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Council fails budget transparency test

THE LAST-MINUTE tabling of altered spending plans ahead of a crunch budget meeting has been criticised by Audit Scotland.

Reviewing Argyll and Bute Council's budget setting process

ahead of February's budget, the country's public spending watchdog advised the authority to make the process more transparent in future. This latest criticism follows an earlier warning from

Audit Scotland in December that the council should adopt a more transparent culture.

The council has been given a target of the end of June to consider improvements to the budget setting process.

Major milestone as Inveraray and District Pipe Band wins

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band has reached another milestone by winning its first Grade One British title in Paisley last weekend.

Turn to page four to find out more about how all the Argyll bands fared, including news of an excellent performance from Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

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Award of ferry contract to CalMac welcomed

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell and Argyll and Bute Council have welcomed the news that Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) will continue to operate Clyde and Hebridean ferry routes.

Councillor for Kintyre and the islands Robin Currie was delighted with the news and said: 'This is great news for all the communities on the west coast. We may well have issues with CalMac but it is a public company and accountable to the taxpayer and not a private company accountable to its shareholders like Serco would have been. I very much look forward to working

with CalMac so that we can improve the services to our communities.'

Mr Russell's constituency has more ferry routes than any other. He said: 'I am absolutely delighted that CalMac has won the tender and I congratulate the whole company but particularly the CEO Martin Dorchester who ran the bid team. They presented a compelling and comprehensive case for continuation of the company as the key ferry provider in Scotland.'

'I am sure the vast majority of my constituents will be as pleased as I am, as will the staff who work so hard, in all weathers, to provide lifeline services.'



Laura McCaffery with her princesses Iona, left, and Brooke.

Tarbert Seafood Queen announced

PREPARATIONS for Tarbert's seafood festival are well underway with the Seafood Queen and her princesses being named.

Laura McCaffery will be this year's Queen with Iona McArthur and Brooke Prentice as her princesses. The Queen is chosen by Tar-

bert residents who can pick any girl from the Tarbert Academy catchment area who will be over 18 by the end of the year. The princesses are chosen at the princess disco which was held on May 20.

The Seafood Festival takes place in Tarbert on July 2 and 3.

Police files

Offensive weapon

A MAN in Lochgilphead was in possession of offensive weapons on the evening of Sunday May 15 and into the early hours of May 16.

Later that day a 20-year-old was arrested and charged with carrying offensive weapons and behaving in a threatening manner. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Dangerous driving

A CAR was reported to have carried out a dangerous overtaking manoeuvre on the A816 between Lochgilphead and Kilmartine.

The 59-year-old driver was traced and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

The incident took place at 12.15pm on May 16.

Disturbance

A DISTURBANCE occurred in a house on MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, at 11pm on May 17.

A 27-year-old man was arrested for assaulting a woman and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

No insurance

A CAR was stopped on the A83 at Inveraray for routine checks.

The checks revealed the vehicle had no insurance.

A 21-year-old man was charged and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Fire-raising

AN OUTBUILDING on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, was set on fire about 4.30pm on Monday May 16.

Police are appealing for information.

Vandalism

A SILVER Kia car was damaged while parked at Torran Mhor, Ford.

There was damage to the doors and bonnet.

The incident happened between 8.30pm on May 20 and 1pm on May 21.

Police are investigating and appealing for information.

Careless driving

POLICE are investigating a complaint from members of the public about a white van being driven at speed and dangerously overtaking a bus on the A83 on Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig.

This happened at 8am on Saturday May 21.

Police are appealing for information.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they should contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Man, 25, guilty of assaulting a child

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has been found guilty of assaulting a child.

Doctors were called to the stand at the Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court and said they believed the injuries the child sustained to be inconsistent with the accused's version of events. Finding him guilty on Tuesday May 24, Sheriff Ward said: 'I don't believe your version of how the child sustained these injuries.'

The hearing was adjourned until June 21 for social work reports.



Mid Argyll Health & Care Forum (HCF)



NHS Highland Argyll and Bute and Argyll and Bute Council have integrated health and social care services in the form of a **Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)**. The HSCP will live on 1st April 2016. **Locality Planning Groups (LPGs)** have been established to govern and account for the delivery of the three year Strategic Plan at local level. The **Mid Argyll LPG** is responsible for planning the delivery and development of your local services, engaging and communicating with staff and local communities and overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

People living locally **must** have a meaningful role in the LPG. LPG membership will include representation from **your** local **Health Care Forum (HCF)** as well as the Third Sector, Independent Sector and Community Councils as they play a valuable role as communities of interest. Listening to and learning from those who use our services **must** guide what we do.

We are looking to establish a Health & Care Forum (HCF) for Mid Argyll. **Your** local HCF is an important forum for people living in the Mid Argyll area to be **actively involved in how local services are planned** and an **important partner**, alongside service providers and professionals, which represents the community within the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership**.



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We are looking to establish a Health and Care Forum for Mid Argyll. If you are interested in joining **your** local HCF or wish to find out more, please contact Caroline Champion, Planning & Public Involvement Manager ☎ 01546 605680 or ✉ email caroline.champion1@nhs.net

First meeting

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Invitation to come and see the Rest and be Thankful

THE ARGYLLSHIRE Advertiser has emailed the new Scottish Government Minister for Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf MSP.

We are asking Mr Yousaf to come to the Rest and be Thank-

ful and see for himself the terrain, meet the people and perhaps imagine the challenges experienced when the rain comes down along with some of the hillsides.

The letter is published below.

We await his reply with interest.

And remember to pick up or order your Invest in the Rest window sticker from the *Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbeltown Courier* offices.

Dear Mr Yousaf
Our reason for contacting you is to invite you to come to beautiful Argyll. Or, more precisely, the Rest and be Thankful.

Whether due to climate change or not, a series of significant landslips – or debris flows, to be accurate – have led to closures of the vital A83 trunk road at ‘the Rest’, effectively cutting off a large chunk of Argyll. Detours are available but these are lengthy, costly and time-consuming for business and private road users.

The most recent significant slip onto the A83 at the Rest caused a car being driven by a female motorist to be forced across the carriage-way, and she was fortunate not to be pushed over into the steep sides of Glen Croe below the road.

Arguably one of the most significant impacts of all this is a corrosive effect on the reputation of the region and the reliability of its roads – ie, ‘can we rely on getting there and back safely and cost-effectively?’.

Transport Scotland

has taken mitigating steps to ameliorate the effects of debris flows, but these are far from the long-term solution.

In fact, the measures being taken are based on the cheapest of a number of options drawn up by the Jacobs consultancy a few years back. Our newspapers are running a positive campaign to ‘Invest in the Rest’ at the moment, pressing for significant investment, from any source, in a long-term solution.

We believe the people of Argyll and Bute

deserve the same level of infrastructure investment as seen in other parts of the country, notably in the east of Scotland. We would welcome a visit by you, in the near future, to see at first hand the various areas affected, and to meet with and hear the genuine concerns of local residents and business managers on the situation.

We look forward to your reply and hope we can organise a visit before too long.

Argyllshire Advertiser and Campbeltown Courier.



Humza Yousaf MSP.

Banned after driving friend's car over limit

A LOCHGILPHEAD man has pleaded guilty to drink driving his friend's car.

James Thomas Munro, whose address was given as Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, was spotted getting into the car just before 7pm on January 14.

Police later breathalysed him and he was found to be over the legal drink-drive limit with 40 milligrams of alcohol per 100ml of breath when the limit is 22 mgs.

At Lochgilphead annex of Dunoon Sheriff Court on Tuesday May 24, Munro was handed down a £400 fine by Sheriff Ward and banned from driving for one year.

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Register to vote in European referendum

THE referendum on the UK's place in the European Union is fast approaching and polling cards have been dropping through letter boxes across Argyll and Bute.

If you haven't yet received one, you may need to register

to vote but this is quick and easy to do online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Help

If you're unsure, you can contact the Valuation Joint Board on 01586 555300 which can help.

If you're going to be away you can register for a postal or proxy vote.

The deadlines are June 7 to register to vote, June 8 to register for a postal vote and June 15 to register for a proxy vote.

Public Information Sessions



Wrasse Hatchery at Lossit Point, Machrihanish

Marine Harvest Scotland hope to build a wrasse hatchery at Machrihanish, adjacent to the existing University of Stirling research facility at Lossit Point.

Please come along and find out more about our proposed development. Our team will be on hand to explain more about the proposed development and its economic benefits. They will answer questions and listen to any concerns.

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First British crown for Inveraray and District Pipe Band

STUART Liddell led his Inveraray and District Pipe Band to victory last weekend in the opening major of the 2016 season.

In front of thousands of spectators, the band won its first Grade 1 British title on Saturday May 21.

Field Marshal Montgomery took the runners-up spot, finishing

four points behind Inveraray and District. St Laurence O'Toole (Eire) came third, with Scottish Power Pipe Band in fourth place.

Almost 4,000 pipers, drummers and drum majors from 147 bands made the trip to Paisley for the championships and the weather was kind.

The Grade 1 drum-

ming title also went to Inveraray and District, under leading drummer Steven McWhirter.

Inveraray and District Pipe Band manager Jim McMillan said: 'We were very happy with the performance at the British Championships and hopefully this good start can be maintained for the rest of the season.'

Mid Argyll Pipe Band, competing in Grade 4B, reached the final after a qualifying round. In the final itself, the band finished sixth out of 12 bands - with one of the piping judges placing them first.

'I'm really pleased with the way we played,' said Mid Argyll Pipe Major Craig Lang. 'Now it's on to the next championships in Belfast and I hope we can carry on where we left off in Paisley.'

In the Novice B grade, Kintyre Schools came second to Lochgelly High School, with Oban High ninth of the 14 competing bands.

Oban High School's Novice A band was



Pipe Major Stuart Liddell leads Inveraray and District to British Championship success. Photo: Alister Sinclair.



Mid Argyll Pipe Band in the performance arena last Saturday.

placed seventh, with Dunoon Grammar School tenth in the same competition.

In the Grade 3A

competition, Kintyre Schools came a creditable sixth.

Argyll had Oban and Isle of Islay competing

in the Grade 2 contest. The islanders came 14th of 18 bands, while Oban was placed seventh in the second-tier contest.

Does your seaweed looks weird?

A NEW online course by the Oban-based Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS UHI), in partnership with The Open University in Scotland, makes cutting edge research on seaweed cultivation freely available for the first time.

Seaweed has often been hailed as a solution to a number of global issues, whether it is the next 'superfood' or the answer to food and fuel shortages.

A new course called 'My Seaweed Looks Weird' has been devised by scientists at SAMS UHI and developed in partnership with Opening Educational Practices in Scotland hosted at The Open University in Scotland.

The course is aimed at students with a sci-



SAMS support scientist Lars Brunner collects seaweed at the association's Dunstaffnage base, near Oban.

entific background and employees within the industry.

Skills

It aims to build their knowledge and understanding of seaweed parasitology, enhancing employability and skills within the industry and leading to recognition for learners.

Project leader Dr Claire Gachon is excited about opening her research to the wider

population. She said: 'Seaweed has promised a lot but, as in any new industry, there are pros and cons to consider.

'We need a clear picture of where the industry is going and how we can make it sustainable.

'The UK has immense potential as a producer of seaweed, but currently lags behind most coastal

Asian countries. However, this delayed development gives scientists and businesses the chance to apply the most advanced levels of research and understanding to the industry from the start.

'Running this course through the Open University will allow the GlobalSeaweed project to communicate with lots of audiences and will help us achieve our goal of creating a network of seaweed industry partners.'

Harvesting

The UK has a tradition of seaweed harvesting; it has been part of the country's diet for around 4,000 years and was traditionally used as a fertiliser.

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Efric Senior provides the experience and wisdom of many years in practice with Dunlop & Co. Her external interests include the arts and architecture. Efric is the President of the Glasgow Art Club - the first woman to be appointed to this position.

Daughter Efric has crammed family, work and sport into a busy life which has taken her across the world and all the way back again. Efric will be running the MOK Half Marathon for the fourth time this year and as usual hoping to run faster than before.

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Summary

With the fiscal environment becoming increasingly complex, Dunlop & Co is well placed to provide a professional and comprehensive service to our clients.

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Perfect pint for smoked salmon

FYNE Ales and Loch Fyne Oysters have teamed up to create what they consider to be the perfect pint to go with smoked salmon.

Loch Fyne Oysters teamed up with Fyne Ale's head brewer Malcolm Downie to test recipes that would bring out the flavour of the salmon.

The result is The Gose which is available at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar and at Fyne Ales brewery. It will be available more widely soon.

Martyn Paterson, divisional director and deputy managing director at Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd, said: 'Many of our customers and visitors to the restaurant and oyster bar are discerning beer drinkers and we want

to offer a high quality beer to pair with our famous smoked salmon.

'Fortunately, we have a world-renowned craft brewery on our doorstep and our produce is connected through our unique location. Loch Fyne Oysters' harvest is drawn from the pure waters of the loch.

'At Fyne Ales, yesterday's rain is tomorrow's beer, so working with Fyne Ales is the perfect partnership.'

Welcoming the collaboration, Jamie Delap, managing director of Fyne Ales, said: 'This beer draws its inspiration from a traditional German farmhouse-style wheat beer, Gose. This is a sour beer, and true to style, this top-fermented beer has been



Jamie Delap and Martyn Paterson toast the new smoked salmon and pint partnership.

brewed with salt and coriander. We've added some fragrant lemongrass too, result-

ing in a unique beer with light salinity and a zesty finish. This accentuates the clean,

fresh flavour profile of Loch Fyne Oysters' salmon. As the only farmhouse brewery in

Scotland, Fyne Ales are uniquely placed to produce this farmhouse beer.

Library opening hours under review

ARGYLL and Bute Council is looking for people's views on library opening hours.

The council wants to know if there is a time people would like to use their local library but find it is shut, or perhaps there is a time when they would never use the library.

The council's policy lead for community and culture, Councilor Robin Currie, said: 'I would encourage everyone to not only complete the questionnaire themselves but also to tell their friends, neighbours and colleagues.'

Those who are interested can complete the survey - whether of not they are currently a library user - on the Argyll an Bute Council website until June 1.



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Marching to success

CONGRATULATIONS to Inveraray and District Pipe Band on winning the British Championship.

There is a multi-cultural feel to Inveraray and District Pipe Band these days as it attracts pipers and drummers from many parts of the world in a similar fashion to the top sports teams.

But this is still an Inveraray and district band, make no mistake. Present day success has its roots in years of hard work and dedication.

Go back a decade or so and Stuart Liddell was leading his young bunch of future champions in borrowed, non-matching kit into the Cowal Games arena.

With coaching from Stuart himself, the late Robert Stewart and others, supported by a stalwart committee, it wasn't long before they shot up the rankings.

At that time the players were drawn from Inveraray and wider Argyll.

That core of Argyll players remains and they are fully aware of where they have come from. There's no way their pipe major would let them forget.

And let's not forget our other local pipe bands. Mid Argyll and Kintyre Schools did particularly well at the British Championships. Then we have the Oban bands, Dunoon Grammar School and Isle of Islay. If we've forgotten any, our apologies.

Every band is run by volunteers and it takes a lot of stamina and cash to keep them going.

Well done to everyone and here's to success for the season ahead.

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Argyll farmers deserve better

Sir,
The Scottish Government is facing a fine of up to £125 million over the SNP's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) payments fiasco.

On top of that, Scottish taxpayers will also be footing the bill for the Scottish Government's failed IT system which will cost £178 million.

To make matters even worse, despite spending a king's ransom on this new IT system, around a quarter of farmers are still to receive any payment, despite the Scottish Government saying money would begin arriving in December last year.

Our farmers have been waiting an obscene amount of time to receive their money and our rural economy is being starved of hundreds of millions of pounds.

Despite Audit Scotland releasing a damning report into the CAP payments crisis and previous rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead resigning from the Scottish cabinet, Deputy First Minister John Swinney, in a recent radio interview, appeared to blame the EU and the farming industry, rather than taking responsibility for his party's role in the matter.

Argyll's farmers deserve better than this SNP government.

Alistair Redman,
Islay.

Human rights apply to everyone

Sir,
I was born in London in 1950 and trained as a nurse (RSCN/SRN) and health visitor.

I came to Scotland in 1980, having married a man from Northern Ireland. I have two boys, born in Aberdeen and taught 'children's rights' there. We now have a UK government that thinks it can change the Human Rights Act. I am a citizen of this world, not just of the UK. We are all human beings from the minute we are born until we die. We are not born as politicians, law enforcers, doctors or scientists. Every citizen of every country has a right to freedom and justice, wherever they live.

Hilary Taffs,
Lochgilphead.

Local people knew best

Sir,
A letter entitled 'Kilmory Park masterplan' from *Advertiser* reader Leonard McNeill in your May 13 edition criticises the environmental disadvantages of further building in the locality of the Lingerton recycling plant.

Argyll and Bute Council, the same authority that is proposing the new Kilmory Park masterplan, chose the Lingerton site 20 years ago contrary to the wishes of 1,700 people who signed a petition against using Lingerton. Many of the

contributors, and those attending the subsequent public inquiry, were concerned about smelly waste being carried throughout the length and breadth of Mid Argyll en route for the Lochgilphead dump. Building the new school campus and sports facility within the same vicinity only further underlined the ridiculousness of the original Argyll and Bute Council decision. Perhaps, after all, local people did know best.

Neil Vassie,
Lochgilphead.

Epilepsy misunderstood

Sir,
I was proud to host the Young Epilepsy Champions Awards last week.

The evening was a huge success and highlighted these individuals who are doing incredible things within the epilepsy community. As vice-president of Young Epilepsy, I am continually amazed by the dedication of those working to support young people with this misunderstood condition.

Nicholas Owen,
journalist and vice-president at Young Epilepsy.

Foster care fortnight

Sir,
There can be no doubt that the commitment made by foster carers is life changing and vital to supporting children and young people who

can't remain at home. The Fostering Network's Foster Care Fortnight gives us all the chance to recognise the incredible contribution foster carers are making every single day. We also use this time to encourage others to think about fostering.

As minister for early years and childcare, I want to ensure we are doing all we can to support looked after children and the people who give them a home. I have written to carers from all across Scotland as I want to hear their views on how we make things better. The Scottish Social Services Council is leading a consultation on the introduction of new learning and development standards for foster carers and I would urge people to make their voice heard before that closes in August. A new review group will be formed shortly to look at how we can go about creating a scheme that will give foster and kinship carers across the country consistent support.

Improving the care available to looked after children has been important to this government since we came to office. So far we have extended the age that a young person can remain in care and raised the age they are entitled to financial support. All of this relies on there being foster carers opening their families to vulnerable children and young people who may not have had the best start in their lives.

Mark McDonald,
Minister for early years and childcare.

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Superfast broadband for every home in Britain - except Argyll

THE QUEEN'S speech promised that every home in Britain will get the legal right to high speed broadband.

Despite this, Argyll and Bute continues to lag behind in broadband connectivity and it is seen as a priority for Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, who has already tabled four questions on the matter.

There have been regular complaints of slow broadband which many say has not been helped by the rollout of superfast broadband.

Mr Russell said: 'The very poor communication of information on broadband rollout is causing real anger across this constituency. There has also been a real deterioration in the performance of BT

by **EALA MacALISTER**
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over the last year on other matters such as restoring service when phones are down.

'There are, of course, places which are not due to get service and more action is needed to ensure they do not miss out.

'BT has delayed help for some of those areas, including the one in which I live, by refusing to give information on its plans. That must be sorted as a matter of urgency.

'Finally, many of us would be very reluctant to see additional work for BT on the next stages of this programme - the 100 per cent roll-out - unless BT management hugely ups its game. That

point needs to be considered by the Scottish Government before it makes any new commitments to the company.'

BT said that providing broadband to rural areas is one of the biggest technological challenges in Britain, if not Europe.

A statement said: 'Only five per cent of UK premises receive less than 10Mbps currently and we have suggested an approach that could help those premises. Openreach, BT's local network business, is ready to play a supportive role. It's exploring a range of potential solutions. Due to the laws of physics, broadband

signals carried over phone lines deteriorate over distance. We are also working on technology to significantly extend the speed of broadband carried over very long copper lines.'

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) points out there are alternatives to BT. It is managing Community Broadband Scotland and Digital Scotland's fibre roll-out. Digital Scotland aims to bring fibre broadband into areas the market won't reach.

An HIE spokesperson said: 'The roll-out is under way in Argyll and Bute and within the current contract will reach more than eight out of 10 of the local authority's premises by the end of 2016.'

HIE admitted, however, this was not the answer to everyone in Argyll and Bute. It is looking at what funding and technology might be available to make sure everyone has fast broadband.

The spokesperson added: 'There are places, particularly where the number of premises is small, and where homes are quite far apart, that the main project technology isn't efficient. The most regularly used technology is fibre to a cabinet then the broadband runs on the phone lines to the premise.

'The signal diminishes depending on the length of line - so the technology works best where there are premises relatively close to each other.'



Mike Russell has tabled questions to the Scottish Government about broadband.

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Mid Argyll Flower Club hosts open night



Margo with one of her arrangements.

MID ARGYLL Flower Club recently held an open night to give people a taste of what the club does.

More than 50 ladies attended a flower arranging display by qualified demonstrator Margo Black from Airdrie. She made several arrangements under her theme, 'zest for life', at the event on May 20. At the end the arrangements were raffled and smaller arrangements went to some lucky members of the audience.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Margo and her husband, Joe, who had helped transport all the trappings for the event to Lochgilhead. The evening ended with a light supper provided by flower club members.

Margo's work was not over, however. The next day she held a workshop for members and friends of the flower club.

Enjoy the 'Fyne' life at the Silvers Marine Scottish Series



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THE SILVERS Marine Scottish Series will welcome more than 100 racing yachts to Tarbert, Loch Fyne, over the bank holiday weekend from Friday May 27 to Monday May 30.

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6.30pm to 7.30pm The Marquee

Monday 30 May

Lone Piper
Prize Giving

9.00am to 9.30am The Harbour
4.30pm approximately The Marquee

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Tarbert gets ready to host premier Scottish Series

THE Scottish Series, Scotland's premier sailing event, is about to get under way in Tarbert – and the crews are ready to race.

Over the weekend of May 27-30, there will be a variety of races to suit different yachts and sailing enthusiasts.

Ashore, there is always plenty of entertainment but on in the village for racers and spectators alike.

For the cruisers, a party at Largs last night (Thursday) will be followed by a white sail race to Tarbert today.

Saturday is the big race day, so look out for some big names, including, in IRC class one, Steve Cowie and Ian Marshall on GP42 Zephyr. In the same class, sponsors Silvers Marine will be there with Jamie McGarry and Colin Moore on their Swan 45, Eala of



Tarbert will be the yacht racing capital of Scotland this weekend.

Rhu. Vying for top spot aboard their Corby 37.2 yacht Aurora will be Rod Stuart and William Ram.

In IRC class two, last year's Scottish Series winners return to defend their crown. Fool's Gold, all the way from Waterford in

Ireland, took the 2015 title for the best overall performance. It won't be easy, though, and competition will be fierce. Tarbert's own Ian McNair, sailing First by Farr, will compete in CYCA class five, while Arnold Clark's eye-catch-

ing Drum can be seen among the CYCA class eight contenders.

There is plenty for spectators to enjoy. A marquee will be at the harbour offering a range of musical treats with Scott MacDonald and Mid Argyll Pipe Band being kept

busy over the weekend. On Saturday night there will be a spectacular fireworks display from Tarbert Castle, plus the Big Band bash as everyone enjoys the ambiance of the pubs and hotels in Tarbert for a great fun weekend.

Help for troops when they need it most

IT IS worth taking a trip to Strachur this weekend – and not just for the beautiful surroundings.

Organised by brothers Alan and Peter Fraser from the village, with help from parents Liz and Alistair, an annual fundraising event will be held in aid of a forces' charity.

Troop Aid, founded 10 years ago, offers practical help for troops returning from conflicts.

One way in which the charity helps is to provide 'grab bags', designed to provide the essentials for service men and women when they need it most – often in military hospitals where they have few personal possessions.

Items in the men's grab bag include T-shirt and shorts, washing and shaving kit, towel, face flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, shower mules, socks, underwear, pen and paper. There is also a grab bag for injured female service personnel.

At Strachur Memorial Hall on Sunday May 29, for a small admission fee, you can enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with entertainment. There will be a show of some classic vehicles, as well as a cake stall and intriguingly-titled Irish bingo.

All proceeds from the event, which starts at 2.30pm, will go to Troop Aid for the purchase of grab bags.

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Argyll Masons zipwire for charity

MASONS from the Argyll and Isles Provincial Grand Lodge took up the challenge of flying on a zip wire across the Clyde for Prostate Scotland.

They raised £9,000 which was added to the amount raised by other lodges making more than £100,000 with donations still coming in.

Prostate Scotland is the Grand Master Mason's nominated charity and it raises awareness of prostate diseases.

More than 170 masons and supporters took to the air for the event on May 14 with

a good crowd gathering to watch and create a festival atmosphere.

Tom Davidson, a spokesman for the steering committee consisting of representatives of five provinces around Glasgow, said: 'When we set out planning for this event, we set a target of raising £40,000 for the charity. We have received such strong support from the brethren and friends that we have more than doubled that figure and raised more than £100,000 in just one day.'

'We may be able to increase this when all

the money is collected in. We have had male and female participants supporting this event, aged from 16 to 81 years of age.

'My thanks go out to all who have helped and contributed to our sponsored event.

'Freemasons have, in the past, always sought to carry out their charitable work quietly and without seeking publicity, however, the other very important objective of the event was to make more men aware and understand this type of disease and that cannot be achieved without publicity.'

Douglas Philand, substitute Grand Master of Argyll and the Isle Provincial Grand Lodge, handed over a cheque to Adam Gaines, director of Prostate Scotland.

Mr Gaines said: 'On behalf of Prostate Scotland I would like to record our sincere thanks for all that the freemasons across Scotland are doing to support Prostate Scotland and the cause of tackling prostate cancer and disease, helping enable more men and their families to be reached with information and advice'.



Douglas Philand hands over a cheque for £9,000 to Adam Gaines.

Swimming pool begins celebrations

MID Argyll Community Pool has begun celebrating its 20th year with a concert in Tayvallich.

Quintessential a-capella group performed at Tayvallich Village Hall on May 21 to an

appreciative crowd.

One member, Ellie Bittleston, lives in Crinan but the rest of the group came all the way from Woking, Surrey, to perform.

A buffet was provided by Da-

vid Jardine and meringues were provided by Jilly Wilson from the Square Peg.

There are more events to come to celebrate this special birthday, look out for more details in next week's Advertiser.



Quintessential performed at Tayvallich Village Hall.

Gym equipment opening

NEW outdoor gym equipment at Blarbuie Woodland will soon be officially opened.

The opening will take place at the woodland on June 2 at 1pm.

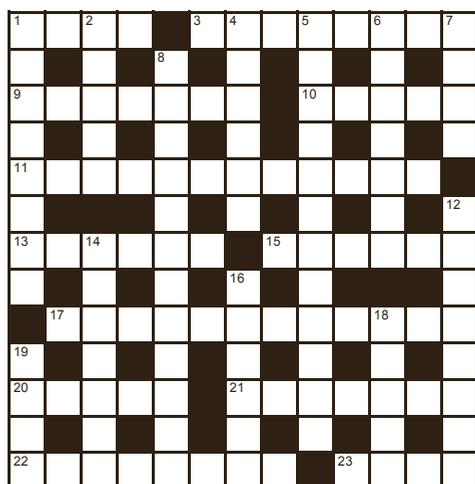
Christina West, chief officer for health and social care at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, will be on hand to open the equipment.

Despite it not yet being officially open, people are already taking the opportunity to get a little extra exercise during their walk through the woods.

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A blue do as party pays tribute to Jamie McGrigor

'I'll certainly keep an eye on politics and will look out for interesting jobs in the future'

by Colin Cameron
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THEY were singing the blues in Inveraray last Saturday as Scottish Conservatives gathered to pay tribute to Jamie McGrigor.

Well, perhaps not quite singing - and nor was the mood particularly blue in truth, but

party members from all parts of the Argyll and Bute constituency converged on the Loch Fyne Hotel to mark the retirement from front-line politics of the popular politician and former Highlands and Islands MSP.

Deputy chairman of the Argyll and Bute Scottish Conservatives Sandy MacPherson said: 'This is a lunch in honour of Sir Jamie to thank him for his years of service and to mark his retirement.'

'We have got the most tremendous respect for him, and he has an excellent reputa-



Sir Jamie McGrigor receives a retirement gift from the constituency association. From left to right are: Lady Mary McGrigor, Sir Jamie's mother; his sister Kirsty McGrigor; Valerie Cox of Kilmartin presenting the gift; Sandy MacPherson; Douglas Pattullo, former parliamentary aide; Sir Jamie; Emma McGrigor, Jamie's wife; their youngest daughter, Daisy; and Bill Hanbury, constituency party president. 06_a22jamie01

tion across all the parties in the Scottish Parliament. He has been an assiduous MSP and has developed very effective working relationships with groups such as the crofting and fishing communities, so he will be badly missed.'

Arriving as guest of honour, Sir Jamie joked that he was standing aside 'to make way for youth and beauty'. He added: 'I have done 17 years and four parliaments, and it has been a great privilege and joy for me.'

Asked what he felt

his most memorable achievement had been over his 17 years as an MSP, he replied: 'It has to be having four children with my wife during that time. Each was a memorable occasion.'

'Otherwise, I was very happy to see my Tartan Bill go through, creating a register of tartan in Scotland. I also remember the constituency cases - the ones where I managed to make a difference to individual people, from the Western Isles to Argyll. I think that is really what an MSP is meant to do.'

He paid tribute to Emma, his wife, and went on: 'My family has been amazing. In many ways I'm amazed I'm still married, with all the pressures of balancing family and political life. I take my hat off to my wife, Emma.'

In all, Sir Jamie has six children: Daisy, 9, Rosie, 13, Violet, 14, Alexander, 17, Sarah, 27, Sybilla, 28. 'I'm very proud of all of them,' remarked their father.

Looking ahead, he revealed that he has his eye on potential new

jobs - eventually. 'At the moment I'm relaxing. I'll certainly keep an eye on politics and will look out for interesting jobs in the future. I've been asked to join an international board in Paris looking into cyber bullying, and that may be of great interest.'

Mr MacPherson would certainly like to see the former MSP carry on in public life. 'We fervently hope the party will find an outlet to allow him to continue to contribute politically,' he said, 'because he has huge experience and knowledge. Sir Jamie has done a great job; he'll be sadly missed but we are looking forward to working with his successor.'

Sir Jamie concluded: 'It's marvellous that we now have Donald Cameron of Lochiel, who got in as a list MSP and will obviously be spending a lot of time in Argyll.'

'I hope Lochiel will continue to raise the standards, so to speak.'



Sir Jamie McGrigor - relaxing, but not for long. 06_a22jamie02

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Club members enjoy the machinery valuation night at Poltalloch.

Plenty going on at the Young Farmers

YOUNG farmers were left scratching their heads last Monday over the value of farm machinery.

A valuation night at Poltalloch Home Farm, courtesy of Iain and Jacinta Malcolm, provided some puzzlers and plenty of laughs for members of Mid Argyll Young Farmers Club.

Hughie MacLean provided the prices.

Club chairman Alastair Dixon said:

'Thanks to Iain and Jacinta, and to Hughie. A great night was had by everyone who attended and a few people will definitely have gone away with a better understanding of the values of farm machinery.'

The newly re-formed Mid Argyll club is forging ahead with more events.

Last Sunday members were invited to one of the farms featured in the popu-

lar BBC series *This Farming Life* - Bobby and Annie Lennox's Shantron Farm near Luss. The farm visit looked at performance recording in a sheep flock, led by the Young Farmers national vice president Bobby Lennox.

Next up the club is hoping to join with local NFUS members and go along to ScotSheep, to be held on June 1 at Blythbank Farm, Peeblesshire.

Cows and heifers fly at Stirling sale

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd sold 168 breeding cattle at its show and sale on Monday May 23.

An excellent show of heifers with calves at foot met a flying trade and many more could have been sold. Bulling heifers were probably the best show for quality to be seen at this centre and were easily sold.

In the bull section, a mixed show on offer were hard to cash.

The breeding females were judged by Brian Harper, Greenwells, Falkirk and the following were his awards:

Champion heifer with calf - a Limousin cross British Blue from John McAlister, West Thomaston, Banknock, sold at £5,000 to Brian Harper.

Reserve champion - again a Limousin cross

British Blue, this time from Craig Malone, Pitcairn, Cardenden, realised £4,600.

Champion pen of bulling heifers were Limousin crosses from A Kennedy & Sons, Seggarsdean, Haddington, and made £1,450 to A Galbraith, Upper Kinneil, Linlithgow.

The bulls in the show were judged by Ian Cullens, Dollarbank, Dollar. Bulls sold to £4,000 for a Limousin from R McCulloch, South Mid Frew, Thornhill, purchased by J Caskie, Kenaghair, Isle of Mull.

Other leading prices: Heifers with calves at foot: £3,400, £3,200 and £3,000 West Thomaston; £3,200 (twice), £3,000 and £2,600 Pitcairn; £2,800 (three times) West Thomaston; £2,150 Lower Killearnie; £2,100

Langshaw; £1,900 Parkhouse and Lower Greenyards.

Cows with calves at foot: £1,900 Lower Killearnie; £1800 Lower Greenyards and Langshaw; £1,650 Kirklane and Over Hillhouse.

Limousin bulling heifers: £1,650 and £1,400 Seggarsdean; £1,600 and £1,120 Lower Greenyards; £1,450 and £1,300 Parkhouse; £1,400 and £1,280 Over Hillhouse; £1,100 Balgownie Mains and Ashmore Farms.

Bulls: Limousin x British Blue: £2,000 Laigh Borland Simmental: £1,950 Wester Dullatur Limousin: £1,700 Lower Killearnie; £1,650 Cairnbog Aberdeen Angus: £1,550 Mains of Borkhan.

Calf producers urged to join new beef efficiency scheme

CALF producers are being urged to take advantage of a scheme which can be worth up to £32 per calf.

Portree-based SAC consultant Janette Sutherland has reminded producers they have until Tuesday May 31 this year to sign up for the Scottish Government's Beef Efficiency Scheme, whether they plan to begin in 2016 or 2017. She said: 'It is worth approximately £32 a calf for three of the five years of the programme so even if they feel it is too late to get organised this year, but are thinking of taking part next season, they must still register by May 31.'

The Beef Efficiency Scheme is open to all calf producers. There are four tasks required of those taking part.

Keeping a note of the calf's weight, how easily it was born and the mothers' temperament, taking part in some simple advisory activities and taking samples from the ears of 10 per cent of their calf crop for genetic testing.

Janette added: 'The weight of calves needs to be recorded. For calves sold this will be easily obtained from sale slips however other arrangements will be required for retained calves. This effort will attract a payment of approximately £32 per calf for three out of five years.'

The sampling for genetic testing will be done while fitting special ear tags, and the Scottish Government will ensure all members have their tags by the start of November.

Audit report slams CAP delivery

THE PROGRAMME set up to deliver CAP support to the agricultural industry is continuing to fail Scotland's farmers and crofters, at a growing cost to taxpayers.

That is the view of NFU Scotland, which cites Audit Scotland's latest review of the CAP Futures programme which states it continues to have serious cost and operational issues, and is unlikely to ever deliver value for money.

A spokesperson for the NFU said: 'The IT system's inability to process and deliver applications for support in 2015 blew a £400 million hole in Scotland's rural economy, and led to the Scottish Government putting national funding schemes in place to bridge the funding gap.'

'The catalogue of IT problems has caused lengthy delays, missed payment targets, and costs that have soared from an original estimate of £102 million to an estimated budget of £178 million. To compound matters, the scope of the programme has been scaled back. That led Audit Scotland to come to the alarming conclusion that, with £126 million already spent, funds could run out before the IT system fully meets European Commission regulations. According to

the auditor, non-compliance could lead to financial penalties of between £40million and £125million being imposed on the Scottish Government.'

NFU Scotland has twice provided written evidence to Audit Scotland on the CAP Futures programme and, in autumn 2015, urged the Scottish Parliament's Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment committee to scrutinise the programme's ability to properly deliver support to farmers and crofters.

NFU Scotland President Allan Bowie said: 'The damning report from the auditor general on the Scottish Government's calamitous CAP IT programme shows just how poorly Scottish farmers, crofters and taxpayers have been served with the unedifying prospect that the programme may never be fit for purpose.'

'Far from being 'back on track', the legacy of failure is continuing and this report will guarantee confidence in the system remains shot. Our new Cabinet Secretary must get to grips with this debacle. At this late stage, no one knows if the Scottish Government can meet the EU requirement to pay 95.25 per cent of support by June 30 and that is an appalling state of affairs.'

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Chris Cupples, centre, with supervisor Davie Lang, left, and mechanic Alister MacArthur. 06_a22council01

Top marks for council apprentices

TWO ARGYLL and Bute Council apprentices have become fully qualified HGV mechanics.

Chris Cupples from Lochgilphead and David Butler from Dunoon have been attending Glasgow Training Group (GTG) since starting work with the council three years ago. They were presented with certificates at a ceremony at GTG's headquarters earlier this month.

Chris, aged 22, works in the council's plant yard in Lochgilphead, while David, 25, works at the Hamilton Street workshop in Dunoon.

Argyll and Bute Council deputy leader Ellen Morton said: 'I congratulate Chris and David for all their hard work. This is a wonderful achievement. Our apprentice scheme is a wonderful example of us growing our own. We've gone to great efforts to support young people and enable them to take advantage of all opportunities. It is important, not just for our young people, but also for our communities that we help to support the growth and development of Argyll and Bute as a whole. Our apprentice scheme is just one of the many ways we are doing that.'

WEST COAST MEMORIES

IN THIS edition we unveil one of a remarkable collection of vintage photographs taken around Scotland's west coast.

Kindly passed to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* by one of our readers, they were taken by photographer George Gray of Stonehouse in Lanarkshire around 1880-1910.

The photographs are understood never to have been seen in public before and we are very grateful to be granted access to this precious collection from a bygone era.

Look out for more photographs from George Gray's collection in future editions of *The Argyllshire Advertiser*.



A maritime aristocrat

THIS photograph captures perfectly the golden age of the Clyde before the Great War.

The scene is Rothesay Pier, packed with holidaymakers, and probably dates from the early years of the 20th century.

During that era, steamers on the river were regarded by small boys with much the same enthusiasm as jet fighters are today.

Also worthy of note are the number of rowing boats in the background. Until the advent of health and safety, boat stances were common on the shores of Clyde resorts, and aspiring mariners had the opportunity to spend an hour on the briny for a modest sum.

The ship portrayed is the handsome *Lord of the Isles*, an aristocrat among Clyde steamers, second only to the *Columba* in prestige.

She was designed for the gentry, not the working classes, and her furnishings reflected that.

The *Lord of the Isles* was a remarkably beautiful ship. Ordered in 1891 from D and W Henderson of Partick, she replaced a vessel of the same name, which had inaugurated the Glasgow and Inveraray Steamboat Company's flagship Inveraray service in 1877. The new ship was powered by diagonal oscillating machinery and on her first trip to Inveraray bettered her predecessor's time by 20 minutes.

She was a 'butterfly boat'; in an era of extravagance fleet owners operated prestige

vessels only in the summer season, leaving winter services to the workhorses of their fleets. The *Lord of the Isles* left Bridge Wharf at 7.20am, calling at a number of piers en route and departed Inveraray on the return leg at 2.20pm, arriving back in the city around 8pm.

She also connected with the 'Famed Loch Eck Tour' (advertising agents in these days were very fond of heady adjectives) linking up with passengers from the Fairy Queen cruise on Loch Eck.

For a decade the *Lord of the Isles* ruled the Inveraray route unchallenged, but with the arrival of the pioneering turbine *King Edward* - faster and smoother - her popularity waned. In 1912 she was sold to her rival's owners and put on a new route, sailing from Glasgow at 10.30am to Tighnabruach and then round Bute before sailing back. She spent the Great War in home waters, sailing from Glasgow to Lochgoilhead, as her way south from Dunoon was blocked by an anti-submarine boom, returning to her round Bute route at the end of the war.

In 1928 she sailed for MacBrayne to Arrochar, but it was her swansong, for at the end of that season she was towed to Port Glasgow for breaking up.

Throughout her career of nearly four decades she retained her attractive funnel colours, probably the most striking on the river.

If you can add any information to any of the published photographs, please contact *The Advertiser* by email at editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or call 01546 602345.

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We have put together a collection of 20 of the best beaches for you to discover. Almost all of the images have been taken by the highly acclaimed, late, great Dennis Hardley – a true professional and gentleman. It is an honour to showcase his work with the kind permission of Tony Hardley.

We would like to thank Ron at www.islayinfo.com, Simon at www.simonbutterworthphotography.com and John of Seaview B&B in Fionnphort, Mull, for also allowing us to use some of their fine work.

We hope you enjoy our 'Life's a Beach' feature and that it gives you some great ideas for the best Staycation holiday you can imagine. Why not take inspiration from VisitScotland's suggestions for some great things to do on Scottish beaches?

1: Arrive in style at Barra...

If there's one beach where you can really make an entrance, it's Traigh Mhòr on Barra. This beautiful island in the Outer Hebrides uses the beach as the landing strip for its airport. It is regularly voted one of the world's top airport approaches.

2: Have a Picnic

Create a basket full of local produce and tuck into locally-caught fish and chips or seafood from nearby takeaways or restaurants.

3: Try a New Sport

If basking in the sun for hours on end sounds more like boredom than bliss, get active instead! The beach is a great place to try a new sport, whether it's wakeboarding or beach volleyball – it's the perfect chance to get sporty in the sun!

4: Fish Around The Rock Pools

They might look peaceful from afar, but rock pools are in fact buzzing with life and activity. Keep your eyes peeled and you could spot whelks, limpets, crabs, starfish, jellyfish or even shrimp and lobsters.

5: Look Out For Seabirds

From gannets to guillemots, you're sure to see some of Scotland's colourful birdlife on a trip to the beach. Puffins, kittiwakes and sea eagles are just some of the feathered wildlife you can hope to see.

6: Build a Scottish Sandcastle

Give your sand sculpture a Scottish twist by basing it on one of your favourite real-life castles – maybe Eilean Donan on the Kyle of Lochalsh or Castle Stalker in Appin? Turn yourself into a beach architect!

7: From Silver Sands to Silver Screen

Quite a few of Scotland's beaches have enjoyed a turn on the silver screen. Recreate scenes from Local Hero on Camusdarach Beach in the Highlands or Entrapment, filmed at Duart Castle on Mull.

8: Meet Highland Cows

Believe it or not, it's not that uncommon to see Highland cows lazing on the beach. They are often seen soaking up the sun at Laggan Bay on Islay.

9: Go Hunting For Fossils

A stroll along the beach can sometimes lead you over millions of years of history. Fossils are found on many beaches around Scotland, so keep your eyes peeled. ukfossils.co.uk has detailed information on which areas offer the best chances of finding trilobites, graptolites and many more.

10: Take a Sunset Walk

Whether you've been relaxing with a book, exploring rock pools or windsurfing over the waves, end your day with a sunset walk and soak up the incredible colours.

Have fun, and don't forget the sun cream!

For more information on Scotland's best beaches and holiday destinations visit www.visitscotland.com

Beach Safety Tips:

Most of the beaches we feature are great for paddling, swimming, beachcombing and rock pooling. Keep informed of tidal times at www.tidetimes.org.uk and ask locals about the inside track on swimming safety.

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Skye: Talisker Beach, Carbost



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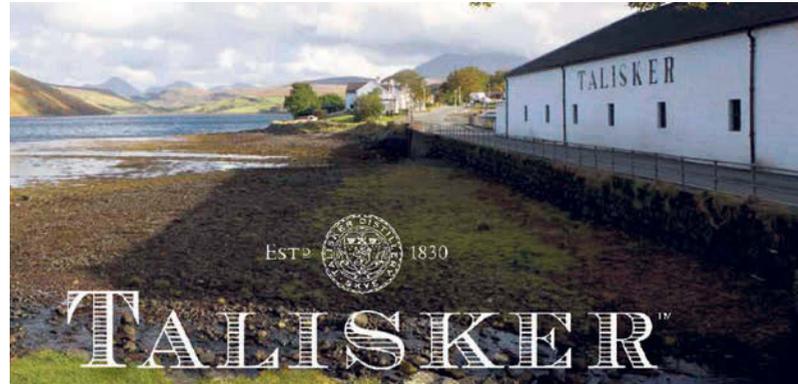
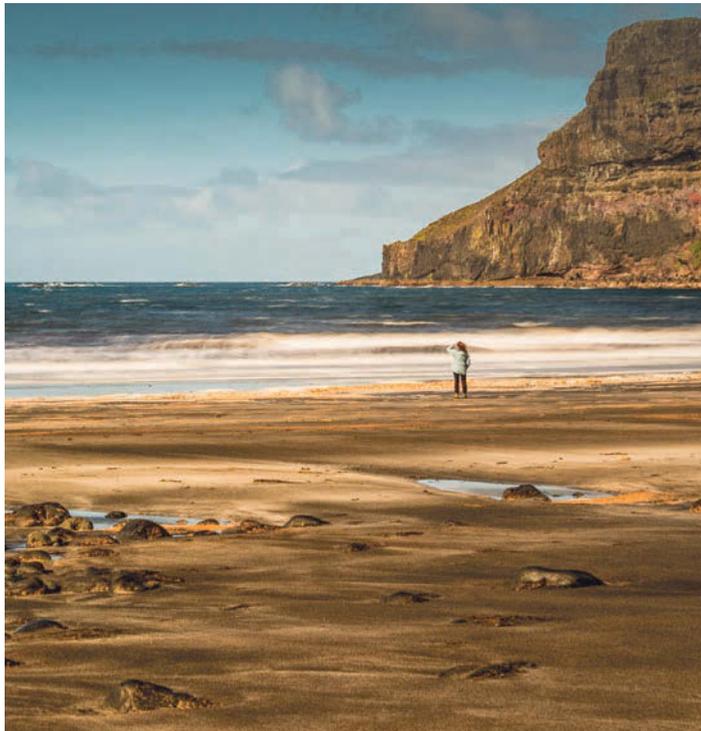


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Useful websites:
www.isleofskye.com
www.calmac.co.uk
www.scotrail.co.uk
www.skyeferry.co.uk

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Where? Talisker, Isle of Skye

The Isle of Skye is some 50 miles long and the largest island of the Inner Hebrides. Talisker Beach is located on the west coast of the island, close to the village of Carbost (approx 4 miles) which is also home to the famous Talisker whisky distillery. There is a car park close by at the end of a small public road, affording easy access to this beautiful mottled grey sandy beach. This is a great spot for some relaxing family time; the perfect place to make sandcastles, paddle, swim and explore. The bay is hemmed in by vertical cliffs, an impressive waterfall and a great sea stack.

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Harris: Luskentyre Beach



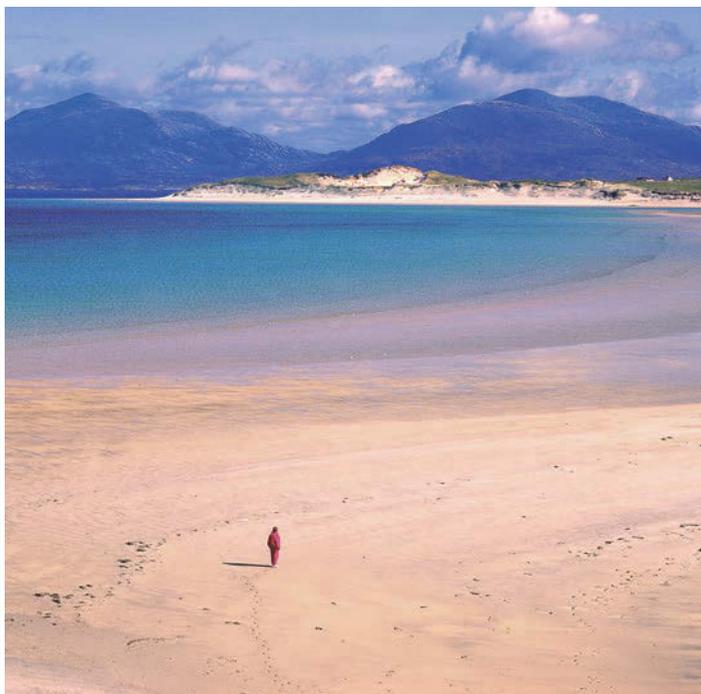
Close By:
The main ferry port of Tarbert (10 miles north of Luskentyre) has shops, cafes, restaurants, Harris Tweed shops, distillery, post office and a bank.



Don't miss:
More beaches, Harris Tweed fashion and crafts, island boat tours from Tarbert, The Summer HebCelt Festival on Stornoway (further north on Lewis, just an hour on the bus from Tarbert)



Useful websites:
www.calmac.co.uk
www.hial.co.uk
www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk



Where? Isle of Harris

The Isle of Harris and Isle of Lewis are linked as one island and are otherwise known as the Western Isles – the largest of the Outer Hebrides. Harris is famous for its spectacular beaches, and there is none more perfect, perhaps anywhere in the world, than Luskentyre Beach on the south west coastline. At high tide it is submerged under crystal clear waters, looking across to Taransay - made famous as the setting for BBC's Castaway - and the mountains of north Harris. Accessible from a small single track road that arches across the north side of the bay, Luskentyre is fairly easy to reach. There aren't any facilities (other than a toilet block nearby-ish), but who cares? You've arrived at arguably the best beach in Britain.

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GETTING HERE: The easiest crossing is from Uig (Skye) to Tarbert (Harris) with CalMac. Explorers will love the CalMac Hopscotch 8 ticket which starts at Oban and finishes in Ullapool (4 separate journeys tailored as you wish). Flybe operates a number of flights to Stornoway from Glasgow, Inverness, Oban, Campbeltown, Barra and Tiree.

Barra: Traigh Mhor Beach



Close By:

There is a café in the airport terminal, toilets and many more restaurants and shops within 5 miles of the beach. The Heathbank Hotel just 2 miles from the beach offers lovely food and accommodation.



Don't miss:

Barra Heritage & Cultural Centre, Balnabodach deserted village, Kisimul Castle



Useful websites:

www.isleofbarra.com
www.calmac.co.uk
www.hial.co.uk



Where? Isle of Barra

The island of Barra is the most southerly of the inhabited Outer Hebridean islands and boasts the only beach runway in the world to handle scheduled airline services.

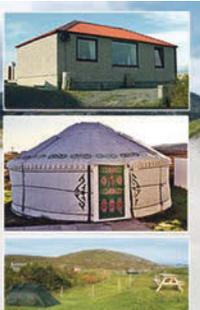
Traigh Mhor beach has been home to Barra airport for 80 years and has been voted as the world's most spectacular landing strip. The beach stretches between the villages of Ardhmhor and Eoligarry on the northern tip of the island. In between high tides and aircraft landings, the beach is open to the public. It is very popular with cockle collectors, photographers, walkers and those that want to just gather to watch the out-flight entertainment! An absolutely stunning beach.

Getting here: Calmac operates a ferry from Oban to Castlebay 5 times a week. It takes around 5 hours so treat it as a mini cruise and enjoy the journey! Flybe operates a scheduled flight from Mon-Sat, landing straight on the beach during low tide.

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North Uist: West Beach, Berneray



Close By:

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Don't miss:

The East Beach too, Lobster Pot Tearoom and the opportunity to get stuck into working on a local farm – ask around for how to get involved.



Useful websites:

www.calmac.co.uk
www.hial.co.uk
www.isleofberneray.com



Where? North Uist

Photo: www.simonbutterworthphotography.com

The small and beautiful Island of Berneray is situated between Harris and North Uist, linked to the latter by a 900m causeway. It is just 2 miles by 3 miles and inhabited by around 130 people who support themselves and the island's rich heritage mainly through crofting, fishing and tourism. Stunning beaches adorn the coastline and the uncrowded West Beach, which can be reached via the village of Borve, stretches for 3 spectacular miles. Nature lovers will be on the look-out for seals, otters, snipe, corn crakes, barnacle, greylag and brent geese. The shoreline is home to numerous splendid wading birds including snaderlings, turnstones, red shanks, oyster catchers and curlews. A glance to a clear sky at night will often reward you with stars, meteors, comets and the breath taking northern lights.

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Getting here: CalMac ferries go to Lochmaddy on North Uist (then travel by car across the causeway) or into Berneray from Levenburgh on Harris. Regular scheduled flights from Glasgow, Stornoway, Benbecula and Barra. A great bus service on the island connects with flights and ferry arrivals.

Ardnamurchan Peninsula: Sanna Bay



Close By:

The village of Portuairk is the western most settlement on the British mainland. Kilchoan has a shop and the ferry terminal to Tobermory on the Isle of Mull.



Don't miss:

Don't miss on the Ardnamurchan Peninsula: The Ardnamurchan Lighthouse is nearby and has a lovely tea room.



Useful websites:

www.sannabay.co.uk/
www.wildlochaber.com/ardnamurchan/wildlife/sanna-bay
www.calmac.co.uk



Where? Ardnamurchan Peninsula

If you are looking to truly get away from it all, then Sanna Bay on the tip of the Ardnamurchan Peninsula offers one of the most remote and spectacular beach experiences in Scotland. Located six miles from Kilchoan, it's quite a trek to reach Sanna, including a ferry crossing and 30 miles along a single track road, across a stunning extinct volcanic landscape now clothed in purple heather. But that's part of its beauty- you'll miss the crowds and nothing stands between you and Sanna's vivid turquoise seascapes. There is a gravel car park and telephone box there, but no other signs of civilisation. Instead, enjoy the dunes and rock formations, look for swooping sea eagles and playful otters, and do some frolicking yourself in the tranquil rock pools that dot the bay. Climb the rocks for stunning views over Isle of Skye, Muck, Eigg, Rhum and Canna- that alone is worth the drive!

GETTING HERE:

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Don't miss:

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Useful websites:

www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/morar/silversands/
www.road-to-the-isles.org.uk/morar.php



Where? Village of Morar

The Silver Sands of Morar - even the name is evocative of tranquil azure waters lapping against sugar sand beaches. Like something out of the Caribbean, this renowned string of gorgeous beaches has inspired artists and filmmakers for generations- in fact, scenes of The Highlander and Local Hero were filmed here. The tropical look of The Silver Sands of Morar will certainly charm you, but the views over the Small Isles- Rum, Eigg, Muck and Canna- can't be beat. The area is popular with walkers and beachcombers, as the beaches are easily accessed from the road. Find a campsite, drive from beach to beach, or take them all in as a trail. What better way to while away a beautiful sunny day?

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Isle of Tiree: Balinoe Beach



Close By:

There is a post office at Balinoe, and the Farmhouse Café in Balemartine is within walking distance.



Don't miss:

This beautiful island provides lots of inspiration for artists, so be sure to visit Dorinda Johnson's studio gallery in Scarinish, Patricia Sharp's studio gallery at Caolas and Tiree Glass right there in Balinoe.



Useful websites:

www.isleoftiree.com
www.southernhebrides.com
www.calmac.co.uk



Where? Isle of Tiree

The Hebridean Island of Tiree is famous for its fabulous beaches and tropical-like climate in the summer, and Balinoe Beach is one of the best places to experience it all. After all, Tiree is known as the 'Sunshine Isle,' with the warm Gulf Stream and some of the British Isles' most glorious sunshine. The waters are so renowned that surfers from around the world make the pilgrimage to 'hang 10 and compete in the annual Tiree Wave Classic. Balinoe Beach boasts sand so white you'll need sunglasses, fringed by machair dunes on one side and sapphire waters on the other- a postcard perfect spot if ever there was one! Whether camping or enjoying the hospitality of one of the area's fine lodgings, Balinoe Beach should be on everyone's summer bucket list.



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Isle of Coll: Torastan Beach



Close By:

Coll's main village of Arinagour offers some shops and services, and there is a golf course nearby. Or try a pony trek for something different.



Don't miss:

Mairi Hedderwick's series of Katie Morag children's books take place in the fictional village of Struay based on Coll. See if you can spot some of the set pieces from the books as you tour the island.



Useful websites:

www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/coll
www.southernhebrides.com/isle-of-coll-machairs-and-beaches
www.visitcoll.co.uk



Where? Isle of Coll

Coll is a Dark Skies area, which means there is no light pollution to get in the way of the breath-taking sunsets and night skies. The stunning beaches of Coll, Tiree, Islay and Uist are must-sees of the Hebrides. Torastan is one of them. Formed over hundreds of years from finely crushed shells, they stretch away in soft hues of tawny white, offering relaxing walks and picture postcard views. But many are also amazing places for wildlife. In spring, the rare and delicate machair blooms with wild flowers, and provides a home for hundreds of nesting birds like lapwings and redshanks. Corncrakes call from tall grasses, while terns plummet into the shallows for food. And if you're lucky, you might even spy an otter or basking shark, just off shore. RSPB's slogan is 'Let's give nature a home' and they work tirelessly to protect wild birds in their habitats.

Summer Entertainment at An Cridhe Isle of Coll

Thinking of visiting the beautiful Hebridean Island of Coll? Time your visit to coincide with one of the special events we will be hosting at An Cridhe the island's award winning Community Centre or come for a relaxing break at our 5 star hostel.



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www.collbunkhouse.com

GETTING HERE: From Oban, the vehicle/passenger ferry to Coll takes 2.5 hours. Torastan Beach is on the north east side of the island.

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Mull: Calgary Bay Beach



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Don't miss:

Calgary Art in Nature, Staffa boat trips, Mull Theatre, Seafood in Tobermory.



Useful websites:

www.calmac.co.uk
www.holidaymull.co.uk



Where? Isle of Mull

Calgary Bay is located north west of Mull, 12 miles from Tobermory and 5 miles from Dervaig. The craggy landscape hugs a soft shell sandy beach and is undoubtedly Mull's finest. There aren't many white sandy beaches on Mull that are outstanding but this one truly is. A wonderful place to relax and take in the views to the neighbouring islands of Coll and Tiree. Calgary is Gaelic for 'The meadow beside the bay'. The beach can be accessed by a lovely 300m sculpture walk which families will love. Nature and wildlife lovers will be watching out for Sea Eagles, Otters, Basking Sharks and much more. 'Many consider Calgary beach the finest beach in Scotland if not the UK'.

GETTING HERE: Calgary Bay is best reached by car, some 55 mins along the A849. CalMac ferries run frequently each day from Oban to Mull (40 mins to Craignure) as well as crossings from Kilchoan and Lochaline. Once on the island there is a great bus network to get you around if you don't have a car.

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Mull: Kilvickeon Beach, Nr Bunessan



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Don't miss:

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Useful websites:

www.holidaymull.co.uk
www.calmac.co.uk
www.isle-of-mull.net

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GETTING HERE: CalMac ferries run frequently each day from Oban to Mull (40 mins to Craignure) as well as crossings from Kilchoan and Lochaline. Bunessan is on the road from Craignure to Fionnphort. Just before Bunessan follow the road signposted to Scoor. The rough track leads to a very small car park opposite Kilvickeon Old Parish Church and Cemetery. A right turn here will take you on a 10 minute walk to the beach.

Where? Isle of Mull

Bunessan is a small village located on the south west corner of Mull. Kilvickeon is a beautiful white sandy beach with lots of pretty coves to explore. Getting there is part of the fun and a lovely walk over farmland gives the chance to explore an old chapel and cemetery along the way. Be careful though, the road is very rough underfoot. Look out for seals and beautiful sea birds and across to Garbh Eilean - a tidal island on this stunning beach. The beach is sheltered in places and is a wonderful place to paddle, swim (be careful of the tides) watch a beautiful sunset and generally chill out. The Ross of Mull Historical Centre is located at Millbrae Cottage beside the ruins of the Old Corn Mill, on the edge of Bunessan Village. Car parking is available by the bridge.

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Islay: White Hart Beach, Port Ellen



Close By:

Many hotels, shops, restaurants, Port Ellen Marina, 3 world-famous distilleries (there are 8 in total on Islay), Kilnaughton Chapel, The American Monument – and lots more!



Don't miss:

Kilnaughton Chapel, The American Monument and a plethora of things to see and do throughout the island.



Useful websites:

www.hial.co.uk
www.calmac.co.uk
www.islayinfo.com

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GETTING HERE: CalMac ferries run frequently each day from Kennacraig to both Port Ellen and Port Askaig and from Oban (via Colonsay) on a Wednesday and Saturday. There are also scheduled flights from Glasgow and Oban to Islay operated by Flybe.

Where? Port Ellen, Islay

The Isle of Islay is the most southerly of the Inner Hebridean Islands and is otherwise known as the Queen of the Hebrides. The island is both tranquil and buzzing – a wonderful place for an activity packed holiday – or a totally relaxing one! There are two ferry terminals on Islay: Port Ellen and Port Askaig. As you approach Port Ellen on the ferry you look onto the row of whitewashed buildings overlooking the golden sands – a stunning sight on approach. Kilnaughton Bay stretches west of Port Ellen and is one of Islay's most accessible beaches. Kilnaughton Bay at the White Hart Beach is shallow and perfect for paddling, with views across to Carraig Fhada Lighthouse and the Mull of Kintyre. It is also home to the Islay Beach Rugby. Tournament involving 27 teams! It takes place this year on Saturday 11th June. This year's event is sponsored by Kilchoman Distillery.

Islay Beach Rugby

Get yourself over to Islay for the Annual Islay Beach Rugby Competition on Saturday 11th of June. 18 mens and 9 ladies teams will gather to do Battle on the Port Ellen Beach for your entertainment. Matches kick-off at 12 noon on Saturday with the final game scheduled to start at 1700. There will be plenty of top quality local food and drink to accompany the feast of rugby. All sailings to Islay from Kennacraig on Friday will be diverted to Port Ellen. Camping facilities provided.

Port Ellen, Islay
1200 - 1720, Sat 11th June

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Islay: Port Charlotte Beach



Close By:

Port Charlotte has two hotels, a restaurant, a museum, shop and cafes. On the outskirts of the village there is a children's playpark, where you can enjoy a meal at the cafe.



Don't miss:

Museum of Islay Life, The Wildlife Centre, Bruchladdich Distillery. Nowhere is too far away on Islay and the whole island is full of places of natural and historical interest.

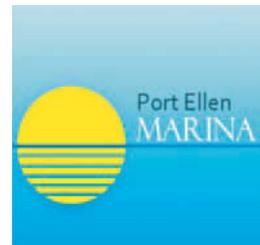


Useful websites:

www.islayinfo.com
www.calmac.co.uk
www.islayjura.com



GETTING HERE: Approaching from the north, head through the town and once you see the Corran Halls and Cathedral in front of you, continue along the shore road approx 2 miles to Ganavan Beach. If approaching Oban from the north on the A85, come down the hill into Oban (with its glorious vista across the bay) and turn right at the first mini roundabout (heading towards the sea) and right again at the next one which will take you on the road to Ganavan. The coastal and quiet road from Oban to Ganavan Sands is widely used by the local community for walks, running and cycling. Little Ganavan is another popular beach found along this road



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Where? Port Charlotte, Islay

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Islay: The Big Strand

7 miles of sandy beach



Close By:

Laggan Bay, Islay Airport, Machrie Golf Course, the town of Bowmore (Islay's capital).



Don't miss:

The Round Church at Bowmore, Bowmore Whisky Distillery, swimming pool and plethora of shops, cafes and hotels.



Useful websites:

www.hial.co.uk
www.calmac.co.uk
www.islayinfo.com

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Where? Isle of Islay

The Big Strand is a wonderful stretch of 7 miles of golden sands from Laggan (north) to the Oa Peninsula (south), bypassing the edge of the airport about halfway. There are few interruptions to a perfectly refreshing walk and it's ideal for dog walking, flying a kite, surfing, making sandcastles, watching the sunset and enjoying the stunning views across to the Oa Peninsula and the Rhinns of Islay. For active beach dwellers and their energetic offspring there are some lovely high sand dunes here to explore.



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GETTING HERE: See 'Port Ellen Beach' for more info about getting to Islay. There are surprisingly few access points to The Big Strand, considering the length of the beach. You can get to the beach via Kintra Farm in the south, a bumpy track to the north of the airport and though Laggan Estate in the north. Whichever route you take you have a lovely wee walk before reaching the beach itself.

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Isle of Arran: Blackwaterfoot Beach



Close By:

Blackwaterfoot Harbour, Kinloch Hotel and Shiskine Golf Course.



Don't miss:

Special attractions throughout Arran include Machrie Standing Stones, King's Cave, Lochranza Castle Ruin, Brodick Castle and Gardens and a hike up Goatfell Mountain!



Useful websites:

www.calmac.co.uk
www.visitarran.com



Where? Isle of Arran

Arran, known as 'Scotland in Miniature' is one big breathtaking experience. It is a superb holiday destination for the whole family with its many beaches, castles and castle ruins, Goatfell Mountain, golf courses (7 of them!), play parks, a whisky distillery, brewery, miles of walking and cycling trails, watersports, horseriding... the list is endless. When it comes to beaches there are very many, but among the top 3 (in our opinion) is Blackwaterfoot Beach on the west coast of the island. A short walk from the small car park next to the Kinloch Hotel will take you past the golf course onto a beautiful expanse of golden sand to wander along and play in. Another hidden gem is Kilmory Beach accessed by a small path at Kilmory. Head down the farm track at Torrillin, or via 'Lovers Lane' to find this lovely spot.

GETTING HERE: With CalMac, Arran is easily accessible from Ardrossan (Ayrshire) to Brodick which is the main town on Arran. A ferry runs from March to October from Claonaig (near Tarbert) to Lochranza at the north of Arran. You can also get there from Campbeltown, via Ardrossan.



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Oban: Ganavan Beach



Close By:
Beach shop, car park and public toilets and many cafés, pubs, hotels, activities and attractions in the town.



Don't miss:
Boat trips to the islands from Oban, McCaigs Tower, Oban War & Peace Museum



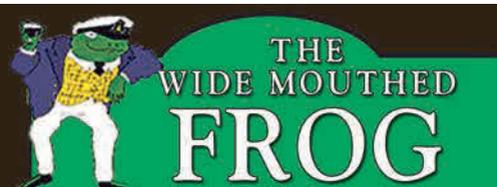
Useful websites:
www.obantimes.co.uk
www.oban.org
www.calmac.co.uk



Where? Oban

Oban is known as the 'gateway to the isles', as well as the 'seafood capital of the Highlands'. Oban boasts a ferry terminal and train station making it one of the most accessible main towns of Argyll, despite its remote location. Ganavan Sands is a wonderful beach for families, popular with visitors and locals alike. The picturesque sandy blue flag beach boasts easy access, ample parking and great views out to Mull, Lismore and Morven. The beach lies adjacent to a super coastal walk. Sunbathing, rock pooling, kite flying, watersports, hill walking and relaxing are all perfect ways to pass the time on this beach.

GETTING HERE: Approaching from the north, head through the town and once you see the Corran Halls and Cathedral in front of you, continue along the shore road approx 2 miles to Ganavan Beach. If approaching Oban from the north on the A85, come down the hill into Oban (with its glorious vista across the bay) and turn right at the first mini roundabout (heading towards the sea) and right again at the next one which will take you on the road to Ganavan. The coastal and quiet road from Oban to Ganavan Sands is widely used by the local community for walks, running and cycling. Little Ganavan is another popular beach found along this road



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Benderloch: Tralee Bay



Close By:
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Tralee Bay Fish and Chips at the entrance to Tralee Bay Holiday Park, Kintaline Farm Shop and Plant Centre, Oban Sealife Centre, Loch Creran, Isle of Eriska Hotel and Spa, Dunstaffnage Castle and Castle Stalker shop and café in nearby Appin.



Useful websites:
www.oban.org.uk
www.benderloch.com
www.tralee.com



Where? Benderloch

Tralee Beach is tucked away near the village of Benderloch. It is just 9 miles from Oban, across the Connel Bridge. This lovely beach has shingle at one end with soft golden sand at the other. Children will love the dunes and craggy rocks (great for rock pooling) and it's a great space for beach games, BBQ or picnic, swimming, paddling, leisurely walks and total relaxation. Even though guests and holiday home owners at the adjoining Tralee Bay Holiday Park have direct access to the beach, it never gets overcrowded.

GETTING HERE: Access to the beach is via a short walk by a signposted footpath from Benderloch village at the Ben Lora Café, where there is a car park. There is another car park at the west end of the beach off the South Shian road.

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Kintyre: Tayinloan Beach



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Don't miss:

The boat! A day trip to Gigha makes for a wonderful adventure and the ferry to Islay is just up the road at Kennacraig. Check out www.tarbertfestivals.com for festival dates this summer and autumn.



Useful websites:

www.visitscotland.com
www.kintyre.org
www.calmac.co.uk



GETTING HERE: Tayinloan is located on the A83 20 miles from Campbeltown (south) and Tarbert (north). It is most easily reached by car, however West Coast Motors have a great bus network throughout Argyll.

Where? Tayinloan, Kintyre

Tayinloan is a village situated on the west coast of the Kintyre peninsular on the Kintyre Way. A ferry service runs from Tayinloan to the Isle of Gigha. The village has a sub post office and general store, a small hotel, a village hall and a play park. Big Jessie's Café is situated beside the ferry car park which also offers self-catering or bed and breakfast accommodation. Tayinloan is equidistant from Campbeltown with its many hotels, shops, cafes, leisure centre and cinema, and the bustling fishing village of Tarbert – becoming famous for its plethora of brilliant festivals and harbourside activities. Enjoy a paddle along the beautiful shore at Tayinloan and take in stunning views over the sound of Gigha to the mountains and islands beyond.



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Kintyre: Machrihanish Bay



Close By:

The village of Machrihanish is home to the lovely Ugadale Hotel, as well as the remains of the Fessenden Mast, which made the first ever cross Atlantic voice transmission in 1905.



Don't miss:

Machrihanish Golf Course. The stunning first hole drives over the corner of the beach, and is widely considered one of the best opening holes in the world.



Useful websites:

machrihanishdunes.com/indulge/beach
www.machrihanishbirdobservatory.org.uk/latest.html
www.machrihanish.net



GETTING HERE: From Campbeltown follow signs for Southend, B842. At Stewarton, continue ahead for Machrihanish on B8.

Where? Machrihanish, Kintyre

Looking out over the Atlantic Ocean, Machrihanish is an action seeker's perfect playground. Located on the blustery west coast of Kintyre, the beautiful golden beach stretches for three miles, and the huge swell allows for one of the best surfing spots in the country. The beach is also a runners paradise, with views to Northern Ireland in the south up to Islay and Jura in the north making it a wonderful training ground. Two challenging golf courses pepper the huge dunes next to the beach, a designated Site of Scientific Interest, with an array of wildlife often seen soaring in the skies and frolicking in the waves. At the very tip of Machrihanish there is a quaint Seabird and Wildlife Observatory which provides the perfect look out.



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Kintyre: Carradale Beach



Close By:

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Don't miss:

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Useful websites:

www.carradaleharbour.co.uk
www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/carradale/carradale



GETTING HERE: From Lochgilhead on the A83, five miles south of Tarbert take the B842 to Carradale. Or go by ferry from Adrossan to Arran, then drive to Lochranza for the Claonaig ferry to Kintyre and down the B842 to Carradale.

Where? Carradale, Kintyre

Located south of the quaint village of the same name, Carradale Beach boasts one of the most delightful harbours in Kintyre. On Carradale Bay, the wide sandy beach faces south, making it a lovely spot to paddle, sunbathe or beachcomb. Enjoy the panoramic views across the Sound of Arran, and look for the wild goats that inhabit a Scottish Wildlife Trust nature reserve on the east side of the beach on Carradale Point. Paul McCartney found inspiration from Kintyre's gorgeous coastal scenery, and you will too when you visit Carradale Beach!

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Kintyre: Southend Beach



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Don't miss:

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Useful websites:

www.southendargyll.org.uk
www.visitkintyre.info



Where? Southend, Kintyre

Only 13 miles from Ireland, Southend Beach in Kintyre is steeped in natural beauty and history. Whether you prefer sunbathing or surfing, there is something for every taste at Southend's beautiful beaches, all without the crowds you might find at other spots. You can view oyster catchers, dolphins and the resident seal colony from Keil shore as well as Neolithic caves. Or, for the more adventurous, choose to hike on the nearby Kintyre Way, which has its terminus here. Dunaverty Castle overlooks Southend, and several important historical sites are nearby, including the ruins of Keil School and St. Ciaran's Cave, which is said to hold relics of the Irish saint. Be sure to get a taste of the local seafood, served pier to plate- it doesn't get any fresher!

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Tuesday 31st May 2016

11am to 2pm Ugadale Hotel, Machrihanish
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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

A MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN

AT 10.00A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE 2016.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Committee Manager, The Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, 38 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh G84 7PG. Telephone: 01436 657605.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

Public Notice Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Fifth Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

We have submitted to Scottish Ministers today, 26 May 2016, recommendations for councillor numbers and wards in each of Scotland's 32 council areas.

Our recommendations can be inspected on our website www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk, and copies of our reports have been made available to councils for display at selected council offices or libraries.

It should be noted that under the provisions of section 17(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Scottish Ministers may not make an Order giving effect to the proposals contained in the Commission's reports, either as submitted to them or with modifications, until after the expiry of 6 weeks from 26 May 2016, that being the date arranged for the formal submission of the reports.

LGBCS 26 May 2016

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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

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

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/01313/PP	Erection of 14 wind turbines (126.5 metres high to blade tip), upgrading of permanent access, formation of site access tracks, erection of permanent anemometer mast, control building and substation, watercourse crossings and temporary construction compound	Clachaig Glen Windfarm Land North East of Muasdale Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/01403/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 13/00826/PP (Erection of a dwellinghouse)	Plot 8 Craobh Haven Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
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Dated: 18 May 2016

Arlene Knox, Senior Planning Officer

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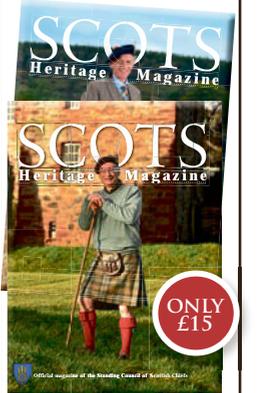
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I AM in Edinburgh for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and the atmosphere is amazing. There has been debate and discussion, prayer and praise, fun and friendship and so much more.

Sunday in Princes Gardens was a joy. Overlooked by that wonderful view of the castle, crowds mingled in the afternoon sun as the laughter drifted into a clear blue sky.

The stage was set for the Heart and Soul band, and that was when that moment happened.

Gathered by the side of the stage was a group of beautiful young South African children of about seven and eight years old.

Invited to come on stage, they absolutely exploded into life and enchanted us all with their colourful costumes, their rhythm, their singing and their total exuberance for life.

I cannot remember when I last sat in the audience at a bandstand and had such a wonderful time. The church had gone to the people and the people loved it.

The church was vibrant and exciting and touching people where they are.

Presbyteries walked past with their flags fluttering and I felt proud to be part of our national church as she was the centre of a great celebration of life.

The message was loud and clear that the church is not dying. The church is changing.

Back in the Assembly Halls the serious discussions continue and yes, there can be robust disagreement.

It is a week of intense conversations, of vision, of wonder, but also of hope.

It is a week of meeting old friends and meeting new friends. Some may have been absent from our lives for a while and it is a joy to catch up. I wondered if there were some folk in Princes Street Gardens on Sunday who caught up with God again that day. I hope so.

FURNACE

Race night

A RACE night will be held in Furnace to raise funds for three residents to go to the special olympics.

Iain MacDougall, Flora Currie and Campbell Ferguson are part of a team of nine selected to compete at boccia, a version of bowls that is played sitting down.

To secure their place they need to fundraise and Lochgilphead Round Table has stepped in to organise a race night to make sure the players can compete at the games.

The event takes place on Saturday May 28 at 7.30pm in Furnace Village Hall. There will be a licensed bar and pie and beans available at the interval.

TAYVALLICH

Flower show coffee morning

WITH thoughts turning to summer, and the Tayvallich flower show, a coffee morning has been arranged by flower show organisers.

This will take place in Tayvallich Village Hall on Saturday May 28



Iain and Flora have been chosen to compete at the Special Olympics. 06_a07olympics01

from 10am until noon. There will be tea and coffee accompanied by delicious home baking. A plant sale will also take place so the green-fingered can start growing their flowers and plants for the show. All proceeds will go to the village hall.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Clean up

A CLEAN up of the front green has been organised by Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

This will take place on Sunday May 29 from 10.30am. People are free to come and help for as much or as little time as they have to spare.

Litter pickers and bin bags will be provided and people are advised to wear appropriate clothes and footwear.

SKIPNESS

Beach clean

THE SKIPNESS community turned out in numbers recently for a beach clean and barbecue in the sunshine.

All in aid of Skipness Village Hall funds, the beach cleaners on Sunday May 15 collected more than 50 bags of ropes, nets, plastic bottles etc not to mention many items too large to bag.

Organiser Hilary Bridge said: 'Thank you to Tarbert Co-op which generously donated the rolls and burgers. We appreciated the considerable input by GRAB which supplied us with all cleaning requirements.'

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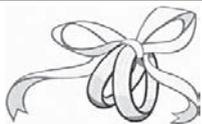
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

SILVER WEDDINGS

MACINTYRE BROWN - At Glassary Church, Kilmichael Glassary, on May 25, 1991 by Rev Norman Whyte, Angus to Lorraine. Present address, Glenlussa, Ford.



SEMPLER - JOHNSTONE

At Southend Parish Church, on June 1, 1991, by Rev R McNidder, Duncan to Judy.

DEATHS

MCGOUGAN - Peacefully, at the Accord Hospice, Paisley, on May 22, 2016, Angus Mathieson McGougan, in his 72nd year, Mill Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved father of William, Archie, Dorothy and the late Malcolm. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, May 27, 2016, at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will take place in aid of the Highland Parish Church.

SHARP - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 21, 2016, Mary Kennedy McArthur (May), in her 83rd year, Glen-Maree, Princess Street Walk, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Sharp (Robbie) and a much loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACPHERSON - Janice and Brian would like to thank everyone who paid their last respects at the church and graveside following their recent sad loss. Thank you also for the flowers, cards, telephone calls and messages of sympathy. Special thanks to Dr Romans for his compassion, to Steven Harper for his support, to all medical staff, ambulance crews and carers who attended to Mum over the years, to the wonderful staff of Ardfeanig who made Mum's short stay there so comfortable and safe, to Catherine Cameron for her welcome visits to Mum, to the Marie Curie nurses who treated Mum with dignity and respect in her final hours, to the Rev Hilda Smith for a spiritually uplifting and fitting service. Thank you to Roddy MacDonald and Fiona McLeod for excellent funeral arrangements, to Flowers by Morna for the magnificent floral tributes, Mum would have loved them, to the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead for fine purvey, and finally, to all family, friends and neighbours for their kindness. The retiral collection for Marie Curie Nurses raised £200. God Bless you all.

MCCORMICK - Betty, Leslie, Ishbel, Robert, Archie and families would like to thank everyone for attending Betty's funeral. Special thanks to Reverend William Crossan for the service, and to the ladies for tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches at the village hall. The sum of £290 was raised for A'Chleit Church.

MILLAR - Archie and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received following their recent sad loss of Martha. Grateful thanks

to Rev Philip Wallace for such a comforting and apt service, to David McEwan for his uplifting music, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for respectful and fitting funeral arrangements, and to all staff at Seafield Hotel for purvey. Our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay respects, your presence was of great comfort and much appreciated. The retiral collection for Lorne and Lowland Church raised £2,225 in Martha's memory.

IN MEMORIAM

ABBOTT - Isobel Mitchell Abbott, née McArthur, died May 26, 2013. To my darling wife, forever missed. God called your name so gently That only you could hear No-one heard the footsteps Of the angel drawing near... Softly from the shadows There came a gentle call You closed your eyes and went to sleep... You quietly left us all. - Your loving husband, Dick.

ABBOTT - Isobel Mitchell, née McArthur, passed away on May 26, 2013. Remembering a wonderful mum, granny and great granny. You're missed so very much.

- Love, Susan and David, Cameron and Megan, Terri and Dale, Maisy and Aidan, and wee Missy.

CAMERON - Treasured memories of my beloved wife, Susan, who passed away on May 28, 2015. Never a day do I forget you

In my heart you are always near God alone knows how I miss you And ends this first sad year My heart still aches with sadness My secret tears still flow for what it meant to lose you No-one will ever know. - Love, Sandy xxx.

CAMERON - Susan, a wonderful mother and granny.

Loved and remembered every day. - Charles, Catherine, Colin and Cara xx.

CAMERON - Susan, treasured memories of a special mum and granny.

Loved and missed every day. - Duncan, Katy, Lilly and Georgia xx.

M A R S H A L L (MCSPORRAN) - In loving memory of our mum, gran, great gran and sister, Betty, died June 1, 2012.

Four years have now gone since you were taken, No words can say how we feel not to have you here, Remembering you is easy, we do it all the time, The hardest part is you are not here. Love you always. - Inserted by family, home and away.

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

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

STEWART - In loving memory of Doreen Carson, who passed away on June 1, 2015.

Still missed, remembered and loved every day. - Nicola, Mel and family.

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Friday from 10am
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Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
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Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
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Saturday 28th May
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Heritage evening at Ford

FORMER Argyll and Bute archivist Murdo MacDonald led a fascinating event at Stroneskar, Ford.

Young pipers tutored by Rod Buchanan, Kilmartin, marched over the bridge at Clachandhu to give a brilliant atmospheric start to the evening, before Murdo outlined the history of the stone-built arched bridge.

First mooted in 1759 to replace a ford in the river, it was built around 1764 at a final cost of £4,200.

This beautiful bridge still stands on the public road as testimony to the craftsmanship of the stonemasons of that era.

On a beautiful spring evening last Wednesday, the company then moved on to examine the farm steading at Stroneskar.

The stone barn has seen many changes over the years but the original features were still visible. The stable still retains stalls for Clydesdale horses and prize tickets from Poltalloch Show in 1911 and 1920 were still intact on the beams.

The wood-lined bothy, with a lot of its original fittings, also fascinated the crowd and many questions were asked about the buildings and the farm.

A cup of tea was served in Ford Hall, where Sheena McNair had laid out historical documents dating back to the 1590s up to the present, including an account of 3,000 pairs of rabbits being trapped in the winter 1935/36.

The evening raised more than £200 for funds for the maintenance of Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford churches.

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Emotional unveiling at restored Loch Fyne castle

by Colin Cameron
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THE MACLACHLANS are one of the oldest clans in Argyll, with evidence of chieftains going back to the early 13th century.

Now, after many years of hard work, their ancient clan seat on the shores of Loch Fyne has been preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Built in the 15th century, Old Castle Lachlan witnessed plenty of history, not least the Jacobite uprisings in which the MacLachlans were on the side of Bonnie Prince Charlie - a precarious position in the midst of Campbell country.

Claiming descent from the ancient High Kings of Ireland, the MacLachlans once held land on either side of Loch Fyne, in both Knapdale and Cowal.

The 17th chief of the clan was killed in the Battle of Culloden in 1746 and legend has it that a government ship sailed up the loch to bombard the castle following the Jacobite defeat. Castle Lachlan has not been occupied since - unless you take

account of Munn, the resident Brownie (elf, or sprite), who still seems to be around.

Fourteen years ago, when faced with a crumbling ruin and the immediate problem of a crack on the west-facing wall, the Lachlan Trust set about planning to repair the old castle - at an estimated cost of £1.5 million.

Restored

After extensive fundraising efforts supported by Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund, the newly-restored castle was officially opened on Saturday May 21 by Douglas Currie, former convenor of Argyll and Bute Council and well-known local resident. Looking on were MacLachlans from around the world alongside many of the people associated with the restoration of the castle and surrounding area.

Cutting the ribbon, Mr Currie said: 'I first came to Strathlachlan 64 years ago and used to climb these castle walls when I was young. It's a great



Douglas Currie cuts the ribbon as clan chief Euan MacLachlan, left, and Donald MacLauchlan look on. 06_a22lachlan03

pleasure to open this latest stage in the refurbishment of Castle Lachlan.'

As piper Kate Paton played lovely airs, current clan chief Euan MacLachlan of MacLachlan said: 'This is the culmination of many years of hard

work by a lot of people. It's very emotional to see this old castle, the clan seat, being stabilised and restored.'

Successful as the works have been, it is estimated they cover just 15 per cent of the castle walls.

Euan MacLach-

lan added: 'Hopefully we'll be able to raise some more funds through the Lachlan Trust to tackle the rest of the castle.'

Credit

Outgoing Lachlan Trust executive trustee Donald MacLauchlan said: 'Our project man-

ager Marion Bowman really deserves the credit for seeing this through over the past five or six years.

He added: 'It's been stimulating and I have taken a lot of pleasure in seeing the results. It really is a marvellous sight.'



Before - the castle walls prior to the current phase of restoration.



After - the pristine restored walls. 06_a22lachlan05

Golf club news

THE WEATHER was a real mixed bag for recent events at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

The ladies night on Thursday May 19 was cancelled because of inclement weather but the guys are made of sterner stuff and the Friday fun night went ahead in the rain.

Even trusty captain Ryan McGlynn played and it wasn't a competition.

Maybe the planned after game refreshments in the clubhouse helped him make that decision. The ladies

and junior competitions were cancelled on Saturday when a course inspection by resident joiner Jim Hunter revealed the greens were flooded.

Sunday, however, saw an improvement in the weather and there was an excellent turnout for the Gents Medal which was the matchplay qualifier for the Tait Matchplay Trophy.

Sixteen gents qualified and the draw will be published on the notice board this week. Winner on the day was

captain Ryan McGlynn with an excellent nett score of 60.

In second place was Grant Macdougall with a nett 63 and in third place was Douglas Whyte, also with a nett 63.

This week's competitions are: Juniors - Saturday May 28, 10am - medal 18 holes; Ladies - Saturday May 28 - nine hole Stableford; Gents - Saturday May 28, 3pm - Three man team Texas Scramble; Sunday May 29 - RNLI competition.



Prizewinners at the Dunoon spring shoot.

Spring shoot at Dunoon Clay Target Club

THERE was a good turnout for the recent Dunoon and District Clay Target Club Spring Open Shoot.

The field of 14 seniors and one junior saw variable weather during the event on May 21 with both sun and showers.

The J C Lamont Trophy has been a regular club fixture since 1993. Third generation family member Neil Lamont, J C Lamont's grandson, took the junior prize in this year's competition.

The day's shooting was divided into two, the J C Lamont Trophy, which is a handicap competition confined to club

members, and an open competition for visitors.

In the trophy competition first place went to Joe Docherty with 147 points out of a maximum of 150. Richard Deane was second with 139 points, closely followed by George Lynn on 137 points. Fourth Place went to David Mundell.

In the open competition, first place went to Ross Speirs, Caindow, with an excellent score of 148 points. In second place was Willie McDermott, Bute, on 129. Jock Crawford, Bute, shot 125 points for third place and Donnie McPhail, Glendaruel, was fourth on 122. Neil Lam-

ont won his second prize of the day by winning the pool trap competition with a creditable seven hits out of eight.

This being the first open shoot following the winter programme, the opportunity was taken to present the Winter League Trophy to Richard Deane.

In a closely fought competition, Richard beat Ian Coates by two clays.

The club provides an opportunity to try clay target shooting in safe, supervised conditions. For further details visit the club website at dunoonand-districtctc.com.



The men played for the Gents Medal.

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Inveraray tied in league top spot after hard-fought win

**Marine Harvest
National Division
Inverness 2
Inveraray 3**

Inveraray are one of three shinty teams tied on top of the Marine Harvest National Division after a battling 3-2 win over Inverness at the Bught Park.

With Allan MacLeod unavailable, Somhairle MacDonald was in goal for Inverness as he continues to be hampered by a hamstring injury.

Inveraray travelled without Nicholas Crawford and Ally Munro.

Garry MacPherson and Allan MacDonald were free to play but both will miss next weekend's Camanachd Cup second round tie against Beaulie at Braeview Park as their bookings against Glasgow Mid Argyll the previous weekend mean they must serve one-match bans for passing the disciplinary points threshold.

MacDonald started on the bench alongside Lewis MacNicol and player/manager Ruairaidh Graham.

John Kennedy and Grant Griffin, however, returned for the visitors.

Referee Evan MacRae, officiating in his second match of the day, awarded Inveraray a penalty on seven minutes when Grant Griffin was upended in the D.

Youngster Fraser Watt coolly slotted the spot-hit into the roof of the net, giving Somhairle MacDonald no chance.

Despite being a goal down, Inverness had started well and the powerful James Cameron and teenager Charlie MacDonald were causing problems for the Inveraray back line.

Inveraray's David Robertson played the first 45 minutes but left at half-time to attend a wedding and Allan MacDonald took his place.

Inveraray went 2-0 ahead four minutes after the restart when Grant Griffin pounced to score following a corner.

Inverness halved the deficit on 59 minutes when Inveraray keeper Scott MacLachlan saved well from a low drive, and James Cameron was quickest to the rebound to slot the ball into the net and make it 2-1.

Young Scott MacLachlan, in the Inveraray goal, was the busier of the two keepers but Griffin eased the pressure – scoring his second and Inveraray's third goal with 15 minutes remaining from a well-worked free hit.

Again Inverness came back through a well-taken Charlie MacDonald goal.

The home side kept pressing but Inveraray held out and they will be delighted to have headed back down the A9 with both points on a day when they weren't at their best.

**Marine Harvest
South Division 1
Inveraray 1
Lochside Rovers 1**

The Inveraray second team and Loch-



side Rovers shared the points in a 1-1 draw in their Friday night meeting at the Winter-ton.

Inveraray showed their intent straight from the start of this 7pm throw up as Fraser Watt put them in front in the opening minute.

Andrew Fraser collected a ball forward and played a through pass to Watt, before the youngster struck the

ball across the keeper to make it 1-0.

Lochside Rovers drew level on 63 minutes when Niall MacFarlane scored following a stramash around the home goal.

Postponed

The Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup semi-final between Oban Camanachd and Kyles Athletic was postponed due to a

waterlogged Mossfield pitch. The tie has been rescheduled for Saturday June 4, so Inveraray will have to wait a bit longer to learn their final opponents.

Heavy Saturday morning rain showers also put paid to matches between Kyles seconds and Glenorchy in south division one, and Kilmory and Tayforth in division two.

**Young Inveraray
goalkeeper Scott
MacLachlan keeps
his eyes on the ball
at the Bught Park.**

Mixed results for bowling club

LOCHGILPHEAD Bowling Club faced a tough test in their first match in the Argyll West League as they faced defending champions Tarbert.

The game ended Lochgilphead four points 59 shots against Tarbert six points 53 shots. Lochgilphead had some success, winning against Oban fours and Oban senior fours. They lost out in the singles to Argyll.

The team fared better in the second match in the Argyll West League on May 19, pipping Oban to the win. At the end of the match the two were level on five points each so it went to shots where Lochgilphead won 61-45.

The triples lost against Stronvaar but the fours and senior fours won against teams from the same club.

Lottery numbers

TARBERT Football Club lottery numbers were 6, 8 and 9. Mary MacNicol was the lucky winner of £500 and next week's jackpot is £100.

THE WINNING numbers in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery were 2, 3 and 18. There were no winners so next week's jackpot is £300.

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