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Future of church hall in spotlight

A TEAM of consultants has been appointed to look at ways of developing Ardrishaig North Church Hall as a community centre.

Luing Consultancy Ltd has been hired to identify realistic ways of improving the hall and consult with the community on what it would like included as part of any re-development.

Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) hired the consultants after outlining plans to buy the building.

Fiona Kalache, MAYDS manager, said: 'We are excited to be working with Luing Consultancy as they have considerable experience in drawing communities together to make sure that the best possible outcome can be achieved.'

'We are hoping to develop an arts and water sports centre in conjunction with Mid Argyll Water Sports and Artmap Argyll. There is a great opportunity to ensure that existing users of the hall can continue

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Sun shines on Kilmartin Gala Day

Craig Kerr and Vinny Convery were just two of the many people who attended this year's Kilmartin Gala Day. The sun shone on the event which saw dozens of families take part in games and activities organised under the Commonwealth Games theme. Turn to pages 12 and 13 for pictures from the event.

Urgent call to restore pier at Inveraray

Dismay as cruise ship passengers forced to climb over rocks to get ashore

CALLS to restore and re-open Inveraray Pier intensified this week as people visiting the area on a cruise ship were forced to climb over rocks on the foreshore to get to the main street.

The *MV Silver Explorer* sailed into Inveraray on Sunday and a number of Zodiac RIBs acted as a shuttle service between the cruise liner and the shore.

But the lack of a functioning pier in the royal burgh meant tourists were forced to hop out of the RIB and into a few inches of water. A red carpet rolled out on the shore did little to pacify the people who were soaked.

A businessman in the town who did not want to be named said the situation was farcical.

He said: 'Passengers were getting soaked trying to get out of zodiacs on the shore, and some refused to come ashore. You can also see an old sewerage pipe on the beach. It's a pretty poor image of the town.'

He added: 'The lack of a pier in Inveraray is costing the local economy thousands of pounds per year in lost income, and this was another embarrassing example of the disappointment we hear on a daily basis from visitors to the town.'

Inveraray Pier, owned

by Archie McArthur, was closed off to the public last year as it continued to fall into a state of disrepair.

Mr McArthur was unavailable for comment as the *Advertiser* went to press, but Inveraray Community Council says it has been working closely with him to get the pier re-opened.

Iain MacAskill, convenor of the council, said: 'I am in direct contact email contact with [Mr McArthur] and have been offering help from the community council to improve the situation. If we can assist in opening the pier in any way we will do so.'

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Tourism Portal sets up home at MACPool

THE TOURISM portal designed to act as the sole information point in Lochgilphead has been relocated to MACPool, as businesses say they are enjoying a good start to the season.

The interactive portal, which features videos, podcasts and audio files on local attractions, sits in the foyer of the pool and is easily accessible to all tourists. Although off the main street in Lochgilphead, the pool was chosen as the preferred site for the portal as there was good parking and sufficient space to house the large device. The portal was launched a few years ago in Argyll Street's Fyne Tackle.

But a lack of floor space within the shop

meant it was ousted in October.

Andrew Wilson, chairman of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance, said Argyll and Bute Council would be putting up signs to point tourists to the pool for information. He said: 'It is useful to have this available locally and in the one place. I think it is excellent at the pool.'

'There is free wifi there for people to access the internet and the HoATA website to find out more. We will be putting a list of useful numbers up on there as well as a list of accommodation providers, etc.'

He confirmed the industry had reported a busy Easter period and was looking forward to a busy summer.



Springwatch team return to Mid Argyll

THE MAJESTIC wildlife in Mid Argyll 'jumps out at you' according to the team of experts who have descended on Duntrune Castle to film the latest series of Springwatch.

The BBC Two show has returned to Mid Argyll for a second time after an initial trip to film the Scottish Beaver Trial in 2011 revealed a wealth of enigmatic animals on the doorstep.

Producer Lucy Smith said: 'Last time we were here we only filmed the beavers but everywhere we went we saw great wildlife and with Springwatch we want a location where it just jumps out at you.'

'Also we had been here for three weeks and there was so much other great stuff to film.'

On this occasion, the programme is showcasing all Mid Argyll has to offer wildlife enthu-

siasts. The team, including presenter Iolo Williams, has been filming white-tailed eagles, otters, beavers, common seals, wildcats and the unusual seabed at the bottom of Loch Sween.

On Monday, viewers saw cameramen join a team of scientists checking white-tailed eagle nests for chicks, and ringing them, while Iolo met eagle Marra when broadcasting live from Duntrune Castle.

Midges

The team were given a traditional Argyll welcome as a swarm of midges greeted them on Loch Crinan on Monday evening.

Iolo said: 'The midges have been awful. I have heard people say it's the worst it has ever been. It has been a mild winter and very damp, the perfect conditions for them. But without the midges you wouldn't have the

wildlife you do.' The presenter from Wales said the programme could also bring a tourism boost to Mid Argyll, saying in some areas tourism had been boosted by as much as 75 per cent.

He said: 'They call it the Springwatch effect. There are 2.5 to three million viewers and most of these people will want ideas about where they can go to see these things.'

The most recent series of Springwatch began on Monday night, broadcasting live from RSPB Minsmere on the Suffolk coast.

The three-week long wildlife party, hosted by Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games, will run until June 12 and continually feature the wildlife of Mid Argyll, captured by Iolo and the remote Springwatch team.

Springwatch presenter Iolo Williams discovered a newly hatched Bee Moth in flowers at Duntrune Castle during rehearsals for Monday's live broadcast. He said it was the second one he had ever seen. Photo: Bill Baillie



The Springwatch team also showcased the stunning scenery in Mid Argyll. Photo: Bill Baillie.

Strong Euro vote for SNP in Argyll and Bute

THE SNP came out well on top in Argyll and Bute in the European Parliament election voting last week, with UKIP coming fifth just behind Labour.

The SNP took 7,792 votes with the Conservatives and Lib Dems polling 5,191 and 5,174

2009, with 40.6 per cent of the electorate casting their vote. A total of 27,479 votes were cast from an electorate of 67,668.

The results in Argyll and Bute for the Scotland region constituency, which returns six MEPs to the European Parliament, were as follows: Britain First - 312, British National Party - 195, Conservative Party - 5,191,

Labour Party - 3,695, Liberal Democrats - 5,174, NO2EU - 122, Scottish Green Party - 1,912, Scottish National Party (SNP) - 7,792 UK Independence Party (UKIP) - 3,030.

A total of 56 votes were rejected, with 16 voting for more than one party and/or candidate and 40 classed as unmarked or void for certainty.

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A83 crash driver reported

A DRIVER has been reported to the procurator fiscal after a crash on the A83 near Strone Point, Inveraray.

The man, aged 40, was behind the wheel of a car that was in a collision with another vehicle at 7.15pm, last Tuesday night, May 20.

No one was injured as a result of the crash.

Otter Estate wind turbine plan announced

THE COMMUNITIES of Ardrishaig, Tarbert, Kilfinan and Kames could have views of another wind farm as Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) announces plans for turbines on Otter Estate.

The proposed development is at Acharossan woodland and Otter Estate, 4km north west of Tighnabraich.

SSE is to host public meetings in all the affected communities between June 3 and 5, where representatives of the company will be available to answer questions.

More information on the meetings is listed at www.sse.com/acharossan.



Craig Govan, architect, Rev Derek Gibson, Douglas Dickie, surveyor, Murdo MacLeod and Rev Angus MacNeil at the thanksgiving service.

Special service marks official opening of renovated church

MORE than 130 people descended on the newly renovated Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Saturday to see it officially opened.

Reverend Grant Hamilton from Cumbernauld was the guest speaker at the thanksgiving service and dedication, which marked the end of a four year project to upgrade

the church. Its new extension includes two multi-purpose rooms, a quiet room and new kitchen.

The much-admired extension was designed by Craig Govan of McLean Architects, Glasgow, and built by M&K MacLeod.

Reverend Derek Gibson of the Baptist

Church said the building offered improved facilities not only for the church but wider Lochgilphead community.

He said: 'It is exciting to see the new extension to the church finally become a reality.'

'Our prayer is that it will be used to serve the purpose of God in the community.'

Council calls time on school playground ball games

CHILDREN at Lochgilphead Primary are not allowed to play ball games at break time to guard against trips and falls, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed.

The *Advertiser* was told a letter had been circulated to parents stating ball games were banned in the playground, as was playing on the grass embankment.

A spokeswoman for the local authority said no such letter had been circulated, but added: 'It is correct to say that ball games are not allowed in the playground. It is to guard against trips and falls. For the same reason, play on a grassy bank is not allowed during certain weather conditions.'

'Lochgilphead Primary School encourages pupils of all ages to be active during breaks and at lunchtime and there is a wide variety of play equipment available.'

'There is a wooden adventure trail which includes a scramble net, rope swings and balance beams. There are also markings to encourage games such as hopscotch. An adult is present in the playground during break and lunchtimes.'

The ban has sparked shock amongst people in the town, many taking to the *Argyllshire Advertiser's* Facebook page to express their views. Jimmy McCallum said: 'Any wonder we're the 'fatties of the world'? I remember having this

very argument with Jim Morrison, about 10 years ago. He also said it was because football took over the playground, so a ban helped encourage girls to play games.'

'He took me to show me the playground to show other games. It was empty aside from about half a dozen kids playing a chasing game, under the supervision of a teacher. Can't help feeling this relates to the current difficulties we have getting a decent 3G pitch.'

Andy Craven added: 'The odd minor trip and fall help our kids learn about risk and sensible play.'

For more on this story see the *Argyllshire Advertiser* Facebook page.

Inveraray trio save swimmer from loch

THREE Inveraray men saved the life of a woman who got into difficulty swimming on Loch Fyne at 7am on Monday morning.

Iain MacAskill, Joe Fisher and Chris Docherty sprang into action when they realised a woman, who apparently had gone swimming, was unable to get back into the boat she used to row out into the loch. Iain said: 'I was going to

pick up boys for work and saw the way the boat was on the water and that it wasn't where it should have been. I carry binoculars for work and when I looked I saw someone clinging on to the boat, she was screaming and splashing in the water.'

Iain knew Joe Fisher, an off-duty-paramedic, had a boat and so ran to get him. Joe and Chris

got into the boat and went to the rescue of the woman. Iain added: 'They got out quickly enough and got her in. She was shaking, we don't know how long she was in the water for... an ambulance came and took her to hospital.'

The woman, aged 31 and from Glasgow, was in Inveraray attending the Bluebell Festival at the time of the incident.

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Commitment of council brought into question

ARGYLL and Bute Council's commitment to growing the population and economy of the area has again been called into question because of successive delays in hosting a population summit.

The SNP has accused the local authority of letting a year pass by 'fruitlessly' before any real action is taken to boost the population in Argyll; it is falling faster than in any other region in Scotland.

The first population summit failed to go ahead in autumn 2013 and subsequent population events in towns and villages were postponed. The population summit for both national and local agencies last month was postponed when a funeral prevented Finance Min-

ister John Swinney from attending.

Lochgilthead councillor Sandy Taylor said fellow cabinet secretary and MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell had offered to step in but was 'knocked back'.

Sandy, leader of the SNP Group at the council, said: 'Notwithstanding the obvious slight on Michael Russell, we should reflect on the difference a year can make.'

Disappointed

He added: 'I am sadly disappointed, not only because this latest decision mirrors the postponement of local population summits planned for last November/December, when invitations were issued one day, only to be withdrawn the next day and the events postponed

until February, 2014.

'On that occasion, the momentum was certainly lost, as evidenced by a much-reduced attendance at re-organised events when compared to earlier meetings.'

The criticism comes after councillor John Semple branded the council's economic development plans as 'lacking ambition' earlier this year.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said the council leadership postponed the event as they felt Mr Swinney could provide a national view of the economy.

He said: 'In the interim the council will be bringing together an economic forum comprised of key local stakeholders which will be working together to plan the population summit in the autumn.'



Long time friends Mary Campbell and Eli Pickering will begin their walk of Hadrian's Wall on June 9. 06_a19walk01

Friends put walking shoes back on for next challenge

TWO GRANDMOTHERS, who three weeks ago walked barefoot on broken glass and hot coals, will this summer put their shoes back on to trek the length of Hadrian's Wall.

Eli Pickering and Mary Campbell from Lochgilthead are completing their third walking challenge of the year to raise cash for the town's MS Centre.

They have already,

in the past few years, walked the Kintyre Way and Great Glen Way as fundraisers for the charity which is very close to their hearts.

June sees them take on one of their greatest challenges to date: Walking from Wallsend in Newcastle right across England to the Solway Firth.

The two long-time friends are now known as Twinkle Toes (Mary

and Happy Feet (Eli) for their enduring challenges.

Eli said: 'If we survive this, we'll be looking forward to being able to say we have walked coast to coast across the country. After this, however, we may no longer be Twinkle Toes and Happy Feet. But if we manage to raise some money for the MS Centre it will have been well worth the effort.'

'The MS Centre relies on charity to operate and is a lifeline for a lot of people with MS and other long-term conditions. We know this to be true as my daughter Karen suffers from MS and would be lost without the centre for treatments and support.'

To support Eli and Mary on their journey log on to their just giving page - www.justgiving.com/eli-and-mary.



Castle Sween, on Loch Sween, is the latest building to be captured by artist Fraser MacIver in his Building of the Month Project. It was constructed circa 1150-1250 A.D. Fraser will sketch one 'building of note' every month for a year and publish it in the Advertiser, as well as on his social media pages. Art enthusiasts can keep up to date with Fraser's work by following him on twitter @fmacpainter.

'Grace period' for illegal parking in Mid Argyll

PEOPLE found parking illegally for the first time in Mid Argyll will be warned, but not fined for another week.

Argyll and Bute Council, which recently took responsibility for parking from Police Scotland, said its 'grace period' has been extended until June 9.

The local authority previously gave motorists two weeks to adjust to parking enforcement after parking attendants had been missing from the area for years.

Those already issued with a warning will be fined if caught for a second time within the grace period.

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Mid Argyll girls Jenny Blair and Samantha Newlands are modern apprentices at Argyll and Bute Council's Kilmory base.

Council to take on apprentices

MORE YOUNG people in Argyll and Bute will have the opportunity to increase their skills, qualifications and work experience as the local authority takes on apprentices.

Twenty-five young people across the whole area will be joining Argyll and Bute Council as part of the Modern Ap-

prenticeship scheme this year.

Alongside valuable work experience and on-the-job training, the modern apprentices will have the chance to gain accredited qualifications – meaning they can learn and earn at the same time.

The 25 apprentices will be joining Mid

Argyll girls Samantha Newlands, 18, and Jenny Blair, 19, who have been working with the council's customer services team.

Career

Samantha from Ardrishaig said: 'My family lives in Argyll and I really want to be able to stay here and have a good career. This is

a chance for me to do that.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh, said: 'The young people are Argyll and Bute's future and, by investing in them now, we can make sure that we continue to deliver the very best services that we can for people, both now and for many years to come.'

Hope for two immigrants caught up in raid

'He will have to report regularly to the Home Office while his case is progressed'

A RESTAURANT worker who was last month detained and accused of being an illegal immigrant has been released on bail.

The 32-year-old Bangladeshi man was arrested on May 9 in one of the largest immigration raids ever conducted in Argyll and Bute. During the operation 15 men were taken away from seven Indian food restaurants.

Released

A spokesman for the UK Home Office said the man, who had been working in the Bangladesh Tandoori, on

Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, had been released on immigration bail, adding: 'He will have to report regularly to the Home Office while his case is progressed.'

Meanwhile one worker from Coriander in Lochgilphead is having his case reviewed by the Home Office. The 38-year-old is, however, being detained while the outstanding application is being considered. Should the application be turned down, he faces being forced to leave the UK.

A 42-year-old man ar-

rested at Lochgilphead's Taj Mahal has already been deported.

Detention

The remaining 13 men, who were detained following immigration raids on restaurants in Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Tarbert and Islay, all remain in detention pending deportation.

The spokesman for the Home Office added: 'We will track down immigration offenders wherever they are.'

'Our enforcement visits are intelligence-led and timed to maximise their effectiveness.'

Church hall in the spotlight

Continued from page 1 to enjoy using it while new facilities are added to what is already a well used venue.'

Annie Tunnicliffe, of Luing Consultancy Ltd, said: 'As a team, we are passionate about projects like this and the benefits that they can bring to communi-

ties such as Ardrishaig. I am happy to be contacted by local organisations and community leaders, with views and suggestions on the way forward, who would like to have a discussion at an early stage.'

Contact Annie on 07890 825978 or luingconsultancy@btinternet.com

Police appeal for witnesses over house breaking

POLICE are appealing for information after a house was broken into in Furnace.

Thieves entered the property between 10pm on May 21 and 5am the following morning when they stole several items from the house.

Police are urging anyone who saw people acting suspiciously in the area around the time of the incident to call them on 101.

Vandalised sign fixed

THE SIGN for Inveraray on the A83 has been fixed after vandals covered the Gaelic part of the sign with black paint.

The sign, on the southern approach to the village, was marked with the paint a few weeks ago.

A spokeswoman for BEAR Scotland, which is responsible for maintaining the A83, said the graffiti had been removed on Tuesday morning.



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Inveraray Pier should have stayed a public asset

THE SITUATION at Inveraray Pier is proof that such iconic structures, which are so important to our everyday lives and in such prominent locations, should never be sold to private companies or individuals.

Whatever the circumstances behind its general state of disrepair and reasons for its closure, the pier would never have become such an eyesore had it remained in public ownership.

While local authorities and national agencies may currently be strapped for cash, there is no way this listed structure, built by the men of Inveraray hundreds of years ago, would have been left to rot.

Like many of our listed buildings and structures, the pier should be protected by an authority such as Historic Scotland.

Continued dismay over the continued closure of the pier comes in the same week the Scottish Government is asked to adopt a law which would limit how much land any single person can own.

The report compiled by the Land Reform Review Group, which was set up by ministers in 2012, also includes one recommendation that could be particularly important to Inveraray.

It suggests councils should be given the right to force the sale of vacant or derelict plots – and that community groups should be able to ask the local authority to do this.

Perhaps this law should be adopted sooner rather than later.

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Sports facilities in Lochgilphead

Sir,

I have been following the 3G pitch debate and development debacle recently with bemusement and concern.

On another note and in keeping with the Mid Argyll sports theme, I have the following comments and observations to make.

It would seem so logical and simple if the council and all the sports bodies involved were to look at the wider, long-term and bigger picture for sport in Lochgilphead and indeed Mid Argyll.

The redevelopment of the land at MacRae Park would be far better served for instance with two or three pitches, an athletic track around one of them and a communal clubhouse. This is a totally viable and workable option and proposition, if only the council and all of the local sports clubs involved would just come together and get around the table and make it happen.

This is already the case in Oban for instance and many other similar sized towns all over Scotland, so there is no reason why it could not work here if the general will and support were to be more positive and productive.

**C Edmonds,
Lochgilphead.**

Referendum - To Be or Not To Be

Sir,

In the matter of the Scottish Referendum, to be or not to be, is not a question but a position. A monumental decision on such a position is now before the Scottish people and

has nothing whatsoever to do with the people of Scotland, the latter of whom have no say in our affairs of state.

Some time ago Churchill said "Let us go forward together". As a consequence, Great Britain got through a very dark period in its history, together, as a United Kingdom. Whatever happens after September 18, 2014 we are all going to be in a position which will require us to go forward together, one way or the other.

The social engineering that has occurred to force Scottish people to decide their future is awkward given that we are all struggling with a recession. These are dark times too for the rest of the UK.

A break up would trigger a massive crisis in global investor confidence and Great Britain would retract in to little more than a third world country; study the decline of the Roman Empire.

Naturally anxiety and tensions abound because no side of the referendum has presented clear and concise answers, consequently people are undecided. I was asked the other day if our currency might become the Driechma; I replied saying unlikely, for with two fish at the helm, a Salmon(d) and a Sturgeon it would more likely be chips...

The reality is that the entire population of Scotland is a third less than London and yet we have 32 local authorities, fourteen health boards and employ the highest number of public sector workers in Europe. This costs £30 billion pounds a year and is provided through the present fiscal arrangements within the United Kingdom. Should

the situation change the Scottish people, not the people of Scotland, will have to find that sum from somewhere else.

Both sides are getting close to the wire and neither side has presented any clarity. It's time for straight talking, with some straight answers. A referendum must be based on balanced information neither of which appears to exist. To go to a referendum of this magnitude, ill-informed, would be akin to sleep-walking back into the dark ages and it will affect all of us, every day for the rest of our lives, our children's lives, our grandchildren's lives and on through the catacombs of the centuries that await.

We must face this position as responsible custodians for our future. This has to be intelligently driven by a sense of patriotism, not emotionally driven by forced nationalism.

But the present irony is that a true Scottish patriot finds their position to be a rational one of No Answers No Independence and is a position, that without Churchill as our travelling companion, the UK should face together.

**Peter Minshall,
Tarbert.**

How times have changed

Sir,

A few short years ago the organisers of the Scottish Series yacht race claimed that the event benefited the local economy to the tune of £2 million.

How times have changed.

A generous sponsor of this year's event provided every boat with 70-odd cans of beer, plus vouchers for free drinks at the public bar in

the marquee at the pontoons (something which could be construed as a 'promotion' under current licensing regulations). Consequently the footfall of competing sailors in the village was severely depleted compared with previous years.

In its heyday the event completely overtook the village and parking, accommodation, etc was all but impossible to find. This discouraged other visitors from coming to Tarbert in the past and this seems to still be the case - although nowadays the series is a somewhat depleted event.

Tarbert depends on summer tourism and a May bank holiday weekend should be a very busy time for local businesses - it wasn't.

If the Scottish Series is to become a self-contained event on the opposite side of the harbour to the village centre then so be it. After all nobody is going to turn down free beer!

However Tarbert needs to put out the message that the village is open for business as usual during what has become just another event in the summer Tarbert calendar.

**Michael Casey,
Kintarbert Lodge,
Tarbert.**



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Archie Currie and his wife Leane present the cheque on behalf of Tarbert Gun Club to the MS Centre's Maggie Donaldson, Karen McCurry and Claire Cameron. 06_a21cheq01

Tarbert Gun Club targets the money

SHOOTERS who took part in Tarbert Gun Club's annual charity shoot were right on target as they raised £1,500 for Lochgilphead's MS Centre.

Members of the club and friends took to Barmore Shooting Ground recently for the event which has affectionately become known as 'Archie's shoot'.

Archie Currie has earned a reputation for securing amazing priz-

es for the shoot, which this year saw dozens compete for a gallon of Ardbeg Whisky.

Karen McCurry, manager of the MS Centre, said the money would be used to pay for general running costs at the centre.

She said: 'This is the ninth time Tarbert Gun Club has raised funds for the MS Centre at its annual charity shoot.'

'The gun club has always rec-

ognised that often the funding we get is project specific and know that we always need help in paying the bills! Thanks to all who attended the shoot, who bought food and raffle tickets to raise the funds.

'Thanks also to all who donated the fantastic raffle prizes and to Archie Currie for working hard contacting various companies and gathering all the prizes.'

Kintyre Six Circle Group awarded £2,000 grant by STV Appeal

A CHARITY which helps vulnerable people to play a more active role in communities throughout Kintyre has been granted £2,000.

Kintyre Six Circle Group, which operates in Tarbert, Carradale, Tayinloan and Campbeltown, was given the money by the STV Appeal.

The organisation, which works with socially isolated children as young as nine, engages its members in activities and special events.

It will use the cash to pay for summer activities including trips to Carradale Bikes and Buggies, Argyll Adventure, near Inveraray, and the theatre.

More people needed to boost Lochgilphead community

PEOPLE are being sought to help drive forward the planned improvements at Lochgilphead Community Centre when a meeting is held this week.

The Lochgilphead Community Centre Association is hosting its annual general meeting on June 12 when it is hoped many people in the town will turn out to show their support for the organisation.

The association recently revealed plans to install a soft play in the centre and upgrade the kitchen in a bid to offer improved facilities to local families.

Now, as a new committee is elected at the AGM, the association hopes some young people who have a vested interest in these improvements, may become actively involved.

Phil Holt of the association said: 'There are six of us on the committee but there are 90 groups that use the community centre, and we would like more of these people to become more involved in the organisation. Also this meeting is open to the public, you don't have to be a user of the centre.'

The AGM is at 7pm at the community centre.

NHS Highland launch website on leading a healthier and happier lifestyle

A GROUND breaking online service to help improve the health and wellbeing of Argyll people has been launched.

Living it up is a NHS Highland website which provides advice and information on leading a healthier and happier lifestyle.

The service uses technology such as smartphones, tablets, computers and televisions to provide a person with information on local services, social activities and events in the area which address their specific needs.

For more information log on to livingit-up.org.

A slice of Kintyre on sale for £395,000

PEOPLE with around half a million pounds in the bank could take advantage of a rare opportunity to own their own slice of Kintyre as a 'mini estate' is marketed for a sale.

Clachaig Farm is a 150-acre estate that features woodland, waterfalls, pastures and grazing land, as well as a family home, cottage and out buildings.

Situated off the Kilberry Road, near Tarbert, the farm is being sold by its current owner Alan Penn.

Originally hoping to create a camping site and holiday let when he bought the farm a year ago, Alan has not been able to fulfil his dreams because of ill health.

Reluctantly putting the estate on the market, Alan said: 'It's a magical place because it changes as the year goes on. In the autumn you have all the colours and the green on the trees comes out in the spring with the primroses and along the drive are rows and rows of

azaleas. There is the carpets of bluebells in the woodlands too.'

'When people say the views are to die for, they really are.'

The recently renovated four-bed bungalow and cottage are situated in an elevated position with views of West Loch Tarbert and on a clear day any of the islands.

Clachaig Farm was originally part of the larger Dunmore Estate which was broken up and sold in the 1960s.

Alan is seeking offers over £395,000 for a 115-acre plot of land which includes the houses, out-buildings and woodland, while another plot, situ-

ated closer to the road, has planning permission for a house and is being sold separately.

But Alan says he would sell both for offers over £495,000.

Alan added: 'These plots of land don't come on the market very often. We were surprised to get it last year.'

'The previous owner had it for 44 years and it probably won't come on the market again for 20 to 30 years.'

The 53-year-old former shop keeper plans on remaining in the Tarbert area, which he describes as 'absolutely beautiful,' but in a smaller property.



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Crear Music Studio to host Scottish Chamber Orchestra

THE SCOTTISH Chamber Orchestra (SCO) will kick start the summer programme of events at Crear music studio this year.

Alexander Janiczek, director and violinist, and horn player Alex Frank-Gemmill will perform on Wednesday, June 11.

Presenting an evening of classic entertainment, the SCO strings will perform under the direction of SCO associate artist and internationally acclaimed violinist Alexander Janiczek.

Together they perform music by Grieg and Tchaikovsky, while SCO principal horn Alec Frank-Gemmill takes centre stage for the Schoeck Horn Concerto.

The orchestra is the first of three summer concerts announced by the Kilberry studio.

The Scottish ensemble is to perform on July 23 and Complete Nonsense and The Lady of Shalott will be staged by a team of musicians and dancers on August 3.



Clowns, mums and footballers took part in the Glassary Gathering's obstacle course in recent years.

Blooming great tea at Café Barge

TWO BLOOMING great tea parties have been organised in Mid Argyll to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care and everyone is invited.

The first tea party is in Tarbert's Café Barge tomorrow (Saturday), where a hot cuppa and mouth-watering treats will be available between 10am and 2pm.

A few weeks later, on June 21, a second tea party will be held in Lochgilphead at the Red Cross Hall.

All the money raised from the tea parties will help Marie Curie nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes

throughout Argyll and Bute.

A member of the Mid Argyll fundraising group for Marie Curie, Kellie McConnell, said: 'It's going to be a fantastic event with freshly brewed tea, a delicious selection of homemade baking and, of course, a raffle, with lots of fun prizes to be won. The more money we raise, the more free care Marie Curie Nurses can provide to terminally ill people in Mid Argyll, as well as vital emotional support for their families.'

Mid Argyll's tea parties are two of many being held across the country in aid of the national charity.

'Highland Tussle' at the Glassary Gathering

CLANSMEN from across Mid Argyll will be donning their family tartan and marching to Kilmichael tomorrow (Saturday) as a 'Highland Tussle' gets underway.

Paying homage to the Year of the Homecoming, this year's Glassary Gathering will feature a mini Highland Games.

People will be tossing the caber, throwing the shot-putt and competing in a tug of war, as well as a series of track and field competitions when the gathering gets underway in the old football field in Kilmichael at midday.

Clans will also be making special alliances on the day in a bid to win the overall team tournament.

A range of other games of skill and chance for children and adults will also be held, alongside a Highland fashion show and the traditional gath-

ering hospitality will be on offer.

A crafts tent, demonstrations, birds of prey, sound garden, petting zoo, piñata and luxury raffle means there is something for everyone.

The marquee ceilidh will also be returning. It starts at 8pm and there will be live performances from Bar None Community Choir, ceilidh artists The Smokes and rock group Signal Fires.

There is a licensed bar at the event, while a bus has been organised to ensure everyone gets

home safely. The bus will depart the gathering at 12.30am and will drop people off at various locations between Kilmartin and Lochgilphead.

The Glassary Gathering has, once again, been made possible thanks to a generous grant from The Lachlan Miller Trust.

People can find out more about the event by looking at the Glassary Gathering Facebook page or email enquiries to jameshelbert@yahoo.co.uk.



The Glassary Races were particularly popular.

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The Dochas Dancers before they took to the stage for their final show. 06_a22dochas02

Dochas Dancers perform for the last time

FOURTEEN years after they first took to the dance floor the Dochas Dancers again overcame adversity and disability to perform one last time.

The Last Dance was staged on Friday evening in Ardrishaig by 12 dancers, many of whom have for years been showing there are no barriers to taking part in dance.

A show that focused on how people can stay safe, say no and tell someone their concerns, The last Dance was choreographed by Anne

Beckett. A professional dance teacher, Anne has worked with the Dochas Dancers since it was formed in 2000 with the aim of allowing everyone, no matter their ability, to participate in dance.

Dochas Dancer An-nemarie Kastelein said: 'As a group Dochas Dancers has had lots of laughter but shared sad times as well. The members of the group have always looked out for each other and supported each other in many ways. This mutual support towards each other

has made the Dochas Dancers so strong.

'Dochas Dancers have enjoyed 14 years together but there comes a time when something has to come to an end and this happened with The Last Dance. It was very emotional but a successful conclusion to a long established company.'

The show also saw one of the dancers, Maddy Ward, provide music for one of the dances as she performed a piece on the clarsach for the first time in public.

She was accompanied on stage by dancers An-



Flora Currie gets familiar with the Clarsach which was played by Maddy Ward during The Last Dance. 06_a22dochas01

nemarie, Flora Currie, Alison Edney, Jeff King, Iain Dettmer, Paul Mac-Nab and Fariborz Ezzy.

Tarneybackle to perform in Mid Argyll



Lorna and John Davidson and Sandy Marshall will play Mid Argyll on June 13 and 14.

A BAND that blends traditional and contemporary Scots folk songs will be performing in two Mid Argyll villages this month.

Tarneybackle is a trio of musicians who play a wide range of instruments and are renowned for their strong vocal harmonies.

Sandy Marshall, Lorna Davidson and John Davidson will take to the stage in Craignish Village Hall on June 13 and Tayvallich Village

Hall the following day.

Expecting to see a large audience in both locations, the band has a growing fan base as a result of live performances and radio work, including appearances at the Scottish Parliament, Orkney Folk Festival, and on BBC Radio Scotland radio shows Reel Blend and Take The Floor. Tarneybackle will be performing tunes from their five albums, which have won rave reviews.

Na Seudan in concert

MUSICAL teenagers who make up Tarbert Academy's renowned folk group Na Seudan will be performing a concert tonight (Friday).

The girls, who previously won a gold medal at the Royal National Mod, will be hosting the concert to raise funds to produce a CD and support Argyll-based charity Mary's Meals. The concert will get underway at 7.30pm in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

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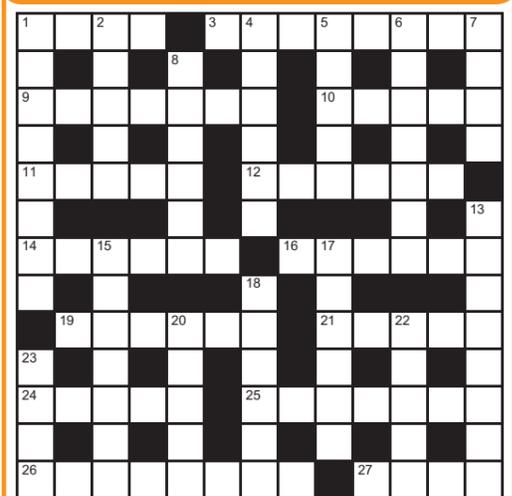
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So here is a seven point plan to get you started

1. BUDGET - set a realistic budget for the event and for all the other things that you want. At this stage you will realise weddings can be expensive and you will likely need to make some compromises on the way down the isle. Whatever you do, don't get into thinking that you need everything to be one way or not at all. Marriage is about love - that's something money can't buy but everyone wants to see at a wedding.

2. PLAN - keep a to do list and plan well ahead for what you want. There are people who are there to help you. But you should still keep a to do list in order that you are aware of everything that needs to be done.

3. DIVISION OF TASKS - think about the skills of everyone who is involved in the wedding party and ask them if they would like to be involved in sorting out the wedding with you. And remember, his family might even want to get involved as well. It is a great way to bring people together before the big day and to make friends with each other.

4. MAKE A DATE - but speak to your celebrant first, whether it is the minister or the humanist, or the registrar you must not book anything until you know the person that you want to lead your wedding service is available.

5. KEEP THE DATE - you want all your friends around you. So make sure you give them the date of the wedding and then if at all possible they will keep it free for you.

6. BOOK YOUR VENUE - make sure you get exactly what you want and within your budget. And make a list from the beginning of what you want and when you want it. Make sure you discuss this with your venue and keep records of everything so you can be sure that you know what you are getting.

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Mid Argyll Pipe Band provided musical entertainment on the day.



The paper plane competition drew a large crowd. a22gala08no



Competitors gave the races their all.



Shirley Nicolson and Jennifer Gibb sold jewellery and popcorn at one of the many gala day stalls.



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Alysha Johnston, 9, with dad Johnny enjoyed a good day out.



Donna Galbraith and her eight-year-old daughter Ella in the sunshine.

Kilmarti is a runa

ONE OF the biggest and most successful gala days got underway in Kilmartin as the sun shone on Saturday afternoon.

Families from Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and surrounding areas descended on the village's front green for an event inspired by the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Kilmartin was given a make-over for the event as flags from the around the

world adorned stalls and marquees as youngsters tried to pinpoint the countries on a giant map.

They were also laden with their own commemorative 'commonwealth' medals by the time they left the village as a host of races and fun games took place.

Youngsters took part in the sack race, short sprint, potato race and much more, with the top three taking a



Joanne Hunter, of Kintail Birds of Prey, with eight-year-old Heidi the eagle.



Youngsters literally leapt through the air as they competed in the sack race.



Kris Gordon and Lisa Thornton enjoyed a day out with the kids including three-year-old Koby and Oskar who was just two weeks old.



Having fun was thirsty work for Sorne Young and Bob Kennedy.

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place on Kilmartin's very own winners' podium.

Parents also got in on the act as they carried youngsters along in the wheelbarrow race, while both young and old took part in the paper aeroplane challenge.

Family favourites such as the birds of prey, tombola and face painting returned to the annual event, while Mid Argyll Pipe Band marked the start of the gala with a performance.

Alan Steele, chairman of Kilmartin Gala Day Committee, said: 'The turnout was fantastic. I think there were more people than we have had in a long time.'

'There were a good 100 children at the event and more stalls than ever before.'

'Thanks to the national lottery funding we were able to create a great atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.' Photos by Scott McPherson.



Nell Houston, 3, was all smiles as she played with one-year-old Harris Law.



Kian MacDonald, 9, from Lochgilphead, showed off his silver medal for the sack race.

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WITH entries now closed for a number of competitions at this year's Royal Highland Show, organisers say nearly 7,000 animals will be making their way to Edinburgh from all over the country.

Starting on June 19 and running over four days, the Royal Highland Show, a supporter of the Homecoming Scotland 2014 celebrations, is preparing for an 'exceptional' show with entry numbers up across dairy cattle, sheep, dairy goats and horse sections.

The Highland Hall will cater for almost 1,000 beef and dairy cattle and just shy of 1,900 sheep will fill the five marquee sections located in the north of the showground.

Sheep entry numbers are up by 100 to reach an eight-year high, with two breeds of particular note being Beltex with 231 entries, up by 21 and Hebridean with 77 entries up by 38.

According to Chief Steward of sheep James

Cullens, the numbers reflect trends in the industry.

He said: 'The Beltex is a breed that's been around for a while now, but in recent times it has become more suited to the British landscape, hence its popularity.'

'In terms of the Hebridean, it's a slightly niche breed, but no doubt about it, it's starting to tick boxes and is becoming well known. The fact that the breeders tend to be really enthusiastic helps the breed immensely.'

Reinforcing the Royal Highland Show's positioning as Scotland's largest equestrian event, horse entries have again increased on last year across both the heavy and light horse sections, up by 102 entries to 1,713, with the Mounted and Moorland Ridden classes dominating with 212 entries. The Coloured Horse section has seen a significant jump - up by 33 to 178.

In cattle, it is the Limousins that will

dominate the cattle hall at 123 entries, up by 21 on 2013.

Scottish breed entries in the cattle section have also seen a rise, with both Belted Galloway and Highland entries up to 28 and 95 respectively, giving their judges, Douglas Crighton and Angus MacColl, a wealth of quality stock from which to choose winners.

The Aberdeen Angus section, which this year has 88 entries, will be judged by Albert de Cogan from County Cork.

Mr de Cogan's senior bull just scooped the top honours in Aberdeen-Angus rings at the Balmoral Show.

Stephen Hutt, chief executive of RHASS, said: 'The numbers speak for themselves and reflect the widely held view that the Highland is the place to exhibit, and hopefully, win.'

'And winning is no mean feat, with the very best calibre of livestock



Entries are up in this year's Royal Highland Show, notably in the Beltex sheep class, which was a winner for Alasdair Maclean of Heylipol Farm, Tiree, in last year's show.

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on show. The equine numbers are also up with the cream of UK in hand and ridden horses and ponies coming to compete. The Royal Highland Show 2014 is shaping up to be an outstanding year.'

Entries:
Beef Cattle 955 (967): Shorthorn 105 (111), Angus 88 (101), Galloway 16 (24), Belted Galloway 28 (27), Highland 95 (84), Hereford 33 (48), Charolais 87 (73), Simmental 87 (73), Limousin 123 (102), Blonde 35 (43), British Blue 60 (84), Salers 22 (32), Commercial 76 (62), Beef Breeder 83 (80), Young Handlers 17 (26)
Dairy Cattle 120 (117): Ayrshire/ Red and White 26/8(22/11), Holstein 47(47), Jersey 18(14), Shorthorn 21 (23)

Sheep 1862 (1762): Blackface 94(98), Ncc 93(88), Ncc Hill 55(52), Border Leicester 44(45), Suffolk 90(76), Cheviot 38(30), Bluefaced Leicester 111(107), Jacob 59(59), Texels 189(206), Ryeland 53(56), Charollais 69(78), Shetland 111(112), Rouge 22(31), Berrichon 24(25), Scotch Mule 73(63), Beltex 231 (210), Lley 36(51), Hebridean 77(38), Bleu Du Maine 29(39), Hampshire Down 52(42), Swaledale 55(44), Commercial 80(69), Zwartbles 85(70), North of England Mule 48(35), Young Handlers 44(38)
Dairy goats 107(121): Adults 107(121), Kids 47(47), Milking 33(31), Pygmy 8(7), Goat Young Handlers 13
Heavy horses 355 (341): Clydesdale Male 35(39), Clydesdale Female 94(72), Highlands Male 56(55), Highlands Female 95(104), Shetlands 75(71)
Light horses 1713

(1611): Hunters in Hand 60(57) Hunters under saddle 133(139) Highland Ponies under saddle 75(69) M&M Lead Rein & 1st ridden 74(45) M&M under saddle 212(210) In hand riding ponies 28(30) Hunter Pony Breeding 23(17) Eriskay Cancelled
M&M In Hand (2012 excl connemaras) 43 (46), Welsh A 85 (88), Welsh B 40 (39), Welsh C 25 (35), Welsh D 49 (46), Arabs etc under saddle 42 (34), Arabs etc in hand 73 (74), Ridden Ponies 39 (29), Lead Rein & 1st Ridden 17 (18), Working Hunter Ponies 121 (98), Open Show Ponies 45 (53), Riding Horses 36 (53), Coloureds 178 (145), Side Saddle 23 (20) Donkeys 20 (18), Ridden Clydesdales 18 (18), Sport Horse 55 (52), M&M Workers 114 (95), Connemara in Hand 34 (33), Show Hunter Pony LR & 1st Pony 23 (19), Retraining of Racehorses 28 (17).



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Exclusive Reader Shopping Survey

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You can either complete the survey here, or alternatively you can go online and complete the survey at www.tinyurl.com/scotloc The closing date for entries is midnight, 13th June 2014.

Q1 Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which you are involved in the grocery shopping in your household?
 I do all or most of the shopping I have little or no involvement
 I share the responsibility for the shopping with someone else in the household

Q2 In which of the following supermarkets do you a) do your MAIN grocery shopping, and b) any top up shopping during the week? (please tick all that apply)

	MAIN grocery shopping	Top Up Shopping
Aldi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Co-Operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Costcutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmfoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lidl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marks & Spencer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sainsburys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tesco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waitrose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 Please indicate which other shop (s) you use for your MAIN grocery shopping?

Q4 And which other shop(s) do you use for your top up shopping?

Q5 If you were to choose just ONE supermarket, which would you say is your favourite?

<input type="checkbox"/> Aldi	<input type="checkbox"/> Costcutter	<input type="checkbox"/> Marks & Spencer	<input type="checkbox"/> Tesco
<input type="checkbox"/> Asda	<input type="checkbox"/> Farmfoods	<input type="checkbox"/> Morrisons	<input type="checkbox"/> Waitrose
<input type="checkbox"/> Budgens	<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/> Sainsburys	<input type="checkbox"/> The Co-Operative
<input type="checkbox"/> Lidl	<input type="checkbox"/> Spar		

Other (please state) _____

Q6 Which of the following factors are most likely to influence your choice of supermarket? (please tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally friendly	<input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Range of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters	<input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/> Habit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby
<input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Low prices	

Other (please specify) _____

Q7 And which ONE of the following factors would you say is THE most important in deciding which supermarket to shop at? (please tick ONE only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Stock ethically sourced products	<input type="checkbox"/> Habit
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters	<input type="checkbox"/> Low prices
<input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Locally sourced products
<input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> Range of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to use money off coupons
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby
<input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking	

Other (please specify) _____

Q8 In addition to your main grocery shopping, which of the following do you also shop at?

<input type="checkbox"/> A local independent grocer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishmonger	<input type="checkbox"/> Butcher
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market	<input type="checkbox"/> Greengrocer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Market
<input type="checkbox"/> Baker		

Q9 Would you say that you do the majority of your shopping?
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Q10 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Agree Strongly	Agree Slightly	No opinion	Disagree Slightly	Disagree Strongly
I rely on my local newspaper to keep me up to date with the latest offers from local shops	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I trust what I read in my local newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know that if something is advertised in my local newspaper, then it will be available in my area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I enjoy shopping for groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Online shopping makes my life easier	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Supermarket's own brands are as good as major brands	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q11 Which of the following have you personally done (when shopping for groceries) as a result of seeing something advertised in your local newspaper? (tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Decided which supermarket/store to shop at	<input type="checkbox"/> Redeemed a coupon/voucher
<input type="checkbox"/> Made a note of a special offer or promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Talked about something you have seen with friends and family

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Q12 Are you
 Male Female

Q13 And which of the following age groups do you fall into?

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<input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64	<input type="checkbox"/> 65+	

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planting distance away from houses and where to go to check if the tree is protected.

The figures show that over £25million of claims were made by owners of new homes for damage to their property caused by trees between 2008 and 2013. Last year alone, NHBC paid out nearly £4million in claims following structural damage caused by trees.

Richard Tamayo, NHBC's Commercial Director, says: 'New greenery can create a more attractive garden as well as provide privacy and can help in reducing noise from a busy road. But roots and branches can also cause expensive damage to homes as our figures show.'

As summer approaches, an NHBC guide offers practical advice to anyone thinking about planting new trees and shrubs or cutting back existing ones. Tips for homeowners include how to calculate a suitable

'When an established tree is removed or a new one is added, it can affect the moisture content of the surrounding soil. In clay soils, this can cause swelling of the ground or shrinkage. This movement can potentially result in damage to the house foundations due to subsidence or heave, particularly where

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00969/PP	Erection of a single storey, single span steel portal framed building	Glencraigs Farm Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/01089/PP	Construction of replacement jetty and navigation perch	Gigha Small Boat Jetty Ardmish Bay Isle Of Gigha Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Gigha

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00769/PP	Installation of replacement doors	19A And 23 Shore Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00770/PP	Installation of replacement doors	20, 22 And 22A Shore Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>
The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilthead PA31 8RD.
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CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

TAXI FARE REVIEW
Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 have fixed the maximum fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council. These maximum fares will become effective from 9th June 2014.

Tariff	Description	Initial Charge	Subsequent Charge
Tariff 1	Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 7am and 10pm	£3.00	20 pence
Tariff 2	Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 10pm and 7am	£3.60	20 pence
Tariff 3	Hiring from ranks or "flag" between 10pm 24th December and 7am 27th December and between 10pm 31st December and 7am 2nd January	£4.20	20 pence

Soiling Charge - £100 maximum (with permission to display warning signs indicating that there may be an additional charge for any potential loss of earnings suffered as a consequence)
Waiting Time - 35 pence per minute commencement of journey, charged on a pro rate basis per second
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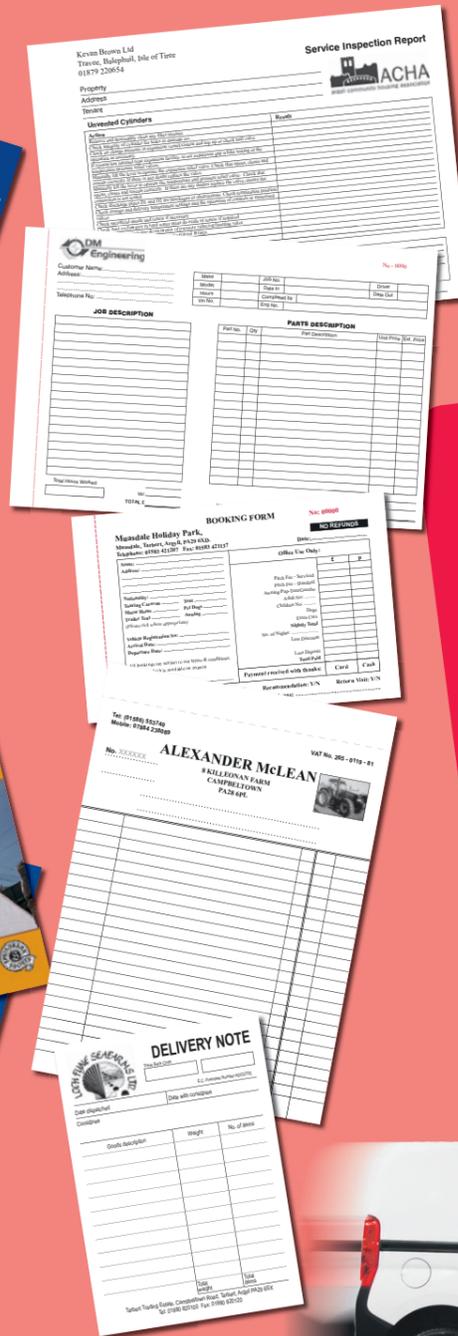
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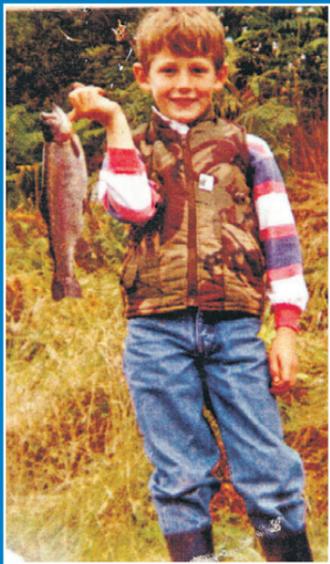
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Mrs Hazel Whitehead of Kintyre Gardens would like to thank all friends, neighbours and emergency services for their help and support recently when she was suddenly taken ill. She appreciates all the help and support shown to her and would like to thank everyone for their kindness and best wishes.

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Happy 40th Birthday
Laura Watson

Happy 50th Birthday Dad!
Love Kirstin, Hannah, Ian, Abbie and Ellie
XXX



Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SEVERAL years ago when we lived in Glasgow, we went to church via the M8 motorway.

What a contrast it is going to worship in this lovely part of the world.

I have the privilege of leading worship in some of the most beautiful rural churches in Argyll, and the contrast of the peace which pervades these wee churches always delights me.

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of taking the service on the lovely island of Gigha.

I have done this several times, and I am still enchanted with the idea of going to church via a ferry.

Sometimes the weather has been kind and the sea calm, as we enjoy a flask of coffee on the crossing.

Other days the weather has thrown all the force of rain and wind at us.

However, regardless of the mood of the elements, the cheery wave from the ferry crew and the warmth of the welcome at the church dissipates any discomfort.

Some churches have a clock facing the pulpit – a gentle and tactful reminder to the preacher not to be too long-winded, and I always try to keep my eye on it.

However Gigha church has no such clock – but they have Charlie.

Charlie is a delightful collie who is part of the welcoming committee at the church.

Politely, Charlie waits outside the church during the service, and occasionally ‘sings’ along with some of the hymns.

He has a great sense of timing, for if the sermon is just taking a wee bit longer than it should, Charlie offers a gentle howl from outside the door.

He always makes me smile as when the doors are opened, Charlie wanders in, tail wagging to greet regulars and visitors alike.

Charlie endorses the words of the hymn, ‘All are welcome in this place’.

What a great ambassador he is.

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ACHAHOISH

Beach clean for Achahoish school children

PUPILS at Achahoish Primary School recently completed a beach clean at the school's nearby foreshore.

The children collected rubbish from three local beaches and gathered up a mammoth 38 bags of rubbish.

Staff at the school would like to thank the children, parents and helpers for working so hard, as well as the Grab Trust and Ormsary Farmers for their continued support of the school.

DUNOON

Long service medal for Ishbel

A WOMAN who has been tirelessly delivering Meals on Wheels to pensioners and frail people in Cowal for 15 years has been recognised for her commitment.

Ishbel Henderson, from Dunoon, this week received a long service medal from the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), which wanted to acknowledge her hard work.

The medal was handed over at a surprise presentation in Dunoon Golf Club, where fellow vol-



Kilmichael Glassary WRI with cups and trophies won at the Federation Show: Marina Campbell, Kate MacDonald, Catherine Smith, Jean Blackwood, Heather Ritchie, Ginny Crawford and Betty Rhodick.

Outstanding success at Federation Show

The KILMICHAEL Glassary WRI met for the last session of the year this month when the women celebrated their outstanding success at the recent Federation Show.

At the national event the Mid Argyll group was awarded the

most points for an institute with less than 15 members.

Full marks

The two flower arrangement categories were won by Catherine Smith, the Literature Trophy won by Kate MacDonald, while Betty Rhodick gained full marks

for her cobweb knitted baby's shawl.

The new season will start in September and anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to come along to Kilmartin Church Hall on Tuesday, September 9 at 7.30pm.

unteers had gathered.

Ishbel is one of many volunteers in the communities of Argyll and Bute who have been helping older people to live independently in

their own homes, many of whom have been volunteering for more than 30 years. Delivering Meals on Wheels is not just about receiving a hot nutritious meal;

the volunteers also provide regular social contact and a friendly face, while also carrying out a safe and well check in the home as an added safety measure.

LUSS

Special dog

A SPECIAL DOG that lives on the shores of Loch Lomond has been shortlisted for a Real Hero Award.

Barra the dog, from K9 Search and Recovery Scotland, is one of three finalists in the hero animal of the year category, which was this year added to the awards run by STV and RBS Bank.

TIGNABRUAICH

Rowing regatta

THE INAUGURAL Tighnabruaich Coastal Rowing Regatta took place over two days last weekend.

Racing got underway at around 12.30pm on the Saturday from the beach in front of the Kames Hotel and on Sunday at 11am teams competed for the Caladh Cup in a longer race, which saw them row the six miles from Kames to Glen Caladh Island and back.

MINARD



Up, up and away in my beautiful balloon!

THE CHILDREN of Minard Primary School arrived at school on Wednesday morning, May 21, to a floating surprise.

Attached to their willow den in the playground was a huge cluster of red balloons. They brought lots of fun and laughter to the children but their arrival is indeed a mystery.

Staff and children at the school have no idea where they came from and are asking locals if they can help solve the mystery.

Each balloon advertises a 'new menu now available'.

The children would be really pleased to know the answer if anyone can help.

Benmore garden holds an open day

ON SUNDAY there will be free admission to the 120-acre Benmore Botanical Garden as it hosts an open day.

Garden Curator Peter Baxter said: 'The annual open day gives people the chance to come and explore the garden and enjoy the activities free. This year's programme includes something for all the family. Now all we need is warm, sunny weather to encourage a good turnout on the day.'

Attractions will include music by HMS Neptune Volunteer Band, guided garden tours, a plant sale, craft fair and The Walking Theatre Company will perform The Power Down play at 2pm.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God' (Matthew 5:9).

BIRTHS



PHILIPS - SHAW

Kenny and Jenna are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Gracie Anna, born May 6, 2014. A little sister for Sophie. Granddaughter to Donald and Morna Shaw, Ardferrn and the late Derek and Isa Philips, Ardrishaig. Special thanks to all midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit and to the Lochgilphead and Tarbert ambulance service for their care.

DEATHS

BRECHIN - Peacefully after a short illness, with her family by her side, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on May 22, 2014, Margaret Brechin, née Paterson, in her 88th year, of Upper Lachie Farm, Kilmartin, beloved wife of Gordon, much loved mother of Marion, Robert and Gordon and cherished grandmother of Sara, Cameron and Sinclair. A much respected mother-in-law of Shona and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. Funeral service was held in Kilmartin Parish Church, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

CRAWFORD - Peacefully at home, after a long illness, borne bravely, on May 26, 2014, Don Crawford, aged 91 years, of Myrtlecrest, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Catherine, much loved dad of Archie, Donald and Karen and adored papa of Holly, John, Kelly and Ryan. A much respected father-in-law of Julie and Johnny and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today Friday, May 30 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Ardrishaig Parish Church. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACCOWAN - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, after a long illness, bravely fought, on May 25, 2014, Evan John MacCowan, in his 76th year, 28D Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, oldest son of the late Roderick and Lily (McGill) MacCowan, formerly of Parliament Square, Campbeltown, and a sadly missed brother and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, May 30, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

TAYLOR - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 27, 2014, Trevor Taylor (Bob), in his 76th year, Kildalton, George Street Walk, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Jen MacMillan, much loved father of Karen and a loving and much loved grandad. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The relatives of the late Jean Campbell would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, and all other medical staff involved, for the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson for a fitting and appropriate service at Jean's house, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at home and graveside.

HUTCHISON - The family of the late Marion Hutchison would like to thank everyone for the very many kind words of sympathy, encouragement and support following her recent sudden passing. The amount of cards and personal messages has been overwhelming and of great comfort to all the family. Sincere thanks to Rev David Carruthers for such a beautiful and poignant service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their highly professional and helpful services, and to all who were able to attend the funeral. Thanks also to The Stag Hotel for refreshments and catering and to The Flower Shop for the beautiful floral tributes. Many thanks to Owen Duff and Malky MacDonald of the ambulance service for their very swift reaction and professionalism, Dr Sloane for attendance and to PC Tom Campbell for all his assistance and comforting words. A special thanks for the work by the staff of Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital during her stay earlier in the year and to all the care team who assisted on her return home. Finally, a special thanks to all her friends and neighbours who have been so kind and attentive over the years, and in particular the residents of High Bank Park, who have been immense. A collection was held at the funeral service and donated to Lochgilphead Parish Church Funds.

MACINNES - The family of the late Angus MacInnes, Tralee, Tayvallich, would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Angus. Our special thanks to all medical, nursing and care staff for their help, support and care over the period of Angus's illness. Thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam and Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton for funeral arrangements and to the Tayvallich Inn for catering. Thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. A collection of £865 has been sent to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support.

MACLACHLAN - Marina, Niall, Kenny, Ann, Richard and Scott would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sudden and sad loss of Kathy. Our thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his comforting service, Stan Lupton for his efficient, caring and professional funeral arrangements and the Grey Gull Inn for catering. Finally, to all those who travelled from near and far to pay their respects at the church and the graveside, we are eternally grateful. The sum of £850 was raised for the Mid Argyll Cardiac Unit and the Air Ambulance Service.

MACMILLAN - Annabell, Verina, Josie and their families would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss of Jackie. Special thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a very comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services; to John Summers and Iain Campbell for the music accompaniment; and to the Stag Hotel for a grand purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and the graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Glenaray Ward and the External Community Nursing team raised over £300.

IN MEMORIAMs

COFFIELD - Remembering Mary Jane McKenzie, died Wednesday, May 30, 2000. Wednesday was the day you passed away. Seems like only yesterday. Sorely missed. - Martin and family.

DAVIDSON - In loving memory of Billy, who died May 31, 2011. Much loved husband, father and grandpa. Always remembered. - Mary and family.

DOUGLAS - Treasured memories of Harold, a loving husband and father, died May 31, 2005. We know that you're not too far away. You're in our hearts, that's where you'll stay. - Love always, Claire and David.

MARSHALL (MCSPORRAN) - In loving memory of our mother and sister, Betty Marshall McSporrnan, died June 1, 2012. Two years have passed without you, God closed your eyes to ease your pain, You suffered so much but told so few, You did not deserve what you went through. Loved and sadly missed. - From all the family, home and away.

MCMURCHY - Precious memories of Iain, died June 2, 2011, a loved husband and a loving dad and granda. A silent thought, a secret tear Always wishing you were here. - Love, Cissie and family x.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of a beloved son, brother and uncle, Robert, tragically killed June 1, 1987, age 16. Also a loving husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012, and a beloved granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, age 27 days. They still live on in the hearts and minds Of the loving family they left behind. - The Mitchell family at home and away.

CHURCH NOTICES

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 1st June
Ascension
10.45am Morning Prayer
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
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4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service
3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray
Thursdays 6.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
1st June 2014
- all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Short Service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 1st June
Morning Worship Kilmartin - 10am
Mr. John Morrison
All welcome
SC0 02121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 1st June 2014
11.00am Service
Mainly Music
Tuesday 3rd June
At 10.00am
Scottish Charity SC015187

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 1st June
11.15am Rev A McIvor
SERVICE IN KIRK STREET HALL
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 1st June
Morning Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 3rd June
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Friday 6th June
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
BB display 7.30pm

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01586 552046
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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 Scoulding

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 1 June
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Morning Worship
Dr. J. Morrison
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH
LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SC0002876)

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 1st June 2014
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday school
Refreshments after the service.
Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
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Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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SC043322

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2014
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2014
'Bring and Share Pentecostal Lunch'
SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2014
'Summer Fete'
All Welcome
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 1 June 2014
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"As they waited He came!"
Thursday 5 June 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
Saturday 7 June 2014
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
All Welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 1st June 2014
11.15am Family Service with Communion
Mr John Ives
Southend
Crèche available
Wednesday 4th June 2014
10.00am Toddler Group
7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson
01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 1st June
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Dookers leave it late to clinch victory

TARBERT AFC'S late league flourish continued last Saturday with a last-gasp home win against high flying Eaglesham.

The home side were without McCormick and Johnstone, however captain Callum Elliott returned to lead the team. Tarbert made the perfect start when striker Prentice opened the scoring with only minutes played. Elliott played a pass to Johnson from defence and as he advanced to the opposition box he squared to the top goal scorer who drilled a low shot past the keeper and into the bottom corner.

Eaglesham equalised after 20 minutes when their striker volleyed

Tarbert	5
Eaglesham 'B'	4
SAFL Division 1A	

a cross past Martin in goal. Tarbert regained the lead when MacDougall's defence-splitting pass found Prentice who finished expertly.

The away team started the second half strongly and were immediately back on level terms when good wing play created space in the box, the number eight finishing into the bottom corner.

Tarbert hit back with 20 minutes left when Prentice claimed his hat trick.

The Eaglesham defence were finding it im-

possible to contain the striker and his strong running allowed him a yard of space and this was all he needed before firing low into the corner.

Back came Eaglesham again, however, and a pinpoint cross from the right found the number 10 who took one touch before finishing.

Luckily for Tarbert, Prentice was not finished for the day and he made it 4-3 to the Dookers with eight minutes remaining. A strong run past three defenders finished with an inch-perfect shot to the delight of the home crowd.

Unbelievably Eaglesham found the reserves to level and it was a stunning effort. A perfect ball over the Tarbert defence was met by the substitute number 16 who volleyed past Martin first time to make it 4-4. Tarbert managed

one final attack and it provided the winning goal. MacIver found Johnson in midfield and he cut inside before slicing the ball over the outstretched keeper. Man of the match was James Prentice.

The Dookers finish the season away to Millbeg this weekend with fourth place in the league sealed.



Man of the match James Prentice in action.

Red Star under 15s in Cup final

RED STAR under 15s played their best football of the season so far on Sunday to secure a place in the final of the Dunbartonshire Football Development League (DFDL) Cup.

The Lochgilphead boys took on Drumchapel United YFC at the Firhill Complex in Glasgow on Sunday when they put three goals past their opponents while maintaining a clean sheet.

Right from the kick off Lochgilphead were displaying excellent football, taking the play to United.

Lochgilphead Red Star	3
Drumchapel United	0
DFDL League Cup	

In the early stages Star created several chances with Drumchapel's keeper Jack Hamilton showing fine form. United countered with strikers Calvin Bland and Stuart Linning making their presence felt.

But after 14 minutes Blair Mackay opened the scoring when he latched on to a through pass and finished from just inside the penalty box.

Star continued to dominate the play and should have increased their lead but the opportunities were passed up and Drumchapel failed to take advantage of two free kicks on the edge of Star's box.

Star continued to press and were awarded a penalty by referee Martin Miller when Ryan Caskie was taken out by a defender. Scott

Souden converted the spot kick.

Next Ryan Blackstock went close but his shot went just wide of the post, however, he made amends just before half time as he outpaced the visitor's defence and fired the ball past Hamilton and into the net to make it 3-0 at half time.

Further chances for the Mid Argyll side fell to Souden, Caskie, Blackstock and Moore but a combination of good defending and missed openings kept the final score to three-nil.

Club lottery numbers

There was no winner in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery, with numbers 8, 12 and 14 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

Shearer Woodrow won £600 in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery with lucky numbers 2, 9 and 14. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

R Taylor, M Clark and A MacGilp all won a share of the £1,000 jackpot in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery with numbers 4, 17 18 and 6. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

SHINTY NEWS AND VIEWS

THE TIE of the round in the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup is a match up between last year's finalists.

KYLES ATHLETIC crucially have home advantage for their second match against Newtonmore in consecutive weekends.

The Tighnabruaich men hosted the dress rehearsal for the cup match but lost 1-0 in the league tie.

However, the Argyll side's sights are annually fixed on the Camanachd Cup and will not give up their place in the next round without a fight.

INVERARAY manager Garry MacPherson was full of praise for veteran Ruairidh Graham, who scored a brace to help the Royal Burgh see off the challenge of Kingussie at the Winterton on

Saturday.

Forty-year-old Graham, who had already played 90 minutes for the second team, came on for Lewis McNichol up front after 35 minutes, as MacPherson altered his tactics to breach the Kings' defence.

MacPherson said: 'Ruairidh is still one of the fastest players in the team and I thought that his pace could unlock their defence.'

'He has always kept himself fit but he also seems to be more composed with age and I think he's playing the best shinty of his career just now.'

'I had to take him off with five minutes to go but he came off to a great ovation from a good crowd.'

The 'A' are at home again this weekend when they host last sea-



Action from the Inveraray v Kingussie game.

Photo: Stephen Lawson

son's Orion Group Premiership runners up Lovat. Full back Allan MacDonald will miss the match through suspension.

KILMORY returned to

their winning form last week as they defeated Oban Celtic in the latest fixture of the South Division One league.

Playing away to the young side, the Mid Argyll men made their in-

tentions known immediately, scoring within the first 15 minutes through Scott Bradley.

Meanwhile Innes Meikle, a Red Star midfielder, swapped the Ropework for the shinty pitch on Saturday and scored on his debut for Kilmory, doubling the side's tally on 68 minutes.

A scrappy game, both sides had a man sent off - Alex Cunningham for Kilmory and Celtic's Neil Carmichael.

Celtic could only manage a consolation goal in the end, with Kenny Wotherspoon scoring on the 89th minute.

The win sees Kilmory sitting fourth in the league table, the highest position the team has enjoyed at this stage of their league campaign for several years.

Tomorrow Kilmory return to league duty as

they welcome the on-form Aberdour to MacRae Park.

STRACHUR have secured a place in the final of the South of Scotland Plate after defeating Ballachulish 4-3 at the weekend.

Despite losing a goal in the first minute, Strachur settled into the game to put three goals past their opponents in the first half through Rhys Campbell (2) and Preston Shuttleworth.

Angus Campbell scored the fourth to open the scoring in the second half.

John Montgomery said he was pleased with the performance from the Cowal lads as a number of players were missing because of injury.

He said: 'It took them a while to settle and once they did that they started to play quite well, put

Ballachulish under pressure and managed to get the goals.

'We were one or two short as well but we managed to get one of our under 14s a game which I was pleased with.'

John could be relying on more youngsters tomorrow (Saturday) as the Cowal side will be short of players as a result of injury and work commitments when they welcome Oban Celtic to Strachur Park.

John said: 'Oban Celtic are probably quite similar to us in that they are bringing in a few young boys and we are in that situation. We hope to take something from last week's game and keep playing the way we have been.'

The final of the South of Scotland Plate will be played on July 5 when Strachur play Aberdour.

Medal success for Argyll athletes at West District

Four golds at Kilmarnock

YOUNG athletes from Argyll excelled at the West District Championships held at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena in Kilmarnock last weekend, returning with four gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze.

Mid Argyll athletes particularly excelled in the field events.

Achie Spencer dominated in the under 13s shot putt, throwing 8.67 metres to win gold and well clear of the field. Archie also reached the final of the 100 metres.

In the same age group Shaun Doy won the pole vault, clearing 1.88 metres and was second to

Archie in the shot putt with 7.07 metres.

Donald Ferguson won bronze in the Under 15s javelin throwing - a new personal best of 35.49 metres and only 90cm behind the winner.

Ben Coates, from Kilmore, won gold in the under 17s 100-metre hurdles in a time of 14.75 seconds.

Personal best

In the early part of the race Ben, who competes for Mid Argyll Athletic Club, was impeded by a runner in the adjacent lane but came through strongly for a new personal best.

He was unlucky to get disqualified for a false

start in his 100 metres heat.

Emma Thompson from Oban won a silver medal in the Under 17s javelin, throwing 25.58 metres and was fourth in the triple jump with a new personal best of 10.38 metres.

Younger sister Grace Thompson won gold in the under 13s discus throw, reaching out to 21.84 metres.

Both Emma and Grace are members of Victoria Park AC in Glasgow's west end.

Tobermory's Molly Reade, 13, was second in the Under 15s high jump, clearing 1.45 metres.



Magnus Bradbury.

Magnus in Scotland squad

ARGYLL teenager Magnus Bradbury has flown out to New Zealand with the Scotland Under-20 rugby squad for the IRB Junior World Championship in New Zealand.

Magnus, who has five international caps to his name, is one of the younger squad members at 18 but will hope to feature in the matches at his preferred number eight position.

The Edinburgh Elite Development Programme (EDP) athlete, a former Oban Lorne forward, is one of 28 players selected for the squad.

'Group of death'

The Scots, who arrived in Auckland on Monday, have been drawn in a 'group of death' with the hosts and South Africa, as well as a very capable Samoa team.

Mid Argyll sports day

THE ANNUAL sports day in Mid Argyll is to be bigger and better this year as it is supported by the Big Lottery in the year of the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

The competition, run by Mid Argyll Athletic Club, will be held outdoors at Lochgilphead Joint Campus and will include running, jumping and throwing events for boys and girls.

Everyone taking part will receive a special ribbon and medal commemorating Commonwealth Games year in Scotland and trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall in each age group.

The annual sports day on Sunday, June 15, is the only opportunity for Argyll's young athletic talent to compete outdoors against each other. Events start at midday and entries will be taken from 11am.

Young athletes are reminded that they do not have to be a member of an athletic club to take part in the event, which is also open to children trying athletics for the first time.



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Red Star have secured a middle table position in Premier Division Two within one season of being promoted to the league.

Red Star edge seven-goal thriller

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Win seals great end to first ever season in Premier Two

RED STAR welcomed league runners up Goldenhill to Ropework Park on Saturday for the final match of the season and despite getting off to a shocking start it was the Lochgilphead side that ran out 4-3 winners.

The game was less than five minutes old when Star found themselves a goal down, a ball over the top from the visitors resulted in a mix up at the back and the Goldenhill forward managed to lob his shot over the

onrushing Kalache.

Things went from bad to worse as Star were under all sorts of pressure early on; this time a neat through ball was met by the winger and he fired across Kalache to make the score 0-2 with less than 10 minutes on the clock.

The home side were on the ropes but showed great character to get back into the match as Peacock showed tenacity to capitalise on a slip at the back from the vis-

itors and he made no mistake as he fired past the keeper to make it 1-2.

Star were back on terms after quarter of an hour. This time more good work from Peacock on the right channel saw him work an angle to get his shot in; the keeper could only parry the ball into the path of MacLean, who was on hand to shoot into the roof of the net to make the score 2-2.

The game was being

played at a furious pace with both teams looking dangerous on the break, but it was Goldenhill who edged ahead before the break when the ball was only half cleared from a corner and the ball broke to the midfielder, who shot through a ruck of bodies and the unfortunate Kalache could not keep the shot out.

Into the second half and Star came out in determined fashion, forcing a number of open-

ings and passing the ball with real purpose. The equaliser arrived in spectacular fashion as Forbes picked the ball up on the right hand side before unleashing a tremendous effort from 30 yards out, which whistled into the back of the net leaving the keeper with no chance and setting up a thrilling finish.

Both sides were desperate to grab a winner and the first chance came to Goldenhill from the penalty spot after

Kalache felled the forward in the box. The Star keeper made amends however as he saved the spot kick much to the relief of his team mates.

With 15 minutes to go Star grabbed the winner. After a neat passing move the ball found its way to Peacock on the edge of the box. This time the keeper got a hand to his effort but

could not stop the ball finishing up in the back of the net to make it 4-3. Star had some nervy moments to deal with towards the end but held on grimly for an excellent three points to round off the season.

This result means that Star leapfrog Easthall Star on the last day of the season to clinch fourth spot in the table.

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