



Disabled Inveraray woman is 'a prisoner in her own home'

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A MOTHER left disabled after a brain injury is at the centre of a row between her family and a social housing provider.

Inveraray woman Mary MacLean and her family's lives were turned upside down when she was left paralysed after suffering a brain aneurism and stroke in December 2014.

A year later, she got home from hospital but it was apparent that her two-storey family home wasn't suitable.

Her daughter Megan said: 'She's kind of plateaued now. Social work, the NHS and the community care team have been brilliant. We were able to get her home for Christmas and they went above and beyond.'

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) was building a social housing complex in Inveraray and Mary was delighted when she was told a home would be

built specifically for her needs, giving her greater quality of life. The joy was short-lived as they were left reeling when they recently heard that the house had been allocated to someone else. 'The occupational therapist and social work had been involved in making sure it was done specifically for her,' said Megan.

Mary and her family were pinning their hopes on this house. Now it is impossible to get Mary to the bathroom as there is only a small washroom downstairs and she sleeps in the living room. Megan said: 'She's a prisoner in her own home.'

ACHA said it was informed that adaptations would be done to the MacLeans' current home and they were no longer in need of this new house.

The association goes on to claim that Argyll and Bute Council social work department said in March that it

did need the house.

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'By this stage there was another family with a greater housing need on the list and the MacLeans' application could only be considered on a waiting list, housing need basis as they were returning for consideration after the earlier withdrawal. The other family have been offered the house on the basis of their needs assessment.'

Mary's family are not taking this lying down. They have created a Facebook page and got the shocked community of Inveraray involved.

There is a petition in almost every shop in the town including the Pier Shop where Mary used to work.

It is run by her sister-in-law, Gwen Lindsay, who said: 'When the family phoned and said she hadn't got the house. I thought they were on the wind up. We all thought it was a sure thing.'

Mary enjoys going



Mary is sleeping in her living room, in a home that cannot meet her needs. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

to the Pier Shop to see old colleagues and friends but these days she needs two carers to make it possible.

The people of Inveraray are up in arms

about the situation. 'Mary is born and bred Inveraray. There is no one more deserving of the house,' said one.

Councillor Sandy Taylor has been made

aware of the case and said: 'It's a very difficult situation with Mary's complex and changing needs. I will work with Fyne Homes and social work to help

find a solution.'

The Argyllshire Advertiser asked Argyll and Bute Council about its involvement but it did not respond.



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Residents Amanda Crawford, left, and Emma Young with some of the bags which have been left at the doorway. The rubbish is attracting rodents. 06_a23bins01

Council denies responsibility for 'unhygienic' overspill

ARGYLL and Bute Council has been accused of unresponsive service and lacking common sense by people living in an Ardrishaig block of flats.

With an overflowing communal bin, residents at Fyne Homes' Tigh na Creige complex were left with little option but to fill plastic bags with excess waste, left beside the bin for uplift. The overspill bags were not removed with the normal bin collection.

Resident Emma Young, 28, said: 'There are six families, with kids from newborns up to age 12 or 13, sharing a bin. It's just not big enough, and now the bags left behind are attracting mice. It's unhygienic, and I don't want my 10-month-old daughter, who's learning to walk, going outside the door basically into Lingerton dump.'

The mother-of-one

added: 'They had to lift the overspill bags to get to the household waste bin. Why couldn't they just lift the bags and put them in the lorry? Where is the common sense?'

Occupants of the flats also have a communal blue recycling bin, for collection every two weeks. This bin, says Emma, was not lifted a fortnight ago.

'They left a note attached to the bin to say there was food waste in it,' said Emma.

'Last week they came back and emptied both the green and blue bins - before leaving the big blue bin 30 feet away from where it should be.'

When she contacted Argyll and Bute Council to complain about the bins, Emma claims she received no response. 'I used a form on the council website specifically for reporting missed bin col-

lections. I have heard nothing. Not even an acknowledgement.'

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The crew followed council procedure. It is the customer's responsibility to deal with excess waste produced.'

The spokesperson added: 'The recycling bin was emptied into the general waste stream along with the domestic collection schedule. The recycling bin was returned to the normal collection point and the domestic waste bin returned to the fenced compound.'

Asked why Emma had received no response to her complaint, the council replied: 'There was no contact number on the inquiry that we received, and we have attempted to contact the complainer via Fyne Homes, with no success.'

Police files Breach of bail

A MAN was in breach of his bail conditions when he entered a house in Furnace on May 24. A 55-year-old man was charged with this on May 29. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Motor stolen

AN OUTBOARD motor was stolen from Tarbert Yacht Club between May 10 and 24.

The motor was Evinrude 20HP. Police are appealing for any information.

Abusive texts

THREATENING and abusive text messages were received by an Ardrishaig woman on May 25. A 46-year-old man was charged with sending the message.

Pool vandalism

THE lid of an oil storage tank has been damaged at Mid Argyll Community Pool, Lochgilphead. The incident took place between 10am and 6pm on May 25. Police are appealing for information.

Theft at hotel

A MAN stole bar staff tips and a bicycle from a hotel in Inveraray. The incident happened at 12.05am on Sunday May 29. The items were later recovered and police are appealing for information.

Car damaged

A CAR wing mirror was damaged by another car and the driver failed to stop and report the incident. This happened about 2pm on May 23 at Manse Brae, Lochgilphead. Police are appealing for witnesses.

Vandalism

BETWEEN May 13 and 14, the doors and windows of a static caravan were damaged at Duncholgan Caravan Site, Lochgilphead. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses.

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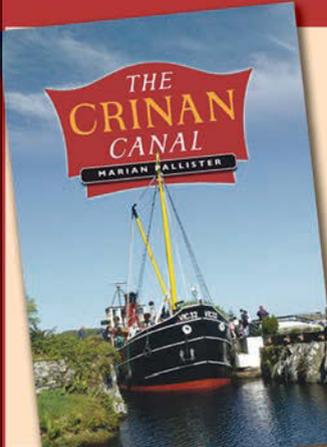
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Pupils battle it out for quiz trophy

PUPILS from Lochgilphead and Kilmartin Primary Schools had their knowledge put to the test at the final of the Mid Argyll Primary Schools quiz.

In a University Challenge-style competition at Kilmory council chambers on May 27, both teams locked heads in a battle of wits.

Over different rounds the youngsters answered questions on spelling, maths, sports, music and general

knowledge. The maths round was particularly tense with every question being answered correctly except for one.

Under the watchful eye of pupils, teachers and children from other schools, the two teams gave a good account of themselves despite questions that would have many of the adults present scratching their heads.

Eventually, after a final fingers-on-buzzers round, Lochgilphead

were crowned champions with 41 points to 32.

The victors were presented with their shield by local Councillor Donnie MacMillan.

Right: Lochgilphead get their trophy from councillor Donnie MacMillan.

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Could pylons affect air ambulance?

LOCHGILPHEAD Community Council was joined by several members of the public who had concerns about the new pylons proposed for the area.

There were worries that they pylons planned for Baddens are too high and could affect the air ambulance.

Lochgilphead Community Council agreed to try to find out the results of previous consultations and get an update.

There is another consultation due in October.

Ardrishaig moves to Kintyre – MSP blasts changes

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell has described proposed changes to council wards in the region as 'not fit for purpose'.

Mr Russell has written to the local government minister, Kevin Stewart, asking him not to implement the Local Government Boundary Commission recommendations for Argyll and Bute, published last week.

The published proposals would mean that Ardrishaig

and Knapdale would move to Kintyre and the Islands ward, with Mid Argyll ward starting at Lochgilphead and extending north to Loch Awe village across to Kilninver and the Garvellachs.

No savings

Describing the proposed changes as 'tinkering at the edges driven by irrelevant number-based formulae', he goes on to note that there are no financial savings to be made by the proposals - which are

actually likely to cost money to implement. 'What Argyll and Bute really needs is the devolution of power down to communities,' added Mr Russell.

'We need to engage more people in local democracy, not fewer, and, accordingly, these proposals are not fit for purpose and need to be abandoned. Instead the Scottish Government should get started now on the urgent task of bringing power back to the people of this constituency.'

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Boost for Inveraray minibus funds



Linda Divers accepts the cheque on behalf of the community council from Conor and Audrey McCaughey of Londis, Inveraray.

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A DRIVE to raise funds for a community minibus has received a boost from the owners of Inveraray's Londis store.

Inveraray Community Council has been raising money for the bus, and hearing of the cause, they decided to help. Last week they handed over a £561.17 cheque for the fund.

Audrey McCaughey, who took over Londis with husband Bri-

an and son Conor two years ago, said: 'I think a minibus would be a great thing for the town.'

Reality

'It could be used by everyone from young kids to senior citizens, and we just wanted to do our bit to make it a reality rather than just an idea.'

Accepting the donation on behalf of Inveraray Community Council, a delighted

Linda Divers said: 'This donation is greatly appreciated, and it has boosted our total raised to around £4,000.'

Linda continued: 'I would ask anyone around Inveraray who thinks they might, at some point in the future, have a use for a minibus to please think about donating. It would be very welcome.'

Audrey added: 'We

donate all the money we raise in the shop from counter collections and bag purchases to local causes.

'We change the charities we give the money to all the time but it is all for local organisations.'

Contribute

To contribute to the minibus fund, speak to any member of the community council or visit the Londis shop in Inveraray.



Homes have now been protected from erosion. 06_a23furnacerocks01

Furnace shore work completed early

CONTRACTOR Anderson Group has been working hard and has managed to complete the work to reinstate the shoreline at Furnace four weeks ahead of schedule.

Residents of Queen Elizabeth Cottages have now been protected from coastal erosion following the £95,000 engineering project paid for by Scottish Water and Argyll and Bute Council. The work saw 2,000 tonnes of rock armour, used to protect the shore, put along a

140 metre stretch of coastline.

A local resident said: 'We're delighted with the job that's been done. It's exactly what we wanted.' He added: 'The contractor plans to come back in November to see how it's working.'

Councillor Ellen Morton, policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'We could see that something had to be done to protect these houses from coastal erosion and we were pleased to be able to work in

partnership with Scottish Water to complete the project.

'We would like to thank people for their patience and co-operation during this work.'

Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water's community team manager for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The work involved was of a challenging nature. We were pleased to play our part in this effective partnership working between Scottish Water and Argyll and Bute Council, and to help deliver a solution.'

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Hair-raising antics at Midton Acrylics

PINK luscious locks, a George Michael-style mullet and a questionable blonde bob were just some of the wonderful wigs seen at Midton Acrylics. Staff at the Lochgilphead-based company raised money for CLIC Sargent, a national charity for children



The staff at Midton Acrylics held a bake sale and wore wigs. a23midton01



Tristan Bowden and Katy McNaughton were all smiles during the fundraising.

and young people with cancer, on May 25. Wig Wednesday was the charity's fundraiser which encouraged companies and individuals to wear wigs for the day. Midton staff managed to raise more than £260 by having a bake sale and getting wiggy with it. The company's commercial director, Neil MacDonald, said: 'It's safe to say that all the staff enjoyed wig Wednesday while raising money for a very worthwhile charity.'

Grants for community groups

LOCAL community groups are being asked to apply for funding available from Argyll and Bute Council.

The second round of applications for its third sector grants is open until June 13 with decisions being made at August's area committee meetings.

The council's policy lead for community and culture, Councillor Robin Currie, said: 'The council is particularly keen to encourage new groups with fresh ideas. Advice and support on funding is available from the council's community development and social enterprise teams.'

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Mary is let down

MARY MacLean's story is heart-rending. Still a young woman, and a nicer lady you could not wish to meet, she was struck down by a cruel condition.

But this severely disabled woman is not receiving the help she needs from publicly-funded organisations that have a duty of care. Her family does stress, though, that Mary's day-to-day care has been excellent.

There is, at best, confusion in all of this. The family believe they were promised a home for Mary, custom-designed by specialist occupational therapists, in a new ACHA complex. Whatever the reasons, this is now not the case.

There is a complex mix of involvement from the housing association itself, to the council's social work department and NHS Highland. Did the various left hands know what the right hands were doing and has Mary's case fallen between the cracks?

It is possible that communication has broken down among these taxpayer-funded organisations. And if this is suspected to be the case, a full investigation must follow.

In the end, Mary and her family are no further forward and feel bitterly let down.

A sporting chance

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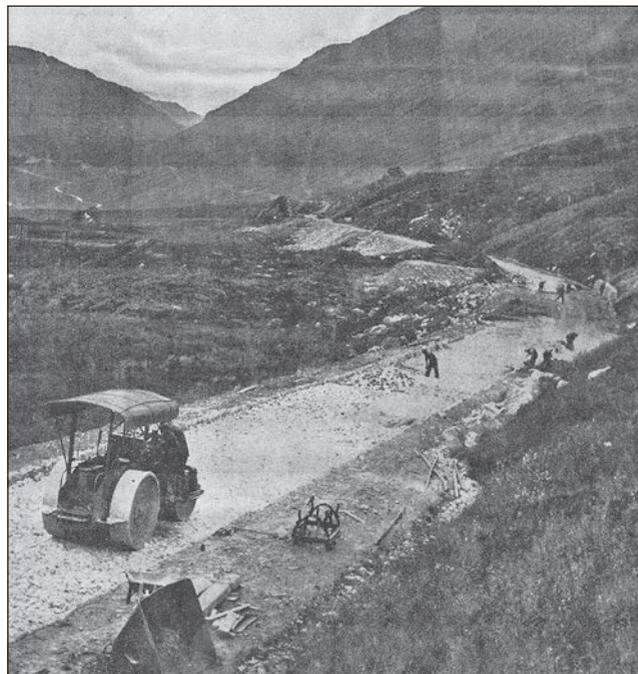
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Boys' mental health

Sir,
With mental health awareness week in full swing, I would like to commend all the hard work by charities and the Scottish Government for its commitment to invest an additional £150 million to improve mental health over five years.

Improving access to services and addressing the issue of mental health, particularly in young people, is an issue we should all be talking about.

The Boys' Brigade as a major youth organisation has contact with 20,000 members in Scotland alone, and it is a priority for us to recognise the need to provide support and reassurance for anyone who needs it.

Earlier this year, we teamed up with the mental health charity Youngminds UK to provide training for our young Boys' Brigade leaders. It gave our volunteers a chance to learn more about how to support young people's emotional well-being, and how other specialist organisations can help. It also acted as a reminder that organisations like the Boys' Brigade can be instrumental at building resilience in young people. If we can start to get more people talking, we are already making the first step to help tackle the taboo.

We are committed to continue this support, beyond just a few events and hopefully we can support our leaders and young people

and work together with other organisations to stamp out the stigma and see these worrying figures change for the better

Bill Stevenson,
Director, The Boys' Brigade Scotland.

Change the world

Sir,
Volunteers' week (June 1-12) is a time to honour the accomplishments of National Childbirth Trust (NCT) volunteers past and present.

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From co-ordinating NCT's programmes for newly settled refugee and asylum seekers, to packing bags at nearly new sales or fundraising for better health support, every NCT volunteer has influenced our success, and for this I thank you.

As we celebrate our volunteers throughout the course of Volunteers' Week, never has a quote seemed more appropriate to reflect NCT's past, present and future: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; it's the only thing that ever has' – Margaret Mead.

Nick Wilkie,
NCT chief executive.

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Student to reach new heights for charity



Rosie jumps for joy on a practice expedition.

AN ARGYLL student is preparing for the trip - and challenge - of a lifetime when she treks to Everest base camp for charity.

It all started when Rose Richmond, from Carradale, saw a poster in her university: 'It was quite random. I had been thinking I want to do something and came across the poster. I went to a meeting and signed up,' explained Rose.

The group of Stirling University students are raising money for Childreach International which works in a number of countries including Nepal which was devastated by an earthquake a year ago. Rose said: 'It's good to do something for a smaller charity. Childreach has built 15 schools since the earthquake. We're going to visit one for a bit of inspiration before we start the trek.'

'I'm really excited, but nervous too. Sometimes I think I forget how big it is,' Rose admits. The trip will take her 5,600 metres above sea level, following the route of many explorers. Exhaustion and altitude sickness are just two challenges she and the other students may face on the mountain.

Fitness

The trip means Rose needs to be in tip-top fitness and she has been training: 'I'm lucky, I'm back from university now and there's great forestry tracks at the back of my house. I've also done strength training as we'll be carrying most of our kit, but yaks will carry the heaviest things.'

The trip will take place from August 16 to September 9. The group will spend a few days in Nepal after the trek to recover and explore.

Rose needs to raise

£2,895 for the charity and is well on her way to doing so following donations and a recent coffee morning held in Tarbert.

The event took place on May 28 and coincided with the Scottish series being held in the town. Rose and a team of helpers took advantage of visitors being in town by offering a yacht-to-yacht cake service for hungry sailors.

There were two raffles with plenty prizes for.

One, for a signed print by artist John Lowrie Morrison, was won by Jenny MacLeod.

The event brought Rose £763 closer to her target and she is now close to reaching it.

Rose is raising money until June 21 and you can donate at mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/everestchallenge

Argyll's only boarding school opens doors to interested families

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West Highland Way walker raises money for MS Centre

AN INTREPID walker recently took on the West Highland Way in three days for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Centre in Lochgilphead.

Vince Bertonesi took on the challenge of completing the 96-mile hike while wild camping and carrying all his own equipment. The walk – sore feet, blisters and all – was in aid of the MS Centre, the

Beatson Cancer Charity and Save the Elephants.

The reason the centre was chosen is because centre manager Karen McCurry is Vince's cousin.

Both Karen and Vince would like to thank everyone who donated and supported the walk in any way. A Justgiving page is online for anyone else who wishes to donate.



Fynefest will return in June.

Music in the glens as Fynefest returns

FYNE Ales once again this year hosts Fynefest on the weekend of June 10-12.

The music festival was created in June 2010 with 350 visiting.

Since then the popularity of the event has grown and grown, and this year the event will welcome around 2,000 people.

This friendly festi-

val provides areas for tents and many different bars.

Two stages will, feature very talented artists, including the Camans, the Big Shoogles, Joni Fuller, Dr Hip and the Blues Operation and many more.

The event also provides a fantastic selection of food from companies such as Loch

Fyne Oysters, Winston Churchill Venison, the Real Mackay Stovie Co and Bumble Pudding.

The festival also has more than 120 craft beers. But if beer isn't your thing, this year – for the first time – there will be a cocktail bar. There is also a walkers' bar that visitors can reach after a stroll up the glen, offering scen-

ery and a the promise of a cold drink when you reach your destination.

The event will also have various activities, including a pub quiz and a tent for kids.

There is also a new addition of the 'Late Night Howler' where people can watch a classic horror film before bed.

Hopes high for sunny gathering

ORGANISERS of the Glassary Gathering on Saturday are hoping this run of beautiful weather continues until the event.

The Mid Argyll Pipe Band will get the gathering off to a good start, performing at about 1pm tomorrow, June 4.

There will be plenty to keep everybody entertained with a big range of activities planned for kids and adults over the day. A highlight is sure to be Kintail Birds of Prey.

There will be a highly competitive challenge where teams will battle it out in a tug of war and pantomime horse race.

To round off the daytime events, a disco will be held especially for the kids before the adults get the chance to take to the dance floor. The dance in the marquee will run from 7pm and feature Bar None Community Choir and Signal Fires.



Vince reaches the finish line.

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Dawdling Inveraray ducks create a splash

THERE was to be no ducking it – this year's Inveraray Duck Derby required all the ingenuity local British Legion members could muster.

In contrast to last year's race, which was over in a flash in raging torrents, this was an altogether more sedate affair. Low water levels in the River Aray

combined with a mischievous light breeze to cause havoc.

The 500 yellow plastic waterfowl set off briskly enough, fairly skipping down a weir at the Maltlands. But then the rapids ran out and they were becalmed. And that was when the breeze caused the dawdling

ducks to defy the laws of nature and drift back upstream – much to the horror of duck wranglers Ian Lindsay, Robert Wilson and Alastair Rodden.

The brave boys took to the water to splash, push and chuck the ducks downstream, but back they came, thwarting every effort

as the crowds waited expectantly at the Maltlands bridge.

Back at the start of the race, the wranglers, helped by Robert McCulloch, decided a rope was needed to drive down the ducks, but that didn't work. An otter was spotted, playing among the yellow multitude – but, sadly, the creature turned out to be Ian Lindsay doing the backstroke.

The finishing line was commandeered to push the contrary competitors to a point where they would take off downriver once more – at which point the finishing line was rapidly reinstated to welcome the winners.

The 20 minutes of cold water swimming from Ian, Robert and Alastair was worth it in the end, when number 42 romped home in first place, closely fol-



And they're off! 06_a23duckderby02



Is it a seal? A mermaid? An otter? No, it's Ian trying to push the ducks downstream. 06_a23duckderby01



The crowd are delirious with expectation as the ducks approach. 06_a23duckderby06



Using the finishing line, Alastair Rodden coaxes the birds in the desired direction. Robert Wilson is on the other end. 06_a23duckderby04

lowed by numbers 494 and 109.

The owner of 42 was Orla Mochrie, who scooped the £50 first prize. Second was Inveraray and District Royal British Legion branch president Jim Martin – with Jim's wife Sue winning the third prize. Waddling home at the tail end of the race was Alec Briggs's duck, winning him £10.

The event, a fundraiser for the local branch of the Royal British Legion, was held by kind permission of Argyll Estates.

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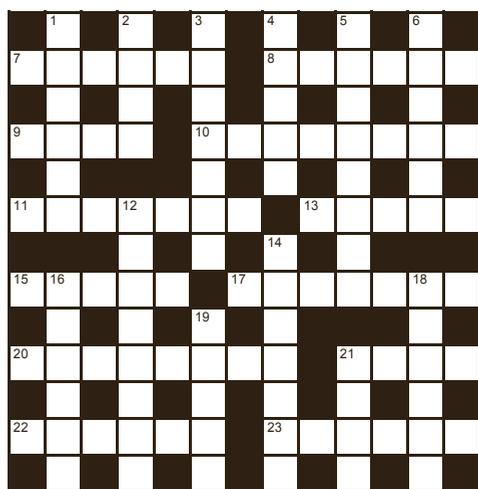
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Gardens open for good causes

SOME of Mid Argyll's most attractive private gardens were opened to the public last weekend.

In beautiful bloom and in lovely sunny weather last Saturday, the garden at Knock Cottage, Lochgair, was

opened up for charity by new owners Hew and Barbara Service.

The following day, a garden opening was held at Ormsary, along with a veteran car display, plant sale, bluebell walks and home-made teas.

Event

The Ormsary event was held in aid of Marie Curie, the MS therapy centre and Ormsary and District Social Club.

Back at Knock Cottage, a steady stream of visitors enjoyed



Hew and Barbara Service – discovering their own garden in their first year at the property. a23opengarden02

the five-acre garden purchased with Knock Cottage by Mr and Mrs Service in No-

vember 2015.

The garden has been looked after for many years by Jay Burns and

his father, John, and a good job they have done.

Rhododendrons,

azaleas and other shrubs were in vibrant full bloom around an attractive pond, while tree species including eucalyptus, birch, alder and beech offered welcome shade and bright green foliage.

Exciting

Barbara said: 'It's so exciting to watch plants and shrubs bloom and come to the fore in the garden.'

'Having only recently moved here, one doesn't know what to expect next.'

Forty per cent of funds raised at the garden opening will be donated to a charity chosen by the owners, while charities linked to the Scotland's Gardens programme benefit from the remainder.



Stunning rhododendrons in full bloom at Knock Cottage. a23opengarden01



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Budding high flyers reach final

ENTREPRENEURS from Lochgilhead High School have made it to the finals of Young Enterprise Scotland awards.

The group of students battled other entrepreneurs from Argyll and Bute to reach the final.

They formed a company called Déjà Moo and made canvas bags.

The company has enjoyed huge success at school events clocking up lots of sales.

The Déjà Moo company will be representing Argyll in two weeks and would welcome community support.

To vote, follow the link on the Déjà Moo official page on Facebook.



Above: The enterprising Lochgilhead students.



Right: The canvas bags the team created.

Points make prizes at Kilmichael Rural

KILMICHAEL Glassary SWI members were in celebratory mood at the recent AGM after being awarded the Small Institute Cup at the Argyll Federation show held at the end of April in Campbeltown.

The president was awarded the Literature Cup at the show.

At institute level, the cups for most points were presented. The Anna Hepburn cup for baking went to Betty Rhodick. The Handicraft Cup was shared by Ginny Crawford, Kate Macdonald and Betty Rhodick, and it was Betty again who received the Rose Bowl for most

points overall. There was also a bring and buy sale for institute funds.

Kilmichael Glassary SWI meets on the second Tuesday of the month starting in September in the Kilmartin Church Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members very welcome.

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New season lamb prices look positive

LAMB prices have started the season on a positive note for producers, at seven to eight per cent higher than this time last year,



Stuart Ashworth.

according to the latest analysis by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS). 'With the Muslim festival of Ramadan starting on June 6, there may be some short-term support for prices which may repeat itself as the festival ends in one month,' said Stuart Ashworth, head of economic services with QMS.

A cold spring has resulted in new season lambs being slightly slower to appear on the market than last year, he said.

In England the volume of new-season lambs reach-

ing the market has only exceeded in the past week. In Ireland, new-season lambs have exceeded old-season for a few weeks now but in Scotland the volume switch over has not occurred yet.

Tighter supply

In general, though, hoggs have been in tighter supply with the weekly UK kill lower than last year throughout the first four months of the year. Carcase weights have also been lighter.

'Scottish auction sales of hoggs in April and May have been lower than last year.



A number of factors impact on lamb price prospects.

However, a subdued export market in the first quarter of the year meant that this reduced domestic supply did not support producer prices, which for much of the first quarter of the year ran lower than

the previous year,' said Mr Ashworth.

French slaughter statistics show an increase in French domestic lamb production over the first quarter of 2016, despite a continued decline in

the French breeding flock. While UK hogg slaughterings have been lower since the turn of the year, ewe slaughterings have increased significantly.

This increase in ewe slaughterings since the

turn of the year has also been repeated in the Republic of Ireland. This heavier supply of cull ewes is reflected in lower farm-gate prices for this class of stock throughout 2016 to date.

Cattle and sheep sale at Caledonian Marts

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd sold 412 store cattle plus 1,309 store hoggets, ewe hoggets and ewes with lambs at foot at Stirling on Monday May 30.

157 bullocks averaged 212p/kg, selling to 294p/kg for a Limousin from G S Stewart, Wester Whin, and to £1,160 for an Aberdeen Angus from A Mair, North Shields, Denny.

161 heifers averaged 201p/kg, selling to 250p/kg for a Limousin from J R MacGregor, Dyke, Milton of Campsie, and to £1,100 for a Limousin from Laigh, Crawtree.

22 bulls averaged 215p/kg, selling to 202p/kg for a Limousin from W I & A W Callion, Bolfornought and to £900 for the same beast.

72 dairy-bred averaged 149p/kg, selling to 192p/kg for a Fleckvieh from W & S Main, Drumbowie, Brackenhirst and to £980 for the same beast.

A good show of hoggs and ewes with lambs at foot forward for numbers, and more could have been sold to sellers advantage.

D Steel, Kilwinnet, achieved the top price of the day for a pair of Texel ewes with twin lambs for £200. Heading the hogg prices was R McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale at £84 a life (168 per unit) for a pen of eight Texels with single lambs.

Leading prices - Cattle: Bullock p/kg: 261p Wester Whin and Dyke; 256p Wester Whin; 254p Immeroin and Castlehill; 252p Dyke;

244p Fernoch. Bullock/head: £1150 and £1,110 Wester Pirelyhall; £1,090 Benclloch; £1,060 Immeroin; £1,000 Martnaham Mains; £990 Bridgehouse.

Heifer p/kg: 240p South Mains; 225p and 223p Over Hillhouse; 221p Dyke and Forthview; 218p Daltippan; 213p Forthview.

Heifer/head:- £1,100 Benclloch; £1,090 South Mains; £960 Over Hillhouse and Crawtree; £910 Harvieston; £900 Bridgehouse; £880 Harvieston and Badyen; £870 Forthview.

Store bulls: £880 South Mains; £710 Newhall; £700, £600 and £530 Daltippan.

Dairy p/kg: 156p Daltippan; 155p Burnbrae; 153p Daltippan; 149p Millwood.

Dairy/head: £590 Powguild; £550 Mil-

ton Park; £490 Milton Park; £480 Burnbrae and Millwood.

Sheep: Hoggets with singles: £150 and £148 Bankhead (Tex); £148 Airthrey Kerse (Tex); £148 Meikle Seggie (Mule); £160 Woodend (Mule); £152 Mains of Burnbank (Mule); £150 Gibleston (Mule).

Hoggets with twins: £180 Airthrey Kerse (Tex); £170 Craighead (Tex); £180 (twice) Mains of Burnbank (Mule); £175 Gibleston (Mule).

Ewes with singles: £142 Mill of Ardoch (Tex); £130 Kilwinnet (Cont); £120 North Moorhouses (Mule); £110 Carloonan (Chev).

Ewes with Twins: £172 Newton of Logierait (Cross); £172 Lurgan (Tex); £162 + £160 Kilwinnet (Tex X); £161 Mill of Ardoch (Tex X); £132 Carloonan (Chev).

'Resetting the agenda' with new farms minister

'A POSITIVE meeting' was how Scotland's farming union leader described his first formal encounter with Fergus Ewing.

The recently appointed Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity met last week with NFU Scotland officials, after which union president Allan Bowie said: 'His appointment comes at a challenging time for the industry. Markets across every sector mean that we have seen farm incomes fall three years in a row and the huge problems encountered by the Scottish Government in delivering new CAP support created massive problems for Scotland's rural economy.'

'There is much unfinished business to be done. We want outstanding support payments delivered to farmers and crofters before the payment window closes in June. And we are looking to the cabinet secretary and his team to ensure we learn from the mistakes that have been made so that they are not repeated. It is important that a clear timetable for future sup-

port payment delivery is set and adhered to.

'Actions and decisions taken by the Scottish Government from now on should be judged on how they will impact on the competitiveness of farmers. Past gold-plating introduced by the Scottish Government needs to be addressed and we believe that the cabinet secretary will consider the business impact of decisions.'

Open farm Sunday: Sunday 5th June SRUC Kirkton & Auchtertyre Farms

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Famous authors to visit Mid Argyll bookshop

CELEBRATED authors will visit Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead later this month.

Visitors to the shop will be able to meet Marian Pallister, who will be in the

shop from 11.30am, as she launches her long-awaited new book 'The Crinan Canal'.

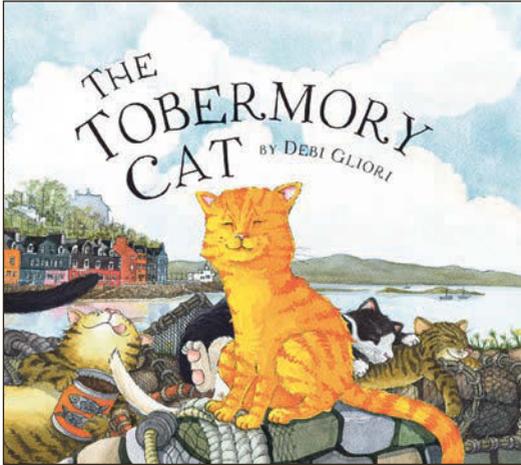
People will be able to get copies signed and she will chat to anyone who drops by.

The shop also welcomes Debi Gliori at 1pm – best known for her children's book 'The Tobermory Cat'.

Debi is going to be entertaining the children with some of her brilliant storytelling and, as a talented artist, she will be drawing with the children as well.

Debi's visit is part of a programme of children's events being held after the Argyll Book Centre was awarded the prestigious James Patterson Independent Bookseller grant.

So go along to the shop, on Lorne Street, on Saturday June 11. It should be an amazing day for young and old alike.



Debi Gliori's The Tobermory Cat.

WEST COAST MEMORIES

IN THIS edition we continue a remarkable series of vintage photographs taken around Scotland's west coast.

Passed to the Argyllshire Advertiser by one of our readers, they were taken by photographer George Gray of Stonehouse in Lanarkshire around the period 1880 to 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 your Argyllshire Advertiser.



Changed days by the sea . . .

AT FIRST glance, it might be difficult to place the scene in this particular photograph.

Unusually, the buildings on the shore are rear-facing. There seems to be no main road between the houses and foreshore. There are fishing boats in the scene, so where could it be?

The photograph is described by George Gray as 'Ardrishaig from the Pier'.

In the foreground is a Loch Fyne fishing skiff at

anchor, perhaps just after coming into Ardrishaig.

In the 1970s, the village of Ardrishaig was significantly altered when the row of old houses and shops on the loch side of the main street was demolished.

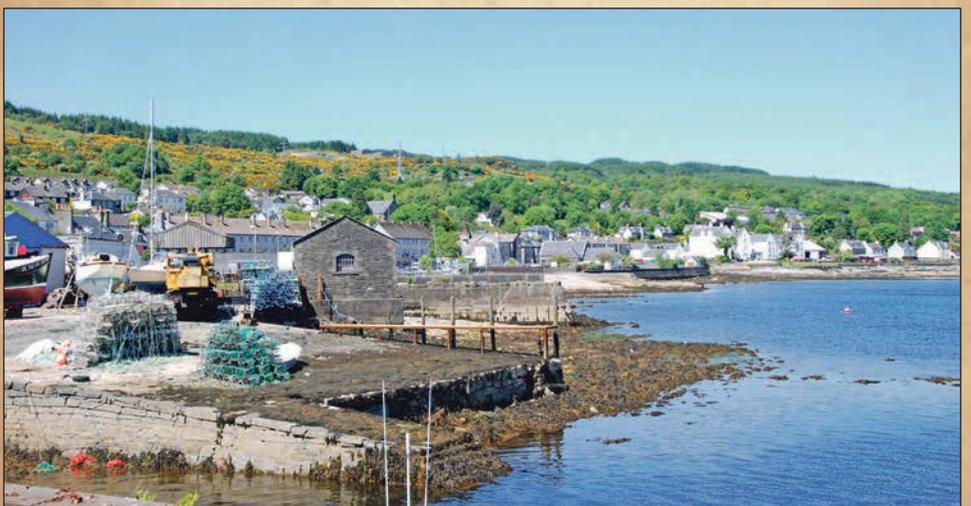
The Advertiser went along to the pier to compare the modern-day scene with Gray's late 19th/early 20th century image.

Along with the pier, from where the photo was taken, the stone-paved slip-

way nearest the camera is still there. A stone shed has replaced the wooden structure on the sea front just beyond that point. Aside from this, the hills behind are much-changed; now cloaked with sitka spruce plantations and native scrub. One local man believes the farm visible on the hillside to be Glengilp Farm.

All in all, the scene is much changed but it is still Ardrishaig.

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MACpool celebrates 20 years



Plenty of fun to celebrate MACpool's 20th anniversary.

A SERIES of special events has been organised to mark the 20th birthday of Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACpool).

One event that's sure to be a success is the ladies pool and pamper night on Tuesday June 14 when ladies can enjoy a swim and a relaxing massage. Beauticians will also be on hand to pamper swimmers.

The men haven't been

forgotten as there will be a special Fathers' Day event on Sunday June 19 when youngsters can take their dad swimming for free.

Also that day, between 11am and noon, a family fun aquarun will be held. On Saturday June 18 the clock will be turned back to 1996.

From noon until 3pm prices will be at 1996 levels – £1.30 for an adult and 80p for a child – with music from the

year.

There will be something for everyone at MACpool's family fun day on Saturday June 11.

Highlights will include a home-baking stall, face-painting and a bouncy castle. Also, representatives from the Coastguard will be telling people about their work.

MACpool will also be present at 'Sport Not on the Green' at Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Friday June 24.

To round off the 20 days of celebration, there is a family ceilidh planned for Saturday June 25 at Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Music will be provided by Canned Haggis and local musicians Bar None Community Choir, Coisir Og Dalriada and accordionist Myles Clark.

Dochas Centre marks Carers' Week with series of events

PEOPLE caring for loved ones are not inclined to think of themselves as 'carers'.

They simply provide care to people they love.

National Carers' Week runs from Monday to Sunday, June 6 to 12 and one local carers' organisation hopes the event will encourage people across Mid Argyll and Kintyre to contact its Lochgilphead centre.

Currently, there are more than 11,000 unpaid carers in Argyll and Bute and 70 per cent of those who provide more than 35 hours of care a week get no help – mainly because they don't

know who or where to turn to.

The real gift Dochas has is time – time to listen, time to find solutions, time to seek grants to offer carers a break.

During carers' week, Dochas will be at Calton Court on Monday June 6. On Tuesday June 7, more than 70 carers from Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the islands are going on a day trip to Portavadie. On Wednesday June 8, Dochas will be at the Ardrishaig Church coffee morning. Thursday June 9 will see a drop-in day at the Dochas Centre, while on Friday June 10 the group will be

at Mid Argyll Hospital with a display board listing services.

The group is also working with the people of Campbeltown and Kintyre to set up a carers' centre. A recent legacy from an aunt and uncle of Dochas founder John Paterson, along with the launch of a new Buy a Brick Appeal will go some way to make that hope a reality as well as help fund extending Dochas' own services and building in Lochgilphead.

For more information, contact the Dochas Centre on 01546 600022; email enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk;

visit www.dochasfund.org.uk; or pop into the red building on Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. Everyone is welcome.

Lochgair sale boosts defibrillator funds

THE LOCHGAIR Association held a successful plant sale last weekend.

More than £1,000 was raised towards the purchase of at least one defibrillator for the village. Association

chairwoman Jean McCartan said: 'Thanks to everyone who provided plants and baking.'

'We're really delighted to have raised as much and are well on the way to achieving our goal.'

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Islay Beach Rugby 2016

The Islay Beach Rugby tournament is back again for 2016 with 18 mens and nine ladies teams doing battle on the beach, entertaining the large crowd antici-

pated on Port Ellen beach. The beach rugby competition has gone from strength to strength over the years, attracting players from far and wide, including some ex-internationals. It has become one of the highlights of the Islay calendar with plenty of local food and drink available as well as the feast of rugby on show.

This year the tournament welcomes the sponsorship of Kilchoman Distillery. Kilchoman, Islay's farm distillery, was established in 2005 and is based on the rugged west coast of Islay. The annual tournament takes place on Port Ellen beach from noon on Saturday June 11. Please note that the 6pm Kennacraig to Islay sailing on Friday June 10 will be diverted to Port Ellen.

Islay Beach Rugby

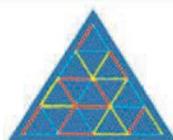
Get yourself over to Islay for the Annual Islay Beach Rugby Competition on Saturday the 11th of June. 18 mens and 9 ladies teams will gather to do Battle on the Port Ellen Beach for your entertainment. Matches kick-off at 12 noon on Saturday with the final game scheduled to start at 1700. There will 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.

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Ashbank Hotel

Located in the picturesque fishing village of Carradale on the east coast of the Kintyre peninsula sits the Ashbank Hotel. With views across the Kilbrannan Sound to the Isle of Arran and Ailsa Craig, the beautiful sandy beaches and with Carradale Harbour only a short walk away, the Ashbank is its own little gem. Situated in the heart of the village, it serves as a great base for walkers and cyclists who endeavour to enjoy 'The Kintyre Way'. The hotel is within easy access to all ferry ports to the surrounding islands of Islay, Jura, Arran and Gigha. If you are visiting for the day, enjoy a light lunch, scrummy cakes and afternoon tea, available to enjoy inside or in the sunny garden. A more substantial menu available in the evening. Fully licensed and private parties and events are all welcome. Please note booking is preferred for lunches and meals. Whether you wish to just relax or explore, the Ashbank will ensure you receive the warmest welcome

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The Crinan Hotel

The Crinan Hotel is a magnificently eccentric hotel in Argyll on Scotland's beautiful west coast.

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The Courtyard

LOOK no further than The Courtyard for gifts, jewellery and much more besides.

And now there is even more reason to visit. Shop owner Jennifer McKillop has introduced takeaway snacks, including rich Italian coffee, with an outdoor seating area in the courtyard garden for customers to enjoy.

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Glenbarr Stores

Just off the busy A83 lies Glenbarr Stores. A trio of gems, Glenbarr Stores incorporates a shop, cafe and garden centre. The shop caters for all your needs and stocks a wealth of Kintyre produce, from Mull of Kintyre cheese to local Highland beef, as well as a range of Scottish beer and wine. As you walk through the shop out to the back, you will find yourself in an idyllic setting full of wonderful plants and birds, along with the cafe which boasts outside seating. Experienced staff will be there to offer you help and advice on plants and garden equipment to ensure your garden looks its best all year round. The cafe, open daily until 5pm, offers a scrumptious selection of cakes and scones, as well as light lunches with a twist. Free Wifi. See their Facebook page, Glenbarr Stores, for more details.

Harlequin Tearoom

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of the hotel, their glorious beer garden which is beautifully presented and a real sun trap...the perfect spot to relax this summer with friends or family over a spot of lunch or a drink from their bar. If its a whisky you are after, then look no further as the hotel has an award-winning whisky bar with a staggering 700 malts to choose from. Offered also are real ales, craft beers, wines and growing selection of gins. If you fancy heading out for dinner, then enjoy a delicious meal in the newly decorated bright yet classic restaurant. The hotel has a recently refurbished their function room, perfect for anniversary parties, christenings, birthday parties, meetings or weddings. For more information, see their website or Facebook page - Ardshiel Hotel. www.ardshiel.co.uk

Fyne Flowers

Keli MacDougall is a local, Tarbert based, florist embarking on a new adventure by opening her first flower shop. Although the flower shop is new, floristry has been Keli's passion for many years. She provides flowers for any occasion - births, weddings, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, expressions of sorrow or just to show you care. Keli offers a professional service where satisfaction of the client is foremost. As well as fresh-cut flowers, the shop also sells hanging baskets, gifts and a wide selection of helium balloons (including the helium!). Keli welcomes any visitors to the shop.

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Sunny series brings the people out

TARBERT Harbour was a hive of activity during the recent Scottish Series.

As well as the action on the water, there was a marquee providing refreshments and entertainment for locals

and sailors alike. The dance to Big Vern and the Shootahs on Saturday May 28 went down particularly well. The band's blend of soul, funk and party classics had the marquee dancing. During

the evening the crowd headed outside to see a fantastic fireworks display from Tarbert Castle that was set against the stunning backdrop of Tarbert Harbour.

The Tarbert Academy Parent Council had

the cure for any hang-over the next morning as they provided breakfast rolls for a small fee that went to Tarbert Academy. They were also on hand in the afternoon to provide lunches of burgers and pies delivered with a smile.

The almost tropical weather brought plenty of people out and yacht crews were only too happy to make the most of Tarbert's famed hospitality after the hard work of racing was over.

Music was provided by the Mid Argyll Pipe band and Scott MacDonald, whose renditions of Postman Pat and Bob the Builder had kids running over from the nearby play park to sing and dance along. A hula hoop challenge also had kids and adults entertained.

Turn to page 26 for full coverage of racing at the Scottish series.



Matilda was one of the youngest to take on the hula hoop challenge. 08_a23tarb01



Scott MacDonald played the appropriately named Here Comes the Sun. 08_a23tarb04

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Bluebell has Inveraray rocking

By Jack Blackwood
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Jam-packed and jumping, the crowds gathered to witness talented artists perform their own unique sounds and songs.

Bands included Deep River, Sweet Suzi, Travelling Rhythm Devils, South River Blues Band, The Flatt River Band, G33s, Dr Hip and the Blues Operation and The Black Eyed Peas (the Scottish group).

The artists performed many different genres from blues to rock. With great weather and fantastic music, there was nothing that could top it. Cold beer also played a big part in brightening up the experience.

The event had done brilliantly in the past and this year was no exception.

Food

As well as music, the George provided food that tickled everyone's taste buds while they

danced the day and night away. Two revellers, who did want not to be named, said: 'It was really supported well by locals. They had good bands and a good atmosphere, and everyone seemed to be

enjoying themselves.' 'It was great and we had nice weather on our side,' said hotelier Kris Clark.

He added: 'After such a successful event, we're already thinking ahead to next year.'



The Travelling Rhythm Devils delight a big audience on Saturday.

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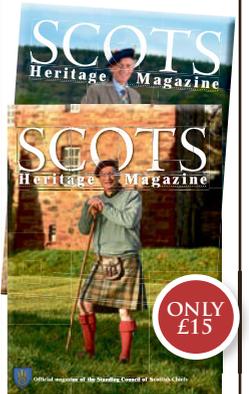
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Corranbuie & Skipness Land Management Plan Consultation

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PERSONAL NOTICES

LOOK WHO WAS 40 YESTERDAY!

Happy Birthday Evelyn
 Love, Mum & family xxx



McArthur

James, Robert and Joanne would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to our Uncle Jims extended family at Greenwood care home and to the social work department who looked after our Uncle Jim during his stay there. Also our gratitude extends to the people and fishermen of Campbeltown who also became a big part of his life. God bless you all.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS a heart-warming sight indeed.

The sun brought light and colour to the Mound in Edinburgh and danced on the Assembly Halls.

The sun was not the only one dancing though, as the Moderator, looking splendid in his kilt, danced his way out of the Assembly Halls at the end of all our deliberations.

At the 'clapping out', the Rev Dr Russell Barr took his wife for a lively 'Gay Gordons' and they danced at the top of the Mound much to the delight of the commissioners.

I thought it was good for the church to be seen rejoicing. I thought it was good for the church to be seen rejoicing after many difficult debates and decisions.

I thought it was good for the church to be seen rejoicing in an age when many think of the church as 'stuffy' and out of date.

I thought it was good for the church to be seen rejoicing.

It was a great week and an encouraging week.

I was heartened to see how involved the national church is in many of the important issues of today. I was pleased to be part of a church that does not draw a veil over some of the more contentious issues.

I am pleased to be part of the bigger picture; part of a church that has a vision for the future; part of a church that recognises its faults and grapples with its differences.

In our rural churches we sometimes feel dependent that numbers are dropping and we can feel a wee bit isolated.

So it is good to be part of the bigger picture, even if just for a short time, to remind ourselves of all that is happening with the national church in so many ways.

David danced before the Lord.

The Moderator danced before the Lord.

May the dance of life be renewed in us all.

INVERARAY

Kids on the run

KIDS on the Run got back to pounding the roads in the sunshine recently. The runners started with a fun session at the tennis courts before they did a par-louf, a kind of relay, which all were very good at. Well done especially to Temma as it was her first time out for a while.

The kids then did a weaving run and some peeling as far as the castle gates. The session ended with an impromptu sprint for the school gates and stretches.

Jog leader Fee Corner said: 'Well done all on a warm day and especially to Izzy Crawford our well deserved runner of the week with her enthusiasm, lovely smiley attitude and not too shabby at running too.'

CAIRNDOW

Bike Fyne event

A SECOND Bike Fyne motorcycle safety event will take place at Loch Fyne Oysters.

The event is held by Loch Fyne Oysters and Moto Scotland, the first UK off-road training centre to have its off-road train-



Faramach have played a number of festivals including Celtic Connections.

Faramach at the Lord of the Isles

THE Lord of the Isles pub will welcome some young talent in the shape of Faramach, a Celtic band from Dunfermline.

Different

This band, however, is a little different with all the players being between 14 and 17 and pupils at Wood Mill High School, Dunfermline.

Formed in 2014 when a teacher felt there was great interest in traditional music, the band have quickly built up a reputation and have a great team ethic.

For a first chance to see this talented young band, get down to the Lord of the Isles on June 9 from 7.30pm.

ing courses endorsed by motorbike insurers.

The training runs from 10am until 4pm on June 5 and aims to promote personal, bike and road safety.

The event will be attended by Argyll road safety department, First Aid Scotland, MARTYS Charity and

many more motorbiking organisations and businesses.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Painting to music

ARTMAP Argyll is hosting a free painting to music workshop

for people aged 12 to 25 at the Mid Argyll Youth Project building in Lochgilphead. The events on June 4 and 5 will look at blending of senses like people being able to hear colours and see sounds. Different kinds of music, from hip-hop to classical, will be played

while you paint and you can see where the music takes you. There will also be games and group painting. For the second day, artists can take in their own selection of music to inspire an artists' book. To book a place contact artmapargyll@gmail.com.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God' (Matthew 5:8).

BIRTHS

RALSTON - David and Mairi are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Alasdair David, on April 15, 2016. A wee brother for Erin and Louise. Many thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, with special thanks to Isabel.

DEATHS

DOUGLAS - Suddenly at home, 112 Longrow, Campbeltown, on May 20, 2016, David Scot Douglas, in his 31st year, dearly beloved son of Jean Claire Douglas and the late Harold Douglas and a dearly loved brother.

GALBRAITH - Suddenly but peacefully, at Guys Hospital, London, on May 30, 2016, Grace McLellan Robertson, in her 83rd year, formerly of Glenside, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jim Galbraith, much loved mother of John and Duncan, a much loved grandmother and great grandmother and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 2.00pm, 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 Cancer Research, Kintyre Locality.

MACMILLAN - Robert, only son of Jenny and Don MacMillan, 18 Kintyre Gardens, passed away peacefully, at the Sue Ryder Hospice, Moggerhanger, on May 24, 2016. The funeral will be held on June 9, 2016 at Bedford Crematorium. Jenny and Don would like to express

their sincere thanks to family, neighbours and friends for their support during this sad occasion.

TAYLOR - On May 30, 2016, peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Henry (Harry) Taylor, formerly of Macduff and Islay, in his 72nd year, much loved father of Morven, Sharon and Lorne, dearly loved papa of Rowan, Blair and Mara, dear brother of Eileen Crane and a much loved uncle. Cremation private. A celebration of Harry's life will take place at Tarbert Free Church, on Tuesday, June 7, at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GALBRAITH - In Margaret's own words "My dear loveable family, Kay, Lorraine and George: a special place in my heart, with me through all trials, we meant so much to one another. My special boy Hamish, he was my world. A sincere thank you to Cousin Mairead, Henry and family, Archie and Gloria, my extended family, Margaret, Maureen and Pat Williams, Lesley Harvey, Louise and Alex Burnfield, Fiona and Alasdair McPhee, Cathie and Tom Brown, Stewart McLean, Stuart Andrew, Margaret Jones, Mary McKinven and to all my friends". On a personal note, Kay and Lorraine Dutch (from Glasgow) would also like to sincerely thank those above for their love and friendship given to the late Margaret Galbraith and for their help and support given to us during our time in Campbeltown. We will be forever indebted to you all for your personal kindness. A heartfelt thank you to all the doctors and nurses of the Beatson, Stobhill and Campbeltown hospitals, the Acute Ward, including Dr Lazarus, Kitty and

Maggie, Macmillan nurses, Carr Gomm and ambulance teams for their exceptional medical care, treatment and attention given throughout Margaret's illness, in particular the last few days of her life. We would also like to thank Rev W Crossan for his visits and Rev P Wallace for the very comforting and personal words of service and to the organist Mr D McEwan for his farewell choice of music. A special thank you to Alasdair Blair and staff for their professional and caring services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the catering. Finally, thank you to all who attended the funeral to pay their respects.

SHARP - Lynne, Enid, Robert and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of their mum, May. Grateful thanks to the Reverend William Crossan for an apt and comforting service, to David McEwan for the uplifting music, to Julie Blue for piping, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their respectful and fitting funeral arrangements and to staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey. A retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality raised £410.35.

IN MEMORIAMs

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

LANG - In loving memory of my husband, Campbell, died June 4 2004.

A loving thought, a daily tear, A constant wish you were here. - Helen.

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Ronny. Quietly today, your memory we treasure,

Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Love, Christine, Audrey, Carolyn, Craig, Jim and grandchildren.

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CHURCH NOTICES

lochgilthead baptist church

Pastor Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 5th June 2016
Prayer Breakfast 9am followed by Morning Service at 10.30am
Tuesday at 10.15am mainly music
Friday from 10am Jumpstart
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 5th June 2016 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
Speaker - George Stewart "Knocking on Heaven's door"
Tuesday 7th June 2016 7.30pm
Please note change of day
Prayer, Word and Sharing
Prayer Gathering
Saturday 4th June 2016 9.00 for 9.30am
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 5th June 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service (Communion)
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All Welcome



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 5th June 2016
11.00 am
WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
More info. at
www.lpchurch.co.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 5th June
Services in
Achahoish at 9:45am
(including the Lord's Supper)
and
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilthead (SC013787)
Sundays
11.00 am
Eucharist & Coffee
St. Columba, Pottalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
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LOCHGILPHEAD
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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 5 June
Tayvallich Church
Morning Worship 11:30 am
Saturday 4 June
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am
Achnamara Hall
Monday 6 June
Tayvallich Church
Prayer meeting 10:30 am
All welcome
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Walter Ritchie
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
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Skipness SC004280

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Sunday 5th June 2016
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Rev. C. R. Acklam
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 5th June
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer 10.45am
Details of services are on the church door.
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



George Street, Campbeltown
Saturday 4th June
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 5th June
11.15am Communion Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
2.00pm Congregational Meeting
Wednesday 8th June
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
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We meet at the Guide Hall,
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www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting to be held on
Friday 10th June
at 7.30pm in the
Salvation Army Hall,
Burnside, Campbeltown
Guest speaker:
Pastor Jeff Wright from
Southside Baptist Church,
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Tea/coffee
served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 5th June
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

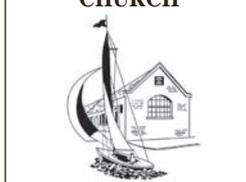
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Sunday 5th June
Service 11.15am
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Tuesday 7th June
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am



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6.30pm Evening Worship

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Wednesday
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Thursday
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There were plenty boats on the water.



Boats battle it out on the water.

Fierce competition at Scottish Series

THE SCOTTISH Series saw hundreds of sailors race in the waters of Loch Fyne to be crowned first in their class.

There was some fast racing and tight finishes, particularly in IRC class two where just one point separated the top three boats.

John and Brian Hall pulled out all the stops on Something Else in the final day's racing to net a second and third which was enough to end the event on top of the table.

In the Hunter 707 class, there was no such doubt about who had dominated. Dara O'Malley and Seaward finished the week-

end with a near perfect score-line, so impressing Silvers Marine Scottish Series event chairman David Denholm and his committee that they awarded them the Silvers Marine Scottish Series Trophy.

Class one saw fierce competition between Jamie McGarry and Colin Moore's Eala of Rhu and Rod Stuart and Bill Ram's Aurora. On the final day's sailing, Aurora netted a first and second to win the class by five points.

Oban Sailing Club had reason to celebrate as Richard Shellcock and Thrust topped the table in CYCA class five.

Their first and third on the final day made sure they ended the regatta five points ahead of last year's class winner Alan Dunnet and Valhalla of Ashton.

Having a great day out on the water, taking a second and a first, saw John Corson and Salamander XXII end the regatta in third place.

Despite being top of the leader board for CYCA class eight, Brian Robertson and Celtic Spirit slipped to third place after the final day's racing. The class was won by David and Karen Parker's Slippi Gin with Owen McManus and Jochur in second place.



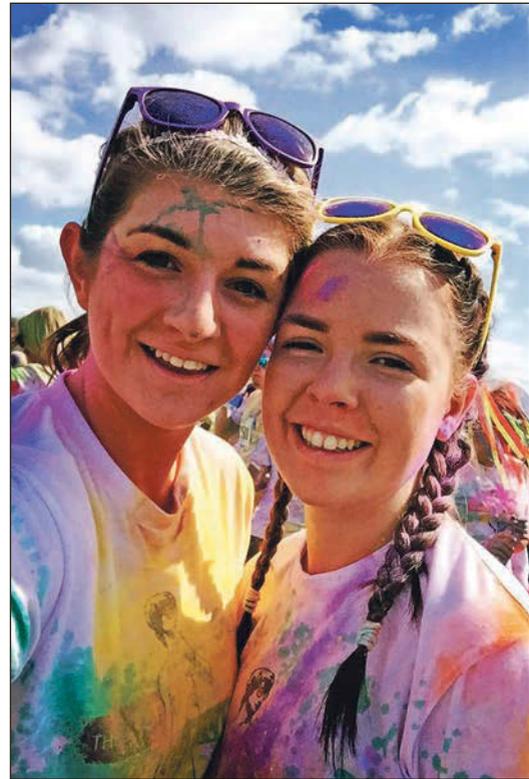
The crew of the Seaward celebrate their perfect regatta. Photographs courtesy of Marc Turner.

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Colourful race is for charities

LOCAL women paint for a good cause recently. Natasha Finlay and Mairi Patterson took on the Colour Me Rad 5K run in Glasgow on May 15.



Natasha and Mairi got colourful during the run.

The race is full of colour bombs and colour cannons going off so your once white T-shirt is a riot of different bright colours by the time the finish line is crossed.

Supporting

As well as fun, it was also in the name of charity with the ladies supporting their local shinty team, Inveraray, and the Beatson Cancer Charity.

They raised just over £800 which will be evenly divided between the two.

Natasha said: 'We would both like to thank all our friends and family who took the time to donate and support us. We had a fantastic time and this total has made it all the more rewarding.'



New training kit for Red Star boys

THE keen young footballers of Lochgilphead Red Star 05s will be ready to train thanks to new tracksuits and training kit. The team would like to thank Kenny MacGillivray of KJ Cars for sponsoring the new kit.

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If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

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Late goal agony as Inveraray exit cup

Camanachd Cup second round

Beauly 1 Inveraray 0
BEAULY reached the Camanachd Cup quarter-finals thanks to a 1-0 win over Inveraray at Braeview Park.

The task for Inveraray was made no easier with Garry MacPherson and Allan MacDonald serving one-match bans, while Grant Griffin was also out.

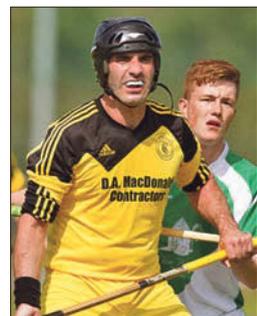
Ally Munro came back into the side with David MacPherson lining up at full centre against David MacLean.

Inveraray player/manager Ruaraidh Graham started in attack and Euan McMurdo returned after an absence, starting on the bench alongside Nicholas Crawford and Fraser Watt.

Beauly had the better of the first half and they should have been ahead at that stage, so the Inveraray players were delighted to reach the half-time break still on level terms.

The Inveraray forward line did, though, look dangerous when they got the ball and this was boosted by the second-half addition of Euan McMurdo.

The visitors' defence, marshalled by John Kennedy, was defiant, and whenever Beauly did break through, they



Inveraray's Douglas Dando is shadowed by Beauly's Ryan MacKay.

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found young keeper Scott MacLachlan in fine form.

Home goalie Josh Grant made a great save from a long-range shot from Inveraray substitute Nicholas Crawford, and Lewis MacNicol could have scored on more than one occasion but the ball failed to fall kindly for him.

The decisive score came on 79 minutes. Beauly's Jack MacDonald forced a great save from Scott MacLachlan but Conor Ross, was quickly on to the rebound and scored to make it 1-0.

Aberdein Considine Sutherland Cup quarter final Kingussie 6 Kilmory 4

Kilmory left beaten but unbowed after an entertaining match at the Dell.

Veteran sharpshooter Kevin Thain was key to Kingussie's success, scoring five times, with Dylan Borthwick bagging the other.

Craig Taylor netted a brace for Kilmory, with Hal Jones and Alex Cunningham also on target.

Kingussie will now meet Glenurquhart in the semi-finals on the first Saturday in July.

Marine Harvest South Division 1 ColGlen 2 Inveraray 0

ColGlen beat the Inveraray second team 2-0 at Glendaruel.

Connor Kennedy and Donald McDiarmid got the goals, and the victory means that ColGlen climb to fourth in the table, level on points with third-placed Taynuilt who have played two games fewer.



The mini rugby players with Brochan at their side. 06_a23rugby07

Youth and enthusiasm key to Mid Argyll rugby future

By Jack Blackwood
BROCHAN'S enthusiasm is fantastic to witness – and it is infectious.

From the sideline this coaching veteran's love of the sport is clear – through every play of the ball.

Brochan, also known (very occasionally) as

Duncan Aitken, coaches Mid Argyll's young rugby players, and he is very optimistic about the future of the Mid Argyll Rugby Club, despite the fact that the region has had no senior team for the past five seasons.

'We have a lot of young players coming

up,' he told the *Advertiser*. 'It's been a good year for the team and the parents have been more helpful than ever. The team is also getting better as the games go on, and it's good to see that the things we are teaching them are sinking in.'

Discipline

Brochan, a former player and a coach for 30 years, is in no doubt that the sport provides discipline and teaches respect while encouraging physical activity. 'And there is a place for everyone, boys and girls and anyone big or small,' he added.

From the mini rugby (P4-7) which usually has around 20 players, to the high school group with 30 or more players, the talent shines.

Along with qualified coaches Padear Deviney, Lee Buckley and Gavin Allan,

Argyll and Bute rugby development officer Allan Wright offers support as Mid Argyll Rugby Club rebuilds itself.

Allan said: 'The main aim for the club is to get the players games. Currently the mini rugby team is taking part in Dalriada festival, where they are playing teams like Oban, Mull, Taynuilt Vikings and Kintyre – but we would like more games for both teams.'

The teams are having a great season but the club is facing a major hurdle in that there is

no proper rugby pitch. As work goes on to find a suitable home, efforts are also underway to raise fund for a club minibus.

But as long as the love of rugby burns in players, coaches and volunteers, the future of the sport in Mid Argyll appears bright.

If you would like to become involved in helping the club to progress, a meeting will be held on June 14. To find out more, contact Allan Wright by email at allan.wright@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 07867 425973.

Golf club fixtures

Lochgilhead

Friday June 3 – Juniors F and G Supplies trophy. Beginning 4.30pm.

Saturday June 4 – Gents Peter White Cup, first round.

Saturday June 4 – Ladies Centenary Stableford.
Sunday June 5 – Gents Peter White Cup, second round.

There is also a regular ladies night on a Thursday at 6pm and a gents night on a Friday at 6pm.

Tarbert

Sunday June 5 – Tarbert Gallery Open, sponsored by Stuart Herd.

Please contact the clubhouse on 01880 820565 for a tee off time.

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