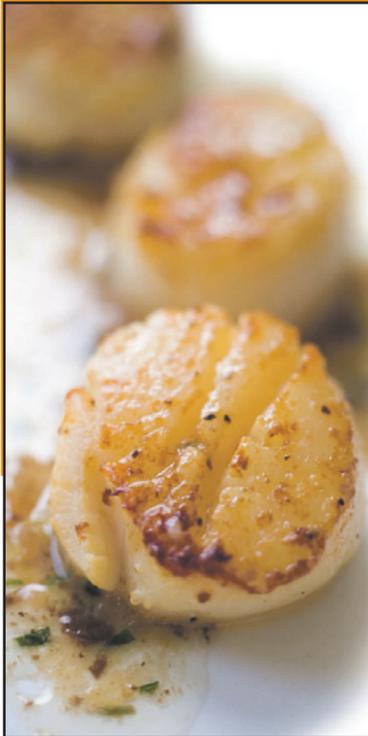
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Jean McAllister welcomes visitors to the Abbey. Her late husband was the fifth laird of Glenbarr and passed away in 2007, but the couple had built the house and its artefacts over the years.

In it Victorian-style tearoom tea is served in China tea cups and is bound to impress.

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Kilmartin Hotel

As well as free wireless Internet access, the Kilmartin Hotel in the intimate village of Kilmartin boasts a beer garden to its rear.

Welcoming families and pets as well as passers-by, the hotel serves fresh local seafood daily, and serves scrumptious lunches and dinners.

Lunches are served from 12 to 2.30pm and dinner from 5.45pm to 8.45pm.

There are regular music nights taking place at the hotel, and tonight (Friday) Robert Carmichael will be taking to the stage.

He will be playing an acoustic evening on April 27 starting at

9pm and everyone is welcome to come along.

A seven-seater mini bus is also available, and more information can be found by contacting the hotel.

Lord of the Isles

Benefiting from stunning panoramic views, the Lord of the Isles Pub and Restaurant are ideal for a quiet drink, meal or stay.

The idealistic building is set in Craobh Haven, on the road to Oban, and has just been refurbished to show off the best of its surroundings.

New windows have been put in for residents to see more of the stunning landscape from the premises than what they have been able to before.

The owners of the business have also now started up a village shop to benefits the residents of the village and visitors who travel from far and wide.

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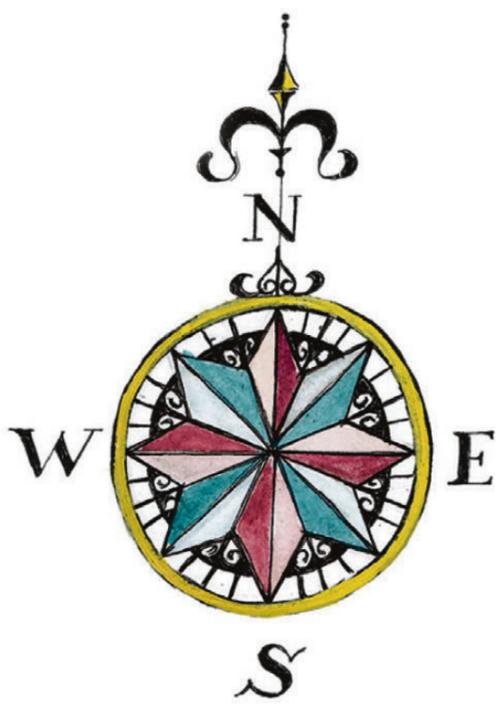
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Owner Maria Mackenzie, a tutor for Argyll College, started the business a year ago to give some of her hairdressing students the opportunity to progress in their careers.

Maria concentrates on giving her employees top class, continuous training and has even got industry expert Colin

McAndrews from the National Hairdressing Federation's artistic team coming to Lochgilphead in June.

'We have been building up the salon's reputation and clientele over the last year,' said Maria.

'All the girls who work for me I have trained up through the college. I have been hairdressing locally since I was 16 and it is always something I wanted to do.

'I want my employees to learn new skills and gain more experience and believe putting them through regular training is key.'

Starfish Restaurant

A renowned Tarbert seafood restaurant will soon be celebrating its first birthday after a successful first year.

Starfish Restaurant, which opened in May last year, has gained excellent reviews and proven itself another jewel in Argyll's crown as Scotland's best seafood dining location.

The restaurant, tucked behind the Corner House just off the waterfront in Tarbert, uses fresh seafood caught by local fishermen in Loch Fyne. Shellfish is one of the

main specialities served up by head chef Ryan Glen.

Owner Carolyn McDonald told The Courier she was delighted with how things have gone up to now: 'We had a great Easter. I'm really pleased with how we are doing so far.

'We are starting to build up our reputation and getting lots of bookings for the coming season, both local and from further afield, which is good news.

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Spring Gardening



The Vegetable Garden

One of the things the enthusiastic gardener gets down to at this time of year is organising the vegetable plot. Some gardeners avoid the purely decorative plants feeling that unless the whole of their available ground is taken up with home-grown offerings for the table, then somehow they have failed. Others of course will have none of it and use the entire garden for purely ornamental purposes. Somewhere in between these two extremes the rest of us dwell, our gardens being a comfortable mixture of annuals, perennials, fruit trees, fruiting and ornamental shrubs, plus a few vegetables. All are grown as much for interest as any serious intention to provide for the family's main requirements. These days however, there is a growing lobby in favour of planting vegetables amongst the decorative subjects for two reasons. The first is because some vegetables actually enhance the appearance of the plot. Green and red lettuces for example, placed alternately along a border can be very attractive. French marigolds and certain other aromatic plants are both very good at banishing predatory insects and a lot more environmentally friendly than chemicals.

Home-grown vegetable are rather special as they probably taste better than many that has been bought fresh from the local supermarket. Research has shown that the vitamin C content of vegetables declines in the time between harvest and use. Taste and nutrition apart, perhaps part of the appeal of 'growing your own' lies in being able to say nonchalantly to admiring dinner guests, "Picked it this morning you know!" Anyway, whatever the motive, the casual vegetable garden is here to stay, so perhaps it is time to review just what should be grown on a small scale in order to reap the most benefit from what is undoubtedly, quite hard work?

The first point to think about is what the you and your family likes. There is absolutely no point in growing lines of beautiful greens when no-one at home will eat them.

The second consideration is, what space is available for the vegetables? If your space is very limited then, rather than growing the good old, main crops such as potatoes, carrots, onions, and the larger members of the cabbage family, your best bet is to try your hand at producing some of the less common vegetables that are difficult, expensive or even impossible to buy commercially. This can be something of a journey of exploration. There are many edible plants that are no longer sold to be eaten but which make tasty and valuable additions to the family diet.

One example that comes to mind is rape - that yellow flowering crop that is grown in vast fields all over the UK. In the middle ages it was considered a salad vegetable and if you care to try it, both leaves and pods make a flavoursome alternative to rocket or lettuce.

There are other examples such as members of the onion family that almost never appear in the shops, but can be grown quite happily at home and will all add that something different to your diet. Rocambole is a good subject. Known botanically as *Allium Scorodoprasum* it is a native of Northern England. It is sometimes called the 'sand leek'. It grows best in rich loam and is cultivated by dividing the bulbs into cloves, which should be planted in March about 2 inches deep and about 6 inches apart. The onions are ready to harvest when the leaves fade, and you have small onions with a taste rather resembling garlic but much, much milder. They will keep well if hung in a cool dry place till needed. The so called Welsh onion is another good subject to try. *Allium Fistulosum* is in fact a native of Siberia but was once very commonly grown in Wales. It is an herbaceous perennial and extremely hardy under the bleakest conditions. The onion forms no bulbs, the young growths are used for salads and stews. Seed is sown end of March or in the autumn, the latter being ready to use in the spring before even chives are available. There are both red and white varieties, both being equally good. Established plants can be divided every three or four years, although the best flavours come from plants seeded annually. Garlic is another member of the onion family that provides very valuable flavour and variety to meals hot and cold. Did you know that there are several varieties of garlic ranging from the very large, lightly flavoured 'elephant garlic' down to the tiny, intensely flavoured, wild variety you only seem to be able to get in Italy. If you come across bottled specimens, buy them, they are delicious!

Tomatoes can be sown in trays or pots and placed on the window-sill or under glass in a sunny position. As soon as two leaves have appeared you can prick out as described above. They should not be planted outside however, until the weather steadies, at which point you can plant in the ground or in pots sunk into the soil in a warm, sunny and sheltered spot. Again don't just grow the commercially productive strains. There are some wonderful, and unusual varieties about. Tiny cherry tomatoes have that beautiful tomato flavour so many commercial varieties have lost. Alternatively the huge, beef tomatoes are wonderful for stuffing.

If you are seeking unusual vegetables your garden centre may be able either to source them, if you know what you are looking for, or point you at a specialist supplier, they do exist. Be adventurous, if you don't like a particular subject, you need not grow it again, on the other hand, you just never know what you might be missing!



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Decking and Garden Furniture

Today's gardens are no longer patches where clothes may be dried and dad can spend weekends tending to a flourishing kitchen garden. They are extensions of the home in a very real sense. True there are still flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetables but these are less important than the usable accommodation and general appearance of the plot. But people want even more from their gardens and seek designs for patio areas or decking where eating al fresco is just as convenient as having meals indoors. To cater for this growing trend, has come a whole industry devoted to providing you with what you want to help make the best use of the open space around your home.

The concrete or paved patio has been popular for many years, but growing in popularity now is timber decking as the feel of seasoned wood blends with a garden in a way that the patio may lack in certain circumstances. It provides a raised level from which the garden may be enjoyed.

However in some areas, decking may have to comply with building codes and regulations which may amongst other things, regulate setback distances, foundation and deck materials.

Building a simple decking area can be achieved by the average DIY enthusiast as there are stockists for the specialist materials and appropriate fixings.

Garden furniture has been the subject of a major revolution in design over recent years. Once upon a time, seat-

ing in the garden was a matter of canvas covered deckchairs, like those hired at the seaside, or basic wooden bench-seats. Now all this has changed. The humble deckchair has been swept away by whole suites of coordinated garden furniture that is more comfortable, elegant, substantial in structure and quite spectacular to look at.

Many supermarkets and most DIY stores and garden centres stock a whole range of patio sets comprising table and chairs made from all-weather resistant plastic resin and priced to suit the average pocket. These can usually be added to with the addition of a parasol fitted into a base through the table, and matching seat pads.

Traditional tubular steel garden furniture is still popular with a full range of hammocks loungers, relaxers and sunbeds, all easy to assemble, that come with a selection of fabric cushioning. Cast iron and cast aluminium tables, chairs and bench seating mostly now come in a variety of scrollwork and patterns.

At the top of the range of garden furnishings, but still affordable, are sets of hardwood furniture with usual designs of tables, chairs, benches, swing seats, loungers and gazebos. This sturdily built furniture is often available to buy on a mix and match basis, so items may be added to as and when required or when finances allow. Again extra seat cushions are usually available, as are parasols with a hardwood pole, wood or cast iron base, and heavy-duty, shower-resistant fabric.

One can never really be sure of the British weather so no garden designed for outdoor entertaining, especially in the evening, is complete without an efficient patio heater designed for use with bottled gas which is hidden away inside the base unit. As a matter of safety, all out-

side patio and decking areas should be adequately lit, and specialist retailers will have a whole range for you to choose from.

When designing a patio area or decking, allow enough room not only to just accommodate the furniture, one still has to move about and have room to cook at the barbecue. On top of all that a few tubs of flowers and plants will give a finish to the overall appearance.

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Approximately one of every 100 young stock in Scotland is persistently infected

Screening cattle for BVD becomes compulsory

All breeding cattle in Scotland to be screened each year for BVD

CROFTERS and farmers on the west coast are being reminded about a new mandatory screening project which was introduced at the start of February this year – and must be completed by February 2013.

Widespread disease

All owners of breeding cattle must comply with the Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) screening order and, if you are a keeper of a breeding cattle herd in Scotland, you are required to screen your herd each year for BVD.

Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD) is a widespread disease of cattle causing various symptoms including abortion, stillbirths, diarrhoea, pneumonia, poor condition and a lowering of resistance against other infections.

It is a serious infectious disease of cattle and can be fatal.

BVD is caused by a virus (BVDV) which is spread by persistently infected cattle which constantly produce and shed the virus in saliva, nasal mucus, faeces and semen. Persistently infected cattle can only have acquired that infection in the first third of foetal life. Approximately one of every 100 young stock in Scotland is persistently infected. They are always virus positive and don't produce antibody against BVDV.

They can die of mucosal disease at any age. Some survive into adulthood and pose a real threat.

A persistently infected bull can wreak havoc if added to a susceptible herd, and if a persistently infected cow has a calf it will always be persistently infected. Most die as calves but a few live much longer

and many appear normal. Around two-fifths of all herds in Scotland have signs of exposure to BVD. Estimates are that there are between 2,000 and 4,000 persistently infected animals.

Therefore, if you get a 'not negative' result showing evidence of BVD within your herd you cannot just cull out any animals that look in poor condition and assume that will solve the problem.

A 2007 survey by the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) showed around 40 per cent of herds have signs of exposure to BVD.

Eradicating BVD would be worth up to £80 million over 10 years to the Scottish cattle industry with figures showing that an average dairy herd would be £16,000 better off every year, and an average beef unit

around £2,000 better off each year.

Further advice

There are six methods of options of how to screen your herd and the best source of further advice and information, in the first instance, is usually your vet.

Your vet will be able to provide advice about which method should be used and whether it is appropriate to test for antibodies to BVD or BVD antigen/virus in individual cases.

All samples must be sent to a laboratory approved by the Scottish Government. The testing period of screening runs from February 1, 2012 to February 1, 2013. However, any tests done from December 2011, before February 2012, which was the original start date will still count.

Breeding cattle in demand at Stirling sale

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 43 breeding cattle at Mill-hall Market on Monday.

A brisk trade sold to a top of £1,800 (twice) for Limousin heifers with Limousin heifer calves at foot from J Hamilton and Sons, Wester Third, Gartmore.

Aberdeen Angus heifers with bull calves at foot, from Wester Keilour, sold to £1,780 and £1,720, with a Limousin heifer with bull calf from Wester Third selling to £1,750.

Cows with calves at foot sold to £1,480 for an Aberdeen Angus cow with bull calf, from Graystale.

In-calf cows sold to £1,320 for a British Blue cow from Harelaw Farm, and £1,280 for an Aberdeen Angus cow from Graystale.

Bulling heifers sold to £980 for a Charolais from Woodcockfaulds.

Prime sheep trade eases on week

CALEDONIAN Marts forward 1,627 prime sheep and 12 prime lambs at Stirling on Tuesday.

Spring lambs sold to a top of 239p per kg or £106 from R Bryce and partners, Chalmerston.

Hoggs averaged 192.48p per kg (-11.70p on the week), selling to a top of 245p or £108 for Beltex's from DS and RC Taylor Easter Ochetermuthill.

Beltex hoggs sold to 224p from Whitecross, and to £100 Wester Thomason, with Beltex crosses fetching 223p and £195.80 from Maidencots.

Texels sold to 222p from Wester Thomason and to £94 from Whitecross, with Texel crosses from Strageath selling to 221p eases, and £94, Meikle Seggie.

Blackface hoggs from Wester Rottearns sold to £87 and 207p per kilo, with Durriehill also selling to £87.

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COWAL

Cowalfest organisers delighted with £2,000 award

ORGANISERS of Cowalfest were this week 'thrilled' to receive an award of £2,000.

The annual walking and arts festival was awarded the grant by the Co-operative Group's Community Fund which supports community initiatives.

Fiona Page of Cowalfest said: 'We are thrilled with the generous grant we have received from the Co-op, which will help us to promote this year's event, both online and in print.'

The community fund is made up of members of the Co-op Group, who choose to donate some, or all, of their dividend payments to good causes.

Liz Armstrong from the group said: 'Because our members own the business, they get a share in any of the profits we make.'

'It's a scheme we are very proud of, not only because it gives us the chance to thank members for shopping with us, but because so many people choose to give something back to local communities.'

This year's Cowalfest, which is organised by the Cowal Walking Festival Association, takes place between Friday, October 5 and Sunday, October 14.



Green-fingered Kilmichael Glassary pupils tend the school garden as part of efforts to gain a silver eco schools award.

FORD

Beekeeping talk

THERE was a 'buzz of enthusiasm' during Sue Creech's talk on beekeeping at Ford SWRI's April meeting.

Sue, despite being a relative newcomer to the pastime, has a wealth of experience and skills which she shared with the audience, and she also acted as judge during the main competition of the evening, baking a honey cake.

Competition Results:

Honey cake: 1. Pat Holt, 2. Sue Grocock.

Prettiest jam spoon: 1. Sheena Carmichael, 2. Val Willis, 3 Pat Holt.

KILMARTIN

Club visit

THE KILMARTIN House Museum Great Auks archaeological children's club welcome a group of students from Stirling tomorrow (Saturday).

Members of the Stirling Young Archaeologists Club will visit Carnasserie Castle, Dunadd Fort and the Temple Wood Standing Stones as part of their visit.

It follows a similar trip by the Great Auks to Stirling last year, when Mid Argyll youngsters visited attractions such as Stirling Castle and the Falkirk Wheel.

STRACHUR

School celebrates centenary

CELEBRATING 100 years of education in Strachur, the local primary school is inviting former staff and pupils back to the village primary.

The school will be opening its doors to visitors on May 10 and 11 as part of its centenary celebrations. The open days will be held between 1.30pm and 3pm.

Strachur Primary is also looking for ex pupils and staff to post stories, memories and photographs on the school blog.

The blog can be accessed on the homepage of the school website by clicking on the centenary blog link at strachur@argyll-bute.sch.uk, or at blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/strachur.

DUNOON

Teenager defies the odds to perform

A TEENAGER will defy the odds to perform at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Sunday.

Ben Doherty, 13, from Hillfoot Street, will sing and play guitar at Young Variety 2012 despite suffering a broken hand only a few weeks ago.

It looked as though Ben might not make the show but he was given the all clear to perform and will sing and play an Ed Sheeran song during the show.

Young Variety 2012 is organised by the Variety Club of Scotland to showcase up-and-coming talent from across the central belt.

All proceeds from the show go towards helping sick, disabled and disadvantaged children across Scotland.

KILMICHAEL GLASSARY

Pupils on their bikes for charity

YOUNGSTERS at Glassary Primary got on their bikes last Saturday in aid of First Aid 4 Gambia.

The sponsored cycle took place in Kilmichael Glen, with 23 children, some as young as four, cycling a total of 10 miles.

After the mammoth challenge, cyclists were served hot soup, made by the school children with vegetables from the school's own garden.

Pupils at the school have been tending the garden as part of their efforts to obtain a silver eco schools award, and headteacher Richard Edie said the school was hoping to gain its first green flag.

Model

Elsewhere, pupils in primaries 3-7 chose to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic by building a model of the doomed passenger liner.



Glassary Primary pupils commemorated the sinking of the Titanic by building a model of the ship.

AUCHINDRAIN

Cottages in TV spotlight

THE ANCIENT cottages of Auchindrain featured on television this week as the BBC explored food on the west coast of Scotland.

Part of the BBC 2 programme *Our Food*, the show saw pupils from Minard, Furnace and Inveraray schools dig up potatoes in the grounds of the old township.

A segment of the show that highlighted the importance of the humble potato in sustaining Mid Argyll families through the Highland clearances, saw interviewers

asking the school children about the types of potatoes they were pulling from the ground.

Our Food is a series

that follows food critic Giles Coren and others on a journey across Britain to discover how landscape, history and climate shape what we grow and where we grow it.

LOCHGILHEAD

History of digital photography

A RECENT U3A meeting welcomed Scott Murray as speaker on the subject of digital photography.

Scott had no photos of his own to share but instead gave a talk on the history of digital photography. He spoke of his father, who worked for Polaroid in its heyday, telling members that the company, who invented the instant photograph, became a victim of its own success after patenting their instant camera.

In their efforts to rival Polaroid, other photographic entrepreneurs eventually produced the digital camera, which could store a vast number of snaps on a single card, storing them on personal computers and printing them out.

Scott thoroughly entertained the members of U3A and he was given a rapturous round of applause at the end of the talk.



Aron Harris bowls the first jack of Tarbert Bowling Club's new season.

Six-year-old delivers first jack of season at Tarbert Bowling Club

LITTLE Aron Harris showed that age is no barrier as he bowled the first jack to open the new season at Tarbert Bowling Club.

The six-year-old is the grandson of president

TARBERT

Bruce Harris and the Tarbert club will be hoping he will be one of a new generation of youngsters to get

involved in the game. Last week, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* reported that bowling clubs across Mid Argyll were struggling to attract young talent to the game.

TIGNABRUACH

Allotment group holds market

FOOD fans are being reminded about the producers market at the Kames Hall on Saturday.

The market, run by the Kyles Allotment Group (KAG), offers 'foodies' a chance to meet food producers and sample their delicacies.

There will also be a range of handcrafted goods for sale and KAG will be selling their surplus vegetables at the event. A second producers market will be held on Saturday June 9.

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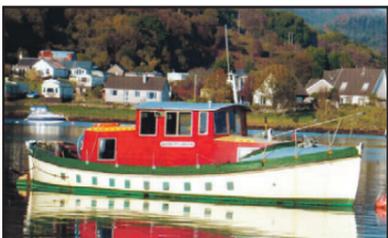
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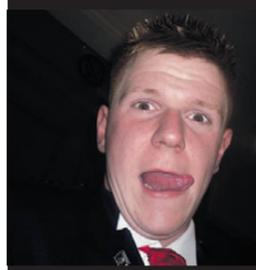
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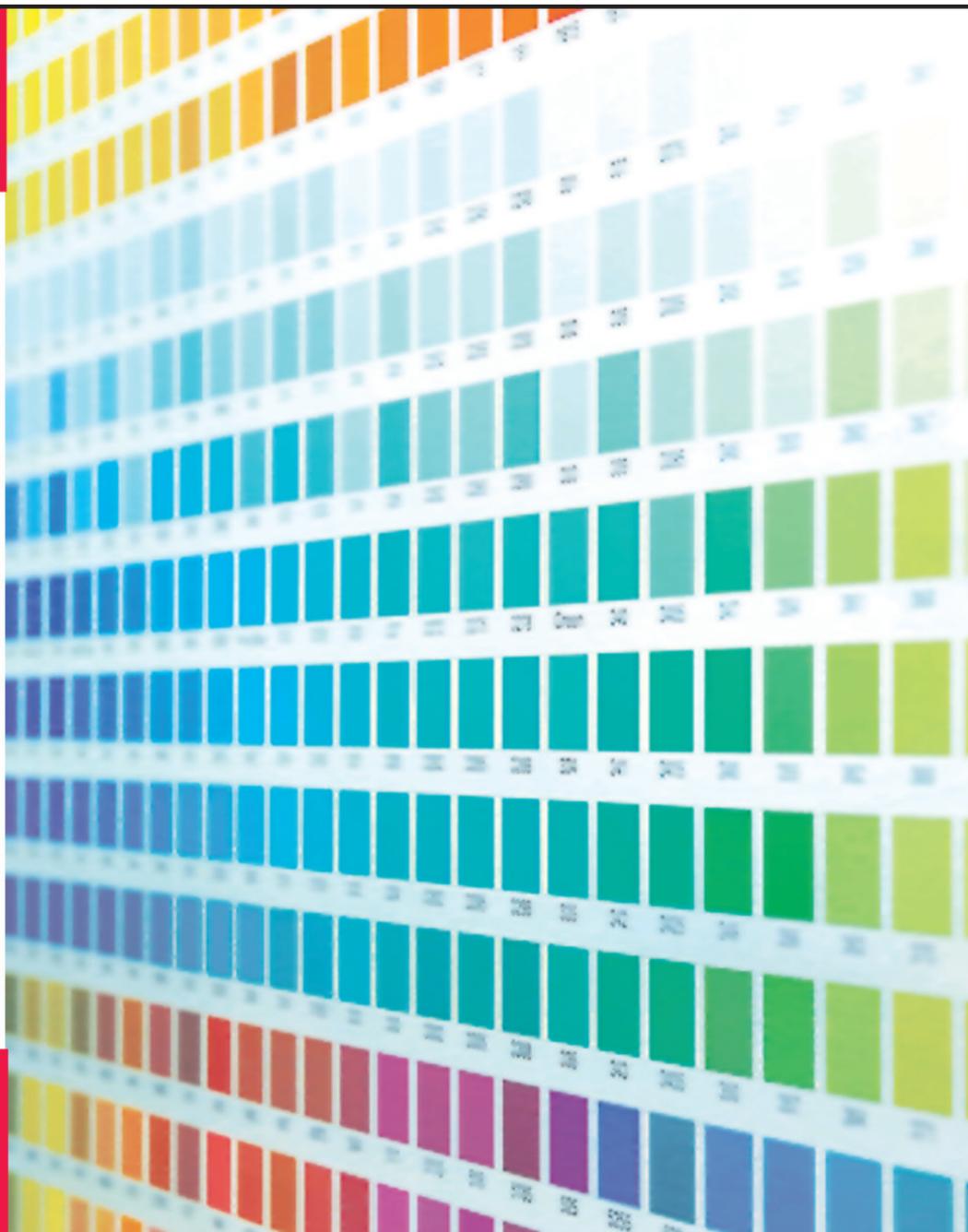
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord ... gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak' (Isaiah 40:29).

BIRTHS



FULTON

Diane and Darroch (Daz) would like to announce the safe arrival of Alfie George, on April 16, 2012 at Campbeltown Maternity Unit. A beautiful baby brother for Ava, and grandson for Rosie and Murdo, Clachan and Macky, Campbeltown. Special thanks to Isabel and Joyce at Maternity Unit.

MACKINNON – Ian and Lynn are delighted to announce the birth of Max Dryden, on April 4, 2012. A little brother for Megan. Third grandchild for Malcolm and Jane, Tarbert and fourth grandchild for John and Barbara, Glasgow.



STEVENSON – MURRAY

James and Kerri-Ann are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their little boy, Jamie John, born April 6, 2012. First grandchild for Catherine and Arthur, sixth grandchild for Nuala and Sandy and sixth great grandchild for Catherine and the late John Wareham.



VALLIS

John and Morven are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their precious daughter, Darcey Annie McKinlay, born March 1, 2012. First granddaughter for John and Maureen and third grandchild for Diana Logan. Special thanks to all midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Princess Royal and Yorkhill hospitals for their special care. Thanks also to the Lochgilphead ambulance team for their kindness and good wishes.

DEATHS

ANDERSON – Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 24, 2012, Emma Anderson, née weir, in her 90th year, of Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig, much loved mother of Pricilla and Alma, dear grandmother and great grandmother, a loving sister of Alex and the late Donald, dear auntie to all the family and good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday, April 30 at 1.30 pm, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

BLAIR – Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on April 20, 2012, Catherine McCallum Blair (Cathy), in her 98th year, formerly of Range Road, Campbeltown, beloved daughter of the late Malcolm and Marion Blair and a loving sister, aunt and great aunt.

CULLEN – Peacefully, after a long illness, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 23, 2012, Margaret Helen Cullen, née Robb, aged 78 years, of Dunskeig, Ardfern, beloved wife of Tom, loving mother of Paul and Robert, much respected mother-in-law of Christine and a much loved grandmother of Jamie and Jonathon. A dear sister of George, Keith and the late Hugh and Robert. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 11.15am. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MARTIN – Peacefully at Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock, on April 18, 2012, Malcolm Martin, in his 91st year, Cumbræ Court, Largs, formerly of High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Wareham, much loved father of John, Kathryn and Calum and a loving grandad of Kerry, Jamie and Duncan.

MCINTYRE – Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on April 23, 2012, Catherine (Kate) McIntyre, née Hamilton, aged 90 years, of Seaview, St Clair Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Sandy McIntyre, much loved sister of John, and the late Forsyth, Mary, Bet, Dan and Janet and a dear aunt and great aunt. She will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church today, Friday, April 27 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired to Help for Heroes.

SCOTT – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 25, 2012, Fay McIntyre Leyden, in her 71st year, much loved mother of Andrew, dearly beloved daughter of Ina and the late Willie Leyden and a dear sister of Margaret and Arthur. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN – The family of the late Kathleen Brown would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Glenaray Ward and to the staff of Ardfenaig Residential Home for their care and attention to Kathleen. Grateful thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for comforting services at Lochgilphead and Cardross; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and

efficient arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and crematorium to pay their respects. The collection raised over £425 for British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer Scotland.

COLVILLE – Roy and family wish to extend their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the recent sudden loss of Renee. With thanks to Dr Malcolm Lazarus, the paramedic team (Gus and Gus), Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient and respectful funeral arrangements and the Argyll Arms Hotel management and staff for purvey. Special thanks to the Reverend Philip Burroughs for his comforting and spiritual service and to Mr David McEwan for the uplifting musical arrangement and accompaniment. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside. The sum of £1926.59 was realised and will be donated to the local branch of the British Red Cross. Gift Aid donations have also been forwarded directly to the National British Red Cross.

MALLOY – Ann, Gary and all family, far and near, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following the loss of our mother, Mary. A special thank you to the caring doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward and Ward 1A, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow. Also to the district nurses, ICT staff, Grace, Naomi and neighbours who took such care of Mother. Thanks also to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their compassionate and professional manner; to Rev David Carruthers for the comforting services at Cardross and Ardrishaig Parish Church; to Sheila, Bruce and staff for the welcoming refreshments in the South Church Hall. Finally thanks to all who attended at Cardross and church to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £300 for Argyll Talking Newspapers and Glenaray Ward.

REDMAN – Bernie and family, would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters, phone calls and home baking received following the recent sad loss of Frank. We have been overwhelmed by the support shown to us all. Our sincere thanks to Dr Simpson and local ambulance crews for their help and assistance; to Father David Connor for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and arrangements; and to the Stag Hotel for excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £200 for the Mid Argyll Chemo Unit.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMERON – In loving memory of a dear husband, Donnie, who died May 1, 2010.

Wherever I am, whatever I do, you are with me in my heart. Love and miss you every day.

- Sheila and family x.

CAMERON – In loving memory of Ilene, died April 17, 1992 and Donnie, died May 1, 2010. A loving mum, gran, pappie and dad.

Treasured memories keep you near, as time unfolds another year. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- Joyce, Kenny, Scott and Lewis.

CAMERON – Loving memories of Mum, Ilene Cameron, passed away April 17, 1992. Loving memories of Dad, Donald Cameron (Locheil), passed away May 1, 2010.

Love and miss you both, always.

- David and Katie xx.

CUNNINGHAM – Treasured memories of John, died April 30, 2007. Dear husband, father, granddad and father-in-law.

“Deep in our hearts fond memories are kept, of one we love and will never forget”. God Bless.

- Inserted by Isa and all the family. “Goodnight Faither” God Bless x.

GRANT – Treasured memories of John, our dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away April 29, 1999.

- Jean, Gilbert, Janice, Mark, Gillian, Karl and Douglas.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dearly beloved dad, Robert, died April 24, 1980.

I loved you dearly, more dearly than the spoken words can tell. Dad, I will always love you.

- Daughter, Nan, East Kilbride.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dad, Malcolm Robertson, died April 21, 1994.

Always in my thoughts. - Your daughter, Kelly-Anne.

WILLIAMSON – In loving memory of a beloved mother and grandmother, Christina Alice (Allie), who died April 27, 2010.

- Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimee and Lynne. Remembered every day.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 29 April 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
“The House on the Rock”

Thursday 3 May 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 29th April
Kirk Session meets - 10:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Jim Campbell
Tuesday, 1st May
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 3rd May
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 4th May
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 29 April
Bellanoch Church 11:30 am
Morning worship
Worship led by David Logue
Tuesday 1 May
Congregational Board 7:30 pm
Tayvallich church
All Welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 29th April 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
To be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev. Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Please note: all services in Kirk St Hall
Sunday 29th April 2012
11.15am
Morning Service
FunDay Club (3yrs - P5)
JaM (P6+)
Tuesday 1st May
7.15pm
Safeguarding Panel - Kirk St Hall
Wednesday 2nd May
7.15pm
Bible Study Fellowship - Manse
Ephesians: Book by Book DVD
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

KINTYRE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

to be held on **Friday 4th May** at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: **Rev John MacLeod, Allander Evangelical Church, Milngavie, Glasgow**
Musical items
Tea/coffee served after meeting
Everyone welcome.

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

“Come and worship the Lord” in **Achahoish at 9:45am** and **Ardishaig at 11:00am**
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services
Church Services 29 April - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Furnace Village Hall at 10am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service with Baptism in Inveraray Church at 11.30am
Sunday Club Starts again at 11.30am - all children are welcome to join

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 29th April, 2012
Glassary 10a.m.
Mr. David Logue
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Sunday 29th April 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 29th APRIL 2012
11.00 am Communion Service
3.00 pm Communion Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
SATURDAY 28th APRIL 2012
10.00 am Coffee Morning (Youth Fellowship Group)
Red Cross Hall
All Welcome
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George Street Campbeltown
Sunday 29th April
12.15pm Prayer Meeting
12.45pm Worship Service
Speaker: Mr Innes MacSween
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

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Saturday
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Sunday 29th April
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin

4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court

7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 2nd May
10am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study
Friday 4th May
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown

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Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 29th April 2012
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald and Lupton please turn to page 20.

Hard fought April medal win

CHRIS Crawford won the April medal at Inveraray Golf Club last Sunday in a hard-fought competition.

Despite perfect weather conditions no one was able to break par, with the top three tying on 70 points in one of the tightest finishes to a competition at the club in recent seasons.

Only five strokes separated the top 10 as Crawford won the medal following a countback for the best score on the back nine holes, beating DJ Macdonald into second place and John Smylie into third.

The event raised £75 for Cancer Research and Crawford will now go on to represent Inveraray Golf Club in the regional final of the Hall of Fame competition.

In another of the club's away competitions Derek Robertson completed an amazing 10 and 8 matchplay victory over David 'Bingo' Robertson.

The victory was all the more remarkable as 'Bingo' is the current holder of the coveted green jacket for competitions played at other courses.

Tarbert golf

THERE was some impressive scoring during the opening round of the Fyne Tankard at Glenralloch, leaving Steve Bleasby at the head of the pack.

Steve leads the 36-hole handicap competition with a net score of 61, followed by Johnathan MacLean and Bruce MacNab, each carding their best scores of the year on 62 and 63 respectively.

Ross Currie posted the best gross score on 70, with Bruce MacNab second on the same gross score and Archie Black third on 71.

There were an impressive three twos on the day, posted by John Martin, Bruce MacNab and Keith Blair.

The final round takes place this Sunday, not Saturday as indicated on the club fixture list, with tee-times listed on the club noticeboard.

Top five going into final round: 1. Steve Bleasby, 61; 2. Johnathan MacLean, 62; Bruce MacNab, 63; 4. Archie Black, 64; 5. James MacNab Snr, 65.

League leaders end Dunadd's long home winning run

DUNADD Camanachd were defeated on home turf for the first time in over a year on Sunday as they took on South Division two leaders Glasgow Mid Argyll (GMA).

GMA started the stronger team and forced Dunadd to defend for long spells of the game. Dunadd had a few chances in the first half although struggled to find the net despite attempts from Fiona McCuaig and Megan Yuill up front.

Focussed

Dunadd's defence of Iona Campbell, Laurene Cameron and Roslyn McGuinness remained focussed to keep the visitors at bay until half time.

GMA then upped the pressure in the second half and scored the only goal of the game with a solo goal from Joan Nicolson.

Dunadd's midfield of

Danielle Finlay, Leone Airlie and Shannon Wilson worked tirelessly throughout the game to try to feed the forward line although they were also forced to defend at times.

Pressure

The Dunadd defence had to work hard with the majority of the pressure coming from GMA, they did well to keep the score to 0-1.

Ellie Donald and Eilish Malcolm also came on as subs to play their part for Dunadd but the score remained 0-1 at full time.

Dunadd's next league game is away to Cowal and Bute on May 13. The team also have to wait until next week to find out who they will face in the Caledonian Canal Challenge Cup.

□ Sunday's match saw the girls wearing their new strip after being sponsored by Donald MacDonald Joiners.



Children from across Mid Argyll and Kintyre enjoyed a day of footballing fun in Lochgilphead last Saturday. 06_a17foot01

Feast of football

A FOOTBALLING extravaganza took place at Lochgilphead Joint Campus last Saturday.

A total of 120 primary school children from Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Campbeltown took part in a football tournament organised by Lochgilphead Soccer Cen-

tre, with the younger children taking part in four-a-side matches and the older ones playing seven-a-sides.

The tournament ran for an hour and a half and a return event has been scheduled in Campbeltown for Saturday, June 2.

Off and running at canal

THE CRINAN Canal will see a lot more traffic than usual this weekend as almost 200 runners pound along the canal track in the Crinan Puffer 8.5.

The annual race will see 175 runners race from Pier Square, Ardrishaig, to Crinan on Sunday.

Competition will be strong from Mid Argyll runners and some have a few scores to settle, as is the friendly rivalry.

Bill MacCallum MBE, event time keeper, said: 'You never know who is going to turn up at a race and who is on form. The top three runners from last year haven't entered this year so there will be a new champion. The course record was set in 2010 by Tom Smith and stands at 50 minutes and 5 seconds; we might see someone dip below 50 minutes for the first time. I see local runners training and I have

seen the improvement in many over the months.'

Athletes are attending from all over Scotland and Giffnock North Athletics Club will be particularly well represented, with 12 runners competing.

The race, sponsored by Scottish Sea Farms, will show runners some of the best scenery in Mid Argyll as they make their way along the ca-

nal bank and the organising committee is looking forward to welcoming everyone.

Tim Jackson, logistics manager of the Crinan Puffer 8.5, said: 'The canal bank is in good condition and recent works to remove overgrown shrubbery have been successfully completed. We are keeping our fingers crossed for the current spell of good

weather to hold.'

The event is organised by Tim Jackson, Richard and Tina Barrie and Liz Feeney, Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club, Stella Cockburn and Matt Watkiss, Jog Scotland and Bill MacCallum, Mid Argyll Athletics Club.

Event registration opens at 8.30 am on Sunday at Pier Square and the race starts at 10am.

Under 13s on back foot against Drumchapel

DESPITE going down 3-0 last Sunday, Lochgilphead Red Star's under-13 match against Drumchapel United at Ropework Park was not as one-sided as the score suggested.

Drumchapel started well, getting in three shots on goal in the first 10 minutes, keeper Ally Pow having to be at his best to keep the scores even, but he was power-

less to prevent the visitors taking an early lead from an indirect free-kick inside the box.

Red Star had the chance to equalise when Ryan Caskie's pass sent Liam Cameron clear of the defence, but he could only hit the post. At the other end, Ally Pow kept Red Star in the game with some good goalkeeping, helped by Cammy

Simpson in defence.

Half-time: Red Star 0-1 Drumchapel

As the second half got underway, Red Star found themselves on the back foot, but MacViccar and Cameron defended valiantly at the back as the away side pushed for a second goal.

Drumchapel kept pressing and were rewarded with two goals in ten minutes midway

Argyll Riding Club springs into action

Host of equestrian events planned for summer

FROM lessons, to pleasure rides, to evening talks – Argyll Riding Club is packing as many events into the summer months as it possibly can.

The local equestrian club, which covers Mid Argyll and Kintyre, has already had a busy winter, with last month seeing the culmination of the club's first Winter League series in a number of years.

Riders from across the area competed in three showjumping and dressage competitions at yards throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre during the winter months.

The final event, held at Glengilp Stables, Ardrishaig, crowned the winter league overall winner – Roanna Clark riding Hero. Roanna is the first recipient of the club's newly donated silverware – The Lachlan MacKellar Memorial Trophy, kindly donated by the MacKellar family.

The club is now springing into the summer months with a host of events planned.

This Sunday will see lessons held at Tarbert with local instructor, Julie Shaw. Julie can teach individuals or groups and is happy to concentrate on both flatwork and jumping.

The lessons are open to non-ARC members. For more information contact Catriona Wilson by email on - catriona_wil-

son@msn.com.

Following on from the lessons, the club will host a six-mile hack at Achnabrec on May 6, show-jumping lessons at Dalhenna, Inveraray, with Glasgow-based instructor, John Cameron on May 19, a six-mile hack around Lussa Loch in Kintyre on May 20, and that is just to start with.

The club's committee is now in full swing with the organisation of the club's annual open show. In a change from previous years, the show will be held on Saturday July 7 at Lunga, Craobh Haven.

For more information on the club, or to find out more about upcoming events, please visit - www.argyll-riding-club.co.uk



Roanna Clark riding her horse, Hero, won Argyll Riding Club's recent Winter League competition.

through the half to put themselves firmly in the driving seat.

Despite some good play from Whitefield and McCallum, Drumchapel kept the home side at bay, denying them even a consolation goal, and it remained 3-0 at the final whistle.

Full-time: Red Star 0-3 Drumchapel

Red Star will consider themselves unlucky

to have gone down so heavily to a very good Drumchapel side, but the team will have to pick themselves up in time for Sunday's cup-tie away to Blair Thistle.

Lochgilphead Red Star: Pow, Simpson, A Cameron, MacViccar, McCallum, Robertson, Whitefield (c), Caskie, MacFarlane, Young, L Cameron. Subs (both used): Jackson, Scott.

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Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 3, 4 and 11.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £400 next week.

A JACKPOT of £1,000 was divided between two winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery draw. Ailsa Laine and Catherine Jane McCaffery both collected £500 after picking numbers 1, 3 and 5.

The jackpot next week will be £100.

THERE were no winners in the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw this week, with numbers 6, 9 and 19 drawn.

The jackpot will be £200 next week.

FERGUS Tinny was the lucky winner of the £1,000 jackpot in this week's Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw.

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Kilmory suffered disappointment in the Celtic Cup quarter final, losing out to Aberdour on penalties. 06_a17shinty01

Disappointing cup exit

AFTER a disappointing Celtic Cup exit to Aberdour last Saturday, Kilmory Camanachd return to league duty tomorrow (Saturday) against Oban Celtic.

The Lochgilphead side looked to be going through against their South Division 1 rivals before a late equaliser forced extra-time and penalties, with Kilmory going out 2-1.

Club chairman Angus Gilmore was naturally disappointed to have

been eliminated from the tournament, adding: 'The way the draw was going we had a great chance to get to the Celtic Cup final for the first time, and it was a very disappointing result to lose out on penalties.'

The game against Oban Celtic is a must-win as far as Angus is concerned, following an indifferent start to the season with Kilmory fourth in the league after five games. Angus said: 'Our form has been very

inconsistent this season as we have players missing through suspension or work commitments. We haven't been taking advantage in the games we have played so far; we've been drawing in games where we should have taken two points.'

Angus has made a top-three finish in the league his priority plus a good run in the Balliemore Cup, with Kilmory away to Strachur in the quarter-final.

Red Star book cup final place

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star booked their place in the Coronation Cup Final after a convincing 2-0 win over Port Glasgow Hibs at Millburn Park, Alexandria, last Friday.

The first half was a fairly dull affair with few chances at either end, with Morrison's close effort the best chance of the half.

Half-time: Red Star 0-0 Port Glasgow

Red Star upped their game in the second half, with wingers Peacock and Docherty making the most of the wide Millburn pitch.

Morrison picked up a square ball from Peacock, but he was unable to prevent the Port Glasgow keeper smothering his effort.

Red Star finally broke the deadlock after an hour when Peacock picked up the ball from 12 yards out, cutting inside the defender before slamming the ball into the bottom corner to put his side one-up.

Port Glasgow responded immediately, forcing a succession of corners, but their vulnerabilities at the back were constantly being exposed by Red Star on the break.

Worse was to follow for Port Glasgow when they conceded a penalty and were reduced to ten men after the defender was red-carded for holding back Peacock; however the goalkeeper made amends by saving Forbes' spot-kick.

With ten minutes to go, Star were also reduced to ten men, Crawford receiving his marching orders after a second bookable offence.

The numbers evened up once more, Port Glasgow went all-out for an equaliser, but they were caught on the break again when Pea-

cock raced clear and rounded the keeper; his shot could only hit the post but Kirk sprang on the rebound to score his first goal for Red Star on the 90th minute, securing their place in the final.

Full-time: Red Star 2-0 Port Glasgow

Celebrations erupted on the Red Star bench as the final whistle went and they can look forward to a cup final against either Whitehill or Cambria.

Red Star return to league duty tomorrow (Saturday) against high-flyers Paisley at Rope-work Park; kick-off at 2pm.

Strachur golfer leads Scotland team to Japan

A STRACHUR golfer will once again captain the Scotland team at the World Deaf Golf Championship in Japan this October.

Ross Speirs, 47, will lead the side having taken them to glory at the 2010 championship in St Andrews, and is hopeful of retaining the title this time around.

Ross said: 'It is a tremendous honour and I am very happy to captain the team again.'

'There was no better feeling than winning in St Andrews two years ago.'

Ross is hopeful of taking the best squad possible to the championship, but admits getting there might be difficult.

He said: 'We have no sponsorship whatsoever and it takes real determination for team mates and members to practice, and when it comes to championship tours



Ross Speirs will lead the Scottish team at the World Deaf Golf Championship in Japan this October.

abroad, finance plays a huge part in deciding who can play.

'I hope to be able to take my best players to Japan to enable us to win the trophy again this year.'

Ross is an experienced golfer having played for over 30 years; he has a five handicap and is a member of Cowal Golf Club.

Brave performance fails to stop league leaders secure promotion

MIDARGYLL faced a daunting tie in the penultimate game of the rugby West League Division 4 campaign against Lanark last Saturday in Oban.

Mid Argyll were the home side, but as the Kilmartin pitch is unavailable, the team have adopted Oban as their home ground for the final three games of the season.

The league leaders came into the match having won their last 12 games, and a lucky 13th would see Lanark secure promotion to Division 3, but Mid Argyll, who have

yet to win a game this season, were determined to put the champagne on ice.

The first half saw some good performances from Daniel Brodick, Matthew Ferguson, James Beckett and Hamish Duncan, but Mid Argyll found themselves 20-10 behind at the interval, their points coming courtesy of a try from Rhys Kelly, converted by Ruaridh Aitken who also kicked a penalty.

Half-time: Mid Argyll 10-20 Lanark.

Mid Argyll got off to a good

start in the second half and after some good driving play Kelly went over the line for his second try of the match, and Aitken's reliable boot kicked them to within three points.

Respond

Lanark increased their lead to 13 following a converted try and a penalty, but Mid Argyll were quick to respond, when a quick ball from a ruck allowed Aitken to charge through to score his first try of the match before successfully converting to bring the score to 30-24.

Any hopes of a shock

victory were dashed however when Lanark scored another converted try to put the game beyond doubt.

Full-time: Mid Argyll 24-37 Lanark

Mid Argyll put on a brave performance, but Lanark proved just why they are league leaders with a convincing win ensuring their promotion to the third tier.

Mid Argyll's final game of the season is against Cowal in Oban, and it will be the team's final chance to salvage some pride in what has been a desperately disappointing season.

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