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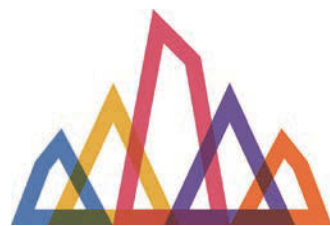
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Skate park pipe dream a reality for Lochgilphead

Neill Bo Finlayson
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YOUNG people in Lochgilphead will finally have a safe place to wheel around after a local youth charity secured funds to develop a skate park.

Thanks to a Scottish Land Fund grant of £155,118, Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) will be able to purchase land in the centre of Lochgilphead to build a skate park along with other outdoor facilities.

MAYDS - a charity based in Lochgilphead which works with a wide range of young people - offers a multitude of services including youth clubs, drop-in sessions, trips, as well as access to training courses.

The cash boost means

that MAYDS can now go through with the arrangement made with the council to purchase its current building from which it operates, along with two adjoining pieces of land.

Fiona Kalache, manager at the MAYDS centre, said: 'We are absolutely thrilled with this Scottish Land Fund award.'

This opportunity will not only provide a secure future for children and young people's services in Mid Argyll but will also allow us to develop and expand the opportunities we can provide including much-needed outdoor spaces such as a wheel park, play space and gardening area.'

The demand for outdoor facilities in Lochgilphead hit an all-time high earlier this



A dull day but a bright future: Councillor Dougie Philand and Fiona Kalache with Lochgilphead's skaters and scooters on the development site. 08_a26MAYDS03

year as an online petition calling for a skate park gained more than 20,000 signatures so has become a priority for MAYDS.

Catering for up to 50 young people a night, the organisation currently operates from

its building on Union Street in Lochgilphead, on which it has a 25-year 'peppercorn' lease. Fiona commented: 'This is a huge thing for the town. It means that all the property surrounding the current MAYDS

building will be owned by the community for youth services. This is great as before we had no assurances that the work we were doing would be long term.'

Councillor Dougie Philand highlighted the importance of

this development to young people in Lochgilphead and praised the MAYDS team's hard work and determination in eventually reaching an agreement with the council to get the land.

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Inside this week

Wind farm boost

SEVERAL Mid Argyll community groups have been given a boost thanks to wind farm funds.

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Creative future

PLANS to turn Lochgilphead's Clock Lodge building into a creative hub are beginning to take shape.

Full story on page four.

Europe conquered

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band were crowned European champions in Forres last weekend.

Full story on page three.

Fyne memories

A FORMER Minard resident gets set to launch a book celebrating the history of the Mid Argyll village.

Full story on page 15.

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Appeal for Kintyre volunteers

YOUNG Kintyre adventurers are being offered a chance to hone their skills. Argyll and Bute Council's youth services is on the lookout for volunteers to help with the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) award scheme.

The DofE is open to anyone aged between 14 and 24, and helps to prepare young people with the skills necessary for work and life.

The award has four sections: physical, skills, volunteering, and expedition. These are run at three different levels: bronze, silver and gold.

For more information, or to volunteer in your local area, please contact the council's DofE officer, Brian Smith, by emailing brian.smith@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by calling 01631 567833.



A fruity way to raise Tayvallich charity funds

MID Argyll Cancer Support Group held a highly successful fundraiser in Tayvallich.

A well attended strawberry tea at the village hall on Saturday June 17 raised £1,150 for Breast Cancer Now and the Beatson Pebble appeal.

Tayvallich Village Hall was packed.



And these strawberry-based delights may have been part of the attraction.

POLICE FILES

Lamps stolen

BETWEEN June 16 and 19, two front fog lamps were stolen from a Toyota Hilux pick-up which was parked at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Theft of dinghy

A 2.3 METRE long, grey-coloured Seagull dinghy was stolen from the shore at Craræ sometime between June 18 and 19.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses.

No seat belt

ON WEDNESDAY June 21, on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a 43-year-old woman was stopped for allegedly driving while not wearing a seat belt.

The woman was

charged and a £100 fixed penalty ticket was issued.

Obstruction

AT 11AM on Thursday June 22, in Church Square, Inveraray, a 44-year-old man was arrested for allegedly obstructing police in their duty and resisting arrest. The man was taken to Lochgilphead Police Station where he was charged with the offences and also two recent alleged shoplifting offences in Inveraray.

Fire damage

THE DOOR to the old primary school in Lochgilphead was damaged by a small fire which appears to have been started deliberately at about 1.30pm on Saturday June 24.

The fire service attended and extinguished the fire and police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses.

Lochgilphead skate park dream a reality

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He explained: 'This has been an amazing journey for MAYDS - a tenacious effort by the team and very well deserved.

'There's been a lot of red tape but it was amazing to see how quickly things can move forward when you cut through the red tape.'

MAYDS has been pushing to gain ownership of the building and adjacent land for years but with little success until two months ago when a deal was finally reached with council officers.

Dougie added: 'I'm delighted to have helped in any way I could but it's the MAYDS team that have done the work. It's been hard for them - a lot of pain and anguish.'

The MAYDS team plans to run some con-

sultation sessions in Lochgilphead on what to do with the other areas of land to gauge the interests and needs of children in the area.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Congratulations to Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS) on securing substantial funding to support their work in the local community.'

'MAYDS has made an offer to the Council to purchase the property in Lochgilphead they have occupied for a number of years, along with an adjacent council-owned site.'

'We are working now with MAYDS to progress this so that the transfer of this council asset is beneficial to both MAYDS, and also more widely to local people via a financial return for the council that could be invested in services elsewhere.'

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European glory for Inveraray pipe band

IT CAME down once again to a straight fight between Inveraray and rivals Field Marshal Montgomery.

In fine weather conditions at Forres last Saturday, Inveraray and District Pipe Band won the Grade One European Championship - reclaiming a title the band last won three years ago.

For the third consecutive major championship this season, the title came down to a handful of points between the Argyll outfit and Field Marshal

Montgomery from Northern Ireland.

Last time out Inveraray were pushed into second place at the UK championships in Belfast, but it was Inveraray who claimed the British crown at Paisley in the season opener and again at the Europeans.

Inveraray also won the drumming prize in Forres.

Argyll can claim a second European champion pipe band as Oban High School beat a large field to win the Novice Grade B title.



Inveraray and District Pipe Band - European champions. Photo: GNBRI Photography.

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Concerns voiced over unkempt graveyards

CEMETERY maintenance in Mid Argyll and north Kintyre came under fire at a council meeting earlier this week.

Councillors joined forces at Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee on Monday to raise concerns over the standards Argyll and Bute Council staff are working to.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand relayed complaints from members of the public that clumps of grass had been left in unkempt rows after grass cutting at Ach nabreac cemetery - some-

thing echoed by fellow members Sandy Taylor and Anne Horn in relation to Killevan, Crarae and Carrick near Tarbert respectively. Other complaints had been received about weeds and trees being allowed to proliferate.

Acknowledging there may be fewer cuts as a result of council budget savings, councillors nonetheless agreed to ask senior council staff to explain the situation.

Dougie Philand explained: 'My feeling is I don't think they get enough allocated time and that's why I want to see the schedule from senior officers.'



A rowan tree growing between headstones in Ach nabreac cemetery. 06_a26ccemetery01

Funding boost for Mid Argyll groups

EIGHT community groups in Mid Argyll have benefited from the latest funding awards from the Infinis A'Chruach Community Wind Farm Fund.

One of the main beneficiaries was Kilmartin Community Initiative which was awarded £2,570 to purchase and install two defibrillators in the village, cabinets for their storage and training provision.

The option of using a redundant phone box to site one of the defibrillators is currently being explored.

Other beneficiaries in this latest round include Lochgilphead Golf Club to also purchase a defibrillator and offer training to volunteers; Artmap Argyll Ltd to support the running of the Lantern Festival this autumn; Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers to help cover annual running costs; Lochgilphead Community Council, to fund a re-enactment demonstration; 19th Argyll Lochgilphead Scouts to purchase equipment to support group activities; Mid Argyll Agricultural Society to

cover costs associated with improving the show field; and Minard Community Trust to carry out significant improvements to the village hall.

This is the second round of awards from the Infinis A'Chruach Community Wind Farm Fund which distributes £149,000 annually to community-led activities in West Loch Fyne, Dunadd and Lochgilphead.

For more information on the fund visit foundationscotland.org.uk/achruach.

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Residents will be able to respond by using INTERNET, FREEPHONE and MOBILE PHONE TEXT MESSAGE to confirm or update their electoral roll details.

Details of how to do this will be on the Registration Forms.

These services will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the canvass period.

Alternatively the forms can be returned by POST in the pre-paid envelope provided.

Electoral Registration for Young People
Along with all adults in the household, you should also add to the form those who will be aged 15 years or older by 30 November 2017.

This is so they are on the register when they become old enough to vote.

It's important to provide the information requested; if you don't you could be fined £1,000.

David C Thomson
Electoral Registration Officer



The piping school culminates in a Friday night concert - always a great spectacle, like this 2015 example.

Young pipers tune up ahead of summer school

YOUNG pipers and chanter players are being offered the chance to make big steps forward in their playing this summer.

The annual summer school of piping is running next week in the Loch Fyne-side village of Strachur, and spaces are still available.

Run for decades by Strachur and District Piping Association, the piping school has seen generations of players

benefit from intensive tuition from some of the most respected pipers around.

Players from Mid Argyll should contact the local transport co-ordinator, Allan MacLean on 01546 510264, and further information can be obtained from Jean Gibson on 01369 860744.

The piping summer school runs between Monday July 3 and Friday July 7.

Nominate your community hero

NOMINATIONS are open for the Argyll and Bute third sector Volunteer of the Year 2017 awards.

Third Sector Interface Argyll and Bute (TSI) is celebrating heroes at an awards night in September.

The Volunteer of the Year 2017 awards night will give thanks

to those people who dedicate their time to helping others in towns and villages across the region.

Categories are: individual volunteer of the year; young volunteer of the year; voluntary community or organisation of the year; social enterprise volunteer of the year; health

volunteer of the year; and regional heroes.

The awards night will take place on Thursday September 7 at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban.

To nominate someone, contact shirley@argylltsi.org.uk or phone 01631564839.

Nominations close on July 21.

Clock Lodge looks destined for the arts

PLANS are being drawn up to turn Lochgilphead's Clock Lodge into a new youth arts centre.

At a recent Lochgilphead Community Council meeting, it was announced that the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project is working with the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre in Tarbert to draw up plans to establish a new creative arts space in the newly-renovated Clock Lodge.

In a presentation at the meeting, Templar Arts committee members, Sian MacQueen and Nicole Heidtke, outlined their proposals. Nicole said: 'So far, we are trying to get funds to work with the Phoenix Project to make use of the Clock Lodge but also looking for other projects help run it too.'

We will try to get funding for one year to ensure the Clock Lodge is fully in use for its first year of operation but we would



The newly-renovated Clock Lodge building.

like other groups to use it as perhaps we would only need to use the space for two days a week, for example.'

The Phoenix Project, which has a 99-year lease on the Clock Lodge from owners Harbro, has secured funding to fully refurbish the building for use as a commu-

nity facility. Malcolm Sinclair, secretary of Phoenix, said: 'What was helpful to us at the Phoenix Project was looking at how Templar Arts is run. It works in a simple way and the model they have come up with, I just love.'

The plan for the Clock Lodge is still depend-

ent on the progress of the construction of the Harbro store, which is set to be built on property adjacent to the Clock Lodge.

'Harbro are still not clear of planning to go ahead with construction,' Malcolm added, 'but their plan is still to finish before the end of the year.'

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Much-loved Ardrishaig teacher takes a bow

FRIENDS and colleagues will gather today, Friday June 30, to mark Ann McMillan's retirement from Ardrishaig Primary School.

It will be the end of an era in more ways than one. Ann is the only member of staff to have worked in both the old school on St Clair Road and at the current location.

When she graduated from Jordanhill, Strathclyde Regional Council was the administrative body and new teachers could list the areas in which they wanted to work.

Having spent hap-

py childhood holidays in the west highlands, Ann opted for Argyll and Bute, and Ardrishaig was lucky enough to obtain her services.

She has taught various stages over the years, but her niche has been in primary one.

Many teachers would say that the primary one teacher has the most exacting and demanding job in the school – creating an atmosphere and ethos where children gain confidence and are ready to learn.

Her unfailing patience and kindness are remembered fond-

ly by many. The writer Maya Angelou wrote: 'At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, but they will remember how you made them feel.'

Children felt safe and secure while in her care.

This solid foundation laid down by her in P1 has been greatly appreciated by colleagues as the children moved further up the school.

Outwith P1, Ann has been the choir conductor for many years, with numerous successful appearances at the Mid Argyll Mu-

sic Festival. All children, regardless of ability, were welcome to join the choir and it was wonderful to see so many blossom and gain in self confidence as choristers.

Ann has decided to retire at this stage in order to spend more time with her family and friends, many of whom live in and around her native Barthead.

Her friends and colleagues, would like to thank her for all she has done for the children of Ardrishaig and to wish her a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement.



Ann McMillan with the Ardrishaig Primary School choir that won the Scots song competition at the Mid Argyll Music Festival in 2016. 06_a13mamf20



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Editorial

AFTER many years talking about a skate park for Lochgilphead, the dream looks close to becoming reality.

The breakthrough came after a lot of hard work and determination by Mid Argyll Youth Development Services. The site involved is sizeable. What this space is used for will be up to the public, so have your say in the consultation.

IT WAS interesting to witness the perfectly valid complaints from councillors about the standard of maintenance in cemeteries.

They were not 'getting at' the workers - but there was some criticism of senior management. But, as a source close to the council chamber said recently - we are now seeing the consequences of budget saving measures voted through by councillors. Not every member agreed with every measure but as a body the council rubber stamped a range of cuts. Untidy graveyards may be the thin end of the wedge.

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Grateful for support

Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day committee during recent events in the town.

I would especially like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and decorated the windows of their businesses. The winner, by public vote, of the best dressed window competition was Mary's Meals in Argyll Street.

Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day was another successful day, enjoyed by everyone who attended from far and wide and the local community.

We look forward to doing it all again on Saturday June 16, 2018.

George Rhodick, chairman, Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day committee.

Singing and dancing

Sir,

I was fortunate to attend the Fèis in Tarbert on Saturday evening and thank everyone who took part.

From the very youngest in our community to the not-so-young, they entertained us with incredible talent.

It was a fantastic family evening, with everyone joining in singing and dancing.

Councillor Anne Horn.

Air tax advantages

Sir,

The recent passing by Holyrood of legislation establishing a new tax to replace air passenger duty in Scotland is to be welcomed.

The Bill to create air departure tax



Blooming colourful welcome to Lingerton dump

A nice touch at the entrance to Lingerton Waste Recycling Site at Lochgilphead - a mini skip full of red poppies and blue irises, spotted this week by one of the Advertiser's readers.

which will now come into force from April 2018, paves the way for the Scottish Government to fulfil its commitment to cut the levy in half by the end of this parliament, ahead of abolishing the charge altogether 'when resources allow'.

UK Air Passenger Duty (APD) is the most expensive tax of its kind in Europe and profoundly impacts on Scotland, acting as a barrier to our ability to secure new direct international services and to maintain existing ones.

The reduction and ultimate abolition of APD in Scotland will have two key impacts - first, some international routes which are currently marginal and therefore not flown are

likely to become viable. Secondly, there is likely to be a price reduction for the consumer on domestic flying and the real possibility of additional frequencies. Research indicates that halving APD will create nearly 4,000 jobs and add £200 million a year to the Scottish economy by 2020.

Without action, Scotland could lose out on nearly one million passengers every year, costing the Scottish economy up to £68 million in lost tourism revenue every year.

APD is a tax on Scotland's ability to compete with the rest of Europe, and our economy is footing the bill in lost jobs and lost opportunities.

Addressing this will

provide key advantages for passengers and the Scottish economy.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Charity plant sale

Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our plant sale with tea, coffee and home-baking on Sunday June 25 at Carloonan Farm in aid of Dementia UK.

The weather was kind to us and we raised £400 on the day.

Brian and Marjorie Walker, Carloonan Farm, Inveraray.

'Aggressive and incoherent'

Sir,

After years of austerity, the cynical deal between to Conservative

government and the DUP will inevitably stick in the throats of workers, particularly when the money is so obviously being spent to bail out an unpopular and weak Prime Minister.

A government that consistently pleads poverty when it comes to funding public services like health and education, paying wages of public sector workers or supporting infrastructure, found £1.5 billion to keep power. The question now becomes what extra money will be found for health and education across the rest of the UK? The negotiations around this deal have revealed the weakness of the UK government. With Brexit negotiations al-

ready under way, it is difficult to have confidence that the UK government is able to competently undertake the complexity of the task.

Much of our economic future depends on what is agreed over the next two years.

To entrust it to a government in hock to the DUP with little plan for the future and which has already revealed its negotiating style to be aggressive and incoherent seems like economic suicide.

Even with this expensive but limited confidence and supply agreement in place the demise of this government appears inevitable.

Grahame Smith, general secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress.

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Award-winning building contractor moves with the times



Supporting the local community and taking care of its industrious workforce are two main priorities of a Kintyre contractor responsible for many prestigious Argyll building improvements. Family-orientated firm, McKinven and Colville Ltd, was established in Campbeltown in 1962, primarily offering joinery services, and has expanded greatly under its current owner, Barry Colville.

The contractor carries out all aspects of general building, renovation and refurbishment work including new builds, extensions, conversions, fitting windows, doors, bathrooms and kitchens, plus joinery, electrical, decoration and tiling work for commercial and domestic clients - everything from replacing a single pane of glass and fitting double glazing, to fixing locks and putting up shelves.

Barry said: 'We offer a range of trades within our company now, and would like to let existing and new clients know about our services, which also includes a 24/7 emergency call-out service to deal with any building emergencies.'

It is important to McKinven and Colville to trade locally whenever possible, from buying and servicing their vans in Camp-



Interior joinery

beltown, to purchasing as much materials and equipment in Kintyre as they can, which in turn supports the local economy as well as employing local people.

They also believe in home-grown talent, taking on apprentices since the company started, with three in the last couple of months who will become the company's newest joiner, roofer and electrician.

'We've always gone down the apprentice route,' said Barry, 'We like to nurture our own local workforce - in fact, our longest serving current employee has been with us for 26 years and started as an apprentice.'

The new recruits will join the company's 25 other employees and work alongside a network of local subcontractors. Barry added: 'The success of any company is dependent on the quality of its staff, and ours are excellent. We get fantastic feedback from customers about our workmen's standard of work and respectful manner.'

McKinven and Colville's building work has proven to be award-winning, with their Campbeltown Town Hall restoration project winning the Judges' Award at the prestigious Herald Property Awards for Scotland. On being a part of the restoration of the iconic structure, Barry said: 'It was a huge privilege helping to bring the Town Hall back to its former glory. Local projects like this are always very important to us.'



Roofing and slating

The firm is currently working on the next phase of the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, repairing the tenement building at 9-15 Longrow South, which was constructed in 1908/09. The £221,000 investment programme, which will safeguard 16 local jobs, as well as the future of two homes, and bring an empty dwelling back into use, is due to be completed by September.

McKinven and Colville building contractors continues to grow from strength to strength, carrying out work not only in Kintyre, but also in Tarbert and Mid Argyll.

'Although the company was created more than 50 years ago, we have moved with the times,' Barry added, 'Improving things like our environmental awareness, and work practices and methods is very important to us.'



An example of one of our recent new builds

MACPool family fun day

FOLLOWING on from the success of last year's event, the MACPool in Lochgilphead hosted its family fun day on Saturday.

Despite the grey skies and blustery winds, gazebos and stalls were set up outside the community pool by local organisations for a fun-filled afternoon of games and activities.

Jennifer Weir explained: 'We wanted to bring people to the pool to raise funds and to give other community organisations a platform for fundraising. We also just wanted to give everyone a good day out.'

There was plenty of fun for families and young children with the Lochgilphead Scouts' skills stall and the

water walkers attracting the most attention from youngsters wanting to try out some new activities.

Fyne Families, Lomond Advocacy, Kilmartin Museum, Diverse Preserves, Handmade on the Hill and Lochgilphead Scouts were some of the stalls set up outside the swimming pool on Saturday.

Jennifer continued: 'It was

our 20th anniversary last year and so we organised a fun day and it was a great success. All the groups at the stalls last year wanted us to do it again this year, otherwise we weren't even thinking about it. It's a good opportunity to showcase the facilities here at the pool and the wide variety of organisations in the area.'



Above: Lochgilphead scouts Alfie Campbell, 11, and Craig O'Meara, 11, give fire-starting demonstrations at the fun day. 08_macpoolfunday02



Karen McCurry of the MS Centre in Lochgilphead with her stall of treats.

Left: Kilmartin Museum staff Ruth and Meg explain the rules of their 'pin the monument' game. 08_macpoolfunday03



Chairwoman of Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Sue Hillman calls the numbers at the wheel of fortune. 08_macpoolfunday05



Margaret Ker presenting Mandy Chadderton with her prize.

Mandy's delight at Artmap prize

ONE LUCKY Tayvallich resident won the opportunity to get hold of one of her favourite artworks from last year's Artmap Argyll.

Each year Artmap Argyll Open Studio visitors are invited to collect eight artists' red dot stickers and enter the £200 prize draw to buy work from an Artmap Artist of their choice.

Mandy Chadderton of Tayvallich was the lucky winner of the 2016 Artmap prize draw and chose a piece of work from Margaret Ker.

She said: 'I felt spoilt for choice because there are so many wonderful artists around here, but feeling an affinity for Argyll, and in particular the mysterious Kilmartin Glen,

Margaret Ker's magical mosaics really appealed to me.'

Margaret discovered that she and Mandy have many interests in common including the landscape, the geology and the pre-history of Argyll.

Margaret added: 'I am also fascinated by the incredible beauty of the dark skies in Argyll and I often incorporate images of constellations into my mosaics. This one depicts Sagittarius and Pisces which hold special meaning for Mandy.'

Visitors should look out for the 2017 prize draw cards that can be picked up at each studio during the tenth annual Artmap Argyll week from August 25 to 28.



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A night to remember for Lochgilphead prize pupils



IT WAS a night for celebration at Lochgilphead Joint Campus as more than 200 pupils had their achievements recognised.

The audience of parents, family members and guests at last Thursday's glittering awards ceremony was treated to beautiful music from the Clarinet Ensemble, Tiegan Holroyd, Hazel Slefridge, Holly Renton and rounded off by piper Louis MacMillan.

Mrs Carter offered a round-up of the year's school achievements before pupils from the new S2, S3 and S4 provided their own entertaining review of the year which highlighted the broader achievements of their peers.

Head teacher, Ann Devine, was pleased to welcome a packed audience to the main hall

for the ceremony before handing over to Jane Macleod to present the pupils with their awards.

A number of S6 students returned to the school to collect their YASS (Open University) certificates and the successful Young Enterprise group members also received their awards.

There were a few emotional moments as the Rotary award for special achievement was presented to Rachael Murdoch, while Holly Smith was not only elected as head girl for the coming year but named senior dux.

Holly, along with newly-appointed head boy, James Urquhart, gave an excellent vote of thanks - a very positive end to a great night.

All the prize winners at Lochgilphead High School for the 2016/17 school year. 08_a26LH5prize10



S6 year heads and deputies. Back row, left to right: Jamie MacFarlane, Holly Smith, James Urquhart, Ruairaidh Graham. Front row, left to right: Abbie Williams, Ruby Bosomworth and Jack Johnson. 08_a26LH5prize09

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Tiegan Holroyd with the Peter MacCallum Memorial Trophy for progression in music and Harry Adair with the Lewis Wilson Memorial Trophy for progress in piping and drumming. 08_a26LHSprize03



Senior dux, Holly Smith (S6), with junior dux, Ellen Moir (P7). 08_a26LHSprize01



Jodie Robertson with the House Athletics Shield, which was won by Duntrune. 08_a26LHSprize04



Head girl and boy: Holly Smith and James Urquhart. 08_a26LHSprize08



Mid Argyll Rotary prize for special achievement winner Rachael Murdoch, S5. 08_a26LHSprize02



Katie Todd with the Lewis Wilson Memorial Trophy for progress in sport. 08_a26LHSprize05

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Zambia schools thrive on Mid Argyll support

Neill Bo Finlayson
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FRESH from a long-haul flight from Zambia, the organisers of the Mid Argyll charity, ZamScotEd, were straight back onto fundraising duties on Saturday.

Marian Pallister, founder of the charity, along with board member Denise McDermott, had only returned to Scotland in the early hours of the morning before hosting their coffee morning in Lochgilphead.

Taking a break from her duties, Marian told the *Advertiser*: 'I only arrived back from Zambia at two o'clock this morning. Denise and I had been out



there for eight days to set in motion a land transfer to the charity for a new school.'

As reported in last week's edition of the *Advertiser*, ZamScotEd was recently offered a plot of land in Zambia to develop

a new school which will support the education of vulnerable young people in Lusaka West.

Marian explained that construction is already under way on the school's second building.

She continued: 'This is the progression we can hope for, but obviously as an organisation, our support can only offer so much.'

'Edward Kambobe, a social worker out in Zambia, tries to help rehabilitate the chil-



Left, social worker Edward, who works closely with the former street children at the Mthunzi centre; and right, children in class at St Columba's secondary school.

dren but some can be reunited with families, some will be supported out of their addiction, some will go to orphanages like Mthunzi.

'Kids would first go to elementary school and then on to our secondary school.'

ZamScotEd made

more than £430 from the weekend event, which will help provide desks, blackboards, and other classroom equipment for the second building at St Columba's, which the charity hopes will open in January 2018 for the start of the school year.

Holiday camp breaks on offer

BOOKINGS are now being taken for the Mid Argyll Holiday Camp this year.

Running over three different weeks in July, the camp gives children from P1 to P7 the chance to take part in a number of activities such as rugby, table tennis, an aquarun and some outdoor activities, among other things.

Youngsters can get involved in the holiday camp for either a full week, a full day or even just a half day.

Week one runs from July 10 to 14, week two from July 17 to 21 and week three from July 31 to August 4.

The holiday camp is a joint venture by Argyll and Bute Council, Active Schools and MACPool.

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Anthony (second left) is presented with his certificate from Kim Ritchie, left, Graham Love and Sue Hillman. 08_a26macpool03.

MACPool trainee Anthony celebrates exam success

ONE hard-working staff member at the Mid Argyll Community Pool in Lochgilphead has successfully completed his modern apprenticeship, writes Neill Bo Finlayson.

Anthony Macleod, 21, has just completed his SVQ level three in leisure management and was presented with his certificate last

Thursday at the swimming pool.

Anthony said: 'I'm happy to have gotten my qualification, especially since I was doing it while working.'

Anthony had to attend monthly meetings with tutors and was put through 'on the job' training.

Originally from Hamilton, Anthony re-

cently moved to Mid Argyll.

Board members from Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd (MACEL) – the company that runs MACPool – were on hand to present Anthony with his certificate.

MACEL chairwoman, Sue Hillman, said: 'We're very proud of Anthony completing

his modern apprenticeship.

'One of the remits of the company is to encourage young people into work and give them transferable skills.'

MACPool is looking to recruit new modern apprentices and are asking young people interested in getting involved to get in touch.

Vikings ready to raid Mid Argyll

GET SET for the Viking invasion in Mid Argyll this week.

Towns and villages across the area will be raided by fleets of longships as the Loch Fyne Viking Festival

gets under way next week from Thursday July 6 until Sunday 9.

The Viking Festival programme will start in Inveraray on July 6 at 11am, with the longships arriving in the

royal burgh at noon. The Viking programme in Inveraray will continue at least until 3pm, before moving on to Lochgilphead the next day.

From Lochgilphead

the Vikings will move on to Tarbert on Saturday where in the evening there will be a community barbecue and family ceilidh at the festival marquee.

Make sure and catch the re-enactment of Magnus Barefoot's successful bid to claim Kintyre as part of his Kingdom where the makeshift Vikings will drag a replica 40 foot Viking longship – built by volunteers in Tarbert – from the shores of Loch Fyne to the Sound of Jura.

To get into the Nordic spirit of the Viking invasions, families are encouraged to get along to the landing points to join in the fun.

During the festival



The Vikings return to Mid Argyll this year. 25_a27viking09



Longships return to Loch Fyne next week. 25_a27viking22

there will be plenty of opportunity to join in with rowing the longships. Please let the or-

ganisers know if you are interested in volunteering by contacting

festival@outlook.com. More details of the schedule are to be confirmed.

Cupples hits his stride to retain school title

DARK, thundery weather greeted golfers last Wednesday for the Lochgilphead High

School golf championships. The previous day's bright sunshine had

been replaced by threatening skies above Lochgilphead Golf Club for the 19 competitors.

Just as play got under way the heavens opened and the first nine holes were a very soggy affair. Leading after nine holes was Ben Cameron on 43, followed by Alistair Cupples who made amends for his fresh air opening tee shot - the pressure of being reigning champion was obviously telling. The second nine was played in improving conditions with every-

one beginning to dry out and the scores improving. Some notable holes were a birdie three for Gregor Mather at the fourth and, to top that, a hole-in-one at the last by Gregor McGeachy. The championship was retained by Alistair with a second nine of 39 to give a winning total of 82. Liam MacKinnon achieved the lowest net score of 65.

The school would like to thank Lochgilphead Golf Club for hosting the competition.



Damp conditions at the school golf championships.

University sets sights on eye education

THE UNIVERSITY of the Highlands and Islands has announced plans to develop a BSc degree in optometry to address the growing demand for eye care services in the region.

Managers have submitted an initial proposal to the Gener-

al Optical Council and are working with stakeholders to develop the new course. The programme will incorporate new approaches to regional training to support the delivery of optometry services in remote and rural communities.

The initiative is part of the university's wider plans to develop a School of Health, Social Care and Life Sciences which hopes to expand to meet the needs of the region.

Reports from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists have

demonstrated that demand for eye care services is out-stripping hospital capacity and the Scottish Government has identified a need for community services to continue to develop to meet growing demands and changing needs.

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Mobile cinema back in Mid Argyll

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The mobile cinema will park up in Lochgilphead at the Resource Centre from August 3 to 5, before putting on showings in Inveraray on August 7 in the main car park.

The machine will then travel down to Tarbert where it will be showing films on Campbeltown Road from August 8 to 9 and then a short hop over to Portavadie on August 10.

For full details on the films that will be screened, times and booking information, visit screenmachine.co.uk.



Fundraisers get into the spirit

THE MID Argyll Fundraising Group for Marie Curie held a whisky and gin tasting last week in the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead.

The committee members had been so impressed with the similar evening last year they had no reservations in asking distilling experts Donald, Mitch and Lauren from Cadenheads and Springbank in Campbeltown to come and educate the crowd and sample a few drams.

The tasters were treated to a couple of nips that have proved so popular that the distillery has run out of stock of that particular year and variety.

Gin was added to the itinerary this year as the popularity of the spirit grows exponentially in the UK. The informative talk by Mitch, on the whisky, and Donald, about the gin was the usual very high standard.

The evening was



Mitch Graham from Springbank Distillers discusses the history of whisky production in Kintyre. Photo: West Coast Photos.

hailed a great success by the Marie Curie team and, once added to the raffle proceeds, a grand total

of £879 was raised to be used locally by the charity.

The next big event for the Mid Argyll group is

a casino night to be held on August 4. Ticket details and venue to be announced soon.

Gavin Brown

School's out for summer with MAYDS

CELEBRATE the last day of school in style at the Sports Not on the Green fun night at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus this Friday.

The annual event organised by the Mid Argyll Youth Developments Services (MAYDS), is set to be one of the biggest and best yet.

A mobile skate park, the water walkers and a professional stuntman are just some of the main attractions on Friday evening.

There will also be a chance for youngsters to try their hand at athletics, rugby, football, golf, archery, karate and shooting while the MACPool will also be on hand to provide some action.

The usual refreshments will be available, as well as £100 worth of giveaways.

The evening begins at 6pm at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

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Lochgilphead Guides help Children in Need



The Guides and leaders with the cheque to Children in Need. 08_a26lguides01

THANKS to a big fundraising push, Lochgilphead Guides have chosen to donate some of their hard earned money to charity. After receiving money from the Co-op community fund, along with bag packing and fundraising at Lochgilphead Armed Forces' Day, they have managed to raise over a thousand pounds in total.

In deciding what to do with their funds, the girls thought that some of it should go to charity and so have

donated £225 to Children in Need.

Down on the Ardrishaig shoreline on Monday evening, the Guides marked the end of the Girlguiding term by having a roaring barbecue, where they were pleased to show off their cheque for Children in Need.

The group are making preparations for a big jamboree in Auchengillan next month and are excited at the prospect of meeting plenty of other Guides from around the country.

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Memories of Loch Fyne recalled in new book

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A BOOK is about to be launched that promises to be a real treat for anyone with memories of Loch Fyne and its people.

Communities change through time, and it was with this in mind that Ernest MacKellar Turner, better known as Mac Turner, decided to record memories of his youth growing up in Minard.

With the help of Una Cochrane of Edinburgh-based publisher, Busdubh Books, Mac has pulled together a fascinating collection of stories.

The fruits of their labours is the new book, entitled *Minard – a compendium of a Lochfyneside community 1933 to 1952*.

In the book, Mac recalls the folk he knew, local customs and landmarks,

the demise of local quarrying and fishing – and the inescapable impact of the Second World War on the whole Minard community.

Mac Turner was born in Minard in 1933 and educated at Minard Primary, Lochgilphead Junior Secondary and Dunoon Grammar schools.

National Service saw him serve with the RAF as a radar mechanic in Hong Kong.

On return to the UK, an engineering career took him to Lloyds Register of shipping in London until he retired in 1993.

He never forgot his happy childhood days in Minard, and he and his wife Mary returned often over the years to the place they loved.

In the presence of local VIPs, *Minard – a compendium of a Lochfyneside community 1933 to 1952* will

be formally launched on Thursday July 6 at Minard Village Hall.

The book, priced at a reasonable £8, is available at a limited number of local outlets, including Argyll Book Centre in Lochgilphead, Kilmartin Museum, Cairndow Tree Shop, and the Minard and Furnace shops.



Mac Turner is a keen accordionist and piper.

A flavour of Mac Turner's book...

One autumn evening, at the age of four years, I was taken to our front door to look out across a night sea adorned with a fairyland panorama of twinkling lights.

They moved silently through the blackness, spreading from Crarae Point to Brainport Point and across Loch Fyne to Kilbride Island.

The profusion of bright navigation and cargo cluster-lights of the fishing fleet setting out under the night sky was wonderfully exciting to watch.

Alas, how soon were these dancing lights to be replaced by the sinister darkness of

the government regulation blackout.

This darkness prevailed throughout the six long years of the Second World War – almost the duration of my primary school years.

The herring numbers declined progressively throughout the 1930s causing the eventual demise of the industry. Today it is unlikely that local lads when roaming the beaches would be hailed from a fishing boat with the shout 'Seen the whale?'

The whale's presence was a reliable guide to the presence of herring shoals, because although herring

spend daylight hours in deep water, they rise to the surface in the dark to feed on plankton. Where plankton was, there would likely be a whale.

Old habits die hard, thus despite the deepening problems in the industry, a pair of fishing boats from Tarbert would persist in occasionally trying the upper reaches of Loch Fyne for a 'quick shoot'.

This was a technique of deploying a net on a small shoal of herring.

Duncan Jackson, a famous fisherman from Tarbert, owned one pair which came

up the loch for this purpose.

As his boats drew level with Minard, they would slow down. They would come close enough inshore for the skipper to shout in the direction of Postmaster Hugh Cameron, who would then shout back any information he had about Solan Geese (Northern Gannets) diving for herring.

When Mr Cameron was not available the skipper's call 'Seen the whale?' was directed at any local lads in sight. We would indicate where we had last seen it, feeling rather pleased with our input to the life

of the community. Throughout my schooldays a whale – maybe the same one – would appear in the loch almost every year.

In those days there was no echo sounder to help locate herring.

Their location was detected using 'the wire' method. This involved a fishing line with a lead weight tied to its end being held in the skipper's hand, and trailed in the water astern of his very slowly moving fishing boat.

Should the line pass through a shoal of herring, the skipper could feel the impacts of the herring on the line sufficiently enough to allow him decide whether or not to 'shoot the net' in that area.'





From left, Jack Delaney, Agnes Liddell and Jake MacKay with the award.

Moothie master scoops album award

A SHEPHERD from Inveraray has won a national award for his album of harmonica music.

Jake MacKay's 2016 recording, entitled *His Master's Moothie* scooped the Box and Fiddle Fellowship Input (BAFFI) award for the best CD of the year ahead of three other finalists.

Jake received his award – along with Inveraray's Agnes Liddell, who played keyboard on the CD, and

Jack Delaney from Alloa who played accordion – at a star-studded awards lunch at Perth's Huntingtower Hotel.

Last Sunday's ceremony was compered by well-known accordion player, BBC radio's *Take The Floor* presenter and shinty player, Gary Innes.

Margaret Mather of Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club also attended the award ceremony, and said: 'We are delighted for

them. It is well deserved.' *His Master's Moothie* was recorded in March 2016 and showcases the versatility of the moothie in the hands of Jake MacKay.

Jake was born and brought up in Glen Aray, he has always been an ardent follower of Scottish dance music, but it was only when Peter Sinclair of Connel gave him a moothie as a present that Jake taught himself to

play. But it took some persuasion for Jake to take the plunge and record this excellent album, accompanied by Agnes and Jack.

The result is clearly appreciated by Scottish dance music aficionados the country over.



The album is available from www.musicscotland.com

All things bright and colourful

A COLOURFUL addition to Tarbert's big weekend will be a children's colouring competition.

Run by the Loch Fyne Gallery to coincide with Tarbert Seafood Festival, the competition will feature four age categories for children aged between four and 12 years of age.

Colouring sheets can be collected from the gallery, priced £1, and all proceeds go to the seafood festival.

Entries must be returned to the gallery by midday on Sunday July 2, and prizes are to be awarded at Beer on the Pier prize-giving, from 3.45pm the same afternoon.

Walk the canal in aid of charity

THIS Sunday offers the chance to do something practical to help a cancer charity.

Organised by Macmillan Cancer Support, the Walk the Crinan Canal fundraiser will start from Ardrishaig Pier at 9.30am on Sunday July 2 – and the big incentive is the homebaking and refreshments at the finishing line.

If you would like to donate towards this very worthwhile cause, sponsor sheets are available at the Mid Argyll Hospital reception and from Kathleen Young on 01546 605278.

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A Tarbert weekend not to be missed

TARBERT Seafood Festival is all set for this weekend – and it promises to be a fun event for all the family.

The feast of music, food and fun over Saturday and Sunday gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights.

One of the highlights will be the crowning of the Tarbert Seafood

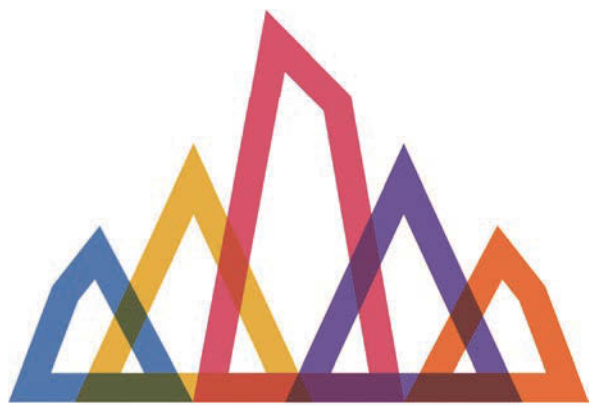
Festival Queen, Jacquelyn Clark, as she is accompanied by her princesses, Beth Johnstone and Robyn MacFie.

This will be followed by a festival procession through the village led by Mid Argyll Pipe Band, with this year's parade theme being 'nursery rhymes'.

Mike Leslie from the Coachman Hotel

in Kilsyth makes a welcome return to the festival on Saturday, while Clan Stunt Team, the Absurdist Pipe Band and Highland dancers from Campbeltown offer entertainment.

Popular band Ceilidh's Homet will be performing on the Saturday, with perennial favourites The Democrats taking the stage on Sunday.



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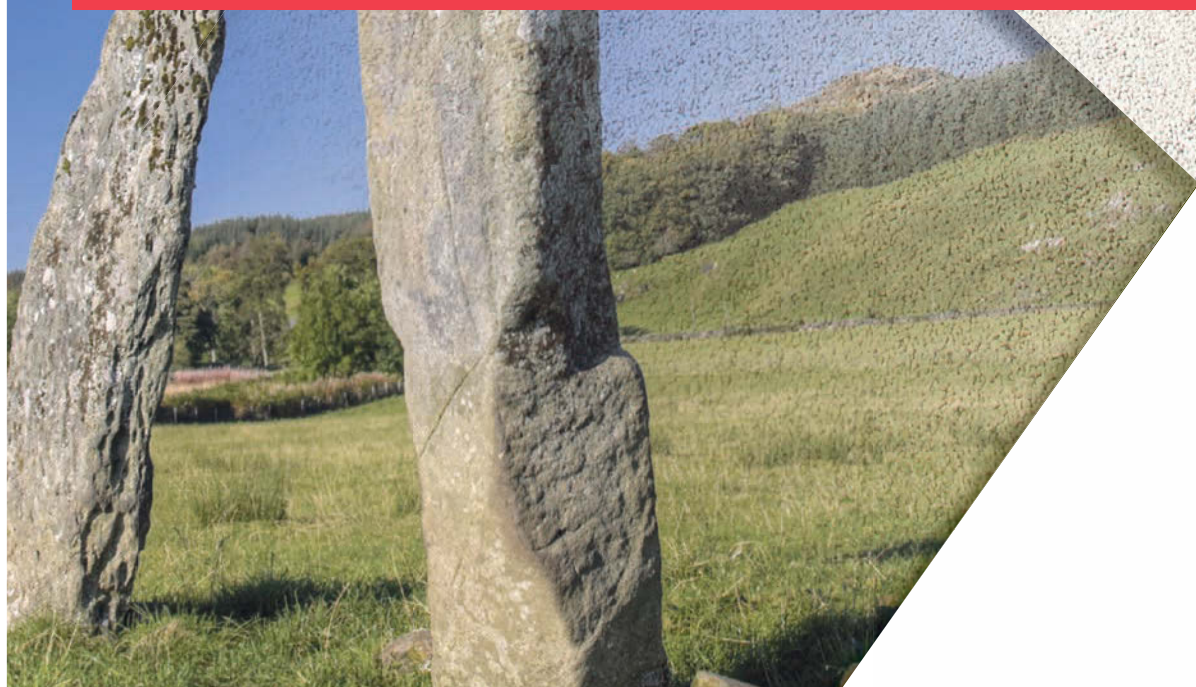
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Balter serve up 'Scottish musical tapas' to bumper Craignish crowd

ARDFERN played host to another night of musical merriment as traditional band, Balter, captivated a packed Craignish Village Hall last week.

As a large queue began to build at the door before the gig, organisers had to hurriedly set out extra chairs to accommodate the crowd that eventually squeezed into the village hall last Thursday night.

They had all come to see the female four-piece, Balter, who finished their mini tour of Scotland with this intimate gig in Ardfern.

The band - consisting of four Newcastle-based music students - took the stage with a childlike exuberance, confidently regaling the crowd with reels, jigs and the odd lamenting song.

Midway through their set, to the delight of the audience, accordionist Heather Ferrier put down her instrument and began to step dance, creating elaborate rhythms for the band to play along with. The girls clearly just enjoy playing the music they love.

Fiddle player and vocalist, Imogen Bose-Ward said: 'The tour has been good for us as a band to build on our relationship and connections together as a group. It's been so nice to have a chance to take time to properly practice and just play tunes with each other. Also, it's a beautiful part of the world visit.'

Balter are one of the first groups to perform as part of this year's Craignish Village Hall arts programme and came about after arts director, John Saich, spotted the four-piece group playing at Celtic Connections.

Anna, also on the fiddle and vocals, explained: 'When we finished our set at Celtic Connections there was a big stream of people chatting to us and so didn't think much of it when John said he wanted to book us. But he did actually get back in touch which was great. We said yes, of course, and that booking helped us to start planning this tour.'

Having almost missed their bus to Craignish and nearly having a



Balter, from left to right: Holly Clarke (guitar and vocals), Anna Hughes (Fiddle and vocals), Imogen Bose-Ward (fiddle and vocals) and Heather Ferrier (accordion and dance).

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venue ceiling collapse on them the night before, it's certainly been an eventful week of touring for Balter. Imogen said: 'It has

been such good craic. We have had a few disasters though. 'At our gig in Edinburgh, it was thunder and lightning outside

and the ceiling thought it might come down. Then rain started pouring in all over the PA system. We're glad it went a bit smoother tonight.'

With three of the four members coming from south of the border, it may seem like an unlikely set up for a traditional Celtic band. 'But having met while studying traditional music at Newcastle University, they are all keen to experiment with a mix of influences to create new sounds.

Guitarist and vocalist, Holly Clarke, said: 'As part of our studies, we get to explore Scottish, American and English traditional music.

'Anna has even been experimenting with traditional Scandinavian music which we're trying to throw into

the mix.' Although their material is distinctly Scottish, there was an eclectic range of influences in their set.

'The strength of our music,' Holly continued, 'is I think in the mix of genres that we create. It's quite a unique blend of music - we call it Scottish tapas.'

Green-fingered fun at Blarbuie

FAMILIES are invited up to Blarbuie community garden this weekend for some green-fingered fun and games.

This Tuesday, July 4, Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise is opening up their gardens for a family fun day, marking the height of the summer season.

Coconut shy, hoopla and Celtic sword making are just some of the activities on offer to keep youngsters entertained, while there are lots of plants for sale to keep the more matured garden enthusiasts happy.

The fun day will give visitors the opportunity to see the woodland company's latest projects including the new 'men's shed'.

There will be refreshments on offer although it may be a good idea to bring along a picnic to enjoy in the gardens.

The fun day starts at 11am, finishing around 3pm. Just follow the signs through the wooden arch at the top left hand side of the hospital car park.

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Balter performing a slow set of tunes in front of a captivated crowd.

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Kildalloig leads the way for Argyll exhibitors

A SMALL but hardy contingent of Argyll and Bute exhibitors made the trip to Ingliston for last week's Royal Highland Show.

They headed back west with a clutch of rosettes for the mantlepiece. Prominent among the Argyll winners was the Kildalloig flock of Bluefaced Leicesters, Campbeltown. Among their highlights were a winning gimmer which was adjudged reserve champion for the breed.

Other notable success came in the heavy horse turnouts, where Bute farmer John McMillan's

Clydesdales took home a host of winning rosettes.

Away from the livestock lines, Inverloch Cheese Company of Kintyre won medals for its fine produce.

Selected results are shown below.

Sheep

Blackface: tup lamb, 3rd Mr Andrew Prentice, Maol Farm, Isle of Iona. Bluefaced Leicester – traditional type: Reserve champion, best female and best bred by exhibitor.

J & M Turner, Campbeltown.

Bluefaced Leicester – traditional type: gimmer, 1st J & M Turner, Campbeltown. Bluefaced Leicester – traditional type: shearing tup 2nd J & M Turner, Campbeltown.

Scotch mule: ewe

2nd Mr Andrew Campbell, Lettermay Lodge, Lochgoilhead.

Beef Cattle: British Limousin: bull born on or after 1st June 2016

3rd Mr Ewen MacGillivray, Home Farm, Barcaldine, Oban

Horses
Heavy horse turnouts

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Cheese

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Bronze, Inverloch Cheese Company, Campbeltown with Lazy Ploughman's.



NFUS regional manager Kate Maitland serves up the Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

Quality beer and cheese for farm 'do'

AS A WAY of thanking its hard-working members around the country, the National Farmers' Union Scotland hosted its annual drinks reception at last week's Royal Highland Show.

Argyll was well represented at the reception, among a range of quality local food and drink producers showcasing their wares.

NFU Scotland's regional boards, branch and committee chairmen, staff, board of directors and group secretaries gathered for a bletcher over the fine food and drink. NFU Scotland president An-

drew McCormick said: "Throughout the year at many NFU Scotland events we celebrate the provenance of the fine Scottish produce that is available in every corner of the country.

"We would encourage everyone to support our farmers and crofters by buying Scottish produce where possible, and enjoy the array of top quality food and drink on offer on their doorstep."

Among the top-notch Scottish suppliers were Cairndow brewery, Fyne Ales and First Milk's Campbeltown-based Mull of Kintyre cheese.



Fyne Ales slaked a few farming thirsts with a range of quality beers.



A familiar face at the drinks reception - Argyll and the Isles NFUS region stalwart John Semple.

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Highland Show breaks records

A RECORD-BREAKING 190,000 visitors flocked to last week's 177th Royal Highland Show - the UK's biggest celebration of farming, food and rural life.

The event, held annually on a large site next to Edinburgh Airport, contributes

an estimated £50 million to the Scottish economy. Over £8 million is estimated to have been spent on shopping at the event, which features machinery, gardening equipment, clothing, food, art, crafts and homewares.

With agriculture at its

core, this year's four-day show saw the highest entries of sheep for over a decade (2,000) alongside 1,100 cattle and a record breaking 408 heavy horse entries. The event's food showcase, Scotland's Larder Live, featured 120 of the finest food

and drink exhibitors from across Scotland and the UK.

Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) chief executive Alan Laidlaw said: 'This year's Show has been a huge success which is in no small part due to the sup-

port we receive from volunteers, exhibitors and the public.

'It has been an inspiring four days soaking up a great atmosphere and seeing everyone getting so much out of the experience. Roll on next year!'

Shearing time for Argyll hill shepherd Sybil

A SPECIAL farming couple attracted a large crowd to the sheep rings at the Royal Highland Show on Sunday June 25 for a charity endeavour which moved everyone who watched it.

Dalmally hill farmer George MacPherson carefully took the clippers to his wife Sybil's locks, a year to the day after she had clipped his beard for charity.

The couple, who starred in the hit BBC series *This Farming Life* were raising money for Cancer Research UK having been particularly moved by the story of Hamish Hey, a seven-year-old boy from Nairn who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year.

Sybil, who is an im-

mediate past chairman of the National Sheep Association of Scotland and a great ambassador for Scotch Lamb, is well known for her trademark tousled locks. She farms at Brackley, where she and George run 2,000 ewes, mostly Blackface with some Cheviots, alongside 100 Shetlands.

Last year the couple raised almost £4,500 for Macmillan Cancer Care at the show when Sybil clipped George's very impressive beard, which he had been growing since lambing time.

Sybil says she has never had her hair cut short before, although she has been known to have the occasional 'tidy up' for special

occasions. 'I feel incredibly lucky to farm where I do and have the lifestyle I have,' said Sybil, 'and if I can help to raise the profile of the work of a great charity and raise some funds at the same time it's an opportunity I don't want to miss.'

Sybil's sister Helen and niece Lucy, who also appeared in *This Farming Life* travelled from London to offer their support. Friends have also been offering a selection of stylish hats, including a Scotch Lamb bonnet, to keep her warm.

Sybil added: 'I am lucky, I have my health and my hair will grow back - though I think George might take a while to get used to seeing me without it!



Brave Sybil steels herself for the chop.

We still have all our sheep to shear at home so he'll be gathering the flock with me looking quite different this

year.' If you would like to support Sybil and George's fundraising efforts, a Justgiving page can be found

by searching for Carol McLaren, where you will find a page called The Official Shearing of Sybil.



George seems to enjoy the clipping - Sybil is not so sure.

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Dunaverty hall committee wins Scottish charity prize

THE VOLUNTEERS who give up their time to run Dunaverty hall have won a national charity award. Last week, Dunaverty hall committee treasurer, Margaret McDow-

all collected the Celebrating Communities trophy at the glittering Scottish charity awards dinner in Edinburgh.

Mrs McDowall said: 'On behalf of the Dunaverty Hall Committee, I would like to say how thrilled we are to win this prestigious award.'

'We have only been able to achieve this thanks to the thousands of people who've supported us, the dedication and hard work of our committee and the support of our community.'



Margaret McDowall, centre, collects the trophy.



The children look on as the adults take part in the tug of war.

Southend's sports day success

PUPILS and parents jumped into Southend playing field for the primary school's annual sports day.

All pupils made their way to the finish line in various races within their class groups.

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Community council is at the beating heart of West Kintyre

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Each unit will be registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service, and all are equipped with adult and paediatric pads to ensure they are suitable for all age groups.

They can be found in clearly visible external areas at Whitehouse Village Hall, Clachan Primary School, Tayinloan Village Hall,

Muasdale Holiday Park, Glenbarr Stores and The Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy.

The news came as West Kintyre has released an action plan. Its main priorities are: improving the state of the A83; having 3G/4G mobile signal and super fast broadband for all, and maintaining the current GP service-



Muasdale's newly installed, potentially life-saving, defibrillator in its distinctive casing.

at Muasdale surgery.

After consultation with residents, the living plan, outlining the majority community aspirations for the development in the area over the next six years, was drawn up, giving suggested timescales, priorities and responsibilities to be achieved.

In addition the council wants to improve career opportunities with easily accessible business start-up grants and bursaries, and set up a Community Development Trust.

Since the completion of RES' Freasdail Windfarm, there is a new benefit which will be known as the West Kintyre Community Fund.

In a ground-breaking agreement with RES, part of it will fund an electricity discount scheme of £235

per year, for all eligible households within about a 5km radius of the turbines.

Due to the turbines sitting in both West Kintyre, and Tarbert and Skipness, the remainder of the fund will be split equally between the two areas.

In West Kintyre, it will be used to offer two educational bursaries, of £1,000pa, to persons under the age of 50 and planning either a first degree, college course or approved apprenticeship.

As well as these bursaries, the fund will offer small business start up grants.

To aid communication the community council will place new notice boards in areas without them, such as Tayinloan and Bellochantuy, and badly damaged boards will be replaced.

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These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12.30 -13.30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

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17/01619/PP	Retention of temporary modular building for storage and training purposes.	Campbeltown Community Fire Station Lady Mary Row Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6HS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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17/01590/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 15 metre high lattice tower and associated works	Land Approx 390 Metres North East Of Achnashelloch Farm (Off The A816) Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/01440/PP	Installation of 27.5 metres high mast and associated works and removal of existing 20 metres high mast	Telecommunications Mast Achahoish Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/01473/PP	Erection of replacement conservatory.	Gleniffer Stronvaar Avenue Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6SW	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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Sunday school children enjoying the seaside sunshine.

GIGHA

Tourism project

A NEW project led by Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (Act), has been launched in partnership with a trust on the Isle of Gigha.

The project aims to help communities across Argyll and the Isles to enhance visitor experiences, an example of this would be Achamore Gardens' volunteer programme on Gigha.

Amy Wilson of Achamore Gardens

said: 'Providing the gardens' community with a high-quality volunteer programme is an integral part of our sustainable development approach to meeting the learning, health and wellbeing needs of our community and island visitors.'

Act Hubs project officer Elaine Cameron and her team will be working with groups across Argyll and the Isles to help demonstrate innovative and sustainable approaches to improve tourism, support local economies and encourage people to ex-

plore their natural environment. Act Hubs is jointly funded by Act, the Scottish Government and the European Community Argyll and the Islands LEADER programme.

KILBERRY

Sheepdog trials

Kilberry will play host to the South Knapdale sheepdog trials this Sunday, July 2.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS amazing to think that his wings had not yet given him flight.

We watched from the hide at Loch of the Lowes and marvelled at the young osprey chicks safe in the security of their nest, guarded by the parent birds.

They were almost ready to fly and one flexed his wings in anticipation of the flight ahead.

He must have watched his parents many times as they soared into the sky and then disappeared till the male bird returned with a tasty fish supper.

The chick would learn by watching and soon it would be his turn.

I wonder how he feels as he teeters on the edge of the nest with that great drop beneath him.

His wings have to work and the young birds have to trust that they will.

Once the flying lessons are over, the parents then teach the skills needed for fishing.

They have to be taught not to go for too big a fish until they are stronger.

Because of the hooks on their claws and the almost Velcro-like stickiness, once they have caught the fish they can't let go.

So a big fish could pull the osprey under the water and the bird could drown.

There is much to learn as an osprey chick and in their learning they give us great pleasure and a real sense of wonder.

We could draw many analogies in our own lives.

We learn from our parents, are advised not to bite off more than we can chew, but we know that they are always there for us.

Jesus said that God is like a mother bird keeping us safe under the wings of love till we can fly for ourselves.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

DEATHS

BUTTERWORTH - Janet Helen, April 22, 1980 - June 15, 2017. A celebration of Janet's life will take place, at Barnacarry, Kilninver, PA34 4QU, on Wednesday, July 12 at 2.30pm, to which all friends are invited.

CARROLL - On June 23, 2017, peacefully, at Royal Alexander Hospital, Paisley, William (Paisley Willie) Carroll, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Mary Carroll, née MacDonald, dear stepfather of Donald John and a dear friend of many. Funeral service was held at Fisher Row, Inveraray, on June 29, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

DUNCAN - At home with her family, on Thursday, June 22, 2017, Betty Duncan, née MacCallum, aged 79 years, of Highbank Park, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Joe, loving mother of Karen and Brian, adored and much loved gran to Sharon, Michelle, Marc, Jamie and Eilidh and great gran to Kayla. A much respected mother-in-law to Lilian and dear friend to many. A private family service was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. Will be very sorely missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACPHAIL - Christine, Garry, Callum, Fraser and Lynsey would like to thank everyone for the cards, telephone calls, flowers etc following the sad and sudden loss of David. Grateful thanks to Calum Lawson, Jamie Morris, Allan Wallace, Ross Crawford, Julie Mathieson, Dr Anderson and nurse on duty. Thank you to Rev Philip Wallace for the comforting service, to Kenneth, Rhys and Alasdair Blair for their caring and professional service, and to the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel. Lastly, thanks to all who came to pay their respects, both at the church and graveside, and to all who contributed to the retiral collection for the Kintyre Dialysis Support Group, which raised £2,456.

MCKAY - Michelle, Andrew, Ryan and Claire, Christopher and families would like to thank family and friends for their calls, cards, flowers and messages following the passing of Joyce. Special thanks to Dr Villalba for the support over the years and to Dr Toledo and the nurses at the Acute Ward for all they have done. A special thanks to Major Ben Russell of the Salvation Army for a comforting service, and to Kenny and Rhys Blair for all their help in arranging things. Thanks also to everyone who paid their last respects at the service and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMS

EDWARDS - In loving memory of Jimmy, a loving husband, dad, grandad and great grandad, died July 4, 2011. Can't believe it's been six years, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- Love, Flo and family, at home and away.
EDWARDS - In loving memory of my dad, Jimmy. Never more than a thought away, Loved and remembered every day.
- Love always, Janet and family.

LAFFERTY - In loving memory of our mother, who passed away July 5, 2010.
- The Lafferty family.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of a dear mother, Catherine, who died July 2, 2016. Always in our thoughts.
- From the family.

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- Anne, Stuart and family.

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Kyles are kings of the south again

Celtic Society Cup Final

Kyles Athletic 3 Oban Camanachd 1

IT WAS the men from Tighnabruaich who won the battle of the south on Saturday as their 3-1 defeat of Oban Camanachd handed them the Celtic Society Cup for a record fifth straight year.

Both teams travelled to the Taynuilt Sports Field to take part in the televised final for the south regional cup.

With a swirling wind and a greasy surface, both teams made an uncertain start but it was Kyles who struck an early blow. Roddy MacDonald's first-time pass found Gordon Whyte who continued the one-touch passing to Dunkie Kerr who then swept the ball into the net from the edge of the D to make it 1-0 with just six minutes played.

With the rain becoming heavier, Kyles were clearly on top but despite their dominance they only led 1-0 at the break.

Kyles hit Oban Camanachd with a sucker punch



Kyles' Andrew King battles with Daniel Cameron of Oban for possession.

within a minute of the re-start. Garry Lord was penalised for a wild swing and Dunkie Kerr ran forward onto Gordon Whyte's free-hit and he steered the ball low into the net from the left of the D to make it 2-0. It was a well-worked goal, executed to perfection.

Oban Camanachd knew they needed to score next as the weather conditions were now making it really difficult for both sides to play good shinty.

After 65 minutes, however, substitute Sandy MacKenzie's saved shot was followed up by Roddy MacDonald who forced the rebound home to make it 3-0.

Daniel Cameron gave Oban Camanachd some hope when he pulled a goal back with 10 minutes remaining. The Kyles defence failed to deal with a high Scott MacMillan ball into the goal area and Daniel Cameron showed great composure to run in to touch the ball past the keeper to make it 3-1.

Oban Camanachd were creating chances and a late flurry of action only resulted in a couple of missed opportunities.

There were no more goals, however, and the match finished 3-1 in favour of Kyles Athletic.

Captain Gordon Whyte was presented with the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup by sponsor Gregor Cameron and the trophy goes back to Tighnabruaich for a club record fifth suc-

cessive time.

Bullough Cup Quarter Final

Inveraray 6 Kilmory 1

INVERARAY seconds were too strong for the Kilmory seconds winning 6-1 in their noon throw-up at The Winterton.

Both teams showed a lot of faith in their young players, which is always a good sign in the game. Inveraray were along usual lines whilst Kilmory fielded a mixture of youth and experience with the ever-green Calum McKinven in defence and their juveniles included 12-year-old Andrew Innis up front.



The fours and triples winners with their trophies.

Bowls champions reach county finals

THE WEST Argyll ladies bowling finals were held in Ardrishaig on Sunday June 18.

The winners qualified for the Argyll and Bute finals, to be played in Campbeltown on Saturday July 15.

Winners: Singles - E



Kyles Athletic lifted the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Celtic Cup in Taynuilt.

Photos: Stephen Lawson.

Inveraray's Andy Stewart got the opener on eight minutes only for Kilmory's John MacMillan to level a couple of minutes later.

David MacPherson restored Inveraray's lead on 15 minutes and David Robertson added two more with strikes on 21 and 44 minutes to make it 4-1 at the break.

David Robertson netted for a third time just three minutes into the second half and the goal recorded the veteran's first hat-trick in competitive shinty. There was an element of good fortune involved as Robertson stretched out a caman to deflect a Scott MacIntyre shot that was heading well

wide, past Kilmory keeper Colin Gilmour and into the net.

Andy Stewart got his second goal of the game on 65 minutes to round off the 6-1 win.

Inveraray will now play Lochside Rovers in next month's Bullough Cup semi-final.



From left: Fiona McLeod, Alistair Craig, Roddy MacDonald, George Annan, Jamie Lang and Sylvia Macdonald.

Ardrishaig triple scoops Burnside Cup

THEY came from all across Argyll and Bute to take part in the Burnside Cup.

Another successful event at Lochgilphead bowling club on Saturday June 24 saw 22 triples compete for the trophy. The winners were the Ardrishaig Bowl-

ing Club team of Alistair Craig, Jamie Lang and George Annan, who beat Craig Martin, Liam Sharpe and John Martin in the final. The tournament was kindly sponsored by Donald MacDonald Funeral directors.

Ross crowned Lochgilphead gents champion

AFTER an excellent four rounds of golf, the new gents' champion at Lochgilphead is Ross Sinclair. Ross finished with a score of 265 for the four rounds and won the seniors Downhill Trophy on day one. In second place was captain Ryan McGlynn with a score of 277 and in third place was Robbie Wilson who also had a gross score of 277, so was the winner of the handicap competition.

The Lochgilphead ladies enjoyed

the hospitality of Tarbert Golf Club at their open where Kathleen Young took second place in the scratch score and Ele Hunter won nearest the pin at the 17th.

Superb

The juniors played for the June Medal and saw Ali Cupples win with a superb 20 points and Liam MacKinnon was runner up with 20 points.

On a less serious note the club had a fun competition to mark the end of its 10-week junior and beginner adult

coaching. This was a pairs event and the winners were Ali and Harry Turner who won the under-10 Clubgolf Trophy, Ruan McKellar and James Scott who won the over-10 Clubgolf Trophy and David Sinclair and Claire McCarten who won the adult trophy.

After the golf, the competitors enjoyed supper while discussing the 'if onlys' of the day. The club would like to thank all the competitors and helpers who played, provided and served the supper.



The Lochgilphead gents looking pleased with their rounds.

Argyll and Bute primary badminton winners



Girls singles winner, Anneloes Hutton, Dervaig Primary. 06_a25badminton01

AS REPORTED in last week's edition of *The Advertiser*, the Argyll and Bute primary schools badminton championships were held at Mid Argyll Sports Centre on June 19. Taking part were schools from as far afield as Arrochar, Campbeltown, Oban and Mull.

Councillor Donnie MacMillan presented the prizes after an excellent day of competitive badminton.

Winners

We did not have space last week for photos of the individual winners, so these are published on this page.



Girls doubles winners, Lois Norrie and Aimee MacPhail. 06_a25badminton03



Boys singles winner, Morgan Gemmell, Park Primary. 06_a25badminton02



Mixed doubles winners, Ryan Shields and Annabel Semple. 06_a25badminton05



Boys doubles winners, Morgan Gemmell and Innes McCallum, Park Primary. 06_a25badminton04

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Argyll and Bute primary
badminton winners

Dougie takes first club championship

IN A busy week for Inveraray Golf Club, the club championship came to a conclusion on Sunday evening. Dougie Fraser eventually came out on top in a hard-fought contest in challenging conditions as squally showers ensured the course played tough and long. Congratulations to Dougie in what was his first time winning the championship.

On Tuesday June 20, the club played a team match against Dalmally Golf Club. It was a cracking evening with sunshine from the start to finish of the sociable match. Twelve players from each club battled it out in pairs competition, Inveraray eventually running out 5-1 winners. The club thanks Dalmally for hosting the match which is becoming a highlight of the golfing season.

This coming weekend, it is the turn of the Inveraray Senior members to play for the club's senior championship on Sunday July 2.

Entries are also now being taken for the Inveraray Open to be played on July 15. Contact 07527 929843 for a tee time.

Full results:
Club Championship, scratch:
1 Dougie Fraser, 166
2 Derek Robertson, 169
3 George Morrison, 175
Club Championship, handicap:
1 Derek Robertson, 147
2 DJ MacDonald, 150
3 Duncan Robertson, 154

Argyll athletics championship

SECONDARY pupils from seven different Argyll schools made the trip to Lochgilphead earlier this month for a schools' athletics championship.

Teams of S3-S4 students from Dunoon, Rothesay, Tarbert, Oban, Tobermory and Campbeltown came to the Lochgilphead Joint Campus to put their sporting prowess to the test.

There was a full com-

pliment of athletics events for the pupils to take part in, including long jump, high jump, javelin, shot putt and the 100m and 200m races. Despite the cold, wet afternoon the competitions were hotly contested with a number of stand-out individual performances in both the boys and girls events.

Andy Trull, Sports Scotland community sports co-ordinator for



Jumping clear of the bar in the high jump. 08_a25athletics11



Neck and neck at the finish line of the boys' 100m dash. 08_a25athletics01

Argyll, organised the competitions and has hopes of making it an annual affair. He said: 'We're trying to resurrect an annual Argyll athletics championship which we'll then try and link into area and then national championships.'

Andy was impressed with not only the turnout but the standard of competition, as were

the rest of the Active Schools staff who were adjudicators for the day.



Winding up to launch the javelin. 08_a25athletics06

Sports club lotteries

NUMBERS drawn on Monday in the Tarbert Football Club lottery were 1, 4 and 6. There were no winners this week so next week's jackpot is £800.

Also drawn on Monday, the Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery draw numbers were 3, 5, and 15. There were no winners so the jackpot will be £700 next week. In the Inveraray Shinty Club lottery, the numbers were 7, 8 and 16. There were no winning tickets so next week's jackpot is £300.

Argyll and Bute Cup draw

THE group sections for this year's Argyll and Bute Cup to be held on Saturday August 5 - Group A - Lochgilphead Red Sar, Tarbert, Glasgow Islay and South Lochaber Thistle. This group will play at the Rope-work Park.

Group B - Dunoon, Oban Saints, Neilston and Rothesay Brandane. This group will play at the High School Campus 3G.

First games at 10am.

Stern test for the ladies at Tarbert annual open

THE ANNUAL Ladies Open was held at Tarbert Golf Club on Sunday with 41 golfers from clubs around the area competing for a selection of prizes.

A challenging course in excellent condition provided a stern test and only those golfers on form were able to bring home good scores.

The fact that only three birdies were recorded all day was a testament to the challenge. Local knowledge played its part as the stableford prizes and the trophy went to Tarbert members.

When all the cards were in, Georgie Dickson headed the field with a fine score of 40 points, while Rona Young on 38 points and Janeann Reppke on 36 points completed

the top three. Ann Gallacher with a gross of 82 took the scratch first prize, Kathleen Young with 84, and Alice Anderson with 87, finished second and third respectively.

On completion of their rounds all the players enjoyed a sumptuous buffet provided by Tarbert ladies.

To close the event, Ladies Captain Rae Bleasby thanked the competitors, many of whom had travelled a long distance to play, and all the Tarbert members who had contributed to make the day a success.

She then announced the winners in the various categories and the prizes and trophy were presented by Russell Thompson, Assistant Manager of the Anchor

Hotel and Barge Tarbert who sponsored the competitions.

Prize winners: Stableford - 1 Georgie Dickson, 40 points, Tarbert; 2 Rona Young, 38 points, Tarbert; 3 Janeann Reppke, 36 points, Tarbert.

Scratch - 1 Ann Gallacher, 82, Machrihanish; 2 Kathleen

Young, 84, Lochgilphead; 3 Alice Anderson, 87, Brodick.

Longest Drive 18th, Silver - Ann May, Brodick; Longest Drive 18th, Bronze - Hilary Oman, Machrihanish.

Nearest The Pin 4th - Issy Currie, Kyles of Bute; Nearest The Pin 17th - Ellie Hunter, Lochgilphead. Birdies: Kathleen Young, Ann May and Hilary Oman.



Sponsor, Russell Thompson, with Ellie Hunter, Janeann Reppke, Georgie Dickson, Rona Young, Issy Currie and Ladies Captain Rae Bleasby.

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