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New MPs claim fishing boats need migrant workers

A PLAN to allow migrant seafarers to work closer inshore has caused a row with Argyll and Bute fishermen.

The call for a change in the law is backed by all four of the recently elected west coast MPs including Argyll and Bute's Brendan O'Hara.

Currently migrant workers, mainly from the Philippines and Indonesia, crewing fishing boats are not allowed closer than 13 miles from the shore, which limits them to working on bigger boats.

The move has split trade bodies including Clyde Fisherman's Association (CFA) which represents members in Tarbert, Campbeltown and the Firth of Clyde.

CFA executive secretary Elaine Whyte said: 'CFA will discuss the issue in full tomorrow (Saturday) at an executive committee meet-

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ing in Glasgow. We are aware of member preferences for and against the proposed changes and will work with all of our members to develop an agreed fair approach.'

There has been lobbying by a firm called Fishing Interests UK Ltd, registered in Dunfermline, to change the existing legislation.

According to industry sources that firm represents about 70 skippers of boats around Britain.

The recently elected SNP MPs, who represent the four west coast of Scotland constituencies, have asked for a meeting with immigration minister James Brokenshire.

They also want to raise the needs of some skippers within the fishing industry as they claim

many boats are tied up in harbour for want of a crew because there are not enough local seafarers to man the boats.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'The UK government has to recognise that a one-size-fits-all policy isn't appropriate and the specific needs of the west coast fishing industry are not being best served by the current immigration legislation.'

'Our boats need migrant seafarers and the government should act to help this vital industry.'

The fishing industry is taking steps to try to recruit more local youngsters. On the east coast the Scottish Fishermen's Federation has led moves to introduce apprenticeships to encourage Scottish youths

to consider fishing as a career. In April this scheme brought in 10 new applicants in Aberdeen but so far it has not been used on the west coast.

Ross, Skye and Lochaber MP Ian Blackford said: 'Mallaig, in particular, is a hub of fishing activity and I want to see that supported and not damaged by actions at Westminster where visas for migrant workers are controlled.'

Nathan H-Eileanan an Iar SNP MP, Angus MacNeil said: 'We need the UK government to allow migrant workers to come from the Philippines and elsewhere to help our fishing sector and, of course, earn a decent wage for themselves.'

As the *Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press there was no response from Fishing Interest UK Ltd.



Top poster prize for Sara

A TARBERT Academy artist's poster was picked as Argyll and Bute regional winner in a national competition.

Sara Sinclair's painting of half a face was her entry in the 2015 Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society's schools poster competition.

Sara, 12, said: 'I was really sur-

prised to win. My first thought was wow and then how did they choose me from the whole of Argyll and Bute. I think I am most inspired by my art teacher Mrs Girdwood's drawings. We did a drawing first, then used chalk and finally painted our design. I decided on half a face because it was most convenient.'

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Members of Mid Argyll RNLI fund raising group, from left, Margaret McDougal, Colin and Liz Davis, Kirsty Baker, Sheila McKenzie, Eunice Salmon, Dorothy Hogbin, Judy Uncles, Moira Shaw, Isobel Hannah, Sophie Brown and Cathie Crawford.
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Bikers boost coffee morning funds

AN Ardrihaig coffee morning raised £641 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) last Saturday morning.

Members of Mid Argyll RNLI fundraising group staged the event at the village's North Hall.

Using postage stamp-sized pictures of

lifeboats they ran a sweepstake with a £50 top prize.

There was also a raffle, homebaking and RNLI gifts on sale.

Home baking

Late in the morning, as the *Argyllshire Advertiser* left, a group of bikers from

Yorkshire arrived at the nearby car park in the rain. They asked where they could get a coffee and were told to sample the home baking at the charity event.

Moira Shaw from the fund raising group said: 'It was a good total for a two-hour coffee morning and thanks to the bikers.'

Police files

Breach of the peace

A WOMAN who swore at police officers in Harbour Street, Tarbert, at 2am on Saturday morning last week was given a £40 on-the-spot fine.

Drugs found

A MAN stopped by police in Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead, on Tuesday May 12 was allegedly found to be carrying herbal cannabis.

He has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Car overturns

A WOMAN driver was taken to hospital after her car overturned on the A83 on Monday evening.

The accident, which blocked the road at Crarae, between Minard and Furnace, occurred at 5.15pm. Police and a fire crew attended.

An ambulance took the woman to Mid Argyll community hospital.

She was later transferred to the Royal Alexandra hospital in Paisley although her injuries were not thought to be life threatening.

Tyres slashed

ALL FOUR tyres of a car were slashed sometime between 10.40pm on Saturday May 16 and 12 noon on Sunday May 17.

The car was parked in

Highbank Park, Lochgilphead.

Anyone with any information should call Police Scotland on 101.

Cyclists' plea to stop road hogs

CYCLISTS have complained to Lochgilphead police about car drivers overtaking them too closely on public roads.

The police say cyclists are particularly vulnerable, especially on the open road.

Police say drivers should remember the highway code which says motorcyclists and cyclists may suddenly need to avoid uneven road surfaces and obstacles, such as drain covers or oily, wet or icy patches on the road.

Drivers should give them plenty of room and pay particular attention to any sudden change of direction they may have to make.

When overtaking a cyclist, a driver should give the cyclist as much space as they would a car.

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The contact numbers remain as before: **Inveraray 01499 302257** or **Furnace 01499 500207**. The switchboard is open from **8.00am to 6.00pm** Monday to Friday. Further information can also be found at: <http://www.lochgilpheadmedicalcentre.co.uk/>

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Tuesday	13.00 - 19.00	15.30 - 18.30	Tuesday	12.00 - 17.00 13.30 - 14.30
Wednesday	09.00 - 15.00	11.30 - 14.30	Wednesday	09.00 - 12.00 09.00 - 10.00
Thursday	09.00 - 15.00	11.00 - 12.00	Thursday	09.00 - 17.00 09.00 - 10.00
Friday	09.00 - 15.00	11.30 - 14.30	Friday	09.00 - 12.00 09.00 - 10.00
Weekend	closed	closed	Weekend	closed

Armed forces day volunteers sought

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help at Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day on Saturday, June 20.

Organisers Geordie and Betty Rhodick are looking for anybody who can spare a few hours to help.

They would also like people to share memories and photographs.

Anybody who has anything or who can help out should contact Geordie or Betty on 01546 602205 or any committee member.

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Pupils' chance to win dream library

PRIMARY schools across Argyll and Bute are being offered the chance to win their dream library in an initiative called Library Energiser.

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To enter, schools must submit a photograph of their current reading space and 100 words on how they would like it to look and feel in the future.

Entries should be submitted by email to libraryenergiser@stripecommunications.com by Friday June 26.

For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/SPFenergiser.



Mr Laing's car.



The damaged wheel.

Lochgilphead church fundraiser

LOCHGILPHEAD Parish church is holding a table top sale, coffee morning and soup lunch in its grounds on Saturday June 6 from 10am to 1.30pm. The table rents will go towards church funds, whilst stallholders keep the profits from anything they sell. Tables are not limited to church members so anyone wishing to book should call 01546 603784.

Lochgilphead driver relives crash scare

Man claims shocking state of A83 and tanker were to blame for accident

A LOCHGILPHEAD man has claimed a gas tanker and the shocking state of the A83 caused his car to crash.

Peter Laing, his partner and young son were driving on the A83 near Muasdale when they attempted to overtake a gas lorry.

Mr Laing, from Macintyre Terrace, said: 'We were overtaking on a straight when the vehicle in front seemed to edge out towards us which forced us wider than we would have been.'

'This made us catch the verge, which was in a poor state, so it was nothing to do with overtaking at the wrong time.'

'The vehicle which we

overtook did not stop to check on our safety, despite us putting on the hazard warning lights and having to make a controlled stop.'

'I contacted Turners, the company which runs the gas lorry involved, and will be submitting a claim against it for the damage to our car, even though I cannot say for sure that it was deliberate.'

'In my view, both the road company, BEAR Scotland, and the gas lorry driver are equally to blame for what happened that day.'

Immediately after the accident Mr Laing sent an email to BEAR but he claims that he has yet to receive a reply.

Mr Laing said: 'The

lack of response from BEAR to keep me informed of the situation has been terrible but not surprising.'

'It seems that it is unwilling to make some parts of the A83 road safer for motorists even following an accident.'

'Must they wait for a fatality first?'

Mr Laing said: 'If it is unsafe to overtake there because of the poor verges then BEAR should have signs up saying so.'

He also got in touch with Turners, which run gas lorries from Grangemouth to Campbeltown.

A Turners spokesman said: 'We are aware of the incident but he has not submitted a claim.'

'Our initial conclusion was that our driver was not at fault.'

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'We are aware of the incident where a motorist went on to the verge on the A83 after trying to overtake a lorry. Whilst there may be some damage at this location caused by other vehicles running over the verge, this is not considered to be an immediate hazard to the road user. Weekly safety inspections are carried out by our teams on all trunk roads, including the A83, to identify any defects which require attention. These defects are recorded and programmed for repair, according to severity.'

Proceeds of crime cash helps fund Argyll youth projects

YOUTH projects across Argyll and Bute are more than £12,000 better off thanks to money confiscated from criminals.

Mid Argyll Youth Forum was awarded £840 for the second year running for its summer swimming programme.

Tarbert Duke of Edinburgh open award group received £472 towards the funding of its hill and mountain skills courses.

The Cashback for Communities youth work fund is administrated and delivered by the national agency for youth work, YouthLink Scotland, on behalf of Scottish Government.

A spokesman for the youth forum said: 'It is great that they have given us this money for the second year running.'

Chief executive of YouthLink Scotland Jim Sweeney said: 'Crime is a real blight on our neighbourhoods and it is right that money from the proceeds of crime goes back to the very heart of our communities, our young people.'

Change

'We know that youth work really does change the lives of young people, not only in Argyll but in every part of Scotland.'

Justice secretary Michael

Matheson agreed and said: 'Investing in our young people is always money well spent and I am delighted that the Scottish government's Cashback for Communities programme is providing this valuable funding for worthy projects across Argyllshire.'

Other projects to benefit from the funding include: Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service £2,370, Cove and Kilcraggan Youth Café £980, Oban Youth Café £962, Treen Community Development Trust £2,160, Project 81 Youth and Community Enterprise Ltd £2,285.

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Tarbert residents' fury over green light for wind turbine transport

A WINDFARM company has run into a storm of protest about its plans to transport turbine blades through Tarbert. Infinis already has planning permission to construct a 43 mega watt windfarm at A'Chruach above Minard. To complete the build

it needs to transport 21 150ft long turbine blades from Campbeltown docks, three at a time, along the A83 through Tarbert. As reported in the *Argyllshire Advertiser*, to get the blades round a tight corner at the A83 junction with Harbour

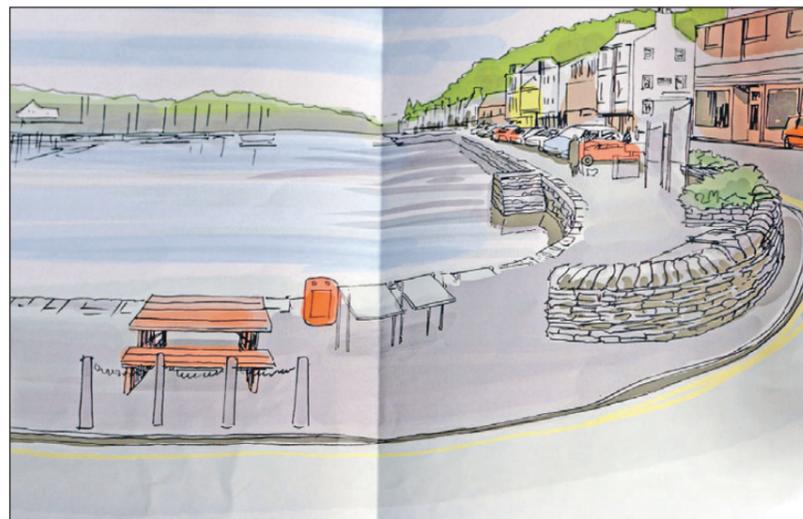
Street the company will have to demolish a wall and picnic bench. They were built as part of Tarbert's town centre regeneration project. Despite many voices of opposition from Tarbert, an Argyll and Bute planning committee passed Infinis's applica-

tion for demolition at a meeting on Wednesday. The company plans to transport the blades early in the morning between July and September 2016.

This plan has incensed Tarbert people who said during a community council meeting last week that Infinis had not consulted them correctly.

An Infinis spokesman said at the meeting: 'I think we have learned our lesson, that we did not consult with Tarbert first.'

'A'Chruach is a multi-million pound wind farm and lots of people will be employed in



An artist's impression of the area with the temporary bollards and wooden seating. 06_a21wall01

building it.' Many people were also angry that the transportation period from July to September was the prime time for Tarbert tourism.

Councillor Anne Horn said: 'The local development plan highlights the importance of tourism in the area and to allow this proposal to proceed will interfere with the tourist trade at the busiest time of year.'

'This will impact on the local economy.'

A number of Tarbert people have written formal objection letters to Argyll and Bute council. Angela Gray from Church Terrace wrote: 'This area is used by both locals and tourists to the village and the wall offers a small bit of protection to children from traffic.'

'Towers already pass through the village with

no need for the demolition of this area.'

Jenny Carlile, a conservation and design professional, wrote a two-page submission to Argyll and Bute council.

She wrote: 'We can only assume that, if no other arrangements are made, this wall, bench and planters will be demolished and rebuilt time and time again to accommodate wind farm developments.'



Traffic was grid locked earlier this year when a log-jam of lorries turned up at the same time in Tarbert.

Paint thicker than blood for family

THE SCOLLER family travelled from across Britain last Saturday for the private viewing of their first family art show at Crinan Gallery.

They have had one other family exhibition but have never all attended the opening evening together.

Dad Glen, 65, and mum Carol, 63, both studied at Glasgow School of Art in the early 1970s.

With their whole life wrapped up in painting, including most holidays to locations for Glen to pursue his love of landscape, it was only natural that daughters Kim, 34, and Lara, 31, should pursue careers in art.

Both girls studied at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee, where Lara has remained while Kim is currently in London.

They are no strangers to Crinan; last year Lara and Kim both spent a week there on annex residencies and the year before their father won a residency from the Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts.

Glen, who has worked



From left: Kim, Lara, Glen and Carol Scouler. 06_a21scoulerfamily01

as an artist all his life, has five paintings of Colonsay on display at the show.

Carol worked as a graphic designer for most of her professional life with clients including galleries and museums across the UK and abroad.

Since focusing on her own art she has used her meticulous eye for detail in watercolours.

Carol's work also includes five Colonsay pieces as well as pictures of France.

Kim's work in the exhibition is exclusively

in oil and includes daffodils, hyacinth and cyclamen.

Lara has a diverse range of work including two studies of cormorants and one of a heron, the

Duke of Normandy, squat lobsters, a fishing boat and an Australian pelican. The exhibition draws together all their art, titled Connect Four, and runs until July 1.

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Sexual abuse trial continues at high court

A MAN who denies sexually assaulting two girls at a remote Argyll cottage has said the house where the alleged abuse took place is so secluded cars cannot get to it.

Peter Carter, 49, said

the house where prosecutors claim he abused the girls was 'surrounded by 6,000 acres of nothing'.

Carter, who is on trial at the High Court in Paisley, denies sexually assaulting a seven-year-

old girl in August 2011 at his home and also denies three charges of sexually assaulting a girl, aged between seven and 12, at his home between February 2005 and November 2010 and December 2010 and Oc-

tober 2011, including raping her between October 2006 and October 2008.

Carter, originally from West Yorkshire, is said to have committed the offences at Slockavullin and Lochgilphead.

He told the jury at his trial that he had moved to Argyll 19 years ago to set up his own carpentry business which he ran from outhouses he had built on land next to his house at Upper Raslie Cottage, Slockavullin.

When asked by Advocate Dale Hughes, defending, if his house, where the alleged abuse is said to have taken place, was remote, Carter said: 'You have to go through two gates and it's a third of a mile up a farm track road. It's quite remote.'

He said the cottage was a mile-and-a-half away from the nearest settlement and seven miles away from Lochgilphead.

When asked if he had raped the girl, who is now 15, or sexually assaulted another youngster when she was aged seven, now 11, he replied: 'No.'

He said both girls, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were lying about what they claimed happened and he said he could not offer a reason as to why they were lying as he had not seen them in some time.

He said the only physical contact he'd ever

had with the older girl was 'scratching her back on request'.

And he said the only thing he had done with the younger girl was help to put her swimming costume on once because she had asked him to assist her.

The trial, which started last week, had to be adjourned on Thursday as Carter was rushed to hospital on Wednesday night with a perforated stomach ulcer.

Giving evidence at Carter's trial, 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.'

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



Royal Navy frigate sighted in Loch Fyne

A ROYAL Navy frigate dropped anchor in Loch Fyne, Inveraray, on Tuesday evening.

HMS Sutherland, a Type 23 frigate, was built at the Yarrow yard on the Clyde and her home port is Devonport in Plymouth.

She is currently on sea trials for the crew to get to grips with her new radar, computer system and sonar dome which makes her one of the most high-tech warships in the fleet.

HMS Sutherland has clocked up a number

of firsts including being the first warship to pass under the Skye Bridge and completed the first circumnavigation of the globe by a naval ship for 14 years.

HMS Sutherland's name is spelled out in huge boulders at Loch Eriboll, a deep water anchorage safe from Cape Wrath's stormy seas off the coast of Sutherland.

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HMS Sutherland in Loch Fyne. 06_a21hmsutherland01

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LAST Saturday one of the many Mid Argyll groups of selfless volunteers ran a wonderful coffee morning in Ardrishaig. They were fundraising for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, an organisation which relies on volunteers to maintain its vital service.

During the morning, some women attending the charity function wondered who would be the future fundraisers - both to run coffee mornings and pay to drink and eat the delights on offer.

Looking round the hall there was scarcely a head to be seen of anyone below the age of 50, although later a mum did come with two children. Some motorcyclists turned up but they were born again bikers of advancing years.

This is a problem which afflicts many organisations in Argyll and Bute and it may in part be due to all the other interests in the 21st century, both electronic and energetic.

Many youngsters today want to be involved in the film, radio, television and multimedia industries.

What better way to get some free training than join a drama club or music society?

Once again these are 'staffed' by many Argyll and Bute citizens who, if they will pardon the expression, are not in their first flush of youth.

New blood is always needed not only for dead men's boots but also to inject fresh ideas and keep the societies vibrant.

It is not just youngsters that the Mid Argyll Music Society wants to catch it is also interested in anyone up to 90 years old who might bring enthusiasm.

On Monday a council officer talked to a small group of enthusiasts about the idea of creating a cultural assembly for Argyll and Bute to help bid for funds.

It will rely on people volunteering time and energy to make things happen.

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Bone marrow donors always needed

Sir,
The blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan is searching for more local heroes in the Highlands and islands to join its bone marrow donor register and help in the fight against blood cancer.

In the Highlands and islands, there are more than 5,469 selfless people willing to donate their stem cells, or bone marrow, to save the life of a stranger.

More than 550,000 people are currently on the Anthony Nolan register and the average per constituency is 790.

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Two thirds of UK patients will not find a matching donor from within their families; instead they turn to Anthony Nolan to find them an unrelated donor.

In Scotland the charity works with the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to recruit donors, but currently a perfect match can only be found for 60 per cent of transplant patients.

To join the Anthony Nolan register you must be 16-30 years and in good health. It involves filling out a simple online form and spitting into a tube. The charity needs heroes of all ages to champion the register at a local lev-

el and help us spread the word - from schools, communities and workplaces to your own friends and family.

Ann O'Leary,
Head of Register Development,
Anthony Nolan.

Smart phone navigation a danger to walkers

Sir,
As more and more people start heading for the hills after what has seemed a long winter, there are concerns that many simply do not know well enough where they're going.

More than ever, people are relying on smartphones or Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to do their navigating for them in the mountains.

But where this may be enough in towns and cities, and on the road network, traditional navigation skills are still necessary out in the wilds.

Already at least one mountain rescue team has dealt with a call out where a couple could give an exact location thanks to their GPS, but were unable to use that information to navigate off the mountain safely.

If they had the ability to relate the grid reference to the map, they would have been able to get off the hill safely on their own.

They didn't have the knowledge to properly use the equipment they had, or to navigate without it.

They were lucky that where they got 'lost' they had mobile phone reception, otherwise it might have been a very different story.

As technology takes over

our day to day lives, it seems an easy option to push a few buttons and follow an arrow.

But a GPS, smart phone or navigation app is unable to read important subtleties such as a sensible route choice.

Unless you have already used your navigational abilities to programme in an exact route, it won't direct you away from cliffs or show you the best place to cross a river - or offer an alternative if a bridge is down or the river in flood.

As part of its role in improving safety in Scotland's mountains, the Mountaineering Council of Scotland offers a number of heavily subsidised navigation courses, which give walkers an easy to follow practical introduction to map and compass skills which will make them safer and more confident in the mountains.

Neil Reid,
Mountaineering Council of Scotland,
Perth.

Positive direction

Sir,
Figures released yesterday show mental health support in Scotland is moving in a positive direction, with fewer mental health related admissions to hospital and a decline in the number of people resident in Scottish psychiatric hospitals. Although the NHS has played an important part in this progress, a significant contribution has been made by social care providers in the third sector and community organisations.

These organisations offer a wide range of person-centred services such as housing support, counselling, well be-

ing workshops, employment support and advocacy services which support people with mental health problems to lead meaningful and contributing lives in our communities.

The work of third sector and community organisations has moved mental health care and treatment away from a 'one size fits all' model, to one where people are supported to have their care and support built around their needs, choices and aspirations.

However, spending on social care has decreased over the last few years as councils seek to balance their books as austerity measures continue to impact. The new health and social care partnerships need to address this issue so that these important social care services continue to offer positive outcomes for people.

Nigel Henderson,
Chief Executive,
Penumbra.

SNP speak or govern

Sir,
The SNP has 110,000 members out of a total Scottish population of 5,295,000; they cannot therefore 'speak for the people of Scotland'.

The majority of Scottish people spoke for themselves when they voted to remain in the union.

Credit where it's due but the media and future SNP leaders would be wise to put this in context; the SNP has a responsibility to govern the Scottish people, not speak on their behalf, on matters which are solely in the domain of a single issue party.

Peter Minshall MA,
Bàrr na Criche House,
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Fisherman nets award

A TARBERT skipper took a break from the sea to collect the Fisherman's Mission volunteer fundraiser of the year award in London.

The presentation marked Kenny MacNab's achievement in raising more than £12,000 for mission funds through his Wall of China walk in September 2014.

The award ceremony

was held in the impressive surroundings of Trinity House overlooking the Tower of London as part of the organisation's annual general meeting.

The agenda was a short but interesting resume of the mission's activities both financial and charitable within fishing communities hard hit by last year's storms. Along with Kenny, several other

awards for volunteer support and fundraising were handed over to a diverse range of recipients from chefs and restaurant teams to seafood processors and friends of the mission in coastal communities.

Following the ceremony, Lerwick mission superintendent Aubrey Jamieson gave a moving and thought-provoking presentation outlining

how essential and wide-ranging the work of the mission is in a seafaring island nation.

The award ceremony came almost a year after Kenny began his China quest as a memorial to his brother James and to also show his appreciation of how supportive local mission superintendent Matt Ramsay had been during a difficult time.



Kenny MacNab at Tarbert harbour.
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Club president Len Simpson, left, presents Robert McCuaig with his award, watched by president elect Bruce Robertson.

Village volunteer named rotary citizen of the year

A KILMARTIN volunteer who has become a 'go to' man in the village has been named the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll's citizen of the year.

Robert McCuaig was astounded when he was given the award during the club's charter dinner at Stonefield Hotel near Tarbert.

It had been a well-kept secret in the club and Robert thought he was going on a night out with a friend to hear a band playing.

The annual award is made to someone of any age who lives in Mid Argyll and has made a significant contribution to their local community or has demonstrated a remarkable and worthy achievement.

Robert is remarkable in many ways. In the

winter he is often seen with his barrow delivering firewood he has cut to the village's older folk.

He is responsible for maintaining the village grass areas and ensures the green and the village is looking at its best for special events like the gala day and when the Commonwealth Games baton was coming through the village.

He makes sure that the camping area and camp fire area is maintained for tourists.

Robert organises and puts up the village Christmas tree and with help from others he organises the village bonfire and fireworks night.

His nominee described him as the 'go to' man in the village, if help was needed with a project or

to borrow tools or to ask how to do something properly.

She said he was a bit shy but had a heart of gold.

He has helped neighbours renovate their house, re-roof their house and rebuild fences. He fills in pot holes outside the houses and helped build a decking area for a neighbour who had become housebound after a stroke.

After the rotary dinner, Robert was whisked back to the Kilmartin Hotel where friends had signed a card and gathered to hold a party in his honour.

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Colin Murray, Ann McMillan and Ron McInnes.

Mid Argyll Society performs songs from

A STAGE call has gone out for performers who want to strut their stuff in Mid Argyll.

Anyone who enjoys musical theatre, socialising and fun should head for the Mid Argyll Musical Society (MAMSoc) welcome evening at Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall today (Friday) at 7pm.

The shows which MAMSoc perform vary in genre including well-known popular productions such as Oklahoma, Guys and Dolls, Oliver, Kiss Me Kate and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.

Shows also include the not so well known such as last year's production of Whiskey Galore and the Christmas Carol. These are well known books but very new to musical theatre.

MAMSoc has an age range from 16 to 90, and often has assistance from members of Mid Argyll Youth Chorus to put on an annual show in late November to early December

running over four nights.

MAMSoc is particularly keen to welcome new members to join with existing ones, old, young or 'resting'.

A MAMSoc spokesperson said: 'There is lots of fun to be had rehearsing, singing, dancing, acting, producing scenery and working backstage. Though not often all, or necessarily at the same time.

'Reading music is not a requirement, enthusiasm and being part of a great wee club is. So anyone aged 16 years or older, young in heart but perhaps not in years, should come to our meeting.'

Everything will be explained including details of the 41st annual show, which will be 'Calamity Jane' to be staged at Ardrishaig Public Hall.

The welcome evening is free to enter with cheese, wine and soft drinks included.

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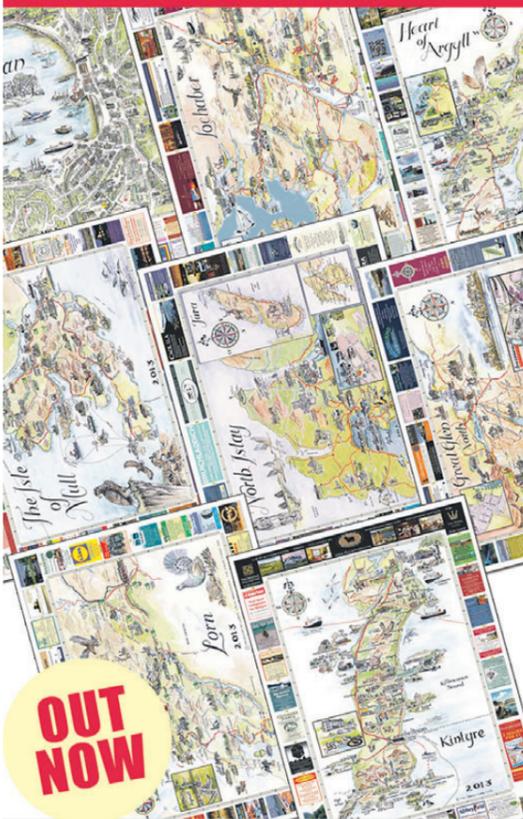
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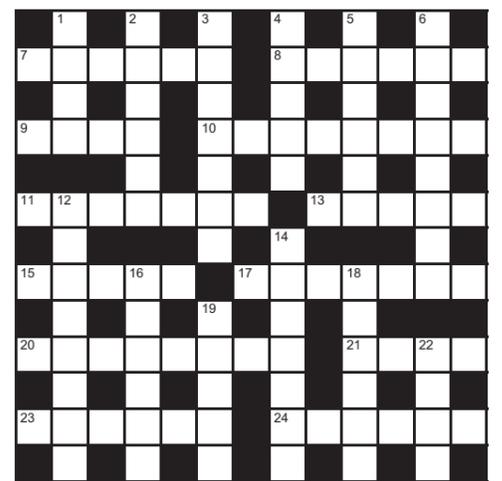
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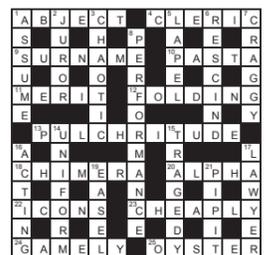
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- 8 Leave en masse (6)
- 9 Sown to grow (4)
- 10 The turfing out (8)
- 11 Connoisseur (7)
- 13 Give the third degree or heat at a higher degree of heat (5)
- 15 Pompous walk (5)
- 17 Viceroy of Egypt (7)
- 20 Move it to position (8)
- 21 Blur (4)
- 23 Type of humour (6)
- 24 New book... (6)

Down

- 1 ...large one (4)
- 2 Makeshift shelter using branches and tarpaulin (6)
- 3 Never ending (7)
- 4 Sum taken out of account (5)
- 5 Encourage (6)
- 6 Former countryman from the western Balkans (8)
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Robbie Waddell, 11, 'shucking' an oyster for the first time. 06_a21fynefood16



Shannon Stewart and Kathy McGuigan from Duncholgan near Lochgilphead were using the fair to promote Auchindrain Museum. Both were dressed in character. 06_a21fynefood09



Baker Barry Hawthorn, 44, is originally from Capetown in South Africa where he learned craft baking from a German. Barry said that it was the first time that he had been to the food fair and he was amazed how quickly his exotic bread products sold. 06_a21fynefood05

Loch Fyne food fair get

REPORT and PHOTOS By MARK DAVEY
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FOOD, crafts, music and mud proved the perfect ingredients for the 25th Loch Fyne food fair last weekend.

Despite heavy rain on Saturday and Sunday turning the car park field into a quagmire crowds packed the two day event to sample foods ranging from simple staples to exotic specialities.

In 1990 Johnny Noble visited a wild boar feast deep in rural France and said: 'We could do that here with seafood.' The Festival was born with one marquee and an extension cable from the Tree Shop.

This year's event was supported by EventScotland which helped to add hands on demonstrations, such as gin



Rona Large, 60, from Sandbank near Dunoon, of ELwoodturner, has been working at woodturning since moving to Argyll and Bute from North Wales. Rona said: 'The crowds have been unbelievable despite the weather.' 06_a21fynefood02



In the morning, Margaret Renton and Jessica Smeaton of Inveraray Primary School Parent Council took their turn out of 10 others to run a stall selling teas and coffees and soft drinks. 06_a21fynefood01



Sheila Whyte, 58, from Strachur, of Fyne Preserves specialises in products for diabetics using family recipes. 06_a21fynefood10



Nell Key described herself as a 'casual employee' for Loch Fyne, helping out on a stall. 06_a21fynefood12



Former SSE senior marketing manager, Raine Davidson, 47, wanted to do something different after being made redundant. With support from Argyll and Bute council's Business Gateway scheme she set up The Little Stitch Company. 06_a21fynefood04

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Rhona Crawford and Heather MacNicol from the Little Cake Farm in Furnace started out making wedding and celebration cakes. They were also staggered by the demand for their specially iced sponges. 06_a21fynefood06



Solvejg and Ghita Craig found lots of customers keen to indulge in sweets from the Oban Chocolate Co. 06_a21fynefood14



The fair is not only about food. By the entrance the 1st Glendarual Guides set up a 'Splat the Rat' stall to raise funds to take girls to a guiding weekend called 'G in the Park.' 06_a21fynefood08

s the taste buds tingling

making and how to shuck an oyster, and the Wee Green Cinema in a separate tent to share food stories.

Loch Fyne Oysters festival organiser Victoria Sumison said: 'Numbers attending the festival were up this year despite the weather. As part of the year of food the EventScotland supported workshops were popular, especially making your own bread and pasta making.'

'They were all about getting people physically involved with food rather than just watching demonstrations.'

'Buying oysters can be quite daunting if you do not know how to shuck them.'

'For all the stall holders it is always about being in an environment with other like minded people.'

'The fair has proved over the years to be a great meeting place and this year was no different.'



Chef Marc Neil, 26, said that he was working for Loch Fyne for the summer before going to study psychology. 06_a21fynefood13



After many years working for a drinks vending company Mark Davidson made the decision to start Aye Love Real Food. His Scotch eggs made with pork and Chorizo and Stornoway black pudding combined with eggs he describes as 'very free range' were a huge hit. He said that it was the best event of its type he had been to and praised the organisation. 06_a21fynefood11



Jeweller Mhairi MacDonald, 35, has run Bluebell Jewels in Lochgilphead for seven years. Mhairi said: 'People here are brave enough to come out whatever the weather and we have been very busy.' Next weekend she will be at Kilmartin Fair and has jewellery on display at Inveraray Castle. 06_a21fynefood03



Margaret Chrystie tucks into a pie seated at one of the tables lining the centre of the marquee. 06_a21fynefood18

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Everyone needs a hand in life sometimes, whether it's everyday chores, home safety or issues with the family.

Family life often provides a haven from the stresses of life, but there are many factors that can lead to disharmony. Separation, financial difficulties, substance abuse, legal issues, troubled adolescents or new family members- these can all upset the home balance and leave family members confused, angry and hurt. Counselling and mediation provide safe, neutral space in which families learn how to ef-

fectively communicate and relate to each other in a healthy manner. Divorce and separation are a challenging process for all concerned, and children are often caught in the middle of a war that is raging around them. Family mediation helps resolve issues between separating couples more quickly and more cost effectively than those cases that go through the courts-it is estimated that around 70 per cent of mediations result in an agreement being reached. The elderly and disabled often find it difficult to perform everyday tasks, such as grocery shopping, paying bills and cleaning. Even keeping up with prescriptions and personal care can be a challenge. Fortunately,

there is help available so that vulnerable residents can live independently at home. As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and this is particularly true with fire safety. Elderly and disabled citizens are vulnerable, especially if their smoke alarms are not working properly, but every family needs a well rehearsed fire drill to assure that everyone knows how to get out the house and to a central pre-arranged meeting spot. Organizations such as Scottish Fire and Rescue Service provide fire hazard analysis, escape plans and even free smoke alarms so that a

worst-case scenario never happens. Life can utterly change in a moment. From cancer to Alzheimer's, a disease diagnosis can lead to despair- not just for the patient, but for the family as well. There is no need to suffer alone, though. Help is available. Many organisations such as Macmillan and Alzheimer Scotland offer information, support and counselling to patients and their families to help them through this difficult time. No one should face life's complications alone. For those needing a helping hand, it's as easy as reaching out.



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Feast of prizes at Ayrshire dinner

KINTYRE Ayrshire Breeders' Club held its annual herds competition last Friday, with seven herds presented for inspection by judge for the day Mr Brian Moorhouse from West Yorkshire.

Brian has fairly recently retired from dairy farming in Derbyshire but still enjoys being involved in this capacity.

Heavy rain

A good turnout of interested spectators followed the day's events,

luckily without anyone getting too wet as a result of the heavy afternoon rain.

Following dinner at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, Thomas Cameron jnr, club chairman, announced the prizes before Malcolm Ronald, vice chairman, concluded the day by thanking all concerned for ensuring a successful event.

Results are as follows: Herds - SAI cup for best overall herd and the Carrs Cup for best large

herd: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkeil; 2 (and the George M Reid cup for best small herd): Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 3 A C Millar, Ballygreggan; 4 Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble.

Best cow

Volac Cup for the best individual cow: Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble; 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 3 James Barbour, Machribeg; 4 J and M Barr, Clochkeil.



Prize winners from left are Willie Ralston, Thomas Cameron, Robin Barr, James Barbour, Archie Millar and judge for the day Brian Moorhouse.



Gigha-bound milk tankers could receive a reduced fare in an attempt to reduce pressure on the island's dairy farmers.

Milk tanker subsidy meeting

AIDING beleaguered milk farmers on Gigha was at the forefront of discussions on Monday when a Scottish cabinet minister met with dairy farmers to talk about subsidised ferries for milk tankers.

Derek Mackay MSP, minister for transport and islands, lent his support in principle for Holyrood to cover half the ferry costs for milk tankers this summer, after a further milk price cut was announced this month.

Andrew McCornick, NFU Scotland vice president, speaking from Rothesay in Bute, said: 'Dairy farmers welcomed the opportunity to meet with Derek Mackay in order to discuss the increasingly difficult situation for dairy producers in

Gigha, and Bute, and the significant difference subsidised ferry transport for milk tankers could make to the future of the dairy industry on these islands.

Support

'We welcome Mr Mackay's support in

principle for putting temporary measures in place to provide half of the cost of ferry fares for First Milk tankers until the planned review period in September.

'However, the stumbling block will be finding the required funding

to bridge a gap believed to be around £35,000.

'Discussions will continue in the hope of securing this vital funding to part-remedy the increasingly desperate situation for dairy producers in both Gigha and Bute.'

Apply for payments now, farmers urged

FARMERS and crofters are being urged to beat the last-minute rush and apply for farm payments using the Single Application Form (SAF).

The appeal comes as the Scottish Government announces improvements to its Rural Payments and Services website.

The new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has resulted in implementation challenges across the UK and Europe, therefore Scottish authorities have extended the deadline for farmers and crofters to submit their forms until Monday, June 15.

Mike MacKenzie, Highlands and Islands MSP, urged farmers to apply before it is

too late. Mr MacKenzie said: 'Local farmers have just under a month left to complete their SAF forms.'

'This task has been made more difficult by the complexity of the new policy, so people should not leave it until the last minute to apply.'

'It is good news that the Scottish Government has taken action so that the performance of the Rural Payments and Services system has improved, particularly its delivery speed.'

Richard Lochhead, Scottish rural affairs secretary, said: 'This is the first year of the new payment system for the more complex Common Agricultural Policy and, although delivery has

been challenging, we are now seeing real improvements to the system's operation.'

'While the new system is different from the previous one, it offers significant benefits to farmers, ensuring they get paid what they are due through a process designed to minimise errors and penalties.'

'We are aware that some farmers and agents have experienced issues and we have a dedicated team working to ensure all problems are sorted as quickly as possible.'

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In November last year Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow was awarded the 2014 Prize for the Advancement of Peace by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK at its 11th National Peace Symposium. From left: Justine Greening, Secretary of State for International Development; Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, CEO and founder of Mary's Meals; His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, spiritual leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK; and Catholic Archbishop Kevin McDonald.



Mary's Meals now feeds a million children around the world every day.



Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow's tireless campaign for the world's hungry children knows no bounds

The shed that fed

'Why should there be even one hungry child without a school meal, when there's enough

THE word that springs to mind when speaking to Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder of Mary's Meals, is 'humble'.

He still uses a lop-sided tin shed at his family home in Dalmally as his office, having acquired it from his father to store food for an appeal in Bosnia in 1992 - the endeavour that would eventually lead him to founding Mary's Meals.

Ten years later, in 2002, while in Malawi, assisting with famine relief, Magnus met a 14-year-old boy whose mother was dying of Aids. The boy told him that all he wished for in life was to be able to go to school and have enough food to eat.

That encounter turned Magnus's charity into Mary's Meals, which provides one meal a day for children at school, simultaneously tackling the issue of hunger and lack of education simply and effectively.

The charity now provides a daily meal for children in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, at an average cost of £12.20 per child, per year.

And now, despite Mary's Meals hitting the astounding milestone of feeding one million children a day, and having released a book about his incredible story, Magnus remains remarkably grounded for a man who has been described as one of the 100 most influential

people in the world by Time magazine.

The father of seven explained: 'In some ways I feel it's just beginning. That might seem strange to say when we're feeding a million children - and that is something amazing to celebrate - but I really feel that we are just beginning. I would also say though, we, as an organisation, are not hung up on number targets. So I think it's very much about the next child, or the next school. It's about people, not numbers.'

'When I very first started the charity I didn't envision it going anywhere at all.'

Avalanche

'I just took a week's holiday from being a salmon farmer in Lochgilphead. I went over to Bosnia in 1992, didn't think anything of it, that I'd just be going back to my life at the fish farm. I came back here and found this avalanche of donations that had come in. So I gave up my job, and thought I might do it for around a year.'

'I never sat down and said: "I'm going to start an aid organisation", or anything like that. It was very unexpected. And here we are, 23 years later.'

'I'm the one who's getting his mug in the papers and picking up awards and things like that but I'm just a part of a very big team.'

Magnus's book, *The Shed that*

fed a Million Children, is published on May 21, and tells the story of his work, with proceeds going to Mary's Meals.

He explained: 'It's an incredible story - a story I could never have made up.'

'I see how much people get out of hearing it when I give talks and it's very enjoyable to tell the story that way, but I wanted to write it as a book to share that story and the message of Mary's Meals with as many people as possible.'

'And as a Christian I wanted to



The simple concept of Mary's Meals is to school by offering them one meal

Dalriada Heritage Trail views sought

CARNASSERIE castle and the Crinan canal mark the ends of the Dalriada Heritage Trail. It opened to walkers in 2011, and now, four years into its decade long maintenance phase, the Dalriada Project would like feedback from users.

The trail links an extraordinary density of world class natural and cultural heritage sites which include the Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve, Dunadd Fort, the prehistoric linear cemetery in Kilmartin Glen and the rock art sites at Achabreac.

The trail was created by the Dalriada Project working closely with landowners, Kilmartin Museum, Historic Scotland and the public to make a path so that all these sites can be walked in a day or in shorter sections.

A new all-ability path has been built by the project and Forestry Commission Scotland to the Achabreac cup and ring marks following recent communi-

ty feedback. The northern section between the car parks at Carnasserie Castle and the Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve can be cycled.

The southern section meanders along the Rivier Add to Dunadd.

Option

From Dunadd there is an option to walk the route to Achabreac or take a slightly more challenging route through ancient woodlands to Dunardry on the canal.

From here the towpath takes walkers to Crinan or Ardrishaig.

The Crinan Canal itself and its towpath, is a scheduled monument.

At Dunardry there is also the near-to-nature trail where several bridges provide a dramatic view into a gorge.

Above the gorge there are views from Cruach Mor.

The near-to-nature trail also links to the myriad routes provided by the Forestry Commission in Knapdale forest.

Interpretation panels and video trails provide

information along the way.

The videos can be downloaded from www.thedalriadaproject.org.

The project would like to hear comments or suggestions and these can be given to the team at the Living Stones Hall

at Kilmartin next Tuesday, May 26 between 4pm and 6.30pm or left on the website contact page at www.thedalriadaproject.org.

There is also a book for comments in the Kilmartin Museum Café.



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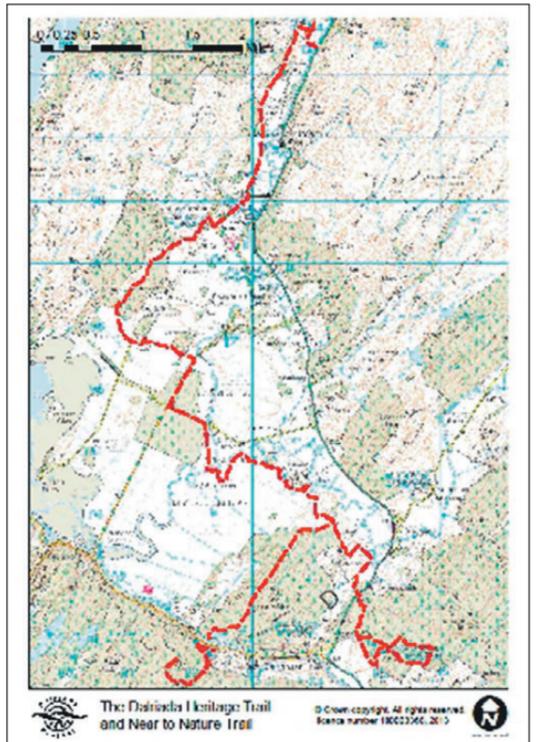
Red Cross hall will be blooming beautiful

IF this year's Chelsea flower show was a step too far why not go to Lochgilphead's Red Cross hall next Wednesday?

There Mid Argyll Flower Club is holding an open evening from 7.30pm with an expert florist from Ardrishaig.

Former bank cashier Morna Shaw, who now runs 'Flowers by Morna', will be demonstrating her floral skills and one lucky person will win a beautiful display.

A light supper is included in the ticket price available on the door.



A map of the Dalriada trail.

Priest conjures up some magic

A BENEDICTINE monk, who can conjure rabbits from hats without the help of the Almighty, will be a star act at Kilmartin gala tomorrow.

Father Dominic Mansi from Downside Abbey was given a box of magic tricks as a young lad in the 1950s and combined with the Boys' Book of Magic became hooked on illusion.

Legendary

This and a meeting with legendary comic Tommy Cooper set him on the path of magic which he has pursued all his life.

Fr Mansi has been a member of the Bath Circle Of Magicians for 40 years.

He is also is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, which is the largest magic organisation

in the world with 15,000 members in 88 countries.

Fr Mansi often chooses to start shows by quoting the actor Richard Burton who once

said: 'If one loses one's sense of wonder, we lose life.'

His acts include a disappearing egg, Chinese coins and sticks - the latter being a favourite

of Tommy Cooper.

Fr Mansi said: 'I like to tell stories as part of my performance, as magic and theatre becomes art, a story is worth 1,000 words.'



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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00470/PPP	Site for the erection of 2 holiday units and formation of vehicular access	Land South Of Sandwood Dounie Road Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PN	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/01157/PP	Erection of single storey rear extension to existing factory and formation of car parking area	Unit 3 High Bank Park Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NN	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/01163/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 12/01062/PPP - Site for the erection of dwelling house, formation of new vehicular accesses and installation of septic tank (As amended by plan received 12.06.12)	Land South West Of Killmaluag Glenbarr Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/01199/PP	Installation of antenna and 2 dishes on existing telecommunications mast, erection of ground based cabinet and ancillary works	Claonaig RS Telecommunications Mast Skipness Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
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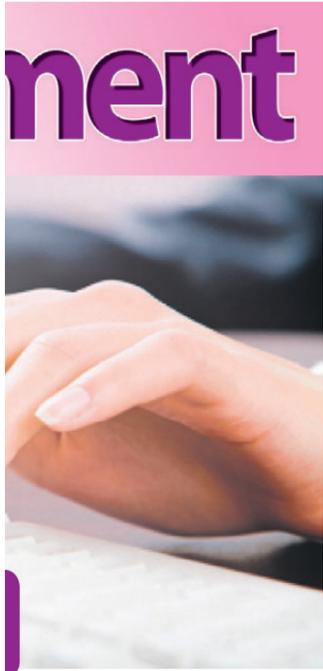
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE HAVE squatters! Under the eaves of the house we have two house martin nests which have been repossessed by sparrows.

It is so lovely to see these plucky wee birds busy building their unruly nests.

They are so untidy in their home-making and the nest is overhanging with straggly bits of straw. However, none of that matters as we are so pleased to have them.

It is hard to believe that the 'ubiquitous speug', as it was referred to in Glasgow, is now an endangered species.

The sparrow has declined by more than 90 per cent and these cheeky wee birds are no longer as prolific as they once were.

I wondered what the house martins would think if they decided to return to their nests.

I smiled at the thought of them reporting squatters to the bird hierarchy.

This is the time of a flurry of frenzied feathered activity on our coastline. We have seen the first oystercatcher nests scraped out on the shore, sheltering several vulnerable eggs.

And we've watched the ringed plover as she tries to distract us from her carefully placed offspring.

Dog walking has now also become a bird-watching activity, as we try to ensure we do not disturb the next generation of sea birds.

The swallows have returned to the outhouses and enchant us once again with their antics.

We have also heard the cuckoo call, which I believe is most desirable.

It is a wonderful time of rebirth, and how privileged we are to be so close to it all.

In scripture it says there is a time for everything under heaven.

How ordered and regular our universe is and how wonderful the created world is around us.

I am so looking forward to the sound of chicks chirping soon, but might have to consider putting out a sign which says, 'Sorry - house let this season'.

INVERARAY

Kids on the run

INVERARAY Kids on the Run summer session kicked off with nine Inveraray runners fresh from sports day.

This week's sessions included running drills, encouraging good posture and a change of pace followed by a trail run back to Inveraray.

The total distance covered was 1.9 miles each.

Runners of the week were Issy Crawford, for a good, relaxed running style and responding to the advice given and Lewis Cherry who has

improved and was focussed on listening and doing his best.

LOCH LOMOND

New pyramid viewpoint at Inveruglas

EYGPT is not the only place with pyramids since a new viewpoint opened at Inveruglas on Loch Lomond.

The eight metre high pyramid shaped structure named An Ceann Mor gives views of the Arrochar Alps and Ben Lomond.

It is the fourth and fi-

nal installation of a pilot project for Scottish scenic routes. An Ceann Mor, which means large headland in Gaelic is clad in sustainable timber which, will fade to silver-grey and blend into the landscape.

KILMARTIN

Table top treats

HANDMADE crafts will be sold at a charity table top sale in the Kilmartin Hotel tomorrow from 11am to 3pm.

Money raised will be donated to Kilmartin pensioners and the flower fund.

KILMICHAEL GLASSARY



Catherine Smith, left, and Betty Rhodick with their trophies.

Gingerbread and recycling at AGM

KILMICHAEL Glassary Scottish Women's Institute held its annual general meeting last week.

The evening started with a hands on quilting demonstration by Margaret Whytton.

This was followed by the election of next year's committee with Linda Tigh from Lochgilphead branch counting the votes.

Linda also presented the trophies to this year's winners.

The evening's competitions were: A fruited gingerbread: 1 Betty Rhodick; 2 Anne Ferguson. An item from something recycled: 1 Kate MacDonald; 2 Betty Rhodick.

The Housewives Cup: 1 Catherine Smith; Joint 2 Kate MacDonald and Betty Rhodick; 3 Ginny Crawford.

Handicrafts Cup: Joint 1 Catherine Smith and Betty Rhodick; 2 Kate MacDonald.

Baking
The Anna Hepburn Cup for Baking: 1 Betty Rhodick; 2 Catherine Smith; 3 Kate MacDonald.

Overall winner: Catherine Smith; 2 Betty Rhodick; 3 Kate MacDonald.

The summer outing is for lunch at Skip-pers, Inveraray, in June and the meetings will start again just before the 60th anniversary on September 8.



Carnasserie Castle. 06_a10carnasserie03

Carnasserie canter and lace up for Luing

MID ARGYLL and Kintyre rambles welcomes walkers to a guided walk from Carnasserie castle and a trip round Luing.

The Carnasserie castle ramble is on Saturday May 23. It is a grade C 8.5 miles circular walk including the viewpoint. It is a little hilly, but not too steep. The leader is Johan de Wal, 01546 602847.

On Saturday June 6, Ruth and Andy Knox, 01546 606223, will lead a circular walk round Luing and if the weather is fine there should be good views to Scarba and Garvellachs.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God said of the Lord Jesus, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased' (Matthew 3:17).

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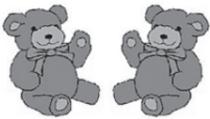


CASEY

Alastair and Kirsteen (née Howell) are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Finlay Donald, on May 1, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for both families.

JASKOT

Daniel and Karen (McDonald) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Conall Jozef, born on February 2, 2015. A long awaited son, grandchild and nephew, but most importantly, a brother for two special little boys, Cailean and Lewis. Somewhere over the rainbow dreams really do come true.



STEWART

Lorne and Leanne (née Robertson) are delighted to announce the early, but safe, arrival of Alyssa Jane and Callum John, on March 25, 2015. A granddaughter and grandson for Alan and Joan and first grandchildren for Neil and Janice. A little sister and brother for Courtney, Glen and Zoe.

ENGAGEMENTS



MALCOLM - HARDIE

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Elaine, daughter of John and Catherine Malcolm, Erskine, to Andrew, younger son of David and Mary Hardie, Bridge of Weir.



SIMPSON - HASSON

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, while on holiday in Mexico, of Sarah Simpson, daughter of Mags and Joe McCallion, and Chris, son of Lorna and the late Albert Hasson. Congratulations.

MARRIAGES



HOUSTON - MACDOUGALL

At Lodge on Loch Lomond, on May 16, 2015, Susan Elizabeth, only daughter of Archie and Audrey, Campbeltown, to Stuart, eldest son of James and June, Cardross. A fantastic day!

SILVER WEDDINGS

CAMPBELL - Ian and Sharon, née Durance, married on May 25, 1990 by the Rev R McNidder, in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BORTHWICK - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 16, 2015, Sarah Wilson Duncan, in her 82nd year, 53 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved wife of the late William Colville Borthwick, much loved mother of Findlay, Catherine, Sarah, Allison and William and a loving grannie of Elaine and Kirsty.

KERR - Suddenly, after a short illness, on May 19, 2015, Elizabeth (Liz) Kerr, in her 72nd year, of 10 Barr Mor View, Kilmartin, beloved wife of Tom, and much loved mum of Tom and Mark. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, on Monday, May 25 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

MORRISON - Peacefully at his home, Kerosa, Bank House, Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead, on May 14, 2015, with his family by his side, Roderick (Roddy) Campbell Morrison, in his 58th year, (former Manager of Bank of Scotland) much loved and loving husband of Sandra, devoted dad of Kevin and Andrew and papa of Harris. Dear brother of Mary, Annie, Alma, John, Angus Alex, and the late Finlay and Alistair. A much respected brother-in-law, adored uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, former work colleague and a great friend to many, and a highly respected member of the local community. Sadly missed by all.

WESTWATER - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on May 7, 2015, George Penman Westwater, in his 88th year, Sandlea, Machrihanish, dearly beloved husband of the late Maureen, a much loved brother and loving uncle of Grace and Kate. Service will take place in St Kieran's Episcopal Church, on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and

invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the RNLI.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GEMMILL - John and Helen Gemmill would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who has supported them with visits, cards, letters and flowers following the recent tragic loss of their daughter, Moira. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service in Carradale, where £1,275 was collected for church funds.

MACDONALD - The family and friends of the late Rhona MacDonald would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad passing of Rhona. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and Tarbert District Nurses for the kind care and attention received. Special thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson for his visits and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most professional services, to Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £400 was collected, to be shared by the Macmillan Suite at Mid Argyll Hospital and SSPCA.

MCSPORRAN - Hazel, Colin, Scott and Cara would like to thank all family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours for all messages, cards and flowers received following the sudden loss of their much loved mum and granny, Sadie. Thanks to Royal Alexandra Hospital, Ward 18, Dr Norrie and staff at the Campbeltown Hospital for the care and kindness shown to Mum. Thanks to Rev Wallace for the comforting service and the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and dignified service. A heartfelt thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to say goodbye. The retiral collection in aid of the Sunshine Room raised £848.13. Thank you all.

IN MEMORIAM

GILCHRIST - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and granda, Malcolm (Shorty), who died May 20, 2012.

You are always on our minds.

- Jean and family.
JASKOT - A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam and for a brief moment its 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.

MACLACHLAN - In memory of our beloved mum, mother-in-law and granny, Kathy, who died May 20, 2014.

A year today you went away, In the early morn, at the break of day. No fuss, no tears, no sad goodbyes, You just lay down and closed your eyes. You're in our hearts, you're in our minds, You're here beside us all the time. We miss you more each passing day, We miss you more than words can say.

- Love, Marina, Niall, Kenny, Ann, Richard and Scott.

MACLEAN - In loving memory of our mum and wife, Irene.

Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you're always there.

Sorely missed. - Alasdair, Niall and Stuart.

MCDUGALL - In loving memory of our beloved mother and granny, Mary McDougall, who passed away May 27, 2010.

Always in our thoughts. - Donald, Sandra, Joe, Jem, Katie and Alisdair.

MCLELLAN - In loving memory of my father and mother, Donald and Clara (née Douglas), brothers, Archie, Donny and Jack and sister, Donas. Sadly missed and never forgotten.

- William and family in Peterborough.

ROBERTSON - In memory of my beloved husband, Davie, died May 26, 2013. Loving dad, papa and grand papa.

Loved and missed every day.

- Isobel and family, home and away xx.

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493
Sunday 24th May 2015
The service will be conducted by Rev Catriona Hood and will be held in the Church at 11.15am
Please come along - all are welcome.
Wednesday 27th May
Selection Committee Meeting 7pm in the hall
Session Meeting 7.30pm

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC099399
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Saturday 23rd May
Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Sunday Services 10.30am Morning Worship Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scouling

Lochgilphead Baptist Church
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 24th May 2015 11.00am with communion
mainly music Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart Friday from 10am Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 24 May 2015 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "Pentecost - The Baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire"
Thursday 28 May 2015 10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 24th May 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Bring and Share Lunch following the service
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Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 24 May
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Tayvallich Church 6 pm
Informal Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
Thursday 28 May
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Morning Worship Kilmartin 11.45 am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
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3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
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Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

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Kilberry Service 2pm
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BBs Church Hall
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Junior Section 7.15pm

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From left: Cerys Baird with Dancer and Tove Gray-Stephens with Brenfield Bragi. 06_a21horse01

Cerys and Dancer saddle up for success

A TARBERT teenager's British winter horse trekking win is spurring her on to further glory in July's Scottish championships.

Cerys Baird, 13, will compete in a two-day discipline called 'Technique de Randonnée Équestre de Compétition (TREC)' on her nine-year-old mare Dancer.

Last winter in the GB Trec winter league Cerys and Brenfield Bragi were third from a total of 85 riders in the newcomer's class.

Cerys also won the junior title outright.

Cerys said: 'Bragi and

Tove have taught me a lot and I am now hoping to put all that hard work that I learnt from them into my new horse Dancer.'

TREC started in France in the 1970s. One of its first UK enthusiasts was a Norwegian born woman Tove Gray-Stephens, 76, from Brenfield, near Ardrishaig, who has trained generations of Argyll riders.

TREC events are made up of three disciplines: Parcours d'Orientation et de Régularité (POR) or orienteering on horseback, Maitrise des Allures or Control

of Paces (CoP) and Parcours en Terrain Varié (PTV).

Riding is in the blood for Cerys as her mum Suzanne, 42, was also one of Tove's pupils.

Cerys, an S1 pupil at Tarbert High School, said: 'Tove first started training me with my little Welsh pony Murphy when I was 10 as we kept him on livery at Tove's yard at Brenfield.'

'I really love it up there, and I have learnt so much from everyone at Brenfield. We are just like one big family and all help each other out.'

'After a day at school I

head straight up to Brenfield to check on my horse, get her groomed and tacked up for a ride. We use a lot of the circuits that are also used for the cycle routes.'

'Tove loves to take us off track and do fun adventure stuff which is great practice for Trec.'

'After our ride out I feed Dancer and put her out with her friends for the night and I can then get the mucking out done.'

Cerys laughed: 'It can be really hard work after a day at school.'

Tove said that Cerys is a good pupil to teach as she always does what

she is told to do and it is that ability to listen and put everything into practice which has led to good results for Cerys.

The Scottish championships are held at Gartmore House near Aberfoyle on the first weekend in July.

There Cerys and Dancer will ride with Charlotte Nicol, 47, and her 16 year old Clydesdale, Hudson.

The two horsewomen will compete as a pair.

Cerys explained that in the orienteering section, which can be up to 25km, they will have to go into a map room and

make a drawing based on an Ordnance Survey sheet.

She said: 'You have to follow the route exactly and between the checkpoints keep up an average speed. We will be competing in the level two pairs class taking about five hours to complete and for all that time you really have to concentrate.'

Cerys said that the person who sets out the course, works out the average speed between check points which riders have to maintain.

After each separate discipline the horses are vetted before they

are allowed to go on to the next day. Cerys said that she loves TREC because it is just like going for a hack.

'Most horsey sports are about show jumping and dressage and how you and your horse look is very important. I like TREC because it is not like that. It's really fun and interesting but you do have to really concentrate and work hard.'

Charlotte, who was also trained by Tove, agreed and said that TREC is great because any breed of horse, and any ability of horse and rider can compete in TREC.

Inveraray lose to Kyles in Celtic Society Cup

Inveraray	0
Kyles Athletic	3
Celtic Society Cup - semi final	

INVERARAY crashed out of their Celtic Cup semi-final derby going down 3-0 to Kyles Athletic at the Winterton.

All the damage was done in the first half with Kyles clocking up their three goal cushion

within 33 minutes.

The second half was marred by heavy rain and hail making conditions underfoot treacherous.

Dunkie Kerr opened Kyles' account on the third minute. David Za-

varoni added to 'Aray's woes eight minutes later and Gordon Whyte sealed the win before the break.

Kyles manager James Perlich said: 'We were looking forward to playing a good second half after the first half performance.'

'It was a good first half performance. We took our goals well. I think



Roddy MacDonald from Kyles races to take the ball from his namesake Alan MacDonald from 'Aray. 06_a21invkyles01

the second half weather spoiled it for both teams.'

Inveraray coach Joe Fyfe said: 'Our problem was in getting goals. We did all the work but could not finish it off.'

'Our plus is the second half, not letting them score again. There's no doubt about it they are a top team in shinty. Good luck to them in the final.'

Perlich said: 'We are delighted to be in our first final of the year, especially being the holders of the cup.'

Kyles meet Oban Camanachd in the final on June 27.

Inveraray have a free

week this Saturday but are back in action away at Glenurquhart in the Camanachd Cup on May 30. They will be hoping to do better than their last game when they went down 2-0 in the league.

STRACHUR finally found the mark and beat Aberdour 2-1 at Strachurmore to record their first league win of the season.

On the half hour, Steven Bulloch put Strachur ahead and Iain Wilson got their second in the 65th minute. Angus Thorburn scored the only goal for Aberdour.

However, the win did

nothing to help their league position and they still sit bottom of south division one after a points adjustment.

There will be another chance for both teams this Saturday when Strachur travel to Silversands for an away tie with Aberdour.

KILMORY'S game against Bute was cancelled following heavy rain on Friday night which left the ground water-logged.

Kilmory have a local derby in south division one against Kyles on The Playing Field at Tighnabruaich this weekend.

Scottish Series welcomes sponsorship

THE 41st Silvers Marine Scottish Series, which starts today in Tarbert, has a new sponsor.

Gael Force Marine Equipment is best known for its Glasgow-based chandlery in Hillington.

Gael Force Marine Equipment is well respected in the marine industry and they will supply the ground tackle for the race courses and marks.

Silvers Marine Scottish Series chairman Dane Ralston is delighted at how plans for this year's regatta are shaping up.

He said: 'This weekend we will be putting all the hard work of the last 11 months into practice. I'm thrilled at the level of sponsorship support we've had this year and I'd like to say a very big thank you to the team at Gael Force for coming onboard with us.'



Action from Kyles win over Inveraray in the Celtic Cup. 06_a21invkyles02

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Competitors before the event. 06_a21swimrun01

Swimming runners brave freezing loch



Swimmers crossing Loch Sween. 06_a21swimrun02

FOURTEEN runners in wetsuits ran four miles in Tayvallich last Saturday before swimming across two lochs.

Knapdale's inaugural 'swimrun' was based on the Swedish event 'Ötillö' which is a unique swimrun between islands in the Stockholm archipelago.

The half-mile swim and four-mile run was won by Graham Neagle, 26, from Kilmartin, in just under an hour.

First woman home was Lochgilphead doctor Rebecca Hellewell, in just over an hour.

In Sweden at the swimrun World Championships on Monday, September 7, 'Ötillö's' total distance will be 6.2 miles of swimming and 40 miles of running between 26 islands.

The Knapdale event conceived by Tayvallich shop proprietor John Anderson, 51, was much less extreme.

More so because the first half-mile swim across the mouth of Loch Sween from Ashfield to Rubha Cladh Eoin was cancelled due to high winds making the water too choppy.

However, competitors still started with a third-of-a-mile swim higher up Loch Sween from Craiglin, followed by a three-mile run to a second 0.15-mile crossing of Caol Scotnish and final 1.05 miles of run-

ning to finish on Tayvallich green.

Mr Neagle carried his running shoes in a waterproof bag strapped to his wetsuit for the swims.

As he finished the second swim he said: 'It has been nice, the water's just the right temperature. It's a lovely day out.'

Mr Anderson, who came second on the day, said: 'The Scandinavian event caught my imagi-

ination and I thought it would work well here.'

He intends to run the event again next year but does not want it to become too big for fear of losing its special feel.

The event could not have taken place without David Attwood and his son Fergus in a RIB safety boat and four kayakers on hand in case anyone got into difficulty on the first swim.

Making all the right strokes

FIVE swimmers who train regularly with Mid Argyll Dolphins were picked out last week for a special mention.

The youngsters train under former Olympic swimming coach Arlene Green at Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool).

Junior swimmer Oliver Summer, 11, between September and March, has increased the number of laps he can swim in five minutes (T5) by two laps.

Senior swimmer Louis MacMillan, 13, swims in T10 meaning 10 minutes of training per timed trial.

Louis has achieved a four-lap in-

crease in the nine-month period.

In the senior girls Megan Danson, 11, has increased from 24 laps in T10 to 28.

Coach Arlene formerly trained swimmers in Doha, Qatar and coached that country's only female swimmer to ever compete in the Olympics.

Arlene also named Dolphins' swimmers of the month as nine-year-old Christopher McCarten for March and Megan Danson in April.

The Dolphins train between on Thursdays between 5pm and 7pm and are always looking for keen young swimmers.



Louis McMillan and Oliver Summer with their medals. 06_a21dolphins01

Lottery numbers

TARBERT football club lottery numbers drawn this week were 11, 12 and 14. There were no winners so next week's jackpot goes up to £500.

The winning numbers drawn in KILMORY Camanachd Club's weekly lottery were 8, 9 and 20. There were no winners of the £200. The jackpot for next week increases to £300.

INVERARAY Shinty Club's lottery numbers drawn this week were 6, 11 and 17. There were no winning tickets so next week's jackpot will be £700.

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