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Report backs our position, says manager

Mid Argyll drugs service boss welcomes dossier

THE manager of an addiction support service in Mid Argyll has spoken out about the award of a £1.25 million council contract that put him out of a job, *writes Amanda Crawford.*

Peter Garrett of Ardrishaig's Encompass was the manager of the alcohol and addiction support service for nine years.

When Argyll and Bute council's Argyll Drug Partnership (ADP) invited bids for a £1.25 million addiction support service across Argyll and Bute, it was the end of the road for Encompass.

And a report published by Audit Scot-

land on Tuesday said the council had no clear vision about the aims of the service and that the views of the people it served were largely ignored.

In the report, titled 'Review of the Commissioning Process in Argyll and Bute', the watchdog also raised serious concerns over the tendering process adopted by ADP. The council's procurement team were also criticised.

The three-year contract to provide community-based support for people with drug and alcohol addictions was awarded to an external counselling service in 2014.

Mr Garrett hit out about how the changeover was handled and is in full agreement with the watchdog's report. He also said that it has given him 'some closure'.

He said: 'I was saying all of this about the way that the tender contract was handled, long before the changeover happened.'

'Argyll and Bute council has been pigheaded in its approach and this Audit Scotland report has highlighted that attitude.'

'Initially, the tender stated that the service would be like-for-like for the first two years.'

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Mary McLulich with her polling card outside Tayvallich village hall on her 101st birthday last Thursday. a20mary01no

Mary in poll position on birthday

A MID Argyll centenarian celebrated her birthday last Thursday, the day of the General Election.

Mary McLulich of Tayvallich was 101 on polling day and, in a strange coincidence, when she visited the polling station in the village hall, found that her polling card reference number was also 101.

Born in 1914, the vote was the 26th General Election Mary has

lived through, in which time she has seen numerous governments formed and many changes in the political landscape.

Remember

'I remember the Labour party growing up when I was at school, they were fairly new then but I saw them rise to power and eventually come in to government,' said Mary, who moved to Tayvallich in 1946.

'The Lib Dems, or Liberal par-

ty as they were then, were a major party, but they faded as it became Labour and the Conservatives who were the two main parties.'

'And now, in the last ten years or so, it's been the SNP in Scotland who have become a lot more powerful.'

As well as performing her civic duty, Mary celebrated her birthday with family at her home.

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Vikings to leave a trail of havoc on front green

A VIKING battle is set to take place on Lochgilhead's front green next month.

The event has been confirmed by organisers of the Viking festival, which is now in its second year.

In 2014, the event travelled through Mid Argyll where Vikings re-enacted their infamous raids on towns and villages. The colourful warriors 'raided' Inveraray, Ardrishaig and Tarbert, but will be heading towards Lochgilhead this year to stage a raid.

Brian McIennan, of Lochgilhead community council, said: 'Last year, some guys in Tarbert built a Viking longship and sailed it around Loch Fyne to 'raid' various towns and villages.

'Each place involved put on some kind of event to appease the raiders.

'Last year they raided Fyne Ales, Inveraray, Ardrishaig and Tarbert over three days and the whole thing was a great success.

'This year, I got in touch with the organisers and said that Lochgilhead would be keen to be a part of the event.'

Brian said the Viking boat will be raiding Lochgilhead and Ardrishaig this year, with other locations and times to be confirmed.

The Lochgilhead event is also going to be an educational day, with festival organisers paying for all primary four to seven children from the schools around Loch Fyne to be taken by bus to Lochgilhead on the last day of school.

The Glasgow Vikings group will be building a settlement on the village green which will be attacked by the Vikings

from the boat. There will also be a battle re-enactment followed by an archery demonstration, and a Swedish Viking band will be playing all day.

Kilmartin Museum is producing a small book for each child about the Vikings' influence on Mid Argyll and all the schools will also get a visit from one of the organisers.

To support the main event, the community council will be arranging demonstrations by a traditional blacksmith, of wood turning, spinning and dying, as well as fun stalls such as face painting, with more to be confirmed.

The children will arrive at 10am and leave at 1pm to return to school, after which the settlement and other displays will be taken down and moved to Ardrishaig.



The new viaduct at Pulpit Rock on the shores of Loch Lomond

Green light on A82 ends years of delays for Mid Argyll motorists

AFTER almost 40 years of being held up at temporary traffic lights, motorists have a green light all the way down the A82 at Loch Lomond.

A new viaduct, two years in the making and at a cost of £9.2 million, opened last Friday to allow traffic to flow in both directions at Pulpit Rock.

The news has been welcomed by Scottish transport minister Derek Mackay and the A82 Partnership, a group campaigning to upgrade of the A82 from Balloch to Inverness.

Mr Mackay said: 'The A82 is not only a vital lifeline for businesses and local communities but a very popular route for

visitors, and it's why we have pumped £57 million into the road's upgrade and maintenance since 2007.

'We are also taking forward work to improve the A82 between Tarbet and Inverarnan.

Challenge

'This 10-mile stretch of road which hugs Loch Lomond's shoreline will be a challenge as we must strike a fine balance in seeking to meet the varying needs of road users and being sensitive to the world-renowned scenic beauty of the area.'

Stewart Maclean of the A82 Partnership said: 'This is a start, to the improvements to the Tarbet to Inverarnan section, and

I would hope that it progresses significantly faster than the years it has taken to do the Pulpit Rock improvements.

'The original members of the A82 Partnership will recall the 30th birthday celebration of the traffic lights when passing motorists were presented with slices of birthday cake to mark the occasion.'

The transport minister was due to travel along the new section of road in a Ferguson

Transport HGV going from Tyndrum to Tarbet on Wednesday, May 13, to see for

himself the problems facing road users, but Mr Mackay had to cancel.

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Vandalism

POLICE are looking for vandals after a car was damaged in Lochgilhead.

A black Vauxhall Corsa had been scratched on McInyre Terrace.

The exact date of the incident is not known, but it was between January 1, 2015 and May 5, 2015.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Stone at Lochgilhead Police Office on telephone number 101.

Drink Driver

A MAN who was stopped by police in his car last Tuesday morning was found to be over the drink driving limit.

At 10am on May 5 the 31-year-old was pulled

over at Ardcastle, Lochgair.

He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Assault

POLICE arrested a man after a report of an assault on another man in Crinan.

The attack on a 59-year-old man took place at 10pm on Friday, May 8.

Police later arrested a 68-year-old, who is now subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Arrested

A MAN was arrested after he was alleged to have assaulted a woman in Lochgilhead on Saturday.

The incident involving a 37-year-old woman

took place at 12.20pm on May 9. Her 38-year-old male attacker was later arrested. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Road traffic offence

POLICE stopped a motorist on A83 near Minard to find that the owner of the vehicle had allowed an uninsured person to drive the car.

A 43-year-old man was charged for not having insurance to drive the car. The 40-year-old owner was also charged for permitting the man to drive the vehicle without insurance.

Both men are now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a theft in Crinan on election night last Thursday.

Diving equipment including two air cylinders, a harness, a regulator and a diving computer were stolen from an insecure RIB-style boat which was moored in the canal basin at Crinan.

Police investigating the incident are appealing to members of the public to report any information that they might have on the theft that happened between 6.30pm on Thursday, May 7 and 9.30am on Friday, May 8.

Contact officers at Lochgilhead on telephone number 101.



C.A.M.A, based on Chalmers Street in Ardrishaig, was a service provided by Encompass. The team is now working on a new project

Lochgilphead woman warns of cyber crime after suspicious caller

A PENSIONER who was targeted by what she thinks were computer hackers at the weekend is warning vulnerable people to be aware.

The woman of High Bank Park in Lochgilphead, who wishes to remain unnamed for reasons related to the incident, said that she knew what the caller was doing after reading about a similar incident a few weeks ago in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

She explained: 'On Saturday (May 9) at precisely 8.18am the house phone rang. The female had a foreign accent and spoke quickly. I was taken aback, because it was so early in the morning. They asked if I had a computer and I said, "yes", because I was curious.'

The unknown caller told her that her computer had been hacked, and she could help her fix the problem.

She was then asked

to switch her computer off and then back on, at which point she hung up the phone, as she recognised traits from Lesley Risby's story, published on April 17.

In that incident, retired minister Lesley followed instructions given by a telephone caller, which resulted in her computer no longer working, and a message on the screen asking for £99 to fix it.

Victim

The latest victim later tried to call the mobile number that had been left on her phone by the caller, but it was out of use.

She continued: 'I'm not paranoid, but it is very sinister. The caller said she was from some company, but I didn't catch it because she was

speaking so fast.'

There have been reports and police are aware of public concerns over potential hacking scandals in the Lochgilphead area.

Lochgilphead police sergeant, Iain MacNicol, said: 'Mid Argyll Police have been made aware that some members of the public have recently received telephone calls from people claiming to represent a computer company and informing them that their computer has a fault or virus.'

'I would like to remind the public never to give out bank or computer information over the phone and always check any such call is genuine by calling their internet service provider or bank themselves.'

'Always make sure you hear a clear dialling tone before calling in case a fraudulent caller has kept the line open. 'Another suggestion is to call a friend first to confirm the call is not answered by the fraudulent caller.'

Ex-drugs manager blasts ADP's tendering process

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Instead that changed without us at Encompass being told and I had no idea why.'

Peter tried in vain to get in touch with ADP regarding the situation in November 2014. When the new service took over the addiction services in December 2014, he and six members of staff and volunteers at the Ardrishaig office were left without jobs.

He continued: 'When this report came out it also stated that the terms of the contract were renegotiated. I was never informed of this and that was what changed for us at Encompass. On reading the report I could not believe how shafted I was, for me it was the council's commission process that was to blame. The staff lost their wages because the council changed the contract without notice.'

Peter backs Michael Russell, the MSP for Argyll and Bute, who has defended the Audit Scotland report and called for a further in-

vestigation. Mr Russell said: 'The Audit Scotland report describes a shambolic process, riddled with errors and resulting in a contract outcome that may have breached the law.'

'Fortunately, the new contractors are performing well but that is despite the ADP and the council.'

However, council leader Dick Walsh accused Russell of continuing to 'peddle negativity where it is not necessary'.

Mr Walsh said: 'The council has dedicated employees who are working hard every day to benefit our communities. Together, we are meeting challenges and achieving progress.'

Christina West, chairwoman of ADP, added: 'This review has demonstrated that we have in place a valid contract with a service

provider recognised for success.'

Encompass closed following the appointment of a new contractor by ADP. The Mid Argyll addiction service had been in operation for more than 30 years, initially as Mid Argyll Council support for Alcohol and Drugs. It changed to Encompass in 2007. Peter Garrett and colleague John Woods have plans to launch a local service as Encompass Community Services.

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Parents set sail with breakfast fundraiser

A MID ARGYLL parent council will host a fundraiser during this month's Scottish Series to raise cash for pupils.

Tarbert Parent Council is hoping to raise more than £2,000 by feeding hungry sailors visiting the area.

The Big Breakfast has been held before and is one of the main fundraisers the group hosts.

Kirsty Pine, joint chairwoman of Tarbert Parent Council, said: 'We will be running the Big Breakfast again, cooking up a storm to

provide hungry sailors with a hot breakfast before they head out for a day of racing.'

She is appealing to parents of pupils from Tarbert Academy to support them by providing a few hours of their time from Friday May 22 until Monday May 25 to cook and serve sailors.

Kirsty said: 'The atmosphere over at the pontoons is brilliant, and it's really fun - despite the early start for the morning shifts.'

'People don't need to cook if they feel they

are not experts. Instead, they could be taking orders and money or bagging and handing out the rolls.'

Money will go towards academic materials and extracurricular activities. Some of the things it has funded over the past year include new textbooks, sheds for the primary school playground and a school trip amounting to more than £5,000. For more details contact Anna, joint chairwoman of the committee, on 07539 080199 or Kirsty on 07919 485219.



Bride-to-be asks Princess Royal for selfie

A HEN party at a Mid Argyll hotel last Saturday was surprised to find that HRH Princess Anne was eating dinner in the next room.

Bride-to-be Emma MacIntyre and 17 friends were enjoying their meal when they found out that the Princess Royal was also at the establishment.

Claire Cameron said that one of the girls, Seonaid MacMillan, tweeted the princess @HRHPrincessAnne and asked if it would be possible to take a selfie with the bride.

The planned picture did not take place but when the princess left the girls waved to her as she drove away.

She is known to be a regular Argyll visitor and enjoys sailing in west coast waters.



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Duke to open war exhibition

THE DUKE of Argyll will open a World War One commemoration at Inveraray Castle next week.

The exhibition will focus on the life, people and the war service of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

The commemoration, to be held on Thursday, May 21, will involve a short opening ceremony to be held in the salon of the castle at 9.30am. This will include the

Duke's opening, pipe tunes of the battalion, and an overview of its war record by author Lorn McIntyre, followed by a visit to the exhibition.

Castle staff hope all in the community with an interest in the 8th Battalion will attend.

The famous battalion was formed in 1881, and existed until all Scottish infantry regiments were amalgamated into the Royal Regiment of Scotland in 2006.

Stepping out on eight-mile trek

A TEAM of trekkers is due to set off on an eight-mile round trip next week.

The Ramblers has re-scheduled its walk from Lochgilphead through Leiver Glen in Ford and

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Kate MacAulay, middle, clinical services manager presented ACHA staff with the award at the Ardrishaig office. 08_a20acha01

Healthy living award for ACHA staff

AN ARGYLL housing association has been presented with an award for promoting healthy lifestyles for its staff.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) became the only organisation in Argyll and Bute to receive the Healthy Working Lives Silver Award.

Staff at its Ardrishaig office

have taken part in a series of health campaigns.

Marina MacArthur, HR and training manager at the Ardrishaig office, said: 'The HWL Silver Award involves demonstrating a commitment to supporting staff attendance and accident reporting, as well as promoting healthy eating, physical activity, alcohol

awareness and providing training on mental health to managers.'

Marina said she was delighted with the achievement and that she and her team had worked hard to get it.

She also believes there is always room for improvement and they will strive to secure a gold award in the future.

Man faces sexual assault charges

A TEENAGER has told a court she was sexually assaulted by a Lochgilphead man at his house in the town when she was only seven.

The youngster, who can't be named for legal reasons, said she was so affected by Peter Carter's abuse that she couldn't say it out loud.

She told a jury at the High Court in Paisley this week that the only way she could inform an adult of what was happening was to write it down.

Carter, 49, is currently on trial accused of sexually assaulting two young girls over a five-year period. He faces three charges in relation to a girl who is now 15, with prosecutors claiming he abused her between the age of seven and 11.

He also faces a fourth

charge of abusing a girl, who is now 11, when she was seven.

Giving evidence at Carter's trial this week, the older girl said she could not say what had happened to her out loud.

She told the eight men and seven women of the jury that she scribbled details of the sex assaults on a piece of paper.

She explained: 'It was easier for me to write them down than say them. I was finding it very hard to get the words out.'

Carter, of Slockavullin, is said to have put his arms round the youngster, put his hands under her clothes and felt her up on numerous occasions.

He denies repeatedly using lewd, indecent and libidinous practi-

es and behaviour towards the youngster at his home between October 2006 and November 2010, when she was aged between seven and 11.

He is also accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting her between December 2010 and October 2011, when she was aged between 11 and 12, by placing his arms round her and feeling her body parts under her clothing.

Prosecutors also claim he raped her at his home between October 2006 and October 2008.

He denies the charges and has also pleaded not guilty to a charge that he sexually assaulted another girl at his home in August 2011, when she was just seven.

The trial, before temporary judge John Beckett QC, continues.

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A NEW addiction service in the Argyll and Bute council area is doing good work with people who have drug and alcohol problems.

But perceived failures in the procurement of the contract and leniency in the terms of that contract have become the latest hot potato between Michael Russell MSP and Argyll and Bute Council.

For the local authority, the problem has shifted from technical problems about procurement, which they believed were addressed, to highlighting the lack of support from Argyll and Bute's MSP.

Michael Russell, who is still in his first term as a constituency MSP, has been accused by the leader of the council, Dick Walsh, a veteran of some 20-plus years, of working against the local authority and its councillors.

In turn Mr Russell has been vocal in not accepting what he sees as a 'whitewash' on a number of issues such as the drug procurement, the sale of Castle Toward and so on.

It is his job to do so, as an elected member. The concern is that this may not be helping the council or our MSP get on with the work they need to do.

The question is 'where will this end?'

Argyll and Bute needs to become something other than the local authority and constituency known for these spat.

It really does nothing for trust in politicians. Or that any elected member is really working for the good of the whole area, as promised in election manifestos.

There are many positives in the new drug service, pointed out by the local authority, by the MSP and by users themselves.

Perhaps it is time to highlight the good that is happening – while working on concerns with each other.

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People in Argyll and Bute are very community spirited and I found great satisfaction working with many community groups to help them achieve their objectives. I have made many friends throughout the constituency.

I thank everybody who voted for me at the recent election, and although more people voted for me than in 2010, I am disappointed that this was not enough to retain the seat.

I also thank the many people who gave me valuable support and advice over the past 14 years.

I congratulate Brendan O'Hara on his election and wish him all the best in his new job representing Argyll and Bute in the House of Commons.

Alan Reid.

Race event organiser says thanks

Sir,

I cannot thank the marshals, time keepers, first aid team

and runners enough for turning up and supporting the Inveraray Jail Break. The children especially were a credit to their dedication to race. The competitive urge was there but so was a great spirit of 'all in it together'.

As race organiser I would like to thank several local people who may have gone unheard over the inclement weather conditions on the day.

The jail is our main sponsor and it provided the main prizes, printing facilities, registration point and the unfailing support of all the staff, especially Marion, Sam, and Gavin Dick the Governor.

The local IMAge group funded all the medals for competitors and winners. Aray Fish provided runners with bananas. Inveraray Community Council provided water for the runners and members also helped to put up the marquee, which proved challenging in the wind and rain. The George Hotel provided a second category prize for the adult race and Inveraray jogscotland funded the junior and local prizes.

Through the kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the race is able to through Inveraray Castle grounds. Veteran marshal of six years, Marcus Van Stone, of Argyll Estates, has also been responsible for transporting marshals. He was, yet again, a cornerstone of the race. Andrew Montgomery, factor presented the 7 Scots brigade winner with the Quach, which was donated by Argyll Adventure.

Six years ago Shannon Patrick from Argyll Adventure volunteered to make tablet for 22 runners who compet-

ed. She has heroically kept up with the demand increasing production to accommodate more than 100 runners and 30 marshals. Margaret Breeze also donated tablet. Piper Johnny Beattie welcomed runners at the top of the hill.

Finish line timekeepers Fiona MacCallum, Bill MacCallum and Alison McCulloch were fantastic.

Timekeeper and computer guru Paul Honey has been an immense support to me this year, taking all things electronic related from me, including scary things like spread sheets. Fiona Nelson and her team from Training for Life have been supporting us for six years through every weather keeping the runners' safe and well at the end of a challenging race.

Photographer Richard Hunt-Smith took fantastic photos of the day. The Inveraray jogscotland group has been a tower of strength marshalling, organising and competing. I would also like to thank Freya and Rosie, my long-suffering daughters, and husband, Garret, for an enormous amount of tolerance and help.

Fee Corner
Race organiser,
Inveraray Jail Break.

As dust settle Brits face EU decision

Sir,

As the dust begins to settle after the general election it is the issue of Europe, as was the case for John Major's Conservative administration between 1992 and 1997, that will dominate the early years of David Cameron's second term.

Like Mr Major, Mr Camer-

on enjoys a wafer thin majority. In the case of the former this was 21 and for the latter a mere, if unexpected, 12 MPs. It is against this background that Mr Cameron has pledged 'fundamental' reform of the European Union (EU), putting this deal or withdrawal from the EU to the electorate in a referendum in the next two years, an issue that will prove deeply divisive.

It is highly unlikely that Mr Cameron will be able to achieve the level of reforms expected by his backbench MPs. For example, there is no desire from French and Germans to open up the treaties and embark on the major reform of key issues such as immigration, with a key principle of EU membership being free movement.

It was 200 years ago this year that the course of Europe's history changed with the Battle of Waterloo, located in what is now Belgium.

Mr Cameron will need to keep his wits about him to ensure that he does not meet his Waterloo when he returns from the Brussels negotiations. Or he could end up facing a similar fate endured by John Major, who faced backbench rebellions over the Maastricht Treaty and ended up being turfed out of office in a crushing electoral defeat.

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Matty vows to help earthquake victims

A CHEF from Argyll, who was caught up in the Nepalese earthquakes, has vowed to return to the devastated Himalayan country with aid.

Matty Braidwood, 39, originally from Oban, will take 'as much help' as possible when he returns to the ravaged country in June.

He is asking people to donate £1 to make 'a world of a difference to 'quake victims'.

Matty was in Nepal late last month, on the 'trip of a lifetime' while coming to terms with the loss of both his parents, Mabel and John Braidwood of Oban, who died within three months of each other last year.

Snakebite

After trekking for 21 days through the Nepalese countryside, Matty found himself 'dangerously ill from a snakebite' and ended up in hospital for two days.

Shortly after he was discharged, on April 25, a massive earthquake reduced much of Nepal to a heap of rubble, killing more than 8,000



Matty Braidwood would like everyone to donate £1

people and injuring approximately 20,000.

Matty said: 'I was at the five star Yak and Yeti hotel speaking to a man when there was massive bang and then deadly silence.

'The building began to shake like jelly.

'I couldn't run because the snakebite had given me a gammy leg.

'I stood under an archway and watched buildings falling all around me.

'People were carrying dead bodies wrapped in blankets along the street.

'There was devastation everywhere.

'I finally got back to



People search for survivors in the rumble of collapsed building.



Matty Braidwood during his 21-day trek in Nepal.

my hotel to discover that my possessions had been looted from my room – and the hotel was not safe to sleep in.

'The first night I slept in the garden of the hotel alongside around 50 hotel staff who had nowhere else to go.

'A young baby boy who was without his parents was passed amongst people to soothe him.

'We slept for three nights in the garden.

'There was chaos everywhere.

'At one point the next day, I was walking past a building that had fallen down and we could hear mumbling coming from underneath.

'We called for help and later that morning a man in his 50s was rescued.'

Matty found his way to the British Embassy on Tuesday morning.

British citizens were offered flights back to the UK at a cost of £600.

Matty said: 'Many people had to be left behind because they could not afford the cost of the flight.

'The plane left half empty.

'On the way home, fellow passengers and I decided to do something to raise money.

'We plan to climb Ben Nevis on May 30.

'We will raise money to send aid through UNICEF and I will also be raising money to support some of the grass roots projects my friends are involved in.'

Feed

The projects Matty will work with are on Facebook as 'Pure Land Expeditions' and 'Donations for Nepal'.

He said: 'Ten pounds will feed a family of four for one whole month, £20 will build a temporary shelter for two, £30 will build a temporary shelter for two plus toilets and £100 will shelter a village of 20.'

Matty will be in the Oban Tesco store this Saturday, May 15, between 10am and 6pm to provide more information about his fundraising schemes.

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Tayvallich pupils sail through Mid Argyll school quiz

AN INTERSCHOOL quiz that was revived after almost 30 years was won by Tayvallich pupils at Kilmory on Tuesday.

From the beginning, October 2014, the competition has been collectively organised by representatives of each pupil council.

Primary seven pupils had a say in how the interschool quiz was going to work and how matches were chosen, with the support of teaching staff.

After a series of competitions with nine Mid Argyll schools over three months, the quiz culminated in a head-to-head between Ardrishaig and Tayvallich.

The grand finale was hosted at Argyll and Bute's council chambers by deputy provost Dougie Philand.

Last held in 1987 it was head teacher of Minard and Furnace pri-

mary schools, Debbie Munro, who remembered the competition after she found the Mid Argyll Primary Schools Competition Shield. Debbie led the revival of the quiz.

She said: 'The setting here at the chambers was fantastic.'

'We could have held the final in one of the bigger schools but this has made it.

'Holding it at Kilmory has made the event feel more prestigious and has been exciting for everyone involved.'

The 2015 quiz competition was such a success that it is a wonder why Debbie seemed to be the only person in Mid Argyll who remembered it first time around.

Councillor Philand, who showed the pupils his chain of office and explained its significance, said: 'It wasn't only the schools who turned out, the children

had supporters as well. 'Parents and friends came along too.

'I was impressed to hear the children's answers on the rounds.

'Their extent of knowledge is impressive and I must hand it to the audience, they were well behaved, there were no shout-outs or help from members of the audience.'

Tayvallich primary school took the shield home and will house the trophy for the year until next year's competition.

Ardrishaig primary school won the runners up plate.

Freya Urquhart, Ardrishaig primary pupil, said going to Kilmory council chambers was the most exciting part of the event.

She added: 'It was more professional.'

It will be down to the winning school to organise the Interschool Quiz 2016.

Above: Ardrishaig contestants with Dougie Philand and winners from Tayvallich. 08_a20quiz01

Left: from left: Maxine Rowe, Glassary primary; Helen Dickie, Lochgilphead primary; Simone McAdam, Ardrishaig primary; Debbie Munro, Marjory Bickett; Tayvallich primary and Lynn Sinclair, Inveraray primary. 08_a20quiz02



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Local artist Margaret Ker led the first session. 08_a19art03

Art workshops held in Tarbert

A SERIES of art workshops inspired by Scots poet George Campbell Hay got off to a good start and organisers hope to encourage young people to exercise their creative streak.

Supported by local artists, the weekend workshops will be open to everyone, especially those new to arts and crafts.

Local ladies and volunteer helpers were at Tarbert Templars Hall on Saturday May 2 for the grand opening of the sessions.

George Campbell Hay wrote poetry based on his experiences of Tar-

bert, Kintyre and fishing.

Local artist Margaret Ker led the first session, where she offered visitors the opportunity to work with charcoal, acrylics, crayons, ink, oil and water colour.

Margaret said: 'We are working to engage people, young and old in the arts. This project has been inspired by the work of George Campbell Hay and we hope it can generate a local interest in art work.'

The series will be running over six weekends with the next one on May 23 and 24.

The celebration of George Campbell Hay will culminate in an exhibition of the work created during the summer series later this year.

For more information or dates email Hans Kok on gchcc@outlook.com or telephone 07511 797750.



Ann McClure was in the village and could not resist going along to the workshop. 08_a19art01

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Wilma MacKenzie couldn't wait to roll up her sleeves. 08_a19art02

Nepal earthquake charity funds

AN AFTERNOON tea in Inveraray raised more than £1,000 towards the appeal for earthquake victims in Nepal.

Two weeks after the devastating earthquake which hit Nepal on April 25, Inveraray parish church members and friends held a tea on Saturday and a lunch the following day to raise funds.

Many shops and businesses supported the day by providing the ingredients for cakes and biscuits baked to sell.

Parish church member Niall Iain MacLean said: 'Both the tea and lunch were well attended helping us to raise more than £1,000.'

On Tuesday a further earthquake hit Nepal; 37 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured.



Cathy McInnes and Caroline Wood help out in the kitchen. 06_a20nepal02



Niall Iain MacLean sells raffle tickets to Ann McCallum. 06_a20nepal01

WIN A FAMILY TICKET TO FUNBOX

When the owners of The Singing Kettle decided to shut up shop, the stars; Anya, Kevin and Gary, were having too much fun to let it end there and decided to start their own show together - Funbox. Anya, Kevin and Gary aren't the only familiar faces, their furry pal Bon-

zo the dog joins them. He's as naughty as ever, but he does behave for his best friend Anya. Funbox's 'Fancy Dress Fun' is coming to Argyll and Bute from the 28th - 31st of May. Audience participation is still the name of the game, and everyone is invited to

come in fancy dress and/or wear a silly hat. 'Fancy Dress Fun' will be touring all over Scotland and comes to Campbeltown on Friday 29th May at 5.00pm. Tickets available at Aqualibrium, 01586 551 212, full details at www.funbox.co.uk

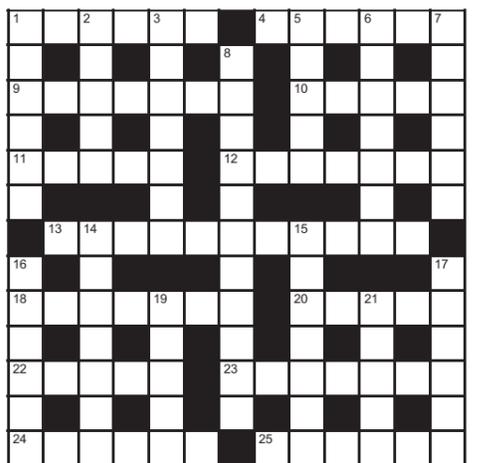
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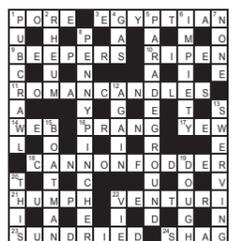
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- 9 Family title (7)
- 10 Soft carbohydrate accompaniment to an Italian dish (5)
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- 13 Loveliness (11)
- 18 An unrealistic dream (7)
- 20 Beginning (5)
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- 23 Inexpensively (7)
- 24 With pluck (6)
- 25 Producer of pearls (6)

Down

- 1 Appropriate (6)
- 2 One at court (5)
- 3 All over the place (7)
- 5 Place for a poppy (5)
- 6 Lift (7)
- 7 Rough terrain (6)
- 8 Achievement (11)
- 14 Consistent (7)
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- 19 Artist's stand (5)
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Running a MOK has never been so popular

A THOUSAND lucky runners will race through Kintyre a week on Sunday. That is the number of athletes, 100 up on 2014, who set the

internet ablaze when entries opened for this year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k races.

Six hours later the 10th running, on May 24, of the most popular event of its type in the United Kingdom (UK) was sold out.

One of those in the fray for a place was cabinet secretary for finance MSP John Swinney.

Last year it took six times longer to sell out but even 36 hours was unprecedented since the race started.

More than 70 Campbeltown Running Club members succeeded in securing a place as well as 20 Jog Scotland members, many of whom will be running their first race.

Athletes have named it in influential magazine Runners World polls as the UK's top race for the past four years.

Campbeltown Courier reporter John McCallum, 24, first ran the 10k race aged 16 in 2007 and

has run it four times since, up to 2012.

He said: 'It is a great day to be part of the action and has real atmosphere.'

'When you are not doing it you kind of wish that you were.'

'The Campbeltown Pottery medals for all who take part, the

A 1,000-strong field of runners will take part in this year's Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon. 08_c20mokr01



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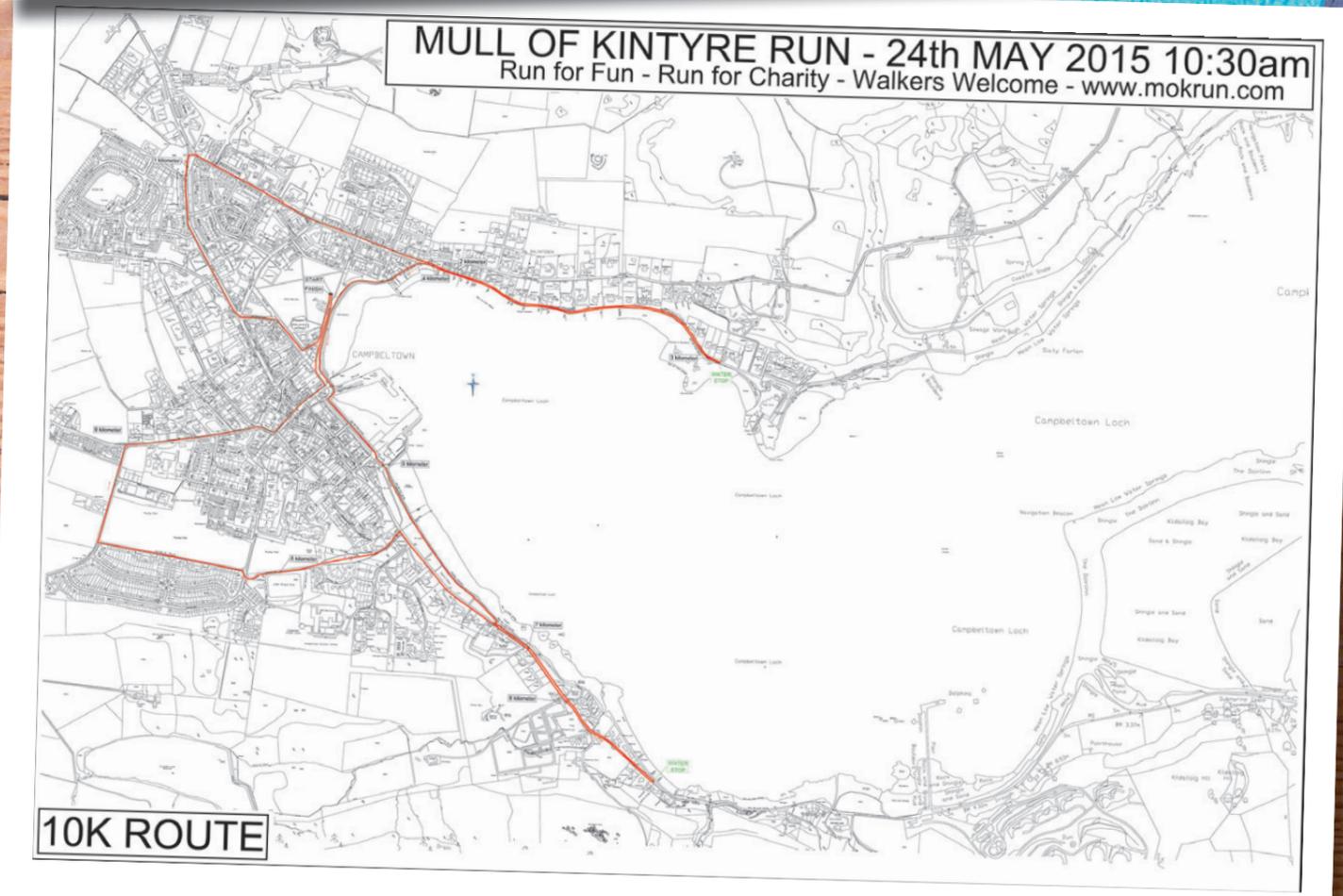
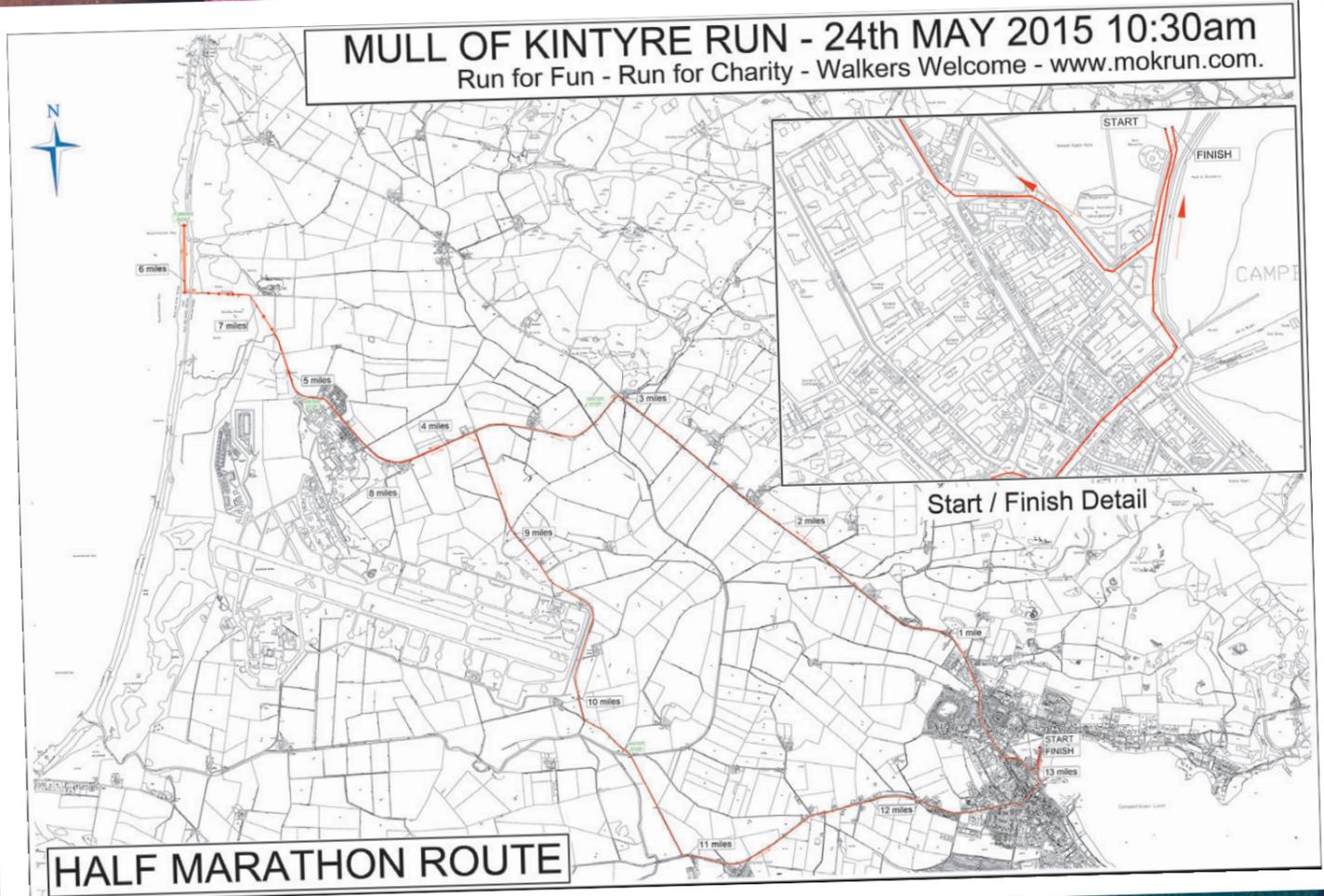
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goody bag and tee shirt are the nice touches in the event. 'It is so good that 32 runners have been ever present in the races since they started a decade ago.'

Race organiser Elaine McGeachy has worked on the event since its inception and



The MOKrun is the home event for Campbeltown Running Club members. 08_c20mokrun03



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Tangy middle-distance specialist Matthew Turner won over 10K in last year's event - setting a new course record of 33 minutes, 35 seconds. 08_c20mokrun02

has run the 10k herself a few times, duties permitting. This year Elaine hopes to run the half marathon. Elaine said that there's a race for entries because of the Danish pastries at the finish and the marvellous welcome from Campbeltown people who line the route cheering all athletes from the first to last. Asked for a tip about the runners, Elaine said: 'One local to look out for in the women's half marathon is Jennifer Reid from Campbeltown Running Club who smashed

12 minutes off her marathon time in London finishing in 03:19.' Campbeltown and Kintyre has a rich seam of its own athletes in the running club who have pushed visitors to their limits in the peninsula's achingly beautiful scenery. The trio of Kenny Campbell, Matthew Turner and Stuart McGeachy will compete in the 10k run although Campbell is a past half marathon winner. Turner's younger brother Gary a previous junior winner and top three finisher could be another

contender. From further afield returning half marathon record holder Paul Acari (01:10:58 in 2009) will be pitted against last year's winner Jack Arnold (01:20:30) in the battle for glory. The race weekend is not just about the adult's running events. The day before, Saturday, May 23 junior races take place on Kinloch Green adjacent to the Aqualibrium centre. There are three race categories: 500m for ages six to eight spon-

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From left: Campbeltown Running Club's Darren Renton, Alisdair O' May and Ryan Sharp in last year's Mull of Kintyre 10K race.

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sored by Kintyre Athletics Club, 1km for ages 9 to 11 sponsored by Jog Scotland, Campbeltown and 2km for ages 12 to 14 sponsored by Campbeltown Running Club. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed runners in each age category. For non-runners there is a craft fair,

from 10am to 4pm with a free exhibition, at Campbeltown Heritage Centre on the day before the main events.

This year's pre-race pasta party the evening before racing is in The Harbourview Grille at the Royal Hotel from 6pm to 8pm.

The après run ceilidh hosted by

South Kintyre Sports Council is in the Victoria Hall from 7.30pm on the evening of race day with local band Ceol-On_Aire, Jamie G Discos and a pipe band. Under 18s are allowed as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.



The MOKrun junior races are very popular with Kintyre youngsters. 08_c20mokrun04.

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GOOD LUCK EVERYONE FOR THE MOK RUN!

TV producer knew he had more than a sporting chance to make it big in politics

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BRENDAN O'Hara, newly elected Member of Parliament for Argyll and Bute, said he will make the difference that Argyll and Bute needs to thrive.

Politics may seem like a strange choice for a man who was at the peak of his career with STV, ITN, BBC and Sky Sports before starting his own media company.

But he says being an MP has been his ambition for a long time – ever since he stood as a candidate in the 1990s in Glasgow.

Born in Dennistoun, Glasgow, the 52-year-old rose through the TV ranks and interviewed stars such as Helen Mirren, John Hurt, Derek Jacobi and Jack Nicolas.

He was sought after particularly for his sport reporting. He was a producer on programmes

with Rob MacLean and Chick Young.

Perhaps it was the fact that his great-great-grandfather was a founder member of Celtic Football Club that gave him a sure-footedness with sport.

His break in television came when he was spotted working in STV and seconded to ITN to report on the rugby world cup in South Africa. He said the job was one of the best he has ever had.

'It was a really amazing time. Nelson Mandela was the president and it was the first time such a big event had been held in the country. It was as though we were witnesses to a change in society.'

Brendan left school for a job as a clerk in a local authority and it wasn't until some years later that he returned to



college to take Highers. 'I joined the SNP in 1982. It was during the Thatcher government.

'At that time we were a small political party and no-one really thought we would win.

'I stood in Springburn in 1987 against Michael Martin, who went on to be the speaker of the House of Commons.

'In 1992, I stood against Mike Watson.'

On winning the election, Mr O'Hara MP said: 'I am absolutely delighted and deeply humbled. At the beginning of this election, I don't think we could have expected this outcome.'

'This results allows the



THAT'S A RESULT: Brendan O'Hara and his wife Catherine celebrate a remarkable victory in winning Argyll and Bute from Alan Reid.

Scottish parliament and Westminster to work together.'

Speaking on Monday after his first days at Westminster Mr O'Hara said: 'Seventeen of us met up and flew to London City from Glasgow.

'We were taken on a tour and were shown the House of Commons post office. I was given my bag and already there were almost two dozen letters in it. That was quite surprising but they just said that people now know exactly where to find you.'

'Next Monday is when business starts with the election of the speaker, followed by swearing in of MPs and that could take up till Wednesday. 'What I am hoping to do for the first months is spend Monday to Thursday in London and Friday in the constituency.'

Explaining that he has a good working relationship with both SNP MSPs in the area - Michael Russell and Mike Mackenzie - he said: 'We will have a one-stop shop for everything – and if I can't fix it, I know a man who can.'

Mr O'Hara is married to Catherine with whom he has two children, Niamh and Charlotte. He has lived in Helensburgh for the last 12 years.

Ousted MP Alan Reid says he will remain in constituency

ALAN Reid accepted in the early hours of Friday morning that he was no longer going to be the Member of Parliament for Argyll and Bute.

Citing the rise of nationalism in the wake of the Scottish referendum last September and the increased turnout at the ballot box, Mr Reid knew his time was drawing to a close.

In his concession speech, he said pointedly he would continue to live in the area, possibly leaving the door open to standing in either the Scottish parliament elections or the council elections the following year.

Congratulating the successful SNP candidate Brendan O'Hara, he thanked everyone for a well-run election campaign. He said: 'The hustings were very enjoyable.'

'I want to thank people for voting for me for three terms.'

'I have served for 14 years in parliament. It has been an honour to serve Argyll and Bute and to be part of the Westminster parliament.'



OUSTED: Lib Dem Alan Reid.

'I have made many friends in the constituency and I hope that our friendships will remain now that I have time to enjoy them.'

At the moment Mr

Reid said he was winding down his office – with staff members being made redundant from July.

It is understood that his office in parliament was also ready to be vacated.

After his office is closed, he is going to take a month off from politics – but has not ruled out standing for election again. He said: 'I haven't given any thought to what I will do next.'

Mr Reid's vote in last week's general election had actually increased from the previous election in 2010 – but a massive swing to the SNP and an increase in voting saw the veteran MP lose the constituency.

THE RESULT

THE RESULTS were announced shortly before 6am on Friday morning. It had been a mammoth eight-hour count for the returning officer Sally Loudon and almost 70 members of staff.

Mrs Loudon confirmed there were 51,939 votes representing 75.41 per cent of the electorate.

Mary Galbraith, Scottish Labour, 5,394 votes; Brendan O'Hara, SNP, 22,959; Alastair Redman, Conservative, 7,733; Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat, 14,486, and Caroline Santos, UKIP, 1,311.

Mr O'Hara was elected with a majority of 8,473.

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Competition for Argyll craft businesses to feature at BOWFest 2015

CRAFT businesses in Argyll and Bute could win a competition to showcase their work at this year's Best of the West Festival (BOWFest).

Last year the inaugural competition proved so successful that Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service is sponsoring the craft tent at the two-day event, which will be held at Inveraray Castle in September.

The opportunity for up to six Argyll-based companies to exhibit their products is once again up for grabs, helping to raise their profiles and generate sales.

More than 5,000 visitors to the festival are expected over the weekend. There were six winners last year who all beat off stiff competition to secure their places, with their crafts proving a huge hit with festival goers. One win-

ner, Eric Large, of elwoodturner.co.uk, said: 'It was a superb day and it was great to have the opportunity to display our products at such a well organised and attended event. We had lots of sales and a list of prospective customers that were interested in specific items so we're thrilled at the response we received.'

Another winner was Liz Gaffney from Heartfelt by Liz. She said: 'It was a fantastic day and it was great to see the Argyllshire craft community display their unique and interesting products. The feedback from everyone who visited the tent was great and in just one day I expanded my customer base.'

Festival host, the Duchess of Argyll, Eleanor Campbell, said: 'After the success of last year we are pleased that Business Gateway



Eric and wife Rona Large, of E L Wood Turner, at BOWFest14.

is again sponsoring the craft tent. The Best of the West festival is one of the highlights in the region's calendar and the craft tent has become one of the most popular areas throughout the weekend. This competition is the perfect way to help demon-

strate the range of creative and inspirational businesses in the area.'

Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council's Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation said: 'The standard of last year's applicants was extremely high and we

hope for the same quality again. The winners presented very professional trade stands on the day and the fantastic feedback they got from event goers proved they were all worthy winners. We're delighted the businesses were given such a boost during the weekend.'

Anyone wishing to enter should describe in no more than 250 words why their business and the products they sell represent the best in the west, either by email to business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by post to The Enterprise Centre, Kilmory, Loch-

gilphead PA31 8SH.

The closing date is 5pm June 15 2015. Competition terms and conditions are available at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-gateway-service

BOWFest 2015 will see more than 120 musicians performing over two days, Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. Skerryvore, Skipinnish and the Peatbog Faeries are already confirmed to headline. The festival will have a strong food and drink theme with fresh, local produce available. See visit www.bowfest.co.uk

Ardrishaig Cafe caters for expansion

A CAFÉ in Ardrishaig that opened five years ago has now expanded to offer outside catering which has boosted the business even further.

Anne Moore, 53, opened The Rumblin Tum Café in 2010 and since then has had to move into bigger premises to cope with demand.

The café, which received support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service, is a hit with locals all year round and tourists during the high season.

Offering a range of food from specials like chilli to favourites in-

cluding soups and sandwiches, Anne is now getting more and more catering deals for parties, business events and weddings.

Anne said: 'When the opportunity arose five years ago I knew I had to grab the chance. I felt Ardrishaig was missing a café that sold more than just coffee and cake.'

'The last five years has been great and the support we've had locally has been fantastic. Two years ago we had to move into a neighbouring bigger unit so we could increase our seating and have more storage space.

'There are a lot of businesses in the area that rely heavily on tourists and visitors passing through during the summer but we've been extremely lucky as our local customers mean we are busy all year round.'

The Rumblin Tum on Chalmers Street currently employs 10 part-time workers and has recently begun a catering service which is already proving popular.

Anne added: 'Our catering service is growing steadily and we are now taking orders for weddings which is really exciting. I'm delighted with the business and how far we've come in

five years. The funding we received from Business Gateway at the beginning was a great help and the support and feedback we've had since from local people proves we're doing something right.'

Barbara Halliday, the Business Gateway adviser who worked with Anne, said: 'The Rumblin Tum Café was well received in Ardrishaig and is going from strength to strength. We supported Anne when she moved into her first premises and helped her secure a grant which was used towards her signage and helped her get things moving.'

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With 5,000 visitors expected over the weekend this is a great opportunity for local businesses to reach a wider customer base.

To enter please tell us in no more than 250 words why your business, and the products you sell, represent the best of the west.

Entries should be submitted either by email to: business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by post to: Business Gateway, The Enterprise Centre, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8SH.

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It's Show Time

2015 shaping up year for agricult

AS spring advances into summer and the days grow longer, so thoughts on the farm turn to the annual agricultural shows across the country.

As well as being a chance to socialise with like-minded folk, exchange views and news and maybe partake of a dram or two, these shows have a serious side to them. They are an opportunity to showcase stock, add to their value if rosettes

judges but neighbouring farmers and shepherds.

Other shows are known for their cattle, like Dalnally, where Highland cattle from folds all over the country are brought for judging in the hopes of taking away the supreme champion title or Kintyre where dairy farming is so important to the community.

Other shows are smaller but no less important to their communities, affording a way to gather, showcase crafts, home produce, baking and let off steam after a long winter.

move in 2012 from Dunstaffnage back to Tralee beach, where common grazing land is used to host the show looking over the magnificent Tralee Bay. This is a popular show with both the farming community and the surrounding villages and the entries into everything from the horsemanship competitions to the dog show reflect that.

The morning is give over to the serious business of stock-judging and the afternoon sees everyone let their hair down a little, with stalls, light-hearted competitions and a pipe band providing entertainment.

TIREE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Tiree is well known for the quality of its cattle and sheep and there is much anticipation for the agricultural show.

Of course, the whole island is involved in some way or another, from riding competitions, to a dog show, farming youngsters showing their stock-handling skills to children's handicrafts and amazing home products including everything from knitting to jams. This year's main attraction is The Clan stunt bike team.

LORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Lorn Show is going from strength to strength following a

KINTYRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Kintyre Agricultural Society runs the annual Kintyre Agricultural Show which has been held for more than 100 years.

Being a strong dairy farming community in Kintyre, this is one of the few shows in the area to have a strong dairy cattle competition.

Held at Anderston Park in Campbeltown, the day includes a pipe band, sheep, cattle and rare breeds judging, tug-o-war and dog show.

BUNESSAN SHOW

The Bunessan Agricultural Show on the Ross of Mull is one of two agricultural shows

come their way and assess the competition. Some shows are known for their sheep stockjudging, where the sheep are brought off the hills, cleaned up and inspected, talked over and examined with great detail. Fleeces are brushed and fluffed, horns are polished and hooves cleaned before they are turned into the ring where they are scrutinised by not just the



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to be fantastic rural shows

on Mull and while it may be smaller scale than some of the mainland shows, it is no less busy or entertaining with a wide range of competitions to cover all interests.

As well as the stock judging, there is a full competition list for those with other interests, including home-baking, handicrafts, gardening, preserves and a children's section.

SUNART AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Loch Sunart provides the lovely backdrop for Sunart's annual show, where stockjudging of cattle, sheep and poultry takes place alongside crafts and home produce.

The show starts with a pipe band parade, while around the show ring girls and boys will take to the boards for the Highland dancing competitions.

A special feature of this year's show will be the James Dylan Stuntworld motorcycle stunt team, which will provide an exciting and lively element to the day.

Always a family friendly and fun show, it is the highlight of the local social calendar and a must-see for visitors to the area.

SALEN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Salen show is Mull's second agricul-

tural show of the year, this time at Salen showground at Aros and is one of the highlights of the farming year.

Alongside the stockjudging, horse show, food and craft stalls and dog show is the popular terrier racing and horticultural and produce tent showcasing the island's talent.

ISLAY, JURA AND COLONSAY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

As the name suggest, this show draws competitors and visitors from the three islands to Bridgend on Islay.

Alongside the stockjudging of sheep, pigs, cattle and horses, there is also a gymkhana, side stalls of food, crafts and other goods, a pipe band, dog show and plenty to keep the children occupied. A ceilidh dance in the evening is always a popular way to wind down after the day's events and usually goes on into the small hours.

APPIN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The setting for Appin Agricultural Show has to be near the top of the list of the most picturesque, looking out as it does over Loch Linnhe to Castle Stalker.

This small but perfectly formed show is renowned for its after show dance in the village hall but during the day it is a focal point for the community, with a

good show of stock, including from the island of Lismore, and a variety of entertainment, from children's sports and dancing to young farmers testing their strength.

LOCHABER AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Lochaber show is held with the spectacular backdrop of Ben Nevis at Inverlochy Castle Farm, Happy Valley.

Upwards of 1,500 people attend this large show which draws farmers from across Lochaber and has entertainment including Lochaber Schools Pipe Band, tug o' war contests, horse and pony fancy dress, a sheep dog display, pet parade, terrier racing and more.

DALMALLY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The final agricultural show in the West Highlands calendar, Dalmally show at the village's mart is known for its Highland cattle competitions, with entries from all over Scotland.

The show missed a year in 2014 but is planning to be back this year with its celebration of rural life, alongside the judging of Highland cattle and commercial beef cattle and Blackface sheep in the mart. This show is also known for its poultry as well as the usual handicrafts, horticulture, shinty matches and terrier racing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2015 SHOWS

TIREE SHOW

Friday, July 24

LORN SHOW

Saturday, August 1

KINTYRE SHOW

Friday, August 7

BUNESSAN SHOW

Friday, August 7

SUNART SHOW

Saturday, August 8

SALEN SHOW

Thursday, August 13

ISLAY, JURA & COLONSAY SHOW

Thursday, August 13

APPIN SHOW

Saturday, August 15

LOCHABER SHOW

Saturday, August 22

DALMALLY SHOW

Saturday, September 5

Tiree Show 

FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2015
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Kintyre Agricultural Show

 Friday 7th August 2015
Anderston Park,
Campbeltown
Gates Open 8am

Dairy & Beef Cattle, Sheep, Clydesdales,
Horses & Ponies
Old Tractors & Dogs

Entry: Adults £6.00, Children £3,
Family Tickets £12.00
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Sunart & District Agricultural Society Show & Family Fun Day Out

 **Saturday 8th August 2015**
Strontian Showfield
Judging Commences 9.30am

Sheep, Cattle, Dog show & Local
Crafts, Highland Dancing, **James Dylan Stuntworld motor cycle stunt team**
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Islay, Jura & Colonsay Agricultural Show

Thursday 13th August 2015
Bridgend, Islay
Judging starts 10am

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Handicrafts and Childrens Competition.
Quack Commandos, Woodcarver, Islay Youth Pipers, Highland
Dancers, Caricature Artist, Dog Display, Heavy Events,
Shearing, Vintage Vehicles, Stalls & Games, Pet Corner

Adults £6, OAP & Children under 16 £3
Under 5's free, Family Tickets £15

Lochaber Agricultural Show & Family Fun Day Out

Saturday 22nd August 2015
INVERLOCHY CASTLE FARM,
TORLUNDY, FORT WILLIAM
Showfield Opens 9.30am
Entry Adult £7, Senior Citizens £5, Under 16s Free
www.lochaberagriculturalshow.co.uk

Lorn Agricultural Show
Saturday 1st August 2015

Common Grazing's Tralee, Benderloch
Showfield opens 9.00am
Amazing venue on the beach at Tralee,
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Entry Adults £5.00, Child £2.00,
Family £12.00

BUNESSAN SHOW

Friday 7th August 2015
Bunessan School Ground
Gates open 9.30am

Traditional Highland and Island Agricultural Show
Entry: Adult £4.00, Conc £2.00, Car Parking £2.00

Licensed Dance to follow in Village Hall
Skipinnish Ceilidh Band 9pm
Admission £8.00

SALEN SHOW 

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2015
SHOWFIELD AT GLENAROS
GATES OPEN 10AM

ENTRY ADULT £5, CONC £3,
FAMILY £14
DANCE TO FOLLOW

Appin Agricultural Show

Saturday 15th August 2015
Stalker Croft, Appin
Judging Starts 10am

Sheep, Cattle, Highland Cattle, Dog show
Handicrafts, Floral Art, Flowers and Veg
Highland Dancing, Vintage Engines
and Lots More

Entry: Adults £ 5.00, Children & Conc £3
Free Parking

Dalmally Agricultural Show

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The Mart Park, Dalmally
Gates open 9am

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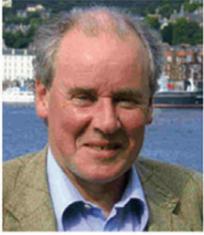
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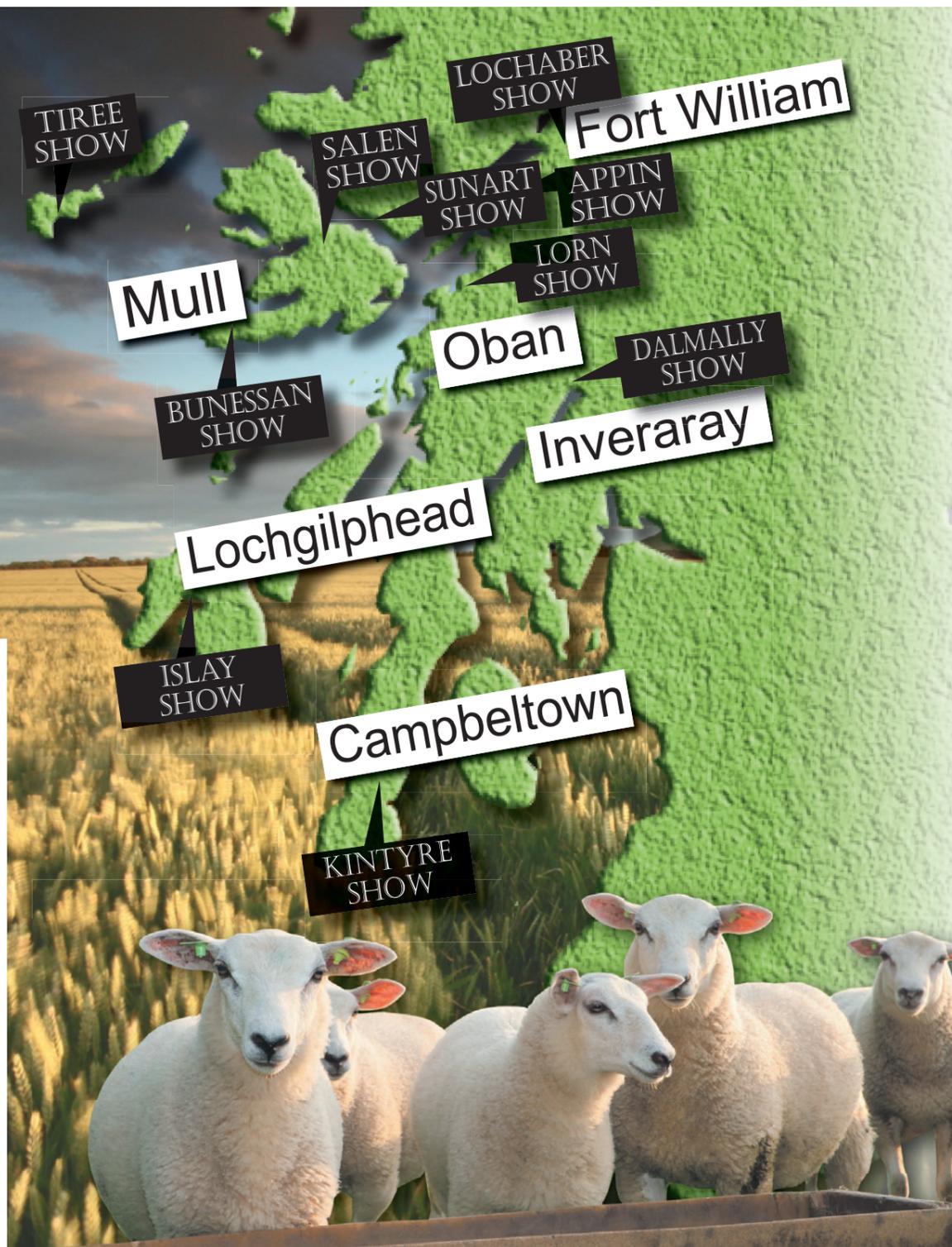
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4800 recorded hours, V5 document, 65hp..... £11,495
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Farming

Dairy bosses called on to explain further milk price cut



CUT: Kintyre dairy farmers have been affected by the fall in milk prices but Bute has been worst hit this time round

OUTRAGE across the dairy industry at First Milk's plans to further reduce the price of milk it will pay producers has led to politicians calling for its bosses to account for their actions.

The rural affairs, climate change and environment committee at the Scottish Parliament last week wrote to First Milk's new chief executive officer Mike Gallacher and chairman Jim Paice asking them to appear yesterday (Wednesday) to answer questions about the farmer-owned company's turnaround plan, including its further cuts in payments to dairy farmers.

The cut of a further 0.2p per litre from June

covers the majority of Scottish suppliers while those on Bute will see prices cut by 1.2p per litre.

In Campbeltown and on Arran the price will drop to 20.67ppl but on Bute it falls to 19.3ppl, which, after capital contributions to First Milk, equates to around 16ppl.

Chairman of the parliamentary committee Rob Gibson MSP wrote to First Milk after Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell brought the matter to the attention of fellow committee members.

Mr Russell said: 'There is huge anger on Bute at the decision of their own co-operative to penalise the dairy farmers of that island

with an additional one penny per litre price cut over and above the 0.2p cut being imposed across Scotland, but not in some other areas of the UK.

'Members of the rural affairs committee were unanimous in their view that this new development necessitated a recall of First Milk, which gave evidence to the committee's dairy inquiry on January 28, given that the price being paid before this latest cut was still well below the cost of production.

'In addition the committee has previously called for assistance with transportation costs for Bute dairy farmers and the 'turnaround' plan seems to

cynically take advantage of any concession that might still be made.

'I believe the chairman and CEO of First Milk have a great deal of explaining to do and the Scottish Parliament Rural Affairs Committee is keen to hear from them as soon as possible.

'Such a public session will also allow the Bute dairy farmers themselves to hear at first hand why the company has behaved in this destructive and damaging way.'

Mr Gibson said in his letter to First Milk: 'The committee is extremely concerned by these developments and the potential impact these may have on

those farming in many of our most fragile communities, and that these may threaten the sustainability and recovery of the dairy industry in Scotland.'

The Scottish government published a dairy action plan on March 31, which included support for First Milk's capital investment plans for Campbeltown Creamery; reviewing freight fares to take account of the impact on dairy transport costs; including First Milk products in the development of a Scottish dairy brand; and working together with First Milk to ensure streamlined and effective public sector support for the company's plans to transform its business.

System ready for SAF applications, says NFUS

REASSURANCES have been sought that the online single applications forms system for farm payments will be able to cope as the deadline approaches for farmers.

Following a meeting with Scottish government officials last week the National Farm-

ers Union Scotland (NFUS) said it recognised that some improvements in speed had been made.

Allan Bowie, NFUS president, said: 'Farmers and farm advisers have repeatedly complained about how slow the system operates and that it is diffi-

cult to use.

'The majority of SAF applications will be completed by farm advisers and they have been struggling to get through their workload because of the speed of the system.

'These speed improvements need to stick, especially as we

expect an increase in the volume of SAF claims submitted in the coming weeks, if online SAF applications are to be submitted in enough numbers between now and June 15.'

He added that the NFUS would press for contingency arrange-

ments to remain in place should they be required.

'We urge those farmers not yet registered on the new Rural Payments and Services system to do so now and encourage farmers not to put off completing their SAF but to start it now.'

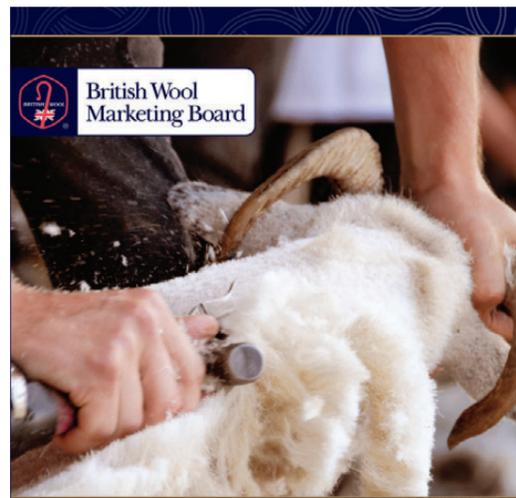
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Sponsoring the awards this year are Scottish Government, Scottish Power, Zero Waste Scotland, Brand-Rex and The University of Stirling Management School.

For more information on VIBES or to obtain an application form, please visit www.vibes.org.uk.

Obituary:

Brian James Alps, veterinary surgeon

Born: August 26, 1939, near Ely, Cambridgeshire

Died: March 29, 2015, in Tarbert, Argyll, aged 75

BRIAN ALPS was a vet who made a successful career in the British pharmaceutical industry. However, his life also embraced many different unrelated activities and it is as much for his enthusiasm and dedication for those that he is remembered.

Brian was born to Jim and Ethel Alps near Ely in Cambridgeshire on August 26, 1939, the eldest child of four, he had two sisters and a brother. He was educated at Soham Grammar School and the University of Bristol where he gained a BSc in Veterinary Science and a PhD in equine cardiology. He got married to Lyn in 1963.

On leaving Bristol in 1966, he spent two years in a mainly equine veterinary practice based in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. His eldest daughter, Sarah, was born whilst they lived in Coventry.

In 1968 he joined Wyeths, an American pharmaceutical company based in Slough as a research physiologist working on drugs associated with coronary disease. His son Jonathan and daughter Katie were both born in Bourne End.

In 1976 he accepted the role of director of physiology from pharmaceutical company, Syntex, at its new research facility set up on the Herriot Watt University Campus in Edinburgh. The

family moved to Linlithgow where the children were educated. He led the physiology department there for many years and held numerous patents on important drug developments.

Although Syntex developed drugs for human use, Brian was always looking at how they could benefit animals. He remained at Syntex until his retirement and eventually moved to Guildford with his second wife Rita.

Brian was an accomplished artist and an able craftsman and worked with materials from woodwork to electronics. He used his skills and endless enthusiasm to encourage others to achieve more.

In Linlithgow he was involved in several organisations, including the Canal Society for which he masterminded floats for the Marches.

He was also chairman of Linlithgow Academy Parents Association for three years and chairman of Linlithgow Civic Trust for two years. He developed a long term interest in bonsai trees and was President of the Scottish Bonsai Society for several years.

Brian was always looking for animals to help. His family remember a stray cat in Linlithgow which arrived on their doorstep with serious facial injuries probably from a car. Over many months Brian steadily



Vet Brian Alps lived in Tarbert when he died in March.

used his surgical skills to rebuild the cat's face until she was able to return to a normal life as a family pet. Years later, when Brian lived in Guildford, he became involved with the animal sanctuary set up by TV screen writer Carla Lane. Brian specialised in helping injured birds and developed many novel techniques using surgical needles to pin together broken wing bones.

Also, while in Guildford, Brian developed an interest in model submarines. He had always shown an interest in model making and his children remember numerous model ships and aircraft.

Brian's model submarines really worked. He built them from scratch using plastic drainpipes, wood and all sorts of everyday items he could adapt and then he finished them to look like real submarines often with a realistic 'crew' on deck. He created a working model of Captain Nemo's Nautilus from the film of '20

Thousand Leagues under the Sea' and latterly built a Wallace and Grommet submarine with the intrepid adventurers at the controls.

Brian was a member of the Model Submariners Association for many years. He is remembered by them for his enthusiasm and innovation in technical matters but particularly for his active support of the association.

Despite all his many talents, Brian will be remembered as a sympathetic man who was tolerant and supportive of colleagues and fellow enthusiasts alike. He always encouraged others to achieve beyond their expectations.

He and wife Rita retired to Tarbert three years ago where they settled and lived a quiet and peaceful life together, before Brian's passing two months ago.

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Christ Church on Bishopton Road will host its annual Books and Blooms Sale tomorrow (Saturday) from 10am until 12.30pm.

The money raised from the sale and donations will go towards the refurbishment of the church's kitchen.

Father Simon, of the Scottish Episcopal Church, said: 'Our new parish kitchen will mean we can offer better hospitality and better teas and cakes in the future.'

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE saying goes that you can't make an omelette without cracking eggs.

Well going by this maxim our back garden is going to be the mother of all omelettes.

It looks like a crater on the moon at present, but it is a work in progress I am assured.

I am also assured that it will be just fine in time and that the bushes which have been razed to the ground will grow again.

I only hope that this happens in my lifetime.

Basically we needed a new fence as the previous one had been attacked by the winter gales and so we decided to reshape the garden at the same time.

It is a mess and I'm not good at coping with mess and disorder.

However, I will try to remain positive and believe that one day it might just resemble a garden once again.

I thought of what a mess the world must have been at the beginning of time.

I thought of the chaos and noise as rocks and debris hurtled over the earth.

I thought of the order then that came from that chaos and it made our garden small fry indeed.

I thought of the amazing beauty and the wonderful diversity of life that has evolved on this small planet and it made me stop and wonder at the touch of a great Creator in it all.

We are tucked away in the darkness of space, a jewel in the cosmos.

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CAIRNDOW

Gruffalo meets 'Europe's mightiest conifer'

FAMILIES heading to the Ardkinglas woodland garden today (Friday) should beware of a big surprise, for Scotland's first Gruffalo trail has opened.

Just five minutes walk from the attraction's Cairndow car park, a metalwork sculpture of the mouse greets visitors at the trail's start.

At the end of the path, near the lochan where water lilies flower in the summer, the Gruffalo sculpture is hidden, waiting to surprise ex-

ploring children. Selected pages from the Scots version of the famous book are displayed at intervals along the way.

Gruffalo shares his home with the 209ft 'mightiest' conifer in Europe.

Ardkinglas estate owner David Sumsion said: 'Last year I realised that this corner of the Woodland Garden could provide the perfect setting for the book's characters.'



Gruffalo.

MINARD

Beach cleaners needed

MINARD'S annual beach clean is on Friday, May 22 between 6pm and 8pm to fit in with the tides.



Denzil Meyrick.

Crime thriller writer tracked down in Tarbert

THE creator of a fictional Kintyre cop, detective chief inspector Daley, will sign copies of his latest novel in Tarbert.

Denzil Meyrick's book 'Dark Suits and Sad Songs' is the third

book in a series about the CID policeman who is relocated from Glasgow.

Mr Meyrick grew up in Campbeltown before studying politics and becoming a policeman with Strathclyde police.

Following injury he left the service and after a number of business ventures became a writer. He says that he was inspired by his granny who used to read him lots of stories.

DCI Daley works in

a fictional town called Kinloch a thinly disguised copy of Campbeltown.

Mr Meyrick will be at Loch Fyne Gallery, Harbour Street from 11am until 12.30pm on Saturday, May 30.

INVERARAY



The Camans.

Rock and pop bands tune up for festival

ROCKING into its sixth year Inveraray's Bluebell Music Festival at the George Hotel has some great acts on the line up.

Duo Isobel and Jim Kimberley start the ball rolling on Friday, May 22 with their band Bruise blending Joni Mitchell, Genesis and the Eurhythmics.

Their Inveraray gig is sandwiched between Fort William and Greenwich, London in a hectic schedule.

On Saturday, May 23 The Flatt River Band play a mixture of Bluegrass and

folk and country. Three other bands, The Mandelas, Dr Hip and the Blues Operation and South River Blues Band complete Saturday's line up.

Line up

On the final day, Sunday, May 24, the line up includes Glasgow's Acoustic Butterfly, CalMac Music finalists Gabbro, Inveraray band The Camans fronted by Craig McIntyre, Shiverin Sheiks and the Original Blackeyed Peas.

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JASKOT

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MARTIN - BRODRICK

John and Kelly are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Harry John Martin, born on March 28, 2015. A little brother for James.

MALINDEN - To Paul and Lindsay (née Glendinning), the gift of a beautiful son, Finlay James, on April 17, 2015. First grandchild for Sandy and Elise, and William and Marie, Glasgow. First great grandchild for Neil and Betty.



MILTON

Graham and Laura are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Jackson Ronald, on April 19, 2015, weighing 9lbs 1.5oz. Sophie is delighted with her baby brother.

MARRIAGE



PATERSON - HAIG

At Western House Hotel, Ayr Racecourse, on May 1, 2015, Lynsey, daughter of Tommy and Jessie, Drumlembie, to Gordon, son of Mary and the late Ian, Rothesay. A perfect day.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCCALLUM - Iain and Catherine, née Fergusson, married at Tarbert Free Church, on May 19, 1965 by the Rev D Fergusson.

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DEATHS

MACDONALD - On May 11, 2015, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Rhona, aged 48 years, beloved daughter of the late Iain and Margaret MacDonald, dear sister of Ian and the late Richard and Donald, and a dear niece, cousin and aunt of the family. Funeral service will be held at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, May 16 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired for Macmillan Suite at Mid Argyll Hospital and SSPCA.

MCCUE - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby, on May 5, 2015, Joseph McCue, in his 69th year, beloved husband of Grace, much loved father of Tracey, Amanda, Joseph, Reggie and Helen. Grandad and father-in-law.

MILLAR - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on May 10, 2015, Elizabeth Agnes Cameron (Betty), in her 94th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Millar, Auchaleek Farm, much loved mother of Margaret, Florence and Robert and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

WATSON - Peacefully at his home, 1 Mathieson Place, Lochgilphead, on May 8, 2015, with his family by his side, Norman John Watson, in his 60th year, beloved son of the late John and Marion Watson, late of Brackley Villa, Ardrishaig, much loved brother of James and Hazel, and twin brother of the late Hugh. A dear uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in the Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, followed by a service of committal. Sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

JASKOT - A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam, and for a brief moment it's glory and beauty belong to our world. But then it flies on again, and although we wish it could have stayed, we feel lucky to have seen it at all. Special memories of Lewis Stefan, who gained his angel wings on May 18, 2013 (aged 8 days) and twin brother, Cailean William, who joined him in heaven, on May 24, 2013 (aged 14 days). Living on forevermore in the hearts of all those who love them, in particular wee brother, Conall.

KENNEDY - In memory of a loving mother and granny, May (Gillespie), died May 18, 2008.

Forever in our hearts, Forever on our minds.

- Love, John, Catherine, John, Niall and Michael.

SLOSS - In memory of Christopher, who passed away May 16, 2010.

Your touch, your smile Was always so tender Today, tomorrow We will always remember.

- Mum, Pamela and Daniel.

SLOSS - In memory of Christopher, who died May 16, 2010.

Think of him as living In the hearts of those he touched

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much. - Gran and Granda.

SLOSS - Treasured memories of Christopher, who passed away on May 16, 2010.

Your light shines on in all our hearts.

- Love, Auntie Caroline, Uncle Tam and family.

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Lochaber lynch Inveraray after 2-0 win

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INVERARAY let Lochaber take two points in a premiership tie described as a 'bad defeat' by coach Joe Fyfe.

Throw up was delayed by more than half-an-hour after an A82 accident delayed some of the Lochaber squad.

In the first half 'Aray clearly seemed the best team with plenty of ac-

tion right in front of the goal mouth. They even had a penalty which Garry MacPherson failed to convert.

It was Lochaber who scored on the 30-minute mark after Shaun Nicholson dribbled from midfield before belting it in from the 25-yard mark. The Spean Bridge outfit scored their sec-

ond 10 minutes from the end.

Lochaber number two Lachlan Campbell was often aggressive in tackles and in the closing moments as tempers rose he received a red card which will result in a suspension.

Coach Joe Fyfe said: 'I don't think they scored two goals - we lost them.'

'It was a particularly bad defeat but 40 minutes does not mean we are a bad team.'

'We needed to be a wee bit braver in the tackles.'

On Saturday Inveraray entertain Kyles Athletic in one of the semi-finals of the Celtic Cup.

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BUTE will meet Glasgow Mid Argyll in the second round of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup after a con-



Inveraray's Ruaridh Graham evades a clutch of Lochaber players. 06_a20invshinty02



Inveraray's Grant Griffin in first half action.

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MacGilp wins first round of local angling competition

THE MID ARGYLL championship got off to a start on May 3 when the first of six rounds, held at Cairnbaan, saw 10 anglers casting their lines.

Competitors caught 46 brown trout between them, but it was Dugald MacGilp who won the Pat Ward memorial trophy with 18 trout weighing 11 pounds and 12 ounces. Archie MacGilp Snr came second place to Dugald with 12 fish weighing 11 pounds and 12 ounces.

Dugald caught 11 in just one hour from the same spot, including two fish on one cast

three times. In the annual Mid Argyll Insurance Services Cup competition at Loch Arail, David Phillips won with seven brown trout weighing two pounds and 14 ounces.

A determined David had vowed to win the competition and regain the cup he won in 2013 and lost in 2014.

In second place was Archie MacGilp snr had seven trout at two pounds seven ounces.

The competition took place on Sunday, April 26 and despite cold conditions 23 fish were caught throughout the fresh water event.

MOK run is most popular this year selling out in a record six hours

THE MULL of Kintyre (MOK) half marathon and 10k races will see 1,000 runners take part this month, 100 more than last year's race.

Enthusiasts scrambled to secure a place at the event as it sold out in just six hours, a record since the MOK run began a decade ago.

The event, which has polled the UK's top race for four years in a row in magazine Runners World, sets off on Sunday May 24.

Race organiser Elaine McGeachy has worked on the event since its inception and has run the 10k few times.

This year for the first time Elaine will run the half marathon and says

that she will be pleased with a time of 01:50.

Asked for a tip about the runners, Elaine said: 'One local to look

out for in the women's half marathon is Jennifer Reid from Campbeltown Running Club, who smashed 12 min-

utes off her marathon time in London finishing in 03:19.'

There are three children's race catego-

ries: 500m for ages six to eight, sponsored by Kintyre Athletics Club; 1km for ages nine to 11, sponsored by Jog Scotland, Campbeltown and 2km for ages 12 to 14 years, sponsored by Campbeltown Running Club.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third placed runners in each age category.

For non-runners there is a craft fair, from 10am until 4pm with a free exhibition, at Campbeltown Heritage Centre on the day before the main events. This year's pre-race pasta party the evening before racing is in The Harbour view Grille at the Royal Hotel from 6pm to 8pm.



From left: Campbeltown Running Club's Darren Renton, Alisdair O'May and Ryan Sharp in last year's Mull of Kintyre 10K race.



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Dookers still on top after nine in a row

FC Argyll	3
Tarbert	4
SAFL Division 1B	

TARBERT made it nine league wins in a row last Saturday after beating FC Argyll in Alexandria.

The Dookers travelled with a strong squad, despite having three important players on the sidelines, as the north Kintyre side's promotion push gathers serious momentum.

FC Argyll took the lead after a cross was headed off the striker by Dookers' skipper Fraser Talbot and looped over keeper John Martin.

The Dookers should have had the chance to equalise moments later when Johnson was fouled in the box, however, the referee somehow failed to spot the foul and waved play on.

Things went from bad to worse soon after when FC Argyll attacked down the left, with their striker squeezing a low shot past the keeper to

double their advantage. The away side did not let their heads go down despite the scoreline and were determined to get back into the match, but another chance went begging when defenders Talbot and Iain Johnson hesitated in the box with only the keeper to beat, allowing the home defence to clear.

Eventually the Tarbert side got the goal their play deserved, when some hard work from Prentice on the right allowed him to deliver into the box.

The home side's keeper looked to have the ball under control, however, it dropped at the feet of Ronald who tapped in from a yard.

The equaliser arrived soon after with an impressive Tarbert attack.

Johnson and striker James Prentice played a one-two before releasing Nikki MacDougall



Plenty more fish in the sea...

Loch Fyne sea angling club's annual general meeting and prizegiving was held in the Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig, last Saturday. Trophies were presented by Archie MacGilp junior from Fyne Tackle in Lochgilphead, one of the club sponsors. From left: shore champion, Willie Shaw; runner up to club champion and winner of non-league, Jim Smith; pairs winners Nikki Thompson and Robert MacBryane.

down the left. MacDougall played in Ronald who rifled a left-foot shot past the keeper to seal his brace.

The Dookers were now dominating the match and completed an outstanding comeback with five minutes left in the first half. Another right-flank move, with Prentice again the architect, saw him play in

Andrew Guy who took one touch before drilling a low left-foot shot past the keeper and in off the post.

The second half began with FC Argyll playing with the wind, and they continued to press for an equaliser, but Martin in the Tarbert goal dealt with the home side's long-range efforts comfortably.

Tarbert further increased their lead midway through the half when Allan Blair's free kick was met perfectly by Prentice, who powered a header into the roof of the net. The visitors then played on the counter-attack as they defended their lead, and could have added more goals on the break, however, Johnson was

thwarted late on by the home keeper.

FC Argyll did net a consolation in the closing minutes after a defensive mix-up, however the Dookers held on for three vital points.

This weekend Tarbert face their biggest test yet of the season as they travel to play Bridgewater AFC in a crucial league match.

Red Star match called off

RED Star's match against Centre was called off last Saturday due to multiple illnesses in the East Kilbride squad, which resulted in the outfit being unable to field a team.

Star are awaiting a decision from the league that will determine whether the match will be rescheduled, or if Star will receive three points.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Red Star are away to Motherwell Thistle in their penultimate match of the season.

Lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS drawn in this week's TARBERT Football Club's lottery were 14, 18 and 19. There were no winners again which means next week's jackpot will total £400.

INVERARAY Shinty Club's lottery numbers were 5, 14 and 20. There were no winners this week therefore the jackpot will roll over to £600.

KILMORY Camanachd Club's weekly lottery numbers drawn were 4, 16 and 19. There were no winners therefore next week's jackpot will be £200.

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Smoking guns raise funds for charity

A CHARITY clay pigeon shoot hosted by Tarbert gun club saw visitors fire 5,000 cartridges and raise £1,200 on Sunday.

More than 35 people from Argyll clubs and towns put their barrels together to tackle a variety of clay pigeon targets to raise funds for Lochgilphead Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Centre.

It is the tenth consecutive year that the event at Barmore shooting ground has raised cash for the MS centre.

Leeane Currie, 43, wife of club member Archie Currie, 45, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis a decade ago.

Archie, who has been a member of Tarbert gun club for 15 years

explained that his wife attends the MS centre every week and now supports the cause.

He said: 'The MS centre looks for funding and I suggested to the club that we support it. We came up with this charity day.'

'It has snowballed from there and gone on every year. It has gone from strength to strength, it is a good local cause. The centre helps people with other long-term conditions as well.'

On Sunday, MS centre assistant manager Dianne Frame went to the shoot to sell raffle tickets, supported by outreach worker Claire Cameron and Leeane.

Leeane said: 'It is fan-



Members of Tarbert gun club who took part in the shoot with MS centre staff and Leeane Currie, wearing red hat. 06_a20gun-



Tarbert Gun Club president Brian Baird during the shoot. 06_a20gunclub01

tastic support for the MS centre and to promote our charity every year is lovely.'

The traps for each individual shoot on the day were laid out by club members Roy Laird and Billy Bergeant.

Roy said: 'We try to make it so that when the clay comes out it deceives the eye.'

'We aim to make it so

that an average shot can get at least 50 per cent but a good shot cannot get 100 per cent.'

'We are both game shooters so we know how birds behave.'

Civil engineer Ally McDonnell, 39, has been shooting since he was 13 and for the past two years has shot for Scotland in the down the line discipline.

Ally said: 'Today's charity shoot raises the profile of the sport and the club and also raises funds for a charity which is completely reliant on donations.'

Club president Brian Baird said: 'The club is one of the most active in the west of Scotland.'

'We have two qualified instructors and we are actively trying to get

young people involved in the sport.'

The top prize for the down the line competition was a day of deer stalking, donated by a local estate. It was won by Brain Baird. In the sporting shoots, Paul Chalmers won two competitions, Ally McDonnell and John Weir won the duck and the fox respectively.

In the pool traps competition, Stephen Wilson, from Oban, won the down the line; Ian Winnard won the over-head; Bob McColl won the settler and Billy Bergeant won the fox and the duck.

A number of Mid Argyll businesses supported the shoot with special prizes for the competitions.

Kilmory lose out to Inverness in Camanachd Cup



Kilmory players Ali MacArthur and Craig Taylor keep a close eye on Inverness player Matt Rippon.

Inverness	2
Kilmory	0
Camanachd Cup - first round	

DESPITE a 2-0 defeat against Inverness in the first round of the Scottish Cup last Saturday, Kilmory hope to bounce back at home on Saturday against Bute.

The Lochgilphead team were down seven regulars when it took on a quality Inverness side.

The Mid Argyll side are still missing Duncan MacBrayne to long-term injury and suffered in the absence of recently injured Hal Jones, who had surgery on his hand last week.

Kilmory drafted in two retired players, Steven

Gilmour and Dennis McGarrie, who played well considering they had been out of the game for a while.

Kilmory's defence was solid throughout the game.

The Mid Argyll side managed to keep the Inverness team at bay for the first 70 minutes of the game, with Ali MacArthur playing his 'best ever' match for Kilmory.

However, Inverness scored two quick fire goals in the final 10 minutes of the play, resulting in a 2-0 win for the home side.



Ali MacArthur gets his block in during the game against Inverness.



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