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Sunshine for the Crinan Puffer race, see back page.



Dochas Friends

Lochgilphead centre's befrienders are a big help. See page 8.

Council green light for Inveraray boom

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PLANS for 180 new houses in Inveraray, including 45 affordable homes, have been approved by Argyll and Bute Council – after eight years in the pipeline.

The masterplan proposes bringing the town's Fisherland and Newtown areas into use. Argyll Estates, which owns the site, has finished its masterplan after eight years.

'We are planning for growth,' head of planning Angus Gilmour told the last meeting of this council's Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee on Wednesday. 'We see Inveraray as a growth point, because of its central location and transport links.'

The report put before councillors stated the

Local Development Plan has already zoned the 8.7-hectare site for a mix of 150 houses plus units for business, community and tourism – including a hotel. Of those, 25 per cent are required to be affordable.

The masterplan now allows for retail units and increases the number of houses by 30 to 180, bringing the required total of affordable homes to 45. The report argued: 'While this is more than the 150 units anticipated, this modest increase is accepted.'

The construction of the houses is expected to take 15 to 20 years over several phases.

The report continued it was 'unrealistic and inappropriate to expect new development to match the design and form of the [original]

planned town. However, it is reasonable and realistic to expect a development which significantly improves on the standard set by previous backland developments.'

The plan also allows for three open public spaces. Access is planned via an upgraded Barn Park, an upgraded junction onto the A819 Dalmally road and a route to the A83 through the Avenue car park entrance. The road will be designed to keep vehicles from exceeding 20mph.

Planning officer David Moore noted no objections from consultees or members of the public had been received. Councillors unanimously agreed to the planners' recommendation to approve and endorse the masterplan.

Leigh scoops £4,400 jackpot



Leigh was surprised and delighted to win. 06_a17spotball03

'SUPER happy' was how our latest Spot the Ball jackpot winner described her feelings.

Leigh Philips from Kilmichael has a go every week at spotting the ball in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* – and last week she discovered her luck was in as she won the £4,400 jackpot in the April 14 competition.

'I didn't believe the lady who phoned up to tell me I'd won,' Leigh said. 'This is more money than I've ever had, and it will make life a bit easier for us. I'm a student and we have two daughters. My husband David works hard, so this is just brilliant.' Don't miss your chance to play – see page 27.

Tributes paid after accident

A FORMER Lochgilphead man has died in a paragliding accident in New Zealand. Full story on page three.

Silver screen role for skiff

A TARBERT boat has appeared in a star-studded film production which has helped pay for a refit. Full story on page seven.

Tarbert hustings

COUNCIL candidates feel the pressure in Tarbert as they answer to public questioning. Full story on page nine.

Pipers band together

ARDRISHAIG Hall played host to a fundraising afternoon for the Mid Argyll Pipe Band. Full story on page 15.

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The Royal Mint is also reminding the public about the use of the new £1 coins. Following the coin's introduction on March 28, there is a six-month period where the current round £1 coin and the new 12-sided £1 coin are in circulation at the same time. The current £1 coin will lose its legal tender status at midnight on October 15 2017. The current round £1 coin can continue to be deposited into a bank account after that date.

Joachim Brolly search - police release boat photo

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SEVEN weeks after Joachim Brolly was last seen, Police Scotland have released a photo of the boat he is believed to have been in around the time he disappeared.

The last sighting of 59-year-old Mr Brolly was at the Torran Bay Hostel at the south end of Loch Awe before he got into his



Joachim Brolly. boat around 3pm on Thursday March 9. Officers are hoping the image will help jog

the memories of people in the area that day. Mr Brolly is described as white, five foot six inches tall, of medium build, with short grey hair and clean shaven. He was wearing navy trousers, a navy fleece and a navy jacket.

Police Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'Divers have been conducting searches in new areas of the loch and we would welcome any new information from

members of the public 'If you were in the area of Loch Awe on Thursday March 9 and may have seen Mr Brolly, or the boat in the image, please get in touch. We would particularly like to speak to anyone who was out in a boat on Loch Awe that day.

'Anyone with information is asked to contact officers at Lochgilphead police station via 101.'



The boat Mr Brolly is believed to have been in around the time he disappeared from the south end of Loch Awe on March 9.

Harbinger of summer - just in time for winter shiver

REPORTS have come in from across the region about a harbinger of summer - which seems to have arrived just in time for winter.

Yes, the call of the cuckoo has been heard in Argyll.

The familiar sound came

as a band of cold weather swept the region, bringing hail and snow showers to many parts earlier this week.

First off the mark to report the famous bird call to the *Advertiser* was Arlene Scott from Tarbert, who heard the

cuckoo on Tuesday April 25.

The news was posted on the *Argyllshire Advertiser* Facebook website - prompting rival claims from others asserting to have heard the bird long before Arlene.

On the *Advertiser* Face-

book page, Mo Green reported hearing one around Kilmichael Glassary on April 17. An Ardrishaig cuckoo was also heard last week, according to Jeanette Laughton.

Alison Hay heard the call near Carsaig on April 21.

But it was Fiona Rodden who topped the lot with her claim that she heard the cuckoo near Barnluasgan on Friday April 14.

At least we know the cuckoo has arrived.

Now - any sign of swallows?

Police files

POLICE stopped a car after seeing the driver, a man aged 50, using his mobile phone at about 11.20am on Wednesday April 19 on the A83 in Inveraray. The man was charged and issued with a £200 fixed penalty and six points.

ON WEDNESDAY April 19 at 1.10pm, police stopped a van on

Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, as a child in the van was not properly restrained. The 47-year-old male driver was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

ON THE A83 near Lochgair, police stopped a car at 2.45pm on Thursday April 20, after the 30-year-old male driver, was seen driving the car in a careless manner and

at excessive speed. The man was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty and three points.

ON LOCHNELL Street, Lochgilphead, at 8.40am on Wednesday April 19, a man, 69, allegedly threw litter out of a vehicle. The man was stopped and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

BETWEEN 6pm on Wednesday April 19 and 9am on Thursday April 20 a quantity of scrap metal was stolen from a yard at Forestry Cottages, Eredine.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

AT ABOUT 8.30am on Saturday April 22, a 32-year-old man was arrested following a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner at a house on Knapdale Terrace, Ardrishaig. The man was later charged with abusive behaviour, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Much-loved Ben's ashes to be scattered in Argyll



Ben with his dog, Flynn.

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TRIBUTES have been paid after a former Lochgilphead man tragically died in a paragliding accident in New Zealand.

Ben Letham, 26, had a love for the outdoors sparked in Argyll. He learned to surf on waves at Westport and Tangy beaches near Campbeltown - and it is to these Kintyre winds that some of Ben's ashes will be returned.

He moved to New Zealand to pursue his outdoor dreams and had been a pilot with GForce Paragliding near Queenstown on South Island

for three years.

Ben was on a solo recreational flight when he crashed last Saturday.

As the sad news broke, a justgiving page was set up with a target of £7,000 'to give all those he has touched a chance to help give Ben the send off he deserves and to lighten the load for all his loved ones'. By Wednesday the total raised exceeded £10,000.

GForce Paragliding suspended operations for a period as a mark of respect, and company co-director Gavin Taylor said: 'Our whole team is absolutely devastated by his death. He was a really nice guy, a talented pilot, and we're stunned

to lose one of the youngest members of our team with his whole life ahead of him.'

Ben took off on Saturday from Skyline Gondola and landed in the grounds of Queenstown Primary School. Mr Taylor said conditions at the time of the incident had been calm, and could not comment on what may have gone wrong.

'Ben would have done thousands of flights at this site, both commercially and recreationally, but on this day he was flying with his own equipment using a single person wing,' said Mr Taylor.

'We've lost a close

colleague and friend who will be very sadly missed. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to his partner, friends and family.'

As messages of condolence poured in, Ben's sister Vicky Zoers said: 'Your love is very much felt by all of us.'

'We plan to have a cremation this week in Queenstown. We will have a ceremony to which all are welcome where we can give him back to the wind he so loves.'

She added: 'We are bringing the rest of him home to rest with his mum and also with the waves on the west coast.'

Charity's plea for healthcare support

A LOCHGILPHEAD charity has made a heartfelt plea to healthcare providers to ensure people in rural communities are fully covered.

Staff at the Dochas Carers Centre have lamented the lack of resources and services available to carers and vulnerable people in the community. The number of referrals the Dochas centre gets from GPs and hospitals is putting a real strain on their staff and services.

A spokesperson for the charity said: 'You never know about funding from one year to the next. We're developing so quickly that the demand is increasing yet funding opportunities are getting more competitive.'

'I know how difficult it is to provide care to the remote areas of Argyll. Healthcare bodies need to think outside the box to make sure that these people are covered.'

See page 8 for Dochas Carers Centre.

Improved service is the target

CHANGES to the appointment system at Lochgilphead Medical Practice are being made in an attempt to improve access to GPs.

The new system is set to be in place by Monday May 29.

The medical centre has enlisted the services of GP Access Ltd to introduce a method of managing increased

appointment demand, tackling staff workload and workplace stress. More than 500,000 patients use this system in the UK already.

The change should mean it will be easier to get through to a GP on the phone; there should be shorter waiting times to see a GP; and fewer wasted journeys to the surgery.

Alastair Turner, practice development manager, said: 'We were extremely sad to see Dr Adrian Ward leave after 25 years.'

'The move, however, has put pressure on our ability to continue to provide high standards of GP care in Lochgilphead as we endeavour to recruit and secure locum cover.'



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The last act of Argyll Drama Festival

DRAMA, comedy and plenty of entertainment is coming to Ardrishaig this week and there's just enough time to catch the last act.

The 69th staging of this annual celebration of the dramatic arts has taken place in Ardrishaig Public Hall this week with the final night taking place tonight, Friday April 28.

Performers will travel to Mid Argyll from Benderloch, Peninver and Lochgilphead for the festival which promises plenty of laughter, tears and great entertainment.

Curtain up is 7.30pm, and tickets – priced at £6 for an adult – are available at the Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, or at the door.

Good work, but not all plain sailing for Scottish Canals



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TRANSIT numbers in the Crinan Canal are on the up, according to figures unveiled at a canal users' meeting last weekend.

Officials from Scottish Canals came to the Cairnbaan Hotel on Saturday to meet people living close to and those using the Crinan Canal.

As they set out the financial and operational position, there was criticism from some present over aspects of Scottish Canals' performance.

Local manager Joe Murphy outlined some of the projects completed over the past year along with those in the pipeline. Work on the canal reservoirs at Daill Loch had been completed, along with other projects on towpaths, jetties and on the Crinan lighthouse.

Looking ahead, the public body has plans to introduce remote technology to help control canal water levels, and to create new towpath around Ardrishaig basin.

The number of transits of the canal in 2016 were 1,568 – representing a four per cent increase on the 2015 figure. The aim is to take that number to 1,800 transits per year.

Scottish Canals has drawn up a list of the top 150 priority projects, with Ardrishaig sea lock coming in at number eight. Other Crinan projects listed include repairs to lock gates (priority 11) and leakage repair (14). Some in the audience were dismayed that Dunardry Bridge was not mentioned as a priority project, with Richard Millar, Scottish Canals' director of infrastructure, responding: 'It is in our list of 150 projects, but at the moment we don't have £250,000 to repair the bridge. It will be a number of years away, but we are talking to heritage funders and Sustrans about funding options.'

Collaboration with other maritime tourism providers such as West Coast, Clyde and Northern Irish marinas is a key part of the work being done at Scottish Canals to boost boat traffic, but concerns were voiced over the quality of service for the boating fraternity on the Crinan Canal, from practical assistance to wifi provision. Taking the points on board, Richard Millar continued: 'Our drive is to ensure we get customer service right and encourage people to use the Crinan Canal.'

Scottish Canals staff at Cairnbaan – left to right: Donna Mallan, customer service manager, infrastructure director Richard Millar, Crinan waterway manager Joe Murphy, head of communications Josie Saunders, estates manager Chris Breslin and Helen Cunningham, administrative and business support officer.

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THE ALLT Dearg Educational Trust is accepting applications for 2017.

Young people in further education who will be living away from home can apply for support under the scheme. Priority goes to young people from the areas surrounding Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, so this means those whose local primary school is Ardrishaig, Achahoish, Tarbert or Kilmfinan. Next in line are those who went to Lochgilphead or Tarbert for secondary ed-

ucation, and then from the rest of Argyll. Grants continue until the end of the course, always subject to the young person making progress. With regular donations from Allt Dearg Community Windfarm and Srondoire Community Windfarm totalling over £50,000 a year, another bumper year for new applicants is anticipated.

The closing date is May 31. Email info@alltdeargeducationaltrust for an application form, or find the trust Facebook page.

Bikers set for Fyne-side ride-in

MOTORBIKE engines will be revving around Loch Fyne this weekend as the ride-in event returns to Inveraray. *Scottish Biker Magazine* has returned to Inveraray and promised that this year will be bigger and better.

Taking place on Sunday

April 30, the ride-in is primarily a road safety awareness day, supported by MotoScotland, Police Scotland motorcyclists and Argyll and Bute Council's Road Safety Team, among others. Scottish Fire and Rescue's Biker Down team will also be in attendance,

hosting helmet removal demonstrations.

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

Tai Chi donation to Kilmartin Museum

A MARTIAL arts club from Mid Argyll has given a cash boost to Kilmartin Museum.

The museum is working on an ambitious redevelopment project to enhance the presentation of historical artefacts.

Donations play a large part in helping to fund the scheme, and last week Lochgair's Tai Chi class generously donated £295 in class fees to the cause.

Tai Chi came into being in China around 2,700 BC, using smooth and gentle movements inspired by nature, deep breathing and relaxation techniques.

The slow graceful movements mean that it is suitable for a wide variety of

people, from young to old, including those with mobility issues or who suffer long term discomfort or stiffness.

Lochgair Tai Chi team visited Kilmartin Museum last Wednesday to take part in a class - followed, of course, by some cake and coffee in the museum café.

Travelling

The Lochgair Tai Chi class was started in 2002 by Ian Smith. Students were soon travelling from as far away as Ford, Inveraray and Tarbert to take part.

This surge in popularity led to Sandy and Valerie Richardson helping Ian teach, with Sandy taking over in recent years, although Ian remains heavily involved.



Lochgair Tai Chi members perform the Rainbow Dance move at the museum.

ly involved.

New members are always

welcome, and more information can be found via

West Loch Fyne Community Council's webpage.

Illegal fishing warning after strike vote

A TRADE union has warned that Scotland's seas could be left wide open to illegal fishing after its members voted go on strike.

Members of the Unite union at Marine Scotland voted in favour of taking industrial action in a dispute over fair pay.

Marine Scotland operates marine protection vessels and research ships to protect the seas and fisheries around the country, leading to them being nicknamed 'Scotland's Navy'.

Unite regional officer Alexander Smart said: 'Our members at Marine Scotland do a difficult job, safeguarding our seas on behalf of all of us - and often spending long periods of time away from home. It is completely unfair that they are being paid less than other seafarers in the public sector.'



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Editorial

IT HAS taken so long for the wheels to grind that many observers believed the Inveraray masterplan – launched with a flourish all those years ago – had been shelved.

Not so, and this week Argyll and Bute Council gave the nod to a massive scheme that will transform the Royal Burgh. It is a bold move, and let's hope that there is plenty of employment for the new Inveraray residents in years to come.

Against a backdrop of declining population, this should help, but quality transport and telecommunications infrastructure are essential. They do not currently exist.

Our broadband is unreliable, mobile signal second rate, roads are crumbling and we make almost no use of the sea for transport. Fix these and we have a recipe for a prosperous future.

OUR thoughts go out to the family of Ben Letham, who lost his life in a paragliding accident in his adopted home of New Zealand last weekend. Ben lived life to the full, and we should all be inspired by his example.

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Buses raised at hustings

Sir,

I'd like to express my appreciation to the organisers of the hustings in Ardrishaig Public Hall last Tuesday evening.

The discussion was lively and informative, and most of the candidates made meaningful contributions to the main debate.

There was considerable talk of the need for community involvement in council decisions, and a point was raised by an elderly gentleman in the audience that in all fairness couldn't be discussed in sufficient detail in the time available. This was the deletion of the residential area up the hill at Kilmory from the council-subsidised 'circular' Lochgilhead/Ardrishaig bus route a few years ago.

He was told by one of the candidates that, as no-one used that section of the service, it was cut out on the principle of 'use it or lose it'.

Once a week for the past six months I have been catching this bus at 1.45pm from the Lochgilhead hospital stop to Ardrishaig, and it goes out to the Kilmory council headquarters before returning via Lochgilhead to Ardrishaig.

Only once can I remember a person getting on or off this bus at the council offices – and that was the same councillor who this evening was proclaiming 'use it or lose it' at the hustings.

I think that the council should lose it – and maybe the other three daily services via their offices, if they're just as useless – to enable the people who reside up at Kilmory to be served once more, at no extra expense to the council.

**Robert Wakeham,
Lochgilhead.**

Elderly care must be priority

Sir,

Thousands of older people



Out the window

Sir,

Could I please make an appeal to all drivers in Mid Argyll.

After two hours of litter picking, the B841 between Bellanoch and Crinan is now a litter-free zone.

Please dump all your detritus out of your car windows before you reach this stretch of road. Thank you.

**Mike Murray,
Crinan.**

are missing out on free personal care payments because of delays in assessing and arranging care.

As a result of data supplied by councils to the Age Scotland charity through Freedom of Information, we have found around 4,000 older people are waiting longer than six weeks for a financial assessment.

Some were waiting several months, and in one case someone waited almost two years for care to be arranged following their assessment.

Polling conducted by YouGov found that 73 per cent of people do not believe society values or invests enough in social care. It also found that only 17 per cent believed that public services will be able to look after their care needs when they are older.

These are deeply concerning figures showing thousands of older people facing delays in the care provision they need being put in place. It also means payments for free personal care they are entitled to not being received. This confirms the experiences of a number

of older people and their families who have been in touch with Age Scotland's helpline to tell us their experiences of delays in the system.

As we look to local authority elections next month, Age Scotland has contacted council candidates across Scotland to ask them to ensure providing high quality health and social care services is made an urgent priority by new administrations.

Free personal care has been one of the landmark policy initiatives in Scotland following devolution, and that is why we are calling on all levels of government to ensure the system works as it was intended.

Our research has also found that most Scots do not believe that as a society we invest enough in health and social care, or are confident public services will provide for their care needs in later life. This shows the levels of concern which exist around current provision of care services, and why as a society we must all work to ensure our health and social care system has the

support and investment it needs.

We want everyone in Scotland to be confident they will receive high quality care when they need it in later life, and that is what we must work to achieve.

**Keith Robson,
chief executive,
Age Scotland.**

Royal Mail fights scammers

Sir,

I am writing to let you and your readers know about a major initiative that Royal Mail has launched to protect consumers from scam mail. Scam mail involves professional fraudsters sending letters that are designed to trick people out of money or other valuables.

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Wee Dooker stars with Gerard Butler

FOLLOWING the recent completion of a refit, the Wee Dooker was whisked away from Tarbert for another pop at the silver screen.

The Loch Fyne skiff made its second film appearance last week, this time in the waters of Port Logan in Galloway for a new production starring

Gerard Butler. This latest foray into the movie world sees the little boat feature in the backdrop of Keepers, a film about the disappearance of three lighthouse keepers in the Outer Isles more than 100 years ago, with film stars Gerard Butler and Peter Mullan playing the lead roles.

The skiff has previously appeared in a cinematic project on Scottish myths filmed along the Ardlamont shore but this never made the box office. The Wee Dooker was returned to Tarbert by road last weekend. Chris Malkin of the Ring Net Heritage Trust - who also made his debut as an extra - said: 'It was a

hard working week on the film but everyone was very friendly and the skiff was handled very professionally by the transport crew.'

The movie cameo means that the Wee Dooker has earned her refit cost with sufficient funds to ensure her care for a few years to come and the trust will be looking for other opportunities for the boats in their care to take part in historic drama productions.

Look out for the Ring Net Heritage Trust at this year's festivals and events in Tarbert, Campbeltown, Ardrishaig, upper Loch Fyne and Tighnabruaich as the trust is continuing their programme of exhibiting the

history of fishing craft in the area.



Gerard Butler.



The Wee Dooker on set at Port Logan.

Coastal art floats museum boat

THAT old painting of a boat that's been hidden in the loft for years; the shipyard memento of grandpa's lying in the cupboard - their time may have come.

The Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine is building a collection of maritime works by artists born or living in Scotland from the 19th century onwards and depicting a Scottish shipbuilding, engineering or coastal scene.

The Irvine-based museum has so far collected more than 40 works of art under a project entitled SMMart: Enriching the Imagery of Scotland's Maritime Heritage, made possible by the Heritage Lottery Fund's Collecting Cultures programme.

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You've got a friend in Dochas

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EVERYONE feels lonely now and again. As time moves on and friends and relatives move away or take ill, being alone at home can be especially difficult.

A recent report from the Scottish Parliament stated that loneliness is 'as damaging to health as poverty and poor health' and should be prioritised alongside other such health issues.

One organisation, however, doing its best to help stave off the worst effects of loneliness and isolation



'It is normal for health conditions and illnesses to tie in with problems of isolation and loneliness eventually'

is the Dochas Carers Centre in Lochgilphead.

The Dochas Centre runs an innovative 'befriending' service which aims to help people suffering from loneliness to feel listened to and to be a part of the community again. Although the core purpose of the Dochas Centre is to offer support and guidance to carers, the befriending service is open to anyone living in Mid Argyll over the age of 65 or suffering from dementia.

The service is quite simple: people are matched up with a befriender volunteer who can visit them in their home or even just phone for a chat and it is proving to be highly effective.

Dochas Centre manager, Maggie McLaren, who has a background in psychiatric nursing, is pleased with the impact of the befrienders' service. She said: 'A lot of our befrienders have become great friends with their matched companion, and most of the time a genuine connection grows between the two people.'

Although remoteness is a particularly difficult hurdle



A busy Thursday morning drop-in session at the Dochas Carers Centre. 08_a17dochas01

and makes regular home visits in certain areas almost impossible, the centre does host monthly events, giving people without a designated befriender the chance to spend time with the volunteers.

On Islay, for example, the Dochas outreach team organises monthly befrienders meet-up events, with more than 45 people attending the last one.

Thanks to the help of Bruichladdich Distillery, the Islay group even has access to a mini-bus, which is great for bringing together people from all over the island who would otherwise be isolated from one another.

The rural nature of communities in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands area often means that vulnerable people don't see friends or family often enough.

Ms McLaren explained: 'People here are so isolated. As people get older they lose the ability to walk or drive and so they're stuck on their own with no transport. It is normal for health conditions and illnesses to tie in with problems of isolation and loneliness eventually.'

She continued: 'I know and understand how difficult it is to provide services



Pauline Turner, Maggie McLaren and Wanida McEwan provide welcoming support at the centre in Lochgilphead. 08_a17dochas02

to remote areas, but health bodies need to make sure these people are properly covered as they're the ones most affected by loneliness and isolation.'

With an ageing population and an increase in levels of loneliness in Scotland, the Dochas Centre is increasingly hard pushed

to keep providing quality support to carers and people in the area.

'Responsibility for care provision is falling more and more onto the third sector,' Ms McLaren explained, 'meaning that our demand has grown quite incredibly. We want to make it a free service for all at the point of contact, which is sometimes difficult when we have to raise funds ourselves.'

If anyone is suffering from loneliness or are feeling isolated, then don't hesitate to contact the Dochas Carers Centre.

Situated on Campbell Street in Lochgilphead, it is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Wednesday, and 9am to 4pm, Thursday to Friday. For more information visit www.dochasfund.org or phone 01546 600022.



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Margaret Jacobsen told us of her experience as a befriender: 'I befriend people referred to the organisation and hope that we can become friends.'

'For the past two years, I have been visiting a lovely lady in a small village nearby and we have had no difficulty in chatting away the time. The lady I visit is 91 and I find it fascinating hearing from her about her life and how life was very different when she was growing up.'

'Her daughter-in-law tells me that having a befriender has added considerably to the quality of her mother-in-law's life. All the family are very glad that she has someone who is there for her who is not family and not paid, but a volunteer. I think this is what makes befriending special.'

Would-be councillors face the heat in chilly Tarbert

ONE SUBJECT dominated the *Argyllshire Advertiser* hustings in Tarbert - housing.

Many of the public questions at Tarbert Village Hall centred on the availability of suitable homes in north Kintyre and the islands - particularly in Tarbert, Skipness and on the isle of Islay. Questioners made the point that housing had much wider social implications and would impact

the viability of schools local shops and community services; the skills' pool for business.

Well handled by chairman for the evening, Rev Dr Roderick Campbell of Inveraray, the hustings saw candidates being given a limited time in turn on each question.

Six candidates will stand for the ward, in which voters will select three council-

lors through the single transferable vote system. Everyone performed with confidence; the pragmatism of more experienced candidates matched by the fresh enthusiasm of those potential new to Kilmory's political bear pit.

On a cold April evening when housing was a prominent hustings topic, the people of the North Kintyre and the Islands council ward preferred the warmth of their own homes, with just 20 or so people turning out.

For those who did go along, the evening offered fresh insight into what makes the candidates tick. And with less than a week to go until the polls open, time is getting short for those standing for election to impress - and for the public to decide which candidates deserve their vote.

What is this election about?

AFTER five years, another Argyll and Bute Council term is coming to an end and it is time for the public to have its say.

The election will be held in each contested ward and voting will take place between the hours of 7am and 10pm on Thursday May 4, 2017. Ten wards across Argyll and Bute will be up for contest - as South Kintyre is uncontested -

so it is important that voters are familiar with their candidates.

Councillors will be elected using the single transferable vote system, meaning that voters will have to list the candidates in order of preference on the ballot sheet.

For more information on how to vote and the voting system, visit the Argyll and Bute Council website.

Turn to page 26 for statements from all the candidates



Your Kintyre and the Islands candidates: Ed Tyler, Alastair Redman, Michael Kelly, John McAlpine, Anne Horn and Robin Currie. 06_a17hustingstarb03

Question:

There is a lack of affordable housing in Tarbert.

How will you improve on improving that for affordable housing in Tarbert?

Selected answers:

Robin Currie: 'It's not for a lack of money, there's plenty of money to build houses in Tarbert.'

'There are plans to build in the next six years and it is up to the councillors here, and the community, to push for it to be sooner.'

Anne Horn: 'Unfortunately, the latest builds were not family houses. Families have to leave and that

Selected audience questions and answers from candidates

affects schools, the local economy and communities. I will argue long and hard for family homes.'

Question:

The latest education report outlined a lack of support for teachers from the council.

What would you do to support teachers better?

Selected answers:

Alastair Redman: 'Protecting small schools is very important to me, as I went to

Portnahaven before it closed down.

'Also, there's too much teaching to pass tests rather than understanding subjects.'

John McAlpine: 'I think we do support our teachers.'

'The latest report is poor but that is a reflection on officers rather than schools, some of which are performing very well. But we need to take the criticism.'

Question:

Villages like Skip-

ness are approaching 50 per cent holiday homes. Will you accept this or do something about it?

Selected answers:

Ed Tyler: 'This is an issue of rural depopulation. A lot of it hinges on better jobs and more investment in quality training. We have a thriving renewable energy industry so I'd push to expand that.'

Michael Kelly: 'It's important to look at where this problem comes from, which is the sale of large land tracts and estates.'

'We should have a block on selling council houses, I think that's important.'

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Good fun on a special island on Good Friday



Children searching for Easter eggs left by the Easter bunny.

GOOD Friday saw two boat loads of volunteers travel to Eilean Mór MacCormick, close to the entrance to Loch Sween.

On arrival they were treated to the spectacle of hundreds of geese congregating above the island and forming up into large V-shaped formations before setting off back to Iceland where they will spend the summer.

By early evening there were only two geese left on the island. But the wonders of wildlife were not the main purpose of the visit.

The volunteers carried out maintenance and upgrades to the visitors' centre and jetty.

The Eilean Mor MacCormick trust would like to thank Crinan Boatyard for the donation of fenders, which are installed at the jetty.

Although the weather was cold and damp for most of the weekend this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the children when searching for Easter eggs that the Easter bunny had hid-

den on the island.

There were two German families in the group, and they explained one of their customs was for the adults to drink schnapps while the children were searching for the eggs. They joked: 'Why should the children have all the fun.'

The Scots in the party were happy to adopt this habit, and suggested that this cus-

tom from an EU country could be adopted as an island tradition in the future. In another development, Historic Environment Scotland has taken action to stabilise the rock face above the entrance to the island's cave.

Last year some large slabs of rock fell from the cliff, and with some other loose rock still in position, it was unsafe to approach the cave.

By drilling cores into

the rocks and inserting long stainless steel rods, the government agency has now made it safe.

The next work session with the volunteers begins on July 21. A visitors' day on July 22, starts from Tayvallich on Venture West to spend a few hours on the island.

More information is available from David Wolfe on david.wolfe.emm@gmail.com



Embarkation after the weekend visit.

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Army cadets' flying colours

A SIGNALLING course was part of a non-stop weekend of activities when Campbelltown army cadets marched into Lochgilphead.

D (Argyll) Company held its first camp of 2017 at Lochgil-



Major Luti of D (Argyll) Company presenting signal awards to cadets.

phed cadet training centre. Activities were planned to progress their training syllabus and get them ready for annual camp later in the year.

Semaphore

Staff Sergeant Young, A Company, took basic and one star cadre through their basic signalling course, involving both Morse code and the semaphore flag signalling system.

Other cadets had field craft and paintball on the outside training area, while new cadets gained a first taste of

shooting and learning drill.

Commandant Colonel Brian Hume visited during the weekend and made a number of important promotions: Sergeant Major Kenny to AUO Kenny, Staff Sgt Stokoe to Company Sgt Maj, Cadet Staff Sgt Ash to Cadet Company Sgt Maj. Coy Sgt Maj Ash said: 'The weekend was a fantastic success with all cadets passing their signals assessment and all new cadets enjoying their first weekend away.'

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Members of Mid Argyll Young Farmers' Club honed their shooting skills at Tarbert.

Young shooting stars clatter clay pigeons

BUDDING sharpshooters from Mid Argyll Young Farmers' Club enjoyed a great day of shooting.

Welcomed recently by members of Tarbert Gun Club, the young farmers were

taught the basics of clay pigeon shooting and were well looked after. It was soon on to the main event - a good-natured competition. Leading the way in the men's contest was Harry Adair, while

the women's competition was won by Aileen Semple. The knockout competition was won by Cara MacInnes and the winning team was the 'Shooting Stars', made up of Ricky Rennie, Kit Mar-

shall, Melissa Telfer and Aileen Semple with help from Jack Campbell. Mid Argyll Young Farmers thanked Tarbert Gun Club for the hospitality and support shown by its members during the day.

Right to buy could stifle tenanted sector

A WARNING has been issued that Scotland's 'right to buy' could end tenant farmers' hopes of progressing in the industry.

As the average age of farmers continues to rise and the supply of farms falls short of demand, Malcolm Taylor, partner at land agent Bell Ingram, suggests measures to encourage newcomers to farming will fall flat if land is not available for tenants.

He said: 'It is vital that the government abandons rights to buy for tenancies and provides security and in-



Malcolm Taylor.

centives for landlords to let land. A 10-year lease must mean a 10-year lease.

'While recent announcements by the Royal Bank of Scot-

land that new entrants to farming need additional support are to be commended, this will be of little use if there are few or no farms available for young entrants to apply for.'

Mr Taylor added: 'The Forestry Commission, too, is to be applauded for the creation of starter farms offering a first step on the farming ladder.

'But the word 'starter' implies a progression and suggests that after the initial lease, they will be expected to move on to a larger unit.

'What will happen at the end of the tenancy? The tenant could rightly say the farm is their home and business and refuse to move, and this is not an attractive prospect for landlords.'

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Engineer Ross sets sail on voyage of success

A FORMER chief engineer in the merchant navy is providing machining services to the marine, automotive, forestry, agriculture and fish farming sectors.

Ross Weir set up Lock 3 Engineering, based in Ardrishaig, with support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, after leaving the merchant navy to spend more time with his young family.

The engineering machine shop provides repair and remanufacturing capability throughout Argyll and Bute to customers from various industries.

Ross said: 'I actually began my apprenticeship as a machinist before joining the merchant navy, working as a junior engineer on vessels from oil tankers

to super yachts. Over the years I worked my way up to chief engineer, but I never lost interest in machining and while at sea I would often carry out the machining work.

'Around two years ago I decided that I wanted to leave the merchant navy as the constant travelling and working away meant I was missing out on quality time with my family.

'When I came home I realised that most of the old machinists had retired and there was a gap in the market for an old style machine shop. Due to the rural nature of where we live, I felt there was a real opportunity to set up what could become a profitable business. Business Gateway's support and workshops were



Ross is filling a gap he sees in the engineering market in Argyll.

very helpful and gave me the knowledge and information I needed to set up Lock 3 Engineering prop-

erly. Over the past year I've also gained advice on marketing and how to take on a modern apprentice which

I hope to do in the near future.'

So far Ross is delighted with the response his business has had since officially launching last spring. His aim for the rest of this year is to continue to grow his customer base and secure more work in the wind and hydro turbine sector.

Ross added: 'The response I've had has been very positive and I'm meeting lots of people who need our services. But I also think, from speaking to individuals and companies, that there may be a need for larger, general engineering services and with my experience in heavy engineering and power generation I'm thinking of eventually heading in this direction. But for the short term my

aim is to take on an apprentice through the Modern Apprenticeship scheme and make sure my name and our reputation is well known in the area.'

Business Gateway adviser Barbara Halliday said: 'Ross is using his 28 years of experience to offer a service that was lacking in this area for a while.'

'With our one-to-one support and by attending our fully funded workshops, Ross has ensured he is in the best position to develop and grow Lock 3 Engineering into a thriving business.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business visit bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute or call 01546 808363.

Harnessing the power of social media

Donald Melville, adviser with Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, shares some top tips on how to use social media to boost your profile

SOCIAL media is an essential part of business communication these days - the digital equivalent to word-of-mouth referrals.

It provides a platform to create and distribute information and opens a dialogue with prospective and existing customers using various platforms.

Many businesses, however, don't utilise social media in the best way and are missing out on its benefits.

Let's start with the basics; what do you want to achieve with your social media? Do you want to broadcast information, be conversational or more customer service based? This will determine how to use your social media account; what content you put up, how much you listen and how you react to online engagement.

It can be used for customer service, feedback, at-

tracting new customers and increasing sales - but remember that selling is always a by-product of successful engagement.

Facebook

Facebook is a popular, mainly business-to-consumer platform that is easy to use and free. A vital part of Facebook is engagement. Try to post regularly to keep your account looking active and up-to-date. Write content that will get people to engage with it, for example if you post a picture, ask people to comment.

Twitter

Twitter is mainly business-to-business and is known as an information

sharing network, making it fantastic for businesses to get the word out. Key concepts of Twitter are; favourites, lists, trends, and discover.

Be sure to take part in popular Twitter initiatives such as Follow Friday (#FF) and remember that it's nice to be nice, so thank all who have re-tweeted/ #FF'd you in a reply tweet.

LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a social networking site for professionals to showcase their skills and network with others. When inviting people to connect on LinkedIn make sure to state how you know them, as a more personal yet professional mes-

sage is more likely to result in a connection than the standard message. Make sure to keep your skills up-to-date with a professional profile pic that is easy to see for anyone viewing your profile.

Some key points to keep in mind [bulleted please]:

Choosing the right platform is vital. Make sure you use a social media platform that you know your customers use.

You don't need a presence on every platform.

It's about engagement, not selling.

Don't forget about your profile and keep it as up-to-date as possible.

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Tarbert poet honoured at Makars' Court

ONE OF Tarbert's finest word-smiths has been honoured in Edinburgh after his words were set in stone on the streets of the city.

Edinburgh's Makars' Court has now welcomed George Campbell Hay, 1915 - 1984, to its illustrious ranks with the unveiling of a memorial to the famous Scots poet.

Makars' Court, described as Scotland's answer to Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, pays tribute to Scottish writers by preserving the words of the country's finest writers in stone in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town.

Campbell Hay was brought up in Tarbert where, after studying at Oxford University, he returned to develop a lifelong love of the Gaelic language and culture.

He was a multi-lingual poet and was a champion of Scots and Gaelic literature, though little of his work was published in his lifetime. Although a member of the renowned Scottish literary renaissance, Campbell Hay was more interested in the Gaelic literary tradition and linguistic development, rather than folk tradition.

Renowned as a passionate

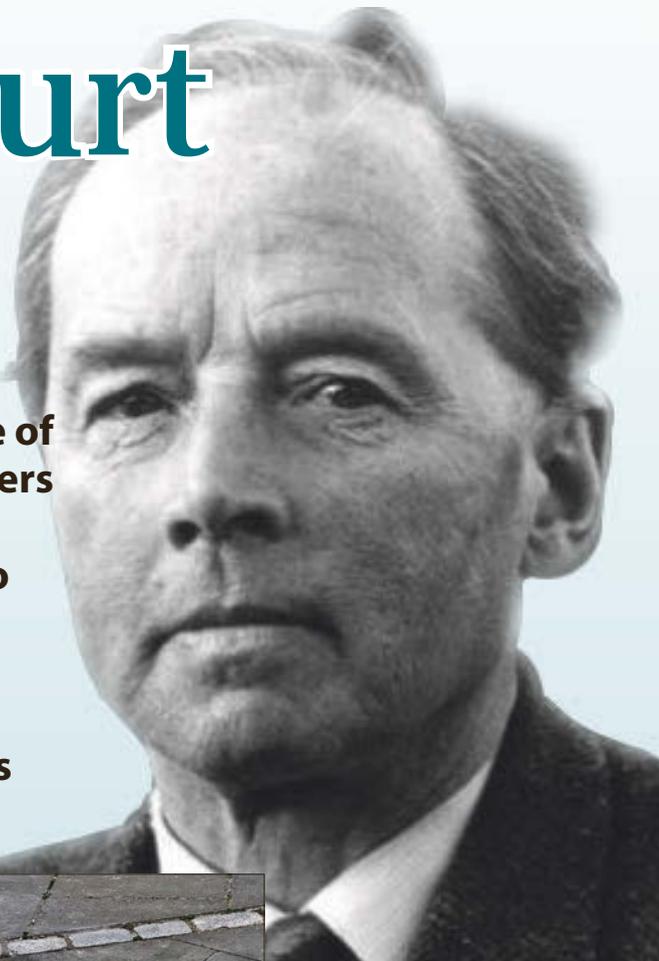
nationalist, Hay begrudgingly joined the British Army in World War II and served in North Africa – an experience which gave rise to some of his best work. Mochtar is Dughall, an epic about a Highland soldier and a North African Arab in the Second World War, is perhaps Hay's best known work, though it was never finished before his death in 1984.

The flagstone at Makars' Court, acknowledges Campbell Hay's influence and lasting legacy in Scottish literature.

Anne Artymiuk, who sponsored the tribute to George Campbell Hay, said: 'He was a major Scots poet of the 20th century, one of the few writers Scotland has had who wrote, and wrote well, in all three of Scotland's languages. His profile has been low, probably because after the Second World War, which inspired some of his best work, he struggled with mental illness.'

The commemorations have been created with the support of the Makars' Court committee of the Scottish Saltire Society and sponsors Anne Artymiuk and the Friends of the William Soutar Society.

'He was a major Scots poet of the twentieth century, one of the few writers Scotland has had who wrote, and wrote well, in all three of Scotland's languages!'



Above: George Campbell Hay (1915-1984).

Left: The tribute to Campbell Hay is the first dual language tribute at Makars' Court.

Kilmartin people hold key to helping others



KILMARTIN Museum is on the hunt for six people who live in the local parish area to take part in a survey aimed at improving life in rural communities.

The Scottish Ethnographic Survey aims to gather a small group of individuals and record them talking about their lives. Questions will focus on where they originate from, what they currently do and what their aspirations are for the future.

Within these loose parameters the group may also discuss anything that interests them.

The recordings will be collated with a view to making them available to the public and to be used by special interest groups - such as tourism, local

government, artists and education - to get an idea of how to improve rural communities.

Afternoon meetings will take place on May 17, 18 and 19 at the museum library with tea and cakes provided.

A follow-up meeting may be arranged some time in August to clarify, revisit and conclude the discussion sessions.

David Atherton, on behalf of the University of Aberdeen, is undertaking the project which includes work at one other small community in Banff, Aberdeenshire. If you would like to take part in the project and can spare three afternoons in May, contact Julia Hamilton at the museum by email julia@kilmartin.org or call the museum on 01546 510278.

Bowmore Primary School pupils go wild over planting project

CHILDREN at Bowmore Primary School on the Isle of Islay have been busy planting tree saplings in their grounds as part of a national campaign.

The pupils were visited by the Wild about Scotland bus this week and given 15 trees to plant in the school grounds as part of a scheme run by the Royal Zoological Society of

Scotland and Clydesdale Bank. At the end of the lessons, pupils were given trees native to Scotland to plant in various spots around the grounds.

The trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust, which were delivered by the Wild about Scotland bus to the Islay school.

It is hoped that within the

next 12 months, more than 420 trees will be planted across the country through the scheme.

A recent addition to the Wild about Scotland campaign, the aim is to help leave a lasting green legacy in schools across Scotland, with the additional bonus of offsetting carbon emissions.



The Wild about Scotland bus was on Islay, delivering tree saplings to schools.



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Giving Ardrishaig a gala to be proud of

PLANS are afoot for the 2017 Ardrishaig Gala Day, and organisers are keen to hear from anyone with fresh ideas.

For the second year this colourful community day will be run by Mid Argyll Pipe Band,

and the intention is to build on the success of the 2016 gala and give Ardrishaig a gala day to be proud of.

A post on the new Ardrishaig Gala Day Facebook page said: 'On the whole we'd like the afternoon

to remain the same family fun-filled event with the parade, fun fair and stalls.

Depending on local interest we are also looking into the possibility of a dance at night in the public hall.'

The post goes on: 'As ever we depend on support of local businesses to run the event successfully.'

Bookings are also being taken for stalls at the event, to be held on July 22.

The organisers want

to hear from anyone with ideas on how to improve the gala day experience, with comments welcome via the Ardrishaig Gala Day Facebook page - which is also where you can enquire about taking a stall.

Anniversary celebrations for Muir's way

THE JOHN Muir Way celebrated its third anniversary of its official opening last Friday April 21.

The 134-mile coast-to-coast route - which commemorates the

world renowned conservationist - was launched on Muir's birthday on April 21 in 2014 and has since welcomed visitors from across the globe. Around 300,000

visits are made annually to the route, with people either walking or cycling the cross country route.

It stretches across Scotland's heartland running between

Helensburgh in the west through to Muir's birthplace in Dunbar in the east.

For further information about the John Muir Way, please visit www.johnmuirway.org.

You can also like the John Muir Way on Facebook and follow the John Muir Way on Twitter. The John Muir Birthplace Trust can be found at www.jmbt.org.uk.

Ardrishaig serves up pipe band cash



Gillian Aitken with her tombola win. 06_a17soupsandwich04

ON A sunny Saturday, the people of Ardrishaig flocked to the North Hall to tuck into home-made soup and fresh sandwiches.

Last weekend's fundraising lunch for Mid Argyll Pipe Band also featured a bottle stall, bric a brac table and a selection of jam and pickles from Diverse Preserves.

The day raised £444, which will go towards the cost of running the pipe band, allowing it to continue to represent the region with pride in national competitions.

The band is also reminding all supporters that raffle tickets are available for the annual grand raffle, to be drawn at Ardrishaig Gala Day on Saturday July 22.



From left, seven-year-old Ryan MacConnell, wee sister Kiebe and mum Maureen from Glasgow, but originally Lochgilphead, were there to support the band. 06_a17soupsandwich05



Hard working Joan Robertson and Fiona MacLachlan with Mid Argyll pipe major Craig Lang enjoying some soup. 06_a17soupsandwich03



The tombola and bottle stall does a roaring trade. 06_a17soupsandwich02

Tee party for golfers

LOCHGILPHEAD golf club is hosting an afternoon tea party with a sparkling twist. Golfers will be treated to a prosecco afternoon tea on Saturday, May 6, in the clubhouse in aid of the Defibrillator Fund as the golf club tries to raise cash to purchase a defibrillator for the clubhouse.

There will also be a raffle to help raise funds and donations are always welcome.

Tickets: £12 for prosecco/wine, £6 for tea or coffee. Tickets are available from Donna McKellar on 01546602659, Phyllis Angus on 01546602763 or Ele Hunter on 07714233006.

The club is also offering free transport home to anyone who opts for the prosecco option at the tea party.

May day for Blarbuie gardens

THERE is nothing more satisfying than growing your own fruit and vegetables, and now that opportunity is open to everyone. Raised beds are available for hire at Blarbuie community garden in Lochgilphead, with an option of beds both outside and inside the polytunnel. The Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise is holding a May day event at the community garden on Monday May 1 to mark the change of seasons. It is an opportunity for the more green-fingered members of the community to find out what services are on offer at the gardens and to see the full work of the Woodland Enterprise at Blarbuie.



Several raised beds are available for rent either outside or inside the polytunnel.

There will be horticultural demonstrations and advice available to visitors at the May day event, as well as plants for sale. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy a chat with the volunteers at the Blarbuie gardens.

If anyone is interested in attending, follow the signs through the wooden arch at the top left hand corner of the hospital car park. For information on the Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, visit www.blarbuiewoodland.org.

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Safety first as Cairndow hosts bike event

CAIRNDOW will host a thunderous biking event next week as crowds of bikers are expected to roar into town.

Loch Fyne Oysters is hosting the third Bike Fyne motorcycle event on Sunday May 7 between 10am and 4pm.

The meet-up aims to emphasise the importance of biker safety and reduce the number of accidents involving motorcyclists on the A83 by educating bikers through complimentary training sessions and demonstrations provided by representatives from the motorcycle industry.

Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in free emergency care training sessions offered by Biker Down, a national initiative from the fire and rescue service. There will also be an opportunity learn to improve riding confidence and road skills through a variety of demonstrations.

Ducati Glasgow will be headlining the event to add some glamour to the occasion, while the Institute of Advanced Motorists will be providing observed

rides on a number of routes throughout stunning Argyllshire scenery.

The British Horse Society, Scotservs, MARTYS and Scottish Air Ambulance will all be in attendance as well.

Martyn Paterson, divisional director and deputy managing director at Loch Fyne Oysters, said: 'As a prominent business within Argyll, we are keen to raise awareness of the road safety issues surrounding the A83. We are delighted to be holding our third Bike Fyne event and look forward to building on last year's success and welcoming bikers from across the UK to Loch Fyne.'

A representative from Ducati Glasgow added: 'We heard about the success of the previous Bike Fyne events and we wanted to get involved.'

'We want Scotland's bikers to have fun while riding safely, so this event is a great opportunity for anyone to increase their knowledge regarding motorcycle safety.'

Further information can be obtained from www.lochfyne.com/events, info@lochfyne.com or 01499 600 471.



An array of motorbikes will be on show in Cairndow next Sunday.

Signs of summer as sailing starts

DOZENS of boats were hoisted back into the water as local yacht enthusiasts got set for the start of the summer sailing season.

A large crowd gathered for the annual spectacle as boats were precariously lowered into Loch Gilp from the slipway at Ardrishaig.



Nominate a queen for the Tarbert festivities

NOMINATIONS are open for the coveted title of Tarbert Seafood Festival Queen.

The festival is a fantastic weekend of seafood, parades, music and fun situated around Tarbert harbour.

The street will be lined with a variety of stalls from local businesses, with cookery demonstrations using

the local seafood. One of the highlights of the event, on July 1 and 2 this year, is the crowning of the festival queen and her princesses – after she has arrived in Tarbert by sea. A colourful procession of floats follows, led by the queen and serenaded by Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Sunday is a great family day out, with

live music and plenty to entertain children and adults.

To enter the festival queen contest, pick up your form from Margaret MacNeill by April 30. Girls must be over 18 by the end of 2017 and live in the Tarbert Academy catchment area.

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Car sommeliers: their most important work instrument is their nose to achieve the ultimate goal: the famous 'new car smell'. This team of chemists performs more than 400 smell tests every year, exposing cars to temperatures of 60°C. This profession also places some curious demands on them: they cannot smoke or wear perfume so as not to alter the outcome of test results.



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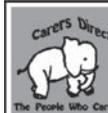
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- Clearing of Depot drainage systems, building gutters and down pipes. This may include minor repairs within the competency of the post holder.
- Reinstate the work area after completing tasks.
- Keeping line managers informed of progress.
- Report equipment defects.
- Report any observations of damage, ie fencing.
- Carry out any reasonable task as requested by Depot Management.
- Operation of all relevant Grounds Maintenance Equipment, including (but not limited to);
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- Grass Cutters/Mowers

In addition to having a qualification in horticulture or grounds maintenance, or qualified by 5 years relevant experience, candidates will have a full driving licence.

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Ardrihaig Community Trust Annual General Meeting

Ardrihaig Public Hall

Wednesday 10th May 2017, 7.30pm. All welcome. Member nominations to be a Trust director can be made by emailing info@ardrihaigcommunitytrust.org for a nomination form. Forms will need to be returned by Friday 5th May 2017.

Following a break after the AGM for tea and coffee there will then be a Village Meeting This will include information and presentations on initiatives in Ardrihaig. There will also be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Hope to see you there.

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Happy Birthday Mum
Love, Courtney & Demi xx

Happy 80th Mum
Love from all the family

THANK YOU
Molly (Mary) Campbell would like to thank all family and friends for their lovely get well cards, flowers and gifts whilst in RAH Paisley, Mid Argyll Hospital and since coming home.

UNTIL 40,
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school children in bee-keeping. The amount of funding that the trust receives is based on the number of Cooperative members' votes the project gets. Tarbert After School

Care and Clachan Village Hall are the two other groups looking for funding. Cooperative members are being encouraged to vote for at least one of these projects,

even just to support the Cooperative's community funds distribution policy. To vote, go to the coop membership web page to sign in at www.coop.co.uk/membership

City recognition for Ardrishaig piper

A TOP piping school has officially recognised the contribution of Dugald B MacNeill, originally from Ardrishaig. Dugald, 86, is a former director of the College of Piping, based in Glasgow, and in recognition of his retirement he was invited to the city chambers last week for an informal reception with Lord Provost Sadie Docherty.

Dugald was born in Ardrishaig and when his family moved to Glasgow he attended the fledgling College of Piping at 12 years of age. He competed professionally throughout the 1950s, '60s and '70s and won the march contest at the 1973 Argyllshire Gathering in Oban.



Dugald B MacNeill with Lord Provost Sadie Docherty at the City Chambers.

Relaunched restaurant with rooms is a winner

NEWLY relaunched restaurant with rooms, The Taynuilt: Etive Restaurant with Rooms, won Inn of the Year at the Scottish Hotel Awards ceremony on Sunday.

The Taynuilt, which already boasts two AA rosettes, was recognised in three categories at the Argyll and Lomond regional finals at the beginning of the year and contin-

ued its success at the national final in Glasgow on April 23. The awards, held in association with Scotland Magazine, are in their 14th year and are largely considered as

the Scottish hotel industry's version of the Oscars. The Taynuilt: Etive Restaurant with Rooms triumphed over three four-star venues to take the title of Inn of the Year. For the final, a

judging team toured the short-listed collection of hotels in the same category across the nine regions and awarded marks based on comfort, cuisine, bar drinks and ambience.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE is much passion, many deeply held beliefs and considerable concern throughout our country and our world today. There is also a great deal of sabre rattling, pugilistic rhetoric and just plain rudeness banded about by leaders and politicians of every country and every party.

We need to learn to find a new way to replace this old worn out way of constant bellicose language.

One politician recently said 'he hoped his party would take a few scalps' in the forthcoming election. This is not the way forward for a civilised society.

We all have beliefs we hold dear, and know how we would like the result to turn out, but shouting our point of view just doesn't help.

There is an organisation called Place for Hope and they do a lot to support people who are experiencing times of conflict or difficulty, mainly in churches. They transform conflict and embrace difference.

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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).

ENGAGEMENTS



MCMILLAN - CAMPBELL

Les and Elizabeth are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Colin, younger son of Alister and Anne, Dumbarton.

DEATHS

GILCHRIST - On April 24, 2017, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Agnes Jane, in her 88th year, much loved mother of George, dear mother-in-law of Bettina, dearly loved sister of Flora and the late Greta and a dear aunt of Peter, good neighbour and friend of many. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, May 2 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Ach-na-breac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Beatson Cancer Charity.

MCCORKINDALE - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 23, 2017, Thomas Buchanan McCorkindale

(Tom), in his 87th year, 14 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, much loved brother of Jane, Helen and the late Duncan and John and a loving uncle and great uncle. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Highland Parish Church.

MUNRO - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on April 23, 2017, Frances Joan Munro, in her 94th year, of 3 Arkland, Inveraray, beloved wife of the late Alexander Munro, loving mother of Frances, Roddy, Helen, Jock, Rosemary and the late Sandy and a dear mother-in-law, granny, great granny and great great granny. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Inveraray Parish Church, on Tuesday, May 2 at 11.00am, thereafter to Glenshira Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Inveraray Parish Church and Macmillan Unit, Oban Hospital. All relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCEACHRAN - Malcolm, Barbara, Ross and Beth would sincerely like to thank all relatives, friends, Facebook friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers, gifts, kindness and sympathy

following the recent tragic loss of their loving son, brother and uncle, Gary. Grateful thanks to Rev William Crossan for his support and wonderful fitting service, held at the Highland Parish Church. Many thanks to local police officers, Elaine and Scott, to Catherine Black for playing the church organ, to Jamie G for CD music, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for all their help and caring advice, and to the Argyll Hotel for a lovely tea. Special thanks to all of Gary's friends who travelled so far to pay their respects, this meant a lot to us. A generous retiral collection of £1,631 will be shared between Diabetes Scotland and Cancer Research.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMSON - In memory of a much loved mum, grandmother and great grandmother, Christina Alice (Allie), who died April 27, 2010. Missed every day. - Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimée and Lynne.



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Holy Mass Sunday 10am All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 30th April Bellanoch Church 10 am Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 29th April Achnamara Hall 10.30am Café Connect
Monday 1st May Tayvallich Church 10.30am Prayer Time All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926 www.northknappdale.org

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
30th April 2017
Worship Service Glassary 11.45am Rev. C R Acklam
All welcome SC0 02121

CHURCH NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th April 11.00am
WORSHIP SERVICE Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre 5 - P7) 10.50am - 12 noon in the Church Hall
Saturday 29th April Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon
Sunday 7th May Communion Service
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Drop-In Café
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 30th April Service at 11 a.m. Speaker this week - Graham McLean
"A City Set on a Hill"
Light meal to follow ALL WELCOME
www.livingstoneschristiancentre.com SC001752

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 30th April 2017
Skipness Service 10am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mrs Angela Stather
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 30th April Easter 3
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 30th April 11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 3rd May 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Youth Fellowship 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm Every Sunday (term time only)
Mainly Music 10.00 - 11.30 am every Thursday (term time only) Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN SC002876
All Welcome
Rev. Tony Wood, 01596552160
VIGIL MASS Saturday 6pm (except the 1st Saturday of the month)
HOLY MASS every Sunday 10am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 30th April 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Preacher: Rosemary Power Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All welcome

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 30th April 2017
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the Church at 11.15 am
Saturday 29th April 2017
Bible Society Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon in Lorne & Lowland Old Hall
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 30th April Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Kirk Session meet 10.45am
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 2nd May Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 4th May Choir
Friday 5th May Lunch Club

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

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 30th April
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
Service in Lorne Campbell Court at 4.00pm
Wednesday 3rd May
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
All welcome
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Kintyre and Islands candidates make their case for your votes

Robin Currie Scottish Liberal Democrats



Once again I put myself forward for election for the ward of Kintyre and the Islands. It has been an enormous privilege representing the area for the last 10 years and I would be delighted if you gave me your support to carry on representing you.

This election is a council election and as such is about local issues. I will continue to work on issues that you tell me matter to you, such as housing for families in Tarbert;

improvements to local roads; dog fouling and litter problems; and health and social care.

Since the last election, budgets have drastically reduced and it has been difficult getting what the area requires and deserves, but I have a good record of protecting services as much as possible and delivering the wishes of our communities. In these financially restrained times I have achieved a lot but there is much more to be done. At this time I think it's crucially important to be represented by an experienced and respected councillor such as myself.

Giving me your preference vote will ensure that you have an experienced councillor that will continue working hard for everyone in the Kintyre and the Islands area.

Anne Horn Scottish National Party



In Argyll and Bute we need an open and transparent council, empowering communities to make the best decisions locally for local people.

Roads are our lifeline and we need proactive maintenance of the roads network rather than reacting to complaint and crisis that we see now.

Better integration of the public transport service would benefit all of our villages and improve employment and social opportunities for everyone in Kintyre and the Islands.

We need to work with registered social landlords to provide social family housing where it is required, allowing families to stay in their local communities rather than they move to where housing is available.

We are living in an ageing population and we must have the right care in the right place to allow people to remain at home independently for as long as possible.

I will support all efforts to pay carers the living wage or more.

Robust, accountable leadership is required to support our excellent teaching staff, ensuring we 'Get It Right For Every Child'.

Argyll and Bute Council leadership needs to change, and if you elect me on May 4, together we will make that change.

Michael Kelly Labour and Co-operative Party



Argyll and Bute is in crisis.

Every day more people leave and don't return, unable to make a living and unable to get the housing they need.

Our council is a national embarrassment and a byword for bad government, where councillors can't even be trusted to keep themselves awake during meetings.

Despite this, the coun-

cillors are in no hurry to do anything. So many have held their seats for so long that I think they've forgotten why they even became councillors, now content to simply sit back and argue with each other over who gets to be in charge.

Sadly, the other candidates will not change this. They all have their little schemes and their private victories but none of them show any indication that they see the big picture here. There is no sense of urgency, any sign of anger at how badly we're being treated.

I have run out of patience. We need action now. We need councillors who will not simply nod their heads in agreement and do nothing.

If you too have had enough then I ask you to stand with me on May 4.

John McAlpine Independent



HAVING attended two hustings meetings and knocked on most doors, I am well aware of the public's concerns in relation to ward two, Kintyre and the Islands.

My priority will be to ensure that our housing associations build suitable three-bedroom houses for rent. By doing this we can secure the future of our schools and communities.

I will always support our main industries such as fishing - including processors - farming, forestry

and aquaculture. In a time of financial cuts it is vitally important that we get best value for whatever cash is available.

Presently we have many older people living in ward two. Most lead active, independent lives. Many, however, have care at home issues. I will continue to fight to ensure their needs are met and that carers are both available and supported in the excellent work they do.

I have been working hard to create an indoor bowling arena in Tarbert which would benefit all bowlers, both young and old, and plans are ongoing for this.

I know this ward and I know the constituents. I am approachable and hard-working. With your support on May 4, I will continue to fight your issues.

Alastair Redman Scottish Conservatives



A hardworking councillor can achieve a lot for local communities and I want to represent the people of Kintyre and the Islands ward on Argyll and Bute Council and try to solve some of the many issues we see around us on a daily basis.

As a native of Islay, postmaster in Portnahaven and a member of my local community council, I am deeply involved in my local community.

I want to make sure that rural and island communities are treated fairly

and with respect. We in the Kintyre and Islands ward are long overdue for recognition of our contribution to tax revenue and industrial output, whether through our farms, fisheries, forestry, dynamic small businesses or our world-renowned distilleries. I will continue to press for greater local powers and fairer allocation of public funds to our islands.

Whether it's poor broadband access or an inadequate mobile phone reception, problems with the ferries, potholes, cuts to bin collections or lack of housing I feel there is more our councillors could be doing for our area. I want to work with local people and my Scottish Conservative colleagues to make this an even better place to live for all residents.

Ed Tyler Scottish Greens



I LIVE near Muasdale with my wife, who is a GP.

Before then I lived in Tarbert, where my son went to Tarbert Academy. I served on the parent council, was a director of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, chaired the steering groups of Big Green Tarbert and Local Produce and helped on a number of projects including the TAWNI cycle/walking trail. I volunteer with Tar-

bert Community Healing Garden and am passionate about creating a thriving local economy.

My vision is for truly affordable housing that is warm and energy efficient. I will work to get more social housing built to meet people's needs and do more to bring empty homes back into use.

Quality care is essential to support people's health, maintain their independence and build more passionate communities. Investing in care not only relieves pressure on key NHS services, it keeps people connected to their homes, friends and families.

Greens are pushing for a revitalised local democracy where people are engaged and active in the important matters affecting their communities.

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Balliemore Cup
Kilmory 0
Oban Celtic 3

OBAN Celtic recorded their first competitive win of the season when they beat Kilmory 3-0 at MacRae Park on Saturday.

Celtic took the lead following a fine set-piece involving Andy Hunt, Iain MacKechnie and a surging run from winger Kieran Carnie, who coolly slotted the ball home.

The Oban side's sec-

ond was a good finish from Daniel Madej, who collected a loose ball from edge of the D and rifled it into the roof of the net.

Madej scored two well-finished goals, his second and his team's third following a Kenny Wotherpoon through ball and Madej rode a challenge from the full back before poking the ball past the advancing goal keeper to make it 3-0.

Kilmory's next match

is at home to Taynuilt on May 6 in the Camanachd Cup.

South Division 2
Inveraray 6
Strachur 0

LEAGUE leaders Inveraray reserves and second-placed Strachur met at The Winterton with the home side sweeping aside title rivals Strachur to secure a vital two points.

Veterans David Robertson and Euan McMurdo had Inveraray

2-0 ahead with goals on seven and 19 minutes.

Ruaridh Graham added a third on 36 minutes to give the home side a three-goal advantage at the half time break.

Euan McMurdo continued to prove that age is just a number by scoring another three goals in the second half, netting on 65, 70 and 87 minutes.

The win leaves Inveraray two points clear of Strachur at the top of South Division 2. This the second week in a row that the Loch Fyne club have managed a 6-0 win over their opponents, having still not conceded a goal in the league so far this season.

Premiership
Glenurquhart 1
Kyles 4

KYLES Athletic made it four league wins out of four when they beat Glenurquhart 4-1 in their match in Drumadrochit at the weekend.

Kyles opened the scoring on 17 minutes when MacFadyen sent a swerving ball into box, which dropped into the corner of the net.

The Glen drew level just before half time as James MacPherson picked up a rebound from a John Whyte save to level the scores.

Kyles pushed on with Sandy MacKenzie and then Gordon Whyte making it 3-1 just five minutes later.

The visitors were awarded a penalty on 88 minutes, however, Garry MacKintosh saved the spot-hit with his feet. As the ball broke, Kyles were awarded a free-hit, resulting in a Roddy MacDonald goal.

The referee awarded a second Kyles penalty but the goalie saved again, stretching to save Innes MacDonald's effort.

Kyles now top the table on goal difference, with Kinlochshiel and Kingussie on the same points tally.



Celtic and Kilmory midfield challenge for the ball.
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Allan Paterson and Scott Ferguson steal the ball away from Inveraray's Ruaridh Graham. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Women's
Camanachd
Association
South Division 2
Dunadd 3
Ardnamurchan 9

DESPITE a battling performance, Dunadd couldn't overcome a strong Ardnamurchan side in Lochgilphead on Sunday.

A Grace Jeffrey goal and a Carla Todd double gave Dunadd a fighting chance in the first half, however, Ard were able to convert their chances and finish the half 6-3 up.

The Dunadd girls kept their heads high in the second half but a goal each from Ard's front three made it 9-3 at the final whistle.

SPOT THE BALL
THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT **£300**

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

- J Holder
Wester Lodge
Tayinloan
- F Wilson
Grendon Court
Stirling

All you have to do
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.
Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

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

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Shinty news and views

McNab wins Tankard with Fyne display

THE FINAL round of the Fyne Tankard took place last Saturday in glorious conditions at Glenralloch Golf Club.

First round leader Bruce MacNab added another 69-5 for a nett 64 and an overall total of 128 which was good enough for victory. Malcolm Mcalpine was second on 132 with Keith Blair a further shot back on 133.

Any member wishing to play in the knock-out competitions should enter their name in the relevant ballot as soon as possible.

The club is hosting a family fun day and barbecue from 12.30pm this Saturday, April 29.

Sports club lotteries

NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 4, 5 and 12.

There were no winners this week so next week's prize is £200.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 2, 7 and 9.

There were no winners this week so next week's prize will be £500.

In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 3, 13 and 16.

There were no winners this week, meaning next week's prize will be £300.

Puffer runners feel the heat

WHILE the nation watched the marathon unfold in London, Argyll athletes put on a fine show in Ardrishaig for the annual Crinan Puffer.

As the sun beat down on the Crinan Canal, 111 runners completed the eight-mile Scottish Sea Farms-sponsored course last Sunday.

In the senior men's race David Savage's 45:22 placed him 32 seconds ahead of Campbeltown Running Club's (CRC) Stuart McGeachy 45:54 with Drew Dutton CRC third on 49:11.

The senior ladies' race was won by Jennifer Martin, CRC 53:23. Unaffiliated



David Savage and Stuart McGeachy at full pelt. Photograph: West Coast Photos.

Kirsty Duff's 58:34 split the team mates, with CRC's Emma Morran taking third in 59:17.

Other top three placed runners in each category were as follows:

Veteran men: all CRC: 1 Darren Renton 54:41, 2 Alisdair O'May 55:59 and 3 Stephen Blackstock 56:38.

Super veteran men: 1 Stephen Whiston, Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club 52:00, 2 Alan Cockburn, PH Racing Club 54:51 and 3 Ralph Hill, CRC, 57:01.

Vintage men: 1 Brian Hughes, Glasgow South Road Runners 51:22, 2 Andrew Law, Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC 52:24 and 3 Brian Howie, Edinburgh Athletic Club 01:03:50.

Veteran ladies: all CRC: 1 Jennifer Reid 54:48, 2 Katie Ferguson 59:59 and 3 Lorraine MacDonald 1:06:48.

Super veteran ladies: all CRC: 1 Jocelyn Richard 1:03:24, 2 Susan Turner 1:06:09 and 3 Janette Hannah 1:10:36.

Vintage Ladies: 1 Margaret Sinclair, CRC 1:09:53, 2 Elaine McCann 1:09:56 and 3 Leonie Sweeney 1:18:58.



Puffer runners get set before the start of the race.



Jennifer Martin - senior female Winner.



Inveraray's Euan McMurdo gives the Puffer a thumbs up. Photograph: West Coast Photos.



Right: David Savage - senior male winner.

Tarbert's tough season continues

**Tarbert 0
FC Argyle 3
SAFL Division 2B**

THREE second half goals from the visiting team from Alexandria made the difference at Cil Andreis on Saturday.

Due to several players being unavailable, Tarbert fielded several youngsters. Despite a battling display, the home side could not find a breakthrough in the first half and with player/manager James Prentice going off injured after 16 minutes, getting the win would be that bit more difficult.

Craig Gibb saved well in Tarbert's goal early on while Andy Guy's pace caused problems for Argyle FC. Tarbert's hopes of a result suffered a setback five minutes into the second half, when they conceded.

Two more goals sealed the points but Tarbert did not give up and captain David Ronald fired a good effort over the crossbar.

This Saturday, April 29, Tarbert are at home to Arkleston in the Hall Cup, their remaining group match, with kick-off at 2pm. The team will want another dogged performance to keep spirits up in what has been a tough season.

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