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Doors open on Ardfern's first social housing for five decades

A TENANT who has been living with his family in caravans for the past 20 years has officially opened an Ardfern housing development after being handed the keys to his new home.

Hospital porter Brian Sutherland, 53, his wife and two daughters have moved into their new home, after he cut the ribbon at a ceremony last Friday.

The development, named 'the Glebe', was built by housing association Fyne Homes.

Mr Sutherland performed his important task in front of Argyll and Bute councillor Robin Currie, who is lead councillor for housing, and Tom McKay, the chairman of Fyne Homes.

Joining the Sutherlands as neighbours are Carol Burton, 47, and Jim Hendry, 49, who have also secured a new house at the Glebe, leaving behind a damp temporary chalet, which had no heating or clean

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Brian Sutherland inside one of the new houses. 06_a18fynehome03

drinking water. Reverend Kenneth Ross, minister for Craignish Parish Church, said that the development was a fitting tribute to a local woman who campaigned for affordable housing to be built on the site for years, before planning permission was finally granted.

He said: 'Ishbel MacNicol, who farmed with her husband Hamish at Turnalt, really was the driving force for the project. Ishbel was session clerk of the church for about 20 years and

she dreamt and fought for 14 years to get this housing development on the church's glebe land to take place.

'Sadly Ishbel passed away about one week before the planning permission was granted. She is still very much in our minds.'

The £824,365 funding for the project was split between Airdrie Savings bank, which contributed £401,500 and an Argyll and Bute council Rural Housing Development Fund (RHDF) grant for £422,865. The final £1,500 was donated by Scottish Water.

Fyne Homes chairman Tom McKay also praised Mrs MacNicol's efforts in starting the process.

'It took a long time to get this little site off the ground,' he said.

'There was always a degree of what you might call 'resistance' from some of the local community. However,

the community council eventually agreed that we should go ahead and do the job.'

Mr McKay also said that negotiations with the Church of Scotland trustees who held the land hadn't been particularly easy.

He added: 'I guess if you are trustees of land which you hold for a bigger body you are always going to have to be very pernickety and careful about how you hand that land over to someone else but eventually agreement was reached.'

Mr McKay also praised developer M and K MacLeod for finishing the project on time and within budget.

Councillor Currie said: 'As policy lead for housing it gives me particular pleasure to see the realisation of at least five years of discussion and planning come to fruition. Argyll and Bute's contribution is money from a fund generated by council tax on second homes.'



The row of new houses at The Glebe. 06_a18fynehome05



Carol Burton and Jim Hendry outside their new home. 06_a18fynehome04



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'Dognapping' post sparks fear among Mid Argyll pet owners



The post that the idea is thought to have come from. 08_a18dogs02

PET OWNERS in Mid Argyll went into a flurry of panic on Monday when they were alerted to dognappers on a social media site.

A post shared by someone in Lochgilphead on to the Pets Page Lochgilphead and surrounding area's Facebook page, said that two Irish men were in the area marking houses that had dogs in them.

It was thought that the animals were then being stolen and used

But claims made on Facebook are unfounded, say police

for fighting. Police have since confirmed they have not received any reports in Mid Argyll recently or in the past.

One member of the

public, who preferred to remain anonymous, said: 'These things are put on Facebook and people are panicking, but there is no evidence

that this has happened or that the police have been informed.

'It has really been blown out of proportion.

Evidence

'As a pet owner it concerns me more that these thing can go on to sites like Facebook without evidence.'

It is thought there have been reports in other parts of Scotland and that it may have come from another post shared on Facebook in the Elgin area.



The post that sparked a scare among people in Lochgilphead and surrounding areas. 08_a18dogs03

Police files

Search for vandals continues

POLICE are still appealing for witnesses after a newly refurbished building was vandalised at Ropework Park on Campbell Street, Lochgilphead.

The pavilion building, which is used by community groups and visitors during sporting events, was spray painted sometime between 12pm on Wednesday April 15 and 12pm on Sunday April 19.

Police are asking anyone with information in relation to the crime to contact PC Benjamin Rusden at Lochgilphead police office on telephone number 101.

Drugs charge

A YOUNG woman who was suspected of having cannabis on Lochnell Street is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

The 21-year-old was stopped at 11.50pm in Lochgilphead on Tuesday, April 21.

In possession of cannabis

IN TARBERT, a man was suspected to be in possession of cannabis on Thursday, April 23.

The 48-year-old was stopped at 11.50am on Oakhill. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs report

A MAN was suspected to be in possession of cannabis in Inveraray on Saturday April 25.

The 37-year-old was stopped by police at The Avenue car park at 10.30pm. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Road traffic offence

POLICE traced a man after he was alleged to have failed to stop following a minor road crash on Pier Road, Tarbert.

The incident happened at 4pm on Friday, April 24. The 54-year-old is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for suspected road traffic offences.

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Biker dies in A85 crash

VILLAGERS in Taynuilt are in shock following the death of one of their own in a motorcycle accident a mile from the village.

Mechanic John Johnston, 34, was travelling east on the A85 last Wednesday, April 22, when he appeared to lose control of his Honda Fireblade a mile from the village.

He was thrown clear of the bike and was fatally injured as a result.

John, who worked in

Inveraray, Campbeltown and Oban over the years, grew up in the village with his two sisters, Eilidh and Janine and his parents, John and Yvonne, who still live there.

'Loving'

John was said to be a 'loving' and 'funny' brother, who doted on his three-year-old niece who 'adored' him in return.

He was known to work on bikes and the Honda bike John was riding the

day of his accident had been one of his projects.

Police Scotland are still appealing for motorists who were on the A85 between Taynuilt and Inverawe before 11.30am and may have seen John on the Honda to contact road policing officers in Dumbarton on the non-emergency number 101.

The road was closed for six hours following the accident to allow investigations to take place.

Argyll attractions in festival line-up

TWO VISITOR attractions in Argyll and Bute are getting ready to take part in Scotland's annual Festival of Museums, a nationwide programme of cultural events taking place from May 15 to 17.

Events include a medieval day at Carnasarie Castle on Saturday May 16, where families

can take part in traditional games and wood-working and also enjoy a beautiful falconry display.

At Kilmartin Museum, activities will be taking place on Sunday May 17, including children's storytelling and a medieval writing workshop.

Guests will also get the opportunity to see a new

display featuring the medieval artefacts from the 2013 Dun Mhuirich excavation.

The three-day long event is run by Museum Galleries Scotland, the national development body for Scotland's museums and galleries.

To see the full festival programme visit: www.festivalofmuseums.com

MSP vows to keep petition live until a Rest solution is reached

PLANS for a permanent solution to stopping landslides at the Rest and be Thankful could finally get underway, after an MSP vowed to keep a petition live. The Scottish Parliament's public petitions committee considered a petition

by councillor Douglas Philand, on behalf of campaign group Argyll First, calling on the Scottish Government to ensure that a permanent solution for the A83 at Rest and be Thankful is developed, ensuring the vital lifeline route is not

closed because of landslides. Convener of the public petitions committee, John Pentland MSP, said: 'This is a serious, on-going issue for local people in Argyll and Bute.

'Although the committee is encouraged

that a task force including local councillors and members of the Scottish government has been charged with coming up with a solution, we will be keeping this petition open while a clear timetable for a permanent, cost-effective solution

to the A83 situation is established.

'The health and livelihoods of many local people depend upon the right result. This is why the committee will be visiting the area later this year to understand first hand the challenges faced and see the expected solutions taking shape.'

Councillor Philand will request to be present during the visit to offer a local perspective regarding the issues faced by the people of Argyll and Bute.

He said: 'I do think this is a very positive stance by the petitions

committee. I do believe that to have the support of the committee is a good thing for Argyll and Bute.

'My understanding is that the new minister has asked for the options to be revisited as concerns had been made by some of the task force members regarding the costs and the options, this again is to be welcomed.

'It keeps the issue in the forefront and will be interesting as the next year's Scottish parliament elections, if we will have a commitment for the permanent solution with timescales.'

Work under way to improve road

A SECTION of road on the A83 in Arrochar is to benefit from almost £180,000 worth of improved road surface.

The week-long road works, carried out by BEAR Scotland, started on Sunday April 26 between 7pm and 7am, after which the works moved to the daytime.

The works are expected to be complete by today (Friday, May 1).

Temporary traffic lights and a convoy system operating under a 10mph speed restriction have been in place for the safety of the workforce and members of the public.

A 30mph speed limit has been in place outwith working hours, to ensure vehicles can pass safely over the temporary surface.

GPs team up to localise CT scanning

DOCTORS from Lochgilphead and Campbeltown have formed a new partnership that could see them raise funds for CT scanners in both regions.

Two GPs, Adrian Ward from Lochgilphead Medical Centre and Malcolm Lazarus from Campbeltown Health Centre, are leading the project and hope to organise meetings with UK charities to gain their support in raising the money.

Primarily patients who have had strokes, cancer or trauma will benefit from local access to CT scanners.

Dr Ward said: 'Cancer patients receiving chemotherapy require regular CT scans to monitor their response and they could have this locally.

'Using a CT scanner lets doctors detect whether a stroke has been caused by a blood clot or bleed.

'Those who have a stroke caused by a clot must receive blood clot dissolving therapy in a mandatory four-hour time frame.

'If it is not detected and treated within that time window it is too late.

'The CT scanner can save time and the lives



GPs Jeremy Phillips, Sinead Hutchison, Adrian Ward and Rebecca Helliwell.

of stroke sufferers. People suffering from spinal or head injuries would also be able to undergo tests quickly at their local hospital, which could cut out unnecessary transfers to urban hospitals.

Complete

Dr Ward said: 'It is very unlikely that this development could be funded by the NHS in the near future. At best, with support from other organisations, the project will probably take four years to complete.'

Based in Oban's hospital, there is only one CT scanner in Argyll

and Bute. Although this is the first time the Kintyre and Mid Argyll surgeries have teamed up, GPs in Lochgilphead have campaigned successfully in the past.

Local doctors spent eight years campaigning for the new Mid Argyll hospital and to bring chemotherapy to it.

Team effort

Dr Ward said: 'This is a team effort and all of the staff at both of our surgeries support the latest project.'

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Churches team up to raise funds for charity

TWO MID Argyll charities benefited when Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig churches teamed up to host a lunch for Holy Week.

The soup lunch was free to everyone and donations from visitors raised £313 for Befrienders and Volunteer Transport.

The partnership was previously a long standing tradition which lapsed for two years.

The Rev Canon Simon Mackenzie, of Lochgilphead Baptist Church, said: 'Now that both the Baptist and Parish Church have shiny new kitchens, it seemed time to revive it.'

The churches taking part were Ardrishaig Parish Church, Christ Church Scottish Episcopal Church, Lochgilphead Baptist Church, Lochgilphead Parish Church, and St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church.



Jane Young, manager of Inveraray Castle, with Will Montano of CIE Tours, left, and Charlie Smith of VisitScotland.

Inveraray Castle wins top award

FOR THE third year in a row, Inveraray Castle has won an award based on visitor ratings.

The prestigious Award for Excellence was presented to staff at a ceremony on Thursday, April 23 in Aberdeen by Irish bus tour operator, CIE Tours International.

It recognises the quality of the UK's hotels and visitor attractions by awarding a merit award to those who have received a greater than 90 per cent customer satisfaction rating.

Jane Young, castle manager, said: 'We're absolutely delighted.'

'This is a credit to all our staff, and shows our customer service is second-to-none, and it's really nice to have recognition of that.'

Red Cross week coffee morning

TO MARK the beginning of the annual Red Cross week there will be a coffee morning in Lochgilphead tomorrow.

From 10am until 12noon enjoy home baking, coffee and tea at the Red Cross Hall in Union Street.

Red Cross week starts officially on Sunday May 3. To charge up the grey cells people are being invited to try the Red Cross quiz in the Argyll Arms on Friday May 8 at 8pm.

SWI ladies 'amazed' at day in life of councillor

Balancing act between two demanding jobs

LOCAL councillor and mental health nurse Dougie Philand gave the ladies of Lochgilphead's Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) an insight into his life at their last meeting.

Born and bred in Ardrishaig, Dougie was invited to present 'A day in the life of a local Councillor'.

He spoke about balancing his education and full time nursing career with representing Mid Argyll communities.

Jan Williams, treasurer, said: 'Dougie moved away to study mental health nursing, but his fondness for Mid Argyll brought him back to live locally and he became actively involved



Councillor Dougie Philand spoke to the Lochgilphead's SWI about his work with the council and the NHS.

in local politics. Thirty seven years later he is still combining his nursing duties at the Argyll and Bute Hospital with

his council duties. Although they are very demanding, Dougie said he finds both jobs very rewarding.

'Members were amazed at the diversity of issues that crop up at the various meetings and sub committees he attends and the amount of time he has to spend reading up on topics before each meeting. It really was amazing and interesting.'

Following Dougie Philand's talk, the institute's annual general meeting (AGM) took place.

Linda Tighe retired from her role as president. Jean Smith was elected to become president from September this year.

Competition results for the year were announced and the following won trophies: Debbie Munro, Marjorie Wilson Paperweight for most points in handicraft. Jean Smith and Lizzie Scott, Joint winners of the Etta McLean Cup for most points in baking. Debbie Munro, Barbara McGuinness Salver for most points overall. Mandy Avcott, 80th Anniversary Salver for most points for preserves. Ann Johnson, Jen Shuttlewood Rose Bowl for most points attained at the Argyll Federation Show.

The meeting, on Wednesday April 22, was the last before the summer break.

Warm welcome at North Knapdale Church

DURING a service at Bellanoch Church on Sunday April 19, three new elders were admitted to the Kirk Session, not three new members as was previously reported.

Reverend Cliff Acklam

presented Ealasaid MacKay, Catherine Paterson, Norma Kelly with their certificates.

The congregation was joined by friends and family of the new elders and celebration cake was served with the refreshments

after the service. North Knapdale church gives a friendly welcome to visitors at their services every week at 10am. For more details see the church's website www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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Above: Nurse Laura Ronald with Natalie and Harris. She met Harris when she was on placement as a student. Now qualified, Laura has worked closely with the family.

Right: Mum Natalie, Harris, dad Johnny Law and sister Katie-Anne, eight.
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Mum who raised thousands happy to have her boy back

Family's relief as toddler Harris nears end of ordeal

AN ARDRISHAIG mum who raised thousands of pounds for Yorkhill Hospital for Sick Children is relieved that her toddler's ordeal is almost over.

Natalie Armour's two-year-old son Harris Law was diagnosed with a benign tumour at the back of his brain last July. After spending months

trekking back and forth to the hospital in Glasgow, Harris is finally through the other side of his treatments.

Natalie, along with her partner Jonny and Harris's sister Katie-Anne, celebrated by presenting Yorkhill staff with a cheque for £6,410 last week.

Natalie held a charity cycle from Crinan to Lochgilphead in September then a disco in Lochgilphead in October to raise the cash, as a special thanks to the staff who cared for Harris.

She said: 'Yorkhill became like a second home to me and Harris when he first took unwell in July. He was operated on within a

matter of days and I thought this was it. I thought we would be there for months never able to bring him home.

'But a nurse reassured me that I'd be surprised and Harris would be home in just over two weeks. She was right and just 15 days later he came home.'

In June 2014 Harris started to show symptoms, such as dragging his right leg when he walked. It was when he started being violently sick that Natalie rushed him to Yorkhill.

She said: 'I even bought him new shoes at first, thinking that that was the problem.

'It was like he was going backwards. We

are really lucky he was walking or we might not have picked it up so quickly.'

Harris had an operation to fit a shunt at the right side of his head, a thin tube which drains the fluid from his brain to his stomach. The shunt will remain in his skull permanently.

With just one more check-up to go in July, at the new South Glasgow University hospital, the family feel relieved their ordeal is now over.

Natalie added: 'Harris is like a different child now. Before he always had a cold or infection, but now he is much healthier and happier. He is so energetic and his speech is coming on too.'

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FINALLY the Scottish government will have to take calls from local councillors and members of the public in Argyll and Bute to find a permanent solution to prevent land slides on the Rest and be Thankful seriously.

It emerged during a meeting of the Scottish parliament's public petitions committee that it will be kept live until a plan to develop a solution is established.

It is good news for the people living here in Argyll who find themselves cut off from urban areas if they are unable to take a three-hour detour around Crianlarich. It will also make for a much safer journey because presently no-one knows when another landslide will occur.

Luckily, so far, no-one has been caught under a land slide at the Rest.

But for a long time most people have felt the government was not willing to do anything about it. Well done to Argyll First councillors who have championed the cause.

SOCIAL media has become an integral part of people's daily lives; from keeping up with friends, accessing news articles or listening to music.

However, hastily sharing information on Facebook without first checking the facts can often cause unnecessary panic.

This was borne out in the case of alleged 'dog-nappers' being outed in a Lochgilphead Facebook post. A warning that two Irish men were in the area, marking houses that had dogs in them, allegedly with plans to come back and steal the pets for use in dog fighting, was unsubstantiated, with police confirming no reports about the alleged activity.

Before sharing things on social media, double-checking the purported 'facts' are true can save a lot of worry for the public and will prevent the police's time being wasted.

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SNP broken pledges

Sir,
Why is it people have such selective memories? We are now in the throws of an election campaign and I hear all the time that the LibDems can't be trusted as they broke their pledge on tuition fees south of the border. They have apologised for that many times.

Are they the only party to break pledges? No, the SNP have an appalling record of broken promises since coming to power in 2007.

SNP promised to dual the A9 which is known as a killer road; we are still waiting for that to start. Many lives have been lost.

SNP promised to scrap Council Tax; promise broken. SNP pledged in Scotland to abolish student debt; promise broken.

The SNP pledges on education are impressive. To maintain teacher numbers; promise broken. No primary school child would be taught in a class of more than 18; promise broken.

Every school child up to S4 would have two hours of physical exercise each week; promise broken.

Alex Salmond announced in 2010 the Spanish company Iberdrola would invest £1 billion to upgrade Longannet and Cockenzie as well as £2.7 billion in Scottish businesses.

Neither the businesses nor the power stations received the cash input promised. Cockenzie has closed and Longannet will close shortly.

How many jobs have been lost?

No, you can't trust the SNP as they will promise anything to get a vote and then conven-

iently forget their pledge or blame someone else.

**Ursula Craig,
Rossarden,
Shore Road,
Cove.**

Stronger economy and fairer society

Sir,
It is time Nicola Sturgeon stopped talking about honouring the result of the referendum and wishes of the people of Scotland to remain part of the UK, and took steps to tell the truth about what SNP intentions really are.

The result of the referendum count in Campbeltown and Argyll closely followed that of the overall result in the rest of Scotland, of which 55 per cent voted no to independence.

Yet this week I have seen in our town centre, SNP campaign cars with large 'yes' signs with 'freedom' and 'independent Scotland' painted on them. Is her government's promise a lie? The party faithful obviously think so. They even resort to foul language and intimidation against Twitter users who show support for the 'opposition', via private messaging.

We have seen the appalling record of attendance of SNP MPs at Westminster so how can we possibly trust them to look after Scotland's best interests as part of the UK? We have seen our SNP MSPs take their eyes off the ball and our police and NHS have suffered. We have seen them disrupt the cohesive working of our local councils.

No, I cannot trust the SNP to work for me.

I want a stronger economy

and a fairer society. I support Alan Reid, our hard working Scottish Liberal Democrat PPC with a proven track record of working for all Argyll and Bute constituents. He has my vote on May 7.

**Joyce Oxborrow,
A-Chruach,
Campbeltown.**

Tory commitment to the NHS

Sir,
Our prime minister has recently made a big announcement on our commitment to the NHS.

So patients can be confident that they will get the care they deserve. He has made the commitment that a future Conservative government would give at least £8 billion more funding per year by 2020 for the NHS.

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You can only have a strong NHS with a strong economy.

Only the Conservatives and Unionists have a plan for that and this will ensure the NHS is there for you and your fam-

ily, whenever you need it. We are now the real party of the NHS.

**Alastair Redman,
Conservative and
Unionist candidate,
Argyll and Bute.**

Tactical vote in Argyll and Bute is Conservative

Sir,
Lately voters in Argyll and Bute have been inundated with leaflets from Alan Reid and the LibDems stating that a vote for the LibDems is a tactical vote to stop the SNP.

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Charlotte prevented baby Mary-Jane from choking thanks to training provided by Fyne Families. 08_a18frst02



Murdina Clark showing parents what to do in the event of choking. 08_a18frst01

Mum uses first aid on daughter hours after refresher training

A YOUNG mum used first aid training on her child last week, just hours after learning it at Fyne Families.

Charlotte O’Ryan, 22, was one of many parents learning first aid for small children and babies at a free course run by volunteer Murdina Clark.

Having completed the training last Wednesday, Charlotte was forced to use it when eight-month-old daughter Mary-Jane began to choke.

Charlotte said: ‘She was just having dinner and I think she put too much in her mouth. It was a piece of cucumber

that got stuck in her throat. I just patted her back like Murdina had shown us. There is another manoeuvre that you can use and it involves putting her leg up, but I didn’t have to use it because the patting technique worked. It was good that I had just been shown how to do it. I have already trained in first aid for children, but it was definitely helpful to have that refresher.’

Murdina, who recently retired from the British Red Cross, is volunteering to teach parents first aid at the group in Lochgilphead community centre every Wednesday morning.

Scout group in urgent appeal for volunteers

AS MANY Lochgilphead scouts move up the ranks, group leaders are looking for more volunteers to help out.

The 19th Argyll Scouts Group is the largest group in Argyll and Bute, now working with 70 young people, since its re-launch in 2009.

On Tuesday evening, the group saw eight Beavers each presented with a bronze Chief Scout award, the highest achievement for six to eight-year-olds, before moving up to Cubs.

Argyll district commissioner Carol Thomas presented the awards on the night at Lochgilphead community centre.

Three cubs received awards before ‘jumping the rope’ to become Scouts. Three adults received their wood badges, formally



Beavers accept their bronze chief scout award.

making them eligible to become leaders.

But with a number of people moving up a grade section it has opened up space for new members, meaning the club needs more leaders.

Anne Smart, Scout group leader, said: ‘At the moment we have a waiting list because, while we have 10

leaders, we could be doing with around four more - one for every grade section. We offer professional training to volunteers and particularly for young people to get involved.

‘It sets them in good stead to further their careers. It is flexible and we work around people’s commitments,

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Caitlin Crawford during rehearsal. 06_a18clap01



Josh Coates and Morven Reid in clapping action. 06_a18clap03

Clappers perform world maestro's music

A LOCHGILPHEAD high school group have been handed a unique chance to perform 'Clapping Music' in Glasgow.

They will perform a piece in front of its 78-year-old American composer Steve Reich, one of minimal music's pioneers, at Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall on Sunday.

The pupils are the only school group taking part in Minimal Glasgow 2015, which runs from today (Friday) and showcases work from masters of the music where less is more.

Complicated

The piece which lasts three-and-a-half minutes is very complicated to learn and has required nearly 24 hours of rehearsal since October with music teacher Stephen Povey.

Head of music Fiona Simpson said: 'It is a fantastic opportunity for pupils from a small rural school.'

'Pupils will perform in a part of the event called 'Pop Up Minimal' at



From left: Melissa MacCuaig, Amy Lockhart, Leon Bilton, Ewan McCulloch and Jamie Baxter rehearsing. 06_a18clap02

3.15pm on the Sunday and anyone is invited to listen.

'The pupils have already performed 'Clapping Music' in Lochgilphead during the high school's Christmas concert last year.'

Reich, the son of Broadway lyricists, has been described as altering the direction of musical history. He originally composed the piece for two performers in 1972.

Reich said at the time that he wanted to create a piece of music which required no instruments other than the human body.

Difficult

Mr Povey said: 'This piece of music is technically really difficult and is usually performed by university students.'

'To play it with the composer present is unbelievable for pupils from Mid Argyll.'

Performer Morven

Reid said: 'It has taken hours of clapping to get to this level, but it will be a bit scary to perform in front of the composer.'

Caitlin Crawford from S5 said: 'Your hands can get really itchy from all the percussion of the clapping.'

Josh Coates, who is also in S5, said: 'Your shoulders get quite sore and afterwards you feel like you have had a hard workout.'

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Black comedy takes the trophy

REPORT By MARK DAVEY
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THE curtain came down last Friday for the 67th year of the Argyll Drama Festival in Ardrish-aig.

Campbeltown's Accent players took top prize with the Dunoon Town Council trophy and their play 'That Old Black Magic' also won the John Brown Trophy for the highest mark in the comedy section.

Second placed overall and winners of the Oban Town Council trophy was Peninver Players with its 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal'. The group also won the John MB Anderson cup for highest mark for acting.

Lochgilhead Drama Club's The Play Reading was third overall winning the MacKellar trophy and the Maisie Reekie prize for stage setting.

Tarbert Academy's Drama Club A team won the Oona Campbell trophy for dramatic production and the Youth

Achievement trophy.

Adjudicator Alasdair Hawthorn awarded certificates of merit to all the youth teams.

The festival ended with two contrasting plays; Tarbert Academy Drama Club's B team staged Harry Glass' drama set in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942 and Peninver Players comedy, 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal'.

During his adjudication Mr Hawthorn commended Tarbert's B team for tackling such a difficult subject.

Mr Hawthorn said: 'Sometimes the best way to get a message across is by people younger than ourselves telling us a story.'

'It is easy to forget 70 years on what happened and we need plays like that to remind us that it affected all generations.'

Mr Hawthorn praised the use of brown earthy colours in the staging which helped the play look that bit more re-

alistic. He reserved his highest praise for Peninver Players, which had performed a play with in a play.

Mr Hawthorn said that for many who had been involved in dramatic productions 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal' was almost alarmingly too realistic.

Mr Hawthorn said: 'The four performers felt so comfortable in their roles that you could almost believe the play had been written specially for them.'

Praised

In his closing address, festival chairman Arthur Barclay praised all the producers and adjudicator.

He called on Mr Hawthorn to give his overall impression of the festival.

Mr Hawthorn said: 'Adjudicating has been a real pleasure over the last three nights.'

'The fundamental thing about these festivals is that they bring communities together.'

'The youth groups are so important, it needs the next generation to come in and get involved in the work.'

'Each night the festival has given you three pieces of contrasting drama. Where else would you get that for the money you are paying? You certainly would not in theatres in Glasgow or Edinburgh. Please get out there and fight to keep these festivals going because they are a pleasure to attend.'



From Peninver Players are from left: Lesley Armour, John Armour, Fiona Sweeney, Janette Hannah, Iain Ferguson and Anne Leith. 06_a18drama01



Tarbert Academy Drama Club players are from back left: Isaac Stainesby, Peter Tyler, Jack and Niamh Heggerty. Front from left: Susan Connor, Beth Atkinson, Cerys Baird, Gaia Silvan and Barbara Bell. 06_a18drama04



Accent Players collecting the trophies are: Martha Rennie, Kenny Johnson and Maureen Johnson. 06_a18drama02



Lochgilhead Drama Club members collecting their trophies from left: Ruth Morrison, Jim Morrison and Kirstin Thompson. 06_a18drama03

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Across

1 Leave the canvas shelter (6)

4 Vinegar acid (6)

9 ...It's off to work we go! (5-2)

10 Chatter (3-2)

11 Block house? (5)

12 Quiet (7)

13 Control rooms up high (6,5)

18 Finish, of a sort (7)

20 Orthopterous insect (5)

22 Run off to the chapel (5)

23 Fish with deep tones? (3,4)

24 Burrowing (6)

25 As arms can be (6)

Down

1 Showy bloom (6)

2 De-stress (5)

3 Chinese game (7)

5 Coagulate (5)

6 Tree product used for hides (7)

7 Tree seed, used in games (6)

8 Mode of secluded manner of living (11)

14 Rest (3,4)

15 Designate (7)

16 Favour (6)

17 Exercise treatment (6)

19 Sleep late (3-2)

21 Raised for help (5)

Last week's solution

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CHILD CARE

CHOOSING childcare can be frustrating for parents in Argyll and Bute, but this 'how to' guide is here to help them make a decision that is right for them and their child.

There are a range of private and public nurseries, childminders and pre-5 units, which offer a host of learning and fun activities aimed to equip children with a variety of skills that will see them into school and beyond.

There are many options for parents depending on their own and their children's needs.

These range from outdoor learning and activities opportunities to indoor learning to school pre-5 units and all are available throughout the region.

Parents need a childcare service that will fit with their own lifestyles and other commitments, that they can trust, rely on and is easily gain access to.

It is important for parents to know that their children are getting the best care, stimulation and learning through play.

With many families where both parents work from 9am-5pm after school care has become essential for many people.

Services available in Mid Argyll and Kintyre range from public to private or even one-to-one and each child is nurtured and cared for to the highest standards.

Nursery and pre-five services offer youngsters the opportunity to ensure they achieve their best personal development via the Curriculum for Excellence, while child minders are overseen by the Care Inspectorate to ensure youngsters are well looked after and start learning through play from an early age.

Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

Last summer the Pre-5s moved up into an Early Level classroom built specifically for them within the primary department at Tarbert Academy, a successful 3-18 school. The academy believes that a nurturing environment is vital for children to learn and develop through structured play. 'Play is the child's work' within the Early Level.

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- Emotionally – gaining independence
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Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

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Election day is only a week away

DESPITE playing a prominent role in the Scottish independence referendum last year, under 18s are finding it hard to engage with the general election.

For last year's referendum, on September 18, the legal age for voting was dropped from 18 to 16 years old, but for the general election the age group has returned to 18 years and over.

Mary Galbraith, Labour candidate, Brendan O'Hara, SNP can-

didate, Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat candidate and Alistair Redman, Conservative candidate are stressing that it is just as important for young people to engage with the general election and those who are representing Argyll and Bute as it was during the referendum debates.

Could all change

Since 1987 the Lib Dems have held the constituency but next Thursday it could all change.

Alan Reid said he thinks that it will be a close election between himself and SNP challenger Brendan O'Hara.

In 2005 and 2010 general elections the margin between SNP in fourth place and the Lib Dems was 13 per cent, in 2001 it was an even tighter 10 per cent.

The Argyllshire Advertiser took to Lochgilphead High School to hear what 17 and 18-year-olds had to say.



Coll McCallum, 18, said: 'I will be voting with my heart just like in the referendum last year. I voted 'Yes' then and hope my vote this time will be more influential.' 06_a18vox01



17-year-old Kieran Wragg will be too young to vote. He said: 'For the referendum vote part of me said yes because I think we should have had a say, but part of me said no because our year group nationally might not be mature enough to have that responsibility.'

'If I was voting I would look for what an individual politician says about creating a stable economy and job creation to make a future for young people.' 06_a18vox05



Rebecca Foster, 17, said: 'I will not be able to vote because I am not old enough. I do not think the general election will particularly affect me.'

'I do not feel confident enough to vote in a general election and think young people need further education before voting in a national election.' 06_a18vox04



Aedan MacKay, 17, said: 'I cannot vote, I think we should be voting because the referendum proved that 16-year-olds can have a say and are as aware as 18-year-olds. I have been watching the debates and when I see UKIP I really want a vote to do something about it.'

'It is hard to get youths involved in politics when they are unable to do anything about the situation.' 06_a18vox08



Alasdair MacKintosh, 18, is an undecided voter. He said: 'I am definitely going to vote. I think it is important to have your say in things, to contribute rather than stand back and say nothing.'

'In the referendum I explored both sides before coming to a decision. I have looked at social media a lot about this election.' 06_a18vox07



Fiona Cupples, 18, said that she does not plan to vote. She said: 'The general election is not something that has caught my attention.'

'In the referendum it was easier to understand the vote and there was much more information. In this election I do not know what the vote would do.' 06_a18vox06



Anthony Flower, 18, has already decided which way he is going to vote. He said: 'I will be voting Conservative because it will be better if they can finish the job they have started. I think it is important to vote and if you do not you might as well be voting for everyone.' 06_a18vox03



Patrick Feeney, 18, said: 'Honestly, right now I am undecided which way to vote. At home my parents talk about the election but do not try to tell me which way to vote.'

'I think that giving 16-year-olds the chance to vote was good - if you are old enough to join the army and have children you are old enough to have a say in how the country is run.'

'I want a fair government and one that will make improvements to the National Health Service.' 06_a18vox02



Stuart MacLean, 18, said: 'I am undecided. I did a lot of research about the referendum because I felt it was an important decision. This time I have not looked into the issues as much.' 06_a18vox09



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The visibility was superb as we headed up Loch Lomond and wound our way around Loch Long. Inveraray reflected her whiteness across the loch as the sea shimmered in the afternoon sun.

Argyll was aglow as April awakened her to the song of spring.

The journey continued in its perfection and Tarbert was a picture postcard in the sunshine.

Becalmed yachts reflected their masts into the depth of a sea of perfect blue.

Then we came to Ronachan.

Cars approached with headlights on, and they appeared through the mist like great intruders in our world.

We were enmeshed in fog.

We switched our headlights on.

Within seconds we came from sunshine into shadow, and the warmth of the sun was replaced by the cool chill of greyness.

We could see nothing as the temperature dropped to 10 degrees.

The world seemed silent and foreboding. The light had given way to darkness and the heat retreated from the cold. Things had changed. Our spirits sank and our mood dipped.

The car cruised cautiously in the curious circling mist. Our spirits sank.

We carried on to Tayinloan where we were greeted by a sun dancing merrily on the water.

We had passed through the mist and the gloom and re-emerged into the sunshine. Our spirits rose again.

The gloom evaporated and the light returned, the way ahead was clear and we switched the headlights off.

How quickly things had changed. How quickly our mood had changed.

The light had been briefly overcome and the world had dipped into a chill of despondency.

But the fog evaporates in the warmth of light, and gloom is vanquished once again.

Dance raises air ambulance cash

A QUARTET of Jura women have raised nearly £19,000 for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA).

Denise Rozga, Louise Muir, Deborah Bryce and Abi Beattall were involved in a car crash near Inveraray on April 6 last year.

The country's only charity-funded air ambulance was deployed to the accident.

As the women recovered on Jura, they vowed to show their appreciation for the emergency services teams. They held a fundraising thank you Valentine's dinner dance on the island.

Denise and Louise travelled to SCAA's Perth airport base to present a cheque for £18,816.



From left paramedic David Bywater, SCAA pilot Captain Russell Myles, Denise Rozga, Louise Muir and SCAA air paramedic Craig McDonald.

SCAA chairman John Bullough said: 'This is by far the largest do-

nation SCAA has had from any appreciative patients through a com-

munity fundraiser. For it to come from one of the country's smallest and

most remote communities is even more touching.'

ARDRISHAIG

Coffee morning

AS PART of Christian Aid week funds will be raised during a coffee morning at North Hall, Ardrishaig on Saturday, May 9 from 10am until 12noon.

ARDFERN

Dance the night away

GET your glad rags on for a Multiple Sclerosis charity ball at the Galley of Lorne on Saturday, June 13 at 7pm. There will be a bus from Lochgilphead to Ardfern and back.

TAYNISH

Arts and crafts workshops

MAY day art workshops are scheduled for The Mill at Taynish National Nature Reserve. next Monday, May 4 between 10am and 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Leading Mid Argyll artists hosting free workshops are: Sculptor Rob Mulholland, Lesley Burr on mosaics, spiderwebs and dreamcatchers by Margaret Ker, graphic design by Arthur Ker and stone carving by Melanie Chmielewska.

The workshops are next Monday, May 4 between 10am and 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

FURNACE

Curry and quiz

FURNACE village hall bar will open for a variety of events on the weekend of Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 10.

On Saturday evening from 6.30pm there will be curry and pakoras followed by community council chairman Mike Master's music quiz at 7.30pm.

Wonderland weekend

FURNACE folk will enjoy a Mad Hatter's tea party to celebrate 150 years of Alice in Wonderland, on Saturday, May 16 from 1pm until 4pm. There will be prizes for best outfit and or hat and a raffle.

Defibrillator

THE fund for an automated external defibrillator is £500 better off thanks to a donation from Cooke Aquaculture Scotland, the owners of Furnace fish farm.

The Scottish Ambulance Service has backed Furnace's application for funding and the British Heart Foundation has accepted the application as valid.

ORMSARY

Trip down memory lane

TAKE a trip down memory lane at Ormsary Hall with Tommy McCrae and John Brailsford senior.

The pair present a slide show of Ormsary estate life in the hall on Friday May 8 at 7.30pm.

There will be tea and coffee and home baking or bring own bottle. Everyone is welcome.

TARBERT

String concert

SCOTTISH Borders ukulele ensemble 'Dukes of Uke' from Biggar, will play a sing-along show at Tarbert Village Hall on Friday, July 24 at 8pm.

LOCH LOMOND

National park peatlands rejuvenated

A PEATLAND project in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs national park to help reduce the effects of climate change will be completed this month.

It will also create habitats for wildlife, be used for recreation and provide employment.

The £120,000 project is part of the national park's biodiversity action plan, 'Wild Park 2020'. The restored peatlands are at Beinn Dubh above Glen Luss and Auchtertyre, near Strathfillan. The work has involved supplies being flown in by helicopter and conservation workers enduring two-hour hikes in high winds and snow to reach the remote areas.

The restoration of these mountain tops meant blocking drains.

The benefits include; preventing peat from drying out and releasing carbon into the atmosphere and reducing the impacts of flooding by slowing down water flow for farmers and residents downhill. Eroded areas of bare peat have also been re-planted to help stabilise the exposed sections.

GLENDARUEL



From left: Alex Grey presents the cheque to Holly Walker of the Glendaruel Play Park, with Heather MacVicar, Jelena Finnie, Pete Currie and Bob Basford.

Gun club cash for Glendaruel play park

CLAY pigeon shooters from Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club have presented a £100 cheque to Glendaruel play park.

The donation was raised at the club's

Spring Open Shoot from the proceeds of the trap competition.

The money was handed over after the practice shoot on Sunday, April 19.

The club thanked the residents of Glendaruel for their past assistance and recent help with the re-siting of the shooting field.

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Young Farmers keen for new members

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers have announced their new office bearers, with the group also looking to welcome some new faces.

Fraser MacPhail is the club's new chairman, while John Pirie becomes vice chairman.

Michael Smith takes up the role of secretary, with John Bateman as vice secretary.

Alison Millar becomes club treasurer,

with members Kelsey Brown, Graeme McMillan, Robert MacKinnon, Fraser Cameron, Nichola Kerr, Thomas Irwin and Amy Gray joining the committee.

A Campbeltown Young Farmers' spokesman said: 'Young farmers association is a great organisation to be involved in, and is open to everyone aged 14-30 years.'

'There are lots of ex-

citing events and activities planned for this year, meaning lots of opportunities to meet new people both in Kintyre and across Scotland. An exchange weekend is planned in July with Bathgate Young Farmers' club, with other trips planned.'

The group is holding a new members' games night tonight (Friday) in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown at 7.30pm.



Lots of exciting events and activities are planned for this year.

The spokesman added: 'It would be fantastic to see new faces there for a fun-filled night.'

Join the group Camp-

beltown Young Farmers on Facebook or email any questions to smith-92michael@hotmail.com



NFU Kintyre Branch upcoming events

Annual Members Golf Tournament

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Youngsters get involved with the future of crofting

A YOUTHFUL perspective is to be brought to crofting with the formation of a younger crofters group as a branch of the Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF).

The idea of forming such a group was raised at a special gathering of young crofters in Assynt earlier this year and was consolidated at a meeting last week in Inverness.

Long history

Branch spokesman James Shewan said: 'We know that SCF has a long history of fighting for crofting so we want to be part of that.'

'But, no offence meant, people are getting older and we feel it is time for younger crofters, and those aspiring to be crofters, to get more involved and bring the young folks' voice out.'

'It is our future and it is up to us to help protect crofting and to

make sure it thrives.

'We want to give the young person's view to those that have the power to change policy that affects crofting.'

Around a hundred people - school pupils, young crofters, aspiring crofters, crofting elders and policy makers - had met in Glencanisp Lodge at Assynt for a three-day workshop on a vision for crofting and how to help the young - the future of crofting.

During the workshop there was an enthusiastic reception to the idea of setting up a young crofters' group.

Fiona Mandeville, chairwoman of the SCF, added: 'We are very heartened by the clear thinking of these young people and welcome them to the SCF as a branch in their own right.'

'We expect to see nominated representa-

tives coming on to our board and our advisory council.

'It is 30 years since the Scottish Crofters Union, as it was then, was set up so it is very significant to see a group of young activists again standing up for crofting.'

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Pen pals enjoy a life of letters and friendship

'I have got the names of 45 children from America who would like pen pals in Scotland'

IN LIFE it is rare to re- childhood into adult life. For a Mid Argyll

school teacher who first wrote to her American pen friend in 1977 when she was 12 that is exactly what has happened.

Minard Primary teacher Lesley Goodwin and Carla Perkins from Columbia, Kentucky first 'spoke' to each other through letters, then phone calls and emails, and now Facebook and texting. Yet, they had never met in person.

In another similarity in their lives Carla also works in education and is the Technology Director at Adair County Schools.

On April 3, Mrs Goodwin and her husband John travelled to Kentucky to meet Carla and her husband Tim. Carla and Tim have spent the last two weeks showing them Kentucky and Tennessee.

The finale of Mrs Goodwin's visit was when Carla took her to



Pen friends Lesley Goodwin and Carla Perkins.

Adair County Elementary School (ACES) last Thursday.

Mrs Goodwin met students from the 3rd grade and delivered letters from her own students. They talked about her and Carla's friendship and she told the students all about her school and Scotland.

Mrs Goodwin said: 'I have got the names of

45 children from America who would like pen pals in Scotland. Initially anyone interested should write to me and I will forward the letters to Kentucky.'

Plaque and flag

Mrs Goodwin presented ACES with a plaque and flag from Argyll and Bute and wanted to thank superintendent Reed, ACES principal

Steve Burton, assistant principal Sandy Wilson, staff members Alice Curry, Patricia Aaron, and Cindy Smith for their warm welcome and the presents for her students that they presented to her.

Carla and Mrs Goodwin will remain lifelong friends. Now their friendship has a new dimension. Carla and Tim

hope they will be able to spend a couple of weeks with Mr and Mrs Goodwin in Argyll.

Sharmarie Claiborne, a publicity coordinator from ACES, said: 'It just shows what can happen if you put forth the effort to make a relationship last. What better lesson for our youth to learn - personally, I can think of none.'

Mrs Goodwin has the following guidelines for anyone interested in becoming a pen pal:

Welcome to a world of friends!

- *Your new friend is called.....
- *The first time you write to your friend remember to tell them things about yourself:
- *Your age/ birthday
- *All about where you live
- *Your family and pets
- *Things you like doing
- *Your school
- *Ask them questions about themselves and their lives.
- *Include your home address and email address if you have one so they can contact you.

Once you have written your letter send it to Mrs Goodwin at: Minard Primary School, Minard, Inveraray PA32 8YB.

Once Mrs Goodwin has all the letters she will send them to the school in Adair County and then it's time to wait for a reply.

Mrs Goodwin said: 'Please try to keep up the correspondence as it's great to have friends abroad.'

'If you are successful, I would love to hear about your new friend if it all works out.'

Glassary go on a farm to fork trail

PUPILS from Glassary primary school visited a supermarket as part of a food and farming project.

Children from primary one to three visited Tesco in Oban where they helped to make bread and learned about the process of making it to it appearing on the stores shelves.

The youngsters were led over to the cheese counter where they took part in a cheese-tasting session. Head teacher Max-



Pupils helped to make bread during their trip.

ine Rowe said that comparing cheese made from cows', goats' and sheep's milk was one of the children's favourite activities.

She said: 'The pupils watched fresh pancakes being made and then ate them while they were still warm. That was definitely a highlight of the visit.'

The youngsters completed similar tasks at the fish and vegetable counters before being taken on a full tour of the store.

Mrs Rowe said: 'The children had a great time and the trip really helped children to explore and discover where foods come from.'



Primary one to three enjoyed making fresh pancakes.

Change for charity as it extends its work with young people in Zambia

THE ARGYLL-based charity Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI) is celebrating a change in both name and status as it moves into a new phase of its work in Zambia.

MALI has changed its status from Scottish Charity Regulator to Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) because its work is growing. It was formerly known as MALI and will now be known as ZamScotEd.

Pending the opening of the organisation's secondary school, St Columba's, it decided to become a SCIO to reflect better the range of work it is doing in Zambia.

Graduating

The school is in an area on the outskirts of Lusaka and it will provide places for young-

sters graduating from four elementary schools.

Charity founder Marian Pallister, from Kilmichael, said: 'When we started out, we were supporting the education of children looked after by two projects in Lusaka - orphaned children attending a community school in the parish of Lilanda and the vulnerable children cared for by the Mthunzi Children's Programme. That's where our name came from and the late Reverend Roy Flatt of Christ Church in Lochgilphead, who was our first treasurer, came up with the acronym MALI.'

'We will still send the children from the Mthunzi project to secondary schools around Zambia until St Columba's is up and running, but once the school is open, we will be able to

support the education of children from a number of surrounding communities. That's why ZamScotEd is a much more appropriate name.'

Allocated

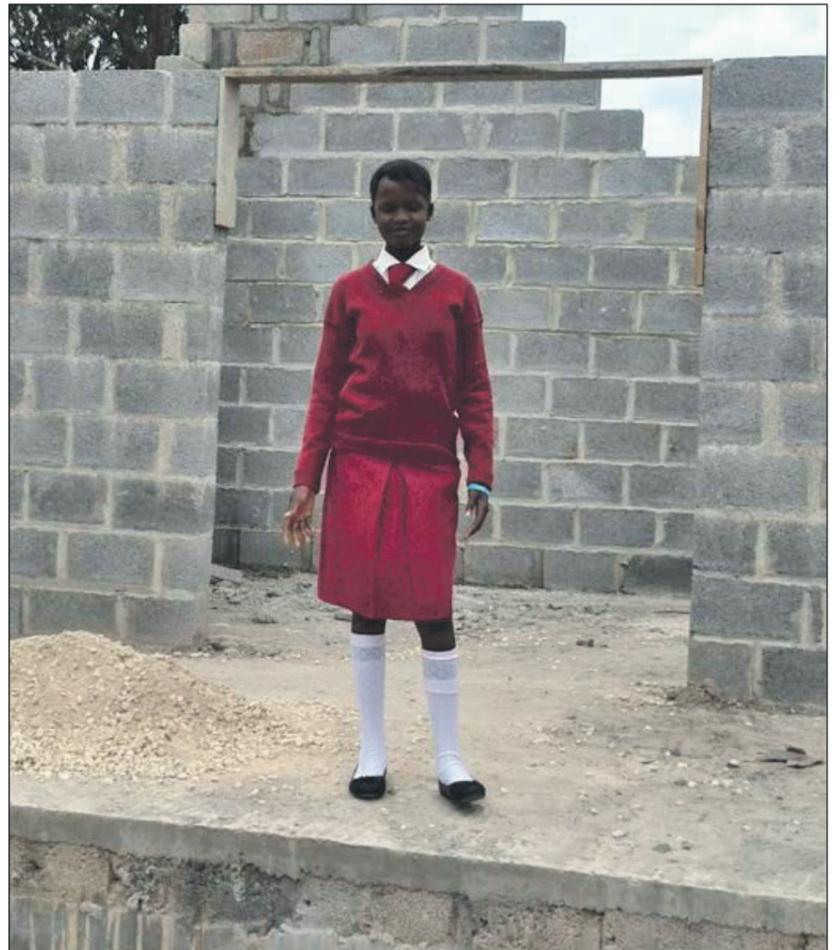
Marian visited an elementary school with Father David Connor of St Margaret's, Lochgilphead, where they were told by the teachers that although 40 children had qualified to go to secondary school, the places they were allocated by the Zambian government were around 40 kilometres away.

This meant families could not afford either the travel or the boarding expenses. Children in those circumstances will now be able to go to St Columba's.

Marian said: 'Just like in the old days here, when children from Lochgilphead had to

board in Dunoon or Oban for their secondary schooling, so children in Zambia have to be sent away - and too many parents simply can't afford the fees. If you can only feed your family one meal a day, secondary school becomes an impossible luxury.

'We will be positively discriminating to ensure girls are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential, but our main aim is simply to provide good quality secondary education for all the bright kids we know are currently losing out. ZamScotEd can do that with the continued support of all our friends here in Scotland. Girls like 15-year-old Justina Njovu, who is looked after by her grandparents, will have the chance of a future.'



Justina Njovu, 15, is one of the girls who is set to benefit from ZamScotEd's projects.



Organisers Eilish Malcolm, Theresa Sinclair, Denise Maclean, Anne Mackay, Sinead Pow and Marian Pallister



End of an era

A LOCHGILPHEAD church hosted the last fundraising event for MALI last week.

Members of St Margaret's Catholic Church hosted a coffee morning at Lochgilphead Parish Church hall.

They raised £380 that will go towards the education of the vulnerable youngsters in Zambia.

Barbara Miller and Ann Samborek (left) from Lochgilphead turned out to support the coffee morning.

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WITH summer on the horizon - whisper it - it is time to get out and enjoy some time in the garden.

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However, with the light in through the windows, there appears a lot to be done in both house and garden.

One little-known fact is that more people set out to improve their garden and home in the spring than at any other time of the year.

Most gardens need a complete overhaul after a harsh winter, especially if they have a lawn - often a keen gardener's pride and joy.

The garden is in effect, a frame for the home, the first thing seen by the onlooker.

It gives the visitor that all-important, first impression of a home, and says a great deal about the person living there and their standard of living, as well as being, in practical terms, a useful extension to the home.

It is a place to enjoy fresh air, privacy and the pleasures of flowers and foliage, bird song and the sky.

There are three main areas of a

garden that require care and attention; the pathways and boundaries; the buildings and decorative structures and the planted areas.

There is nothing quite so useful as the decorative paved area where garden furniture can be left securely, and enjoy the outdoors when perhaps the lawn is too wet to walk on.

Colourful plants and pretty foliage add a continental touch to a garden, and a brick-built barbecue area will make for perfect entertaining area too.

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For some time now, the bathroom has been considered an area where comfort can be expected.

However, with changing attitudes to heating and ventilation, it is even possible to decorate bathrooms with normal wallpapers or textured sisals.

Pretty curtains and blinds have replaced the boring, utilitarian window dressings of days gone by.

Lighting is both concealed for relaxation, and direct for specific jobs like shaving and cosmetic application.

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Oban-based Argyll Knotweed Control is leading the fight against the invasive species Japanese knotweed. Introduced to Britain as an ornamental plant, this aggressive weed can damage buildings and exclude native plants. Owners Stanley Jeffery, a garden landscaping

businessman, and Garry Keeney, an Argyll and Bute Council workman, formed Argyll Knotweed Control in 2013 in response to the growing problem of this and other invasive weeds, and have become the area's foremost authorities on what the Environment Agency calls 'indisputably the UK's most aggressive, destructive and invasive plant'. 'It really is a mutant weed, and Argyll and Bute is one of the worst areas in the UK for it,' said Stanley. 'Once it becomes established it can be particularly hard to control.' Property owners, as well as potential buyers and sellers, are potential victims of this weedy menace. And if knotweed, as it is prone to do, escapes one property and spreads to a neighbouring property, it can become a legal issue. According to Stanley the problem is so bad that mortgage lenders can refuse a loan based on knotweed. 'When someone is buying a house or site, the presence of knotweed is something they need to know about. The plant's roots are so deep that if it comes within seven metres for a property we consider it a category five situation and it must be removed straight away.' Stanley and Garry have more than 20 years' experience in controlling weeds and 48 combined years in the horticultural trade. Their team is fully NPTC qualified and certified, assuring that the best care will be taken of each property, whether residential, commercial or a new build site. In addition to knotweed, they specialise in the treatment and control of giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam and ragwort. For more information or to schedule a consultation, call 07810 445898 or visit argyllknotweedcontrol.co.uk.



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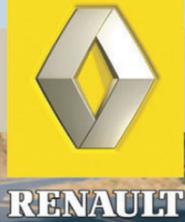
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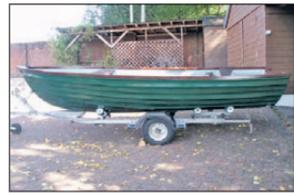
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Last fence for winter show jumping league

CLAUDIA Foster and her pony Rattie won the four-day winter show jumping league at Dal-tote, Achnamara.

There had been no clear overall winner at the start of the day but

by the end Claudia and Rattie had amassed enough points to take the overall winner's sash.

Enjoyable

The riders, horses and ponies gave it their all

throughout the league days, providing some enjoyable competition and exciting jump-offs along the way.

The final day's results were: Pre Pre Novice: 1 Arran Martin on Bud-



Winners with their rosettes.



Claudia Foster on Rattie.

dy, 2 Isla MacDonald on DJ, 3 Robyn Macfie on Tony, 4 Sky MacLachlan on Loui, 5 Cara Cameron on Merlin, 6 Jordan on Max
 Pre Novice: 1 Georgia Foster on DJ, 2 Robyn Macfie on Gems, 3 Freya Urquhart on Tony, 4 Niah Martin on Mee-sha, 5 Jordan on Buddy, 6 Morgan Sinclair on Faylen
 Novice: 1 Freya Urquhart on Dylan, 2 Meg Blackburn on Sol, 3 Wiktoria Wietronek on Woody, 4 Olivia Foster on Heidi, 5 Georgia Foster on Loui, 6 Niah Martin on Mee-sha.
 Intermediate: 1 Bethan Lemmon on Bryn, 2 Claudia Foster on Rattie, 3 Meg Blackburn on Sol, 4 Freya Urquhart on Dylan, 5 Olivia Foster on Heidi, 6 Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy.
 Open: 1 Bethan Lemmon on Bryn, 2 Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy, 3 Claudia Foster on Rattie.
 The points were added up over the four league days to give the overall winners of the league in each class as: Pre Pre Novice: Arran Martin on Buddy - 38 points
 Pre Novice: Freya Urquhart on Tony - 36 points
 Novice: Freya Urquhart on Dylan - 34 points
 Intermediate: Claudia Foster on Rattie - 38 points
 Open: Claudia Foster on Rattie - 42 points
 Many thanks went to Susan Doe and to all the parents and friends who gave up their time to organise, help and support the riders at the league days.

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'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength' (Isaiah 40:31).

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DEATHS

CASSELL - Pamela (Pam). Suddenly, but peacefully, in London on April 20, 2015, aged 77, beloved wife of Len and much loved mother of Andrew, Gail and Ian. Service at Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, May 8 at 11.15am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Parkinson's UK.

MILNE - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on April 24, 2015, Phyllis Christina Rollo, in her 99th year, Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown and formerly of The Anchorage, Machrihanish, dearly beloved wife of the later Sheriff Norman Milne. A private cremation will take place at a later date.

MURPHY - Peacefully, on April 18, 2015, with his family by his side, in Durban, South Africa, Danny, loving husband of Marjorie (Thomson), beloved father of Brian, Kevin and Kirsten, much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. Private cremation took place in South Africa, on April 21, 2015. RIP.

STEWART - Peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on April 23, 2015, Duncan Norman Stewart, in his 85th year, Allan Park Gardens, Edinburgh, dearly beloved husband of Wilma Stewart, much loved father of Neill and Norman and loving grandfather of Alexandra and Andrew.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCKINVEN - Mhairread, Sharman and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the death of their dear mother, Beth. Special thanks to St Anne's Care Home, Musselburgh for their exceptional care of Beth over the past two years. Grateful thanks to William Crossan for conducting her beautiful funeral service; to David McEwan for the lovely music she would have enjoyed so much; and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Thanks also to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services delivered with such warm personal attention and sensitivity. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended the funeral, and whose love for Beth, and shared memories of her, made the sad day so special for us. The retiral collection for RNLI, Campbeltown Branch raised £452.

IN MEMORIAM

GRANT - In memory of John, our dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away April 29, 1999.

- Jean and family.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012. Also a loving son, brother and uncle, Robert, died June 1, 1987, aged 16 and a beautiful granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, died May 5, 2010 aged 28 days.

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Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 3rd May
Celebration of Communion
The service will be led by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
'This Do in Remembrance of Me'

Saturday 9th May
Flower Festival in Highland Parish Church

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Sunday 3rd May
Sacrament of Holy Communion 11.15am
Creche Holiday Club for P1-P7 Rev P Wallace
Kirk Session meet 10.55am
Sacrament of Holy Communion 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th May
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
BBs Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm

Thursday 7th May
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 8th May
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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Sunday 3rd May
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12 noon Family BBQ

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

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12.30pm
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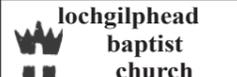
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Tarbert Gun Club's annual shoot for charity next month

THIS YEAR will mark the 10th year Tarbert Gun Club has raised cash for the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Lochgilphead.

The club is getting set to host its annual charity competition, known as Archie's Shoot, next month.

The biggest event on the club's calendar began a decade ago and it was member Archie Currie who suggested funds be donated to the MS Centre as a result of personal circumstances.

On the day of the charity shoot people are being welcomed to try out the sport.

So far, businesses in the region and beyond have generously donated a range of prizes that will be up for grabs at the charity shoot.

Five stands will be set up at Barmore shooting ground on Sunday, May 10. The stands will be sponsored individually.

Last year the club raised £1,500 for the centre and the club hopes to exceed the amount. Volunteers from the centre will be at Barmore on the day selling raffle tickets offering their support service to members of the public.

Lottery numbers

TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers drawn on Monday were 2, 5 and 17. There were no winners, therefore, the jackpot next week will be £200.

The numbers drawn from the Kilmory Camanachd Club's weekly lottery were 12, 16 and 17. There were no winners, which means there will be £300 up for grabs in next week's draw.

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Close match ends in defeat for Red Star

Neilston	3
Lochgilphead Red Star	2
SAFL Premier Division Two	

RED STAR travelled to play Neilston in this league clash but after yet another close game returned home on the end of a 3-2 defeat.

Star started off the game well enough with Innes Meikle and Aaron Moore winning the majority of battles in the midfield. As a result Meikle was able to release Docherty, who beat the Neilston offside trap and put his shot past the keeper and in off the post to put Star 0-1 up.

Final pass

Star looked to add to their lead and were getting into some good areas but the final pass was letting them down too often.

Neilston showed their strength as they got back into the game before half time.

They equalised five minutes before the break from close range but Star will be disappointed with the manner in which the goal was

conceded as there were several opportunities to clear the ball.

In the second half the Neilston players had their tails up and they took the lead. Star players were unable to clear the ball and the opposition managed to scramble the ball past goalie Luke Kalache and into the net to make it 2-1.

With 20 minutes to go Neilston went 3-1 up. Star did not give up and took their chances, hitting the bar twice within seconds as Neilston battled to clear their lines.

Despite pulling a goal back late on, after Calum McGuinness found the net with a fine finish from the edge of the box, it was not the team's day.

Star will pick themselves up from last week's setback tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Clydebank in their final home game of the season which kicks off at 2pm.



John Adamson on bike number 149 laps a back marker while in the air. 06_a18motocross01

Motocross star revs up in Lochgilphead

MID Argyll Moto Park reverberated to the echo of motocross machines on Sunday.

The second round of the Scottish Twin Shock 2015 Championship saw capacity fields at the

course just off the A816 Oban road at Lochgilphead.

Sparkling

British championship contender John Adamson from Paisley put in a sparkling performance

to win the Members A Mono-shock race.

Adamson was in a class of his own as he lapped almost half the field on his 450cc KTM to take the chequered flag.

Tough test for Dunadd Ladies against in-form Strathglass

Dunadd	2
Strathglass	4
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DUNADD ladies' shinty team fought hard on Sunday but ultimately league leaders Strathglass were the better team.

Strathglass girls made the long trip to Ardrish-

work from Shannon Wilson and Leone Airlie set up Laurene Cameron to score from 10 yards.

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Team from left to right back row are: Eilish Malcolm, Lorne Wilson, Fiona McLeod, Emily Brown, Iona MacNicol, Shannon Wilson. Front row: Leone Airlie, Iona McCulloch, Katie Donald, Laurene Cameron.

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Fighting for the ball. 06_a17dunadd02

despite having suffered a face injury.

The result leaves Dunadd mid-table going into their match away

against Strathspey on Sunday, May 10.

Star player for Dunadd was Iona McNicol. Manager Alister

MacArthur said: 'Dunadd would like to thank David MacAllister for stepping in to referee at last minute.'

Crinan Puffer runs smoothly thanks to volunteers

THE Scottish Sea Farms-sponsored Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) Crinan Puffer race relies on an army of volunteers. **Spoke** The *Argyllshire Advertiser* spoke to some of them at Sunday's event as they marshalled and encouraged runners.



Volunteer time keepers by the finish line, moments before the winner arrived.
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Organiser Kirsty Young said that there were 32 volunteer marshalls and about a dozen other volunteers including some providing teas and coffees at the finish.
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Jogscotland leaders Catriona Crawford (left) and Morag MacNicol both said that they had run the race last year and 'ticked that box'. On Sunday their job was co-ordinating traffic at Cairnbaan where the runners have to cross the road. 06_a18puffer09



Puffer transport co-ordinator Brian Robertson said that he was making sure no one abused the disabled spaces in Ardrishaig car park. 'I volunteered for an organisational role as I hurt my arm about two months ago in an accident and am unable to run,' he said.
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Stuart Campbell from Jogscotland described himself as a general dogsbody. He said: 'I was 10th in the race last year but am nursing a knee injury so have taken an organisational role.'
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Tina Barrie, from Lochgilphead, said that she had hoped to run the race but was injured so had volunteered as a marshal. Her friend Dorothy Clark (right) said she was a member of Jogscotland but had volunteered as the race distance was too far for her to run. 06_a18puffer07

Memorial trophy presented

A QUAICH dedicated in memory of the man who brought the Crinan Puffer race under the Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) banner was presented on Sunday. MACPool manager, Stuart Owen, 40, collapsed and later died during a beach clean at Lochgair last year. His wife Kay Owen donated a trophy in his memory which will be awarded annually to a person, nominated by Jogscotland Argyll, who has done something exceptional for the club.

Presented

The Stuart Owen Memorial Trophy 2015 was presented to Gail McGeachy, who joined Jogscotland as a beginner in January. With support from Gillian Rennie and Robert Scott she completed her first Crinan Puffer on Sunday.



MACPool acting deputy manager, Matt Walsh, Gillian Rennie, Gail McGeachy, Kay Owen, Robert Scott and acting MACPool manager Kirsty Scott at the presentation. 06_a18puffer03

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Runners race away from Crinan at the start. 06_a18puffer02

Campbeltown man is Crinan Puffer 8.5-mile race winner



Crinan Puffer race winner Matthew Turner crosses the line. 06_a18puffer01

A PAIR of Campbeltown runners were separated by an Irishman in the top three slots of Sunday's 8.5-mile Crinan Puffer race. Campbeltown Running Club's Matthew Turner won with a time of 45:39 which will stand as a new course record.

For the first time, the race was run in the opposite direction from previous years, from Crinan Basin back to Ardrishaig, so the old course record of 45:52 still stands.

Second placed Eamonn Staunton from Westport in Ireland, who finished in 46:05, led for much of the race but Turner was often only just behind.

Staunton spent two years working in Lochgilhead, which he said made him 'almost local'.

Last year's second

placed runner Stuart McGeachy from Campbeltown Running Club came third with a time of 46:22.

Lochgilhead's Ewan Dudding won the boys Under 18s race in 47:47 and Inveraray's Freya Corner won the Junior Girls in 66:25.

First senior lady home was Rowan Armstrong of Stewarty Athletic in 52:37, she was followed by Jennifer Martin in 57:52 and Phillipa McKee in 62:35.

This year the race was full with 175 runners signed up to take part.

After a safety briefing in Ardrishaig public hall they were bussed to the start at Crinan.

Race organiser Kirsty Young from Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) said: 'The weather was good in that the runners had a

tail wind. There's nothing worse than battering against a head wind. It was quite cold and there were some hail showers to cool people down.

'The initial feedback from competitors was that they liked running the race in the opposite direction and they enjoyed having somewhere warm, with teas and cakes afterwards.'

Other main results: Veteran men, 40 to 49: 1 Douglas Ferguson, 53:47; 2 Darren Renton, 53:54; 3 Cameron McKellar, 58:16.

Veteran men, 50 to 59: 1 Robert Rogerson, 50:59; 2 Andy Law, 51:40; 3 Benjamin Hands, 52:52.

Veteran men, 60 to 69: 1 Bill Duff, 65:51; 2 Edward Loughton, 65:53; 3 Stephen McCarthy, 72:55.

Veteran ladies, 40 to

49: 1 Katie Ferguson, 59:49; 2 Kathryn Munro, 59:55; 3 Isabella Perriot, 62:15.

Veteran ladies, 50 to 59: 1 Susan Turner, 61:37; 2 Phyllis Hands,

64:33; 3 Fiona Corner, 70:33.

Veteran ladies, 60 to 69: 1 Elaine McCann, 66:31; 2 Jackie Fulton, 69:29; 3 Jane McKenzie, 72:35.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: St Joseph's 4, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Kings Park Rangers 1, Oban Saints 4; Premier Division One - Jamestown 1, Dunoon 2; Premier Division Two - Centre 4, Dunoon Athletic 2; Neilston 3 Lochgilhead Red Star 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints and Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star v Clydebank; Division 1B - Tarbert no game.

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