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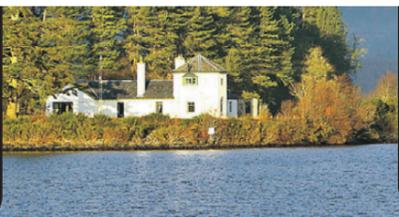
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Message in a bottle found on Loch Fyne shore eases man's heartache

A MESSAGE in a bottle found on the banks of Loch Fyne will be sent back out to sea to carry the memory of a young woman who died last month.

Emma McDonald, 24, from Port Ann, was walking her dogs on the beach in the hamlet last Wednesday when she found the heart-wrenching note and birthday message to a man's loved one.

The notes were from Scott Welsford to his beloved, Helen Bamber, who sadly passed away on May 9, aged 27, after a two-year battle with cancer.

The pair from Reading, regularly visited her parents, Sheila and Eddy Bamber in Castleton, where they moved in 2013, shortly before Helen's diagnosis.

Helen, an admin support worker, suffered from a rare form of cancer, synovial sarcoma, which affects the soft tissue.

On finding the message in a bottle, Emma was

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stunned. She said: 'I walk the dogs down there daily and have never found anything like it. I thought it was really cool - no-one ever finds a message in a bottle.'

'When I read it I was so moved and thought it was amazing.'

The letter read: 'My Darling Angel. You are my world. It is so sad that you have passed, but happy that you were in the famous 27 club [referring to a number of celebrities who passed away aged 27].'

Memories

'You'll never be forgotten, so many happy memories. You'll always live on through everyone you touched, helped and made happy.'

'Extremely clever, witty, funny, strong and such a party animal. Never to be forgotten Rest in Peace my gorgeous girlfriend...'

On the back read: 'Call



The bottle as Emma found it.

this number if you want to talk about Helen'.

Emma contacted Scott who was equally surprised when she got in touch.

Scott and Helen had planned to go to her mum and dad's for her birthday on June 1.

It was during a visit to Sheila and Eddy's house between May 25 and June 1 that he penned

the letters to Helen.

Scott, 29, said: 'I wanted to write something nice to her on her birthday and she loved it up in Castleton.'

'I thought I'd write a message in a bottle and put it into the water because she loved to travel. I didn't expect anyone to phone me about it. I was happy, but I was shocked. I asked Emma to read what I had written because I couldn't remember it all and it was quite emotional.'

Although Scott and Helen were friends for five years, the pair were only an item for three weeks before her diagnosis in October 2013.

Scott described Helen as a 'fighter and a hard worker'.

He said: 'When Helen was diagnosed, I was driving us back from London and started to get upset and I remember she punched me on the arm and said, 'I'm the one with cancer'. That

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Emma McDonald found the bottle on the shoreline at Port Ann. 08_a25message01



Right: Helen and Scott cycling at Crinan.

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Vandalism

A CAR window was smashed in Lochgilphead while parked on Manse Brae.

It is thought the incident happened between 1pm and 3.30pm on Tuesday, June 9. Police are appealing for information. Contact Lochgilphead Police Office on telephone 101.

A PHONE box at Coille Mhinnean was damaged on Saturday in Furnace.

If anyone has information in relation to the incident contact PC Ben Rusden at Lochgilphead Police Office on telephone 101.

Road crash

TWO VEHICLES collided on the A83 near to Strone Point, Inveraray on Friday.

The crash involving a HGV and a motorcycle happened at 2.25pm.

A woman, 53, who was a pillion passenger and a 56-year-old man, thought to be riding the motorcycle, were transported to Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.

It is understood they were treated for minor injuries.

The 56-year-old man is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for careless driving.

Drugs

A MAN stopped in Cairnbaan was allegedly found to be in possession of herbal cannabis.

Police stopped the 24-year-old on Saturday at 11pm. He is now the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of the peace

TWO PEOPLE were fined after causing a disturbance on Argyll Street in Lochgilphead.

A 32-year-old man and 34-year-old man were arrested for breach of the peace outside the Stag Hotel on Sunday.

Both individuals received fixed penalty notices.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the incidents above or in relation to any other incident, they can contact their local police office on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Nine years in jail for vile sex attacks on little girls

A MID ARGYLL carpenter has been jailed for nine years for raping a nine-year-old girl.

Peter Carter, 49, was sentenced at the High Court in Glasgow on Wednesday for raping the primary school pupil and sexually abusing her between 2005 and 2009.

He was also found guilty of sexually abusing a seven-year-old girl in August 2011.

Carter's address was given in court as Upper Raslie Cottage, Slockavullin.

The vile abuse took place at a house near Lochgilphead.

However, Carter, who is originally from Yorkshire, continued to protest his innocence in court.

Jailing him, Judge John Beckett QC, said: "In different ways you have traumatised your two child victims.

"Your conduct was reprehensible in raping a young girl who was nine years old at the time.

"The court must seek to deter you and others from committing such crimes and to protect children from you."

Judge Beckett also ordered Carter to be monitored in the community for three years after his release from prison.

Defence counsel Dale Hughes said: "He continues to deny committing the offences. After his release from prison he intends to return to Yorkshire."

The High Court in Glasgow heard that Carter had moved to Scotland from England to start a new life.

He gave up his job as an engineer and started a carpentry business.

The former engineer abused the young girls at a remote farmhouse in Mid Argyll.

Both girls gave evidence against him via a video link

The older girl told the court that, when police interviewed her about Carter's abuse, she was unable to say what had happened to her out loud.



REPREHENSIBLE: Peter Carter is behind bars for nine years

The traumatised child wrote down details of the sex assaults on a piece of paper.

She explained: "It was easier for me to

write them down than say them. I was finding it very hard to get the words out."

Carter, who ran a carpentry business in Ar-

gyllshire, claimed that his victims were lying about what happened.

The man from Yorkshire was placed on the sex offenders' register.

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NHS flash mob is internet sensation

MEDICAL staff have become an internet hit after posting a video of their flash mob to highlight 'working out at work' reached more than 100,000 people.

NHS Highland staff, patients and members of the public were treated to the display over their lunch at the Raigmore Hospital canteen on last Friday.

The musculoskeletal and occupational health physiotherapists entertained the crowd, and what would be thousands of viewers, after they who chose the flash mob as a way of highlighting national Work-out at Work Day.

They danced to the rousing '500 miles' by the Proclaimers and the video has now been viewed over 51,000 times.

Judith Arnaud, occupational health physiotherapist, took part. She said: "This was a bit of fun to highlight an important message about keeping moving while at work."

"We're all delighted it's reached so many people and that many of those who have seen it are talking about having their own workout at work event."

The video is available to view on NHS Highland Facebook page.

Bottle find eases man's heartache

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was the kind of person she was - strong. She fought it right up until the end.

"Everyday life was as normal. Even through her operations and treatments, she still wanted to go to work."

"One time I even had to hide her keys from her to make her stay off and rest."

"She was so active and loved to party."

Emma said: "It hit home for me because I had cancer scare a few months ago and had to have cells removed, so it was emotional for me as well. I think that

it helped Scott to talk it through."

Emma thought that it was such a 'lovely story' that she will add her own message, replace the flower Scott had included and will put it back into the water.

Emma said: "I am going let it go again, maybe at Southend beach in Campbeltown or in Inveraray."

Helen's mum and dad said they were pleased that their daughter will be remembered in such a way, and that the message in a bottle is able to give Scott comfort following Helen's premature passing.



Mid Argyll pipe band celebrate after winning the third place shield in Belfast. Craig Lang, pipe major, is at the front.



The 26 band members were welcomed home to a celebration.



The pipe band in Lochgilphead.

Pipers hit all the right notes in adult competition

A YOUNG pipe band wowed themselves when they won third place in a UK-wide adult competition.

The Mid Argyll Pipe Band brought the shield and £400 home from the UK Pipe Band Championships in Belfast on Saturday.

It is thought to have been their biggest achievement for more than two decades.

Chairman of the band, Allan McLean, said: 'They have worked for this all year and two nights a week. It definitely puts a high on everyone. After not winning anything last year it can really bring morale down, but this has just put it back up there. 'They have worked so hard.'

The band is made up mostly of under 18s and

they competed in the adult category against 23 other bands at Grade 4b.

Chuffed Allan said: 'It is all the practice and hard work that they have put in. It pays off and I am really happy for them. They deserved it.'

To enter the UK Championship this year it cost the band £8,000 and at the end of this month they will take part in the EU Pipe Band Championships costing £3,200.

With the high costs of competitions and to keep the young people involved, Allan is hoping that new sponsors will come forward to support them.

He said: 'We want be able to bring in new members who are keen to get involved, but also need support from local business and individu-

als in order to help us do that.'

The £400 won in Belfast will be spent on new uniforms for the under 18s in the band.

Pipe major Craig Lang said: 'We always have to invest in uniforms because the kids are always growing.'

In 2012 the band came sixth at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships. They will compete against 26 bands at the EU competition in Forres.

Maintenance of the instruments and rehearsals are ongoing costs that the band has to keep up with if it hopes to achieve a top spot in future competitions.

They are set to play on Saturday at the Armed Forces Day in the parade through Lochgilphead from 12pm.

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Salmond toasts subsea firm's export success

A FORMER Ardrishaig primary pupil's firm is making waves in the offshore oil industry.

Emily Anderson, 38, is a director of Aberdeen based Subsea Tooling Services UK Ltd, which has just won two large contracts to supply submersible remotely

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operated vehicles to cut the ribbon. When he heard about the order he was one of the first to send congratulations to the firm. The start-up business was the brainchild

of Mrs Anderson's husband, Cameron, 35, and Billy Milne, 35, after the pair met working in the industry. Cameron previously ran a tooling operation for one of the industry's big players, Subsea 7, in Norway.

Subsea Tooling Services has won an initial £150,000 contract with an American company and engaged a Brazilian firm, Macsea Ltd, to promote its products in South America.

Robot

Emily said: 'In the oil industry an ROV is a robot which can work at depths of up to 16,000 feet.

'At a rig site, all of the hardware on the seabed is covered by rocks and sand to protect it from things like fishing nets.

'When access is needed it is uncovered using dredgers run from the ROVs and we provide the tooling for those.

'We have a range of



Cameron Anderson with one of his prize-winning vintage tractors.



Alex Salmond toasts the firm's success with Billy Milne, left, Emily and Cameron Anderson, right.

dredgers from four to 12 inches.'

Although both the business and the family home is based in the east of Scotland, the couple have never missed a Mid Argyll Show and travel across the country every

August for the event.

Emily often judges a horse section such as the working hunter and Cameron displays his vintage tractors.

Tractors

Mrs Anderson said: 'Cameron is just crazy about vintage tractors

particularly the Field Marshalls from the 1930s.

'I have never missed the Mid Argyll Show all my life. My dad was the show secretary for many years and he still lives in Lochgair.'

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School choir on song at Oban Mòd

Inveraray school choir competed at Oban Mòd on Friday, June 5, and won the Oban Town Council trophy for Unison Singing with conductor, Josie Campbell.

Crowdfunding puts wind in Yot Spot's sails

IT is full speed ahead for an Ardrishaig one stop shop for visitors as new investment brings in £2,000.

The Yot Spot is just weeks away from opening with another 18 days to go on the crowdfunder.com website.

The firm's iconic building in Pier Square will house a restau-

rant, takeaway, gift shop, toilets, showers, a laundry and information for visiting yacht owners.

Oban chandlery boss, Michael Forbes, can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel for the venture which was first planned more than two-and-a-half years ago.

Mr Forbes said: 'I am really pleased by the response on the

crowdfunder website, the pledges are still coming.

'Lots of investors are getting behind us to make the Yot Spot happen.'

'We have got lots of painting and decorating done in the building and our exclusive signage should go up in the next couple of weeks.'

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Stormy waters ahead as strike is confirmed

A ONE-DAY strike which could bring Cal- edonian MacBrayne (CalMac) ferries to a standstill has been confirmed by the Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT).

The strike, planned for next Friday, June 26, was confirmed on Wednesday as workers for the ferry operator demand security for jobs, pensions and work conditions.

RMT has said CalMac members feel 'caught in the crossfire' as the operator goes head-to-head with Serco for the £1billion Clyde and Hebridean Ferry Services Scottish government contract.

Following a ballot, in which more than 90 per cent voted in favour of industrial action, members of RMT have been instructed not to work on Friday June 26 and have instructed a two-day ban on overtime on June 24 and 25.

If it goes ahead, the action will disrupt sailings from CalMac's 49 ports including Lochaline, Tarbert, Kennacraig and Oban.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: 'RMT members from CalMac rightly feel they are caught in the crossfire of an unnecessary and damaging tendering battle that leaves jobs, conditions and pensions hanging by a thread.'

'As a result of the failure to give staff the most basic assurances, we are now using the massive mandate secured in the ballot and confirming a programme of industrial action. RMT wants cast-iron assurances.'

'We are prepared to engage in meaningful talks around that agenda as we prepare for the first phase of industrial action.'

Talks between CalMac and RMT were scheduled for yesterday (Thursday).

Dog owners boost Macmillan cancer coffers by selling their pedigree pups

TWO DOG owners have raised cash for a Mid Argyll charity by selling their pedigree pups.

The litter of two boys and three girls raised

£1,100 for Macmillan Cancer Support and more 'cash for canines' could be on the way.

Tarbert man Andrew McDermaid wanted to breed bearded col-

lie puppies for Macmillan, which supported his mother before she died from cancer.

Andrew, owner of Heidi the bitch, and Kirsty Paisley, also from Tar-

bert, owner of Bracken the dog, initially had the idea in 2014.

Andrew said: 'My mum was an animal lover and before she was ill with cancer she did charity walks and other things for charity. She would have loved this.'

The charity is also one close to Kirsty's heart. She said: 'When my father was ill, Macmillan nurses were a fantastic support for the family. They came round on a regular basis. They were always really helpful and kind.'

The first attempt to breed last year was unsuccessful, but Heidi conceived earlier this year.

Heidi initially gave birth to four puppies, but a fifth appeared hours after the first labour.

Andrew said: 'I was sitting and she got up and started going through all the motions

of labour again and I thought 'oh dear, there are more.'

'Then not long after wee Cara 2 was born.'

Andrew decided to keep the runt of the litter and named her after his favourite dog Cara, also a bearded collie, who had died.

Now 12-weeks-old, the remaining two boys and two girl pups are all settled in loving homes and regularly visit Heidi and Andrew in Tarbert.

The pair presented a cheque for £1,150 to Margaret MacDougall of the Macmillan fundraising committee. Margaret said: 'This is definitely the most different and quirky fundraiser I have accepted cash from.'

'It was a really good idea.'

Andrew and Kirsty are both keen to breed Heidi and Bracken for charity again.



Presenting a cheque from Heidi and Bracken, Andrew holds pup Cara 2 as Margaret from Macmillan Cancer Support and Kirsty Paisley, with Bracken, look on. 08_adogs01

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Life-changing find for Port Ann woman

WHEN Emma McDonald went dog walking last week, little did she know it would change her life as the Port Ann resident discovered a heart-rending message in a bottle.

It is the sort of story only told in tales of shipwrecks and desert islands, only this one was for real and tragically, there was no happy ever after ending. Last month, Scott Welsford wrote some lovely words in memory of his girlfriend, Helen Bamber, who had died of cancer and sent them out to sea in a bottle. The pair had their lives turned upside down when Helen was diagnosed with the disease in 2013 and she passed away in May this year.

Scott decided to honour his girlfriend by penning some well-chosen words, before enclosing his thoughts in a wonderfully inventive way, namely the time-honoured message in a bottle.

Then on a visit to Helen's parents, Sheila and Eddie Bamber of Castleton, he sent the missive out to sea.

Scott described Helen as 'clever, witty, funny, strong and a party animal. You will always live on through everyone you touched, helped and made happy.' Sadly, Helen died, but the message was found by Emma, who telephoned Scott and, in an emotional conversation, revealed her own cancer scare a few months ago.

The message in a bottle has been returned to the waves and although Helen is now gone, she is far from forgotten.



WELL done to Mid Argyll Pipe Band who came third last week in the UK Championships, winning £400, which will be spent on new uniforms. They will no doubt look resplendent later this month at the EU finals in Forres.

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We met several oncoming cars, then another police vehicle about half a mile behind the first. The driver of this one must have decided my speed was too high, but instead of the highway code hand signal - arm horizontal, palm down, moving it an up and down motion - or even the unofficial but common double flash of headlights, he decided to play chicken by crossing the white line and driving straight at me, giving the option to brake hard or have a head-on collision.

A closing speed of 70 - 80 m.p.h. at close quarters on the same side of the road does not make me feel safe.

I refrained from a non-standard hand signal, but the adjectives 'stupid, arrogant, moronic and dangerous' were the milder of those applicable.

We finally met two lorries

with static homes as cargo and passed without incident.

On the return journey, we met a civilian escort vehicle and lorry with a static home and were able to pass safely and without trauma!

Will someone please show police drivers where their direction indicator controls are situated.

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Keep me posted carers' campaign for paper bills and statements

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Until relatively recently, someone taking on a caring role could run somebody else's finances pretty straightforwardly, with the appropriate authorisations.

Even if you were caring for someone whose filing system wasn't up to scratch, you could gauge the state of accounts pretty clearly from the regular paperwork that companies were sending out.

But the last decade has seen a wholesale change in how service providers communi-

cate. Banks have relentlessly advocated switching people to online accounts, sometimes automatically. Energy companies lure people in with the promise of lower bills if they don't have to send out a paper copy.

When you're caring for someone, the last thing you need is additional complications - or worse, the thought of having services cut off if you don't pay the bill that you now can't readily access. And nobody wants to be quizzing a frail or sick dependent about their passwords and service providers.

The Keep Me Posted campaign, which is supported by Carers UK, wants everyone to have the choice to receive bills and statements on paper if that's what they prefer. As Carers Week marks the excellent, usually unseen and unsung work, that carers provide, surely giving people that choice is something that makes sense.

Judith Donovan CBE,
Chair,
Keep Me Posted,
Carers UK.

Lochgilthead under 16s prize giving

Sir,
Lochgilthead Red Star YFC Under 16s held their annual player of the year prize giving in the Stag Hotel on Friday night.

The first team's main sponsors were thanked for their kind hospitality.

The club also thanked sponsors, D A MacDonald, Collie Harvesting, MacLeods Builders, Premier Dry Cleaning and Lochgilp-

thead Soccer Centre for their kind donations and help throughout the season.

Coaches Dougie Moore and Andy Weir also thanked Willie Luke, John Caskie, Campbell and Kathleen Young, Callum and Aileen Simpson for their support with the team over the last three years.

The awards were handed out to the following players in a season where the team reached the semi finals of the league cup and hopefully a second placed finish in the league: Player of the Year - Kieran Moore; Players Player of the Year - Kieran Moore; Top Goalscorer - Scott Soudon; Goal of the Season - Ryan Caskie versus Oban Saints; Most Improved Player - Cammy Simpson.

A Special award was given to Cammy Thom as he moves away from the area at the end of the season.

The team are hoping to continue as an under 17s next season which will either be in the DFDL or a new league.

Douglas Moore,
Lochgilthead.



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Lochgilphead horseman wants another crack of the whip

A CARRIAGE driver originally from Lochgilphead is leading a charge to resurrect a horse drawn coach from Ardrishaig to Carsaig.

Ewan MacInnes was one of a team which recreated Scotland's last mail coach run earlier this month from Kinguisse to Roybridge.

That trip stirred memories of an Argyll carriage, originally owned by Andrew Grimlaw, which is in Glasgow's Riverside museum.

Mr MacInnes, who was brought up in Lochgilphead, has enlisted the support of councillor, Donnie MacMillan, to use that vehicle to recreate a charabanc run from the east to west coast of Mid Argyll.

Mr MacMillan said: 'It is early days, but I am quite supportive of the idea of a one day trip.'

Mr MacInnes supplied one team of four horses for the historic run from Kinguisse to Roy Bridge and back marking 100 years since the mail coach's last run on the route in 1915.

And he was interviewed during the event by Mark Stephen of BBC Radio Scotland's 'Out of Doors' programme.

He described the run

and said that each team of horses and driver completed about nine miles of the route in each direction.

Mr MacInnes said: 'To recreate what has taken place in the past is really tremendous. I very much enjoy the historical aspect of carriage driving.'

'Mail first travelled by coach in 1784. At that time the mail was transported by post boys and it eventually got there.'

He said that the first run was a nine day trial from Bristol to London and, after five days, it was adopted by the post office and lasted 131 years.

On the day, Mr MacInnes' team completed the run from Kinguisse to Newtonmore in a 'sparkling' 25 minutes.

On arrival Mr MacInnes said: 'All the inns had stables and had a team of horses waiting for the coach.'

'It was like a formula one pit stop and the record is about 45 seconds to change a team of horses.'

Last year Mr MacInnes took part in a carriage trip from Edinburgh to Gretna Green which raised £5,000 for MacMillan Cancer Support.



Ewan MacInnes drives the coach and his team of horses.

Business 'killed' by road works



Roadworks on Argyll Street. 08_a25road01

Concerned fishermen call meeting over industry's future

CONCERNED fishermen have called for an urgent meeting with Scottish cabinet secretary for rural affairs, food and environment, Richard Lochhead, over the future of their industry.

Firth of Clyde inshore fishermen want him to hear, first-hand, their mounting concerns over the impact that the Scottish Government's recently announced Marine Protected Area (MPA) management measures will have on fragile fishing communities.

The scope of these new restrictions, which came as a bombshell to Scotland's west coast inshore fishermen, will put pressure on the crucial sector of the rural economy.

In a letter to the minister calling for the meeting, Clyde Fishermen's Association chairman, Kenny MacNab, from Tarbert, says many fishing communities are 'deeply troubled' by the new MPA management measures.

On behalf of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF) and its constituent associations, Mr MacNab says the meeting should be held in one of the coastal communities most affected by the measures, so that the minister can hear the concerns of fishermen and their families.

In the letter Mr MacNab said: 'We were willing and engaged in what we perceived to be a transparent and fair process. Currently, fishing representatives, and in turn their communities, have been left confused and let down. More than this the Scottish economy and brand for quality seafood could be impeded dramatically.'

'We feel this matter to be of paramount importance to the sustainability of our industry and our coastal communities. We have a strong will to work in partnership to develop alternative and mutually constructive paths forward.'

ROAD works in Lochgilphead have disrupted business in the town as owners have said they did not receive notice of the road closure.

Resurfacing work began on Argyll Street, between Lloyds chemist and Danny's hardware shop on Tuesday.

Diversion signs have been erected on Lochnell street to restrict access via the roundabout there and outside the Bank of Scotland on Pottaloch street.

Stuart Campbell, owner of Fyne Wines on the town's Lorne Street, has claimed the diversion sign on Pottaloch Street does not indicate to drivers that they can access the town and instead is leading people through Lochgilphead via the

A83. He said: 'It's killed business. I haven't been this quiet since I opened 18 months ago. Tuesday was the quietest my shop has ever been.'

'It encourages the cars to just drive by the town. I had absolutely no notification of the road closure beforehand.'

Argyll and Bute council said: 'Businesses were informed – the required statutory consultation has taken place and letters advising businesses within the area affected were hand delivered by a member of our team. An appropriate diversion has been set up.'

The road was expected to be reopened yesterday (Thursday) as the Argyllshire Advertiser went to press.

All roads lead to Lochside dog show

DOG OWNERS and lovers are invited along to Ardrishaig public hall this Sunday for the Lochside dog show.

Registration for the event starts at 11am, with the first pooches on show at 12 noon.

Show classes will include;

sporting and non-sporting, pure bred, cross bred, puppy, junior and veteran.

For those looking for a bit of canine capers, the fun classes include; fancy dress dog and/or handler, waggiest tail and the dog the judge would like to take

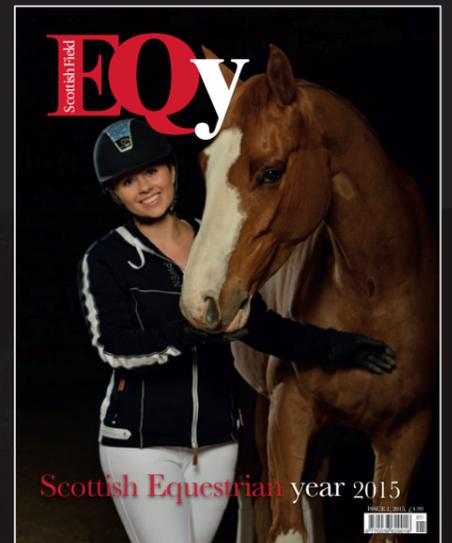
home, amongst others. There will be rosettes for first to sixth places, and entry to classes cost £3 per dog, per class.

Entry for spectators is £2 for adults and £1 for children, with refreshments served all day and a raffle.

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Knot a fading skill say knitters

KNITTING is making a comeback and is becoming trendy again, according to an Ardfern group.

New knitter, Katie Bayne, 20, was the youngest person in Mid

Argyll to take part in the World Knit in Public Day at the weekend.

Katie, the latest member and her fellow Ardfern knitters, met with other groups at Kilmartin Museum Cafe on

Saturday to take part in the worldwide event.

Katie took up the pastime six months ago with the help of fellow member and friend, Mary Smyth.

She said: 'It is a good way to relieve stress and I find it therapeutic.'

'I probably knit once or twice a week and it gives me something to focus on. I have started a scarf, it is my first proper project. Until now I have been practising by making squares. I am nowhere near making clothes, but hopefully I will in time.'

Trendy

In contrast to popular belief - by those who do not knit - that it is a dying skill, Mary reckons knitting is, in fact, trendy again.

Mary said: 'If anything, knitting is making a comeback and has been really quite trendy over the past couple of years. You hear of many film stars such as Angelina Jolie knitting on set of their movies to de-stress.'

'Knitwear has also



Jane Smeed and Jan Brown at World Knitting in Public Day. 08_a25knit01

been very fashionable. You can get some quality material and wool now, such as cashmere.'

Despite being associated with women and

baby clothes more recently, knitting was originally a skill men used in war times and in the navy.

Mary explained: 'Sail-

ors would knit socks and clothing when they were at sea. If they didn't they wouldn't have had clothes for all those months.'

Knitting became fashionable in the 1920s with garments featuring in Vogue magazine and on high-end fashion catwalks.



Katie Bayne, the youngest member of Ardfern knitting club, knits a sparkly scarf. 08_a25knit02

Take thyme out at Kilmory walled garden

A HERB garden in the grounds of Argyll and Bute council's Kilmory headquarters in Lochgilphead will be open to the public on Sunday.

On the open day from 2pm to 4pm it will be possible to sample herbal teas, cakes and more.

Herbs planted include lovage, mint, dill, basil, coriander, pinks, chives, angelica, garlic and cornflowers. For more information call Sarah on 01546-604590.

Family dance

MAMAFest will host a family dance at Lochgilphead drill hall after the Armed Forces Day tomorrow, Saturday.

Children accompanied by an adult are welcome from 6pm to 8pm. The event is licensed and after 8pm will be for over 18s only.



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Cake and activities at Fyne tot group



Jasmine Martin, 23 months. 08_a25tots03

FAMILIES enjoyed a feast of goodies at a coffee afternoon to raise funds for a popular Mid Argyll parent and toddler group.

Fyne Families, based at Lochgilphead Community Centre on Manse Brae, hosted the event, with plenty of fun and games for the youngsters. The team opened up all rooms at the centre on Saturday where different activities could be found.

Children took part in supervised colouring and drawing, built lots of creations out of bricks, and enjoyed the

safe play area outdoors.

Mums and Dads were able to relax with a cuppa as their babies and toddlers were supervised by project co-ordinators, Christina Sin-

clair, Jo Bowden and Chloe McChesney.

The Co-op Food Store in Lochgilphead donated all the tea, coffee, milk, sugar and juice for the coffee afternoon.



Wendy O'Ryan, Christine King and Avril Stewart helped out serving on Saturday. 08_a25tots05



From left: Jo Bowden, Chloe McChesney and Christina Sinclair put on a big spread. 08_a25tots01



Graham Rothney with daughter Jessica McCrae, four, who enjoyed a blueberry muffin in the sun. 08_a25tots04



Christopher Galloway, five, coloured in with Stephen King, helper. 08_a25tots02

Craft fair in aid of RNLI

LIFESAVERS of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) could have new protective clothing thanks to a craft sale fundraiser.

An array of businesses turned out in support of the charity and handmade gifts were also on sale on Saturday, raising a total of £251.

It was the first craft fair of two to be held by the Mid Argyll fundraising committee at the Cairnbaan Hotel this year.

Owner of Lochgilphead flower shop, Cor-



Helen Gillies, from Kilmichael, had a range of knitted toys for children, but most notably she sold some of her cross-stitched art works at the fair. 08_a25craft04



Corrina of Lochgilphead Flower Shop, sold some of her birthday and father's day gifts available in the shop. 08_a25craft01

rina Charlwood, sold special gifts for father's day at the event and was pleased to be able to support the 'worthy cause' in her home town.

Catherine Lee, from the Isle of Seil, sold home-baked cakes and jam. She said: 'We are delighted to be raising money for a particularly vital cause in an area such as Argyll and Bute.'

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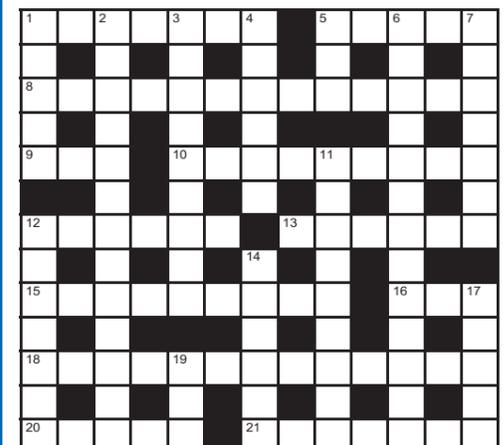
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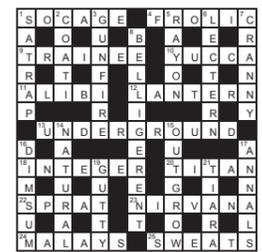
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Last week's solution





Siobhan O'Rourke, from MECOPP and Liz Perkins are pleased to have the display in Lochgilphead. 08_a25dochas01



Some of the storyboards hanging in the gallery. 08_a25dochas02

Moving Minds reaches out to travelling community

AN EXHIBITION originally showcased during the Scottish Mental Health Festival in 2014 has come to the Dochas Carers Centre in Lochgilphead.

In a series of storyboards, travellers have told their stories about facing discrimination and how it has affected their own mental health or those close to them.

They have used poetry, photographs and short stories to share and describe their life experiences with the public.

Outreach workers and

managers at the centre hope that the three-week exhibition, Moving Minds, will open up doors for travellers in Mid Argyll and beyond to approach them and get support as carers or as individuals who are battling mental ill health.

The exhibition provides fascinating

detail about an often criticised and misunderstood community.

Individually and collectively, people who have shared their experiences challenge the stereotypical image of travellers.

Liz Perkins, an outreach worker at the centre, said: We want to raise awareness and

make contact with the gypsy travellers, and, if we can, offer them support.'

Moving Minds was created with support from the Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project (MECOPP) and the Gypsy/Travellers Carers' project.

This currently works in Edinburgh and the

Lothians, Perth and Kinross and Mid and North Argyll.

Moving Minds launched on Monday and will be available to view for three weeks in the Dochas Centre Gallery at 50 Campbell Street, Lochgilphead,

For more information contact the centre on 01546 600 022.

Strawberry tea raises sweet sum for Mid Argyll cancer support group

AN ANNUAL fundraising tea in Tayvallich pulled together a massive £900 for charity at the weekend.

The Strawberry Tea fundraising event held by the Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group took place on the afternoon of Saturday, June 13, in Tayvallich Village Hall.

Two ladies from the group, Libby Macdonald and Mary McLaughlan along with the help of some friends hosted the event and the sum raised was £863.00.

The total was rounded up to £900.00 and



The ladies who organised the event on Saturday.

the support group will divide the proceeds between Breast Cancer Care Scotland and The

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Mia Laing, S5, won the MacCormick shield for creative writing.

Lochgilphead high school pupils celebrate success

LOCHGILPHEAD Joint Campus pupils have been presented with awards and certificates of achievement.

High school pupils were given the accolades at a ceremony

held in the school on Wednesday evening.

Some of them received their prizes on Monday afternoon. For more pictures of prize winners see next week's Argyllshire Advertiser.



Hannah Harper won the Maryse Payen Cup for Spoken French.



Right: prizewinning Lochgilphead joint campus pupils

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First cut of silage in Argyll is a bit late

A COLD May delayed the first cut of silage by about two weeks for one Kintyre farmer.

Dugald Young of Drum Farm, near Campbeltown, made his first cut last Sunday.

Mr Young said: 'Bulk wise it is pretty good, but we will not know about the quality until later in the year when either a feed company or the Scottish Rural College (SRUC) do an analysis for protein and the dry matter, basically all the goodies in the feed.'

Scotland's Rural College has suggested that farmers whose first cut of silage is less than expected should consider ensiling draff, a valuable residue from the whisky-making process, to boost winter feed supplies.

Although April was warm, May was cold and, so far, June has been unsettled. It means many livestock farmers have less grass than expected and lower yields of first cut silage.

According to nutritionist, Karen Stewart, from the Perth Office of SAC Consulting (part of SRUC) the silage pits on many farms will have less feed for the winter than normal.

She said: 'Fortunately this coincides with a reasonably cheap and plentiful supply of draff with many loads currently going south of the border as far as the midlands. There is an opportunity for Scottish farmers to use this draff, or in some areas brewer's grains from

beer making, to help ensure they have sufficient feed available for next winter.'

Mr Young already supplements his feed with draff during the colder months.

He said: 'We get our draff from the Glen Scotia distillery in Campbeltown and currently are filling up the pit for the months when it is needed.'

'Draff has a higher energy and crude protein than average silage,' Mrs Stewart said.

'It will add nutritional value to winter feed supplies.'

Typically ensiling draff in the summer offers a discount of £6-10 per ton versus buying in the winter on a 'ready to feed basis.'



Cut silage in the field. Draff, a residue from making whisky, can be used to boost feed supplies.



The Prince's Countryside Fund's ambassador, Alan Titchmarsh, celebrating National Countryside Week in 2014.

Where would the countryside be without family farms?

A NATIONAL campaign is trying to ensure the long-term viability of Britain's rural areas.

National Countryside Week from Monday, July 20 to 26 is organised by The Prince's Countryside Fund.

Established in 2010 by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, the fund raises money to provide grants to organisations which support the long-term viability of Britain's rural areas and family farms.

Claire Saunders, di-

rector of the fund said: 'We all benefit from the beauty and economic outputs of the countryside but may not consider what it takes to sustain.'

'If you enjoy living in or visiting rural areas, we are asking you to do your bit to secure them for future generations.'

'If we ignore the challenges facing the people who live and work in the countryside now and fail to support them, the future is bleak.'

MARKET REPORT

United Auctions Islay

UNITED Auctions held their annual June Sale of 198 head of cattle at Islay Auction Mart.

A good offering of grazing cattle sold in keeping with current rates whilst non-farm assured lots proved harder to cash.

Bullocks sold to average of £790.81 per head or 231.54 per kilo (kg) against £785.51 or 217.09 per kg last year.

Heifers sold to average £779.37 per head or 222.07 per kg against £729.41 and 192.30 last year.

Bullocks sold to a top of £1225 per head for Charolais crosses from Gartacharra and 278 pence per kilo, for Limousin crosses from Lossit.

Heifers sold to £1100 for Limousin crosses from Starchmill and 261 pence per kg for Limousin and Blonde crosses from Ardnave.

Principal lots & prices
Top prices per head
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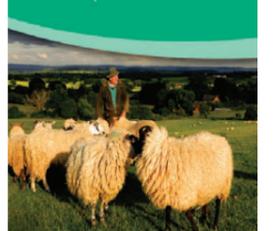
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Stepping out on world record bid

JULY 4 is known by Americans as Independence Day.

But this year, Bid4Oban is hoping it will be etched in the memory of Oban's citizens as the day a world record was broken in the town.

George Street will be closed as people dance the strip the willow, in an attempt to smash the record for the 'largest Scottish country dance'.

Bid4Oban events manager, Neil Mackay, said: 'We are hoping 2015 people will come to the town to break the record. If we get a third of the recent Mossfield support for Skerryvore then we are in with a chance. All we ask is that people wear a bit of tartan.'

Local insurance broker, Clark Thomson, is sponsoring the event.

A previous attempt in Oban for the bicentennial celebrations in 2011 was short by 100 people. The official record, listed by Guinness World Records, is 1914 people, who danced the strip the willow as part of Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations on December 30, 2000.

Land Rover 'not tough enough' for the wild terrain of Kintyre

THE adverts claimed it could handle any terrain, even using a map of Kintyre to show its tough performance - but a motoring expert with a love of the area - proved Land Rover's claim wrong.

Eric Dymock, who visited Kintyre regularly as a child, recalls a national newspaper advertisement for Land Rover, with Kintyre as the setting.

Advert

Mr Dymock, a former motoring correspondent for the Sunday Times newspaper, said: 'Land Rover brought out an advert in the Telegraph in 1980, stating that anywhere you could walk, you could drive a Land Rover.'

'Knowing the dotted line on their map of Kintyre was a boggy hillside, I took the V8 across the peninsula.'

'Before long, I became bogged down; afterwards Land Rover

questioned my claim and arranged for Roger Crathorne, a top cross-country driver at the time, to drive a stretch of the peninsula.

'At the forestry plantation on the way to Lussa Loch we got bogged down in ditches dug to drain the hillside. 'After getting there by a forestry road we were again bogged down in sage and peat.'

A Range Rover's winch had to pull the jeep out, virtually invalidating the manufacturer's claim.

Mr Dymock said: 'I thought this claim was pretty unrealistic, and being honest, so did they. The advertising agency somewhat shamefacedly withdrew their claim.'

Memories

The 80-year old, who is editorial director of Dove Publishing, which specialises in motoring books, spent many happy times in Kintyre and has vivid childhood



The Land Rover on the rugged Kintyre terrain.

memories of the area. He added: 'Being from Motherwell, visiting Kintyre was a

completely different experience from those of my school friends growing up.

'I remember staying in Drumlemble with my step-grandmother Martha, and watching Spitfires, and B-24 Liberators from America, landing at Machrihanish.'

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Royal National Mòd countdown

ENTHUSIASTS of the Mòd will have a focus for their attentions as the local organising committee have taken over the lease of a shop on Oban's George Street.

The Oban Royal National Mòd 2015 Local Organising Committee will temporarily take over the premises of Winehouse until after this year's event in October.

No date has been set for the official opening of the shop, howev-

er, it is expected to open in the next two to three weeks.

Initially, the shop will open for a few hours from Monday to Saturday, with the opening hours increasing as Mòd week approaches.

Duncan MacNeil, of the organising committee, said: 'People are welcome to donate items such as bric-a-brac, books, ornaments, dishes, DVDs, CDs, small furniture and any pre-loved items (exclud-

ing clothing and electrical items).

'Mòd memorabilia will also be on sale in the shop later in the year. The shop will also act as an information centre for mod and Gaelic-related events and activities in the local area and nationally.'

'There are plans to hold small, informal music and song sessions in the shop in the run up to and during the Mòd.

Information on how you can donate goods

or register to volunteer in the shop, please contact Duncan MacDonald at dochiemacd@gmail.com or Duncan MacNeil at Furan Gaelic Centre on 01631 567 886.

The Oban Royal National Mòd 2015 runs from October 9.

Further information can also be viewed on our website at www.modanobain2015.com or on our Facebook page: Royal National Mòd Oban 2015.

Number of traffic collisions on west coast falls

FATAL accidents on the west coast of Scotland have decreased in spite of a 16 per cent rise in accidents nationally.

Two hundred people were killed in reported road accidents in 2014, 16 per cent more than in 2013.

There were seven fatal accidents in Argyll with 303 accidents overall in 2014, as opposed

to 507 accidents with 15 fatalities on average since 2008 when records began.

In Highland, there were 25 fatal accidents with 516 accidents overall in 2014, while there were 754 accidents and an average of 29 fatalities since 2008.

Transport Scotland statisticians released provisional headline figures for road casualties reported

to the police in Scotland in 2014, on Wednesday.

Transport Minister Derek Mackay said: 'Over all, the increase in fatalities and the number of people seriously injured in road accidents in 2014 is disappointing.'

'However, it also demonstrates the need for every one of us to take responsibility when using the road network.'

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3. Golfing dad. Scotland is the home of the game, so why not treat Dad to a round at one of the west coast's award winning courses? Remember, the family that plays together, stays together.
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Sean with Fergus the Bear and Jayne Hobson. People guessed Fergus' birthday to win a prize. 08_a25batty02



Head teacher Neil McKnight and primary 6 and 7 pupils from Tarbert Academy cycled with Sean last week



Tommy Edwards, from Edinburgh is working in the area. He donated £10 to Sean for the answer to one of the questions in the quiz. 08_a25batty01



Tarbert teachers were delighted to win the quiz and £25. They donated £25 to the cause. 08_a25batty04



Quiz losers Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs. 08_a25batty06

Right: Quizmaster Martin Jefferies gives them the thumbs down. 08_a25batty03

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Sean pedals off with £1,500 after taking part in pub quiz

REPORT By AMANDA CRAWFORD
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GENEROUS Tarbert quiz team members raised £1,500 for the STV Children's Appeal, presenting weatherman Sean Batty with his biggest 'first' cheque to date.

The Paisley-born STV weatherman enjoyed sipping wine and a pub quiz with locals at the Cornerhouse, before setting off on his Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge last Thursday

morning. Villagers were forecasting a perfect pub quiz and they got it, while Sean predicted their fund raising efforts would take some beating.

He said: 'This cheque has been, I think, one of the biggest starts we've had on our STV Children Appeal tour to date. This has given us a real head start in our fundraising.'

'This is my first time

in Tarbert. I have been as far as Inveraray in the past, when we'd go on school trips to the jail there.

'We have had such a warm welcome from everyone and it has been one of the friendliest places we have been over the years.'

Sean added: 'I've cycled Shetland, Argyll, Angus and Dundee to name just a few.'

'The support we have received since the first year of the appeal has been amazing.'

'People now know what the STV Children's Appeal is and we don't have to explain it the way we used to.'

The Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge started in Tarbert and culminated in Dunbar.

The TV personality takes part every year and thoroughly enjoys pedaling across the country.

He said: 'I don't train. I tend to go cycling just a couple of weeks before the challenge.'

'The last time I was on a bike was for Pedal for Scotland. I don't really cycle at all, but that's what makes it a worthwhile challenge. If I was on a bike all the time it would be easy.'

'Last year I travelled across Scotland in a tartan caravan. That was different for me.'

Sean stopped in 38 communities over the course of the four-day tour where he met with a series of supporters who donated money to his cause.

Sean said: 'I have been at STV for eight years now and have been part of the appeal since it began in 2011.'

'I don't like to set a target, but on the first year we raised £6,000 and last year we raised £15,000, so ideally it would be nice to exceed last year's total sum.'



Seafood Queen of 2015 Lauren Prentice presented Sean with the cheque for £1500. 08_a25batty05



The Scottish Government also matches the funds raised too. Sean said: 'The matched funds come from money seized by the government from organised crime in Scotland, which means all of that goes back into helping Scotland's communities and young people.'

Coffee

Margaret McNeill, landlady at the Cornerhouse pub, held a coffee afternoon in Templar's Arts and Hall and later the quiz evening to raise cash for the cause on Wednesday, June 10.

Sean also received a cheque from Tarbert Academy for £430 and Tarbert Harbour Authority donated £200.

On the quiz night Sean's team - Batty's Angels - came seventh out of 10 teams, while Sean Once and Never Forgotten - made up of Tarbert teachers - won first place.

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The alternative routes for traffic during the prohibition will be signposted. Detailed descriptions can also be obtained at BEAR Scotland Limited, BEAR House, Inveralmond Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth, PH1 3TW.

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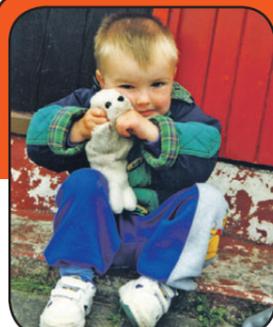
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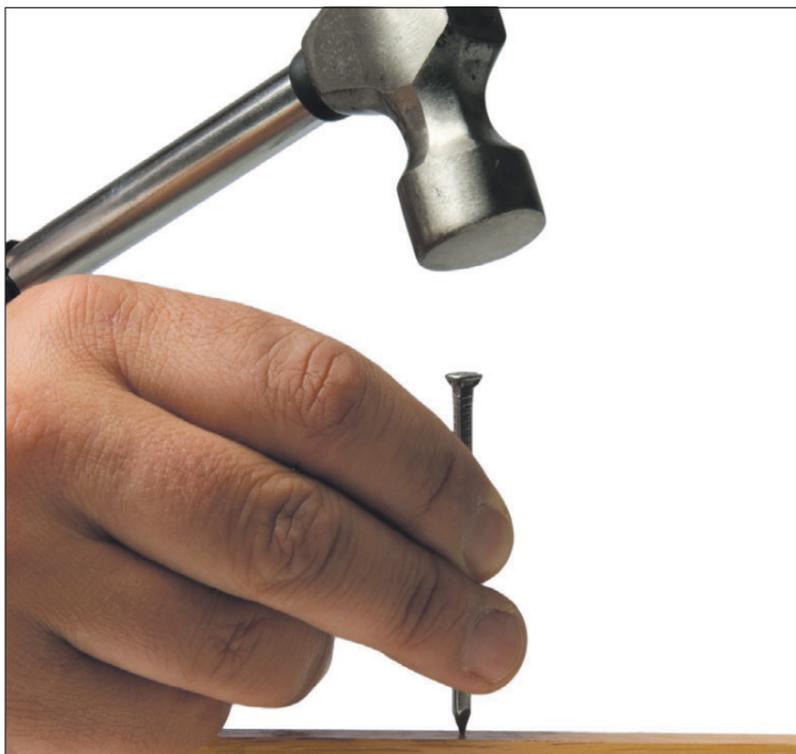
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THE DAY started well on Sunday when we met our young friends, Sonny and Noah, in the ferry queue for Gigha.

We had a great chat about our plans for the day and caught the excitement of the boys at their anticipation of a day's sailing.

I was to have the pleasure of leading worship at the lovely wee church on God's island.

There was just one worry amidst the beauty of the day and that was where we would find a shady place for the car out of the sunshine as we had our dogs with us.

I was told I would find shelter in the shadow at the back of the church.

Safely parked in the shade with the windows open, Carys and Jazz settled happily.

As always, there was a lovely welcome from the Gigha folk and more chat ensued.

As we shared worship together, watched by the saints portrayed in the beautiful stained glass windows, I thought of the phrase about God being like a mother hen sheltering us under the shadow of her wings.

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We sat in the garden with our welcomed dogs and enjoyed friendship, refreshment, and some delicious cakes.

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As we set off home with two very tired dogs, I wondered if somewhere on a boat there were also two sleepy boys.

All of us safe under the shelter of God's wings.

CRAIGNISH

Puppets promise award winning show

FERAL, a puppet production by theatre company Tortoise in a Nutshell, will recreate an entire world at Craignish village hall.

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Joe looks back at the

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The fun starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday June 23.

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Steve Schatz and Bernie Ruetzenberger. 25_a25cyclists01

Retirees race around Argyll and Bute

A PAIR of German 'credit card' cyclists spotted puffing their way up the A816 near Craignish sang the praises of Argyll's glorious countryside.

Steve Schatz, 66, and Bernie Ruetzenberger, 63, from Hanover, were heading for Oban from Dublin and will also travel to Inverness, Aberdeen and Edinburgh on an 1,120-mile

Irish and Scottish tour. Mr Ruetzenberger said: 'It is great cycling here rolling up and down, nothing too tough.'

'We take it easy, travelling light using hotels and a credit card. Our days of camping are over.'

Mr Schatz said: 'I have been to Argyll once before when I was 15 in 1951 and stayed for four weeks at Minard Castle

which was then a youth hostel.

'We went there today but did not go down the drive because a sign said 'private'. We had to make do with a photo by the entrance.'

The retired duo have been touring the world on their bicycles since their late 50s when other sporting activities, like marathons, became too tough.

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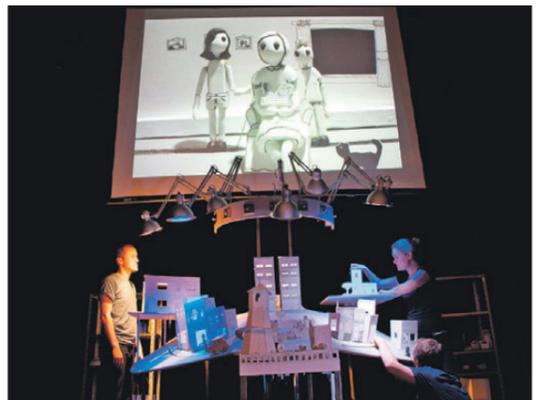
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BIRTHS

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DEATHS

MACIVER - On June 11, 2015, peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, Iver Alexander MacIver, formerly of SAI, in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Jean Wilson, much loved brother of Archie and the late Dondie and a dear brother-in-law and uncle to the family. Funeral service at Glassary Church, Kilmichael, on Friday, June 19 at 11.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please.

MCDUGALL - Peacefully, after a short illness, on June 14, 2015 at Campbeltown Hospital, Allan Howie McDougall, aged 78 years, of Thor Mhor, Knockscalbert Way, Dalintober, Campbeltown, beloved husband of Sally, dear father of Allan, father-in-law of Janice and loving grandpa of Kerry and Iona. Funeral service private by request. Sarah would like to extend a special thanks to Nurse Eleanor MacPherson for her exceptional care and attention to Allan. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

MCMILLAN - Anne (formerly Duncan, née Wright). Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on Sunday, June 14, 2015, devoted and loved wife, mother and grandmother. A very special lady who touched the lives of those she met. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, Cardross, (today) Friday, June 19 at 10.15am. A local service will also be held at Clachan Church, Clachan, Kintyre, at 2.00pm. Flowers to Clachan Church or donations to Clachan Village Hall.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at home, 10 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, on June 13, 2015, John Hammil McMillan (Slim), in his 78th year, dearly beloved husband of Jean Galbraith, much loved father of Margaret, John, Duncan and Mary and a loving and much loved grandfather and great grandfather.

NICOL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on June 12, 2015, Josephine Nicol (Jo), in her 85th year, Tigh-Na-Cladach, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Norrie Nicol and a much loved aunt and friend. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

O'BRIEN - Suddenly at home, on June 5, 2015, Rosemary O'Brien (née Johnstone), aged 71, of Ulbster, Caithness, wife of Miles, mother of Trisha, Sandy and Viv, daughter of the late Mary Johnstone, Tayinloan and sister of Billy, Archie and Duncan. Funeral service was held in Ulbster, on Saturday, June 13. Sadly missed.

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All Welcome

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Sunday 21 June 2015

11.a.m.

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Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 21st June 2015 Tarbert Service 11.30am

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Lochgilphead's Litster wins Harbour Gallery Open

JIMMY Litster from Lochgilphead was one of 35 golfers who set out to secure a win in the Harbour Gallery Open tournament.

The Machrihanish Dunes player shot a superb two under par 64 to take the honours in the scratch section with a fantastic score during the match at Tarbert Golf Club on Sunday.

Tarbert's Donnie Sinclair posted 63 and Eddie White soon joined Sinclair with 63, but it was greenkeeper Steven Barclay who pipped them both by one shot to take the clubhouse lead on 62

- possibly using all his local knowledge.

The scratch section looked like it was going to be a close affair with locals Iain Macalister, Duncan Johnstone and Angus MacFarlane all posted 71's and Lochgilphead's Robbie Wilson joined his compatriot Ryan McGlynn with a 70.

Bruce MacNab had a one over par 67-5 for 62 net, matching Steven's earlier score. When all scores were checked it emerged that Bruce, by virtue of the better inward half, would take first place. His prize is a print by

Stuart Herd of Tarbert's 3 Green.

Captain Iain MacArthur thanked Stuart for his generous sponsorship of the Harbour Gallery Open. He also thanked all the players who contributed to a great day's play and to the ladies of the club for their fantastic hospitality.

Results: 1. Net - Bruce MacNab 62 bih; 2. Steven Barclay 62; 3. Donnie Sinclair 63 bih 4. 4th Eddie White.

1. Scratch - Jimmy Litster 64; Robbie Wilson 70 bih and Ryan McGlynn 70; 3. Iain Macalister 71 bih.



Prize winners at Harbour Gallery Open in Tarbert.



Shannon Wilson from Lochgilphead won the girls singles title and Scott MacLellan from Campbeltown came out on top in the boys singles

Shannon wins girls singles title

THE Argyll and Bute under 19 badminton championships, sponsored by The Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund, took place at Oban high school last weekend.

Results: Boys singles: 1 Scott MacLellan, Campbeltown; 2 Ryan McCuaig, Lochgilphead; 3 Gareth Sansom, Lochgilphead.

Girls singles: 1 Shannon Wilson, Lochgilphead; 2 Rachel MacPhail, Campbeltown; 3 Amy Shaw, Campbeltown.

Boys doubles: 1 Ryan McCuaig / Gareth Sansom, Lochgilphead, 2 Scott MacLellan / Paddy Dunne, Campbeltown/Oban; 3 Craig MacCorquodale / Louis Reeves, Oban.

Girls doubles: 1 Shannon Wilson / Suzie Blair, Lochgilphead; 2 Amy Shaw / Rachel MacPhail, Campbeltown; 3 Kirsty MacArthur / Zoe Cook, Oban.

Mixed doubles: 1 Scott MacLellan / Amy Shaw, Campbeltown; 2 Ryan McCuaig / Shannon Wilson, Lochgilphead; 3 David MacPherson / Kirsty MacArthur, Oban.

Start your engines for MACH 1 stages rally

HIGH-octane motor racing is on its way to Machrihanish Airbase next month for the second year of the MACH 1 Stages rally.

Already one of the most talked about dates in the Scottish rally season calendar, the rally organised by Dunfermline Car Club runs on Saturday and Sunday, July 11 - 12.

David Hattrick, race organiser, said: 'There is a real buzz about the event after a very successful inaugural rally last year.

'The organising team

have been working hard in the background preparing routes, setting up the infrastructure, speaking to suppliers, sponsors and the general public, as well as Kintyre business owners.

'The event is attracting drivers from all eras and across the world, with some astonishing cars competing. We have had two enquiries from Belgium from crews who regularly compete in the Ypres Rally so there is clearly a wide appeal.

'Having had 101 entrants last year and thousands of spectators

across the weekend we are hoping for another strong turnout.'

In conjunction with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), the operators of Machrihanish Airbase, event programmes will be on offer providing information for spectators, not only on the rally itself, but on the range of added attractions for all ages, including trade stands, static vehicle displays, food and drink outlets, bouncy castles, face painting and much more.

SHINTY NEWS AND VIEWS

INVERARAY were missing three key players last Saturday as they went down 1-0 to Fort William.

Euan McMurdo was at the Macaulay Sixes in Oban, John Kennedy was away in America and Grant Griffin is injured.

Fort William's Alexander MacMillan scored the only goal of the game in the 32nd minute.

Once again Inveraray had plenty of chances but failed to capitalise on them and when they did, Paul MacKay in the Fort goal meant there was no chance of the ball getting into the net.

Inveraray captain Garry MacPherson said: 'Mackay had five really good saves which really

stopped us in the game.'

Inveraray have a local derby in the Macaulay Cup quarter final at the Winterton on Saturday against Kyles Athletic.

MacPherson said: 'On Saturday against Kyles we will be at home which is always good and we have a full squad which gives us plenty of options.'

KYLES ATHLETIC have had nearly three weeks to prepare for their Macaulay Cup quarter final against Inveraray.

The last time the two sides met in a Celtic cup game, about a month ago, Kyles were the clear winners by three goals but the second half

was marred a huge hail storm.

Kyles will be trying for a repeat performance on Saturday but will face Inveraray at full strength.

STRACHUR faced further frustration last Saturday as top of the league outfit Lochside Rovers fired five into the Strachurmore net.

It was their second 5-0 defeat in consecutive games.

With one league win this season Strachur remain firmly in the bottom spot.

Michael MacQueen started the scoring followed by Iain MacMillan in the first half.

After the break Craig MacDougall, Brian MacMillan and Brian

McCallum added to the misery.

Strachur are at home again next Saturday to Oban Celtic.

KILMORY revisited their last match against Taynuilt, in May, again going down 2-1 this time away.

It started well when Calum MacKinven put Kilmory ahead but five minutes later David Campbell equalised.

The play then ebbed backward and forward with neither team gaining the upper hand until Taynuilt's Jamie MacFarlane struck a last minute winner.

Kilmory are now 7th in the league having won one game this

season. On Saturday they entertain Bute their last match having been called off due to an unplayable field.

INVERARAY reserves without Scott Robertson, who is serving a two game suspension, beat Aberdeen 3-0.

Neil Campbell scored an early goal and a second half an hour later with Neil Shaw ensuring victory for the home side.

Inveraray played Glenorchy on Tuesday evening and we will have the result next week.

On Saturday they face Newtonmore in a Sutherland cup semi final at Spean Bridge.

Popular summer camp to return this July

Activities programme runs weekdays for three weeks

CHILDREN and parents can look forward to this year's Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) summer camp which is set to begin next month.

The popular summer camp is for children aged five to 12 and offers a range of outdoor and indoor activities across Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool, Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

The accent is firmly set on fun and the summer camp also introducing youngsters to a wide range of sports and develop new skills.

As well as tennis, football, rugby and shinty there are creative craft sessions, dance workshops and time to unwind with DVDs.

Summer camp runs on weekdays for three weeks, beginning on Monday, July 20 2015.

The camp offers flex-

ible times for busy parents, but booking in advance is required.

Booking forms are available from reception at Mid Argyll Swimming Pool and can be downloaded from the MACPool facebook page. Details will also be circulated to primary schools next week.

Daily sessions begin at 8:30am with an option to drop off children up to 10am at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Afternoon sessions begin at 1pm when kids aged seven and under are based at the sports centre, while those aged eight and over are located at community pool for swimming. The daily camp concludes at 5pm with pick-up times for children from 4pm.

Summer Camp is run by qualified staff from the Sports Centre and MACPool.



Children at last year's successful Summer Camp.

Lottery draws

THERE is a massive jackpot of £1,100 to be won in next week's Inveraray Shinty Club's weekly lottery.

The numbers drawn this week were 6, 10 and 15 and there were no winners.

This week's Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers were 2, 3 and 13. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery numbers drawn this week were 11, 16 and 18.

There were no winners which means the jackpot is set to be £200 next week.

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Kids ran well in first summer heat

CHILDREN sprinted and undertook hill training at the penultimate Kids on the Run session.

The youngsters were said to have coped 'really well' with the unaccustomed heat as temperatures soared last Wednesday evening after one of the hottest days of the year.

Sprints included the 'Breathing Game' and a trail run after the drills where the group finished at the school for juice and biscuits.

Kids on the Run JogScotland leader Fiona Corner said: 'On a hot day it was challenging to keep going but one of our star runners of the week, Ar-

chie MacColl Smith, set a great pace and led everyone else along when they were flagging. Archie showed his running experience and kept on steadily running on the homeward journey.'

The second star runner of the group was Coll MacKay. Fiona said: 'He worked hard during

the sprint session, listened to advice and then - along with Eilidh Cameron and Ashley MacDougall - paced himself perfectly up a notoriously steep and stony hill to keep going all the way to the top.

'Well done to all, and our helpers this week Janet Ridoch and Rosie Corner.'

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Star go out on a high in final game of the season

Lochgilphead Red Star 2
Drumchapel 1
DFDL Under 16 League

DRUMCHAPEL made the journey to Lochgilphead knowing a point would win them the league title, however the Argyll boys had other ideas.

Star 16s wanted to finish the season on a high. The young team were without a number of players and young Macvicar stood up to be counted as he went between the sticks. Early exchanges were hard fought with neither team looking to give an inch. Soudon and McPhee were winning the midfield battle, but the Drumchapel keeper was on excellent form and pulled off a number of stops from Cameron and Ritchie keeping the game level. Against the run of play, Star were to go a goal behind when the visitors broke up the park, with their fast number 11 dispatching a shot past the despairing hand of the Red Star keeper.

Star continued to press with Whitefield and Caskie coming close. The back four of Brown, Simpson, Moore, and Young were playing manoeuvres from the back before half-time.

Star started the second half brightly, but were alert to the pace of the Drum's number 11, who was through on goal early in the half. To Star's credit they managed to clear their lines with a number of last ditch tackles thwarting the Drum attackers.

With 10 minutes gone Star got the goal that

drew them level, Moore played the ball over the top for Soudon. He then raced to the by line before passing the ball inside for Whitefield, who made no mistake from close range.

The home side were now in control and came close to increasing their lead when Soudon found space in the box. He curled his effort goal ward, only for it to rebound off the post. MacFarlane then replaced Ritchie on the 60 minute mark. With 15 minutes remaining, Star took the lead when Moore flighted a free kick into the box before Ruzza Brown rose to bullet his header past the Drum keeper. This took the score to 2-1

Star made a further change swapping Cameron for Williamson. He nearly made an instant impact when the keeper pushed his curling shot wide for a corner. Drumchapel were pushing men forward in search of an equaliser, but found Star in no mood to abandon their lead. The youngsters played good passing football before hearing referee Jimmy Litster blow the whistle for full time.

Coach Douglas Moore said: 'We asked the players to give us their all in the final game of season and they certainly did that playing some excellent football in the process. Hopefully we can keep this team together next season and build on this success.'



Lochgilphead Red Star boys on Argyll Street before heading into their annual events ceremony. 08_a25star01

Moore, Dudding and Hendry recognised for their outstanding first season

YOUNG Aaron Moore took home two awards after a successful first season on the pitch with Lochgilphead Red Star.

The Mid Argyll club held its annual awards ceremony last Friday and Moore won Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year.

He has made an impressive intro into the first team after the youngster stepped up from the under 17s this season.

Manager Allan Weir praised his midfield performances and also re-

served praise for Cammy Hendry and Ewan Dudding who have also stunned the board and team members since coming into the side.

Gregor Peacock picked up his customary Top Goal Scorer award for the fourth season in succession after scoring on 16 times.

The Goal of the Season award was won by Colin Weir for his half volley in the home match with Clydebank, which turned out to be the winner in a 3-2 win.

Luke Naisby picked up

the award for Services to the Club, as he played in every position possible on the park over the season - including a match in goals. Luke was also commended for his efficiency in the role as match secretary.

Angus Morrison was presented with a trophy for his commitment shown to the club over the past decade and beyond. However, his season was over before it began this year after he suffered a broken ankle in training back in August 2014.

Chairman Douglas Moore thanked the management team of Allan Weir and Sandy Crawford on behalf of the players for their efforts and encouragement over the course of the season. Finally, the club held

a minute's silence in memory of Shirley Sinclair, Roddy Morrison and Sheena Gilmour, all of whom had played an important role serving on the Red Star committee and have sadly passed away recently.

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