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## Scruffy is cutest pet at Glassary Gathering

**PROUD** pooch owner Roseann Allison, from Kilmichael, shows off her prize winning dog Scruffy who was crowned cutest pet at this year's Glassary Gathering. The duo were joined by dozens of other families at Kilmichael Glassary for a day at the races. Adults and children could be seen battling it out on the race track, whilst there were plenty of activities on the side lines to keep everyone entertained. For a full report and pictures turn to pages 14 and 15.

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# Council seeks clarification on future school closure legislation

'There will also be further guidance to improve the understanding of the process'

Exclusive report by **EDEL KENEALY**  
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ARGYLL and Bute Council is this week seeking clarification on legislation being introduced by the Scottish Government that prevents any school previously threatened with closure from facing further closure proposals for five years.

### More 'detail'

The local authority, which proposed closing 25 primary schools in 2010, said it wants more 'detail' on the Scottish Government's plans for education after it formally accepted 37 recommendations made in

the Commission on Rural Education report.

Recommendation 31 of the report states once a school closure proposal has undergone full consideration under the Schools Consultation Scotland Act 2010, local authorities should make no further closure proposal for at least five years unless there is a 'significant relevant change'.

Commenting on the recommendations, which set out exactly how the school closure process should work, Michael Russell, educa-

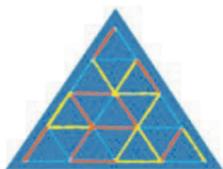
tion secretary, said: 'By working closely with local government, I will be taking the steps necessary to implement the vast majority of them through a mixture of administrative and legislative change to ensure the policy parliament intended when it unanimously passed the 2010 act is effectively delivered.'

### Guidance

'There will also be further guidance to improve the understanding of the process.'

Commenting on the legislation which could prevent Argyll and Bute Council from

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# Council give green light to luxury self catering complex

'We are absolutely thrilled to get the consent'

ONE OF the biggest developments Inveraray has ever seen will be built in the Royal Burgh as plans for a luxury self catering holiday complex gets the go-ahead.

Argyll and Bute councillors unanimously gave the green light to the proposal for 24 holiday homes on the site of the former Wildlife Park at a planning meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

## Specialises

Natural Retreats, a company which specialises in luxury self catering, will also build a block of flats made up of one or two bedroom apartments, reception area and service build-

ing across approximately 30 acres of land.

The build will create a number of jobs and the company has said it will use local materials and tradesmen throughout the construction.

The company, which has holiday homes around the world, will actively promote the complex and local facilities in the area in a bid to attract tourists.

The proposal had won over the support of local businesses and residents who have described it as a positive addition to the area.

Adam Gough, head of technical services with Natural Retreats,

said: 'We are absolutely thrilled to get the consent. We are extremely excited about all the plans for Inveraray and will now be looking to get a really detailed plan together so we can confirm a start date for the project.'

## Welcomed

The decision has been welcomed by Garret Corner, chairman of Inveraray Community Council.

He said: 'It is excellent news and I think it will be a great asset to the area. It should be extremely good for jobs and I think it will be superb opportunity for people.'

# Top curry award for Oban's Kebabish



Kebabish Owner Shaukat Chaudhry, centre, with his award-winning team. 16\_t24kebabish1

The Kebabish in Oban was named the Best Takeaway in the North West region at the Scottish Curry Awards.

The restaurant, owned by Lochgilphead businessman Shaukat Chaudhry, has retained the award for a second year.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Mr Chaudhry said: 'It is a very difficult award to win. There are secret shoppers who come in to taste the food and judge it for quality.'

The awards ceremony was recently held at the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow.

Mr Chaudhry added: 'To stand up in front of 600 people at the event felt amazing. I would like to thank all my customers for their support and nomination. We are very happy to represent Oban. I would like to thank my team, who also deserve the credit.'

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# Council seeks clarification on future school closure legislation

Continued from Page 1 pursuing closures at the 25 schools previously identified, a spokeswoman said: 'The detail around the Scottish Government's legislative intent is yet to be confirmed and we have asked for clarification on this point.'

She added: 'We have not carried out any review of the school estate

since the 2010/11 proposals.'

News of the five year closure ban and other recommendations made in the report have been welcomed by Tracy McGregor, chairwoman of Minard Parent Council. The Mid Argyll school faced closure up until June 2011 when the Scottish Government called a moratorium on

school closures.

'Obviously anything that gives Minard and other small schools more security is going to be a good thing,' Tracy said.

'I think a lot of the problems, when they tried the school closures, came about because people didn't know what was happening; the council were playing by

their own rules. Things were difficult to follow so anything that makes the process clearer and easier to understand will be helpful.'

The only recommendation not accepted by the Scottish Government was recommendation 20 which lessened the need to show education benefit in the consideration of a school closure.

# New Sunday air service from Glasgow to Campbeltown began this week

THE NEW Sunday air service between Glasgow and Campbeltown began this week.

The Scottish Government which is funding the service believes the new Sunday flight will provide a welcome boost for the inbound

tourism industry.

Inglis Lyon, managing director of HIAL, which operates Campbeltown Airport, said: 'The area's economy has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years with significant investment in new

hotel and leisure developments, and the emergence of renewable technologies.

'We will work closely with the airline, VisitScotland and our colleagues at Glasgow Airport to help promote the new service.'

# Bicycles stolen

A FOURTH bicycle in three weeks has been stolen from a Lochgilphead property.

The silver bike with yellow writing was stolen from the front garden of a house in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, between 7pm on June 11 and 5pm the following day.

# Trustees told 'they alone' bear the responsibility of creating affordable housing in Craignish

THE GENERAL Trustees of the Church of Scotland have been told 'they alone' bear the responsibility of creating affordable housing in Craignish after a tense public hearing on Monday.

At the meeting to determine a planning application for 11 houses on the lower glebe in Ardfern, representatives of the charity were told to submit a fresh planning application for the development, whilst they threatened to pull the project completely.

Argyll and Bute councillors agreed to continue the planning application whilst allowing the trustees to submit an additional application with more suitable designs for the homes, which include six affordable units.

## Support

But in his closing remarks to the Planning Protective Services and Licensing (PPSL) committee hearing, Paul Houghton, consultant to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, said: 'There's a real and considerable doubt that the general trustees would support a future application so we are asking you to support this planning application and grant permission.'

He told councillors that the trustees had already 'questioned their support' for the project after forking out more

cash for tree and otter surveys.

The call for a new application came after planning officers for Argyll and Bute Council branded the designs for five private four-bedroom houses and six affordable units 'overtly suburban', 'bland' and 'unimaginative'. The development was described as 'not in keeping' with the surroundings and lacking open space.

In a bizarre twist Mr Houghton said the trustees had commissioned further drawings that were more acceptable to planners but they had not formally submitted them to the council as it would mean returning to the start of the planning process.

Councillor Robin Currie joined a number of councillors in expressing his distaste at the threat of pulling the application all together, adding: 'If they don't take this opportunity it is them and them alone that are going to be stopping affordable housing in this area. It will not be us as planners that is stopping affordable housing but the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.'

A spokeswoman for the Church of Scotland said 'we anticipate submitting a fresh planning application which we hope will be supported by all parties', as the *Advertiser* went to press.



## What the community had to say

**Approximately 10 to 15 households currently live in caravans and mobile homes in Craignish. Five years ago many of those householders were served with eviction notices by Argyll and Bute Council.**

**The need for affordable housing in the area has united the community but where and how those homes are built has divided opinion.**

**This is what some members of the Craignish Community had to say at the meeting on Monday.**

**Hamish MacNicol:** 'These people are entitled to a house to call home. Please let common sense prevail. This much needed housing is for the people, to enable young people to live where their hearts are and where their work is.'

**Kenneth Ross, Church of Scotland minister for Craignish:** 'I urge you to see this from the perspective of the people living in unsatisfactory, temporary accommodation, people with eviction notices served upon them and people that have been forced to leave the area they grew up in because of a lack of affordable housing.'

'From their perspective how much weight would they put on the open space or particular architectural details? How could you look these people in the eye and say there was a fully-funded housing proposal for Craignish but it failed to happen because there wasn't quite enough space or the design wasn't sympathetic enough. It seems to me that you need to have a sense of proportion.'

'For the six families that will become the proud owners of these houses they will always be grateful that the council had the courage to do what's needed to make these houses a reality.'

**Sandy MacKilligin, Craignish Community Company, C3:** 'The General Trustees of the

Church of Scotland used C3 to persuade the community to allow building on the glebe but they are now ignoring the community to maximise the profits for the church.'

**Colin Davidson, chairman of Craignish Community Council:** 'The glebe is zoned for 100 per cent affordable housing and open space in the local development plan. It was supported in the development plan as 100 per cent affordable housing for people living or working in Craignish. Any other development is not supported.'

## Fact File

- Fyne Homes are working in partnership with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland to build the six affordable units.
- The affordable housing will consist of two three-bedroom homes and four two-bedroom cottage flats.
- Argyll and Bute Council has granted Fyne Homes almost £300,000 from its Rural Housing Development Fund to assist the project.
- The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland have agreed to lease the land to Fyne Homes for £10,000.
- The general trustees have contributed £20,000 to develop the housing plans and pay for the planning application.
- It has been estimated that the plots for the five private houses could sell for £100,000 each.
- The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland has confirmed that the money made from the sale of the private plots will be retained in the Craignish Parish.
- The planning application has to date received 84 letters of support and 39 letters of objection.

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# Freak weather prompts action on emergency planning

LESSONS have been learned following the freak weather which struck Kintyre in March as Tarbert prepares a community resilience plan.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has set up a committee that will create a plan which will identify key contacts in the community, individual's roles and points where residents can go for help.

The decision comes after residents were left without electricity for days and motorists were left stranded in the town following heavy snow.

Brian Mearns, chairman of the community council, said: 'I think the bad weather has made a lot of people think and

we should really get to work on the plan. Whilst we coped the last time I think it would be good to have a clear list identifying things such as where we can find key items such as petroleum gas.

'We have resuscitation equipment in the town, it would be good to identify who can use it.'

#### Improve

The decision comes as Argyll and Bute Council prepares to work with communities across the region to develop emergency plans whilst it looks to improve its own.

The council wants to identify key people, such as postmen or snow plough drivers, who can be used to spread infor-

mation to residents in rural areas.

Social media has been identified as an effective way to communicate, but the council plans to look at non electrical means, such as posters, to get information out.

A UK parliamentary inquiry into the local power supply is to be reopened by the Scottish Affairs Committee, which will ask Kintyre residents to share their experience of the power cuts. Power companies will be asked how they can strengthen their networks and improve emergency response times, whilst mobile phone operators will be asked how they can make their networks more resilient.



Holly Smith beat tens of thousands of competitors to be named one of the best young writers in a national competition.

## Story writer Holly in country's top 50

A LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupil has seen off competition from 74,000 young writers across the UK to be named in the top 50 of Chris Evans' Short Story competition.

Holly Smith, a first year student, entered a 500 word story, inspired by the sea, into the Radio 2 breakfast show competition. Open to any pupil under the age of 14, the writing competition was searching for young people that could create an imaginative storyline.

Holly, 12, came up with the concept of her story whilst doing a class exercise in English.

'The best way to describe my story is it's about the sea, but from the sea's point of view,' Holly said.

The youngster's story soon caught the imagination of the judges as she was named a top 50 finalist and invited to attend the Hay Festival of Literature and Arts in Wales.

At the festival, which Holly attended with her family, she was inspired by the presentations delivered by famous authors and had the opportunity to meet the other finalists in the competition.

Holly added: 'I thoroughly enjoyed coming

up with my short story concept and I liked seeing it progress into a proper piece of writing.'

Stating it was 'exciting and fun' to meet the renowned authors, Holly added: 'I think I would like to pursue a career that is related to writing.'

Holly's story was read by judges such as David Walliams and Dame Jacqueline Wilson but narrowly missed out on being selected in the top three for her age category.

The 12-year-old will now be using all the writing tips and experience she has gained for her future story writing.

### Don't collect cockles from Loch na Cille

PEOPLE have been warned to not collect common cockles from Loch na Cille, Mid Argyll, after raised levels of bacteria were found in the area.

The bacteria means cockles from the area may pose a risk to human health. Notices to warn the public and casual gatherers have been posted at various locations on the shore.

Commercial cockle harvesting has been postponed and Argyll and Bute Council is continuing to monitor the water.

### Summer reservoir warning

PEOPLE are being warned to take extra care of children and animals on the shores of Loch Fyne and the Crinan Canal during the summer months.

Scottish Water is reminding people to be safe near water after latest figures revealed 407 people drowned accidentally in the UK in 2011.

Dog owners should keep their pets on a lead near water, as animals that dive in and become distressed often get out by themselves.

Owners who attempt save them, sometimes do not.

### Argyll and Bute included in first round of benefit caps

ARGYLL and Bute is one of the constituencies to be included in the first round of benefit caps, the department of work and pensions has confirmed.

Residents will see their housing benefit reassessed from July 15.

Households of claimants of benefit will see the total amount they receive capped at £500 per week if they are a couple and £350 per week if they are single. This will not be enforced for households were a member of the household is in receipt of DLA or Attendance Allowance.

## Mid Argyll tourism group shortlisted for award

THE AGENCY responsible for promoting Mid Argyll as a tourist destination has been named as one of the UK's most innovative co-operatives.

The Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance (HOATA) is one of three organisations to be shortlisted for the 'most innovative' award at the 2013 Co-operative UK awards; it is the only cooperative in Scotland to shortlisted.

#### Unique

HOATA has been recognised for the unique way it unites the area's businesses, artists, cultural and

sporting bodies to work under the one aim of bringing people to Mid Argyll.

Carron Tobin, coordinator of HOATA said: 'Our entry is very much based on the innovative way we operate in the tourism sphere, specifically, the work we have been doing this last year with heARTofARGYLL and the partnership we are growing with Artmap Argyll and Kilmartin Museum, the Scottish Beaver Trail, AITC and others.'

The winner of the awards will be announced at a special ceremony in Cardiff next Saturday.

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A READER of the *Argyllshire Advertiser* submitted this photograph to celebrate the Lochgilphead High School class of 1991, who all turn 40 this year. Front row: Morag McKinnon, Fiona Herd, Nicola Hall, Suzanne Severson, Fiona MacVicar, Teri Logue, Anne McColl, Catherine McArthur, Jacqui Bell, Nicola MacCartan, Gillian Ross. Middle: Stephen Kemp, Lorna Leitch, Annette McTavish, Shona Fife, Yvonne Young, Sally Bowe, Alisa Graham, Esther Strickland, Rhona Scott, Petre Campbell, Mhairi Blyth, Hugh Bishop. Back: Barrie Kerr, Roddy Anderson, Andrew Gargan, David Main, Andrew Duthie, Ruiraidh Graham, Donald Cameron, Colin Morrison, Greig Passey, Gordon Lemay.

## Children in Argyll and Bute living in poverty

NEARLY a sixth of children living in Argyll and Bute are in poverty.

Mid Argyll is the third best performing ward in the county, with 12 per cent of children living below the breadline, whilst in Kintyre and the Islands eight per cent of children are living in struggling households. The national average is 20 per cent.

The worst affected area in Argyll is Dunoon, with one in five children living in poverty.

The statistics were released this week by the End Child Poverty Campaign.

Argyll and Bute Council confirmed it did not have a strategy for tackling child poverty.

Asked what the council is doing to lift chil-

dren out of poverty, a spokeswoman said: 'We are committed to doing what we can to support families both in terms of increasing employment opportunities in the area and ensuring that people know about and have access to benefits. Our economic development team carry out a great deal of work aimed at improving and increasing employment opportunities - greater chances of obtaining work mean that families can escape the lower income trap.'

Children are classed as living in poverty if they are in families on out of work benefits or work tax credits where income is less than 60 per cent of median before housing costs.

## Detained in custody

A MAN has been detained in custody after assaulting a woman last Saturday evening in Lochgilphead.

The 47-year-old was arrested by police for assault, breach of the peace and theft after a disturbance at a property on Lochneil Street.

The man was granted bail after appearing at Dunoon Sheriff Court but was detained by Lochgilphead police again on Monday evening after allegedly breaking his bail conditions.

## Vandalism

GLASS panels on a greenhouse on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, have been smashed.

The greenhouse was vandalised sometime between 4pm on June 7 and 8pm on June 9.

## £1 million windfarm order completed

THE £1 MILLION deal between Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd and the developers of Carraig Gheal Windfarm is complete.

Wind Towers, in Machrihanish, recently completed its order for wind turbine parts for the development near Loch Awe, which has helped support 130 jobs at the factory.

Dennis Breugelmanns, managing director of Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd said: 'We were delighted to have been given the opportunity to provide towers for the Carraig Gheal turbines. The fact that it was an Argyll project was a real bonus. It's important for the renewable industry in Scotland, that companies like Wind Towers (Scotland) can directly support the supply of components to Scottish windfarms.'

# ACHA tenants struggling with the bedroom tax

SOME of Mid Argyll's poorest people are living off £20 a week because of changes to housing benefit and the rising cost of living, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has confirmed.

The social landlord, which has been investigating the impact of the bedroom tax on its tenants, has said single unemployed people and low income families are the worst affected.

The bedroom tax sees people's housing benefit slashed if they are deemed to be living in a home with 'more bedrooms than they need'.

More than 10 per cent of ACHA's tenants, 583, are affected by the bed-

room tax. Some unemployed and low paid workers are living off £20 a week after paying gas and electricity bills, whilst families, whose income is low enough to get support with their rent, are seeing an average cut of £50 a month to their finances.

The bedroom tax can only be avoided by moving house but ACHA is arguing it is 'not a realistic possibility' for people in remote communities.

The news comes as the chief executive of ACHA Alastair MacGregor says he fears some people may feel that they have to leave communities that they were born and brought

up in to be able to afford housing.

He said: 'Like many housing associations across Scotland we made representations to the Westminster government concerning these proposals. We believe that the current 'safeguard' through discretionary housing payments do not provide sufficient resources to protect people and the reality is that many already vulnerable people are going to run up rent arrears. This is neither healthy for them or their landlords.'

'The association supports the call by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations to repeal the bedroom tax.'

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There are currently 2,209 children in Argyll and Bute living in poverty, more than one in 10 children. In Dunoon more than 1 in 5 children live below the headline.

These children are not merely statistics. They are the children living next door, the children playing with your child in the playground.

This simply is not good enough.

Yes welfare budgets, working tax credits and policies associated with addressing poverty are currently being set by the Westminster Government. But this is not solely a national issue. It is something our local authority and local representatives could choose to tackle head on.

Argyll and Bute Council says it has welfare officers that can help people identify the benefits they are entitled to. Are these the benefits that have been slashed? A benefits system with a bedroom tax that penalises people living in rural areas?

Let's put pressure on our elected leaders to do more to end child poverty.

Remember a child growing up in poverty is more likely to leave school at 16 with fewer qualifications. Before reaching their second birthday, a child from a poorer family is already more likely to show a lower level of attainment than a child from a better-off family.

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### Concern over large scale windfarm development

Sir,  
Last week's article drew our attention to the significant number of new turbines proposed for the skyline above Ardrishaig.

Sròndoire Wind Farmers will shortly submit a planning application for three new turbines adjacent to the Allt Dearg Community Windfarm.

Aside from the obvious difference in scale to the other proposals, Sròndoire Community Windfarm will be locally owned, in partnership with our neighbouring communities of Tarbert and Kilfinan.

It is important to highlight that Argyll now has formal planning guidance - the Landscape Wind Energy Capacity Study - on the location and scale of new windfarm development. This has been posted for over a year on the council website and has fundamentally shaped our Sròndoire proposal.

The massive German firm E.ON and the even larger EDF, Électricité de France, which is owned by the French state, seem oblivious to the local landscape issues of their very large scale proposals.

This cavalier attitude, unacceptable and unaffordable to an indigenous local community developer, is bound to cause concern. It is no secret that the UK is now very short of good windfarm sites - inevitably the professional develop-

ment teams within these large utilities will continue to justify their existence and salaries for as long as they are able on what sites remain.

However this does not change the fundamentals of wind farming: there are good locations and there are long shots - some are very long indeed.

**Mary Broadfoot and James F Lithgow, Sròndoire Wind Farmers, Stronachullin and Ormsary Estates.**

### A blight on the landscape

Sir,  
As a regular tourist to Argyll and in particular Ardrishaig, where I have enjoyed many pints in the Lorne and Argyll Arms, it fills me with great sadness to read the article *Ardrishaig could become a wind farm centre*.

It is particularly upsetting when I recall my letter to your newspaper, published on October 9, 2009, where I listed my objections to the Allt Dearg Windfarm and said: 'The community needs to appreciate the precedent this will create. If the community supports this plan they are saying, we don't have objections to windfarms in our area. This will pave the way for more windfarms.'

Despite the community council's reassurances it seems the proverbial genie has been released from the bottle and what is a beautiful part of the world will be blighted by huge monstrosities.

I find it ironic the community council are now complaining about how Ardrishaig may not get a say and will be steamrolled, for it was them,

on behalf of the community, who opened the door and invited the wind turbines in.

Your community council was fully aware of the consequences of their support, however they pushed ahead and offered their unequivocal support for windfarms.

Consequently, as a direct result of the community council's actions, Ardrishaig faces a bleak future surrounded by 64 wind turbines. What kind of a legacy is this for future generations? The community council should be ashamed and held accountable for their actions.

I sincerely hope the people of Ardrishaig can convince the government that the community council does not speak on their behalf and they do not want their town, a place of natural beauty, to be spoiled for all time.

**Justin Buckland, Brisbane, Australia.**

### Deep concern

Sir,  
I feel obliged to express my deep concern over Sandy Taylor's statement in respect of the Public Standards Commissioner clearing a trio of councillors of misconduct, that 'this shows that the system works'.

If Mr Taylor was referring to a system which was put in place to ensure that councillors observe their code of conduct, the commissioner's investigation and conclusions certainly do not show to the critical eye that that system works.

Bearing in mind that the Public Standards Commissioner, who is a former senior local authority officer, was investigating complaints which the council's monitoring officer,

another senior local authority officer, had already dismissed, his ability to be completely impartial has to come into question.

From reading the commissioner's report it would seem that apart from the three councillors themselves only council staff were interviewed by the commissioner. Given that council staff depend for their living on an organisation in which councillors hold the power, it is hardly reasonable to assume that their evidence in such cases will be completely impartial.

As the Commissioner has the freedom to interview whichever witnesses he pleases the fact that no mention is made in the report of testimony from members of the public attending the hearing one is forced to ask why ever not. Considerations such as those above, coupled with the fact that the Scottish Parliament was so pleased with the commissioner's performance as an investigator of complaints against councillors that they asked him to investigate complaints against themselves, should set alarm bells ringing and force us all to ask if we have the right system in place to investigate complaints against any of our politicians.

Personally I do not believe that we have.

Nor do I believe that politicians or their employees will ever give it to us. I believe that if we really want a system which ethically handles complaint against our political representatives' conduct we will have to provide it for ourselves.

**Arthur McFarlane, Mount Pleasant, Tarbert.**

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Scotland's culture secretary Fiona Hyslop opened the *A Passion for Colour: Jolomo - the Retrospective* which features the work of Mid Argyll artist John Lowrie Morrison.

## JoLoMo exhibits in Clydebank

A TAYVALLICH artist has returned to his roots in Clydebank this week as he was honoured in an exhibition that features his career's work.

The artwork of John Lowrie Morrison, known as Jolomo, is currently on display at the Clydebank Town Hall Museum and Gallery in the *A Passion for Colour: Jolomo - the Retrospective* exhibition.

### Art adviser

A retrospective exhibition is rare for a living artist and sees John return to the area where he worked as an art adviser to the old Strathclyde Regional Council.

The exhibition charts the evolution of John's signature style, from his days as an award-winning student at Glasgow School of Art to the present day.

John said: 'I felt extremely honoured when I received the invitation from West Dunbartonshire Council to hold my retrospective of my work in the newly refurbished museum.'

'Equally I felt honoured and humbled at the concept of a retrospective during my lifetime, not something that often happens to an artist.'

He added: 'I think some people might be surprised by the wide

range of genres and media used in some of my work.'

'I'm greatly excited about taking the time with my wife and family to view the exhibit.'

### Officially opened

On Saturday the exhibition was officially opened by Scotland's culture secretary Fiona Hyslop.

She said: 'John Lowrie Morrison's vibrant and colourful landscapes capture the essence of Scotland's natural beauty - it's no wonder he is loved the world over.'

The highly-anticipated exhibition runs until Saturday, September 21.

### Family event to celebrate Year of Natural Scotland

MID ARGYLL residents are being invited to join rangers at Crarae Garden for a day to celebrate wildlife.

Garden rangers will lead walks around the glen garden on Sunday, whilst there will be an interactive display from Scottish Wildlife Trust's Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Project.

The Strathblane Falconry will also be at the garden, where owls, hawks and falcons will be seen in a flying display.

## Majority of staff whose posts became untenable have found new jobs

NHS HIGHLAND has this week confirmed that the majority of staff at Argyll and Bute Hospital, whose posts became untenable under the redesign of mental health services, have found new jobs.

### Reduce

When the health board agreed to reduce inpatient mental health beds in the county to 22 and eventually close the Lochgilphead hospital, 250 members of staff were

placed on the redeployment register. Now six years later 29 people remain on the register.

The register works by allowing staff to continue to work in their current post whilst giving them 'priority' to move into other posts when they become available.

Some of the mental health nurses have joined community mental health teams around Argyll.

The change from hos-

pital to community-based mental health has seen a shift in resources. In 2006, 80 per cent of the mental health care budget was spent on inpatient services, whilst the new model of care will see 53 per cent of resources invested in hospital care and 47 per cent in the community.

### Budget

The annual budget for mental health services in Argyll and Bute is £13.6 million.

## New cancer service to be piloted in local libraries

A NEW service that aims to help people affected by cancer and their families will be piloted in local libraries at the end of September.

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service will be established at Campbeltown Library and Rothesay Library in the first two years, with a view to rolling out the service to all libraries in Argyll and Bute.

The service aims to complement the work of medical staff by providing someone to talk to for people affected by cancer, whether that is the person who has been diagnosed with the disease, or their family and friends.

The pilot is a partnership initiative between Macmillan Cancer Support, Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland and Argyll Voluntary Action.

# Owners want to put Columba Hotel on market

OWNERS of the Columba Hotel in Tarbert want to sell the abandoned building so it can be restored to its former glory.

The hotel's owners were forced to shut the business in 2006 after a dispute with an insurance company over repair work and have been unable to reopen it for financial reasons.

The news comes after Tarbert and Skipness Community Council expressed its concern about the deteriorating condition of the grade two-listed building and the negative impact its appearance has on the town.

Speaking to the *Advertiser* Julie Butler, who ran the hotel with her husband Kevin, said she hoped to eventually sell the building, which sits on the waterfront.

She added that they

couldn't market it as a hotel because they had no accounts.

'We are aware it is sinking, so we have got to do something,' she said. 'I think the ideal situation would be to get a grant for the roof, which needs repaired as it is damaging the inside. If I could put it on the market immediately I'd do that.'

Mrs Butler, who now lives outwith Argyll, said she would like to

improve the external appearance of the hotel in the meantime and is keen to hear ideas from the local community.

She said: 'It is quite a mammoth task for me and we have not got the financial means so any help or suggestions would be welcomed.'

'I don't want the locals to think I'm not concerned. I would happy to speak to them because any scenario would be better than this one.'

## New opening hours

ARGYLL and Bute Council's customer service points will have new opening hours from July 1, whilst an appointment system has been introduced at the council's registrar.

Customer service points will be open Monday to Friday, 9am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5pm. On Wednesdays, they will open at 10am.

People who want to register a birth, death or marriage must now make an appointment between 9.30am and 11.30am and 2pm to 4pm on week days. The council said the changes have been introduced to reduce waiting times.

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# Art exhibition at Crinan Gallery

ARTWORK by some of Scotland's most prestigious artists hangs on display at the Crinan Gallery alongside top local artists as part of the summer exhibition.

Paintings by artists Gordon Mitchell, John Bellany and Elizabeth Blackadder will be on display at the gallery for the next month.

Whilst local artists Ross Ryan, Rob Walker

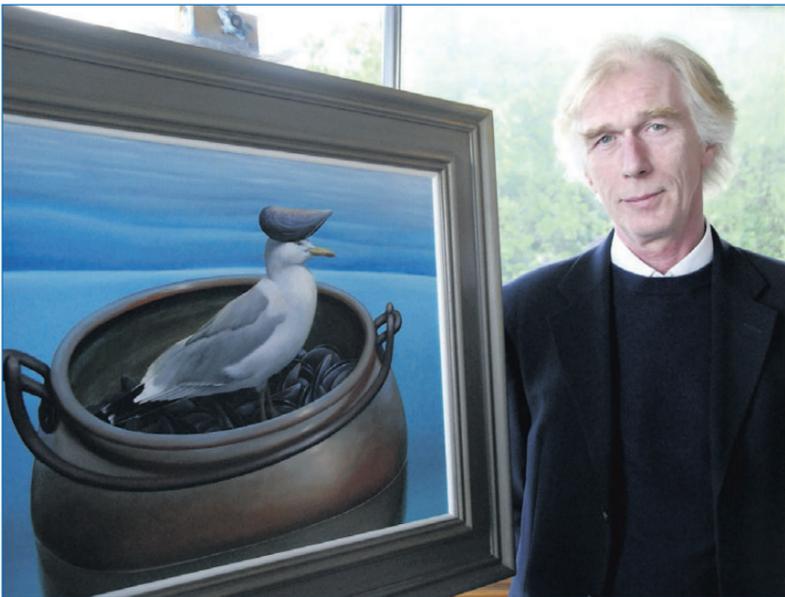
and Rebecca Barnett are also on view.

The gallery marked the start of its summer exhibition with an open evening on Saturday which was attended by Gordon Mitchell, who hung the paintings, and Guy Peplow and Christina Jansen, who run the Scottish Gallery in Edinburgh.

Guy is the grandson of Scottish Post-Impres-

sionist painter Samuel John Peploe, who was best known for his still life works and was one of four Scottish colourists.

Speaking at the opening gallery owner Frances Ryan, who painted under MacDonald, said: 'It is a wonderful mixture of top artists and local talent, which anyone is more than welcome to come along and see.'



Gordon Mitchell stands with his work, *Captain Seagull*, which is on display at the Crinan Gallery summer exhibition. 06\_a25crinan01



Catherine Holmes, demonstrated how to make decorative cuffs for clothing, which were used to stop the edges of clothes fraying in Medieval times. 06\_a25kilmartin02



Crowds gathered on Kilmartin Village Green to watch a re-enactment, which was performed by the Glasgow Viking - Dark Ages Society. 06\_a25kilmartin08

## 1,450 years since the arrival of St Columba celebrated in style at Kilmartin House Museum

WARRIOR cries could be heard in Kilmartin Glen over the weekend as celebrations marking 1450 years since the arrival of St Columba to the region got underway.

Visitors to Kilmartin House Museum were able to experience life in a settlement at the time of St Columba, when the Glasgow Viking Dark Ages Re-enactment society set up camp for the weekend.

Dressed in authentic costume, the Vikings gave

cookery, leather and butter churning demonstrations and treated visitors to a battle re-enactment as part of the *In the footsteps of Columba* celebrations.

### Demonstration

Crowds gathered on the village green to watch a weaponry demonstration and see what would have been the main clans in Scotland at the time slog it out on the battlefield.

Throughout the weekend a number of other events took place in Kilmartin Glen to

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12.00 noon Singing Workshop - Karine Polwart  
1.00pm Whistle and Pipes - Lorne MacDougall  
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mark the occasion, which included a talk at the museum by St Columba specialist Gilbert Markus.

The Walking Theatre Company thrilled audiences with an interactive walking tale, *The Land Beneath the Kings*, which was inspired by Dunadd Fort.

Visitors were also treated to a guided tour, which travelled around Dunadd Hill Fort explaining the significance of the site before, during and after Columba's life time.



**Eight-year-old Evan Dalgarno-Platt and his brother Aidan, 10, were hard at work on the mill grinder as they learnt about life at the time of St Columba.** 06\_a25kilmartin09



**Vicky Lyon, left, and Hazel Blowers, from Ardrishaig, learnt about leather making from James Gillbanks, who told how people would travel with the army to keep making them items.** 06\_a25kilmartin04

**Summer camp**

A SUMMER camp providing a host of activities for Mid Argyll youngsters during the summer holidays has been established.

A partnership initiative between Mid Argyll Community Pool and Argyll and Bute Council, the summer camp will deliver an 'active day' for young people aged five to 12.

Activities such as aquarun, water walkerz, football, shinty, arts and crafts and outdoor events will be held at the pool and Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Water-based activities will be for children aged 8 and above. Young people aged five to seven will take part in a scavenger hunt, stained glass making, planting, and arts and crafts while the over eights will be in the pool. The programme runs from July 8 to July 26 and is held Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

**Strachur piping**

PIPERS from across Argyll will descend on Strachur tomorrow (Saturday) as the annual piping competition for pipers aged 18 and under gets under way.

The competition will take place at Strachur Memorial Hall.

**Big turnout at beer festival**

MORE THAN 1,400 people attended the Fyne Fest beer festival at Cairndow to soak up the sun and enjoy beer from some of the UK's top breweries at the weekend.

Organised by Fyne Ales brewery, the festival which is now in its fourth year, has continued to grow year on year. What began as a small courtyard event is now a three-day long festival that includes camping.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, Jamie Delap, organiser of the festival, said the weekend had been a huge success.

'It really has been brilliant. We have seen a 50 per cent increase in numbers,' he said.

'I think one of the best things about the festival is that it is very family friendly, children can run about as much as they want and people have a safe place to camp whilst they enjoy a great party.'



**Margaret Callander, left, her husband Colin and son Alastair, right, soaked up the sun and enjoyed beer at the FyneFest in Cairndow.** 06\_a25fynefest01

**Lead vocalist is Katie Mackay**

THE ARGYLLSHIRE *Advertiser* would like to clarify that the lead vocalist in Tarbert's new ladies choir is Katie Mackay and not Katie MacCallum as stated in last week's paper.

Katie took the lead in the choir's performance of *Skyfall* at the Tarbert Music Centre summer concert.

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18 This weapon knows where it's going! (6,7)  
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21 Core (7)

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Committee members Rowan MacIntyre and Andrew Morgan served up tea and cakes with George and Cathy Hendry from St Matthew's Church Possilpark in Glasgow, who stayed in the village this week. 06\_a25ford01

## Glasgow visitors enjoy fun-filled stay in Ford

RESIDENTS in Ford welcomed visitors from Glasgow St Matthew's Church, Possilpark, to the village as they hosted a fundraising car boot sale.

Ford Community Group organised the sale in the village hall on Sunday to raise funds for Ford Family Fun Day that will be held in August.

The event was an opportunity for the group to welcome 16 Glaswegians, aged from two-years-old to 80-years-old, who have been staying in the village for the week.

The group stayed at Auchinellan House and took part in a variety of activities, which include fishing and team building exercises.

The trip was organised through Andrew Morgan from the Ford Community Group, who stays in Glasgow and attended the church.

He said: 'It is an opportunity for people in Glasgow to come up and stay in a rural area for the week and take part in various activities. We have done it before and it was a big success, so thought we would do it again.'

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### INVERARAY

#### Royal Burgh hosts craft fair

INVERARAY'S Nicol Hall will host a craft fair this month in aid of the Royal Burgh's senior citizens' fund.

Held next Saturday, there will be 10 tables featuring a host of locally produced goods, including decoupage, jams and preserves, fabrics, homemade toys and Gemstone Jewellery.

One of three events to be held this year, the fair is held between 11am-4pm.

### ARDRISHAIG

#### Village to stage talent contest

MAGICIANS, jugglers, singers, dancers or anyone with a talent they would like to showcase to the village can enter Ardrishaig's Got Talent.

Entry forms are now available for the contest which will be held on Sunday, July 28 as part of the village's gala weekend celebrations.

Anyone from Mid Argyll can take part in the competition and acts can be anything, but spaces are limited.

All entries must be submitted by June 24 and application forms are available from the shops around the village and at www.ardrishaiggala.org.uk

Residents can head to Ardrishaig Public Hall at 2pm to watch the show.

### FURNACE

#### Book Bug session at primary school

CHILDREN can enjoy an afternoon of songs, rhymes and stories at Furnace Primary School on Monday.

The Book Bug session will run from 2pm until 3pm and is for children aged up to five-years-old.

#### Primary pupils say goodbye at special assembly

PRIMARY seven pupils at Minard and Furnace Primary School will say their final goodbyes at a special assembly.

Parents and family are being invited to Cumlodden Church for the event next Friday, which will start at 11am.

### TIGHNABRUICH

#### Classic yachts visit marina

A VARIETY of on shore events will take place at Portavadie Marina as part of the Fife Regatta.

People can welcome more than 20 Fife classic yachts to Tighnabruich on July 1 with an on shore street party, which will feature local food, games and a tug-of-war competition.

The second day will see the Fifes depart Tighnabruich.

The Fife classic yachts will sail along the Argyll coast line as part of the event and will spend three days at Tighnabruich.

### KILMARTIN

#### Museum runs solar dyeing workshop

PEOPLE have the opportunity to make their own 'solar jar' to dye fabric at an event tomorrow (Saturday).

Kilmartin House Museum will hold a solar dyeing workshop, which will teach the method of using plants and solar energy to dye fibres.

The event will include a visit to Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve where people will learn more about the plants used.

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## Crofting skills programme to be expanded

### Scottish Crofting Federation to take lead role in new training scheme

THE SCOTTISH Crofting Federation (SCF) is to run a series of practical skills courses throughout the crofting counties until 2015 aimed at aspiring, new and existing crofters and smallholders.

Initial training will include horticulture, lime mortaring and drystone dyking, woodland management and on-croft woodfuel.

Tips on sheep husbandry skills, making the most of your mutton, strained wire and

rylock fencing, and snaring competence will also feature.

Experts in their field will give participants an understanding in the fundamentals of each technique.

Further courses on topics relevant to modern crofting are being arranged and will continue to be made available over the next year in Barra, the Uists, Ardnarmurchan, the Black Isle, Assynt and Moray.

Patrick Krause, SCF chief executive said:

'The crofting training that we have been able to provide has been extremely popular and well attended.

'The evaluation of the last programme was very positive and it is gratifying that the Scottish Government and HIE are funding a further phase which builds on our experience.

'We are now offering more courses and are developing the programme to provide further levels and formats to meet the needs of trainees.'



Drystone dyking will be amongst the skills being offered on a new programme of crofting training courses

## Crofting organisation restores waiting list

MORE THAN 170 families have put their names on a re-activated waiting list for a croft, it has emerged.

And the strong demand from prospective entrants into the industry has been welcomed by the Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF).

### Interest

The SCF recently restarted the list for people interested in acquiring a croft after the practice fell into abeyance under the Crofters Commission, which has since been replaced by the Crofting Commission.

SCF chief executive Parick Krause said: 'We provide a service to members whereby we will put them on a list of interest and if anything comes up we notify them of it.'

'We have access to sources of information on crofts coming up for assignation or sale that individuals probably can't get, so it is worth being on the list if anyone is serious about wanting a croft.'

'It is also important to us to know what the scale of interest in acquiring a croft is.'

He added: 'The Crofting Commission are happy for us to do it - they also send inquiries to us and let us know of crofts coming up for assignation or sale that they know of.'

## Lorn Show judges announced

ORGANISERS of the Lorn Agricultural Show are promising a bigger event than in previous years, as they re-introduce a Highland dancing competition and add a new poultry section.

The show, which takes place on August 3 at Keil Common Grazings, Tralee, has confined the new poultry section to the Lorn area.

Judges for the day are as follows: Blackface section and Young Farmers - Mr S Blackwood, Muirkirk; Cross Sheep section, Mr E Burnett, Port of Menteith; Highland Cattle, Mr J MacGillivray, Isle of Mull; Pure and Cross Cattle, Ms C Millar, Port of Menteith; Poultry, Mrs I Campbell, Fort William; Dogs, Mr Irvine, Tobermory; Home Industries, Mrs A Renne, Lochmaben; show umpire, Mr D MacCormick, Lismore.

## Prime sheep trade rises at Caledonian sale at Stirling

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Hoggets averaged 172p per kilo (+5p per kilo on the week and +21p on the year) selling to £101 and 202p per kilo for Texels from Hillcroft.

Blackfaces from Durieshill sold to £83 and 189p per kilo.

Prime sheep averaged 141p per kilo (+25p per kilo) and sold to £78 for Texels from Atholl

Estates and 171p per kilo for Texels from Blaircessnock.

Blackfaces from Durieshill sold to £73 and 163p per kilo from Hill.

Export ewes averaged £49.02 selling to £60 for Blackface's from West Dron Farm while heavy ewes averaged £76.07 selling to a top of £115.50 for Suffolk's from The Horn.

## Charolais bullocks sell to £1420 at Stirling weekly sale

UNITED Auctions sold 239 store cattle, young bulls and 109 cast cows at Stirling last week.

Bullocks averaged 221.80p (-1.42p) and sold to 264.60p per kg for a 274kg Simmental cross from West Park and £1420 for a 666kg Charolais cross from Netherton.

Heifers averaged 207.98p (+0.32p) and sold to 240.70p per kg and £1170 for a 486kg Limousin cross from Air-

drie. Forward cattle averaged 171.91p and sold to 215.90p per kg for a Aberdeen Angus cow from Low Boydston and £1250 for a Limousin cross from Newton of Logierait.

Cast cows averaged 139.31p and sold to 207.10p per kg and £1250 for a Limousin cross from Randerston.

Young bulls averaged 199.11 and sold to 223.90p per kg and £1370 for a 612kg LimX from Crammie.

## Prime cattle in demand at Stirling

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Heifers averaged 252p per kg and sold to a record of 276.5p per kg for 500kg Lim-

ousins from Carriston, Markinch.

Over 30 month cattle sold to 205.5p per kg for a Limousin cow, from Camis Eskan, Helensburgh and to £1447 for Friesian heifer, Ardlammy, Isle of Gigha.

Butchers cattle sold in excess of 265p per kg to average at 269p per kg selling to 274p per kg from Meadowend.

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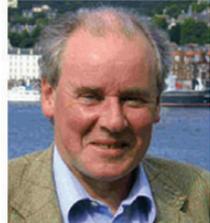
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Ten-year-old Melissa Chambers from Southend learns basic weaving as it would have been in Columba's day from Shelagh Cameron from Carradale who is a weaver by trade. 08\_c25col02



Elsie Hone, left, Anna Barclay and Maureen Doherty from Southend Arts and Crafts Group. 08\_c25col07

# Relentless rain fai Southend spirit



Kintyre boatbuilder Barrie Gelder was commissioned to build a 20ft currach, to replicate the kind of craft Columba would have arrived from Ireland in. Plans to sail it in Dunaverty Bay were dropped because of the poor weather. 08\_c25col05

THE sad joke last Saturday was that if the weather was the same when St Columba arrived at Southend 1,450 years ago, he would have turned right back for his native Ireland.

Or perhaps it was indeed the same relentless rain - and that is why he did not hang around and headed on to Iona.

Last Saturday, dedicated to a re-enactment of a historic and spiritual milestone, was simply a washout.

And if it was not 'God laughing at man for making plans', nature was certainly having a chuckle.

The organisers' hopes of hordes of people wandering about different locations and enjoying the fine efforts of many Southend villagers and the wider arts and crafts community were swept away in a torrent of water.

Reality instead was barely 80 hardy souls in a marquee where it was a case of 'the show must go on' for storytelling, recitals, re-enactments, drama performances and music.

Not even sending out an 11th hour message on Argyll FM that admittance was free was going to attract peo-



The Argyll-based Three Wee Crows Theatre Company, featuring Kathleen Campbell, Vivienne de Caris and Jane Dunbar, delivered a fascinating performance setting the story of Columba within the wider context of Scotland's history.

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# Is to dampen



The Southend-based Dunaverly Players, friends and village school-children re-enacted St Columba's landing and his interrupting of a coronation. 08\_c25col04



Face painter Lori Silven, aka Funky Chicken, had an extremely quiet day because of the weather. 08\_c25col08



Storyteller Jan Sutch Picard from Mull. 08\_c25col06



The empty playing field at Southend reflects the lack of visitors, with the handful who made the effort taking refuge from the rain in the marquees where the organisers tried to make the most of the planned events. 08\_c25col10

ple out on as miserable a June day as you would care to suffer.

However, Columba - renowned for his endurance and resilience - would have admired the determined spirit on display to make the most of things.

He would also have been proud of the way his story and message was kept alive - not least of all by the excellent performance by Argyll's Three Wee Crows Theatre Company.

Their wings may have been wet and bedraggled, but their drama shone and captivated like the finest summer's day.

'You can't legislate for weather like this,' said Kevin Baker, Argyll and Bute Council's cultural and library development officer. 'We had hoped for 500 to 1,000 people, however it has still been worthwhile as a template for good partnership working.'

Margaret McDowell, of Southend Community Council, said: 'It is very sad, you just have to get on with it.'

Event manager Iain Johnston said: 'What we managed to do within the confines of the marquee went well.'



Southend's David Barbour delivered a monologue about Sir William McKinnon, the 19th century ship owner and businessman, who left a bequest to found Kintyre Technical School, later renamed Keil School. 08\_c25col03

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# Youth service looks to windfarm trust to fund Ardrishaig play park

DRAWINGS setting out the vision of the King George V play park in Ardrishaig could be created as the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service (MAYDS) prepares to apply for funding.

MAYDS will apply to Ardrishaig Community Trust, which administers the revenue available from Allt Dearg Community Windfarm, for money to create plans for the park.

The move follows a public consultation held by Ardrishaig Community Council, which asked residents how they would like to see the area developed to maximise its use.

The plans will focus on creating an all-weather surface pitch that is suitable for a range of sports and allow disabled people to use it, new play equipment and improving the woodland area. A pavilion with changing facilities, common room and kitchen that

doubles up as a youth centre is also included in the plan.

John Wood, a member of Ardrishaig Community Council, said: 'There has been a great deal of interest to have a community play park with equipment which is suitable for not just toddlers but older children as well.'

## Re-develop

MAYDS confirmed it met with Ardrishaig Community Trust, which has been looking to re-develop the play park for a number of years.

Fiona Kalache, manager of MAYDS, said: 'We met with Ardrishaig Community Trust this week to see how we can move the project forward.'

She added: 'In order to secure the financing we will need to first sign a lease with Argyll and Bute Council.'

Following the consultation, a working group is to be set up to take the project forward.



Pupils from Ardrishaig Primary joined Argyll and Bute Council Depute Provost Douglas Philand at Dunardry Locks recently to officially open the path. 06\_a25canal01

## Facelift transforms Crinan Canal towpath

A £157,000 investment in the towpath of the Crinan Canal has made 'one of the world's most beautiful shortcuts' much easier to walk, run and cycle.

The money was used

to resurface a 1,200m stretch of the towpath between Dunardry and Cairnbaan with a robust, all-weather material. The investment marks a shift in the focus from the canal to its banks. Richard Millar, head of enterprise at Scottish Canals, said: 'The Crinan Canal has so much more to offer than just a shortcut for boaters.'

'The area around the

canal boasts some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland, and we hope this project will encourage more people to explore it.'

'The towpaths of Scotland's canals are busier than ever and play a vital role in the communities they both run through and link. That couldn't be truer in this case, where the path offers a safe, off-road route between the

rural local communities and the larger towns of the area.'

The new section of path was opened by Douglas Philand, depute provost of Argyll and Bute Council, who said it was 'good to see the end of the potholes'.

The path was upgraded by Scottish Canals in partnership with Sustrans, Score Environment, and Argyll and Bute Council.

## Book a place in rowing race

BUDDING rowers hoping to take part in the renowned Dalriada Dragon Boat race on the Crinan Canal need to book their place at the 2013 event soon.

The race, part of the Crinan Canal Water Festival, sees locals go head to head on Dunardry Locks, paddling to

the beat of a drum. A popular event with local businesses and community groups, the 2013 boat race will take place on July 28.

### Team

A group of ten rowers and a drummer can enter the race as a team whilst individuals and smaller groups can enter the race

now and be put together as team on the day. The event will see the return of the 2012 winners 'The Natural Wonders' - a scratch team that was assembled moments before the race began.

All paddlers must be over 16 and pay £10 to take part or £100 per team.

## Takeover bid to increase shellfish production

LOCH Fyne Oysters has taken over a company in England with its own oyster hatchery in a bid to increase its shellfish production.

The Cairndow-based business acquired a controlling share of Seasalter (Walney) Limited, which trades as Morecambe Bay Oysters, last week.

A well-established oyster business, Morecambe Bay

Oysters is located on Walney Island, Cumbria, where it operates a shellfish hatchery and an oyster growing site at Ulverston on Morecambe Bay.

The investment will provide Loch Fyne Oysters with the capacity to expand its own oyster production and supply its partner oyster growers in Scotland.

David Attwood, aquaculture

director for Loch Fyne Oysters, said: 'We are delighted to be working with Morecambe Bay Oysters; they have a highly skilled and motivated team with a proven track record. It was always an aspiration of Johnny Noble and Andy Lane, the co-founders of Loch Fyne Oysters, to operate an oyster hatchery and it is great to see that this has been realised.'

## Power company to address community council

ANOTHER public information event about the proposed Balliemeanoch windfarm will be held this month.

Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council has asked Inazin Power Limited, the company behind the windfarm, to come to their community and answer questions about the proposed development.

Situated south-east of Portsonachan, the proposed Balliemeanoch windfarm could house 27 wind turbines and generate 194GWH of electricity each year.

The public event will be held between 4pm and 8pm on Thursday at Kilchrenan Village Hall.

## Government invests in energy efficient schemes

ARGYLL householders could benefit from a £2 million investment in energy efficiency schemes as the Scottish Government attempts to wipe out fuel poverty in the area.

The investment, targeted at fuel poor households, will be used to install energy efficiency measures such as solid wall, cavity and loft insulation.

The money, part of the government's Home Energy Efficiency Programmes for Scotland (HEEPS), aims to help the 38.2 per cent of Argyll and Bute households living in fuel poverty.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

| Ref          | Proposal   | Site Address   | Location of Plans                      |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 13/01011/PP  | Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of sewage treatment plant   | Land East of Rhuval Tarbert Argyll and Bute                                | Sub Post Office Tarbert                |
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| 13/00137/PP | Installation of 2 refrigeration units (retrospective) | 8 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute      | Ardrishaig Area Office  |
| 13/01215/PP | Installation of external chairlift.                   | Auburn Pier Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UF | Sub Post Office Tarbert |

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THEY were bemused at first. They only knew their own house and garden, and the outside world looks very big when you are a puppy.

The time had come for our two collie pups to take their first steps into the unknown.

They looked so small and vulnerable in their new collars and leads and we just wanted to keep telling them that everything would be fine.

There was so much information to assimilate and we watched as they tried to make sense of it all.

Uncertainty gave way to curiosity and they decided that the outside world was not so bad after all.

Tails came up and began to wag as friendly people greeted them and reassured them, and a shared ice cream helped.

One delightful moment stands out when, on their second day of adventure, they met Hannah, a delightful two year old with an enchanting personality.

We were at the Coffee Shop and were sitting outside in the sunshine when Hannah came along to chat. Thrilled to see the pups she was down beside them reassuring them and talking as one who knows about all things.

She quickly learned their names and chatted with them as if she had always known them.

When we returned the next day without the pups, Hannah was disappointed and asked for each one by name.

As we left, she reminded us to come back with her new friends as soon as possible.

What a lovely welcome Hannah offered and how much we can learn from the kindness of a two year old.

Friendship is a beautiful gift and how lovely to welcome those who feel a little shy, call them by name and ask them to return soon.

I have a feeling that Hannah and the pups will develop a special relationship and we will delight in watching them all grow up.

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# Tribute to Ian MacDonald, FSA Scot 1919-2013

By Reverend  
Roddy MacLeod

ALTHOUGH he was well into his 94th year, it was with much sorrow that a wide circle of friends in Argyll, and indeed in many parts of the world, learned of the passing of Ian MacDonald at his home in Lochgilphead where he had spent the last 20 years of his long and active life.

Ian MacDonald was born at Beachmenach in Kintyre on May 16, 1919, the eldest of six children, four boys and two girls.

Before he went to school, he spoke both Gaelic and English. He never lost his love for the Gaelic language of his youth and, while he was still able, enjoyed attending the monthly Gaelic service in Lochgair.

Ian's father was beginning to lose his sight, and so he was removed from school when he was 14 to help on the farm. From that point onwards agriculture was to become very much part of Ian's life.

#### Shepherding

On the farm he was taught shepherding, clipping and all work connected with sheep.

Storm clouds were gathering over Europe, and on December 6, 1939 Ian was called up, joining the 56th (Army) Training Regiment Royal Armoured Corps at Catterick Camp in Yorkshire.

His expertise with vehicles was soon recognised and he was to spend from 1940 to 1941 repairing all kinds of equipment from Bren guns to Churchill tanks.

He was sent to Sandhurst and passed out as a Second Lieutenant in 1943.

A broken ankle in 1944 prevented his progress for a while, but in March he was promoted to Captain.

His embarkation leave having been cancelled the day he got home, he joined the ship *Cape Wrath*, which became part of a large

convoy heading for West Africa and the Mediterranean. He was the only passenger on a ship carrying tanks and was responsible for assembling them when they reached their destination.

By 1946 Ian was serving in Egypt, leaving for Toulon on the troopship *Dorsetshire*. He completed his army service in August that year, having been mentioned in despatches for distinguished service. He received a letter from the Army Council, thanking him for his war efforts and granting him the rank of Honorary Captain for life.

#### Studied

After war service Ian's life again involved agriculture. He joined the West of Scotland Agricultural College and studied agriculture and dairying at Auchincruive.

An important landmark in Ian's life came when in 1952 he married Ina Park in Bellochantuy Church.

The family unit was completed with the arrival of Malcolm, Anne and John, and Ina and Ian were to welcome the birth of seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Another significant date in his life came in 1954 when he was ordained as an elder in Kilmalmonell Church.

It was at Kilmalmonell Church that a very large congregation gathered to share memories of someone who was much loved and respected.

He held the post of treasurer for many years and represented the congregation at Presbytery and Synod level.

#### Elected member

Ian was an elected member of Kintyre District Council, serving as vice chairman.

He also served for four years on Argyll County Council. In 1989 his services to the community were recognised when he was chosen as Kintyre Citizen of the Year.

Ian had a remarkable knowledge of local



Ian MacDonald.

history and genealogy. He had contacts with people all over the world with Argyll connections and was glad to share

with them the fruits of his amazing research into family history. He was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries

of Scotland, and he was proud to be Honorary President of the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society.



## Dunoon Pipe Band success

Dunoon Grammar School Pipe Band scooped prizes at this year's Helensburgh Pipe Band competition. The band picked up second in both the novice juvenile and juvenile section. The pipe band was joined by members of the Royal Guard of Oman after the event.

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

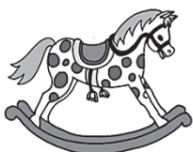
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

**BIRTHS**



**BORTHWICK**

Robert and Angela are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Shaun, on May 30, 2013. A third grandchild for Bobby and Jennifer and a fourth grandchild for Alan and Betty. A big thank you to the midwives at Campbeltown Hospital.



**CRAIG (née McGrory)**

Gregor and Robbie would like to announce the safe arrival of their little sister, Jemma Whyte, on June 15, 2013. Another granddaughter for Tommy, Jennifer, Sandra and the late Hinton. Thanks to Isobel and all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit. Keith and Martine are delighted with their new addition and would like to express special thanks to family for the additional support and help, over what has been a difficult last few months x.



**MEENAN**

Denis and Gemma (Hall) are delighted to announce the arrival of twin girls, Lena Rose and Poppy Jane, on February 17, 2013. Both families would like to thank everyone for kind words and support. Babies are now at home keeping Mummy and Daddy very busy. Thanks also to 'Bonnie Babies'.

**DEATHS**

**ADAMS** - Fell asleep, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on June 15, 2013, Sharon Marie Harrogate, in her 46th year, 26 Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly loved mum of Laura, Justine, Kyle and Megan, loving partner of Anthony, beloved daughter of Mary and the late Norman Harrogate, much loved sister of Stephen and Debbie and a much loved aunt.

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**CAMPBELL** - Suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on June 14, 2013, Mollie Campbell, in her 92nd year, of Dunira, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, beloved daughter of the late Peter and Mary Campbell and a dear cousin and aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, today, Friday, June 21 at 10.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis Research and Lochgilphead Parish Church Funds. Sadly missed.

**MACINTYRE** - At the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on June 11, 2013, Isabel MacLean, in her 83rd year, 10 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late George MacIntyre, much loved mother of the late Jimmy and a loving and much loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt.

**MACLEOD** - Annabel Macleod of Stornoway, sister-in-law of Mrs Flora Macleod, wishes to thank everyone who paid respects to Flora at the Highland Parish Church and Kilkerran Cemetery. Very special thanks to the caring staff of Kintyre Care Centre, who looked after Flora so well for more than six years. Thanks, too, to Mr William Crossan for lovely church service and to Mr Alasdair Blair for excellent funeral arrangements. Also, thanks to Ardshiel Hotel for welcome refreshments.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACCALLUM** - Iain, Gail, Yvonne and Gary, the family of the late Betty MacCallum, would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all medical staff involved, to Dr Roddy Macleod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

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**MCHARDY** - Frank, Ewan, Cathryn and all the rest of the family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, telephone calls, visits and support they received upon the sad loss of their wife, mother, sister and grandmother, Lindsay. Special and grateful thanks go to doctors Norrie and Anderson and all the Kintyre district nurses for their care and compassion, also to Maggie Wilkieson (Macmillan Nurses). Without all their help, Lindsay's wish to remain at home throughout her illness then die surrounded by her family, could

not have been fulfilled. Thanks also to Rev Philip Burroughs for the moving and also uplifting funeral service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional and sympathetic funeral arrangements and to the Ardshiel Hotel for catering. Finally, thanks to all who came along to pay their respects at both the church and at Kilkerran Cemetery and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, today, Friday, June 21 at 10.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis Research and Lochgilphead Parish Church Funds. Sadly missed.

**MCLACHLAN** - Alasdair McLachlan would like to thank all well-wishers, friends and family for their condolences and cards and Interim Moderator, Mathew Ramsay, for his kind words. A special thanks for the rendering of the eulogy by Netta's church elder, Mrs Isobel McLean, and to all for the retiring collection on behalf of the Highland Parish, on the bereavement of a lovely and gracious lady.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

**ROBERTSON** - Isobel and family would like to thank all family and friends for the lovely flowers, cards and phone calls. Thanks to doctors Lazarus and Anderson, nurses and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for the care given to Davie and also the Southern General Hospital and the Western Infirmary, to Rev Burroughs for his services, to A and K Blair for the funeral arrangements and to all who attended at church and graveside. Thank you also to the Argyll Hotel for the purvey. The retiring collection for the Lifeboat raised £1,147, thank you all.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWNING** - Treasured memories of Dave, a loving husband, dad and grandad.

Today, tomorrow, our whole lives through, We will always love and remember you. - Jan and your special girls xx.

**CLARK** - Loving memories of Elsa, who passed away June 26, 2010, also Duncan, who passed away April 25, 2012. Always in our thoughts. - Jim, Frances, Eilidh and Mairi.

**HORN** - In loving memory of a beloved daughter and sister, Amanda, died June 21, 2001. Precious memories. - Mum and Dad xx. Night night Mandy, love you always. - From Vivien, Russell, Joanna and Eilidh xx.

**MACLENNAN** - Kevin, died June 21, 2010, beloved husband of Anne and loving dad to Nicolle and Ally. Loved and missed every day. Sleep tight xxx.

**MACLENNAN** - In loving memory of our eldest son, Kevin John (Keegan), August 2, 1963 - June 21, 2010. In our hearts he is living yet

We loved him so dearly to ever forget. - Love from Dad, Murdo and Mum, the late Elizabeth.

**MACLENNAN** - Precious memories of our big brother, Kevin, taken from us June 21, 2010. Happy times we all enjoyed

How sweet their memories still, But losing you, Kevin, has left a space This world can never fill. Simply the best.

- Love always, Lorne, Leone, Darren, Laurene and Murray xxxxx.

**MACLENNAN** - Miss you loads, Kevin, always in our thoughts.

- Love, Lorna, Charlie, Susie and Ronald. **MACLENNAN** - Our uncle Kevin, always our shooting star.

A star appears in heaven, It shines there every night, The star is Uncle Kevin Who comes to say goodnight.

- Love, your nephews and nieces.

**MCCONNACHIE** - Treasured memories of my devoted husband, Duncan, who died suddenly on June 14, 1989.

I miss you more than anyone knows, As time goes on the heartache grows, The tears in my eyes I can wipe away, But the ache in my heart will forever stay.

- Loving wife Dorothy, son Douglas, daughter-in-law Catriona and grandsons Steven and David.

**MCFARLANE** - In loving memory of our dear son, Gordon, who fell asleep on June 23, 2012. In our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Mum and Dad. **MCFARLANE** - In loving memory of Gordon, beloved brother and uncle, who fell asleep on June 23, 2012.

Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, Missing you is the heartache that never goes away. - Liz, Gordon, Scott, Mark and Adam.

**MCLELLAN** - In loving memory of our dear dad, Neil, passed away on June 20, 1980.

Memories are like the stars that shine, They last until the end of time.

- Neil, Margaret and families.

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**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Sunday Service 11:00 am with Sunday school Tea & coffee after the service  
**Baby & Toddler Group** Resumes after the summer holidays Pastor Chris Holden  
 We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road For more information please visit our website www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk SC043322

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 George Street, Campbeltown  
 Sunday 23rd June 12.45pm Worship Service Mr Dan Paterson All welcome  
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**Highland Parish Church**  
 Sunday 23rd June 2013 11.15am Mr W Crossan Family Service with Prizegiving  
 Saturday 6th July 2.00pm Church Sale of Work Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
 Friday, 21st June (Today) Lunch Club Outing - 12:00 noon (Coach at Church Front Gates)  
 Saturday, 22nd June Ceilidh for Congo! - 6:30 p.m. (in Kirk Street Hall)  
 Sunday, 23rd June Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche)  
 Triple C and Next Generation Book Awards Rev. Philip Burroughs  
 Tuesday, 25th June Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
 Thursday, 27th June Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**  
 Saturday 22nd June 10.00am - 12.00 noon Coffee Morning  
 Sunday Services 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz) 6.30pm Evening Worship  
 Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s) 1.30pm Home League  
 Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
 Sunday 23rd June 2013 10.00am Breaking of Bread Mr R H Craig 10.50am Coffee - all welcome 11.15am Family Service with Crèche Mr Gordon Cosgrove 6.45pm Meeting for Youth Exchange  
 Wednesday 26th June 2013 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SC014646

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277  
 Sunday 23rd June 2013 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Communion  
 Details of services are on the church door Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 23 June - all welcome!**  
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair Charity No. SC016097 Communion Service Furnace Hall at 10am  
 Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray at 11.30 am

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
 Sunday 23 June 2013 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Stan Holloway "Election through Sanctification"  
 Thursday 27 June 2013 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
 "It is good to sing praises to our God" Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am oOo 23rd June 1 Corinthians 8 "Do not cause a brother or sister with a weaker conscience to stumble."

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
 Charity Number SC001002  
 Sunday June 23 Inverlussa Church 10 am Morning Worship Rev. Douglas Bell All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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

**TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Sunday 23rd June, 2013 Tarbert Service 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church Kilberry Service 2pm Rev. Tommy Bryson For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
 Sunday 23rd June 2013 11.00am Morning Service  
 Holiday Club - Space Academy 1st to 5th July 2013 Jumpstart Group Friday 10.00 - 11.30am Scottish Charity SC015187

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
 Sunday, 23rd June 2013 Glassary, 11.30a.m. Rev. Cliff Acklam All welcome SC002121

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 11am Worship Service Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome  
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## Victory seals successful season

RED Star under 14s enjoyed a triumphant end to the season, defeating Drumchapel United on Sunday and taking second place in the league.

Playing at home, Star struggled to get into the game in the opening stages and it was United that opened the scoring on 18 minutes. The away team's defender Darren Wallace scored with a long range free kick that dropped in under the crossbar.

Nearing the end of the half Lochgilphead started to make their mark on the fixture and Souden scored a penalty after Caskie was blocked in the box by an away defender.

**Half time: 1-1**

Star started the second half with a more focussed approach and soon netted a second goal when Mackay took advantage of a defensive error and put the ball past the keeper with a neat left foot strike.

And despite a good effort from Drumchapel Star took the final goal of the game when midfielder Souden went on a solo run, beating several opponents, before stroking a left foot pass beyond substitute keeper McMillan.

Commenting on the win, which ensured Star did not share second spot in the league with Drumchapel, coach Willie Luke said: 'The match finished with Lochgilphead completing an amazing unbeaten league run of 17 games from August 29, 2012. This was a superb end to the season, finishing only one point behind champions and local rivals Oban Saints YFC.'



Tarbert football team before the 2013 annual prize giving ceremony. 06\_a25tarbertfoot01

## Tarbert FC annual prize night and dinner

TARBERT Football Club celebrated the end of the football season with their annual prize giving ceremony and dinner on Saturday.

There were few surprises on the winners' list this year with player manager James Prentice named highest goalscorer.

Players' player of the year went to Craig

Martin, whilst Lewis Mcnaughton lifted the young player of the year award.

### Miss of the season

David Ronald was named referees' player of the year and was awarded a prize for the miss of the season.

The goal of the season award went to Malcolm Mciever.

President of Tarbert Football Club Eric McDougall presented the awards and thanked manager Prentice for all of his hard work throughout the season, whilst club treasurer Margaret MacNeill thanked the Tarbert Hotel, Tarbert Shellfish and Jim and Chris-Ann Prentice for their continued sponsorship of the team.



Action from Saturday's Kilmory v Bute match. 06\_a25kilmory01

## League defeat for Kilmory

KILMORY suffered a league defeat at the hands of Bute at MacRae Park on Saturday.

The team was beaten 4-2 by the side, which currently sits second in

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the league table. Ewan Carmichael and Andrew Cunningham scored goals for Kilmory.

The side will play at home tomorrow (Saturday) when players are back in league action and take on Lochside Rovers.

Throw up 2.30pm.

# Red Star looks to future at annual awards night

THE SUCCESSFUL end to the 2013 football season for Lochgilphead Red Star has seen the club promoted to the premier set up in the Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL).

The team which has never played in the premier divisions before will take on teams such as Dunoon AFC and next season.

At the recent Red Star annual awards dinner, club chairman and former player Dougie Moore told the team: 'It is one thing to get into premier two it is another



Red Star player of the year Ben Forbes. 06\_a24ben01

thing to stay there. This season will require a lot of hard work from everyone.'

At the awards ceremony, Ben Forbes was

named player of the year, Colin Weir players' player of the year and Gregor Peacock top goalscorer.

Gregor also picked up a special achievement award after becoming the first Star player to be selected to play for the SAFL Select, while Dougie's long standing service to the club was also recognised with a special award.

Manager Allan Weir and coaches Sandy Crawford and Duncan MacLean, who's time and commitment throughout the season meant that the team were able to train and play every week, were also recognised.

The club also thanked their sponsors who have helped with the running of the club over the past year including The Stag Hotel, Mid Argyll Youth Development Services, Icon Hairdressing and Café 35.

## New club records set on Arbroath trip

EAST coast sunshine and cod galore were on the agenda for the eight members of Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club who travelled to Arbroath at the weekend.

Confident of a good

day ahead, the group left the harbour for an early morning start for the first leg of the annual league competition.

Within minutes of the first drift, cod and ballan wrasse were brought to

the boat, heralding the start of what turned out to be a very busy day, with 140 qualifying fish landed. Two new club records were set for scorpion, 11lb 2oz, and cod, 6lb 6oz, by Robert

MacBrayne and Jim Hatton. However, after six hours fishing, the overall winner on the day was Nikki Thompson, flying the flag for the girls. Only one point separated second and

third, Robert MacBrayne and Jim Smith, followed by Jim Hatton in fourth position.

The July meet of the angling club will be on the west coast at Loch Etive for a pairs event.



Jim Hatton with his club record 6lb 6oz cod.

# Secondary pupils stars of the show at games



Owen Allen strikes the ball for Tarbert Academy. The school won the softball event.

COMMONWEALTH celebrations came to Argyll a year early when more than 600 secondary pupils, included Tarbert and Lochgilphead, descended on Oban to compete for their school.

The Argyll and Bute Secondary Games last Thursday were declared open at a ceremony at Mossfield Stadium, where all 10 schools held up the national flags of countries allocated to them, from Scotland to South Africa.

Oban High School led the way with five wins, one ahead of Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh.

Lochgilphead High School won the boys'

football and girls' athletics, while Tarbert won the softball event, Campbeltown Grammar won the girls' swimming and Dunoon Grammar won the boys' equivalent.

Tiree-based professional triathlete Will Wright declared the games open, encouraging all the participants to give their best. Speaking at the opening ceremony, he said: 'In the UK, sport has never been so good, thanks to the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Sir Chris Hoy, Sir Bradley Wiggins and Jessica Ennis.

'You have seen our best sportsmen and women on the television, but to-

day you are the athletes, the champions. This is your day.

'Your job today is to give your best, work with your team and be encouraging and friendly to other teams.

'If you do that, you'll all go away today as champions.'

Event winners: Girls' football - Oban High School; Boys' football - Lochgilphead High School; Hockey - Hermitage Academy; Softball - Tarbert Academy; Basketball - Hermitage Academy; Girls' rugby - Hermitage Academy; Boys' rugby - Oban High School; Dance - Hermitage Academy; Golf - Oban High



Hayley Ryan was part of Lochgilphead High School's winning girls' athletics team.

School; Girls' athletics - Lochgilphead High School; Boys' athletics - Oban High School; Boys' shinty - Oban High School; Girls' swimming - Campbeltown Grammar School; Boys' swimming - Dunoon Grammar School; Badminton - Campbeltown Grammar.

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### Tough test as Strachur get back to league action

STRACHUR face another difficult match tomorrow (Saturday) when they are back in league action against Glasgow Mid Argyll.

A last minute fixture means Strachur will struggle to field a full squad as a number of regular players have prior commitments.

The Cowal side suffered a 6-0 defeat at the hands of the Glasgow Mid Argyll earlier in the season.

#### Change

Strachur currently sit at the bottom of South Division One, but with just a point between the side and the next three teams, coach Donald MacDonald hopes that will change.

He said: 'We still have a number of games in hand and have a few home games so we hope to secure a few points then.'

'It's going to be a tough battle on Saturday and I think we will give a number of younger boys their chance.'

## Tight at the top in quest to find top Inveraray golfer

FINE sunshine and perfect conditions met golfers at Inveraray Golf Club on Sunday as they set out to find the club's 2013 champion golfer.

Player of the day in the 36 hole competition was George J. Morrison, who carded an excellent gross score

of 77. He was followed by a host of players with 80s including Jimmy Kerr, Duncan Robertson and Derek Robertson.

The results ensure a close competition for the second round of the championship.

The net competition is even tighter with Duncan's 80 converting to a 66, which is tied for the lead with Derek McCulloch who also carded a net 66.

#### Trophy

John MacDonald, on 69, and Paul Armstrong and Neil Armour a shot

back on net 70s will also feel they are not out of the reckoning for the handicap trophy.

The second round tees off at 11am on Sunday and all the contenders will be looking to bring their best game to the fore for a shot at the title.



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## Ardrishaig bowlers play for Scotland

FOUR Ardrishaig bowlers will travel to Ireland this week to represent Scotland in the British Isles Championships.

Margaret MacKinnon, Joan Robertson, Margaret Annan and Fiona MacLachlan will compete in the senior fours championship after being crowned winners of the Scottish National Bowling Championship last July.

Fellow Ardrishaig bowlers Donald Crawford and Silvia Stark have also enjoyed success and qualified for the mixed pairs national championship. The Bowls Scotland event will be held in Ayr next month.

## Lottery numbers

The jackpot in next week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery will be £1,200 as another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 11, 14 and 17.

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The numbers in this week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery were 3, 5 and 20.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £700 next week.

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There were no winners in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery with numbers 14, 18 and 19 drawn. The jackpot will be £300 next week.



Red Star under 16s lift the league cup after a win against Lenzie Colts.

# Red Star under 16s first team to do the double

RED STAR Football Club Under 16s have become the first team in the club's history ever to win the double.

After a tense and hard fought end to the season, Star won two games at the weekend to emerge winners of league 1A

just weeks after lifting the Dumbartonshire Football Development League Cup.

The under 16s kicked off their final game against Lenzie Colts on Sunday knowing that a win would secure the championship title. And despite the nerves, the team performed well, thrashing their opponents 4-1.

Despite a difficult start to the game when Lenzie's Jack Selby was stretchered off with dislocated knee, Star stayed calm and opened the scoring on the 10th minute with a goal from Deans. The goal settled the team who then went on to score

a second goal, through McCallum, before the break.

Into the second half and Star were awarded a penalty after Whitefield was brought down in the box. Hendry stood up for the shot to secure Star's third goal of the day.

Coates was then tripped in the penalty area and Deans calmly slotted the penalty into the goal with the minimum of fuss, securing the league title for Star.

Brian Deans, coach of the under 16s team, said: 'One year on from promotion from league B to League A and cup victories is testament to the hard work by all coaches,

players and supportive parents of Lochgilphead Red Star 16s, who will look to continue their development in the under 17s next season.'

Fellow under 16s coach and chairman of Red Star FC, Dougie Moore said: 'This has been a great achievement by everyone involved. The fact the club now has a pathway for young footballers whom are

also attracting interest from professional teams is a credit to the number of volunteers and coaches involved in the soccer centre and youth teams.

'It bodes well for the future of football within Argyll.

'Here's hoping that season 13/14 is just as, if not more, successful for all of our teams within the area.'

## Fun for all at Lochgilphead's Sport on the Green event

THERE will be an extravaganza of sport on Lochgilphead Front Green this evening (Friday) as the annual Sport on the Green event gets underway.

The event is much anticipated by BMX fans as the renowned unit 23 BMX team will be on the green performing tricks and doing inspiring stunts on their bikes.

A major coup for Sport on the Green organisers, the Unit 23 display will be performed against the picturesque back drop of Loch Fyne.

A family friendly event, there will be a range of sports available for all ages including football, shinty, rugby, tennis, athletics and golf.

Mid Argyll Karate Club will also be at the event doing demonstrations and explaining more about what is involved in the sport. A lot of prizes and free 'sports goodie bags' will also be available for participants at the event, which has been organised by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services. Sport on Green runs from 7pm and until 9pm.

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