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Minard pupils give Somerset a banner and card to pass to their friends at Clachan Primary School in Kintyre. 06_a20minard01

Marathon cycle highlights school closure plight

A CONCERNED father extended a hand of friendship to Minard Primary School this week as he highlighted the plight of the Mid Argyll school faced with closure.

Somerset Charrington, a father of one from Ulva, cycled to Minard on Tuesday to offer support from one community to another.

With his own local primary school in Ulva Ferry removed from the list of primary schools earmarked for closure by Argyll and Bute

Council, Somerset felt inspired to campaign on behalf of the remaining 12 schools. Argyll and Bute is very big but it is very important that communities feel that they can stand together against something like this,' he said. 'We were very lucky at Ulva but the idea is that we want to stand with the other communities affected.' Somerset will carry a message from one primary school to another on his mammoth cycle around the county.

Tributes paid to Inveraray piping stalwart

THE DEATH of a well-known and respected member of the Inveraray community has been described as 'shattering'.

Robert Stewart passed away on Monday evening in hospital

after being blighted by ill health.

The 63-year-old suffered a stroke last year and was on the road to recovery when he was diagnosed with Leukaemia

just last week. His death has shocked the tight-knit Royal Burgh community.

Pipe major of Inveraray's Juvenile Pipe Band, Robert

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Fishing villages reassured over no ban pledge

FISHING villages across Loch Fyne have this week been reassured that their economic future will be protected as the Scottish National Party (SNP) confirms it has no plans to introduce a fishing ban.

The sustainability of Argyll fishing villages was threatened at the end of last year after a petition to stop prawn and scallop fishing within three miles of the Clyde shoreline was launched.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), together with static fishermen, sea anglers and community councils, supported the petition, which called for all methods of mobile fishing, bottom trawling and dredging to stop.

The organisations believe this policy would give the Clyde a chance to recover from 25 years of trawling and dredging.

But the re-elected governing party said this week that it would fulfil its election promise and refrain from introducing the three-mile limit in the Clyde. A spokesman

Loch Fyne's economic future protected

for the party said: 'The SNP Government has no plans to introduce a three-mile limit.

'We have commissioned research on the state of the Clyde which will help all parties to work together to secure sustainable fisheries.'

The announcement comes after thousands of people signed the petition in favour of the ban, which Tarbert fishermen say would 'devastate' Argyll fishing villages.

Kenny MacNab, owner of Tarbert boat *Flying Fish* and former chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, said Tarbert would be finished as a fishing village if the proposal was enforced.

'The majority of fishermen in Tarbert, about 80 per cent, are mobile fishermen. There are about 23 to 25 mobile vessels, family businesses that would go straight out of businesses.'

He added: 'We are quite happy with the discussions we have had with Marine Scotland and the national park; we are pleased that they are listening to common sense.'

But Chair of COAST Howard Wood said the government is allowing one section of the fishing industry to have an overall veto on all proposals about the future of the Clyde.

'The government needs to legislate for the future of the Clyde and the communities that use it, not just favour one section of it,' he said.

Describing the current fishing of the Clyde 'as nothing more than a prawnery', Mr Wood said if Argyll wants a healthy fishing industry tough decisions would need to be made.

'The history is there, the science is there, the only thing that is missing is the political will,' he said.



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Tarbert Seafood Festival saved at eleventh hour

Enterprise company keeps event afloat

THE ANNUAL seafood festival in Tarbert will go ahead this summer – Tarbert Enterprise Company has confirmed.

More than 30 people turned out to a meeting on Tuesday night in the village pledging their support for the food extravaganza, with residents and businesses agreeing to help organise the annual fete.

The future of the festival was questioned last week when festival co-ordinator Nick Mills resigned from the event and no one stepped forward to fill his shoes.

But, having been asked to chair a meeting about the festival, Tarbert Enterprise Company, which had not previously been involved in the seafood festival, has formed a committee to implement

plans for the two-day event. Speaking after the meeting chair of Tarbert Enterprise Company, John Hardy, said: 'There is a huge amount of support and enthusiasm for the festival within the village; there is no likelihood of it slipping off the calendar.'

'Last night a committee decided how we are going to run the event, with members taking responsibility for different areas.'

'We will meet again next week when we expect most things to be put in place.'

Recognising the success of the seafood fair in previous years Mr Hardy said the festival committee would not dwell on any 'acrimony' that existed in the past but would look forward.

'It is all hugely positive,'

Mr Hardy said. 'I believe very strongly that there is a resurgence in Tarbert; it is absolutely buzzing at the moment.'

'We are very excited and looking forward to the seafood festival and the Scottish Series, which may act as a launching pad for the music festival in September.'

Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Authority Board of Trustees, Alan Macdonald, said: 'The harbour authority is delighted that the festival is going ahead and looks forward to working closely with the new committee.'

Tarbert Seafood Festival, which has been held on the shores of Loch Fyne for almost 40 years, is scheduled to take place over the first weekend in July.



Mairi Voinot and David Provan are delighted to be taking part in the 2011 Argyll Ceilidh Trail. 06_a19trail02

Youngsters hit ceilidh trail

MID ARGYLL youngsters Mairi Voinot and David Provan have been selected to take part in Argyll's 2011 Ceilidh Trail.

The Lochgilphead High School students will join six other teenagers playing ceilidhs in villages across the West coast of Scotland and Northern Ireland this summer.

The pair, who will be part of the troop taking the ceilidh trail to Northern Ireland for the first time, are excited about their trip. 'Playing in Northern Ireland will be amazing, said fiddle player Mairi, who will take part in the trail for the second time.

David, a piper with Mid

Argyll Pipe Band, added: 'It will be great experience. We will have a week at Plockton's National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music before the trail begins where we will learn concerts sets, ceilidh dance tunes and receive training in sound equipment.'

Christine MacIntyre, development officer at Fèisean nan Gàidheal, the organisation behind the event, said the trail offers the teenagers the chance to develop their music skills in a professional environment.

Argyll Ceilidh Trail is part of the Slighean Ura - the New Routes project - which is part funded by the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme.

Alleged racist abuse shouted

A MAN has been charged with allegedly shouting racist abuse at premises on Argyll Street in Lochgilphead.

The 61-year-old man, from Lochgilphead, was detained by police officers at 7pm last Wednesday evening and was charged with a racially aggravated breach of the peace.

Youngsters found safe

TWO EIGHT-year-old girls were found safe and well last Thursday after they were reported missing.

Lochgilphead police officers received a call at 7.20pm that evening after the girls wandered off in the Ardrihaig area. The pair were found 30 minutes later.

Damage to ornamental fountain

THE ORNAMENTAL fountain at the Memorial Garden in Tarbert has been vandalised.

The fountain, situated across from the Victoria Hotel was pushed over late on Saturday night or in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Police are appealing for information.

McGrigor first to table Parliamentary questions

HIGHLANDS and Islands Conservative MSP, Jamie McGrigor, has already tabled written parliamentary questions, raising important issues for Argyll.

Speaking ahead of the new parliamentary session, Mr McGrigor, said: 'The condition of the roads, including the trunk roads and especially the non-trunk road section of the

A83 south of Kennacraig, was one of the biggest issues in the recent election campaign and I was keen to keep the pressure up on Ministers as soon as possible.'

'Similarly, the struggle many young families face to find appropriate social housing is a huge concern and needs to be a priority for the Scottish Government.'

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Ann McGaughay and Seamus Rooney were married on February 26, 2011 at Coul House Hotel. The couple live in Contin, Rosshire.

Memory bus to visit Lochgilphead

A MEMORY bus aimed at raising awareness of dementia will visit Lochgilphead next week.

Alzheimer Scotland wants to make sure that no one goes through dementia on their own.

Christine MacDonald, Alzheimer Scotland's Dementia Link Worker, based in Lochgilphead, said: 'Accessing support in Scotland's rural areas can be difficult, which is why the launch of the organisation's first Memory Bus in spring of this year was so important.'

The Memory Bus can travel to more remote areas, outside the towns and cities, taking information and advice to people living with dementia and raising awareness of dementia within local communities.

During May the Memory Bus will be travelling around Argyll and Bute with several local stops where anyone who requires support in their journey with dementia can speak to Alzheimer Scotland staff.

The bus will be in the Mid Argyll Hospital car park in Lochgilphead next Tuesday morning. It will also stop in the Co-operative car park in Lochgilphead from 2pm.

It will also stop in Tarbert from 4-6pm next Wednesday.

Child abuse text helpline launched

A HELPLINE text service that enables users to report child abuse in Argyll and Bute, was launched earlier this week.

The NSPCC launched a text service to drive 'on the spot' reports of child abuse to its Helpline from adults in Argyll and Bute and the rest of the UK. The text number - 88858 - is free and available 24 hours a day.

The launch comes as an NSPCC poll reveals people are unlikely to report child abuse unless they act immediately.

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Tributes paid to Inveraray piping stalwart

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was a high-profile figure on the Scottish piping circuit. He was also piping convenor for Inveraray's Highland Games for 13 years.

Robert's involvement with the games dates back to 1964 when he first won the Duke of Argyll Challenge Cup; he lifted the same cup again in 1965 and 1966.

Speaking on behalf of the games committee, Alasdair Chrystal, convenor, said: 'The loss of Robert is absolutely shattering to us all.'

'He was such a huge influence in the games not only in the piping section but the general running of the games itself.'

Mr Chrystal, added: 'In the piping world he was very highly thought-of and respected; he will be sadly missed.'

Inveraray Pipe Bands' Jim McMillan, said: 'All the members and those associated with the band are devastated at Robert's passing.'

'He was a true gentleman, who devoted a great deal of his time to the band particularly teaching the young people and being the pipe major to the juvenile band.'

'He was well-respected and will be missed by us all.'

Robert is survived by his sons, Andrew and David, daughters, Karen and Laura, and three grandchildren, Eilidh, Emma and Archie.

The funeral service will take place today, Friday, in Inveraray Parish Kirk at 12noon. Thereafter to Glenshira.



Left to right: Rotary president Sandy Cameron, Musician of the Year Mairi Voinot, Citizen of the Year Fiona Munro and District Governor Designate Roberta Gaitan. 06_a20citiz01

Rotary Musician and Citizen of the Year receive their awards

TWO MID Argyll ladies have been awarded prestigious accolades for their work and talent in the local community.

Lochgilhead teenager Mairi Voinot and Ardrishaig mum, Fiona Munro were named Rotary Club Musician of the Year and Citizen of the Year respectively.

The pair joined the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll at its annual Charter Dinner in the Stonefield Castle Hotel on Saturday night.

Rotary Club President Sandy Cameron said both winners were 'extremely deserving'.

He said: 'Mairi is absolutely brilliant.'

The 16-year-old Lochgilhead High School student is well known in the

area for her emerging talent playing the fiddle. Mhairi said: 'It's a massive pleasure and honour for the rotary to think of me as their Musician of the Year.'

Speaking of Fiona's award, Mr Cameron, said: 'Working as a full time nurse, being a mother and still finding the time to conduct an award-winning choir really takes some beating.'

Fiona led all-girl Gaelic choir, *Coisir Og Dhailriata*, for eight years. She stepped down as the choir's conductor at the end of last year.

On receiving her award, Fiona said: 'The choir was a team effort; I was one part of the team that made the choir successful so it's a big surprise and I'm very honoured.'

Charity's despair as council cuts contract

A COUNCIL leaflet told vulnerable adults it would do 'Nothing About You Without You'.

But as the *Advertiser* went to press yesterday, Thursday, a meeting was due to be held in private, which would see councillors discuss the future of funding for Neighbourhood Networks, the charity that provides support for more than 30 vulnerable adults in Oban and Lochgilhead.

The authority says no decisions would be taken at the meeting. But Neighbourhood Networks director John Dalrymple said: 'The council's motion is unlawful. They cannot propose to withdraw the existing service without consultation.'

'It is alarming there has been a total failure by the council to consult directly with the local men and women who currently use the services of Neighbourhood Networks, as required in terms of Equalities and Disability Discrimination Legislation.'

'We are urging members to bring appropriate influence to bear on the members of the Budget Working Group when it holds a secret meeting.'

Service user Lorna MacDonald, from Lochgilhead, said: 'This is very upsetting for me as without Neighbourhood Networks I will have no support.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The council has a contract with Neighbourhood Networks which is scheduled to end on May 20.'

'The council has decided not to re-tender this contract as it will focus on a different type of service provision.'

'It is not the case that there has been no contact with Neighbourhood Networks, and council officers have held a number of meetings with managers from the network over the last year to try to encourage them to change their service model, to improve their performance in relation to service user progression and their cost of service to allow them to compete for new service contracts.'

'We will provide a 90 day notice to the network and commence discussions with service users regarding the levels of support they require and how this is best met,' she added.

Man fined £40 after disturbance

A MID ARGYLL man was fined £40 after causing a disturbance at a pub in Ardrishaig.

The 52 year-old man, from the Tarbert area, was given the fixed penalty by police officers after he started arguing with bar staff. The man was asked to leave the bar when he became heavily intoxicated on Sunday night.

Alleged cocaine possession

A MAN was arrested for alleged possession of cocaine on Sunday night at a house in Kilmichael Glassary.

Police were called to a disturbance at the house at midnight when they found the 24-year-old to be in possession of the banned substance.

He appeared at Dunoon Sheriff Court on Monday.

Meter money missing

POLICE are appealing for information after £50 was taken from an electricity meter from a house in Minard.

The theft was reported to police at 11.20am last Wednesday.

Anyone with information can contact Lochgilhead Police Station on 01546 702200.

Clarification

FURTHER to a story on page 1 of the *Advertiser* on Friday, May 6, Mrs Patricia Wilson has asked us to clarify that she voluntarily handed in the keys to her housing association property, in Lochnell Street, Lochgilhead, on March 18, and takes issue with the comments directed towards her, stating she feels the criticism was undeserved.

Cash machine warning

STRATHCLYDE Police is warning all ATM users to be vigilant after debit and credit card details were copied from cash machines in Oban and Campbeltown.

A skimming device was found at the ATM outside the Co-op store on Soroba Road, in Oban, last week, whilst a second device was found at the Bank of Scotland cash machine on Long Road in Campbeltown last Saturday afternoon.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol, from Lochgilhead Police, urged ATM users to cover the keypad when entering their PIN, to look for cameras and an unusual cover over the card slot.

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Salmon market continuing to outpace supply

EXPORTS of fresh Scottish salmon reached record levels in 2010, according to new figures released by the Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO).

The figures show that exports increased by 20 per cent, rising to 78,611 tonnes from 65,480 tonnes the previous year. It is the second consecutive year exports have risen, further confirming the fish as Scotland's largest food export.

A recent agreement to allow exports of Scottish salmon into China means the figures are likely to dramatically increase again next year, with demand from the Asian coun-

try already 150 per cent of total Scottish output.

The SSPO say exports reached 54 countries worldwide. The USA is the world's top importer, taking in 31,924 tonnes of Scottish salmon, while France is Europe's biggest consumer, importing 26,475 tonnes. Increased demand was recorded from Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, eastern Europe and the Middle East.

The chief executive of SSPO, Scott Landsburgh, said: 'Scottish farmed salmon is a top quality, healthy and sustainable protein in high demand at home and overseas.'

'Exports have increased over

650 per cent during the last 20 years. The strong performance demonstrates that the salmon farming sector is playing a key role in the export-led economic recovery.'

Revealed at last week's European Seafood Exposition – the world's largest fishing show, expected to attract 24,000 visitors – Mr Landsburgh said their report is good news for the economy.

He said: 'With the global salmon market continuing to outpace supply, it is good news for jobs and investment in many parts of Scotland, including remote, rural communities in the Highlands and Islands.'



Children at Kilmartin Primary School enjoyed meeting the furry creatures that make up Argyll's natural heritage after a performance by Symon MacIntyre and Kim Bergsagel of the Puppet-Lab. 06_a19puppet01

Natural heritage puppet show

AN INTERACTIVE puppet show is travelling around Mid Argyll primary schools this week teaching children about their natural heritage.

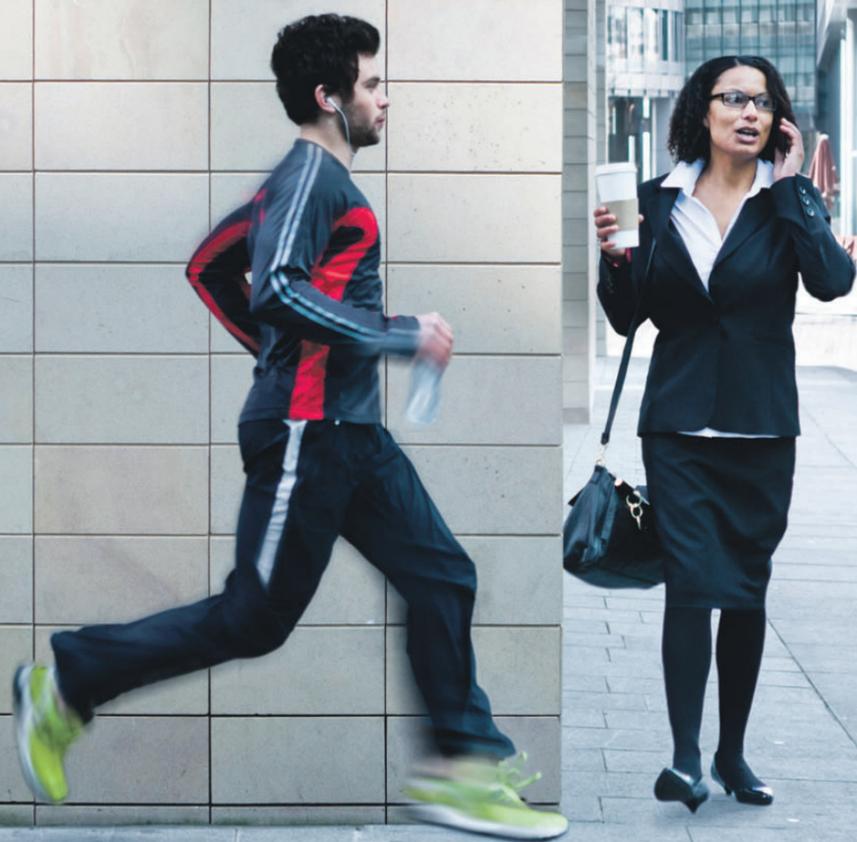
Puppets Red Squirrel, Pine Martin, Owl, Badger and brand new edition Beaver, will give an exciting performance covering issues such as biodiversity, littering and habitats.

The show is part of a wider education programme, organised by Kilmartin House Museum that will be delivered to more than 600 children across Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

Then next phase of the project sees the children experience and examine their natural heritage more closely as they take a field trip to Barnluasgan Nature Reserve.

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Public views wanted on land use and industry change

RESIDENTS in Mid Argyll are being asked their views on potentially huge changes to land use and industry in the area.

Argyll and Bute Council is asking people their views on reviving rural settlements, a proposed green belt area and strategic locations for industry as it aims to create the Local Area Development Plan.

Produced by Argyll and Bute Council the Local Development Plan is a strategic document, which sets out a vision of what the region should look like over the next twenty years.

The Main Issues Report, the first formal stage in creating the development plan, was revealed to the public last week. The report looks at issues like the impact of climate change, growing our economy, providing the right levels of housing and safeguarding the environment.

The local authority has yet to reach a firm view on the proposals and wants as much opinion as can possibly be gathered through a consultation, which is to last for nine weeks.

The findings of the consultation will be used to inform the development plan that will be published in the first quarter of 2012.

Newly elected MSP supports World Fair Trade organisation

NEWLY elected MSP for the Highland and Islands Mike MacKenzie has commended the Mid Argyll fair trade movement as it celebrated World Fair Trade Day on Saturday.

Mr MacKenzie last week signed a motion in parliament, proposed by Sarah Boyack, calling for support for the World Fair Trade Organisation. He said: 'Many schools, communities, church organisations, social clubs and local fair trade organisations advance moves to make Scotland a fair trade nation. Sarah Boyack's motion very fairly supports this ideal and I am pleased to add my name to it.'

Contact details for new MSP

THE NEW MSP for Mid Argyll, Mike Russell, is telling people how they can contact him as he works to create a constituency office.

Constituents can phone Mr Russell on 01369 702011, email him at michael.russell.msp@scottish.parliament.uk, or write to him at The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP.

Mr Russell said: 'I am sure people will bear with me whilst I establish a new constituency office and set up arrangements to cover and regularly work in all areas of Argyll & Bute'.

Organ donors wanted

PEOPLE in Mid Argyll are being urged to join the organ donor register as the NHS announces ambitious plans to do more than 4,000 organ transplants a year.

The target was revealed this week with the publication of the NHS Blood and Transplant's strategic plan for 2011-14.

Lynda Hamlyn, chief executive of NHS Blood and Transplant unit, said: 'Our ambitious plans to make more organs available for transplant will save and improve more patients' lives than ever before but our success depends on the kindness and generosity of our donors without whom organ transplantation would not be possible.'

Acha lends a hand

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) has, over the past year, given financial assistance to more than 30 organisations across Argyll and Bute.

A total of 34 groups have each received a grant from the Association's Community Action Fund.

The fund was set up to give donations of up to £300 to organisations deemed worthwhile causes.

In Mid Argyll, Lochgilphead Golf Club Juniors, Moving

On-Mid Argyll and Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust have all benefited from a grant.

Support

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's Chief Executive, said: 'The Community Action Fund has allowed the Association to support a variety of different community activities which would have struggled to get going and we are really pleased at the diversity of initiatives we have been asked to support.'



Auchindrain's old flag comes down and is carefully folded away. Pictured from left are: Billy Paterson, Innes Carmichael, Frangag Lynn and Rebecca Martin.

Village hall information

COMMUNITY groups in Mid Argyll that manage village halls are being invited to share their ideas and experiences with their Scottish counterparts at a special event.

The volunteers are invited to a networking event in Perthshire where they can help each find solutions to the challenges for running community facilities.

The event, organised by the Scottish National Rural Network and Scottish Agricultural College, offers the

opportunity to share ideas and information.

The free event, which will take place on July 5, will also see the launch of the new Keystone quality award from the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) designed to provide information, support and encouragement to organisations managing rural facilities.

For more information log on to www.ruralgateway.org.uk or call Matt Tyrer on 01463 251 727.

Auchindrain's new tearoom opens

AFTER months of planning and preparation Auchindrain Township Museum's new tearoom has opened.

The raising of the Saltire over the entrance to the museum, near Furnace, on Friday April 22, signalled the start of a new era at the historic Township.

The opening of the centre and tearoom had previously been halted due to a delay in connecting the mains water supply. But thanks to 'extraordinary' efforts by Scottish Water, the mains were connected in time to open for the Easter break.

Speaking at the opening, Auchindrain Trust Convener, Alison Hay, said: 'This is a great day for Auchindrain and I must thank all the

members of staff, volunteers and supporters who have made it possible through their hard work and dedication.

'Auchindrain is really one of the jewels in the crown of Scotland's heritage sites, and I am proud that it is in Argyll.

'It has suffered many trials and tribulations, including near closure, over the past forty years, but today represents another step forward towards a secure future.'

The work on the Visitor Centre has been carried out largely through a grant of £45,900 from the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme. Other funders include MGS Recognition Capital Fund £21,000, HIE £22,50 and Community Energy Scotland £15,075.

Calling all Scout groups

MID ARGYLL Scout groups are being called upon to take part in a competition which could see them awarded up to £500.

Groups have just a few more weeks to tell WD-40 how they have used their DIY and Scouting skills to make a difference to their community.

Scout groups wishing to enter the competition can email WD40@connect-group.com or call 01902 714957.

Freeview HD coming soon

FREEVIEW HD will soon be available to nearly 197,000 new homes in the Darvel mast area when the digital switchover begins in the STV region.

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2011 Competition season gets underway!

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band heads to the Scottish Championships sponsored by D McNair & Son

CAMPBELTOWN'S leading fuel merchants, D McNair & Son, of Kinloch Road, have stepped in to sponsor Kintyre Schools Pipe Band's assault on the Scottish Pipe Band Championships at Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton, tomorrow, Saturday May 21.

McNairs supply and deliver coal, oil and gas throughout Kintyre and

offer a friendly, prompt and efficient service.

Managing director, Alan Shaw said: 'I am delighted to be supporting juvenile piping and drumming in Kintyre by sponsoring the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band once more on its first major excursion of the 2011 season.'

'The Band has been going for 10 years and in that time they've

been World Champions on three occasions.

'I welcome D McNair & Son's association with them.'

Ian McKerral, Pipe Major, thanked Mr Shaw for his kind words.

He said: 'It's amazing just how much help and support we get from within our own community, not least from firms such as D. McNair & Son.'



On sale this week!

THE long awaited *Bengullion*, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band live in concert on DVD goes on sale this week in shops around the town. Highly recommended at £12.99

Alan Shaw of D McNair & Son, proud to sponsor Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, with the band members on Stewart Green before Saturday's street performance. C20ksp1NO

The band marches up Main Street on Saturday evening. C20kSP2NO



Encouraging start at Gourock

KINTYRE Schools head for the Scottish Championships on Saturday, having been placed third in Novice Grade and fourth in Juvenile Grade at

the Gourock Highland Games on Sunday May 8.

'I was pleased with our run at Gourock,' said Pipe Major McKerral, 'but I've told

them we can do better. My aim for the band at Dumbarton is a clean, tight performance without any bloopers. We've been practising every day this week.'



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The Argyllshire Advertiser
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Take the plunge and help build the pool

IN MID Argyll it has become fashionable once again, it seems, to take the pledge.

But today taking the pledge doesn't mean giving up the drink, but is much more an indication of your desire to be in it.

For today's 'with-it' pledge is yet another way in which those of us in Mid Argyll, who care about fun, fitness and safety for ourselves and our young people, can do something practical to bring a swimming pool in Mid Argyll a step nearer to reality.

The hard working and enthusiastic swimming pool committee, which in the last year has gained new members, is exploring every possible method of raising finance for a project that we hope will bring together local people for as long as it takes to raise the cash to build a pool in Mid Argyll.

Tarbert trekkers raise £1,000

A SPONSORED 13.2 mile walk from Skipness to Tarbert last Sunday, organised by the Corner House, Tarbert, raised more than £1,000 for research into muscular dystrophy.

The would-be walkers left the Corner House by bus at 10.30am and began the long trek homewards from Skipness an hour later.

First home were youngsters George J Murphy and Mark Lupton, followed shortly afterwards by a steady stream of tired but happy walkers.

Last to cross the finish line were senior citizens ex-harbour master Angus MacFarlane and his wife Jenny.

Football bonanza at Ropework Park

A TWO-day football 'bonanza' sponsored by MacLeod Homes, is to be held at the Ropework Park in Lochgilphead on August 9 and 10.

The following teams, who will all take part, are all involved in the Scottish Amateur League – Campbeltown Pupils, Oban Saints, Rothesay AFC, Dunoon AFC, Carradale AFC, Tarbert AFC, Lochside AFC and Red Star AFC.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was uncharacteristically calm when we landed on Iona a few weeks ago. There wasn't a breath of wind and the Sound of Iona was almost motionless.

We abandoned our luggage and set off to walk to the Abbey. It was Easter and we were filled with anticipation for the week ahead. Worship in the Abbey is always special, but at Easter there is an added dimension, which can both surprise and challenge.

As we walked across the fields dappled with lambs, the only sound was the rustle of the grass against our boots. It was then in the silence that this sound impinged on my consciousness. I felt a surge of excitement when I heard the strange, but distinctive sound of the Corncrake. Now here, now there – where was this most secretive of birds?

Tantalisingly he continued to call as if laughing at our inability to spot him. This master of disguises eluded us, yet left us with the knowledge that we had indeed experienced something very special. We could hear, but could not see, and that was going to have to be enough.

As the week progressed, we heard many familiar words of Scripture, words of God, yet still even in this holy place we could not 'see' God. Was hearing to be enough?

In the beauty all around, we could see so much of the creativity of God, the wonder of God, the love of God. Was this to be enough?

Finally, back at the hotel, sitting with coffee in the late afternoon sun, a blackbird joined our table; sitting within inches, close enough to touch. I thought of the poem, 'he comes on chosen evenings, my blackbird bountiful'.

After such a day, I reckoned that if still I couldn't 'see' God, then indeed my senses are dulled and impaired.



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. Taken on May 30, 1995, the picture shows Tarbert Harbour filled with yachts taking part in racing competition Rover Series, now known as the Scottish Series.

Alison Hay's thanks

Sir,
I would like to thank all the people who voted for me in the Scottish Holyrood elections. I would also like to thank my opponents for a lively and robust contest. Finally I would like to congratulate Mike Russell on his win and wish him well in representing Argyll and Bute's interests in Government.

Alison Hay,
Seaview,
Minard.

Walkers call for warning on canal

Sir,
As a regular walker on the canal banks I appreciate all the beautiful flora and fauna - holiday weekends were busy with extra walkers and families - with the banks well maintained it really is a pleasure, or should be, to take full use of something right on our doorstep.

However there are two items causing a nuisance - the use of bicycle bells and courtesy from cyclists, the sad majority of which do not warn walkers of their presence. Having to keep looking over

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your shoulder gets a bit tedious after a while.

Please ring your bell, shout, whistle, warn the walkers - then we can all enjoy our lovely canal banks.

M.S Walker,
Mid Argyll.

Parliamentary debate

Sir,
I agree with Mr McFarlane's assertion, in his letter featured in the Argyllshire Advertiser on May 6, that there should be more opportunities to meet parliamentary candidates. However I would remind readers that the *Big Debate*, hosted by Brian Taylor and held in Ardrishaig Hall on Friday April 1, gave the public the chance to see and hear four of the candidates for the Argyll seat.

All I have spoken to agreed it was an excellent event and Brian Taylor should be thanked for bringing this debate to Argyll.

David Inglis,
Cherrybank,
Ardrishaig.

Minister for Construction

Sir,
With the SNP having achieved a historic majority of MSPs elected to the Scottish Parliament, Alex Salmond should seize the opportunity to strengthen his ministerial team this week and appoint a dedicated minister for construction.

The Scottish construction sector directly employs eight per cent of Scotland's working population and contributes more than 10 per cent of Scotland's total economic output annually.

But it is an industry that suffers from fragmented representation at a political level and that is impacted by a wide range of policy areas.

As minister for enterprise, energy and tourism, Jim Mather, who stood down from parliament at the May elections, was as close as our industry came to a dedicated minister during the last four years. With so many more SNP MSPs now elected to parliament, Alex Salmond has

an ideal opportunity to divide Jim Mather's former portfolio and to appoint Scotland's first dedicated construction minister.

We are confident that that individual would champion the interests of the industry within government and ensure that those policies impacting the construction sector are properly and effectively coordinated.

Michael Levack,
Chief Executive,
Scottish Building
Federation.

The real impact of council cuts

Sir,
In response to Councillor George Freeman's letter to the Argyllshire Advertiser on May 13, I would like to share with my community the real impact of council cuts on my family and I.

Last year, my husband was made redundant by Argyll and Bute Council. He was a valued member of his team, committed and skilled, his redundancy has been a loss to our community.

This year, I too face a real risk of redundancy as Argyll and Bute Council propose to cut the funding to my employer, a social care service offering support to around 30 men and women in Mid Argyll and Oban.

My son is a pupil at Minard Primary School, which too is on the council's hit list for closure.

If I, like my husband, lose my job I will take my nursing and social care skills away from Argyll and Bute.

We will remove our bright children from Mid Argyll's schools and we will take our commitment to being fully involved in the place where we live to another area.

When we moved to Argyll seven years ago, we came bringing hope, enthusiasm and a willingness to join the life and soul of our village and wider community.

This will all be lost by a situation where two committed, publicly minded people lose their security and a child loses his school.

Becs Barker,
Minard.

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come the visitors from Northern Ireland who'll be popping over to see us, here's a look at what we can enjoy there; whether we're going for a day, a weekend or a longer break. Remember it's only an hour-and-a-half away in the comfort of Kintyre Express, nearer in both distance and time than Oban and someone else will be doing the driving, so you can even enjoy a nice big glass of wine with your lunch and sit back and enjoy the view.



Ballycastle's Lammas Fair takes place annually on the last Monday and Tuesday in August (29th and 30th this year) when tens of thousands of visitors come to Ballycastle to soak up the atmosphere of Ireland's oldest 2 day fair.

DALRIADA Festival runs from June 17 – 19 this year, so get your ferry tickets booked!

Hang on a minute? Isn't Dalriada that place up near Lochgilhead? Reach for your history books: the first settlers from the Irish tribe of Dal Riata in County Antrim arrived in Argyll around 400AD and gradually created a kingdom; later St Columba established himself in Iona. Dalriada Festival is centred on Glenarm Castle Estate near Ballmeana, a quick journey from the ferry terminal at Ballycastle. It began 14-years-ago to create

a cultural and heritage event to highlight the sporting, music and food cultures of both Ireland and Scotland. Topping the bill this year is the classical music group The Priests, three Catholic priests all from Northern Ireland. Other performers include General Fiasco an indie rock group from Magherafelt; Duke Special, from Belfast; Amici, four classically-trained singers who specialise in operatic pop, and Tucan an instrumental

group from Sligo. That's before the Highland games challenge, sporting events and the festival of fine food. There will be plenty of folk from Northern Ireland coming over to visit our own Mull of Kintyre Music Festival this summer, so let's repay the compliment. Remember the only thing that separates us, culturally, historically and geographically is the 12-mile wide North Channel and that's now got a fast ferry!

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So much in common, so close and up until now getting there involved a lengthy road trip and sea crossing but that coast is now just 90 minutes away by fast ferry!

The must see has to be the Giants Causeway it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A boat trip across a beautiful stretch of water, excellent bus service link to a unique and beautiful location and back home again. And you won't be behind the wheel, slogging up the road; sit back and relax, someone else will be doing the driving (and sailing) for you. What a brilliant way to spend a day; the trip to the Giant's Causeway is going to become a must-do. Sit tight, here comes the lesson bit: intense volcanic activity, with lava welling up through fissures in the chalk bed formed a lava plateau, giving polygonal columns of layered basalt. Three distinct periods of volcanic activity created the Lower, Middle and Upper Basalts, and it's the Middle Basalt rock which forms the famous amphitheatres of hexagonal columns. Time and the weather finished the job off. Now we've got that over and done with, what about the Giant's Eyes, The Chimney Stacks, The Harp, The Organ and the Camel's Hump? These are some of the names given to the formations; the Giant's Causeway is not just home to these but a

wealth of bird and sea life and some rare species of plant also.

Until summer next year work is taking place on building a superb new visitor centre at Giant's Causeway car parking will be limited so going by bus remains the best option.

GOLF

To say that there are people in Kintyre who like their golf might be a little bit of an understatement. Well, we're pretty sure they feel the same on the other side of the North Channel; they've got a course or two of their own.

You can bet that a lot of the people travelling with Kintyre Express from Ballycastle will be stowing their golf clubs on board and coming to play Machrihanish, Machrihanish Dunes, Dunaverty and Carradale.

Don't forget that when it comes to getting golfers onto the greens on time Kintyre Express already has a great deal of expertise; the route between Troon and Campbeltown is already well used by golfers to cut down on travelling time.

How about Royal Portrush, Galgorm Castle, Ballycastle, Roe Park and Gracehill for starters? Portrush is one of the great courses of the world like our own Machrihanish; Galgorm is in the top 30 great courses of Ireland and Garcehill challenges with its American-style water hazards.



Take the exhilarating rope bridge to Carrick-a-Rede island and enjoy a truly clifftop experience.

PEOPLE of a nervous disposition and those who suffer from vertigo, look away now, those braver-hearted souls still reading, welcome to the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. It's as much of an icon of the Causeway Coast as the Giant's Causeway, Bushmills and golf.

In a word: wow. The rope bridge to the tiny island of Carrick-a-Rede crosses a chasm that is 30-metres deep and 20m wide; the earliest versions were built by fishermen to go and check their salmon nets. Earlier bridges only had a single rope hand rail but the National Trust built the latest one with two. You know those places on the tourist

map that people say you have to see and photographs don't do it justice? Well the rope bridge if one of those.

The coastal walk leading to the bridge is magnificent; the tiny island is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the flora and fauna and birdlife and wonderful and the views breathtaking. Even if you don't feel brave enough for the bridge, the

walk and the view along the coastal path is fantastic. (National Trust-run; the bridge is part of the Ulster Way, open weather permitting, no more than eight on the bridge and dogs not allowed onto the bridge but welcome on the path on leads).

THE links across the North Channel continue with distilling; on both sides there are iconic distilleries and their products have a loyal following. Bushmills is Ireland's oldest whiskey distillery; in 1608 King James I granted Sir Thomas Phillips a Royal licence to distil 'in the territory of the Rowte' in County Antrim; the first official record of the trade in the area around Bushmills. The first actual reference to Old Bushmills Distillery is in 1743. And just as in Campbeltown there are tours and tastings to be had; tour places are normally sold on a first-come-first-served basis but bookings can be taken for groups, contact the distillery.

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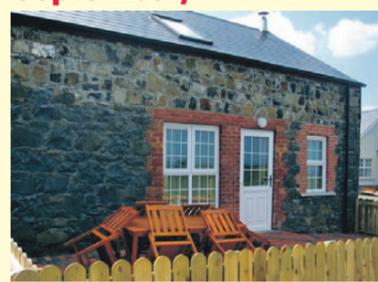
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CULTURE VULTURES

The oldest part of the City, the Cathedral Quarter with its cobbled lanes is home to the fringe-style Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival which takes place every May. The area is a hub for entertainment and arts and offers a mix of hip bars and restaurants, hotels and contemporary art galleries all alongside the magnificent St Anne's Cathedral.

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Belfast city centre is compact and easy to get around with an unrivalled concentration of leading international chains, mixed with an excellent selection of local retailers. For haute couture, visit the leafy Lisburn Road littered with boutiques, cafe bars and delicatessen; striking Victoria Square offers retail therapy with refreshments and one of Belfast's best vistas from its impressive dome.

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The wildlife outnumbers the people; one side of the island is home to an RSPB bird centre which is packed full of puffins, guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes and many more during the summer.

The island also sees summer migrants of the human kind; holiday makers who love the tranquillity of the place which has a good cross section of accommodation and services. We've long had links with Rathlin; many

fishing families came to live in Kintyre from there, just check out the Campbeltown Heritage Centre to see photographs.

There is also a piece of national heritage linked to Rathlin. Bruce's Cave is said to be the spot where Robert the Bruce is supposed to have watched a spider keep trying again and again to spin its web, and been inspired to raise a fresh army and fight for his kingdom.

A good yarn that's been spun over the centuries? Well Bruce took refuge there in 1306, you decide.

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Crinan Canal walk raises Cystic Fibrosis cash



Little Sophie, mum Cara and dad Craig with some of their friends and family who took part in the sponsored walk last weekend.
Photograph by Claire McCuaig.

ANYONE near the Crinan Canal last Saturday may have thought they were seeing things when an array of colourful characters walked from Cairnbaan to Lochgilphead.

From a Rubix Cube to a pirate and a devil, dozens of people turned out to support Ardrishaig woman Cara Douglas in her efforts to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis (CF).

Eighteen-year-old Cara has a very important reason for fundraising after her five-month-old daughter, Sophie, was diagnosed with the disease. CF is one of the UK's most common life-threatening inherited diseases. It affects the internal organs, especially the lungs and digestive system, by clogging them with thick sticky mucus. This makes it hard to breathe and digest food. Cara and her partner, Craig Hall, were surrounded

by around 30 friends and family, who all walked the two miles to Miller's Bridge in Lochgilphead.

Speaking after the event Cara said: 'I want to raise awareness of Cystic Fibrosis and let more people know about the illness. I'm going to run more events throughout the summer so hopefully even more people will come out and support us because all the money we raise will go towards funding for research.'

Cara added: 'I'd like to thank everyone for coming along and for making an effort with their costumes.'

Sophie's dad, Craig, and grandmother, Marina, will, this weekend, cycle from Callendar to Balquhiddier, a total of 28 miles, to raise money for CF.

To sponsor them visit - www.virginmoney/cysticfibrosistrust.



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Mid Argyll Youth Chorus shine in Oban

By Holly R Renton - P6
Minard Primary School SATURDAY April 30 was a huge success for the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus who were competing in the Highlands and Islands Music Festival in Oban.

We had an extremely busy day running from hall to hall for all the different competitions, but everyone coped very well.

In our first choir competition we sang the Glee song, *Don't Stop Believing* and a beautiful folk song called *The Water of Tyne* and we got an amazing mark of 93! Adjudicator Ian Anderson said: 'This was excellent, energetic singing with excellent preparation and a very exciting sound.'

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The ladies of the Inverclyde Gaelic Waulking Group simulate the ladies of the 18th and 19th Centuries on one of the old Sheiling sites near Auchindrain. 06_a20sing02

Rain doesn't deter museums weekend

FROM butter churning in an ancient township to storytelling amongst the standing stones of Kilmartin Glen, there were certainly plenty of events for people to enjoy last weekend.

Both Kilmartin House Museum and the Auchindrain Township Museum held events to celebrate the first ever *Festival of Museums*, coordinated by Museums Galleries Scotland.

Festival of Museums coincides with key cultural events on the European arts calendar, including Culture24's *Museums at Night* and *La Nuit des Musées* to help place Argyll, and Scotland, firmly on the international cultural map.

At Auchindrain, visitors enjoyed the *Return to the Sheiling*, which saw them given a tour of an ancient

Sheiling Site, accompanied by the Inverclyde Gaelic Waulking Group.

In the afternoon, there were butter churning demonstrations and again, the Inverclyde Gaelic Waulking Group entertained visitors by Waulking the tweed and spinning demonstrations.

Kilmartin House Museum welcomed back Bob Pegg, international musician and storyteller, who ran the event 'Sounding the Stones'. On Saturday, Bob hosted an instrument-making and playing workshop. And on Sunday a musical concert using all the newly constructed instruments took place around the standing stones.

For more information on the Festival of Museums visit - www.festivalofmuseums.com



Bob Pegg, international musician and storyteller, plays one of his many instruments to the crowd on Sunday. 06_a20stone02



Musicians braved the West-Coast rain for their performance of Sounding the Stones at Kilmartin on Sunday. 06_a20stone01

Your guide to DINING OUT

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Synopsis: Red Riding Hood. Valerie (Amanda Seyfried) is a beautiful young woman torn between two men. She is in love with a brooding outsider Peter (Shiloh Fernandez), but her parents have arranged for her to marry the wealthy Henry (Max Irons). Unwilling to lose each other, Valerie and Peter are planning to run away together when they learn that Valerie's older sister has been killed by the werewolf that prowls the dark forest surrounding their village. For years, the people have maintained an uneasy truce with the beast, offering the creature a monthly animal sacrifice. But under a blood red moon, the wolf has upped the stakes by taking a human life. Hungry for revenge, the people call on famed werewolf hunter, Father Solomon (Gary Oldman), to help them kill the wolf. But Solomon's arrival brings unintended consequences as he warns that the wolf, who takes human form by day, could be any one of them. As the death toll rises with each moon, Valerie begins to suspect that the werewolf could be someone she loves. Panic grips the town as Valerie discovers that she has a unique connection to the beast - one that inexorably draws them together, making her both suspect...and bait. Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

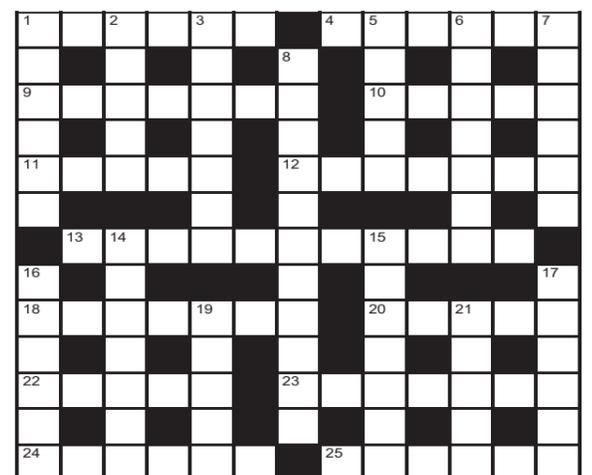
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Last week's solution



Dazzling delights at annual hair show

FROM cone shaped do's, to an elaborate fan of peacock feathers, the Argyll College Hair Show certainly didn't disappoint its audience.

Spectators packed into Lochgilphead Joint Campus last Thursday night for the annual event, which this year raised more than £500 for the MS Centre in Lochgilphead.

Hairdressing students from the college certainly excelled themselves with a wide range of haircuts, colours and styles.

Successful

Maria MacKenzie, the college's hairdressing tutor, said: 'It was such a successful night, I'm so proud of the girls.'



Elvis, aka John Burnett, and Marilyn Monroe, aka Hannah Nixon, took to the stage. 06_a20hair02



The elaborate peacock hairstyle which drew gasps from the audience. 06_a20hair01



One of the models displaying the Avant-garde theme. 06_a20hair03



A look-back to the 50s with some hairstyles inspired by the film Greece. 06_a20hair04



Stepping into the swinging 60s with this hairstyle. 06_a20hair06



Greece's very own Danny Zuko, aka, John Mulaney, gets into character. 06_a20hair05

Garden Clippings with Robert Westerman

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SUMMER BEDDING

Whether it's borders, baskets, or tubs now is the time to look at planting up with bedding.

It may be that you already have a well established garden and you are simply filling in some gaps, or you are establishing a new garden.

With a large number of varieties available to choose from it couldn't be easier or more rewarding.

Some plants are more suited to growing at ground level and others like Lobelia would look good trailing over the side of a tub or box.

If it's plants for baskets you couldn't go wrong by choosing a plant like Surfinia that will produce a cascade of colour before long.

To ensure success with any of your plants make sure they don't dry out, especially with your tubs and baskets and sometimes that does mean watering every day if the weather is warm or windy.

Following some simple guidelines your plants will quickly establish and give you flowers over the next few months.

Water your plants well before planting out.

Try not to damage any of the roots or foliage.



Dig the hole large enough for planting to allow enough room for both the root ball and some back filling with a multi purpose compost to give your plants the best start.

Aim to plant out in late afternoon or early evening. This allows your plants time to establish out of the heat of the sun.

Give your new plants a good water to settle them into the soil.

Feed and dead head the plants on a regular basis to encourage flowering.

ALPINES

If you're pushed for space and time in the garden consider creating a mini garden in the shape of a container planted up with Alpines.

Whether it's an old sink, trough or even the cracks in a wall, there is an Alpine to suit all.

Alpines prefer to have their roots in well drained soil. It may be worth purchasing a small bag of compost specifically designed for this purpose or alternatively you can add coarse sand or gravel to your compost mix to help drainage.

Fill your container below the rim to allow room for a top dressing of grit around the neck of your plants. Place out in the sun but consider shading on very hot days. Never allow your plants to dry out during the growing season. Alpines also like good ventilation so avoid crowding other plants around them.



Sideways planting in a wall for example can also be considered. Check there is enough soil within the hole to avoid any gaps between the root ball of the plant.

Water regularly but not excessively. Keep Alpines drier in winter and in mid Spring feed with a general fertiliser at just 1/4 of the manufacturers' recommended strength for other plants.



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MULL OF KINTYRE HALF MARATHON AND 10K

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2011

MULL of Kintyre Run 2011 is set to be the biggest and best yet and this is your chance to get the low down on an action packed weekend. More runners will be taking part in the half marathon and 10k events, a total of 750, and an exciting new event has been introduced to add to the electric atmosphere the weekend gives Campbeltown. Organisers want to involve those who aren't taking part in the races as much as possible, asking for people to make banners, flags and get out and spur on the runners and keep them going throughout the routes. Local groups, such as guides, rainbows and school groups are also being encouraged to draw up their designs and cheer on everyone taking part. The weekend's newest event will take place on the Saturday and has been named the 'Friendship Run'. It will take place from Westport Beach to Machrihanish and give runners a chance to warm up the day before and stretch their legs at the same time as meeting others who are taking part in the race on Sunday. A FREE bus will be on offer and free refreshments will be served at Machrihanish. Last year's half marathon race was ranked number one in the UK in Runners World magazine's Ultimate Guide. It was also voted number one for beginners as well as for atmosphere. This just goes to prove the event's success and reputation is growing year on year with more people coming from out with Kintyre to get a piece of the action. Tickets for the much anticipated post race ceilidh on Sunday night are now sold out. For more information or to reserve a space on the bus email events@mokrun.com.



Matthew Turner winner of the 10K with Laura McMillan (parents originally from Campbeltown) and Paul Arcari winners of the half marathon. 04_c23run30



Winners of the girls 2k fun run, 6-9 years. 04_c23run25



Winners of the boys 2k fun run, 6-9 years. 04_c23run26



Joanne Rae, marketing manager of Robert Wiseman Dairies, presented the prizes. She is seen here with ladies winner of the 10k Lesley McFadyen. 04_c23run27

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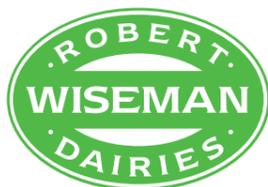
WORLD adventurer Rosie Swale-Pope will be spreading her inspiration in Campbeltown through a free talk on Saturday May 28.

Rosie has many accolades behind her including sailing across the Atlantic alone in a 17-foot boat, and running 27 marathons in 27 days in Britain for charity, pulling a 300lb cart Icebird used in her world run.

She has written several best selling books including *A Little Run Around the World*.

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Argyll's best on offer at Loch Fyne Food Fayre

A SELECTION of Argyll's finest foods were on offer at the annual Loch Fyne Food Fair near Cairndow last weekend.

Celebrating 21 years of the annual event, the Food Fair, run by Loch Fyne Oysters, was held over two days, Saturday and Sunday.

Although the weather made the ground a bit soft, it certainly didn't deter visitors to the field opposite the Oyster Bar,

attracting 5000 people through the gates.

As well as tasty treats, which would make any mouth water, visitors could also enjoy a variety of craft stalls, which featured several Artmap Argyll exhibitors.

Table talk sessions ran throughout the two days, giving people a chance to meet those producing the products showcased at the Fair. People who attended the sessions were able to meet with

the producers, try their products and talk about their experiences in the food industry.

Saturday night saw the return of *Rusty Nail*, who performed for the Loch Fyne Food Fair ceilidh.

Bruce Davidson, Managing Director at Loch Fyne Oysters said: 'It was amazing to see such a great turnout at the Food Fair this year, especially as we were celebrating its 21st birthday.

'Everyone looked to be having a great time trying the remarkable range of produce from the local area. We're delighted to have held an event like this for all the local families and visitors from further afield to enjoy.'



The ladies from Barbreck Farms near Ardfern were kept busy selling hot dishes of beef, lamb and haggis, as well as a selection of chilled meat products. Pictured from left are: Katie Richie, Karen Beaucham and Shauna MacKenzie. 06_a20food03



The girls from Loch Fyne Oysters served up plates of tasty seafood for visitors to the fair. Pictured from left are: Elsie Adams, Liesma Rimeik and Vita Lace. 06_a20food02



Dunoon-based food producers, Winston Churchill Venison, cooked up a storm in the food tent. Pictured from left are: Angus Churchill, Danii Swan, Hamish Maclean and Colin McFarlane. 06_a20food04



Bumble Marshall of Bumble Puddings, pictured right, and Alice Lister dished up a variety of sweet, sticky puds for customers during the two days. 06_a20food08

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Jamie and Mikey Delap from Cairndow-based Fyne Ales pulled pints of their award-winning beer for customers at the food fair. 06_a20food01

Scottish salmon named 'best in the world'

SCOTTISH salmon has been named the 'best farmed salmon in the world' in a poll of international seafood buyers.

Seafood publication *Seafood International* asked 20 buyers from 10 countries to pick the best-farmed salmon producing country based on superior taste, quality and appearance.

Scottish salmon topped the poll with seven votes, Norway was second with

six and Canada was third with two.

Scott Landsburgh, chief executive of Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation, said: 'It has been a great period for Scottish farmed salmon: it was served to 350 guests in Buckingham Palace at the Royal Wedding, export demand is up 20 per cent to a record level and, now, our farmed salmon has been voted the best in the world.'

Learn more Scottish Natural Heritage

MID ARGYLL residents are being invited to an informal reception hosted by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) next week.

Scottish Natural Heritage is the Scottish Government's advisor on the management, enjoyment, understanding and sustainable use of Scotland's wildlife, natural habitats and landscape.

Andrew Thin, SNH chairman, will

host the event, along with unit manager David MacLennan. The event, which takes place at SNH's office at 1 Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, will take place on Thursday May 26.

The event is free and light refreshments will be provided.

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TARBERT is set to welcome The Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series 2011 that takes place over the bank holiday weekend from Friday 27 May to Monday 30 May.

Investment managers Brewin Dolphin are Title Sponsors for the twelfth year with Clyde Cruising Club hosting the event since 1975.

It is Scotland's largest annual sailing regatta offering three race areas on Loch Fyne with IRC, One Design and CYCA classes both with and without spinnakers.

Nearby Portavadie Marina also offers berthing and a fast RIB ferry service to and from Tarbert throughout the series.

Adding a new element this year is the introduction of the Round the Island Race for CYCA handicap yachts on Sunday May 29 for those who cannot compete for the whole series to join in the fun over the holiday weekend.

Johnnie Readman, event organiser, said 'It's set to be a great event with a good number of yachts lined up already. What's more, being in Tarbert on Saturday and Sunday nights means everyone can take part in the shoreside festivities Tarbert is renowned for.'

Also new this year is the introduction of the Laird of the Loch competition. Previous class winners from 2010 are invited to compete in Sonars

supplied by Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club on Thursday 26 May, preceding the start of the event The winner will be crowned Scottish Series 'Laird of the Loch'.

Clyde Cruising Club has embraced the world of social media by widening the Scottish Series online communication channels to include Facebook and Twitter on the Facebook Group 'Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series' Follow the profile on Twitter@ScottishSeries. Meanwhile more info can be found on www.brewindolphinsscottishseries.com

With an abundance of activities on offer the weekend is set to be fun for all the family with an array of live music planned including the popular Mid Argyll Pipe Band. There will be face painting, magic shows and games and children can try dinghy sailing courtesy of Stramash.

After a day on the water everyone can relax and enjoy the best of local hospitality. Saturday night sees an impressive fireworks display from Bruce's Castle to celebrate the event and on Sunday there will be a spectacular aerial display over Tarbert. Don't miss this year's Scottish Series!



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Friday 27th May 2011		
Music - The Vagabonds	Tarbert Village Hall (TVH)	9.00pm to 1.00am
Saturday 28th May 2011		
Stramash - kids sailing	The Harbour	10.00am to 4.00pm
Funky Chicken - face painting	The Fish Quay	12.00am to 4.00pm
Mid Argyll Pipe Band - pipes and drums	The Front Street	4.00pm
Prize giving - CCC	Tarbert Village Hall (TVH)	7.00pm to 8.00pm
Music - 50/50	Tarbert Village Hall (TVH)	9.00pm to 1.00am
Fireworks - TEC	Bruce's Castle	10.00pm
Sunday 29th May 2011		
Stramash - kids sailing	The Harbour	10.00am to 4.00pm
Funky Chicken - face painting	The Fish Quay	12.00am to 4.00pm
Aerobatic display	Above Tarbert	4.00pm
Mid Argyll Pipe Band - pipes and drums	The Front Street	6.00pm
Prize giving - CCC	Tarbert Village Hall (TVH)	7.00pm to 8.00pm
Music - The Keelies	Tarbert Village Hall (TVH)	9.00pm to 1.00am
Monday 30th May 2010		
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Crofting Connections

INVERARAY Primary School will host a Crofting Connections Celebration later this month.

Pupils will welcome staff and pupils from Taynuilt, Strath of Appin, Tighnabruaich, Dalmally, Furnace and Minard on Monday May 30.

The pupils will all share what they have been doing with their Crofting Connections projects.

Crofting Connections is a national project. For more information visit – www.croftingconnections.com

Pipe bands compete at Scottish championships

INVERARAY'S two pipe bands will compete in tomorrow's Scottish Pipe Band Championships.

Both the Juvenile band and the Grade One band will compete in the annual

competition, to be held in Dumbarton.

There was some doubt as to whether the Juvenile band would compete, following the sudden death of their Pipe Major, Robert Stewart.

But the young band will play and they will be led by Pipe Major Stuart Liddell.

To find out how they get on at the competition, see next week's *Advertiser*.

Highland Games meeting cancelled

A MEETING in Inveraray, due to be held tonight, Friday, has been cancelled.

The open meeting was to be held in the Church Hall with the aim of discussing the forthcoming 2011 Highland Games. The Games committee made the decision to cancel the meeting on Tuesday after the sad passing of their piping convener Robert Stewart.

Margaret Mather, from the committee, said the meeting would be re-scheduled at a later date.

MINARD

Get crafty with cards

TOMORROW, Saturday, will see a card-making workshop, run by Kim Cogan, take place in Minard Village Hall.

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Food for thought for primary pupils

Pupils from Inveraray Primary School assisted their parents who served hot and cold drinks to visitors at the Loch Fyne Food Fair near Cairndow last weekend. The youngsters helped at the stall inside the food tent, where they aimed to raise as much money as possible for school funds. Pictured are just some of the little helpers at their stand last Sunday. 06_a20food05



From left: Exhibiting artists, George Millar and James Fairgrieve, His Grace The Duke of Argyll, artist, Edna Whyte, and Fiona Blakey, Cultural Co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute Council. 06_a20art01

Argyll Collection exhibition at Inveraray Castle

A COLLECTION of more than 70 prestigious artworks are currently being housed in Inveraray Castle.

The Argyll Collection was unveiled to the public last Wednesday, where it will reside until May 31.

The collection was originally established by Jim Tyre and Naomi Mitchison between 1970 and 1990.

It was created as a learning resource in schools for the young people of Argyll and Bute but over the years the collection was distributed across the area.

Thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Funding and Argyll and Bute Council's Creative Arts in Schools Team (CAST), the collection has

now been brought together.

The works of art have been restored, reframed and digitised so they are suitable for distribution to secondary schools, and used as originally intended.

Speaking at the opening of the exhibition, His Grace The Duke of Argyll, said: 'The castle is not just about history but it's also about education so it's wonderful to be able to house the Argyll Collection here.'

The full collection consists of 172 pieces including paintings, sculptures, textiles, ceramics as well as artworks created in many other forms. It is a snapshot of late 20th century Scottish art.

At the opening event, the

Adopt Art Scheme was also launched.

Project co-ordinator, Alicia Hendrick, explained: 'A small number of the works are in need of conservation before they can be exhibited.'

'This scheme invites members of the public to adopt an artwork by paying for the conservation and reframing of these works. The sponsor's name will appear on the label adjacent to the artwork whenever it is being shown.'

Exhibition events will take place on May 21 and 27 and will include talks and demonstrations by leading conservators, photographers and framers who have worked with the collection.

ARDRISHAIG

Ardrishaig swings into action

ARDRISHAIG children will soon be able to enjoy a new set of swings as the regeneration of the village steps up a gear.

A joint working party from Argyll and Bute Council, Ardrishaig Community Council and Ardrishaig Community Trust has put in place the first steps in the regeneration of the village with the erection of swings on the green to the north of the car parks.

The equipment was called for by the community and will be provided by the council.

It will also be an attractive reason for those tourists passing through to have a stop in the journey as they travel down the length of the peninsula.

John Downie of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'We have worked closely with the community to put the new swings into place and they will bring enjoyment to the youngsters in the village.'

'Council cuts make it difficult to do as much as we would like but we believed that Ardrishaig was high priority to receive improved facilities. We also gained the support of local contractor D A MacDonald who laid the matting under the swings at no cost to the council or the community.'

Susan Cameron was the voice of the community calling for better provision of playground equipment. She said: 'Families will benefit from having the improved play facilities in the heart of the village.'

'Visitors as well as our children and grandchildren require somewhere to play and this is a welcome improvement.'

A proposal to call the green Bayview Park was put to a recent Community Council meeting by Catherine Bowe. The green was the site where, in the past, there was once a tenement called Bayview and was where Catherine's granny had lived.

The swings will be officially unveiled next Friday at a special opening ceremony.



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Darren Shankley.

Darren fundraises for Africa

A MID Argyll Teenager has so far managed to raise more than £1000 which will help fund charity work in Africa.

Darren Shankley from Achahoish will travel to South West Malawi in June to help build a high dependency unit at Chikwawa District Hospital.

The 17-year-old will join 12 others from S.S.C, a club for the 'youth of Scotland'.

Over the past few months Darren has been on the fundraising trail, holding a sponsored walk and Easter raffle.

The trip will provide better health facilities for the people of Chikwawa.

Speaking of his impending trip, Darren, said: 'I am really looking forward to going on the trip and to making a positive contribution to the community there.'

'I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in raising funds; your donations will make a big difference to the people who need intensive care are Chikwawa.'

Further donations can be made towards Darren's trip by visiting: Justgiving/Darren Shankley.

LOCH FYNE

Raised algal toxin levels

TWO AREAS of Loch Fyne have been closed to shellfish harvesting as a result of increased algal toxin levels.

Both Stonefield and Skipness are currently shut after monitoring work was carried out by Argyll and Bute Council after the discovery of the naturally occurring toxins.

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'Eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor fish from any of these areas may pose a risk to human health, and notices to warn the public have been posted at various locations on the

shore. Commercial shellfish harvesters in the affected areas have been contacted by the council, and steps taken to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside.'

She added: 'The council continues to monitor the situation at all locations, and the warning notices will be removed when the levels sufficiently subside.'

Increased levels of the toxins have also been found at Campbeltown Loch, Saddell Bay and Carradale Bay.

For more information contact the council's environmental health team on 01631 567920.

TAYVALLICH

Winner's delight

SPOT the Shinty Ball jackpot winner Libby MacDonald from Tayvallich revealed that she nearly gave up playing.

The Tayvallich woman, who is £1,200 richer this week, has had eight near misses between The Oban Times competition and Spot the Ball in the Argyllshire Advertiser but had never won the jackpot.

When The Oban Times contacted Libby to tell her the good news, she replied: 'Wow. You are pulling my leg. I have been playing for years but I almost didn't bother this week. I have considered giving up but my late husband always told me to keep playing. 'You'll get it yet,' he would say.'

Libby is an active member of North Knapdale Parish and plays bowls in the village.

Hall gig

THE SINGING shepherd from Mull, Iain Thomson, will be performing in Tayvallich next Friday night.

Iain will be joined by Marc Duff for the gig, which takes place at Tayvallich Hall at 8pm.

TARBERT

Volunteers spring clean beaches

VOLUNTEERS braved wind and rain last weekend to spring-clean the beaches in and around Tarbert.

Both adults and children took part in the event, which saw more than 40 bags of rubbish and large items of debris removed from the shores surrounding the Loch Fyne harbour village.

The event organised by Tarbert Yacht Club and Tarbert Conservation Initiative (TCI), was deemed a huge success. Robert Mcphail, from TCI, said: 'This annual action to improve our environment has

Badden children meet badger and mole

LOCHGILPHEAD



The children of Badden Farm Nursery meet Badger and Mole.

BADDEN Farm Nursery recently hosted a Puppet Show run by Puppet Lab.

The show was organised by Kilmartin Museum and the children were introduced to a variety of woodland characters such as Badger, Mole and many more.

The theme of the show was Biodiversity - and issues relating to our local natural heritage.

Jennifer Campbell, proprietor of Badden Farm Nursery said: 'We also welcomed the staff and children from Elfs Nursery in Lochgilphead, and I'm sure they would agree the children very much entered into the spirit of the show and thoroughly enjoyed every moment. Our sincere thanks to Kilmartin Museum and to Puppet Lab.'

been taken now for over 10 years and the effect is significant; the amount removed year on year reducing as the previous backlog cleared.

'Tarbert Harbour Authority has also regularly cleaned the inner harbour top corner and this is very effective in preventing rubbish coming in and out with the tide.'

He added: 'This work is essential if the community is to continue to attract visitors to sustain our hotels, B&Bs and shops during the summer season.'

KILMARTIN

Pet church service

HAMSTERS, Guinea Pigs, Dogs, a Hen and a soft toy Lion joined parishioners at Kilmartin Church on Sunday.

The animals, which came to the church for the annual Pet Service, were all well behaved although the hen did leave something for the collection.

The children were all thrilled to bring their pets and the Reverend Cliff Acklam built the service round 'All creatures Great and Small', which was also the closing Hymn.

CRINAN

Up for award

A CELEBRATORY event of the Crinan Canal has been nominated for a prestigious award.

The Dalriada Project, which launched the Celebration of the Crinan Canal event last year, has been nominated for two awards at the national Waterways Renaissance Awards.

The awards, run by The Waterways Trust, recognise

exceptional projects that have turned inland waterways into desirable places for living, learning and leisure.

The Dalriada's Crinan project has been nominated in two categories - Historic Environment and Recreation and Tourism.

Will Self, who previously worked with the Dalriada Project said: 'Being nominated is a fantastic boost for the area because of the amount of publicity it will attract.'

'Hopefully, in turn, that will draw more visitors to Argyll.'

The winners of the 2011 Waterways Renaissance Awards will be announced at a ceremony to be held in Birmingham on Wednesday.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Youth project rocks

LOCHGILPHEAD'S Youth Project building on Union Street had its foundations rocked recently when JAM - the Wednesday night music club - played host to Tempercalm, an up and coming, recently signed three-piece band from Glasgow.

The band played a one hour, 'full on' set to an appreciative crowd of young people, before a session of questions and answers.

Then it was JAM's turn to entertain, greatly impressing the Glasgow band.

Lauren Rutherford and Dave Baggaley who organised the event declared the night a huge success (as did the young folks), and would like to thank Stuart McInnes and West Coast Tool and Plant Hire for technical assistance but most of all thanks to Tempercalm.

Raft race

KEEN ROWERS and builders are being called upon to enter the raft race in Lochgilphead.

Organised as part of the Armed Forces Day celebrations, Lochgilphead residents are being urged to build their own rafts and row across Loch Gilp.

Each rafting team, with up to six rowers, are asked to help

raise funds for the Help for Heroes charity, with the £50 entry fee going to the Phoenix Project. Participants can sign up for the event by logging on to www.lochgilpheadphoenix.org and downloading the entry form, emailing secretary@lochgilpheadphoenix.org or speaking to Jane in the Barber Shop. The raft race and Lochgilphead Armed Forces day takes place on June 18.

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PERSONALS

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Would like to thank everyone who joined her in celebrating her 18th birthday on Saturday night, and for all the lovely cards and presents she received. She would also like to thank Jamie G for the fantastic music and the staff at the White Hart for keeping the drinks coming!
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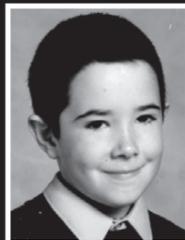
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John Armour would like to thank everyone who came along to his 50th birthday celebrations and for your kind donations and gifts, over £1,200 was raised in aid of Argyll FM and Kintyre Stroke Club.
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If you feel you have the necessary skills to fulfil this role, please apply in writing to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.

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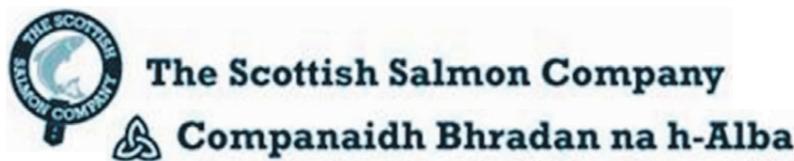
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Email: cairndowhr@scottishsalmon.com
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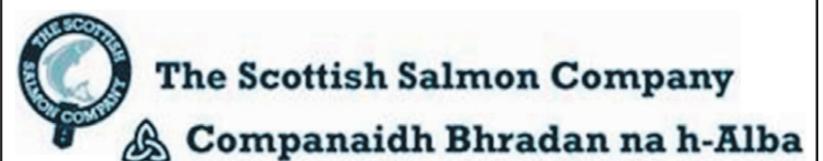
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full' (Psalm 31:23).

BIRTHS

DAY - At Auckland City Hospital on March 31, 2011, to Matt and Kirsteen (née Henderson), twin boys, James Alexander and Christopher Stuart. First grandchildren for James and Jean, Carradale.

PRENTICE - James and Iona are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, born on May 11, 2011 at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Riain Alexandra (called in memory of her late seanoir Iain Alexander M Smith, West Loch, Tarbert, died April 5, 2011). A wee sister for Kadyn and Brooke. Special thanks to midwives at the Mid Argyll Hospital.

ENGAGEMENTS

WARD - BRIGGS - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement in Coolangatta, Queensland of Stella Catherine, daughter of Patricia and Peter Ward, Ardrishaig to Christopher George, son of Liz and Ray Briggs, Melbourne, Australia.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

ROBERTSON - MORRISON - On May 25, 1951 at Castlehill Manse by Rev John McCormack, David to Isobel, 2 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

CAMERON - Suddenly at the Mid Argyll Hospital on Thursday, May 12, 2011, Eva Cameron of Peddie Bank, Lochgilphead, formerly of Goatfield, Furnace, much loved mother of Alasdair and Moira and dear mother in-law to Eid. Funeral service will be held in Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace on Wednesday, May 25 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kileven Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK. Rest in peace.

LLOYD - Peacefully at Ward 1, Larkfield Unit, Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock on Saturday, May 14, 2011, Flora (Flo), beloved wife of the late Raymond Lloyd, loving mother of Margaret, grandmother of Paul and Sara, great grandmother of Ella, Zoe and Kian and special friend of Helen. Funeral service at Greenock Crematorium on Monday, May 23 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

MORAN - Suddenly, but peacefully, with her family by her side on Thursday, May 12, 2011, Maureen Moran, aged 60

years of 18 Letterdail, Cairnbaan passed away at the Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban. Beloved wife of Joe, devoted mother of Yvonne, Ryan and Beverley, loving granma to Chloe, Zak and Phoebe, a dear family member, good friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Wednesday, May 18, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Our Mo Mo will be sadly missed.

STEWART - On May 16, 2011, peacefully at the Beatson Unit, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow, Robert Morrison Stewart, of Inveraray, in his 64th year, beloved husband of the late Helen Blyth, much loved father of Andrew, dearly loved stepfather of Laura, Karen and David, dear brother of Hamish and Catherine and a loved papa of Eilidh, Emma and Archie. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church on Friday, May 20 at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection, if desired, for Beatson Institute for Cancer Research.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCWHIRTER - The families of the late Denis McWhirter would like to thank relatives, choir members and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and Mass cards and for their attendance at the church service and the graveside at Southend. Special thanks to Father Azad for his services and to Catherine Walker for playing the organ and reading in the church. Thanks also to doctors and nurses at the Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention, to Alasdair Blair for his professional services at church and graveside and to Frances and the girls for catering at Muneroy, Southend.

IN MEMORIAM

KENNEDY - Memory of May, loving mother and granny, who died May 18, 2008.

Our family chain is broken Nothing is the same But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again.

- John, Catherine, John, Niall and Michael.

PEARSON - Treasured memories of Karen, (née MacLean), much loved daughter, sister, wife and mum, died May 18, 2009. Miss you so much.

- Love from all the family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my sister, Marina, who passed away May 25, 2010.

Sadly missed. - Johnnie and Marianne.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE... 'Let everything that breath praise the Lord!' Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH... Sunday 22nd May 2011 Inverlussa Church 10am All welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown... Saturday 10.00am - 12 noon Coffee Morning

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Two wins in a row over Whitehill

SAFL Division 1
Red Star 3
Whitehill FP 0

PREMIER Cleaning sponsored Lochgilphead Red Star took on Whitehill FP for the second week in a row in their last home game of the season.

In a game that took a while to get going it was the home side who took the lead after Docherty beat the offside trap before getting to the by-line and crossing for G. Peacock who had the simple task of nodding the ball into the empty net.

Star continued to press and

doubled their lead after Naisby headed the ball into the back of the net after some good play on the right hand side. Naisby should have had his second when he managed to get past two defenders however his shot came back off the post and the score remained 2-0 at half time.

Back Foot

Into the second half and Whitehill started to come in to the game a bit more and had Star on the back foot managing to force a number of corners, however the Star defence were coping well and Kalache was having another

steady afternoon in goals looking for his third straight clean sheet.

Star finished off the scoring in the last five minutes when G. Peacock netted his second goal of the day when he rounded the keeper and made no mistake with the finish to make the final score 3-0 and give Star their fourth win on the trot.

The Argyll Inn sponsored side are away to Duncanrig tomorrow, Saturday, on the final day of the season where they know that a positive result will result in a fourth place finish in the table.



The Sutherland sisters ran the Ignis Management Glasgow Women's 10k in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sutherland sisters run for Macmillan

TWO MID Argyll sisters are well on their way to raising £1000 for Macmillan Cancer Support after taking part in the recent Ignis Management Glasgow Women's 10k.

Jenny and Kaleidh Sutherland ran the 6.2 miles in just over one hour to raise money for the cancer charity.

Jenny, 27, who is also the *Advertiser's* senior reporter, and Kaleidh, 25, who now lives in Glasgow, have so far managed to raise more than £900 between them.

'We ran the Glasgow Women's 10k last year but this year decided we wanted to run for charity,' explained Kaleidh. 'Macmillan Cancer Support does so much for Cancer sufferers and

their families, so we felt it was a good cause to run for,' she added.

Jenny said: 'Over the years we've known and lost family and friends to Cancer. You feel so helpless; like you can't do anything to help - this was just our way of trying to help.'

The girls plan to continue their fundraising efforts by running the Great Scottish Run in September, where they both hope to shave a few minutes off their overall race times.

'On behalf of Kaleidh and myself, I'd like to thank everyone who has kindly donated so far,' said Jenny. 'If anyone would like to donate to our fundraising, they can contact me at the Advertiser office.'

Tarbert Gun Club hold charity shoot

SHOOTERS across Argyll descended on Barmore on Sunday as Tarbert Gun Club hosted its annual charity shoot.

The last competition of the season, the shoot attracted a large turnout, with competitors showing their support for the club's chosen charity the Mid Argyll Community Hospital chemotherapy unit.

In a match that saw odd targets lost and second barrels being used maximum scores were hard to get, with Bob McColl the only one achieving this in the sporting section.

In the DTL competition Iver Ferguson won first place just ahead of Duncan Murray and John Sweeney.

Tarbert man Bob McColl won the overall shoot. With the highest aggregate score in the competition he fought off



Winners at Tarbert Gun Club's charity shoot (L-R): Lynn MacDonald, Paul Chalmers, Bob McColl, Niall Wilson and Ally McDonnell.

close competition from Paul Chalmers, Ally McDonnell and Iver Ferguson.

The gun club will announce the final sum of money raised for the chemotherapy unit in the *Advertiser* in the coming weeks.

Results: High Gun: Bob McColl. Runner Up: Paul

Chalmers.

Ladies Champion: 1. Lynn MacDonald, 2. Kate Bain-Beth, 3. Justine Armstrong.

Juniors: 1. Niall Wilson, 2. Scott McNeil, 3. Ross MacDonald.

Pool Trap: 1. Campbell Hearton-Whithorn, 2. Pierre Godts.

Inveraray lose out in Celtic semi final

Celtic Cup - semi final
Inveraray 1, Kyles 4

THERE will be a new name on the Celtic Cup this year as a confident Kyles team beat Inveraray at the Winterton on Saturday.

The game was lively from the first throw up and both sides had chances on goal, pressing the defences hard. It was through the pressure that Aray opened the scoring early in the first half with a strike from Russell MacKinlay. But as Kyles pressed forward it seemed only a matter of time

before they equalised through striker Dunky Kerr.

The game was fast and the sharp showers made the surface a little soft in places, which led to some tough tackles. Kyles, buoyed by their equaliser, went on to score two more goals in the first half through continued pressure by Roddy MacDonald and Dunky Kerr.

Aray's hopes of regaining the cup were slipping away. The second half continued the fast pace and Aray struggled to get the ball away from midfield.

Kyles extended their lead through a Fraser MacDonald penalty. Aray tried to up their game but could not find a way to score the elusive goals they needed.

A poor challenge by Kyles late in the match on Aray's Gary MacPherson erupted into a brawl on the pitch, which saw Gary sent off for his retaliatory action.

Kyles will return to the Winterton to play the Celtic Cup final in late June against Oban Camanachd who won the other semi-final against Taynuilt.

Dookers disappointed with a draw

SAFL Premier Division 2
Shawlands 3
Tarbert 3

TARBERT fought to maintain their place in the Premier Division two on Saturday as they took on Shawlands AFC.

Fighting relegation the team played away to the Glasgow side, vying for a win and three league points.

Manager Prentice started four-five-one formation on a narrow pitch, aiming to keep the game tight in the early stages and hit the opponents on the counter attack.

The Dookers were one down within five minutes when slack defending allowed the Shawlands striker a sight at goal; he finished into the bottom corner with the aid of a deflection.

This setback did not deter the away side and Tarbert was soon back on level terms when Prentice beat the offside trap to round the keeper and tap the ball home. The Dookers were now on top of the game

and creating chances and soon went in front when excellent work from Ronald and MacDougall gave Prentice a sight at goal. He was brought down in the box, and a penalty was awarded. Ronald stepped up to score a goal, which put Tarbert ahead.

The second period was played in much the same way as the first, with Tarbert looking to finish off their opponents. Firstly MacDougall was played in by Prentice but his shot just fired over the bar. Martin also went close with a volley that drifted just wide. Shawlands to their credit kept working away and had a few chances of their own. Tarbert's goalkeeper made two excellent saves to keep his side in front, however when the equaliser came there wasn't much he could do. A cross into the box flashed by the keeper and was agonisingly knocked in off a Tarbert defender.

The Dookers looked as if they were going to win the

game, but they were left heart broken in the final minute when Shawlands were awarded a free kick at the edge of the area. A good ball in had everyone in disarray, before it was knocked into the net by a Tarbert defender.

Tarbert now have two home games remaining to stay in the division, sitting two points behind Rutherglen.

Lottery numbers

THIS WEEK'S Kilmory Camanachd Shinty Club lottery numbers are 3, 12 and 14. There were no winners with next week's jackpot rising to £600.

INVERARAY Shinty Club's winning lottery numbers for this week are 10, 15 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will rise to £200 next week.

TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers for this week are 5, 9 and 17. There were no winners with next week's jackpot rising to £200.

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Inveraray Golf Club

THE GOLFING season in Inveraray has started briskly this year, with the green at the Royal Burgh course in excellent condition.

The competitions have come thick and fast and there has been a good mix of early season winners.

New Club Captain Kenny McDougall won the Subscription Medal. The April Medal - a fundraiser in aid of Cancer Research - saw George Morrison taking the competition. There was a good turnout for the competition and £100 raised for a worthy cause.

This month, the May Medal competition, in aid of Erskine Hospital, saw the youngest competitor G.J. Morrison just piping one of the oldest - Alan Hendry - to the Medal. The following week father and son team of D.J. MacDonald and I. MacDonald took the pairs stableford trophy with 40 points.

Last Sunday saw Chris Crawford lift the Bank of Scotland Stableford prize, just beating Harbal Bijral on countback.

This coming Sunday sees the annual Texas Scramble for all members with an 11am shotgun start. Bookings are now being taken for the Inveraray 3-man Team Open event on Sunday June 12. Tee times can be booked on 07798 531407.

Football coaching

ARGYLL and Bute Council Football service are looking to provide an active Summer Programme to offer children the opportunity to hone their football skills in a safe and enjoyable environment.

With the introduction of new venues across Argyll and Bute to offer the beautiful game to as many children as possible as well as the brand new Summer Residential Camp which gives Players the opportunity to experience the life of a full time youth footballer.

If you would like further information regarding any of the courses or to request a brochure please contact Football Development Officer Martin Rae at martin.rae@argyll-bute.gov.uk or football@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Kilmartin man breaks record held by top swimmer

The heavens opened and thunder and lightning cracked across the bay

A KILMARTIN man has smashed the record for swimming the distance between St Catherine's and Inveraray - a record previously held by an Olympic swimmer.

Martin Waterhouse swam the 1.4 mile distance between the Loch Fyne villages in 37.4 minutes, beating the 45 minute record held by ex-Olympic medley swimmer Danny Karlsson from Australia.

Martin was one of 10 swimmers who bravely plunged into the chilly Loch Fyne water to raise money for the Inveraray-based charity First Aid 4 Gambia. Run by Fiona Nelson, the charity does vital work to support children and adults in Gambia, many of

whom lack basic health care provision.

Fiona said: 'We have arranged this swim off on since the 1980's, and the aim is to raise at least £30,000 overall for the charity. We are calling it the 3,000 mile swim and this year swimmers have swum at least a mile, and each raise £10, if not more, for the charity. It is a fun way of raising money and many people have raised more than £10 through sponsorship.'

Fastest

The nine remaining swimmers - Charlotte Goodlet, Iona Barr, Beinn Rutherford, Sharon Ferguson, Ali MacLeod, Mike Dalglish, Richard Collins, Melanie Chmielewska and Diana Appleyard - all



First Aid 4 Gambia's Fiona Nelson greets Martin as he climbs out of Loch Fyne, after swimming to Inveraray in record-breaking time.

made the crossing in under an hour. Second fastest swimmer was Mike Dalglish with a time of just over forty minutes, and fastest female swimmer was Melanie with a time of around 53 minutes.

The weather could have been kinder - half way across the swim, with the sea quite rough, the heavens opened and thunder and lightning

cracked across the bay. But this did not deter the brave swimmers, who ploughed on. A crowd of local people and holidaymakers waited to greet the swimmers, who were each handed a medal for their successful completion of the swim.

Fiona is now hoping to achieve the financial target of the 3000 mile swim by the

end of May, with people swimming all over the world from Australia, Germany, Malta and Gambia itself.

The money raised will go towards expanding the First Aid 4 Gambia project into more rural areas of the country where first aid training is so essential as clinics and hospitals are few in number and not very well equipped.

Fundraising for Phoenix

WITH training being interrupted by injury just months before his first marathon, Matthew Watkiss is really taking everything in his stride.

The 36-year-old Lochgilphead man will run the Edinburgh Marathon this Sunday but unfortunately his training hasn't been plain sailing.

Whilst out running one weekend Matthew came down with excruciating pain and was advised to take two months out of his schedule.



Matthew Watkiss
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And just four weeks before Sunday's race, Matthew threw himself back into training.

'I'm running up to 17 miles at the moment but ideally I would have liked to have been up at 20 before the race,' explained Matthew.

By running the marathon, Matthew hopes to raise as much money as possible for the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project and the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.

Raise Money

He explained: 'The pool is where the base for JogScotland is so I want to raise money for them.'

'My wife, Anna, is involved with the Phoenix Project, and they are doing so much good for the town of Lochgilphead.'

Sponsor forms are available in the Barber Shop on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, and at the Pool on Oban Road.

Sponsorship can also be directed to Matthew by emailing him - matthew.watkiss@live.co.uk

John reckons his chances are slim

THE EIGHTY-year-old skipper of yacht *Salamander* and its crew, which won the 2010 Scottish Series, says his chances of winning the sailing competition two years running is slim.

John Corson made the statement despite returning to the Loch Fyne race with the same boat and crew he sailed with last year.

John finally lifted the overall Scottish Series Trophy last year after 30 years of competing in annual sailing regatta.

'In many respects it is no different to other years, John said. 'You go there, you do your very best and it happens - as it did last year - then you enjoy it and be thankful, but we know not to go to the series with anything other than wanting to do well and sail our best.'

The Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series takes place in Tarbert May 27 to 30.

14s pipped at the post

Dunbartonshire Football Development League Under 14s
Lochgilphead SC 2 EDFC United 3

THE HOME side, sponsored by DA MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd, started better than in recent games as Ryan Deans tested the EDFC keeper twice in the early minutes. But Lochgilphead was undone by a ball through the middle of the defence, which the United striker finished well in the 20th minute.

Lochgilphead were level two minutes later when Ryan Deans was fouled in the box and Aaron Moore fired an excellent penalty into the top corner. It only took another two minutes for EDFC to regain their lead when the home defence did not clear a free kick and the ball was flicked into the net.

The away side doubled their lead from a corner eight minutes into the second half but the Mid Argyll boys replied quickly with a Josh Coates strike. Lochgilphead remained on top for much of the remainder of the game but couldn't find an equaliser.

The Under 14s finish their league campaign this weekend against Baljaffray BC on Saturday and Kilpatrick BC on Sunday. Both games kick off at 11am at Ropework Park.

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