



# Communities come together to plan big Crinan Canal revamp

THERE were many big and exciting ideas on how to revamp the Crinan Corridor at a recent charette, or design workshop, held in various venues along the canal.

Ideas ranged from a new arts centre for the area to improved signs and car parking.

It is hoped these ideas will come to fruition and help rejuvenate the area around the 215-year-old canal which has been called Scotland's most beautiful shortcut.

More than 200 people, including councillors and representatives from community groups and local businesses, attended the series of events run by Scottish Canals and Argyll and Bute Council over four days.

## Arts hub

There were calls for a music performance space and a new arts hub.

The area should make the most of the water by having better water-sports facilities for the community, the charette was told.

One of the main

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## Ideas range from arts centre to better signs and parking

things that came up was making the canal more visible and easier to access.

Crossing the A83, both in Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig was a problem with many suggesting it be made easier.

### Connect

There was a discussion around how to connect up the front green at Lochgilphead with the canal.

The event, between April 27 and 30, began with a walk around various areas along the canal to get an idea of what might need to be done.

Ideas were then proposed on what could be improved and these ideas were developed over the course of the charette.

Local children got involved and wrote post-

cards detailing what they wanted the place to look like in 10 years. The much discussed skate park was put forward by a few while others wanted better shops with New Look being a favourite.

Children also expected a cinema to be in place in 10 years and one Ardrishaig girl hoped unicorns would have been discovered.

Coming through loud and clear was the need to work together and this sentiment was shared by local councillor Sandy Taylor who said: 'There are different towns and communities along the canal, but we need to work together to make these ideas happen.'

Christopher Breslin, strategic planning and design manager at Scottish Canals, said:

'We were delighted with the turnout at the Crinan Corridor Charette, where members of the community battled rain, snow, hail - and even the odd spot of sunshine - to share their vision for the future of the area.'

'Taking place within the communities of Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Cairnbaan and Crinan, the sessions were creative, dynamic and generated a number of exciting ideas, from the creation of a new arts and cultural centre; to the revitalisation of the former Bridge House Hotel; the return of the Crinan Canal Festival; new possibilities for the Lochgilphead Front Green and the regeneration of the Ardrishaig waterfront.'

'We'll be looking into all those ideas over the next few weeks before a follow-up exhibition in the summer that will allow local people to have a further say on which projects should be prioritised and how funding could be unlocked to take them forward.'



## Snowman heralds in a heatwave

This happy snowman made an appearance in Lochgilphead after four-year-old Charlie Blair and his grandad Colin Blair made the most of the unseasonable snowfall late last week. Mid Argyll, and much of Scotland, has recently had a mixture of sunshine, snow, hail and even thunder and lightning. Forecasters are predicting a heatwave is due this weekend.



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# Ardrishaig hall ownership options to be explored

THE POSSIBILITY of Ardrishaig Public Hall changing ownership was discussed at the management committee's annual general meeting to which everyone was invited.

The hall was gifted to, and is still owned by, the people of Ardrishaig. There are trustees who are appointed for life and a management committee to oversee the day to day running of the hall. As it is not a single legal entity it has been difficult to get funding for much-needed renovation.

Committee chairman Kevin Williamson told the meeting: 'We've not given up but funders look at who we are and what we do and the hall has a very antiquated ownership

structure.' He continued: 'We thought firstly of making it a trust but then we realised there was already one (Ardrishaig Community Trust) and the sensible thing would be to pass it to them.'

The committee wanted to come away from this meeting with a clear mandate to pursue this with the trust but there was a debate over whether this had been made clear on the flyers that had been distributed to everyone in Ardrishaig.

There were some objections to the possibility of changing ownership.

Jane McCurdie of Lochgilphead Phoenix Project said: 'Ardrishaig people own the building and the land, it should stay like

that. Those who raised the money for the hall raised it for the people of Ardrishaig.'

She also asked if the committee had thought of the possibility of leasing the building to the trust and pointed to the example of Harbro leasing the clock lodge from the Phoenix project. There were also suggestions of alternative sources of funding from the floor.

The committee stressed little would change. 'It'll still be the same building, the same groups using it and the committee will still be the same,' said Mr Williamson.

A vote on the motion that the management committee explore ownership scenarios with the community trust was passed.



A public meeting was held at Ardrishaig Hall. 06\_a17ardhall01

## Police files

### Tayvallich break in

A HOME in Tayvallich was broken into between 2pm on April 21 and 2pm on April 25.

A 32-year-old man has been arrested and charged with house-breaking with intent to steal.

This is not linked to the previous house-breaking incidents in Mid Argyll.

### Shoplifting

A BOTTLE of alcohol was stolen from the Co-op in Oban Road at 9.30pm on April 26.

A 72-year-old man was traced and issued with a recorded police warning.

### Careless driving

ABOUT 8pm on April 27 a collision occurred between a Renault and a Volvo near Brenfield,

Ardrishaig. A 30-year-old man was arrested for careless driving and no one was injured in the incident. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

### Theft

A TELEVISION was stolen from a house leading to West Loch Tarbert Pier between 8am and 6.30pm on April 28. Police are appealing for witnesses.

### Defective tyre

A CAR was stopped for routine checks at 2.50pm on April 30 at Dalmally Road, Inveraray. The vehicle had a defective tyre and a 42-year-old man was charged. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

### Car damaged

A BLACK coloured Volkswagen Golf, parked in Colchester Square, Lochgilphead was damaged by a car (thought to be a black coloured Audi) which did not stop and report the incident.

This happened at 4.45pm on April 30. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any information.

### Careless driving

A CAR was reported as being driven erratically on the A83 between Lochgilphead and Inveraray at 8.40pm on May 1.

The vehicle was traced and a 73-year-old man was charged with careless driving.

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### Residents unable to get routine dental appointments

LOCHGILPHEAD residents can't get a dental appointment unless they are in pain.

Donna Galbraith phoned for an appointment but was told: 'If you're not in pain we can't see you'.

Donna said: 'My teeth are needing filled and I might not get seen for six months.'

This is due to a popular dentist being seconded to Campbeltown for six months and there are no dentists available to take on his patients.

Reports on social media suggest this has been a problem for several people.

Donna added she had phoned for an appointment 16 times over the last six months and can't get an appointment for her 10-year-old daughter either.

An NHS Highland spokesman said: 'There are two full time dentists and a part time hygienist at the dental practice within Mid Argyll Community Hospital and we are currently trying to recruit an additional dentist to replace the dentist who has been seconded to Campbeltown.'

All patients experiencing pain will be seen first by the practice and it will then prioritise those patients requiring routine treatment.'

# Meeting on parking proposals



A meeting is to be held to let residents air their views on parking in Lochgilphead.

THERE will be an information event for residents of Lochgilphead to air their views on parking in the town.

The meeting will take place at the Community Centre, Lochgilphead, on Monday May 9 from 4pm until 6pm.

It is part of a consultation on parking throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre being carried out by Argyll and Bute Council. Proposals include extending the waiting time at Colchester Square to one hour and introducing limited waiting time at the Bank of

Scotland at Lochgilphead.

Jim Smith, Argyll and Bute Council's head of roads and amenity services, said: 'This informal public consultation is a key stage in our parking review process. It is the views of local people who park their cars in our towns that matter. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for people to give us feedback on the proposals. It's this feedback which will be used to inform the final plans.'

'We want local people

to take ownership of their towns, playing their part in developing the best, practical solutions.'

'What we are trying to do is improve the area both for the people who live here but also for visitors. Our overall aim is to create parking turnover in the centre of our towns, supporting both local businesses and consumers, ensuring there is enough short-stay parking for people to go about their daily businesses, with longer-stay parking outwith town centres.'

## Helpline reveals reasons behind Argyll and Bute's empty homes

CALLS to a helpline set up to bring some of Argyll and Bute's empty homes back into use have revealed the reasons why the properties remain vacant.

It showed that people are often reluctant to become landlords and worry about the responsibility this would bring. Others are waiting for house prices to go up before they sell.

People also have an emotional attachment to homes and are upset at the idea of selling a family home where they had a happy childhood.

Costs to renovate an

empty home and not knowing how to go about selling can also put people off.

The helpline was set up by the Empty Homes Partnership which is run by Shelter and funded by the Scottish Government.

Kristen Hubert from the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership, said: 'One year on from the launch of the empty homes helpline, we have helped owners in Argyll and Bute to start the process of bringing their properties back into use, either for themselves or others in need of a home.'

'Whatever the

reason for an empty home – whether it's because the owner has sentimental attachment to it or they simply don't have the finances to carry out repair work, we are here to help find solutions.'

'While 27,000 long-term empty homes lay empty across Scotland there are 150,000 families and individuals on waiting lists for a home. Making use of the existing housing stock makes both social and economic sense and whilst empty homes alone won't solve Scotland's housing crisis, they can be part of the solution.'

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Judge Kevin Boland offers his adjudication at the end of the evening. 06\_a19drama04

# Curtain goes up on

YOUTH and experience were in evidence at the 68th Argyll Drama Festival in Ardrish-aig Public Hall.

In front of eminent judge, Kevin Boland, the first evening opened with youngsters.

Strachur Youth and Drama Club moved the audience with a production of *The Struggles*, a drama centred on a young girl's struggles with dyslexia and her dawning realisation that she is at least as talented as her friends. In the lead role of Megan, Alice MacLellan put in an assured performance, conveying the character's vulnerability and pain as she overcomes her condition.

Simply staged and well-rehearsed, the nine-strong cast - the oldest just 12 years old - played their parts with passion and were virtually word-perfect.

Next it was the turn of the first adult company of the night, Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club 'A', with a production contrasting starkly with the preceding show.

Set in the waiting room of a maternity hospital, the comedy *Parentcraft* held a sur-

prise ending as it examined human vanity and frailties.

Anuschka Miller offered a powerful presence in the lead character of Sharon, a mother expecting her seventh child. Or was she?

But it was Siobhan, played by Emma Law, who sparked most of the humour with gags around her nice-but-dim character's fixation on men in uniform. Dodgy father-to-be Derek (James Coogan) - tormented by Sharon over his cash in hand dealings in front of expectant tax inspector Lesley, played by Eilish Thomson - decides to do a little digging on Sharon's background.

It turns out, rather than the strong charac-

ter who pops out children like shelling peas, she is a lonely, childless woman desperately looking for a way to fill a void she perceives in her own life. It was an unexpected, and emotional, end to an entertaining show.

Deemed the winner for the evening was the final play *When I Snap my Fingers* performed by Peninver Players Drama Club.

The curtain opens on a stage show by hypnotist The Great Svengali, played very convincingly by John Armour. The fiendish Svengali plants trigger words in two unsuspecting subjects, and these remain after the show is past and the married couple are back home to

host a dinner party. But the dinner party guests are none other than the husband's new American boss and his surgically-enhanced wife.

The couple, Simon Moffat (Iain Ferguson) and Maria (Janette Hannah) go on that evening to embarrass the life out of teenage daughter Sally, played by Amy McCallum by performing impromptu striptease acts, falling in love with people they happen to be looking at and running around screaming like a toddler. And worse.

It all comes good in the end, as Svengali has the tables turned on him and the confused Americans head home wondering what has just hit them.



Overall winners for Wednesday's performances, Peninver Players and Drama Club, Amy McCallum, John Armour, Fiona Sweeny, David McCallum, Janette Hannah and Iain Ferguson with supporters. 06\_a19drama03

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# successful Argyll Drama Festival

The second night saw the second youth group from Tarbert Academy perform *The Pilgrimage* to a packed hall. Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club presented comedy *Jilted Lovers Helpline* before home group Lochgilphead Drama Club performed *Mrs Meadowsweet*.

On the final night it was the turn of two groups from Arran to perform. First up was Shiskine Scottish Women's Institute performing *Daisy Markham*. Daisy is having difficulty accepting growing old, despite being 102. After ending up in hospital following a fall she is given carers who she refuses to let in.

Eventually one, Jenny, is allowed in and

the two get on well. In poignant scenes, Daisy tells Jenny much of her life story. This included having a child taken from her when

she fell pregnant out of wedlock and then being unable to have any other children with her husband.

Final act of the festi-

val was Pirnmill Players who performed *Seize the Day* written by its very own Wilma Morton who also played Morag

and Chantelle. They are performing a radio play where three ladies, and daughter Chantelle, are trapped on a train between In-

verness and Glasgow. Heavily pregnant Roisin then goes into labour.

Miss Scott is forced to take control of the

situation while trying to also calm slightly eccentric Estelle and keep nine-year-old Chantelle from seeing things she shouldn't.



In an expectant mood are Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club (A), from left to right: Anuschka Miller, Emma Law, James Coogan, Eilish Thomson and Sarah-Jane Pugh. 06\_a19drama02



The children of Strachur Youth and Drama Club, with teachers and stage managers Kirstie Dowse, left, and Sheena Dowse, right. The children are, left to right: Annie Liddell, Mairi Cameron, Corina McNaughton, Mia Ferrari, Alice MacLellan, Pippa MacLellan, Gabriella Montgomery, Alex McPhail and Ben Simpson 06\_a19drama01



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## Drama festival

THE ARGYLL Drama Festival was a treat for those who love live theatre and a chance for drama groups to get out and perform.

The middle night had the biggest crowd which is perhaps no surprise as it was Lochgilphead Drama Club performing and there would have been no shortage of proud parents wanting to see the children of Tarbert Academy perform that night.

All the plays were given confidently and very much enjoyed by the audience. It's a great credit to the groups that the plays were often written by a member of the group too.

## Community gardens

THE COMMUNITY gardens recently opened at Blarbuie woodland is a great way to get the community involved with the woodland and with nature.

It was particularly heartening to see so many green-fingered children begin planting their gardens.

Sometimes it can be hard to find the time in our busy lives to take time out to grow a garden but, as we were reminded at the opening, it is important to look after our well-being.

In the coming weeks and months hopefully the weather will be kind and there will be lots of flowers, vegetables and herbs growing. There has been a dedicated team involved in getting this project off the ground and they have big plans for its future too.

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## Street party success

Sir,  
We would like to thank all the businesses in Inveraray and everyone else who contributed to make the Chalmers Court street party such a success.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge the support of Audrey in the Londis shop and Kris from the George Hotel. Special thanks also to Ian Lindsay, who put up the marquee.

We raised £420, which will be split between the SSPCA dog home at Milton, Dumbarton and to RNIB Scotland.

**The Golden Girls (Fran, Barbara and Maggie), Chalmers Court, Inveraray**

## Sheep worrying

Sir,  
I would like to start by saying no sane person wants to see a dog attack or worrying sheep, and to that effect most dog owners do act responsibly when around sheep or in sheep country.

But I do feel that there is another side to this story, that of the farmer's responsibility; most, I feel, already act in such a manner but could it be better?

Recently nearly a dozen sheep were seen wandering around on Forestry Commission land in Mid Argyll, with well-marked public walks all around. Responsible dog walkers visit this area partly as it is sheep-free.

Despite efforts to inform the farmer and several reports to the police, as the sheep were on occasion heading towards the main road, they remained loose for six weeks.

It was not until concern was raised with the Forestry Commission that the farmer rounded up the sheep, free grazing perhaps, negligent at best; but you can guarantee that it would be an unsuspecting dog owner that would be hauled into public disgrace if a dog were to chase these sheep or worse.

My message here is simple; both sides need to act responsibly.

**Name and address supplied**

## Fewer weeds and more roses

Sir,  
Prompted by a series of bad news front page reports in the Argyllshire Advertiser and especially the headline in the April 8 edition 'Failure to resolve broadband problems fuels Tarbert anger' which included quotes from local businesses which rely on tourism, which includes almost all businesses in Argyll, I would like to highlight some good news for local tourism businesses on the digital front and make a plea for fewer bad news headlines.

First the good news that Argyll and The Isles Tourism Cooperative is supporting the roll-out of the Digital Tourism Scotland programme across Argyll and The Isles.

Secondly less of the bad news please. Any outsider or potential visitor reading the paper would think that Mid Argyll is an area to be avoided at all costs, and that its inhabitants are the most dissatisfied and deprived citizens in the Northern Hemisphere. Thankfully we have the 'Thought for the Week' column of Marlyn Shedden (especially last week's) which acts as an antidote and usually some other cheerful news, but they are tucked away in the back pages. And there was the upbeat CalMac publication distributed with the previous week's copy to remind us how privileged we are to live on Scotland's west coast.

So to quote Marilyn loosely, 'fewer weeds and more roses' on the front page in future please. If you want more positive copy we can supply you with unlimited testimonials from tourists who come back year after year.

**Jonathan Sheldrick  
Port Ban Holiday Park**

## Coeliac awareness week

Sir,  
Coeliac UK is the national charity for people with coeliac disease and dermatitis herpetiformis.

It is estimated coeliac disease affects one in 100 people but only around a quarter of those with the condition are currently diagnosed.

We are urging your readers, in Coeliac UK Awareness Week, May 9-15, to

ask 'Is it coeliac disease?' if they are suffering from any of these symptoms - stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, regular bouts of diarrhoea, constipation, bloating, ongoing fatigue, anaemia, weight loss, or constant mouth ulcers.

If that is you, we encourage you to visit [www.isit-coeliacdisease.org.uk](http://www.isit-coeliacdisease.org.uk) and take Coeliac UK's online assessment. The assessment provides you with a result that you can take to your GP if your responses indicate a need for further tests.

Coeliac disease (pronounced see-lic) is not an allergy or an intolerance but an autoimmune disease, so when people with coeliac disease eat gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley and rye, the body attacks and damages the lining of the gut where food is absorbed, making it difficult for the body to get the nutrients it needs. Gluten is found in many every day foods such as bread, pasta, cereals, cakes, biscuits and sauces.

It is estimated that nearly 40,000 people in Scotland have coeliac disease but remain untreated and undiagnosed.

The good news is that coeliac disease is treatable by switching to a strict gluten-free diet for life.

So, in this week of awareness and beyond, when you notice these symptoms, be ready to ask yourself, 'is it coeliac disease?'

**Myles Fitt,  
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# Community gardens open

BLARBUIE Woodland held an open day and opened its community raised beds recently.

There was also a bring and buy sale as well as plants and seeds available so keen gardeners could get to work straight away.

The raised beds are at the old bowling green and Blarbuie director Grace MacLeod said: 'We will have pictures on show of when this was used as a bowling green in the 30s; it was used by staff and patients at the hospital.'

She continued on the hospital's history: 'The patients at the Argyll and Bute Hospital would work in the fresh air at the farm the hospital had. That

stopped when people said patients shouldn't be working. Of course now we know that things like gardening can be good for everyone's wellbeing.'

Because of this Blarbuie is very keen to get the community involved and the beds can be rented by anyone.

Opening the beds on May 2, Professor Angus McKay, former physician superintendent at Argyll and Bute Hospital, said: 'This community garden is all about renewal. These old hospital buildings have had their time but the natural environment remains.'

Once the beds had been officially opened

it was time for eager gardeners to get down to the serious business of planting. Young Charlotte MacNeill appointed herself team captain of the MacNeill family plot where everyone has a part to play: 'Mum's in charge of the herbs, Dad's in charge of the vegetables and I'm going to do the flowers.' she explained as she got started. Under the watchful eye of gardener Daniel Griffith she got some radishes planted on a sunny afternoon.

At the open day Blarbuie was also on the look out for new volunteers who would be interested in getting involved. Anyone interested should contact the woodland team.



Grace MacLeod, Professor Angus McKay and Daniel Griffith at the opening. 08\_a19blarbuie01



Charlotte gets a little help planting her garden. 08\_a19blarbuie02

## Port Bàn is a top park

PORT Bàn has been named in the top 10 holiday parks in the Towergate Great British Park Off.

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noeing and sailing, all set in a striking coastal location. This holiday park is ideal for families with children and wildlife enthusiasts with regular sightings of dolphins, seals, otters and birds of prey.

The winning park will be awarded the title of Britain's park of the year and provided with a celebratory fun day, including food and games, a plaque and £1,000 to be spent on the park.

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Lorraine McIntyre and Robert Kilgour present a cheque to Coisir Og Dalriada.

## Dancers step in with donation

DANCERS who competed at Strictly Lochgilphead have donated £700 to a Mid Argyll children's choir. Lorraine McIntyre and

Robert Kilgour chose Coisir Og Dalriada as their charity and met the choir before their recent rehearsal. As well as performing at events in Mid Argyll the Gaelic choir has

competed in the Royal National Mod and festivals like Inveraray's Best of the West.

Robert said: 'There's so much musical talent in Argyll and we wanted to support that.'

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# Author entertains young and old

PLENTY of children, and their parents, were excited to meet author Mairi Hedderwick, who has written and illustrated the Katie Morag and Peddie Peebles books.

Ms Hedderwick came to the Book Centre in Lochgilphead and read from *Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers*. She also told the story of *Tiresome Ted*

and Ted himself made an appearance and got hugs from the children gathered.

### Childhood

With Katie Morag now being 35 years old, the first book was *Katie Morag Delivers the Mail*, it was at times difficult to tell who was having more fun, the youngsters or their parents who remembered the books

from their own childhood.

Ms Hedderwick also spoke about her work and how the stories went from being ideas to finished books. She also revealed that doing the artwork was her favourite part of the job. There was then a long queue to get books signed. She has also published travel writing for adults.



Mairi Hedderwick entertains young and old. 08\_a18hedderwick01no

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# Arty bus pulls up in Mid Argyll

## Touring gallery catches the attention of residents

A BUS with a difference was touring around Mid Argyll recently and it caught the attention of many residents.

The colourful bus is home to an art gallery that aims to bring contemporary art to communities throughout Scotland.

The work currently exhibited is *Here Comes Everybody* by

Scott Lang and Kennard Phillips, a collaboration between artists Peter Kennard and Cat Phillips.

The centrepiece is a work called *Shove It* which shows a man pushing London's financial district away.

One wall of the bus was left for public work to be exhibited, curator Andy Menzies explained: 'There

were workshops where members of the public came and made some art.

'People might say it's quite amateurish but others think it gives the professionals a run for their money.

'A lot of it is made with newspaper collages so it gives the opportunity to turn what the media said on its head a bit.'

Much of the work, both by the artists and the public, is political and socially motivated.

One artist involved was in gangs for a long time before going to art school and he looks back on that.

There are also criticisms of the current government and art examining women's portrayal in the media.



Andy Menzies opposite *Shove It*, the centrepiece of the exhibition.

# Upcoming folk star to play Craignish

RISING folk music star Ben Maggs is to play Craignish as part of a Scottish tour.

He says the West coast and islands is one of his favourite places, 'When I first set foot on the Isle of Mull seven years ago I felt like I had come home. Since then I have returned to Scotland many times and travelled all over the country, especial-

ly the west coast and islands. Now, the moment I cross the border I can feel it. This amazing land and its people have become a huge inspiration for my songs and sparked many an evolution in my writing and storytelling.'

His debut album *Come as You Are* is partly inspired by travels around Scotland

and the rest of Britain.

When putting together this tour he was determined, once again, to stray off the beaten track and not just play Glasgow and Edinburgh, he said: 'Part of my love for Scotland is the incredible sense of wilderness that still prevails, yet these achingly beautiful places are home to many people. When we set

about planning this leg of the tour, I wanted to make sure I had gigs in the Highlands and Islands as well as the cities. It's so exciting that the wonderful folk of these communities have jumped on board so enthusiastically. We have a great tour schedule already and we're still adding more dates.'

Ben's performances

hold nothing back and his expressive vocals are accompanied with just an acoustic guitar.

The concert takes place at Craignish Village Hall on May 24. Tickets are £9 and can be purchased on the door or online. Concessions are available and the music starts at 7.30pm. It is a bring your own bottle event.



Ben Maggs' tour takes in Craignish.

# Is your garden blooming?

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) has opened its annual gardens in bloom competition for entries.

### Nominate

The competition is a chance to recognise green-fingered ACHA tenants who take great time and care over their gardens. Neighbours can nominate gardens until August.

The competition will be judged by members of the Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee in September and the winner stands to gain a trophy and vouchers for a garden centre of their choice.

Nurseries also have a chance to take part in a biggest sunflower competition.

Colin Davidson,

chairman of the Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee, said: 'I am delighted that we are able to recognise the successful efforts of tenants in developing their gardens to the benefit of everyone in their locality and hopefully the sunflower competition will encourage the next generation to follow their example.'

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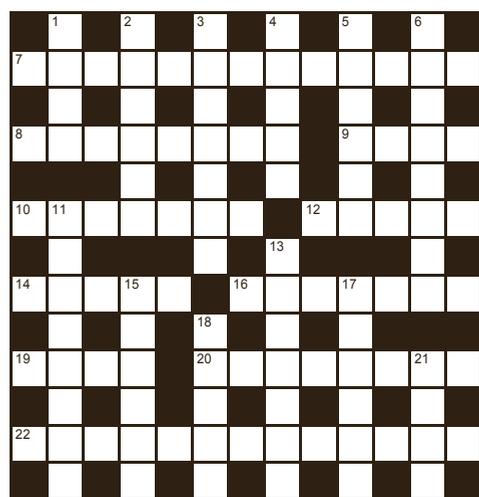
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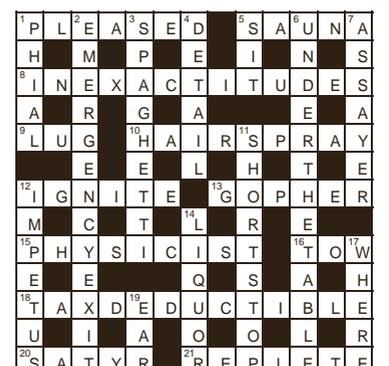
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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# Loch Fyne Food Fair promises to be a memorable weekend

LOCH Fyne Food Fair, May 14-15, next to the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

From shucking to seaweed: interactive events have been added to Scotland's longest running food festival programme.

With two weeks to go until the return of Scotland's longest running food festival – an exciting programme of interactive workshops has joined the line-up.

Tapping into the growing interest for foraged and 'wild foods', a workshop, run by Duncan Smallman from Slate Island Seaweeds, will help participants identify different types of seaweed and explore their uses.

Festival folk are also invited to sample the first batch of This Gose; the world's first beer designed to pair with smoked salmon, created by collaboration of local craft brewer Fyne Ales and Loch Fyne Oysters.

A lively Gin Fling in the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar will round off Saturday's festivities. Priced at £25 per head, this event is not to be missed and features a delicious three-course dinner paired with Makar Gin cocktails.

This year will see Loch Fyne Food Fair mark its 26th year, making it Scotland's longest running food festival.

The two-day event, which is free to attend and situated on

the picturesque shores of Loch Fyne, will take place from 11am each day.

Established in 1990 to celebrate the best food and drink Argyll has to offer, this year's festival is set to attract more than 3,000 visitors.

Retaining a strong emphasis on locally-sourced food and drink, the event will showcase several producers from the Food from Argyll collective – see the programme for the full list.

Loch Fyne Food Fair organiser Virginia Sumsion said: 'We are tremendously excited to be on the cusp of our 26th Food Fair.'

'It's rewarding to see Scotland's appetite for locally-sourced, traceable produce grow year-on-year; 2016 being no exception.'

'From succulent Loch Fyne oysters to refreshing craft beer, there really is no better place to try such a diverse and delicious taste of Argyll in the company of those who make and produce it.'

Loch Fyne Oysters managing director Cameron Brown also welcomed the food fair back to the lochside: 'It's a real delight to have so many Scottish food and drink producers join us here on the spectacular shores of Loch Fyne.'

'Loch Fyne Oysters is now

in its 37th year and it's been rewarding for the business to share this journey with our friends and colleagues at the food fair, while welcoming new producers and businesses into the fold.'

## The full weekend workshop line-up includes:

### Saturday:

- How to identify and use seaweed, with Duncan Smallman
- Isle of Bute produce showcase, with Jim Hood from Eat Bute
- Live gin distilling with Makar Gin, Glasgow's newest gin distillery
- Learn how to open oysters, with Virginia Sumsion of Loch Fyne Oysters

### Sunday:

- Green Fry Foods – a guide to fun, tasty and healthy snack making, with Liz Adams from Bute
- Cupcake decorating workshop, fun for all the family, with Natalie's Cupcakery
- Makar Gin cocktail making
- Loch Fyne Oysters seafood masterclass with Oyster Bar head chef Jamie Nicholson



On Saturday learn how to open oysters with Virginia Sumsion of Loch Fyne Oysters

Sunday includes gin cocktail sampling with Makar Gin, Glasgow's newest gin distillery

For further information and to book for the Gin Fling contact [info@lochfyne.com](mailto:info@lochfyne.com) or call 01499 600264

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### SUNDAY MAY 15

11.30am: Inveraray Grade One Pipe Band - TBC  
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12pm: The BarrowBand  
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[www.thebarrowbandlive.co.uk](http://www.thebarrowbandlive.co.uk)

2pm: Bute Community Band Concert Band  
Bute Community Band is based on the Isle of Bute. The concert band, which was set up in 2011 now has more than 20 brass, woodwind, percussion players. Concert band and swing at this year's food fair.  
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3.15pm: Rusty Nail  
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## Analysis identifies key opportunities

TWO KEY areas of opportunity in the lamb market appear to be growth in the domestic market and maximising export opportunities other than France.

According to Stuart Ashworth, head of economics Services with Quality Meat Scotland (QMS), markets such as Denmark and Sweden offer real opportunities and QMS is working to develop these markets, including attending the Gastronord trade fair in Stockholm this week.

'Looking at the current market situation for lamb, a real challenge lies in export activity where trading has been difficult despite the attraction of current exchange rates. Exporting lamb to Europe and France in particular has been challenging over the past six months,' said Mr Ashworth.

This is not just a British problem, he said, with French trade data showing French imports to have been lower than last year's through-put, October to January.

'Both the UK and Ireland supplied less lamb to France in this period. Some of this loss was taken up by increased supplies to France from New Zealand between Octo-

ber and December, but New Zealand shipped less lamb to France in January.

'Furthermore, on the evidence of French data, sheepmeat consumption in France has been falling steadily for a number of years, with consumption in January down three per cent compared with a year earlier,' said Mr Ashworth.

Some of the more northern European countries, however, are seeing more stable demand.

'During February Germany, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands all took slightly more sheepmeat from the UK than they did last year, though currently not sufficient to offset the fall in volumes to France and Italy.'

Looking at recent prices, it is clear that as the 2015 lamb crop year draws to a close and Easter has passed, prime hogg prices have come under pressure.

'It is not unusual for prime hogg prices to come under pressure at the conclusion of the lamb crop year and the fall in prices during the past week, although substantial, has not been as dramatic as last year. In the current week prime hogg prices are only 1-2 per cent lower than last year,' observed Mr Ashworth. This compares with earlier in 2016 when the price was 4-5 per cent lower than last year.

Auction market and abattoir throughputs over the past four weeks show a decline, in comparison with last year, in both the volume of SQQ hogs and total number of hogs marketed.

'The auction through-put has shown a higher proportion of Standard Quality Quotation (SQQ) hogs in the total slaughter hogg marketings compared with last year, up until the past week.

'Similarly, until the past couple of weeks, the proportion of hogs slaughtered in price-reporting abattoirs which had met the preferred R3L or better grading had been running

higher than last year. On this evidence hogg quality has been good since the turn of the year, although in more recent weeks it has slipped a little.

'Carcase weights have not been an issue either as they have been lower than last year since January and the volume of domestic prime sheepmeat on the market has been lower than last year.



Stuart Ashworth.

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# Hitting the headlines in Malawi



The team spent over two weeks in Malawi.

A TEAM from Mid Argyll churches has been in Malawi visiting the congregation of Kasamba in the capital city Lilongwe.

Rev Hilda Smith of Lochgilhead, Rev David Carruthers and Paul Daye of Ardrishaig, David Logue and Catherine Paterson of North Knapdale were on a trip that made front page news in *The Nation*, a major newspaper in Malawi.

Hilda and David were both interviewed about the benefits to be gained from the twinning between the churches, both for the

Scottish and Malawian partners to the link.

During the 16-day trip the group visited a maternity unit, delivering lots of baby knitwear that has been provided by local knitters here in Mid Argyll.

**Assist**

Bibles were purchased for the church in Malawi, along with reference books to assist local ministers and elders in their bible teaching.

The team took part in leading worship and preaching at services. The helped run a clinic where people could be fitted with glasses do-

nated by the people of Mid Argyll.

School visits took place and pencils, footballs and other items, bought with the some of the money raised by donations and coffee mornings over the two years since the last visit, were given to school pupils.

The rest of the money - a sum of around £3,000 - or in Malawian currency an amount equal to over 3 million Kwacha - will help provide food and other essentials for those in need.

Although Kasamba church is in the capi-

tal city, it has several prayer houses out in remote parts of the country, and it is likely that the need will be greater there as Malawi's harvest is very poor in some outlying areas this year.

In addition the team led Bible studies, joining the minister on his visitation to households, and Catherine collaborated with the many choirs within the congregation to bring a new aspect to their worship.

An exhausted team will be landing back in Glasgow tomorrow, May 7.

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Juniors enjoy a game of golf.

## Golf club family day at Tarbert

TARBERT Golf Club opened up its Glenralloch course for a family fun day recently.

It was a chance for members to bring along friends and family to see what the club

is all about and to have a taster session. There were plenty of juniors present

and ready to have a go round the course with their friends.

Golfing is hungry work and there was a barbeque available. Tarbert Golf Club would like to thank Tarbert Co-op and Loch Fyne Langoustines for their help with the barbeque.

This Saturday, May 7, Tarbert Golf Club play host to Islay Golf Club for the first leg of the annual Dougie MacKinnon Memorial Cup with the away leg to be held at the new Machrie course in September.

Team members are asked to report for duty at 9.30am.

The knock-out draws have now been made and members are urged to check the club noticeboard or website for full details.

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# Enjoy the 'Fyne' life at the Silvers Marine Scottish Series

THE Silvers Marine Scottish Series will welcome more than 100 racing yachts at Tarbert Loch Fyne from May 27 to May 30 2016.

Set on one of the most beautiful lochs in Scotland, the 42nd Scottish Series, is much more than just a yacht racing event – it has something for everyone both on and off the water.

The buzz of the event in the village of Tarbert and across at Portavadie provides a magnet of attraction for both locals and visitors alike and makes it one of the busiest

weekends in the year for the area and a destination in itself to enjoy. For many it's a 'must do' weekend in the UK racing and social calendar.

Organised by Clyde Cruising Club (CCC) with Silvers Marine, as the title sponsor, the series offers a mix of handicap racing including white sail classes. Passage races, a white sail cruise in company from Largs, family and cruiser classes and the Round Inchmarnock race on Sunday gives a choice of racing for the entire event.

## Tarbert Harbour

Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA) hosts the fleet at this pretty west coast port. Donna Mallen, Business Development Officer of THA, said they expected in the region of 130 racing boats as well as round 50 committee, press and support vessels.

She said: 'The Scottish Series kickstarts the season and puts a lot of money into the village which is essential to our economy.'

Harbour master Donald McAllister added: 'We look forward to welcoming the fleet and hope everyone has fair winds and sunshine for racing.'

The THA team has a rough berthing plan to adhere to on a first come, first served basis. A new pontoon addition has expanded the berthing area and is now described as 'second to none'.

## Portavadie Marina

Across the water from Tarbert, Portavadie Marina also hosts competing yachts for which a regatta rate of £20 is offered. Marina Manager Craig Cochran said: 'Most of the accommodation is taken by yacht racing teams and we are open for business in our restaurants and café at our Leisure Club.'

As well as being a Five Gold Anchors accredited marina Portavadie is a first class resort destination in itself with infinity pool, spa and range of accommodation and leisure facilities.

## The Racing

The Scottish Sonata Association has nominated the event as their Scottish Championship. Ross MacNish, class representative said: 'The Scottish Series offers the Sonata fleet the opportunity to enjoy tight one-design racing over four days in the stunning setting of Loch Fyne. With excellent race management on the water and plenty of fun to be had off it, running the Scottish Championships within the event make perfect sense.'

## Racing schedule

All spinnaker classes race on Loch Fyne on Day 1 whilst the white sail class and passage race only classes start at Largs on Thursday

night. After arrival at Tarbert, racing continues on Loch Fyne till Monday May 25 finishing with the overall regatta prize-giving. The event format is a mixture of windward/leeward courses and coastal races. Classes range from high tech IRC yachts to CYCA handicap classes both spinnaker and white sail and the popular one design classes.

## Lining up on the startline

### Class IRC 1

The battle between Jamie McGarry and Colin Moore's Eala of Rhu and Steve Cowie's Zephyr will dominate the placings... Roxstar under the formidable partnership of Findlay and Anderson will be hot on their heels alongside Bruce Douglas's J133 Spirit of Jacana.

### Class IRC2

Kevin Aitkin's First 36.7 Animal pitches against Carmen II, the other 36.7 of Jeffrey and Scutt whilst Iain Thomson's Sloop John T will be looking for the class title this year. Christine Murray's new Triple Elf, the former First 35 Salamander, Neil Sandford's Now or Never and John Stamp's Corby 33 Jacob all race this class as seasoned and experienced campaigners.

### Class IRC 3

Craig Latimer's J92 Wildebeest won IRC 4 last year from Trastada, the Andreu Half Tonner of Angus and Challis with Lambay Rules under the helm of Stephen Quinn of Howth Yacht Club in third. Phoenix will also be a serious class contender with the experience aboard.

### CYCA 5

From little to large, Richard Shellcock's Prism 28 takes on 2015 class winner – Local Hero, the Howison's First 44.7. Add the Morrison's Enigma, class runner-up last year and Alan Moore's Dehler 34 alongside the Elan 333 of Wallace and Cuthbertson - and this will be a tough class to call.





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CYCA 6

Valhalla of Ashton and Murray Caldwell's Trapper 500 Oystercatcher will be vying with the Arran Grand Soleil 34 of Campbell and Bilisland for top placings. And former series winner John Corson will be one to watch in his newly acquired Moody 336 Salamander XX11. The beautiful Kelana will also grace this class. Alastair Pugh of Oban takes his Contessa 32 Marisca whilst Richard Doig and the Downie/ Wilson duo pit their wits against each other in

their GK24s. Series sponsor Boyd Tunnock's Moody 38 Lemerac is also expected to enter.

White Sail Fleet

CYCA Class 8 sees Clyde Challenger, the Clipper 60 racing alongside Arnold Clark's famous Holland 77 Drum. Angus Cartwright's First 47.7 scales down the size to David Macnab's

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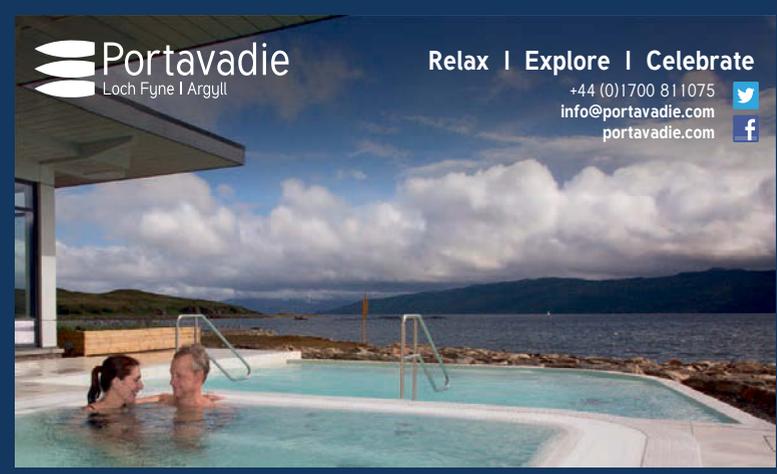
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Dehler 41 Windhound, class winner last year. Regular SS competitor Brian Robertson of Mid Argyll with his X332 Celtic Spirit will again be part of this class alongside fellow X332 owner Owen Mcmanus of Campbeltown Sailing Club.

CYCA Class 9 has Clive Reeves as one of the hot contenders after finishing second last year alongside Brave, the Sigma 33 of Allan and Shearer and Marc Ritson's Sigma 36 Saracen. Stalwart Ian Nicolson returns with St Foy.

**Sigma one-designs**

Seven Sigma 33s line up for the starting gun and Ian McLaren and his team on Sigmatic are always hard to beat. Hailed as one of the best sailed classes, the usual suspects return with Leaky Roof 2 of Harper and Robertson, James Miller's Mayrise and Harold Hood's Odyssey II all vying for victory.

**Sonatas**

Familiar names of Old School with Ross MacNish at the helm of Scruples, Saraband and Wicked Wookie will all be vying for top placings in a highly competitive fleet.

**VX / J70 and Hunter 707s**

Chris Turner defends his class title with Ovington Boats in the VX Class and David Clarke of Ullswater Yacht Club is also back.

A dozen Hunter 707s are entered. Last year's winner Carl Allen returns with More T Vicar and David Smith's Rammie from Aberdeen, who was second last year. Kieran McAllister brings his Wishful Thinking all the way from Lough Swilly Sailing Club. The strength of this class on the east coast should show through with Neil McLure's Blue Funk, Valhalla, Seaward and Steve Gush racing Jalapeno of

## Social Scene

The social scene is as important as the on the water activity with a range of activities throughout the series. The focus will again be the marquee on the north shore adjacent to the pontoons.

Here sailors and visitors will be welcomed each day to enjoy drinks from the bar in the afternoon and a selection of local fresh produce from the area including Tarbert's famed seafood fare. This is an opportunity for everyone to congregate and catch up on the day's actions on the water before the daily prizegiving.

Tarbert Enterprise Company (TEC) organise and drive the shoreside attractions.

John Hardie of TEC said: **'Saturday will focus on the big party night in the port with Big Vern and the Shootahs. There will be a break for the traditional fireworks at 10.30 which light up the entire village and Tarbert Castle providing a stunning backdrop to the boats in the harbour.'**

**'As well as the big band on Saturday night, we have the Mid Argyll Pipe Band playing in the village over the weekend – always a stirring sight and sound.'**

John added: **'We hope the growth in the numbers entering the regatta and coming to view the Scottish**

**Series continues. People recognise it's a great event – well organised on the water and great fun ashore. And all in the most beautiful part of the world – you just can't beat that as an attraction for everyone to enjoy!'**

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festival, Viking festival and so much more.

Tarbert village has a bank, post office and is filled with shops, galleries, bars and restaurants. It is predominantly famous for its fresh seafood and local produce, however, with its many festivals throughout the season it may well also earn the title 'Festival Capital of Argyll'.

In addition to the fishing industry, Tarbert Harbour provides leisure yachting and boating facilities that can accommodate 160 finger

berths, 600 metres of parallel pontoon and more than 120 visiting vessels of various sizes. Facilities around the harbour also include a large recreation area and safe environment with picnic benches and BBQs. There is also an outdoor gym and games area and a pedestrian walkway that wraps all the way around this attractive harbour taking you safely to the village and local amenities. There's a community marquee on the recreation area each season making it a perfect place for musters and social

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Port Edgar Yacht Club joining forces with the Robertson's Cacciatore from Royal Forth and could make it an east west battle. Still Game, Chaos and Mad Rafiki, from Helensburgh Sailing Club form the west coast contingent.

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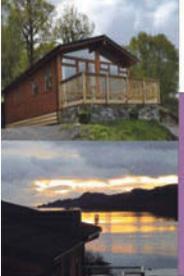
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## Early bird gets the festival ticket

EARLY bird tickets are now on sale for this year's Best of the West Festival at Inveraray Castle.

The line up for this year's festival, which takes place on September 10 and 11, was recently announced with Manran and Skippin-ish, including new singer Norrie McIver, who will headline the main stage.

Local choir Coisir Og Dalriada will have the honour of opening proceedings at 11am on the Saturday.

Plenty of bands which have entertained audiences before will return including Huradal, The Lush Puppies and Dr Hip and the Blues Operation. Traditional band Herron Valley from Strachur will also return to get the audience dancing on Saturday afternoon.

The league of Highland Gentlemen may be newcomers but they are something of a supergroup, comprising members of Manran, Trail West and Sker-

ryvore. There is sure to be many tunes, and much tweed, from the gentlemen.

Folk and Americana act James Edwyn and the Borrowed Band have been selected to play after beating off stiff competition in the CalMac culture competition. The artist selected gets to play at festivals including Best of the West and it's a chance to catch an up and coming musician first.

As well as music there will be displays of local food, drink and crafts. There will be traditional Real MacKay Stovies and Winston Churchill venison, there will also be Bumbles Pudding available for afters.

To wash all that down Fyne Ales will be in attendance with a selection of beers. Local celebrity chefs will be on hand to do cooking demonstrations.

Early bird tickets are £29.50 for an adult weekend ticket and £14.50 for under 18.



Herron Valley performing at last year's festival. 08\_a38Bowfest02



King Creosote and his band played to a sell-out audience in Crinan. a19kingcreosote01

## King Creosote play sell-out Crinan gig

CRINAN had the delight of welcoming King Creosote and his band of eight for a concert.

The Fife-based musician sang to a full house of 75 at the Annex Art Centre on April 29 before heading off the following morning to a gig in Portree, Skye.

Event organiser Ross Ryan who runs the Annex Art Centre said: 'Having an internationally renowned musician in Crinan was a rare treat.'

'The performance was fantastic and full of humour.'

'The audience was respectful and right

up for it, some having travelled as far as London. The band included local musicians from Mull and Iona as well as Fife.

'During the day all enjoyed a glorious day out on the Sound of Jura aboard the charter boat, *MV Sgarbh*.

'I was delighted that the band also enjoyed themselves with Kenny aka King Creosote saying it was the gig of the year so far.'

The Annex is becoming more networked with Iona and other locations and is able to collaborate on art tours that will bring more and more artists and visitors to the area.

## Search to find green business champions

GREEN businesses in Argyll and Bute are being asked to enter the Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) awards.

VIBES recognises businesses that are environmentally friendly in their day-to-day running and has been running for 17 years.

There are eight award categories; management large, management SME, green team, transport, circular economy, environmental product or service and a special hydro nation charity award in collaboration with WaterAid. This year will

also see the addition of a new theme category for the first time which will reward innovation in celebration of Scotland's Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.

A micro business Award will also be presented to the best entry to any category from a company with fewer than 10 employees. Gillian Bruce, chairman of the VIBES Awards, said: 'The VIBES Awards offer a fantastic platform for businesses to showcase and gain recognition for the hard work they are doing to make Scotland more envi-

ronmentally aware. Every year we are impressed with some of the ideas that Scotland's businesses come up with and we're looking forward to introducing our special innovation award to help recognise the creative approach many companies are taking to tackle environmental and indeed business issues. We'd encourage businesses in Argyll and Bute to enter for their chance to join the country's growing list of sustainable VIBES champions.'

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**Cost £15,900**  
**Location**  
**Tayvallich, Loch Sween, Argyll**

**Latitude**                      **Longitude**  
**Co-ordinates**                **Co-ordinates**  
 56° 01.456' N                005° 37.497' W  
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**(WGS84)**

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at the Post Office and Shop Tayvallich Argyll PA31 8PN .  
 Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:  
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**MCMS/05900**  
**Tayvallich Bay Association**

**Kintyre Piping Society**  
**AGM**  
 Wednesday  
 18th May 2016  
 at 7.00pm  
 in The  
 Seafield Hotel,  
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 Parent Council  
**The Annual**  
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/00246/PP	Erection of building providing Pre-fives Facilities and associated works	Craignish Primary School Ardlarach Road Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
16/00876/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 18 Soroba Meadow Ardfern Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
16/01188/PP	Change of use from former dentist (class 2) to 2 no residential flats (class 9) including installation of replacement windows	14 Cross Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6HU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/01147/LIB	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of sunroom extension	Kirklea Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AZ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/01029/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and boatshed. Installation of sewage treatment plant, air source heat pump and formation of new vehicular access	Plot 1 Land 450 Metres South Of Achnaba House Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RY	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00941/PP	Erection of wind monitoring meteorological mast (up to 80.5 metres high) for a temporary period of 5 years	Land East Of Loch Nan Gartnagrenach Forest Whitehouse Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
16/00909/PP	Construction of hard standing area to form temporary turning point	Land East Of Camas Beag Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
16/01040/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of access	Land 120 Metres South Of Ballibeg Castleton Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/01146/PP	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of sunroom extension	Kirklea Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AZ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (PART OF CORE PATH C082 FROM KILKERRAN ROAD TO LIMECRAIGS, CAMPBELTOWN) TEMPORARY STOPPING UP ORDER 2016**

Argyll and Bute Council hereby gives notice that on 27 April 2016 it confirmed as unopposed the Order made under Section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be known as "The Argyll and Bute Council (Part of Core Path C082 From Kilkerran Road to Limecraigs, Campbeltown) Temporary Stopping Up Order 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") authorising the temporary stopping up of part of Core Path reference C082 leading from Kilkerran Road to Limecraigs, Campbeltown along the footpath known as the Cutting, all as shown by the blue broken line on the Plan forming Schedule Part I annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. The footpath will be temporarily stopped up for a period not exceeding four weeks all as more particularly specified in the Schedule Part 2 annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. An available alternative route is shown by the green line on the said Plan. The temporary stopping up of the footpath is necessary to facilitate the installation of an underground drainage pipe so as to enable the development comprising generally the construction of the new Campbeltown Grammar School permitted under Planning Permission reference 15/00933/PP granted under Part III of the said Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be carried out in accordance with the said planning permission.

A copy of the confirmed Order and relevant Plan contained in the Schedule Part 1 showing the footpath to be stopped up and the available alternative route, and other information contained in the Schedule Part 2 may be inspected at the offices of Argyll and Bute Council, Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6BJ by any person, free of charge, within normal office hours following the appearance of this advertisement.

**CHARLES REPPKE**  
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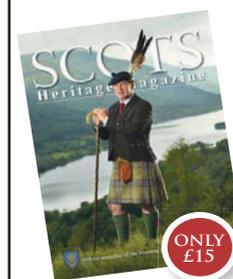
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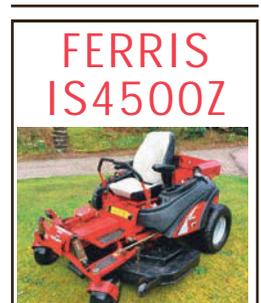
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



WE were on our way to Dunkeld for a week's holiday when we stopped to give our collies a walk at Glenogle.

We were delighted to find that not only was there a lovely walk for Carys and Jazz, but there was a little sustenance for us.

A small outside kiosk by the name of Julia's offered quite a selection of snacks which looked very tempting.

I was intrigued by one particular item on the menu which said 'soup IN a roll'.

I was sure this must be a misprint and asked if it should read 'soup WITH a roll'.

Julia informed me that it was indeed 'soup IN a roll'. Well, I just had to go for it.

It was quite the most delicious chunky vegetable soup served in a large brown cob roll.

The special delight about this is that the soup makes the roll soggy and the soup bowl can be enjoyed as well as the soup.

It also saves on washing up.

I thought again about the joy there is in being surprised. I think most of us love surprises and it is good to leave our comfort zone and try something new.

There is a delightful book called *The God of Surprises* by Gerard Hughes and in it the author leads us through some very interesting scenarios.

Basically we need to remember that, despite what some people think, God is exciting and religion is not boring.

God has been the God of surprises since time began, and will continue to be so until past and present and future merge into eternity.

I wonder if the first humans were surprised by the beauty of a sunset and wondered how it happened. Maybe that sense of wonder led to worship and opened up the first connection and communication our ancestors had with the God of surprises.

**TARBERT**

**Bus trips to wind farms**

A BUS trip to see the community wind farms at Allt Dearg and Sron-doire will leave from Tarbert.

The 'windy bus' will leave from Tarbert bus terminus at 10am tomorrow, May 7.

The trip is free but as places are limited those interested are asked to get a ticket which is available from Iain Y Macintyre's shop in Tarbert. The outing will take about two hours.

**Castle clean up**

VOLUNTEERS were preparing the castle and community woodland for a busy summer.

Weeds on the monument site were cleared, turfing has been repaired on the stone wall to protect the ruins and timber steps maintained.

The woodland pond dam was repaired, path verges strimmed and the woodland sculptures painted to keep them in good condition as they are proving very popular with visitors having a picnic in the area.



Tarbert Castle clean up volunteers take a well-earned break.

Volunteers also discussed their new project for a community orchard being designed with 100 fruit trees and 200 soft fruit bushes. There is a lot of ground works to be done, fencing and soil preparation, with the hope that planting can begin in autumn.

Further details of this will be available soon and it is hoped that many residents will take part together with the school.

**STRACHUR**

**Flower show fundraiser**

WITH spring supposedly upon us thoughts have turned to the Strachur Flower Show which will be held in August.

To raise money for this event a coffee morning will be held tomorrow, May 7 from 10am until noon.

There will be the usu-

al array of home baking, teas, coffees and the obligatory raffle. Stalls with plants and produce will also be at the event at Strachur Memorial Hall.

The committee is also on the look out for new members, particularly men, who would like to get involved.

Anyone interested should contact the committee.



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'I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy' (Psalm 116:1).

**DEATHS**

**ARMOUR** - Peacefully in her sleep, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on April 30, 2016, Flora McMillan Armour, in her 76th year, formerly of Killarow and Tayinloan, dearly beloved daughter of the late Archie and Flora Armour, much loved sister of Dougald, John, Jessie and the late Jean, Agnes and Archie, and a much loved aunt and great aunt. Service will take place in A'Chleit Church, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 12.00 noon, 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 Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig.

**HUMPHREY** - On April 27, 2016, peacefully at her beloved home, Seileach Mor, Inveraray, after an illness fought with great courage and determination, Eileen Edith Humphrey, née Billings, in her 81st year, devoted wife of the late Ernie, and a dearly loved friend and neighbour of many. Together Eternally. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Friday, May 6, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired, to Inveraray Parish Church.

**LANG** - Peacefully at home, 23 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, on May 2, 2016, Margaret Sinclair Johnston, in her 78th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Peter Lang, much loved mother of Gillian, Fiona and Peter and a loving granny of Grant, Michelle, Kirk and Alyx. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, May 6, 2016 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 Community Nursing Team, Kintyre Locality.

**ALLAN** - Judith and the family of the late Annie would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following their sad loss. Thanks to doctors and nursing staff in the Acute Ward, to Agnes Stewart for thoughtful and comforting words, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for a lovely tea.

**GROGAN** - Kathleen and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all their kindness, help, phone calls, messages, cards and flowers following the sudden sad loss of Andy. A huge thank you to ambulance crews and Dr Norrie for all their efforts and kindness shown. Thank you to Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service, to Mr McEwan for music, to Kenneth Blair for efficient services, to the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and kindly donated to Dogs Trust Scotland.

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**MARSHALL** - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days. The gates of Heaven opened wide, The angels stood side by side, A special guest was on her way, The day God took my Kellyann away.

- Inserted by Mum, Southend. **MCCALLUM** - Precious memories of our mum, Tessa (Scally), passed away May 5, 2007. Also our dad, Archie (Caddy), passed away January 6, 1993. Remembered with love, every day.

- Maureen, Robert, John and families. **MCGUINNESS** - In memory of our much loved dad, Ian, who died May 6, 2009. We love and miss you every day, Dad. - Mary, Robert, James, Elizabeth, grandchildren and families. **MCMILLAN** - The family of the late May McMillan would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received after their recent sad loss. A special thanks to all carers for their help and support during May's illness. Thanks also to district nurses, doctors and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, to Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their help and guidance, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for tea and refreshments. A collection taken at the church door raised £482.70 for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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# Inveraray shock Camanachd in Macaulay Cup

**Oban Camanachd** 2  
**Alba Thistle** 2  
**Artemis Macaulay Cup - 1st Round**

THE SURPRISE result of the Artemis Macaulay Cup first round was Oban Camanachd's 3-2 defeat to Inveraray at Mossfield. Oban Camanachd boss Iain Hay was without Daniel Cameron who was on his honeymoon, but Andrew MacCuish had recovered from a knock picked up in the team's last outing against Col Glen.

Inveraray manag-

er Ruairaidh Graham was a number of players short with David MacPherson, Nicholas Crawford, Douglas Dando, Grant Griffin and David Robertson all missing.

Willie Neilson got Oban Camanachd off to a great start when he netted with a low strike from 15 yards after just three minutes. The home side only stayed in front for a couple of minutes though. In-

veraray had a corner which was played to the front post. The ball went past a number of players and took a deflection off an Oban Camanachd defender before falling for Fraser Watt on the penalty spot. Although Gavin Stobbart got a hand to Watt's shot, the power of the strike took the ball into the roof of the net to make it 1-0.

Inveraray went in front on 18 minutes when Lewis MacNicol went on a run from the wing and crossed the ball into the dan-

ger-area. It went past everyone to the far post where Fraser Watt cut it back to Lewis Montgomery who fired a shot into the bottom corner of the net to make it 2-1.

Willie Neilson got his and Oban Camanachd's second goal on 33 minutes. This time Neilson poked the ball home from just a couple of yards out after a scramble inside the 'D'.

Alan MacDonald's switch to full forward proved profitable for Inveraray and he grabbed the winner on



**Ally Munro in action during the Macaulay Cup tie against Oban Camanachd at Mossfield Stadium last Saturday**

63 minutes. MacDonald got on the end of a free-hit and controlled the ball before turning and striking it into the far corner of the net to make it 3-2. Inveraray

didn't have that many shots on target but they were efficient and they took full advantage of Oban Camanachd having an off-day.

This was a first blip in

what has been a good start to the season for Oban Camanachd and there were harsh words spoken in the changing rooms afterwards with the squad looking to

## Macaulay Cup Kyles Athletic 8 Aberdour 0

KYLES Athletic ran out 8-0 winners against Aberdour at Tighnabruich

This was always going to be a tough tie for Aberdour who have made a superb start to the Marine Harvest South Division 1 season. Boss Lisa MacColl travelled without Alex Mitchell, the injured Tom Abbott and youngsters Jack Mitchell and Craig Grant who were studying for exams. However John Martin Philips declared himself fit despite not yet having fully recov-

ering from a hand injury. Kyles were in no mood to show mercy to their lower league opponents and Sandy MacKenzie on 7 and 12 minutes had them two goals to the good.

Aberdour were forced to make a change on 15 minutes when Cammy McCue had to come off, suffering from foot blisters so young Ally Abbott came on to make his debut.

The fast, fluid Kyles forward line added to their tally when Thomas Whyte on 24 and Dunkie Kerr on 27 minutes made it 4-0. Whyte's effort was the pick of the day's goals as he sent the ball

screaming into the top corner of the net.

Sandy MacKenzie completed his hat-trick to make it 5-0 on 36 minutes

Kyles were forced to introduce Innes MacDonald on 40 minutes when Gordon Whyte sustained a hand injury and the substitute made an almost immediate impact when he sent the ball into the bottom corner of the net at the second attempt to make it 6-0 at half-time.

The visitors made changes at the break and they came out fighting in the second-half.

They also had keep-

er Tom Bowerman to thank for a number of fine stops, particularly from Sandy Mackenzie.

Bowerman could do little to prevent Dunkie Kerr from getting his second goal a couple of minutes after the restart and Roddy MacDonald making it 8-0 on 66 minutes.

Kyles Athletic will now go one to host the winners of the tie between Glasgow Mid Argyll and Ballachulish which has still to be played.

## Sutherland Cup

**Caberfeidh 1  
Kyles Athletic 2  
(after extra time)**

The Kyles Athletic colts, who won this trophy a couple of years ago, edged out the Cabers colts after extra-time at Castle Leod.

After a goal-less first-half, Martin MacFadyen gave Kyles the lead after 55 minutes. A Colin MacLennan goal on 83 minutes meant referee Callum Duff had to take the tie to an extra-time period.

The crucial goal came just three minutes into extra-time when Rupert William scored to make it 2-1. Cabers tried hard to find a leveller but it wasn't to be and Peter Mobeck's Kyles team now have a home tie

against Tayforth in the last-eight of the tournament.

## Kilmory 4 Oban Lorn 0

Kilmory are through to the next round after they beat Oban Lorn 4-0 at MacRae Park.

Alex Cunningham scored twice with Hal Jones and Craig Taylor getting the others.

Kilmory will now travel to the Dell to play the Kingussie in the quarter-finals.

## South Division 1

**Inveraray 2  
Taynuilt 3**

Taynuilt twice came from behind to beat the Inveraray seconds 3-2

at the Winterton.

When referee Willie MacDonald pointed to the penalty spot on the half-hour mark, Robert Wood stepped up to convert the spot-hit.

Ryan Gillies equalised just five minutes later when he scored from inside the D.

Graham MacPherson put Inveraray back in front on 40 minutes only for Liam Higgins to make it 2-2 with a strike from outside the D on the stroke of half-time.

The winning goal came on the hour when a second close range strike of the afternoon from Ryan Gillies made it 3-2.

## Club lottery numbers

THE WINNING numbers in Kilmory Camanachd Club's weekly lottery were 10, 19 and 20. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £400.

TARBERT Football Club's winning lottery numbers were 6, 12 and 16. There were no winners and next week's jackpot is £300.

## What a difference a day makes on the golf course

MIXED weather has led to very different conditions as Lochgilphead Golf Club's season gets under way.

Unfortunately the late snowfall on Thursday April 28 meant the juniors had to postpone their competition the following day as parts of the course were still snowy white.

By Saturday, it was back to spring and the gents played round one of the Ann Williams Shield.

A happy smiling Jim Hunter returned 32 points to take the lead, followed closely by David Sinclair with 30 points and with an 'awesome' result in third place with 30 points was Keith Cowan.

The next day was back to winter with heavy rain but as most of the players were the hardy winter league boys they duly turned up in their waterproofs to play round two.

Posted missing was club captain Ryan McGlynn who wimped out of playing in the rain and opened the bar instead to provide refreshments for the six hardy souls who braved the weather.

### Impressive

Top of the pile was Tom Campbell with an impressive 38 points followed by Alec Macaulay with 37 points, despite his best efforts in moving the flags.

In third place was not so smiley Jim Hunter with 36 points. Put all these scores together and the overall winner of the Ann Williams Shield was Jim Hunter with 68 points, second place went to Alec Macaulay who returned 66 points and in third place was David Sinclair with 65 points.

The ladies played for the Clic Sargent Medal on Saturday and coming back from an injury in style was

Margaret McKinnon who won with a nett 69, runner up was Jane Hepburn with a nett 84 and in third place was Ele Hunter with a nett 85.

Next week's competitions are:

Saturday May 7, 10am, Juniors Wilson Cup, 18 holes

Saturday May 7, Ladies RNLI Medal,

Sunday May 8, Gent's John Paterson Trophy.

# Argyll rugby festival success

YOUNG rugby players from across Argyll and beyond were put through their paces at a tournament held by Campbeltown Grammar School.

Schools fielded a junior team (S3 and S4) and a senior team (S5 and S6) at the event on April 23.

The senior tournament was closely fought and exciting between Campbeltown Grammer School, Oban and Lochgilphead. In the first game

between Campbeltown and Oban, Oban won the game 21-10.

Campbeltown worked hard and gained revenge in the second game winning 24-21 with an outstanding team performance. Oban won the overall tournament pipping Campbeltown by just one point.

In the junior tournament there was tough opposition in Helensburgh and Oban, who were well organised and strong teams.

Helensburgh were the dominant force in this tournament winning all their games scoring 19 and only conceding two.

A spokesperson for Campbeltown Grammar school said: 'It was brilliant to see so many teams attending and it was a very successful day. We are hoping to have more regular tournaments within the area in an attempt to continue to promote rugby within the area.'



Oban, in the green, and Lochgilphead get into the action. 04\_c18rugby04



Lochgilphead sea angling club after the competition.

## Poignant prize for Lochgilphead angler

THE first competition in the Lochgilphead and District Championship, the Pat Ward Memorial Cup, was won by Pat's son Neil Ward.

Neil left the other fishermen trailing in his wake as he caught 17 brown trout weighing 9lbs 5oz to secure the prize on May 1.

Dugald McGilp came sec-

ond with six trout weighing 3lbs 8oz. Fish were hard to come by in the higher lochs, Cam, Clachaig, Gleann and Na Foahnn. Snow was still lying in some areas and few fish were showing. Nine other anglers caught 11 trout between them.

The sea angling club also paid a visit to the Stronachhullin Lochs and the Mid Argyll In-

urance Services trophy on offer went to Dugald McGilp.

At the competition on April 24 Dugald caught a whopping 18 brown trout weighing in at 8lbs 6oz.

Archie McGilp senior came second with 10 trout weighing 4lbs 11oz. Eight anglers competed and caught 64 trout between them.

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Runners break out from the jail. 08\_a19jailbreak02

## Jailbreak at Inveraray

THERE was a mass jailbreak at Inveraray recently as runners from all over Scotland, and beyond, took part in the sixth annual

jailbreak race. The course record went toppling as Michael Deason broke his own course record from 2015. He went flying

up Dun Na Cuaich and back down again in a time of 26:18. Earlier in the weekend he had beat his personal best for 10 kilometres and wasn't sure he had recovered enough; his doubts were unfounded. Second placed Harry Holmes was over a minute after in a time of 27:25 followed by Tom Smith, who was the first veteran over 40 home.

As well as the adults race, there was the junior jailbreak. This takes teenagers up part of the hill before turning for the finish. It was won by Gregor McGeachy from Lochgilphead in a time of 19:38. First girl back was also from

Lochgilphead, Rachael Johnson in 20:44.

There was also a kids on the run race around the castle with plenty of young runners enthusiastically taking part. The winner, Euan Charlwood, came from Campbeltown and finished in 12:54 with his brother, Sean, coming third. In between them was Finlay MacLean. First girl home was Inveraray's own Eilidh Cameron.

Once the youngsters had finished, many of them were put to work handing out goodie bags to the senior runners and the Co-op was on hand with apples and water for some much-needed nourish-

ment.

Results - Male: 1 Michael Deason - 26:18; 2 Harry Holmes - 27:25; 3 Tom Smith - 29:33.

Female: 1 Helen Brown - 32:13; 2 Lucie Noakes - 35:18; 3 Joanne McEvoy - 35:37.

Junior Jailbreak: 1 Gregor McGeachy - 19:38; 2 Rachael Johnson - 20:44; 3 Jilly Lefebvre - 24:07; 4 Naimh Evans - 25:03.

Kids on the Run - Boys: 1 Euan Charlwood - 12:54; 2 Finlay MacLean - 14:32; 3 Sean Charlwood - 15:21.

Girls: 1 Eilidh Cameron - 13:01; 2 Kirstie Renton - 15:05; 3 Caryn Kerr - 15:15.



Michael Deason on his way to smashing his record. 08\_a19jailbreak07



Lewis McCulloch heads for the finish of the kids on the run race with Erin Naisby hot on his heels. 08\_a19jailbreak05

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