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## Sisters all smiles at coffee morning

Two year-old Neve Bowden and her four-year-old sister Mirrin tucked into tasty treats at the Fyne Families coffee morning. Parents and youngsters sought refuge from the rain in Lochgilphead Baptist Church Hall on Saturday as the event, organised to raise funds for the childcare organisation, got underway. 06\_a20fyne01

## Half of kids say they tried alcohol aged 9 or younger

### But experts warn: read statistics with caution

ALMOST half of all young people at Lochgilphead High School surveyed about drinking alcohol said they had their first alcoholic drink aged nine or under.

A further 60 per cent of the teenagers who took part in the Community Action Lochgilphead Ardrishaig (CALA) survey said it was 'fairly easy to get hold of alcohol' in the area.

But the group behind the survey say they do not believe the results are a fair reflection of young people's relationship with alcohol in the area.

The survey, facilitated by the high school, involved more than 300 youths, aged between 11 and 18. It shows:

☐ 42 per cent were aged nine or un-

der when they had their first alcoholic drink

☐ 74 per cent first drank alcohol with their family

☐ 36 per cent had been binge drinking with their family

☐ 16 per cent felt they were affected by the drinking habits of someone they lived with.

John Wood of CALA, which was set up last year to help people tackle alcohol related problems, said: 'We are not absolutely certain this data is completely accurate and we are currently looking at ways of refining it.'

'We did this survey in the school with class-loads of teenagers and we are wondering if peer pressure group inaccuracies are coming through.'

Explaining the ques-

tions were very broad, he added: 'The way the questions were asked might also have created anomalies. One of the things that might shock people is the age people first had an alcoholic drink. But is that simply having a sip from your dad's glass?'

'One of CALA's main concerns is how easy young people reported obtaining alcohol, mainly from older friends and parents. It is important we raise awareness that it is an offence to buy alcohol for someone under the age of 18.'

'We are also concerned about young people's exposure to alcohol marketing and how this might influence their alcohol consumption.'

'The next step is to set

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# Police welcome court decision to jail trio for violent bus attack

POLICE Scotland have welcomed the sentencing of three men who launched an unprovoked attack on passengers on a bus in Tarbert.

Michael Duffy, 32, Gary Rooney, 24 and Darren O'Donnell Little were sentenced to between eight and 10 months in prison.

A fourth man, Mark Livingston, 19, is awaiting sentencing after the violent fracas on the Campbeltown to Glas-

gow bus.

During the incident in Tarbert on April 23, this year, Livingston bit into man's bare back and ripped the flesh off and then spat a mouthful of blood into the mouth of woman passenger who had gone to the man's rescue.

The man had his top torn off as he was dragged off the bus by Livingston and the three co-accused, who then chased him around the car park. The

quartet, who had earlier been warned about their behaviour on the bus, launched their attack on the passengers, including the man who was bit, as they helped the driver eject them from the bus.

Police eventually arrested all four men after a lengthy pursuit around Tarbert.

## Breach

All four accused, recently moved to Campbeltown from Glasgow, admitted breach of

the peace.

Duffy, of 11 Longrow South, who also pleaded guilty to assault and threatening a police officer, was jailed for 10 months backdated to April 24.

O'Donnell Little, of 26 Burnside Street, who also admitted assault and resisting arrest, was jailed for 10 months backdated.

Rooney, of 20-22 Burnside Street, was jailed for eight

months.

Sentence on Livingston was deferred until June 5 for reports and he was remanded in custody.

## Rare

A spokesman for the police said: 'This type of antisocial behaviour is rare in Mid Argyll and Kintyre. However when an incident does occur it will not be tolerated and we welcome the decisive and quick action of the courts.'

## Grandmothers step out again for MS Centre

THE *Argyllshire Advertiser* would like to clarify that Karen Cameron is the daughter of Eli Pickering and not Mary Campbell as stated in last week's story 'Grandmothers step out again for MS Centre'.

Eli and Mary are to walk the Kintyre Way in June to raise funds for the MS Centre which has benefited Eli's daughter Karen.

To sponsor the women log on to [www.justgiving.com/eli-pickering1](http://www.justgiving.com/eli-pickering1).

## Assault accused remanded in custody

A MAN has been remanded in custody after allegedly assaulting his partner.

The 24 year-old was arrested last Wednesday after the incident in Lochgilphead on May 7.

He appeared at Dunoon Sheriff Court on May 9 where he was remanded in custody pending his next court appearance.

## Lorry driver reported to Procurator Fiscal

THE DRIVER of a lorry, which police allege was carrying 1,000kgs more than its allowed weight, has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Police stopped the 31 year-old driver at 6.20am last Friday on the A83 near Paterson Street, Lochgilphead.

The van was weighed and found to be almost 1,000kgs over the its weight limit of 3,500kgs.

## Norwegian Army train near Lochgilphead

MEMBERS of the Norwegian army were carrying out a training exercise near Lochgilphead on Tuesday afternoon.

A reported 20 parachutists could be seen jumping from an aeroplane and landing on ground close to Badden Farm Nursery.

## Sophie's Squad set to pedal 50 miles to raise Cystic Fibrosis Trust cash

THE FRIENDS and family of a young Mid Argyll girl living with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) will get on their bikes tomorrow (Saturday) to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Sophie Douglas Hall, aged two, has the disease that causes a build up of mucus in the lungs and digestive system making it hard to digest food and breathe.

The youngster's friends and family, who have been given information and support from the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, will cycle 50 miles from Callander to Killin and back, to raise funds for the charity.

Dubbed Sophie's Squad, the cyclists include her father Craig Hall, grandmother Marina McCuaig, Walter McCuaig, Jennifer Robertson and John and Elaine Welsh.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* this week Marina, from Kilmichael, said she hoped the trust, through its research, would find a cure for the life-limiting disease.

'Sophie is so young that the research they are doing is so important and that gives us hope for the future,' she said.

'The trust has given us information and there are forums that my son

and Cara can access to speak to other people and parents of a child with CF.'

Marina and her family have already raised £1,000 for the trust through a games night in the Horseshoe Inn in March, whilst Sophie's mum Cara has organised a Wellies, Sunglasses and Cocktails night for June 29.

'The support, donations and good wishes have been amazing,' Marina added. 'It is great encouragement for the challenge ahead.'

To sponsor Sophie's Squad log on to [www.justgiving.com/Marina-McCuaig1](http://www.justgiving.com/Marina-McCuaig1).



Sophie Douglas Hall was described as being a 'happy, smiley wee girl' despite living with Cystic Fibrosis. Friends and family of the toddler will cycle 50 miles tomorrow to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

## Mystery diner settles bill with hotel 17 years on

A MYSTERY diner at Inveraray's George Hotel finally settled their bill 17 years after they enjoyed their meal.

Kris Clark, who runs the family owned ho-

tel, recently received a note with £60 for a meal served in 1997.

The honest diner, who signed the note as Mr Kinner, may be from Northern Ireland as the

cash came in the form of three £20 Ulster Bank notes.

Mr Kinner explained he forgot to pay because he was 'having such a good time'.



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# Bid for New Way as council collapses amidst 'greed' claim

'GREEDY' councillors desperate for more money have been blamed for Monday's collapse of Argyll and Bute's SNP-led administration.

James Robb resigned as council leader on Monday after the local SNP members asked him to step aside. The move came after the SNP's National Executive Committee (NEC) suspended membership of its Argyll and Bute councillors until such time as a 'secret' alliance with the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives - announced on Thursday - was disbanded.

The deal was unpopular with those within the now disintegrated administration. One SNP member shouted and swore at Mr Robb, screaming 'I need that money' after discovering the reshuffle to incorporate the Lib Dems and Tories would see them demoted from lead councillor to a deputy's role, reducing their pay by several thousand pounds.

Meanwhile a 'New Way' group is attempting to form a different style of administration to run the council.

In a bid to eliminate money 'envy' among members vying for lead councillor roles, such positions will be disbanded.

## 'No pressure to quit' says former SNP leader

SPEAKING a day after his Monday resignation, former SNP leader James Robb - who remains an SNP councillor - said everything he did was with the democratic approval of his local party colleagues.

'There was no pressure to quit,' he said. 'All it would take for me to stand down as leader was for the SNP group to say they didn't think I should be leader anymore.'

'There was a meeting of the group on Monday, which I didn't attend, after which members decided to ask me



Instead, areas such as education and roads would be overseen by small groups of councillors; meaning pay parity for those in the administration.

A consensus for a new approach could be agreed in principal by the end of the week, with councillors led by Dick Walsh understood to be

to step down.' Asked if he was undermined by infighting within the administration, he said: 'It would have been nice to have more support.'

'The support from the party officials and branches was apparently not there.'

### Interference

Addressing allegations there was interference from MSPs or the party as a whole, he said: 'In my view, when you are elected as councillor you are elected to perform a particular role.'

'MSPs are elected to perform a particular role. If you're elected

receptive to the plan.

Any new administration will have to be ratified at next week's full council meeting.

### Give and take

At the fore of the New Way group is Oban independent councillor Iain MacDonald. He said: 'I'm rather hoping it will find consensus. It requires quite a

as a councillor for Argyll and Bute your duty is to serve the interests of the people of Argyll and Bute.'

'It is apparent that some people appear not to understand that their

lot of give and take. The feedback we're getting is that the proposal has been very positively received.'

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly, who supports the New Way model, said: 'We have to remember we're doing the job for the people, not for ourselves. It can't be about money.'

role is not to serve the interests of the MSP or the branch.'

Michael Russell MSP would not comment on allegations that he interfered with Mr Robb's leadership.

## Mid Argyll councillor appointed new acting leader

MID ARGYLL councillor Sandy Taylor has been appointed as the new acting leader of the SNP group following James Robb's resignation.

Mr Taylor who became a councillor for the first time last year, takes the helm of the party as some councillors who joined the SNP to form the failed administration say 'some considerable work' would be required to restore confidence in the party.

## Douglas Philand still deputy provost

DOUGLAS Philand, councillor for Mid Argyll, is to maintain his position as deputy provost of Argyll and Bute.

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'The provost and deputy provost hold office until May 2017 unless they either resign or the council resolves otherwise before that date.'

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# Local Produce's Swedish solution for food retailers

KINTYRE food producers gathered in Tarbert to see the launch of a video which will aim to look at new ways to promote local business in the area.

Local Produce, which is an arm of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, has been working with food producers in Sweden to learn more about their food production.

Last year Local Produce travelled to Skane to see first hand how their Scandinavian

partners sold their food and also hosted a return visit to Scotland.

A TV crew from Inspir Alba travelled there to document the trip and highlight their findings.

Speaking at the launch of the video at Stonefield Farm, Jim Paterson, leader of Local Produce, said that both countries were clearly struggling, but their Swedish partners do have more shops up and running.

He said: 'There were

more farm shops but what we are aware of it can be difficult for farmers to run shops. We now hope to move the project forward to see what we can come up with from there.'

Initial ideas have included extending the circulation of the We Love Local Produce food maps which highlights local produce in Kintyre, Islay and Gigha.

Lorna Elliott, from Argyll and Isles LEADER which funded the project said it had been a worthwhile venture.

'It has been a very successful project and it shows what benefits come from working together,' she said. 'Everyone is struggling but there can be action taken at grass roots level to make improvements.'

## Lochgilphead clean-up

LOCHGIPHEAD residents are being urged to help clean up their town and take part in a beach clean tomorrow (Saturday).

The spring clean, organised by Lochgilphead Phoenix Project, will see rubbish and debris cleared from the town's front green.

Volunteers should meet at the war memorial at 10am, where litter pickers and rubbish bags will be provided.



Lochgilphead High School's Plain Tease Young Enterprise group donate £100 to the MS Centre in Lochgilphead. 06\_a20cheq01

## Young Enterprise group donate £100 to MS Centre for new vibration plate

A TIRED, old exercise machine that helps ease the symptoms of MS and other conditions at the MS Centre in Lochgilphead will soon be replaced thanks to a donation by Young Enterprise.

### T-shirt business

The entrepreneurial group from Lochgilphead High School this week gave the centre £100 after its t-shirt business Plain Tease turned a 700 per cent profit.

Aileen McGarry, who leads the

S6 Young Enterprise group at the high school, said: 'The students know the MS Centre is a charity that is always in need of support.'

'They wanted to give something back to the local community and as they made so much profit this year it was only fair to share that with the community.'

Karen McCurry, manager of the MS Centre, said the money would contribute to the £300 cost of a new vibration plate.

The plate, also known as a power plate, is used by people with MS and other conditions to strengthen and tone their muscles.

### Long term conditions

Karen said: 'The benefit of the plate is really for people with long term conditions, for who exercise can be quite difficult. They can see the benefit of having 10 minutes on the plate.'

'It can help improve the symptoms of their condition.'

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## Fishing boat skipper fined £850

A FISHING vessel skipper has been made to pay £925 in fines and costs after pleading guilty to failing to keep a proper lookout and leaving the wheelhouse unattended.

*Elegant II* ran aground on June 7, 2012 one mile south of Davaar Island on the Kintyre Peninsula. Skipper Ferguson Hughes, 58, had left the wheelhouse to check a problem in the engine room. He was sentenced at Downpatrick Magistrates Court.

## Wind Towers looking to recruit more staff

THE COMPANY that will supply wind towers for A'Chruach Windfarm is taking on new staff - with the strong hope of dozens more jobs to come.

Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd in Machrihanish is signalling a brighter future after a winning a number of contracts to supply towers to wind farms in Argyll.

Following a management shake up and radical changes to work processes in the past

four months, efficiency has been improved, the order book is full for 2013 and the company is now hoping to expand into the offshore turbine market.

### Handful

Managing director Dennis Breugelmanns said: 'We are now looking for a handful of production operatives for our fabrication department, but if our expansion plans go ahead we could create another 70 jobs within two years.'

## Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day

THIS YEAR'S Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day will take place on Saturday, July 16.

The annual event will start with the Muster at 11.30am, which will be followed by a march through Argyll Street from noon that will head to the front green. People can show their support to the armed forces at the

stands and charity stalls which will be on the front green. At night there will be a family disco in the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead, which will be followed by an adult disco from 10pm with music from Tarbert singer Paul P.

All the money raised from the event will be split between the MS Centre and Armed Forces Day committee.

## Fish farm workers praised

FISHFARM workers in Mid Argyll have been praised for creating one of the best seafood products in the world.

Gissur Gudmundson, president of World Association of Chef Societies, this week told the biggest food trade show in Asia: 'Scottish farmed salmon is sustainable, healthy and one of the tastiest seafood products I work with.'

Exports of salmon to the far east increased by 64 per cent between 2011 and 2012.

Scott Landsburgh, of the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, said: 'We would like to thank all of those skilled and committed local workers in Argyll who work to the most exacting standards. Without them, we simply would not have the successful industry we do.'



Sheila MacFadyen, left, and Morag Cupples serve up tea and home baking to Betty MacGregor at a fundraising coffee morning for Lochgilphead Parish Church. 06\_a20church01

## Weather fails to dampen the spirits at Lochgilphead Parish Church fundraising coffee morning

HEAVY rainfall did not stop residents turning out to show their support for Lochgilphead Parish Church when the congregation held a fundraising coffee morning.

The Red Cross Centre was full of life on Saturday morning with tables packed as people enjoyed home baking, tea, coffee and a raffle.

The money will be put towards the church fabric fund, which will be used for cutting the grass and general repairs.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* at the coffee morning, Reverend

Hilda Smith said: 'It is fantastic that so many people have turned out today, especially given the weather.'

Work to restore the derelict church hall is now well underway after four years of fundraising by the local community and congregation.

### Connect

The congregation has now turned its thoughts to raising £50,000 to build a corridor which will connect the church and hall.

Rev Smith said: 'The corridor is integral to the whole project

as it will link the two areas. Ideas to raise the extra funds include me abseiling or climbing a mountain, which I'm willing to consider.'

The church also hopes to gain interest from groups outwith Mid Argyll that could support the project.

'The hall was designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh so maybe someone could help maintain it from that view. The local community has given so much already. I can't thank them enough, they have been absolutely amazing,' she said.

# Residential centre to open to help people fight addiction

## Argyll and Bute substance misuse problem is 420 per cent greater than the national average

EXCLUSIVE REPORT by EDEL KENEALY  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A SANCTUARY that has helped people with drug and alcohol addiction rebuild their lives will reopen this summer to help people in Argyll.

Barmaddy Farm, a rehabilitation centre near Dalavich, offered support to people fighting addiction from Glasgow until it closed for refurbishment in 2011.

The farm, which is run by GalGael, will accommodate ten people in residential care, Monday to Friday, for six to 10 weeks and support more people through day services.

It will be the only facility in Argyll to offer short-term residential care after Ronachan House in Kintyre closed almost three years ago.

Explaining the centre would hopefully plug

the gap left by that closure, Colin Ferguson, GalGael's Barmaddy outreach and development officer, said: 'We are not medically qualified, we are not doing acute alcohol or drug rehabilitation, that's a hospital situation. The people coming to us will be referred by agencies and are on a rehab programme.'

'They will have already done a detox and will come to us for peer support.'

'The idea is people come to stay with us which takes them out of their normal lifestyle and puts them in an isolated place where they are surrounded by people like them who want to recover.'

Set in a peaceful woodland on the edge of Loch

Awe, Barmaddy will aim to get people involved in a range of activities to aid their recovery.

'They will be involved in things like creating wildlife corridors through Inverliever Forest, proper surveys and counts of ancient monuments and boating expeditions on Loch Awe,' Colin said.

Each activity, catered to the individual, will aim to boost the person's confidence whilst giving them a sense of purpose.

The news of the centre opening comes as GalGael reveals that Argyll and Bute's substance misuse problem, when based on population, is 420 per cent above the national average - a statistic worse than Govan in Glasgow.

It is hoped this new service will help address this problem.

## Argyll College is tops

FOR THE third year running, Argyll College UHI has been named one of the best places to work in Scotland.

The college, which has two bases in Lochgilphead, was awarded sixth position in Scotland's Best Workplaces Awards for medium and large businesses.

Judges of the award surveyed staff and managers at the college to gain a holistic view of the organisation and its practices before signing off on the award.

## Road closure

TEMPORARY traffic lights will be in place on a section of road near Minard when road surfacing work begins on May 27.

The work at Kilmichael Beg is expected to last for two weeks with traffic lights in place between 7am and 6pm.

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### Chaos at Kilmory an example of schoolyard politics at its worst

THE CHAOS at Argyll and Bute Council has left a serious question mark over who is really representing the needs of the people who voted the councillors into office.

With accusations that greedy councillors led to the collapse of the SNP-led administration, perhaps councillors should take a moment and step back into the real world.

Right now, there are hundreds of families struggling in Mid Argyll to make ends meet.

Living pay cheque to pay cheque and wondering where their next meal is coming from.

People who have worked for decades are being laid off and living on welfare.

In these tough economic times councillors should think themselves lucky that they even have a job and grin and bare it like the rest of us.

Everyone is struggling and their priority should be making the situation better for everyone and not just themselves.

This should be at the forefront of the elected members' minds as they struggle to restore the council's reputation.

If they are motivated by money then as Iain MacDonald and Donald Kelly said, they are in the wrong job.

This week has been a great example of politics at its worst and there would be no surprise if people of Argyll and Bute had little faith in the future of the council.

The *Argyllshire Advertiser* hopes it is not the people who end up suffering the most in this chaos.

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### Magnificent achievement by Red Star youth teams

Sir,  
The magnificent achievement of two Lochgilphead Red Star youth teams reaching cup finals in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League is reported on your sports pages.

But, I would like to add to the reports by acknowledging the tremendous effort put in by many people to make this happen.

The numerous volunteers who run the Soccer Centre and the youth teams work many hours to give the kids opportunities to play, develop their skills and play Scotland's national game despite the second rate facilities in the Mid Argyll area.

I would like to thank all the coaches, parents, family and friends who travelled to Dumbarton to support the boys last weekend.

A special thanks goes to the boys in the under 16s and under 14s who all put in a great effort to entertain the large and vociferous travelling support and showed excellent sportsmanship in victory and defeat.

Finally I would like to thank Café 35 for sponsoring the Under 16s jackets and ties for the final.

The Stag Hotel for putting on a reception buffet for the boys on their return home and Fiona Kalache and

MAYDS for their continued support of football in Mid Argyll. Both teams still have games to play before the season ends in mid-June and are competing with their cup final opponents to win their respective leagues.

If you want to enjoy some excellent young football talent get along to Ropework Park over the next few weekends.

Graham Whitefield,  
Lochgilphead Soccer Centre.

### Appeal to men to give country dancing a go

Sir,  
Readers of page 20 of the May 10 edition of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* would be forgiven if they concluded that Scottish country dancing is a past-time undertaken only by women - may I assure your readers this is not the case.

While it is true that men are in a minority at our Monday evening sessions, let me assure you any men interested enough to give it a try would be more than welcome.

Country dancing can be a most engrossing activity, which exercises the memory and brain as well as the physical person.

One does not need to bring a partner and newcomers will be guided into the intricacies by any of the more experienced people there.

We meet on Mondays at 7.30pm in Ardrishaig Public Hall and while we are closed for the summer we start a new session at the beginning of September.

Newcomers will be especially welcome and there will be introductory classes

with their first few evenings being free of charge.

So come along men, give it a try - do not let the females rule the roost.

John Dymont,  
Strone Cottage,  
Achnamara.

### Take the first step on an exciting and wonderful journey

Sir,  
I was greatly amused to see the report on alleged psychics at Inveraray Jail in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* the week before last.

Although they did rather give the game away with the quote 'We could make it up but we don't - what do we have to gain from that?'

Well, a whole page in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* for one and no doubt a trail to their doors of the credulous and vulnerable with pockets waiting to be picked for another.

Your letters correspondent last week did not spot the obvious scam, got very excited about it all and went to great pains to try to differentiate his own irrational beliefs from those of the three psychics.

I have to say to even greater amusement - please keep these coming.

Ghost stories date from the childhood of our species' reason.

When we did not know about atmospheric pressure and jet streams we attributed supernatural intentions to the wind.

Until we understood plate tectonics in the 1960s earthquakes were seen as

portents from vengeful gods - there are no gods, or demons, or ghosts.

We no longer need to invoke a vengeful or benign motive for the wind, or the rain, or earthquakes.

There is no evidence of external agency in this universe and nothing we observe is better explained by invoking one.

We know how Ouija boards work - the ideomotor effect and the desire for evidence to confirm belief.

We know how psychics work - cold or hot reading, telling believable stories and the desire of people to hear what they want to hear.

When something goes bump in the night, I do not blame poltergeists, I wonder what the cat has knocked over this time.

In the absence of any non-corporeal spirits all those who invoke them, or claim to talk to them are either deluded, in which case they are to be pitied, or fraudulent, in which case they are to be condemned for preying on the ignorant and vulnerable.

There is a third alternative to the last question, which is some honest and thoughtful folk have yet to take the step of acknowledging what they may have suspected for a long time - that it is just not true.

Taking that small step will be the first of an exciting and wonderful journey into reason where they will not be alone and they will not be disappointed.

When I was a child, I thought as a child, now let's all put aside childish things.

Patrick Mackie,  
via e-mail.

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Mairi Bruce and Morgan Curtis will travel to Bulgaria to help stray dogs - such as Stella who is pictured with them - as part of their work experience. 06\_a20dog01

## High School pupils to chase their dream at Bulgarian animal centre

TWO PUPILS from Lochgilphead High School who dream of working with animals will travel to Bulgaria this summer to work at an animal rescue shelter.

Mairi Bruce and Morgan Curtis will carry out one week's work experience at the Beurgas Animal Shelter, which is home to 160 stray dogs, in August as part of their administration course.

The girls were given the opportunity after volunteering at Achnabreac Kennels, near Lochgilphead, which works with the shelter in Bulgaria to re-home dogs in the UK.

The girls will travel to Bulgaria with Louise Casey, who owns the Mid Argyll kennel, and are thrilled to have been given the opportunity.

Sixth year pupil Mairi, who hopes to study vet-

erinary medicine at the University of Glasgow after the summer, said it would be a great experience.

'I will be working mostly with a clinic that is linked to the kennel,' she said. 'I think it will be an eye opening experience and different to the kennel here. I'm really excited.'

Fourteen year-old Morgan, who volunteers at Achnabreac

Kennels every weekend, hopes to study animal safety at Dumfries and Galloway College.

She said: 'I'm really excited to go over to Bulgaria. I will mostly be involved with the animal rescue side of things. I think there will be a few tears.'

Louise Casey, owner of Achnabreac Kennels has worked with the kennel in Bulgaria since October last year.

### Dementia team award nomination

THE COMMUNITY dementia team for Argyll and Bute Council has been nominated for a coveted care award.

The Care Accolades recognise the dedication of social service workers and the variety of help they provide to people, from working with the homeless to dogs assisting people living with dementia.

The council's dementia team has been nominated in the working better, working together category and will attend an afternoon tea and award ceremony at Perth Concert Hall on May 31.

### Argyll youth employment falling

YOUTH unemployment in Argyll is falling, according to new figures released by the Office for National Statistics.

Unemployment figures for those aged between 16 and 24 has reduced by 11 per cent compared to last year. The number of people

in this age group claiming unemployment benefit fell to 485.

Angela Constance, minister for youth unemployment, said: 'These positive figures demonstrate that our work and that of local authorities is producing results.'

# Conservation work earmarked by Scottish Canals

## Condition survey report being done

THREE buildings and a bridge along the Crinan Canal have been earmarked by Scottish Canals as the focus for conservation and regeneration over the next five years.

The national authority has confirmed Ardrishaig Light House, Canal House, Ardrishaig, Sea View in Crinan, and Dunardry Rolling Bridge will all be subject to conservation works.

The Dunardry bridge, an unconventional, hand-operated rolling cantilever-bridge, will be the first to see major investment, with a full restoration planned for 2014/15.

The bridge, unusual in design, is almost 113 years old and in need of extensive repair. The

work will see the entire bridge dismantled, parts replaced and it being put back together again.

A full record of the work, which still has to be costed, will be done to ensure future generations have the information and skill to maintain it.

Meanwhile works will get underway this year to assess the long-term conservation and maintenance needs of Ardrishaig Lighthouse and surveys completed on Canal House and Sea View in the coming years.

Commenting on the conservation programme, Dr Sabina Strachan, senior heritage advisor at Scottish Canals, said: 'The Crinan Canal plays an exceptionally important part in

the history of the canal network, and properties such as Canal House at Ardrishaig and Sea View at Crinan offer great historic value to the area.

'To that end, we are undertaking a condition survey project, which will allow us to properly understand the conservation needs of these historically-significant properties.'

Stating it was too early to decide a future for the buildings or time frame for conservation works to be completed, Dr Strachan added: 'Our eventual aim is to transform these vacant properties in a way that both celebrates their historical value and allows them to play a greater role in the continued renaissance of Scotland's canal network.'

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Megan Bryson and Cheryl Taylor model dresses made by local woman Lauren Rutherford at the hair show. 06\_a20hair20



An Irn Bru head piece finishes off the look for Kelly Rhodick's Highland Fling inspired hairstyle. Her model for the evening was Lauren Douglas. 06\_a20hair02



Shellby Spriddell (second right on back row) celebrates the end of the hair show with her models. 06\_a20hair19



Svetlana Zhelyazkova prepares model Suzie Larkin's hair before the show. 06\_a20hair03



Fabienne Renfrew and Chris Scott modelled hair by Antonia Whyte. 06\_a20hair15



Lee MacLean, who had his hair shaved last week for Rainbow Valley, acted as escort for many of the models at the show. He walked the runway with Rachel Coll. 06\_a20hair07



Valerie Fischer and Chris Gott were all smiles as they walked the runway at the event last week. 06\_a20hair08

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Patrycja Madej walked with 'attitude' on the catwalk as she modelled a style inspired by pop star Rhianna. The hair was done by Connie Spriddell. 06\_a20hair11



Unmistakably Marilyn, Hannah Nixon, acted as host for the evening and kept locals entertained with song and laughter. 06\_a20hair12

# Hair show at the school

HAIRSPRAY filled the air at Lochgilhead Joint Campus last Thursday evening as the annual Argyll College Hair Show got underway.

Featuring work by both high school Skills for Work pupils and college students, the show was the culmination of years of hard work for some of the hairdressers.

Executed with great professionalism, the hair show featured hairstyles created under a range of themes including Highland Fling, Rock around the Clock, St. Trinians and Lets go to the Prom.

The event was hosted by Unmistakably Marilyn who offered much laughter and song in between catwalk shows.

Hairdressing tutors Maria MacKenzie, Vicki Donald and Suzi Thomson said the event was a great success and the result of much hard work by the students.



Cara Douglas, second left, with all her models at the end of the show. 06\_a20hair21



Carys MacPherson and Chris Scott are 'off to the prom' as they walk the catwalk, showing hair styles by Shelly Curran. 06\_a20hair06



Caitlin Crawford received a cheer from the audience when she took to the catwalk to model a 'Vicky Pollard' inspired look. 06\_a20hair10



Chloe Fairman took part in the St. Trinians inspired section of the hair show, modelling a sophisticated look styled by Rachel MacIndoe. 06\_a20hair09

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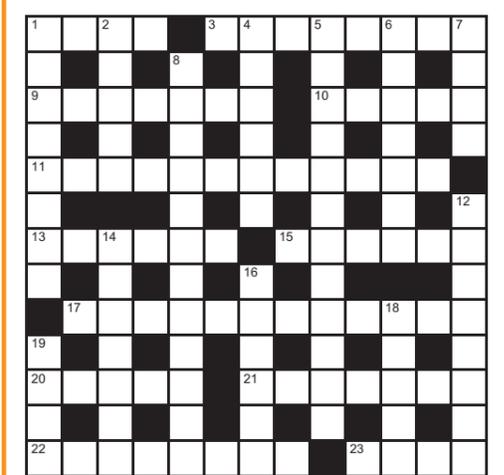
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It follows MOK's growing reputation as a 'must do' event, with the half marathon voted the top in the UK by Runners World magazine in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The weekend-long festival will see pipe bands, brass bands and other musical entertainment as well as the ever-popular Funky Chicken for children.

There will also be stalls and refreshments for spectators and runners at the finish

area at Kinloch Park. 'It is a great, fun weekend for everyone, competitors and spectators alike,' said race director Elaine McGeachy.

**Collect**

The Race Expo is on the Saturday, May 25 from 1pm-5pm at the Aqualibrium where runners can collect race numbers, timing chips and tickets. The Pasta Party is in The Mussel Ebb on Saturday from 6pm - 8pm, where runners can stock up on carbs before race day.

The Expo will have a variety of health and fitness stalls, displays and free talk, from 5 - 6pm in the library, by chi running expert Nick Constantine and Triathlon Scotland, as well as a pasta party in the evening.

**300 bottles of water** RUNNERS at this year's MOK Run will not be going thirsty, after Co-operative Membership's Western Scotland Area Committee donated 300 bottles of water.

Event organisers collected the bottles of The Co-

operative's own-brand Fairbourne Springs water last Thursday from the Campbeltown branch.

The Co-op is also donating cereal bars, fruit juice, energy drinks and bananas for the runners.

The donation is from The Co-operative's Western Scotland committee, one of nine area committees in Scotland whose members have a say in how the business supports local communities.

Tommy Millar, who is a member of the committee, said: 'The Co-operative has an important role in the heart of the community in Campbeltown, never more so than during the recent severe weather. We are pleased to do our bit to keep the competitors refreshed on the big day, and by doing so help make this year's half marathon a success.'

This year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k are on May 26.

**Younger runners**

MOK organisers have made an extra effort to attract

younger runners this year. Junior races have always been held alongside the half marathon and 10k on the Sunday.

However, now they will take centre stage all on their own on the Saturday.

'We have made a big push for the junior races,' said race director Elaine McGeachy. 'We are making a big fuss

about them on the Saturday, and the three age groups have been sponsored by D. McNair and Son Ltd.'

There is a 1km race for 6-8 year olds, a 2km race for 9-11 year olds and a 3k race for 12-14 year olds.

The races start at 2pm at Kinloch Green. with prizes for the first three boys and girls in each category.



Campbeltown Running Club wishes its members and all participants **Good Luck in the Magnificent 8th MOKRUN.**

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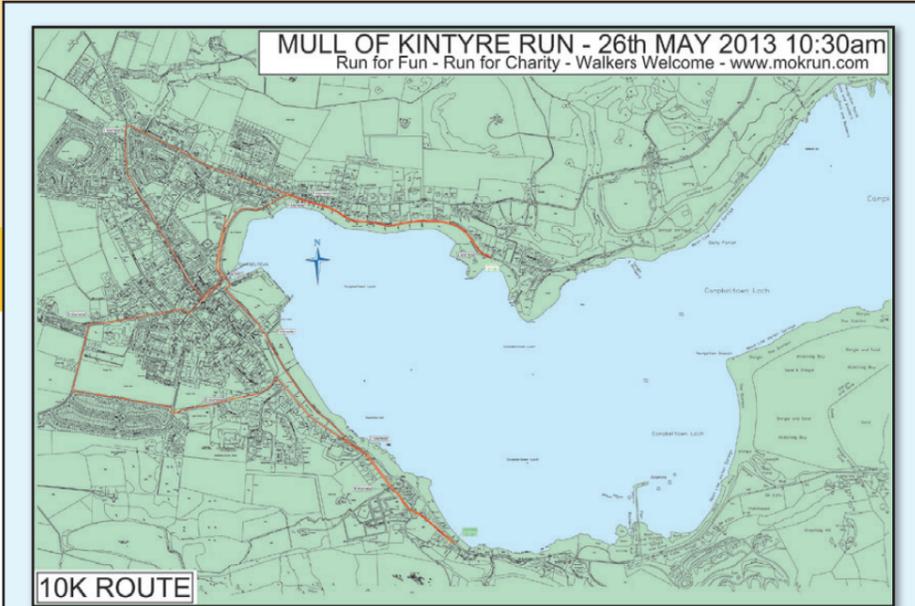
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- Back along beach and exit back up track to Clochkeil
- Past Sound of Kintyre and turn right into Moss Road
- Round Moss Road and turn left at end towards Campbeltown
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Bullocks averaged 223p (+5p) and sold to 272p per kg for a 335kg British Blue from Shutterflat, Beith and to £1,260 for a 595 kg Ab-

erdeen Angus from Ad-diewell, West Calder.

Heifers averaged 209p per kg (-3p) and sold to 286p per kg for a 245kg British Blue from Taylorton, Stirling and to £1,090 for two 520kg Aberdeen Angus from West Kirkland, Newton Stewart.

The sale included a special section for native bred cattle which sold exceptionally well and proved short of buyers requirements, 36 Aberdeen Angus bullocks sold to a top of 250p per kg for two at

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Hereford bullocks sold to 216p per kg from Shutterflat, Beith, Short-horn bullocks sold to 220p per kg from Wester Pirleyhill, Falkirk, while Belted Galloway bullocks sold to 207p per kg from Knockraith, Fintry.

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Deliveries, motocross and self catering holiday cottages are now the main focus of business for the Campbell family at Achnashellach Farm, who celebrate 70 years in business. 06\_a20farm01

# Mid Argyll dairy enterprise celebrates 70 years in business

Diversification and adaptability are key to success

A MID ARGYLL family-run dairy farm, which delivers milk across Argyll and the Isles, is celebrating its 70th birthday this month.

The Campbell family and Achnashellach Farm, headed up by Douglas Campbell, will officially celebrate the milestone on May 28.

#### Adapt to survive

Douglas, who manages D J Campbell with his wife, Jean, son Stewart and daughter in-law Yvonne, has developed the business to become one of the biggest milk suppliers on the west coast.

It was Douglas' father John and his mother Mary who started the business in 1943 as part of life on a working

dairy farm, milking 120 head at its peak.

Achnashellach has undergone a massive change in the last 30 years to ensure its survival.

In the 1980s when milk pasteurisation was introduced the Campbell family sold the dairy cows and drew up a plan to capitalise on the farm's other assets.

Douglas said: 'We were too small a farm to have cows after pasteurisation regulations were introduced. We focused on milk delivery, which began in Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig and built it from there.'

The business has enjoyed steady growth over the years with D J Campbell now employ-

ing nine people, with one dairy product delivery point in Oban and another based at the farm.

Douglas also leased out much of the land on the farm, built two self catering holiday homes in the farm's former out buildings and transformed one field into a motocross track - a local facility the family is well known for.

'We diversified, it was something that had to be done really. We have also gone into delivering other dairy products,' Douglas said.

'In June the Mid Argyll MX Club will host the Scottish Motocross Championship at the farm.'

Having faced many

challenges in recent years Douglas said he would not have changed a thing.

'I was born and bred farming. I know nothing else. When I missed school, teachers never asked me where I had been, because they knew I had been on the farm,' he said.

Now, it is his three grandsons, Douglas, Lewis and Harris that are growing up at the idyllic farm near Kilmichael.

Speaking about the future of the farm Stewart said: 'In difficult times when we are competing against big companies, we hope to develop as a business and be competitive in the service we continue to offer.'

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**LOCHGAIR**

**AGM, plant sale and coffee morning**

THE LOCHGAIR Association will hold its AGM on tomorrow (Saturday).

The meeting will be held in Lochgair Church Hall at 11am.

On Saturday, May 25, a plant sale and coffee morning, which will feature a bottle stall and raffle, will be held in the hall. The event, which starts at 10.30am, is in aid of the sensory garden for the dementia wards at Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

**ARDRISHAIG**

**Epic motorbike adventure**

AN ARDRISHAIG man will set out on an epic motorbike adventure later this month to raise cash for Cancer Research.

Tim MacKenzie will leave his home on Brenfield Farm on May 21 and hopes to visit 100 Welsh castles in three weeks.

With only his Dragstar Yamaha and gadgets to point him in the right direction, the biker hopes it will be the adventure of a lifetime.

Last year Tim visited 100 Scottish castles for fun and thought this would be the perfect way to build on that adventure. Speaking to the *Advertiser* about the inspiration behind his trip Tim said: 'A lot of my friends and family have been affected by cancer so I thought why not fundraise. I just want to do something that people will really remember and something I can share with my kids one day.'

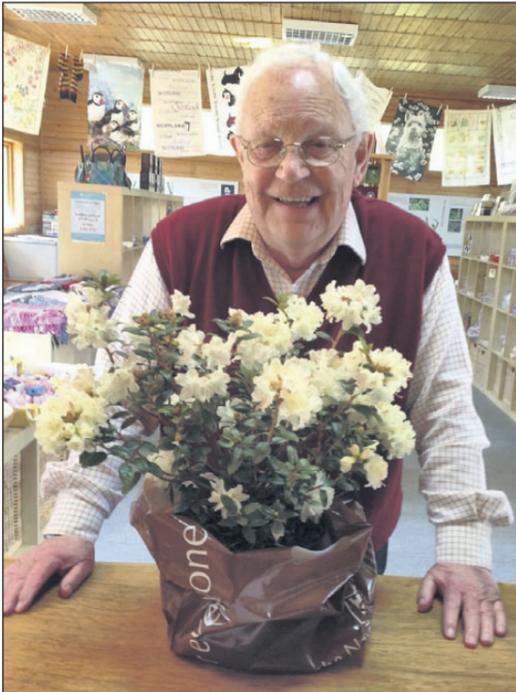
People can keep up to date on Tim's adventure by following his blog and can make a donation to charity on [www.justgiving.com/TimMacKenzie2403](http://www.justgiving.com/TimMacKenzie2403).

**TARBERT**

**Ceilidh in aid of pipe band**

PEOPLE can put their dancing shoes on and head to Tarbert Village Hall for a fundraising ceilidh tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Gunna Sound will perform from 8.30pm and the proceeds from the night will be donated to Mid Argyll Pipe Band.



**Beechgrove Garden presenter Jim McColl bought a plant at Crarae Garden following a day filming scenes for the hit TV show.**

**Hit television show Beechgrove Garden turns spotlight on Crarae**

BEECHGROVE Garden's film crew and presenters stopped off at Crarae Garden to film a segment for the hit TV show.

The crew were at the garden earlier this month to film scenes for the programme which

**MINARD**

was due to air this week on BBC 2.

Presenter Jim McColl stopped off in Crarae Garden shop to buy a plant from the Loch Fyne garden.

**STRACHUR**

**Flower Show Coffee Morning a success**

FLOWERS, jams, art and delicious home baking marked the start of the gardening season in Strachur last weekend.

The annual Flower Show Coffee Morning proved a huge success with residents turning up to have a browse around the stalls in Strachur Memorial Hall.

Also on display at the event was art that had been created by youngsters from Strachur Primary School.

All the money raised at the coffee morning will be put towards Strachur Flower Show, which will be held in August.



**Sheila Whyte of Fyne Preserves was at Strachur Flower Show and Coffee Morning selling home made jams.**

**Pipe band previews new material**

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band gave residents in Strachur a sneak peek at their new material as it gears up for the start of the piping season.

The band hosted a warm up gig at Strachur Memorial Hall on Saturday night to a packed out audience.

Members of the pipe band have been working hard over the winter months to prepare for the numerous competitions they will compete in, which start

**CRAIGNISH**

**Farewell party as couple head Down Under**

RESIDENTS have been invited to say their goodbyes to locals Taryn and Axle Blair as they leave the village for warmer climates.

The couple are emigrating to Australia and a farewell party will be held in Craignish Village Hall on June 1.

People should bring their own drinks and nibbles, whilst there will be a disco to get the party started.

**Banjo player and band**

CERA Impala, a banjo player from Arizona will perform with her band The New Prohibition next month.



**Pupils at Craignish Primary School helped raise £486 for the Pelandaba Orphan Fund at an African Quiz Evening they hosted.**

She will entertain the audience with her tales of a life wandering a path less travelled.

Cera's music covers a variety of styles from swing and jazz to indie and electro-coustic pop.

Cera will perform in Craignish Village Hall on Saturday, June 8 from 7pm.

**African quiz evening**

PUPILS from Craignish Primary School hosted an African Quiz Evening, which raised £486 for the Pelandaba Orphan Fund.

Youngsters in the P5-7 class have been working hard in recent weeks to

advertise the African themed event, plan the meal, make posters, tickets, and labels for all the dishes.

Almost 80 people turned up to Craignish Village Hall last Friday night to enjoy the various dishes prepared by the children and take part in the quiz.

Cindy Macdonald, who founded the Pelandaba Orphan Fund, said the money would go a long way to help educate the children in Zimbabwe.

She said: 'Whenever I first started it was £800 for school fees each term, but this has gone up now to £1,200 per term. This is the first time we have held an event in Craignish and we are always trying to offer something whilst we are fundraising. It was a really good evening and I've been asked to do it again.'

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# SCOTTISH SERIES TARBERT LOCH FYNE



**With only a week to go, the village of Tarbert on Loch Fyne is all set to welcome this year's Scottish Series that takes place from May 24th to 27th 2013.**

### Olympic Ambassador

One famous face on the water will be Luke Patience, 2012 Olympic medalist and the ambassador for this year's Scottish Series. He competes on a Bavaria B/one sports boat, supplied by DDZ Marine. Luke is enthusiastic about his involvement: 'The Scottish Series is such an important and fantastic event. It brings together hard racing in a challenging and scenic venue and the chance to meet up with the some old friends for a wee dram after a long day. I hope I can inspire youngsters to take part in sailing and this event.'

Scottish Series Chairman, Stephen Bennie said: 'Luke's recent success at the Olympics is a great encouragement to young sailors of the future. It will be great to have Luke out on the water as well as being around to meet people and lend support off the water.'

Tunnock's is once again on board as a sponsor along with Bowmore Islay Single Malt Whisky, Tarbert Enterprise Company and Tarbert Harbour Authority. Argyll and Bute Council, Hyde Sails, the Crown Estate and Highland Spring are also supporting the event along with Malin Waters. Luke's involvement is supported by EventScotland through the 'Year of Natural Scotland in 2013.'

### Something for all ages and interests

In addition to the action on the water, a variety of activities in the village of Tarbert will be a huge draw for families and visitors to the area with something for all ages and interests. Tarbert Enterprise Company has arranged live bands playing in the marquee on Saturday and Sunday evening, with Stramash kids' sailing in the harbour during the day, a Highland Dancing competition, Pipe Bands, Water Waltzers, an Art

Organised by the Clyde Cruising Club, this will be the 39th running of this prestigious racing event that attracts competitors from all over the world including a strong Irish contingent.

Sailing the challenging waters of Loch Fyne against a backdrop of stunning scenery, the Scottish Series offers a blend of the best of racing in UK waters alongside a varied and hectic social programme ashore - the perfect stage for a fun filled event and spectacular for both competitors and spectators alike. Nearby Portavadie Marina also plays host to some of the fleet.

The event format with a mix of coastal races and windward/leeward or triangle races is designed to attract a wide range of entries from high-tech IRC yachts to CYCA handicap cruiser/racers and one designs, including Sigma 33s and Sonatas. The 'Round Inch' Race on Sunday May 26 for the CYCA classes is also open to yachts wishing to race this day alone. A special trophy is awarded to recognise the winner's outstanding achievement.

Many of the renowned names in yacht racing return this year with a splash of newcomers, attracted by the reputation of this famous event with great sailing and close competition.

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## 24 MAY - 27 MAY



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John Hardie of TEC said: 'We are hugely excited at the prospect of this year's event. We have fantastic locations for all our activities both onshore and on the water for excellent racing.'

The Scottish Series attracts around 100 visiting yachts with around 750 crew and guests bringing the normally quiet village of Tarbert and nearby Portavadie Marina to life over the racing weekend. With hoteliers seeing one of their busiest times of the year, the event is of major economic importance to the area. Further details are available from the Clyde Cruising Club website: www.clyde.org

### 'Local' Runners and riders

Pitting their sailing skills against seasoned campaigners at the Scottish Series, James Hardie of Oban Sailing Club competes in his Grand Soleil Taz in CYCA Class 5 and will race against regular SS competitor Brian Robertson of Mid Argyll with his X332 Celtic Spirit.

In CYCA 6 Joey Gough's Tangle o'the Isles, a former SS class winner, will be raced by Twig Olsen of Oban. Owner Joey, fresh from a stunning OSAKA double-handed race win in Japan, may also join as 'guest' crew.

Afloat or ashore, Tarbert is certainly the place to be to enjoy this year's Scottish Series.

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**Friday 24th May**  
Event Marquee Bar from 4.30pm to 8.00pm approx.  
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**Saturday 25th May**  
Stramash with Kid's Sailing from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Harbour.  
**Highland Dancing Competition** 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Village Hall.  
**Water Walkerz** by the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool 11.30am to 3.30pm  
and **Face Painters** 12.00pm to 2.00pm by Event Marquee.  
**Art Fair and Workshop** Event Marquee 11.30am to 4.00pm.  
**Event Marquee Bar** 4.30pm to 8.00pm approx with music from **Scott MacDonald**.  
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**Bowmore Whisky Tasting** 6.00pm.

**Saturday 25th May**  
**Shady Rip Chord**  
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**Sunday 26th May**  
**Stramash with Kid's Sailing** from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Harbour  
**Event Marquee Bar** from 4.30pm to 8.00pm approx  
**Pipe Band** Harbour Street 5.00pm  
Prize giving 6.30pm

**The Democrats**  
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**Monday 27th May**  
**Event Marquee Bar** 2.30pm to 8.00pm approx  
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#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02139/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of septic tank (part retrospective)	Plot 2 Dippen Farm Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
13/00771/PP	Installation of chimney	Auchenbeag Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PW	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/00870/PP	Erection of a 20 kW wind turbine (27.1 metres to blade tip)	Aucharua Southend Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00900/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (with attached garage), log store and shed, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land South of Muir of Leckan Furnace Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XN	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/00961/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 10/00488/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwelling house and formation of new access)	Land West of Rhuval Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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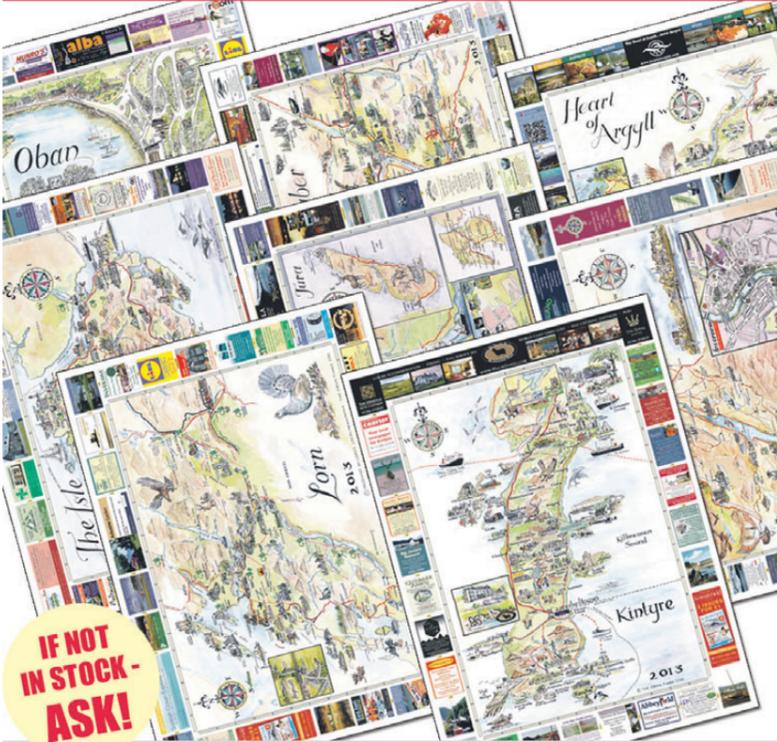
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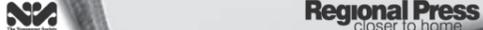
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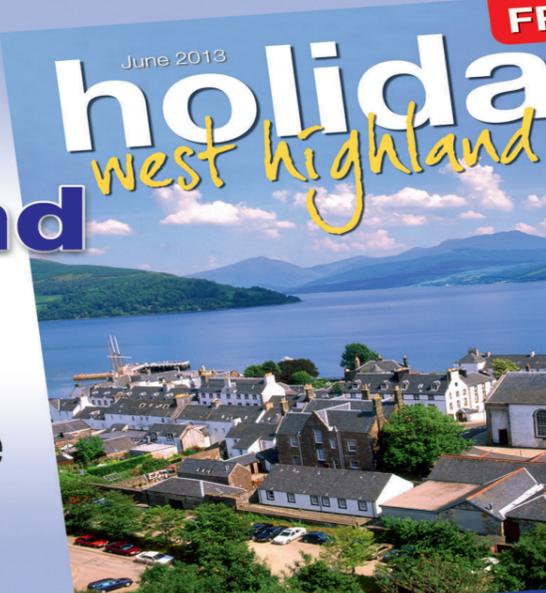
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE rushed into the church to escape the relentless rain and wind.

The church was warm and cosy and the candles flickered a welcome to cheer our spirits.

The regular worshippers at St Kieran's Episcopal Church soon made us feel at home as we shared worship together on our common Christian journey. The liturgy flowed with familiar words and phrases and the church was imbued with a sense of peace. Shortly after the service started, the priest began his sermon, and during the opening words we heard the sounds of church bells ringing. The Highland church was calling her folks to worship God, and I thought how wonderful to know that folks throughout the land gather to praise the God who calls us to be one.

Christians of all denominations would be meeting in the town, along the Kintyre peninsula, round the coastline, across to the islands, throughout Argyll and beyond these shores.

Our approach to God may differ, our traditions may vary, but we worship the same God and bring with us the threads that can be woven into one cloth.

I also thought of our brothers and sisters of different faiths and of how much we can learn from each other when we are willing to listen.

The bells ceased their call and I settled to listen to the sermon. There was much to absorb and consider as the words of scripture came alive in the telling. Invited to share communion we went forward to receive the elements. As the familiar words washed over us once again, we were reminded that the love of Christ is for us all.

As the sea is drawn to the shore and the mist is drawn to the hills, so too our souls are drawn to something beyond ourselves.

Whatever your faith, whoever your God, may that God go with you.

## Artmap Argyll workshops on offer at series

THE SCOTTISH Series marquee in Tarbert will be awash with fun art activities next week with six different Artmap Argyll workshops on offer.

The Maritime Art-Time activity will include dot painting, charcoal drawing, glass etching, repeat pattern making, soft limestone carving and lantern making.

The activities aim to allow people to get more involved in community art, whilst creating their own memento of the 2013 Scottish Series.

Sian MacQueen, chairwoman of Artmap Argyll, said: 'We have so many talented artists in Argyll, working with such a variety of mediums that we are delighted to get the opportunity to share their skills with visitors and locals.'

The workshops are part of the innovative heARTofARGYLL festivals programme for 2012/13, which has been lead by The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance, Artmap Argyll, Kilmartin House Museum and Lanterns@10.



Coisir Og Dhail Riata impressed judges at the recent Mid Argyll Music Festival. 06\_a12music52

## Choir on song for Mod season

MID ARGYLL'S young Gaelic Choir is going from strength to strength as it prepares for the 2013 Mod season.

Coisir Og Dhail Riata, which features 14 local girls, has been working hard ahead of the Islay Mod next month, under the tutelage of Fiona Munro and Christine Johnston.

The girls have also been busy fundraising and recently distributed a quiz sheet to shops and cafes in

Lochgilphead. Tarbert's Jean Graham, who completed the quiz in Mrs Macs Coffee Shop, was the lucky winner of £10, whilst the fundraiser made £176 for the choir.

### New members

Coisir Og Dhail Riata, which last year attracted 11 new members, will compete at a number of regional Mods before the Royal National Mod in Paisley in October.

## Big Green Tarbert ready with energy advice

A PROJECT which aims to continue the legacy of the Big Green Tarbert (BGT) project is to be established.

The project would include distributing Householder's Energy Efficiency Manuals to homes in Tarbert which would offer advice on how to make homes energy efficient.

The guide, which was commissioned by BGT, looks at five different types of housing on the west coast of Scotland and covers three levels of efficiency measures, from free and easy, to those requiring investment.

### Advice

As part of the project people would be offered advice on accessing funds to carry out the work.

Ed Tyler, who was part Big Green Tarbert, said the project would need funding before being rolled out.

He added: 'We are currently looking at a number of funding options which include Tarbert and Skipness Community Council and Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency.'

## Half of kids say they tried alcohol aged 9 or younger

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up focus groups with some of the teenagers to further explore the survey results. Once all of this has been fully analysed and published, we will have a better understanding of our young people's views and experiences of alcohol.'

The youth questionnaire is an extension to one circulated by CALA to adults last year. Both aimed to identify people's concerns about alcohol consumption and its affect on their community.

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## Tarbert Gun Club annual charity shoot

SHOOTERS from across Argyll, Glasgow and further afield joined Tarbert Gun Club for its last competition of the season, the annual charity shoot.

The visitors, however found the competition tough as the local shooters were on top form despite the horrendous wet and windy weather.

The shoot, held at the club's Barmore Shooting Ground, saw John Weir maintain his good form of late and tie with Bob McColl to win the overall high gun competition. John also won the two man flush when he paired up with Duncan Murray.

The club set up a new target for the pool trap - a bolting fox. This clay appears below the shooter and quickly disappears into the vegetation. The shoot saw 137 competitors enter the competition to hit six targets. Ally



Prize winners from Tarbert Gun Club's annual charity shoot. Duncan Murray, Bob McColl, John Weir and Ally MacDonnell.

MacDonnell was the only shooter to achieve the maximum.

Tarbert Gun Club would like to thank shooters and business-

es, especially Archie Currie, for supporting the charity event which raised funds for the MS Centre in Lochgilphead. The final total raised

will be revealed in the Advertiser next week when the club will present a cheque to MS Centre manager Karen McCurry.

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

**BIRTHS**  
**DAY** - Matt and Kirsteen (née Henderson) are delighted to announce the birth, at Auckland City Hospital, of Andrew Edwin, on March 3, 2013. A brother for James and Christopher. Grandson for Brian and Joyce, Cheshire and James and Jean, Carradale.

  
**MCCULLOUGH**  
 Kieran and Linda (née McWhirter) are delighted to announce the arrival of Blair Francis, on April 12, 2013. A wee brother for Lewis. A grandson for Agnes, Clachan, Graham, Colonsay and Peggy and Frankie, County Down.

  
**MCPHERSON - MCGLYNN**  
 Lorne and Shona are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Euan Findlay McPherson, born Friday, April 19, 2013. Many thanks for all of the congratulations and kind gifts.

  
**JOHNSTONE - MILLER**  
 Billy and Penny are very happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katy, and Jamie Miller, on May 3, 2013.

**DEATHS**  
**BAIN** - Peacefully at Eader Glimn, Oban, on May 12, 2013, Jessie beloved wife of (the late) Nicol, dearest mum of Donald and Ann, son-in-law Colin, granny to Kathleen and Kenneth, and great-gran to Ewen and Jamie. Loving memories.

**MACLEAN** - Peacefully, in the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on May 14, 2013, Jean Lumsden Farmer, in her 88th year, formerly of 7 Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil Maclean, much loved mother of Stuart and Elizabeth and a loving granny of Katrina, Rebecca, Claire, Nicky, David and Lizzie. Service in Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 1.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

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**GILCHRIST** - In loving memory of Malcolm (Shorty), died May 20, 2012, much loved husband, dad and granda. You are always on our minds.  
 - Jean and family x.  
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 - All the family at home and in Belgium.

**KENNEDY** - In loving memory of May, died May 18, 2008, loving mum and granny. When nights are cold and stars are few, I close my eyes and think of you, A silent hope, a silent tear, A silent wish that you were here.  
 - John, Catherine, John, Niall and Michael.  
**MCLELLAN** - In loving memory of my father and mother, Donald and Clara (née Douglas), brothers, Archie, Donny and Jack and sister, Donas. Sadly missed and never forgotten.  
 - William and family in Peterborough.

**SLOSS** - Treasured memories of our grandson, Christopher, who passed away May 16, 2010. Always in our thoughts.  
 - Gran and Granda.  
**SLOSS** - In memory of our brother, Christopher, who died May 16, 2010. Sleep in peace.  
 - Big sister, Pamela and wee brother, Daniel.  
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**Baby & Toddler Group** 10:00 - 11:45 am every Thursday  
 We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
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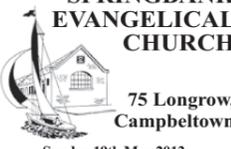
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**Thursday 23 May 2013**  
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# Show jumping competition voted a success

THE FIRST open show jumping competition hosted by the recently formed Argyll branch of the British Show-jumping (BS) Junior Academy has been declared a great success.

The Argyll academy was established last year with the aim of attracting BS coaches to the area in a bid to ensure young riders improve their riding skills and equestrian knowledge.

The academy, which is completely self-funded, hosted an open competition to give its young

members experience of competing in a formal British Show Jumping competition whilst raising funds.

Held at Lettershuna Riding Centre in Appin, the competition was judged by official BS junior academy coach Nigel Springer.

Commenting on the event, Sara Qualter from BS Argyll Academy said: 'The support and encouragement of members and local businesses was astounding and we are proud to say that the BS junior acad-

emy Argyll is now able to continue to train our local young people in the discipline of show jumping.

'We have some very talented young people right here in Argyll and their talent certainly deserves to be supported and nurtured.'

Results: 60cm Pony class: 1. Jodie Baillie on Barney, 2. Rebecca Scott o Brewster, 3. Steffie Brown on Ruby, 4. Amber Cameron on Cassie. 70cm pony class: 1. Rebecca Scott on Brewster, 2. Amber Came-



Beth Qualter Buncall and Barney compete in the first BS Argyll junior academy open competition at Lettershuna Riding Centre in Appin. Photo: Bill Baillie Photography.

ron on Cassie, 3. Steffie Brown on Ruby, 4. Beth Qualter Buncall on Bertie. 80cm pony class: 1. Jodie Baillie on Barney and Jodie Sloss on Roany, 3. Beth Qualter Buncall on Bertie, 4. Steffie Brown on Ruby. 90cm pony class: 1. Beth Qual-

ter Buncall on Barney, 2. Jodie Sloss on Roany, 3. Aimee Johnston on Puzzle, 4. Steffie Brown on Ruby. Pony 1m class: 1. Aimee Johnston on Puzzle, 2. Jodie Sloss and Roany. 70 cm horse class: 1. Fiona Montgomery on Sidney, 2.

Ethel Johnston on Bo, 3. Bethany Wade on Charlie, 4. William Addison on Sandy. 80cm horse class: 1. Shannon Addison on Mac, 2. Fiona Montgomery on Sidney, 3. Bethany Wade on Charlie, 4. William Addison on Sandy. 90cm

horse class: 1. Lindsay MacDonald on Pye, 2. Yvonne Sloss on Essi, 3. Emma Smith on ML, 4. Shannon Addison on Mac. 1m horse class: 1. Yvonne Sloss on Essi, 2. Emma Smith on ML, 3. Lindsay MacDonald on Pye.

## Inveraray golfers have to battle the weather as well as the course

GOLFERS who took to the fairways at Inveraray Golf Course early on Sunday managed to take advantage of the slightly drier weather in the club's pairs Stableford competition.

Competitors battled with the wind and rain throughout the match, but with slightly better conditions in the morning, it was the early starters that topped the leader board.

The winners of the trophy were Duncan Robertson and John Smylie, who enjoyed a perfect 36 point score. Second place went to Donald John MacDonald and Neil Armour, who had 34 points, and third with 32 points were Kenny Deacon and Neil Anderson.

This weekend it is back to a single competition with the Bank of Scotland Trophy. Entries are now also being taken for the club's gents pairs open competition, due to be held on Sunday, June 9. Golfers should call 07527 929843 for tee times.



Action from last Saturday's Inveraray v Glasgow Mid Argyll match

## SHINTY ROUND-UP

INVERARAY have an away game for their Celtic Cup clash with Oban Camanachd but Mossfield has been a happy hunting ground for the Royal Burgh in recent times.

Despite being knocked off their perch at the summit of the Orion Group Premiership, Inveraray will be favourites for the tie.

The visitors warmed up for the encounter with a 3-0 win in Glasgow against GMA in the Macaulay Cup, with goals from player-manager Garry MacPherson (2) and Euan McMurdo, pictured above.

KYLES ATHLETIC may have to look to the cups for silverware this season as their league

title challenge stutters and the first of these could come in the Celtic Cup, if they can navigate past GMA this weekend.

The Tighnabruaich men travel to Glasgow as favourites, but without having played a match last weekend after their Macaulay Cup tie with Bute was postponed.

A shortage of players saw a much older STRACHUR side suffer a heavy defeat against league leaders Aberdour.

Strachur had found form in recent weeks with a string of victories, but with nine players unavailable on Saturday, coach Donald MacDonald was forced

to take to the pitch himself with, four other players over the age of 40.

But, the Cowal side took the lead with a goal in the 16th minute from Duncan MacNicol who took advantage of the wind.

The lead was short lived as the home side put three past the Strachur goalkeeper in the first half. With the wind in their favour for the second half, Aberdour secured their victory with four more goals.

Strachur face another tough match tomorrow (Saturday) when they travel to take on Glenorchy.

Donald said: 'If we can field a strong team then I think we can have a bit of confidence.'

## Dugald wins first angling competition of the season held at Cairnbaan lochs

DUGALD MacGilp won the first of six competitions in this year's Lochgilphead and District Angling Club Championship.

Dugald, who will represent Scotland in a UK-wide fishing championship next week, won the Pat Ward Memorial Trophy for his performance at the competition, held at Cairnbaan lochs. His brother Archie MacGilp took second place, whilst Neil Ward was third in the competition which included 15 anglers.

### First competition

In the first trophy competition of the season, outside of the championship, David Phillips won the Mid Argyll Insurance Services Cup. The competi-

tion was fished on Loch Arail and surrounding lochs.

David caught two trout weighing 15 and a half ounces. Dugald MacGilp was second with two trout weighing 13 and a half ounces.

The first leg of the Lochgilphead v Oban competition was also held recently at Cairnbaan lochs. It was a bad day for many of the anglers with 13 of the 17 competitors catching nothing.

However Lochgilphead's Neil Ward had the team's best bag and the home side won with four trout weighing 3lbs 14ozs.

Oban caught three trout weighing 11b 13ozs, with their best bag coming from Don McKinnay.

## Young Ormsary motocross rider lying in third place

YOUNG motocross rider Elaine MacEachern has maintained her good form in the 2013 motocross season and is currently sitting in third place in the Scottish Motocross Federation national championships.

The 15 year-old from Ormsary was on blistering form in the second round of the championship, held recently in Duns, to secure second place in the 85b/w cate-

gory and third overall.

Fellow rider Alasdair Gorrie from Ardrishaig also enjoyed success in the second round.

### Best ever

Alasdair, 16, who represents Kintyre Motoparc, put in one of his best ever performances on the race track at Duns to take sixth place in the rookie class. He currently sits sixth in the championships.

Kintyre riders Nicky

MacLennan and Graeme MacPhail, both in clubman class, also did well, with Graeme having a best third place finish.

Meanwhile the semi-expert class, which had the most riders with 36 bikes on the gate, had no less the four Argyll lads racing, with both Jonathan MacLeod and Jamie Menzies from Lochgilphead putting in solid performances.

**Club lottery numbers**

DAVID Ronald and Barbara Johnson both won £500 in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery. The duo had lucky numbers 4, 6 and 10. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

There were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery. The numbers were 1,7 and 11. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 9, 16 and 19.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week.

**Riding club show cancelled**

ARGYLL Riding Club's annual show, due to take place tomorrow (Saturday), has been postponed due to the wet weather.

The show will now take place at new venue Long Walk, Kilmartin, on Saturday, June 29.

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# Bluebell Trail Run breaks free

INVERARAY Bluebell Trail Run, which broke free from Inveraray Jail on Sunday, enjoyed the largest field of entries in its four year history with runners coming from across Argyll, Glasgow and further afield.

The inaugural children's race was supported by a small but select group of runners who all

tackled the rough trail course with enthusiasm and energy.

**Stormed**

Joseph Harper from Lochgilphead, a seasoned athlete, stormed around the 3km course in 14 minutes, 5 seconds, followed by Lochgair's Rachael Johnston, the first girl to finish and second overall in 16.59.

Ormsary's Ruby Bosomworth was third in the youth race, second in the 10-13 female category in 18.00. Ben Davidson, also from Ormsary, took first place in the 6-9 years category, with a time of 20.17. He was closely followed by local runner Tilly Cunningham, first girl.

The hill run, featuring a 236m high climb, was soon underway with a vengeance, dominated by twin brothers Grant and Iain Cairns from Springburn Harriers.

Grant was the overall winner, crossing the line on 31.33 and Iain second on 32.39. Lochgilphead runner Iain MacNicol was the first runner home in the male veteran category and took the first jogscotland finisher prize. Garret Corner finished in 40.20 to take second place - a great achievement following a fall at the top of the very slippery hill. Colin Burton of SOS Fitness came third with a time of 41.55.

Bill Halliday was the first to cross the line in



Grant Cairns, left, came first in the Inveraray Trail Run and was followed closely by his twin brother Iain, right, with Martin Cornish finishing third. 06\_a20run06



Simone Balcon, Dinah Bosomworth, who was the first female veteran, Charmion Campbell, Ben Davidson, 7, Jacky Preece and 13-year-old Ruby Bosomworth of Ormsary jogscotland. 06\_a20run07



Donna Humphries, finished third, and her daughter Lauren Rooney, 7, also took part in the race. 06\_a20run08

the race's first ever super veteran category. Bill from Mid Argyll Triathlon Club was named the male super veteran champion with a time of 40.13. The female race was heavily dominated by the ladies from SOS Fitness but locals did manage to keep them from the most coveted first over the line prize as Ormsary's Dinah Bosomworth finished the course in 39.53.

Second over was Inveraray jogscotland runner Freya Corner, who had a very good run winning the female junior prize with a 40.07 time.

The Helensburgh la-

dies then started to fly over the finish line. Donna Humphries was first senior female, followed by Sandra Houldsworth, whilst Karen Gallagher of SOS Fitness was accompanied over

the line by several enthusiastic young supporters to finish third in her category.

For a note of thanks from the organiser of the event see next week's Opinion page.

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## Star Under 16s lift the silverware at Dumbarton

### Youngsters fight back from a goal down to win League Cup

IT WAS an extremely proud captain of the under 16 Red Star football team that lifted the Dunbartonshire Football Development League Cup on Saturday.

Ryan Deans lifted the cup on behalf of the Lochgilphead team in front of ecstatic parents and friends at the Bet Butler Stadium, home of Dumbarton FC.

Star deservedly won the cup final - their first silverware of the season - after a spirited display against Kilpatrick YFC.

Playing against a strong breeze, Star went a goal down after a corner from Kilpatrick whipped into the box. The ball eventually found the striker in space, who headed the ball home.

However Star kept their heads up and equalised within 10 minutes as Moore played a ball into the box and the chasing Deans was brought down by the goalkeeper.

Hendry showed nerves of steel to hit the perfect penalty high into the right hand corner of the

net to level the scores.

Star soon found the winning goal when Hendry was fouled 25 yards from goal. McCallum stepped up for the free kick, which he struck well only for it to take a wicked deflection off the wall.

This distracted the keeper as the ball flew into the top right hand corner of the Kilpatrick net.

What followed can only be described as wild celebrations as McCallum found himself



It was a tired but happy squad that arrived with the silverware at the Stag Hotel in Lochgilphead later in the evening. Lochgilphead Red Star YFC: McCulloch, Guy, McCallum, Galbraith, McVicar, Deans, captain, Moore, Dudding, Coates, Hendry, Whitefield. Subs: Mehaffey, Gibson, Wylie, Sloan, Miller. 06\_a20redstar01

at the bottom of a large pile of Star players in front of the stand.

Commenting after the game, coach Dougie

Moore said: 'The squad deserve great credit for the attitude and determination they showed coming back into the

game and winning after being a goal down.

'The priority now is to maintain those same high standards for our re-

maining league games.' For a full, detailed report from the match log on to [www.argyllshire-advertiser.co.uk](http://www.argyllshire-advertiser.co.uk).

## Under 14s pipped at the post by Oban Saints

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star under 14s also reached the final of the Dunbartonshire Football Development League Cup at the

weekend but suffered a narrow defeat at the hands of neighbours Oban Saints.

Star started nervously as Saints adapted quick-

ly to the windy conditions and opened the scoring. Saints' James McIntyre took a great free kick from 25 yards to put his team 1-0 up.

But Star got back into the game and soon equalised with a lucky break when Blair Mackay chased a through pass. The Oban

keeper cannoned the ball off Mackay and into the net. Saints again went ahead when Jay Cooper finished clinically from 16 yards.

In the early stages of the second half Oban dominated the play and were awarded a penalty for hand ball. Evan Macmillan calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner to give his side a two goal cushion.

Saints went further ahead after a goal from Zander Kilmurray put the score at 1-4.

But Star fought back as they brought on substitute Liam Scott, who secured two goals for his team to keep the game within reach.

Unfortunately the comeback came too late and Oban Saints lifted the coveted trophy at the end of an entertaining and exciting game.

The under 14s return to league duty tomorrow when they play away to Blair Thistle.



Red Star under 14s were runners up in the 2013 Dunbartonshire Football Development League Cup.

## Red Star get back to winning ways

SAFL Division 1B  
Millerston Thistle 0  
Red Star 2

RED STAR ended their run of defeats on Saturday and returned to winning ways with a victory over Millerston Thistle.

Star took the lead in spectacular fashion as Kirk picked the ball up 25 yards from goal before firing his shot past the Millerston keeper, staking a claim for goal of the season.

Star doubled their lead before the break as Gregor Peacock netted his 28th goal of the season for Star's second of the game.

Into the second half and despite having a few chances the game finished 0-2.

Manager Weir was pleased the side managed to end a run of four straight defeats and will be looking for the same commitment in the final two games of the season which are both at home.

Tomorrow Star face Rosehill Star at Ropework Park at 2pm.

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