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Homes raided in drugs bust

'Drugs is an issue that affects every community'

EXCLUSIVE

by **EDEL KENEALY**

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FOUR homes in Mid Argyll were this week raided by police as the local force continues its mission to stamp out drugs in the area.

The raids, all in the Tarbert area, have seen four local men arrested for being in possession of cannabis, with one man facing a charge of intending to supply the class B drug.

Gerard Boyle had his home, 2 Stables Cottages, Tarbert, raided last

Friday, when it is alleged he was found in possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

He was again alleged to be in possession of the substance when later searched at Lochgilphead Police Office.

The 54-year-old appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday and pled not guilty to both charges. His next court appearance is scheduled for August 29.

A further three men were detained by police on Wednesday afternoon as police carried out raids on three homes in the Loch Fyne village.

The homes were raided simultaneously at 3.15pm which saw three men, two aged 35 and one aged 46, reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged possession of cannabis.

Police Scotland has confirmed that all four cases are related, stating the searches are the result

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A PUPIL that is always kind to others at Lochgilphead Joint Campus was recently presented with an award. Cameron McCallum from the high school was presented with the prize for citizenship at the school's annual prize giving. The youngster is one of many from across Argyll to be recognised at the end of the school term. For a full round up of school news see pages 18, 19 and 20.

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Members of Tarbert Youth Group were rewarded for their hard work at a beach clean with a free canoeing session this week. Light drizzle and cold conditions did not stop the group from grabbing their paddles on Saturday morning to go around West Loch Shore. The group was led by David McBride from Kayak Majik, who was thanking them for their efforts at a beach clean of the West Loch Shore area earlier this year. Tomorrow (Saturday) David will be at Tarbert Sea-food Festival offering people free taster kayaking sessions in the harbour. 06_a27canoe01

Tax to double on empty homes

Argyll and Bute 'one of the most pro-active councils in Scotland' in tackling the issue of empty homes

PRESSURE is mounting on landlords to bring more than 1,400 abandoned homes back into use in Argyll and Bute, as the local authority launches a two-pronged attack on the county's housing crisis.

Councillors last week agreed two policies that aim to open up the 1,470 unoccupied dwellings in Argyll and Bute to desperate families; a move hailed by housing charities.

A new empty homes policy has been agreed which will see the council offer property owners grants and loans to upgrade their house if they hand it over to a registered social landlord for a period of five to 10 years.

The policy will allow landlords to apply for grants and loans up to £20,000 to bring the home up to letting standards, whilst an empty homes officer has been employed to ensure funding goes to the areas in greatest need of housing.

In a separate move Argyll and Bute councillors voted to double the council tax on properties that have been unused for more than 12 months, or are not being actively marketed for

sale or lease.

To avoid the hike in tax, which comes into effect from next April, home owners will be required to prove that they occupy the house for at least 25 days of a rolling 12 month period.

The move has been praised by Kristen Hubert, a Shelter Scotland employee and coordinator of the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute is quickly becoming one of the most pro-active councils in Scotland with regards to tackling the issue of long-term private sector empty homes. Last year the council committed more money to grants and loans for empty home owners than any other council in the country.'

'With all the support available from Argyll and Bute Council, owners should have no reason to reach the point where they will be charged extra for leaving their home empty.'

'Empty homes cannot solve housing supply issues alone, but they can be part of a holistic solution to provide local affordable housing and to regenerate communities.'

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Sale of tobacco to underage people falls

THE number of underage people who are sold tobacco in Argyll and Bute has fallen significantly, according to the council's latest figures.

Testing of tobacco retailers in 2012/13 found that seven per cent sold cigarettes to people under 18 on the first visit, down from 30 per cent the previous year and 95 per cent in 2009.

The volunteer test purchasing scheme, ran by the council's trading standards team, involved teenagers, who were at least 18 months younger than the minimum age of 18, trying to buy tobacco.

Oil stolen

KEROSCENE oil has been stolen from a fuel tank in Tayvallich.

The oil was taken from the tank, near to The Byre, sometime between June 7 and June 30.

Owner reported as dog worries sheep in Tarbert

A LAMB grazing in fields near Tarbert Castle has died after a case of sheep worrying in the village.

A Labrador dog was seen attacking the lamb at about 11am on Sunday. The 53-year-old male owner of the dog has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Homes raided in drugs bust

Continued from Page 1 of intelligence from a number of sources.

A spokesman for Police Scotland, said: 'Drugs is an issue that affects every community in Scotland including Argyll. These operations show that we do take the drug issue very seriously and, where we

have the information and intelligence to justify action, we have the resources and capacity to do so.

If any member of the public has information they can contact their local police or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

£350,000 for Inveraray project released

ARGYLL and Bute Councillors voted to release £350,000 to the Inveraray regeneration project last week.

The money will be added to the £970,000 Historic Scotland grant and will be used to repair a number of key buildings in the Royal Burgh's conservation area.

Voting at a full council meeting last Thursday, councillors acknowledged the importance of Inveraray as key tourist destination in the county.

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Drug charge

A 20-YEAR-OLD man has been reported to the procurator fiscal after he was allegedly caught smoking cannabis by Lochgilphead police officers.

Officers on foot patrol in the town on Friday evening allegedly found the man smoking the drug on Whitegates Road, within the grounds of the Resource Centre.

Police search teenager's home

A TEENAGER in Lochgilphead was allegedly found in possession of cannabis after police officers obtained a warrant to search his Lochnell Street home.

The 18-year-old's house was searched on Monday afternoon when a quantity of the drug was allegedly found.

Museum to take on three apprentices

KILMARTIN House Museum is searching for three apprentices.

The apprentices will learn first hand the techniques used by archaeologists when they spend five weeks working with the museum's archaeologist Roddy Regan.

The programme, which is open to people aged 16 to 20, will include a two-week dig at Dun Mhuirich Fort and three weeks' post excavation work.

The aim of the programme, which has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is to get more young people studying archaeology and history in schools and university.

Young people who would like to take part do not have to be studying the subjects at school, but must submit a letter explaining why they would like to take part.

Saltire celebration for volunteers



Fiona Cupples, 15, and Zoe Lawrence, 17, right, who have both completed 200 hours of voluntary work at Ardrishaig Brownies were invited to the Saltire Awards Reception hosted by first minister, Alex Salmond.

Brownie duo win award

TWO YOUNG volunteers from Mid Argyll had their hard work recognised by attending a special reception that was hosted by Scotland's first minister.

Fiona Cupples and Zoe Lawrence both volunteer at Ardrishaig Brownies and have each received a Saltire Award for completing 200 hours of voluntary work.

In recognition of their efforts the girls were invited to attend the Saltire Awards Reception at Edinburgh Castle, where they met Alex Salmond.

The girls joined hundreds of other young people from across Scotland at the annual event, which celebrates the volunteering work done by Scotland's youth.

Zoe has worked with the group for five years and has gone on to become a Saltire Awards Ambassador for Kintyre and Mid Argyll.

Fiona, who lives in Lochgilphead, has volunteered with the Brownies for two years and said she had a fantastic time at the ceremony.

She said: 'It was great to be invited.'

'We got to speak to Alex Salmond who stopped and told us about how important the role of the Brownies is.'

Speaking about her role at the group, she added: 'We do a variety of activities which include organising events and working with the Girl Guiding Programme.'

Christine Lawrence, county commissioner for Girl Guiding in Argyll, who is also Zoe's mum, said she was proud of both girls.

She said: 'I am delighted that the work of two girls from Argyll has been recognised.'

'They both do a fantastic job at the Brownies.'

'They had a fantastic time at the ceremony.'

Scottish Water invests £2.5m in Inveraray

INVERARAY residents will soon see an improvement to their water supply as Scottish Water prepares to invest £2.5 million in a new infrastructure.

The water provider will install a new 3.1 mile water main linking the Douglas Water Plant to Inveraray Water Treatment Works (WTW).

The new water main will be used when the Steallaire Ban Reservoir and Loch

Righeachan Reservoir that currently supplies water to Inveraray are unable to, which has sometimes been the case in the summer months.

The work, which involves building a new pumping station, is set to start at the end of July and will run for approximately nine months.

From September a 300-metre stretch of the pipe will be laid under the

Park across a six week period, reducing the road to one lane.

Garret Corner, chairman of Inveraray Community Council, said: 'I think any improvement to the area and water supply for residents is a positive thing.'

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New vision for the regeneration of Ardrishaig

Scottish Canals want to work with the community on 'joint projects'

A PLAN setting out how Ardrishaig should be regenerated has been drafted by Scottish Canals in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council.

The two public agencies have created a memorandum of understanding which confirms their commitment to work together on projects that improve the village and Crinan Canal area.

Improving

The *Advertiser* understands that the organisations aim to boost the tourism potential of the canal and upgrade the sailing facilities, whilst improving the general look of the village.

A spokesman for Scottish Canals said the memorandum sets out its intentions to 'invest

in the area'.

He said: 'Ardrishaig Community Council and community trust will also play a critical role in the partnership, which will focus on improving the maritime facilities, aesthetics and tourism appeal of the area.'

'As stated in our new vision, we feel that Scotland's canals can play a greater role in revitalising the areas they pass through. I am sure this partnership will deliver projects that directly benefit Ardrishaig and the local community.'

Edward Laughton of Ardrishaig Community Council said he had received a letter from Scottish Canals which stated it wanted to work

with the community on 'joint projects'.

He said: 'It is very early days, we have not had a meeting with anyone from Scottish Canals to see what can be done.'

'But I welcome the opportunity for people in the community to exchange ideas with Scottish Canals for the benefit of both parties. We would be very willing to do that through the community council.'

The renewed focus on investing in Ardrishaig comes after the Ardrishaig Masterplan, created in 2008, failed to gain European funding. The economic downturn later meant the regeneration plan could not be implemented.



Tarbert Harbour Authority launched a centenary calendar featuring pictures taken in the last 100 years. Many of the pictures were donated by locals. This picture shows men relaxing at dubh-choal-linne shore in 1913.

Tarbert Harbour Authority outlines plans for centenary celebrations

TARBERT Harbour Authority will be going back in time in August for its centenary celebrations, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It was announced on Monday that the harbour authority has received £8,200 from the fund, which will pay for centenary celebrations focusing on the heritage of the harbour and Tarbert's fishing community.

Taking place on August 17, one of the main attractions will be an event set in 1913, focused on the birth of the harbour authority and its importance to the village.

There will also be a 5k and 10k run, a community barbecue, craft stalls and an interactive theatre production.

School pupils will also be performing their own specially

commissioned piece of music.

Alan Macdonald, chairman of the Trustees of Tarbert Harbour, said: 'We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund to help us celebrate this special occasion and are confident the centenary event will encourage the whole community, both young and old, to join in the celebration of the village's heritage.'

Meals on Wheels volunteers wanted urgently for Inveraray

VOLUNTEERS are urgently being sought to help deliver Meals on Wheels to the elderly in Inveraray.

Vital lifeline

The service provides a vital lifeline in the area and volunteers would need to commit one to two hours each month,

delivering meals on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

All volunteers are given full training and support from the local service manager, whilst they will be reimbursed for all mileage expenses as they use their own car.

Volunteers must en-

sure the elderly receive their meals and check that they are well.

Contact

Deliveries take place between 11.45am and 12.25pm and anyone who would like to help can contact local service manager Karen Dalgleish on 07736825342.

No more financial help from the council

AUCHINDRAIN open air museum will not receive any further financial support from Argyll and Bute Council.

The local authority this week said it was made clear in 2012 when it awarded Auchindrain

Trust £20,000 that it would be the 'final payment'.

Viable business

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'The council supported the trust financially at the February 2012 budg-

et and again in September 2012, which was matched by the Scottish Government. This money was to be used to make a viable business case for the museum with Historic Scotland.'

Charities benefit from the removal of fees

THE REMOVAL of fees for charities requiring a public entertainment licence for events will only benefit 'a small number of charities' in Argyll and Bute.

Argyll and Bute Council has agreed to abolish fees for voluntary

groups requiring a licence for singing, dancing or theatrical performances.

Small number

But, according to Glenn Heritage from Argyll Voluntary Action, of the 2,180 registered charities in the region, only

a small number might ever require a public entertainment licence for an event they host.

She said: 'It will help some charities because it will reduce their costs.'

'It does not affect every charity, but it is useful.'

Lochgilphead women on trial for theft

TWO LOCHGILPHEAD women are awaiting trial at Oban Sheriff Court accused of stealing more than £1,000 worth of items from Oban's Tesco.

Lisa and Shannon Townsley, both 18, deny stealing goods to the value of £1,086.28 from the store on February 28.

Lisa, of 10 Coronation Terrace, and Shannon, of 1 Duncholgan Caravan Site, both in Lochgilphead, are due to stand trial on August 8 and will appear again on July 23.

Exercise balls stolen from hall

EXERCISE balls have been stolen from Tarbert Village Hall.

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Newly elected West Loch Fyne Community Council meets

THE NEWLY elected West Loch Fyne Community Council will hold its first meeting on Monday night.

The meeting, which will be held in Lochgair Village Hall, will be an opportunity for people to meet the members who were elected last month.

The council was left in turmoil earlier this year when all but one of the previous members stepped down, which meant it could not sit.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Patient safety leaflet launched

A NEW patient safety initiative focussing on medicines and dehydration has been launched by NHS Highland.

New patient information cards are being distributed to alert people to risks of taking specific medication when they are dehydrated.

People on the relevant medication will receive a card from pharmacists or their GP and it will be explained that the medication should be temporarily stopped when they are dehydrated.

People often become dehydrated when ill with symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea and fever.

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Council staff could strike in autumn

COUNCIL staff across the west coast could go on strike in September as members of the Unison union demand pay increases for local authority employees every year.

Argyll and Bute Council staff were leafleted outside its headquarters at Kilmory

on Thursday as Unison members demand action on pay, saying two years of pay freezes has left members with a real terms 13 per cent pay decrease over the past three years.

They have rejected an offer of one per cent pay increase as 'miserly' and say every aspect of the

council's operation will come to a halt for a day unless progress on an agreement is reached. Further action could also be on the cards.

Ballots on strike action opened on Wednesday, with voting to close for members on August 13. Speaking outside the council's headquarters

last week, regional organiser for Argyll and Bute, Simon Macfarlane said: 'We're yet to see how the Scottish Government responds.'

'We've effectively had a 13 per cent pay cut in the past three years - a 0.65 per cent pay rise while the price of living has gone up.

'We are proposing one day of strike action across the whole of Scotland in September and there will be a series of rolling actions over the following five weeks.'

'Everything from schools to bin collection will be affected.'

'We are hoping to get back to the negotiating

table before that though.'

The Retail Prices Index, a measure of the cost of living, has increased by 11.3 per cent over the past three years, while local authority staff have endured two years of pay freezes followed by a one per cent pay increase offer this year.

New police officer out on the beat in Tarbert

A NEW police officer has taken over the police station in Tarbert.

PC Alan Frame has taken up residency in the village after working for 11 years in Shettleston, in the East End of Glasgow.

Alan, who took up the new post three weeks ago, has been busy getting to know local people and their concerns.

'I have been out and about speaking to people and the main problems seem to be road traffic offences, anti-social behaviour and problems with alcohol and drugs,' he said.

Skills

'It is really the same issues that affect people in Shettleston but on a different scale so I feel I have all the appropriate skills for the job here.'

Commenting on his first impressions of the Loch Fyne village, he said: There is great community spirit here, people look out for one another and that will help me in my job no end.'

Alan has moved to the village with his wife Kirsty and two-year-old daughter Megan.



PC Alan Frame has taken up the post of village police officer in Tarbert.

No end in sight to council bickering

Another month before report is heard

THERE is no end in sight to the bickering that has seen Argyll and Bute Council falter over much of the year, with a report over how the council should operate not to be heard until next month.

A bid by the Argyll and Bute for Change Group to immediately remove

all lead councillors and introduce an interim group of nine councillors to review the operation of the council was defeated after the group led by Roddy McCuish introduced a rival bill which effectively mimicked the proposal.

John Semple's successful amendment instead

saw all lead councillors hold their positions, with a short life working group of 12 councillors - representative of all parties - to be established to consider new political management structures.

While the council remains firmly divided, there is broad agreement that change is required.



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Housing action needed

IT IS ridiculous that more than 1,400 homes are lying empty in Argyll and Bute when there are more than 4,000 people waiting for a home on the county's housing register.

Figures revealed by Argyll and Bute Council this week show that if all the empty homes in the county were brought back to use, the housing shortage would be slashed by almost one third.

The local authority is to be commended for introducing its new empty homes policy which makes it easier for landlords to upgrade homes to a lettable standard, whilst easing the demand on the limited social housing stock.

But this simply is not enough to address what is fast becoming a housing crisis in Argyll and Bute.

In addition to the numerous empty homes in Argyll and Bute there are hundreds of houses that are occupied for only half of the year as holiday lets.

These houses, dubbed second homes, are eligible for a council tax discount.

Perhaps it is time we charged these visitors a little bit extra for the facilities they enjoy here alongside the breathtaking scenery.

It is, after all, these second home owners that are driving house prices up so high that the young people growing up here cannot afford them. Young families in Mid Argyll are being forced to flee because they cannot afford a house in the town or village they were brought up in.

Yes tourists and second home owners contribute to the Mid Argyll economy but it is high time they contributed a little but more.

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Decorate shop windows for Armed Forces Day

Sir,
With Armed Forces Day once again taking place tomorrow (Saturday) I write to ask if businesses would do the committee the honour of decorating their retail windows.

This would honour our service personnel of the past, present and future.

The committee hopes the event will bring economic benefit to the town and surrounding area and trust we can rely on the support of local residents.

Betty Rhodick,
Lochgilthead Armed Forces Committee.

Beaver trial a serious misuse of public funds

Sir,
I read with interest in the *Argyllshire Advertiser* on June 28 that the Scottish Beaver Trial is listed in the top three for innovation in the Nature Scotland Awards.

As has been stated in several letters in this page, beavers have been breeding in the wild for several years in Perthshire.

I would have thought the main criteria for any award would entail telling the truth and to make a fraudulent claim to be a trial to introduce beavers to Britain is just not acceptable.

To read in the same paper that Auchindrain is threatened with closure for lack of funding, while

thousands of pounds are squandered on a totally unnecessary and ill founded beaver trial is a serious misuse of public funding.

Mid Argyll resident,
Name and address supplied.

Help at hand for veterans all year round

Sir,
I would like to remind your readership that organisations such as The Royal British Legion Scotland (RBL) are here throughout the year to assist veterans who are in need, particularly at a time when so many of our servicemen and woman are in various conflicts situated around the world.

TravelAid is a unique initiative, proposed and put in place by the RBL, to assist injured or ill service personnel who are being treated in England to receive visits from family members who live in Scotland.

The RBL has recognised the additional financial problems for families when wishing to visit their relatives being treated in hospitals long distances from home and it is these families that TravelAid is aiming to assist.

TravelAid is administered by the RBL in partnership with Stewart Travel, formally Classic4Travel, and we estimate demand for grants from the TravelAid fund may rise to £60,000 every year for the foreseeable future.

TravelAid is totally funded by sponsorships and donations and this is where we need the help of people in the Mid Argyll community.

The RBL sincerely thanks everyone for their support in this unique initiative and for their assistance in helping our servicemen, servicewomen and their families.

Stephen Baird,
Welfare co-ordinator.

Campaign to curb rising food prices

Sir,
High food prices are a serious problem across the world and people on lower incomes in the UK have to cut back on their weekly grocery shopping, whilst in poorer countries high food prices can be a matter of life or death.

The changing climate and the increasing use of food crops for bio fuels are part of the problem, but banks are also culpable.

Financial speculation by banks and hedge funds is fuelling food prices and often pushing them much higher than supply and demand can explain.

I'm taking part in a campaign by the World Development Movement, which is calling for strict regulation to curb food speculation.

We need to make sure the finance sector stops making easy money at the expense of hungry people because food is too important to be subject to reckless financial gambling.

Bill Martin,
Bishops Wood,
8 High Street,
Fortrose.

No point moaning about dog dirt

Sir,
I can't help but notice the increasing amount of people complaining about dog mess on our

streets and in our green areas.

It is true that this is a particularly unpleasant and foul thing to have in public areas but those who simply complain about the issue rather than actually doing anything are as bad as those irresponsible dog owners who leave the mess behind in the first place.

I accept the first responsibility will always lie with dog owners to pick up after their pet but if they fail to do so, and it bothers you so much, why not challenge them. If they still refuse then report them.

The police are at pains to point out time and again that legislation in place to cover this issue just needs one eye witness to allow them to take action but there is no point whinging about it after the fact - the police need to know at the time.

So the next time, instead of just shaking your head and moaning about it later, when there is nothing anyone can do, ask the person to pick up after their dog. Things will only change in this town if everyone tackles this problem.

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Concerns raised over possible cuts to out of hours x-ray service

CONCERNS have been raised about the impact cuts to emergency services could have on Tarbert residents as NHS Highland confirms it will make a decision on the future of the area's out of hours x-ray service in the autumn.

Reviewing

In April the health authority announced it was reviewing the service and considering axing the out of hours service completely. A public consultation into the service ended last month and NHS Highland is currently examining the responses.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council said it is worried about the cumulative impact cuts to emergency services would have on residents in the village.

A change to the x-ray service would follow the reduction in beds at Campbeltown Hospital and a cut to the number of ambulances on duty in Mid Argyll at one time.

Community councillor Bob Chicken, said: 'I think there comes a point when the community has to stand up and say enough is enough. If you look back over

the last three years to see what we have lost. When you think of the number of accidents that could happen here everyday with fishing boats or events we should be extremely concerned.'

Little things

He added: 'The police service is being cut and it is the little things here and there that add up.'

The community council agreed to wait to hear the result of the public consultation before it decided the next course of action, which could include a campaign to save any services under threat.

Countdown to Armed Forces Day



Members of the Lochgilphead Armed Force Day Committee, Argyll and Bute councillors and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Cadet Force raised the official Armed Force Day flag ahead of this weekend's celebrations. 06_a27armed01

THE COUNT down to Armed Forces Day in Lochgilphead began last week when the official flag was raised in the town.

The flag was raised by members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Ca-

det Force last Wednesday in the presence of councillors and veterans.

The event came ahead of the town's official celebrations, which take place tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

Armed Forces Day will begin at 11am with a muster at the Drill Hall, parade and inspection. The muster will be followed by a gala afternoon of activities, with charities and local businesses hosting stalls on the front green.

Police appeal for information about fatal road crash

POLICE are still appealing for information about a road crash which last week killed a 67-year-old man.

Stuart Cattanach, from Dumbarton, was travelling along the A83, around two miles north

of Inveraray, on Wednesday afternoon when his motorbike left the road.

Attended

Police and ambulance attended but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Inspector Adam Mc-

Kenzie of the road policing department at Dumbarton said: 'Enquiries are ongoing into the cause of the crash,

and at this time I would appeal to anyone who witnessed the crash take place, or who has any

information that may assist the police investigation to contact police.'

Road policing

Officers at the road policing department at Dumbarton can be contacted on 01389 822000.

ADVERTORIAL

Schools Pipe band finish a creditable fifth in European Championships

'There were a few small mistakes but overall we put in a good performance'

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band ended their trip to Forres with a 5th place finish in Juvenile Grade on Saturday.

The band, sponsored by McKiven and Colville, were taking part in the European Pipe Band Championships in Grant Park.

All 114 Pipe Bands at the championships made the most of the good weather conditions and turned in some scintillating performances.

'Unfortunately today we were unable to improve on our 5th place at the British Pipe Band Championships last month,' said Pipe Major Ian McKerral, 'But I'm not unhappy, there were a few small mistakes but

overall we put in a good performance which I was really pleased with. We know what we need to do, and will continue to work hard ahead of the Scottish Championships in Dumbarton on July 27.'

For Kevan Renton, Kintyre Schools Drum Major, there was also cause to celebrate, as he secured third place in the Juvenile Drum Major contest at the European Pipe Band Championships.

He said: 'I was pleased with my performance today as I improved on my March and Discipline, so it was good to be placed higher than my 5th place at the British Pipe Band

Championships last month.

'We would like to thank the band's sponsor McKiven and Colville for supporting the band at the European Pipe Band Championships this weekend. It was great that Barry and Kyle were able to come along to cheer the band on and we hope that they enjoyed their trip.'

Before the Novice and Juvenile Bands' appearances at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships at the end of July, both bands will be performing locally at the Lifeboat Gala Day on July 13 then again at Southend Highland Games on Saturday July 20.



Pipe Major Ian McKerral, bottom right, gave the band a pep talk before they competed on Saturday.

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Activities at Kilmartin House Museum

STONE carving, dragon fly walks and hand weaving are just a few of the activities for locals and visitors to enjoy at Kilmartin House Museum this summer.

People can delve into the hidden heart of the Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve to discover the secret world of dragon flies with experts Laura Eagleson and Pat Batty.

The pair will lead a Damsel and Dragon Fly walk through the reserve on Tuesday to search for the colourful insects, which live above and below the water.

On Thursday the reserve will again be full of life as Pip Weaver helps people capture their dreams with a workshop making dreamcatchers.

People who would like to take part should bring along feathers, shells, stones or other decorative items.

Later in the month people can try their hand at stone carving when local sculptor Melaine Chielewski is at the museum.

Kilmartin will be the source of inspiration for people who want to try their hand at decorating metal or hand weaving nearer the end of the month.

Those who fancy being an archaeologist for the day can also take part in a simulated dig.



Josh Coates, Katy Smith and Ellie Donald see their mosaic gulls cemented into the walls of the toilet block last Thursday. 06_a27mos02

Art project sees mosaic gulls flying across the toilets in Ardrishaig

GULLS can be seen flying across the 'loos' in Ardrishaig this week, marking the end of an exciting art project in the village.

Eleven gulls made from porcelain mosaic have been placed in the walls of the public toilets, making the area along the waterfront an exhibition space for art.

The 11 gulls have been made by S3 students at Lochgilphead Joint Campus under the guidance of local artist Lesley Burr, as part of the Colouring Ardrishaig Blue Dot art project.

The initiative began last September with four Artmap Argyll

artists leading a series of interactive art workshops that allowed locals to create their own artwork whilst expressing their ideas on how to brighten up the village.

Keen to produce public art and inspired by the term Grey Gull, the project for the mosaic gulls was born.

Art installations

Speaking to the *Advertiser* last Thursday when the gulls were installed, Sian MacQueen, chairwoman of Artmap Argyll, said: 'It's fantastic to see the gulls now in place for everyone to see. We intend this to be the first of many

art installations within Ardrishaig and along the Crinan Canal.'

Lesley Burr added: 'It's been very positive to have involved so many people in the project and we look forward to working with even more people in the future, starting with Ardrishaig Gala Day on July 27.

Colouring Ardrishaig, which saw artists work with more than 350 people across a range of mediums, was a partnership initiative between Artmap artists and HeARTofArgyll and was funded by Creative Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

Pony club fun day voted a big success

THE ANNUAL Argyll South Pony Club Fun Day was a huge success, with riders and ponies put through their paces in a variety of challenges.

Riders gathered at Stonefield Farm Holiday Riding Centre in Tarbert and were faced with the handy pony classes, which tested their control and agility of the pony across a series of entertaining tasks and obstacles.

The 'Equiburger Challenge' tasked the ponies with pacing their way through overflowing supermarket trolleys and bright green tarpaulins.

The focus of the afternoon turned to show jumping, which was judged by Anne MacArthur and Helen Samborek, and there

was a high level of competition.

The event saw Rebecca Foster from the Open Class and her pony Rattie triumph, jumping clear in an exciting four horse final round win.

The next event for the pony club will be their annual camp.

Winners: Handy Pony-Lead Rein: Leah McConnachie on Amber; Handy Pony-Junior: Signe Riddell on Puzzle; Show Jumping-Pre Novice: Shannon Macdonald on Molly; Novice: Olivia Foster on Dylan.

Handy Pony Senior: Maggie Richmond on Savannah; Intermediate: Freya Urquhart on Messha; Open Shoe Jumping- Samborek Trophy: Rebecca Foster on Rattie.

Hebrides - Islands on the Edge to be screened across the UK

A WILDLIFE documentary which was filmed by a Tayvallich cameraman will be broadcast across the UK after it proved a huge hit with Scottish viewers.

Award winning cameraman John Aitchison was part of the crew which filmed scenes for hit BBC series *Hebrides- Islands on the Edge*.

The series was originally screened to Scottish viewers earlier this year but was so successful bosses have decided to broadcast it to the entire British Isles.

The programme focuses on the stunning landscape and wildlife on the islands and is narrated by Ewan McGregor.



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Riverside Rascals enjoy trip to Ormsary Farm

Youngsters from Riverside Rascals nursery recently enjoyed a trip to Ormsary Farm, where they encountered animals and farm machinery. They then, accompanied by parent helpers and volunteers, enjoyed a trip to the beach where they looked at rock pools.

Kirstin wins place at top summer dance school

A YOUNG dancer from Lochgilphead has been selected to take part in a summer dance school where she will be taught by renowned choreographers.

Kirstin Way will this month travel to Aberdeen to take part in the Project Y 2013 foundation dance course.

She is one of 80 dancers to take part in this year's performance programme, which gives talented young dancers the chance to improve their dance technique and skills.

Workshops

Taking part in a week-long course, which kicks off on July 8, Kirstin will take part in a daily Contemporary dance class and choreography workshops led by YDance specialists.

She will also be part of a team that will create a new dance routine. She will then join the group in performing the piece at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival on August 2.

Project Y was set up in 2006 to encourage and inspire dancers to reach for their dreams.



Eirich will play the Park Bar on August 3.

Tarbert band set to earn Park Bar 'badge of honour'

A BAND from Mid Argyll will next month gain 'a badge of honour' when it plays at the Park Bar in Glasgow.

Tarbert-based band Eirich will play at the bar, which is famed for drawing in islanders and people from the rural west of Scotland, on August 3.

Eirich, which includes David Hunt on accordion, George-John Murphy on drums, Alan Brown on electric guitar and Arthur Cross on whistles, describe their sound as traditional music with a contemporary edge.

Speaking about the upcoming gig, founding

member of Eirich, David Hunt, said the band was excited.

'It is the place to play if you're on the traditional music scene,' he said. 'There is a lot of competition to get booked there; it is a real badge of honour to say that you have played at the Park Bar.'

'I have been going there since I was 18 and know that it gets a great crowd and great mix of people.'

'Our set, I hope, will appeal to everyone. The traditional music will appeal to the older age group and the contemporary element to the younger people.'

Inveraray Castle hosts Best of the West Festival

THE BEST food, drink and music available in the West Coast of Scotland will be showcased in Inveraray this summer at the Best of the West Festival.

Hosted by Inveraray Castle, the event allows visitors to experience all the great things in the region in one place.

The event, on September 14 and 15, will feature all 22 west coast distilleries and food from the renowned Food from Argyll consortium.

Oysters, mussels and the legendary Loch Fyne Oyster grilled salmon rolls will be available, along with Winston Churchill Venison burg-

ers, Inverawe Smokehouse products and Mackay Stovies.

People can enjoy a traditional hog roast that will be put on by The George Hotel, which will co-host the bar with Fyne Ales.

The festival atmosphere will be set with more than 70 musical acts taking to the stage, including Skerryvore and Red Hot Chilli Pipers who will headline the event. Families will be well catered for with a host of activities including a four-sided climbing wall, laser blast arena, bungee trampolines, face painting and storytelling.

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SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: The Hangover Part III. It's been two years. Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms) and Doug (Justin Bartha) are happily living uneventful lives at home. Tattoos have been lasered off, files purged. The last they heard from disaster-magnet Leslie Chow (Ken Jeong), he'd been tossed into a Thai prison and, with him out of the way, the guys have very nearly recovered from their nights prowling the seamy side of Las Vegas in a roofie'd haze, and being kidnapped, shot at, and chased by drug-dealing mobsters in Bangkok. The only member of the Wolfpack who's not content is Alan (Zach Galifianakis). Still lacking a sense of purpose, the group's black sheep has ditched his meds and given in to his natural impulses in a big way—which, for Alan, means no boundaries, no filters and no judgment—until a personal crisis forces him to finally seek the help he needs.

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19 Cape Verde coinage (6)

21 Raw food (5)

24 Conflict (5)

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26 Done in a mopey way (8)

27 Agitate (4)

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1 Face up to (8)

2 Dismay (5)

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6 Formal letter (7)

7 Belongs to the other person (4)

8 Stiffens fabric (6)

13 Long round object (8)

15 Northern parts of American districts (7)

17 Dwell persistently (6)

18 Tasty bit (6)

20 One who puts you in your place (5)

22 Refine metal (5)

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STRACHUR

Strawberry Lunch raises £300 for church

MORE THAN £300 was raised for Strachur and Strathlachan Parish Church at the annual Strawberry Lunch.

Volunteers from the church served up pavlovas, tarts and sponge cakes all featuring the seasonal fruit to hungry residents in Strachur Memorial Hall.

With the heavy raining pouring down on Sunday afternoon people were able to warm up with the delicious homemade soup and sandwiches.

Anne Fiddes, a volunteer at the event, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to have raised the money and that once again people came out to show their support. Thank you to everyone who came along.'

Fundraising for Ovarian Cancer Research

A FUNDRAISING event for Ovarian Cancer Research will be held on Sunday, July 6.

The event, which will be held in Strachur Memorial Hall, will aim to raise the profile of the disease that can often go undetected for years.

People will be able to tuck into tea, cakes, coffee and burgers whilst they browse around a whole host of stalls selling goods that include jewellery and pottery.

All the money raised at the event, which will run from 11am until 3pm, will be donated to the Maggie's Centres, which supports people with cancer and their families.



Anne Fiddes and Helen Mugg from the Strachur and Strathlachan Parish Church served up a strawberry lunch to hungry locals. 06_a27strachur01

INVERARAY

Summer beach clean

THE INVERARAY summer beach clean will take place tomorrow (Saturday).

People who would like to take part in the event, which is organised by Beachwatch Inveraray, should meet at the recycling point in Avenue Car Park at 2pm.

TARBERT

Youth group

THE SECOND week of the Tarbert Youth Group summer programme will get underway on

Tuesday. Youngsters can head to the youth group to try their hand at baking or take part in a beach comb, whilst on Friday children can have a go at kayaking.

All the events run from 12noon until 4pm and children must bring a packed lunch.

ARDRISHAIG

Gala Day preparations well underway

PREPARATIONS for Ardrishaig Gala Day are well underway with posters designed by local school children now up advertising the event.

Children from Ardrishaig Primary School took part in a competition to design a poster for the event, which will be held on the weekend of July 27.

There will be plenty for people to do at this year's family orientated event.

There will be the annual football match on the King George V play park, a bird of prey display and a variety of musical entertainment across the weekend.

People will have the chance to try their hand at sailing, kayaking and rowing on Saturday, whilst there will be a race between the Mid Argyll Rowing Club and

other clubs.

Displays will be on show from EDF windfarm, the Territorial Army and the Clipperton Project will be there.

Punters from the Lorne Bar and The Argyll Hotel will battle out to be named the strongest in the tug-of-war challenge.

CRAOBH HAVEN

Raising funds for First Responders

A CHARITY fundraising day will be held at the Lord of the Isles Pub on July 13.

The event will raise funds for the Craobh Haven and Lunga First Responders team.

The fun and games kicks off at 3pm with a variety of competitions running throughout the afternoon.

Hungry punters can tuck into a hog roast and later in the evening people can dance the night away to music from band Mudslide.

DUNOON

Aria Alba perform in Dunoon

AN EDINBURGH based opera company entertained audiences in Dunoon this week

ahead of its Fringe Festival performance.

The company Aria Alba performed its production of *Didio*, which is a twist on Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas*.

Members of the production have been staying at the Ben More Activity Centre for a residential rehearsal before their performance at next month's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

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Catriona Crawford of Harbro's Lochgilphead Country Store was presented with her award at this year's Scottish Farmer Annual Supplier Awards by Iain Green, on behalf of category sponsor The British Simmental Cattle Society.

Catriona rewarded

A MID ARGYLL woman has been recognised for her customer service to the local farming community at this year's Scottish Farmer's Annual Supplier Awards.

Catriona Crawford beat off stiff competition from across Scotland to be named as Livestock Supplier of the Year.

The award was presented to Catriona at the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston in recognition of her work at Harbro's Lochgilphead Country Store.

The employee has worked for the independent feed manufacturer for 10 years and the award was made in recognition of her extra efforts to keep the store's customers happy.

An obviously delighted Catriona said: 'I was very surprised to be nominated.'

'I am very lucky to have great customers and work for a great company. I can't say more than that.'

Catriona received the prize from Iain Green

on behalf of The British Simmental Cattle Society who sponsored the category.

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There was also a show and sale of Texel lambs, sponsored by the Texel Sheep Society and judged by Andy Stevenson of D & R Skinner, Butchers, Kippen who selected a pen of five 43 kilo lambs from East Gormyre as champions, the lambs later selling to £120.

Prime lambs sold to 249p for 45 kilo Texels from East Whitesykes and to £118 for a

67 kilo Charolais from Bankhead to average at 230.7p.

Prime hogs sold to 184p for 35 kilo Blackfaces from Whiteside and to £74 for 44 kilo Suffolks from Mains of Struie.

Blackfaces from Ard-beg sold to 170p.

Heavy ewes averaged £80 selling to £117.50 for Texels from Drumcairn while export ewes averaged £56.23, selling to £72.50 for Blackfaces from Gibsley.

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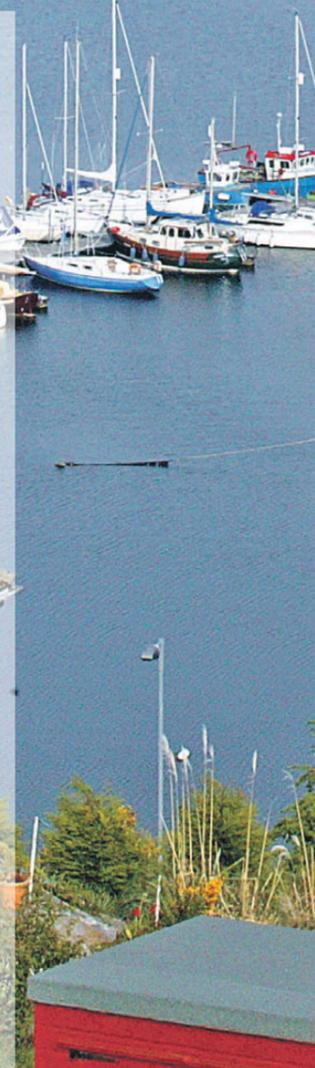
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SEAFOOD FESTIVAL 6-7 JULY 2013

SUMMER is officially here and this weekend will see one of the season's most popular events - the Tarbert Seafood Festival.

The event will showcase the high quality of seafood that is available in Mid Argyll with local establishments serving up a variety of seafood favourites.

On Saturday there will be cookery demonstrations throughout the day that will teach people the best way to cook seafood, whilst people can tickle their taste buds with some special tasters.

At 1pm the traditional crowning of the festival's seafood queen will take place.

This year's seafood queen, Elisha Tinney, and her princesses, Eden MacDonald and Cara

McTaggart, will be brought across the harbour by boat and piped along the main street.

The traditional parade will go through the village at 2pm on Saturday afternoon with this year's theme being the wild, wild west.

Led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band, floats and majorettes, the newly-crowned seafood queen and her princesses will make their way down Harbour Street.

The Highland dancing demonstration will get underway at 3pm and the Mid Argyll Pipe Band will perform at 4.15pm.

Throughout the day there will be a host of shoreside activities to keep the family busy, which will include the Water Walkerz and face painting.

For people who fancy a spot of retail therapy amongst all the festival events there will be dozens of stalls lining Harbour Street that will be selling crafts, plants, home baking and jams to name but a few things.

The Sunday will see live bands perform throughout the day with The Democrats taking to the stage and Steptastic will cover all the greatest hits from chart-topping group Steps.

At 3.45pm the seafood queen and her princesses will hand out prizes for all the competitions that have taken place across the weekend.



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CalMac wins two major awards

CALEDONIAN Mac-Brayne (CalMac) has won a further two major awards at two separate awards ceremonies.

For the third time in four years, CalMac was named the Public Transport Operator of the Year in the Scottish Transport Award. It was also named top for Customer Focus in the Scottish Business Awards.

The Business Awards ceremony was one of the biggest events of its kind with the First Minister Alex Salmond and finance secretary John Swinney MSP in attendance along with the cream of the Scottish business community, including Sir Tom Hunter and Sir Brian Souter. CalMac received its award from Sir Jackie Stewart. The keynote speaker was former US President Bill Clinton.

The prestigious Scottish Transport Awards 2013 bring together the transport community to recognise and celebrate industry achievements across Scotland.

CalMac's managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'We are delighted that the huge effort put in by all our staff,

whether at sea or ashore has been recognised in this way. As a company we have tended to hide our light under a bushel in the past, content to receive the thanks and appreciations we regularly receive from our customers, but latterly have recognised that awards of this kind can be a valuable asset to promote our services and the islands we serve.

'They also send out a clear message to our potential competitors in future tenders that CalMac means business.'

Caledonian Mac-Brayne (CalMac) currently holds the title of Best Ferry Company in the Guardian and Observer Travel Awards, which it won in 2010, 2011 and 2012, and previously held the Public Transport Operator of the Year title in 2010 and 2011. The 2013 award was won jointly with ScotRail.

In March, CalMac received an award from Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands and Islands, supports trade unions in accessing skills and lifelong learning opportunities for workers across Scotland.



Lynn Hyde owner of The Galley Cafe and Chef Shop has diversified her business to survive the tough economic climate. 06_a27business01

The Galley Cafe and Chef Shop diversifies to reach a wider market

LIGHT lunches, cakes, coffee and cooking equipment can all be found in one Tarbert cafe, which has diversified in order to reach a wider market.

Diners at The Galley Cafe and Chef Shop can sample a menu which specialises in local seafood, whilst budding chefs can shop around for kitchen gadgets.

The business was opened by cook Lynn Hyde in November after she spotted a gap in the market and believed food and kitchen utensils would complement each other.

She said: 'I just thought the two things would go together and this is something the area does not have. People can come in have lunch and purchase really good kitchen equipment.'

Paid off

Lynn added: 'It seems to have paid off so far and some days we sell a lot of food, whilst other days the kitchen gadgets sell more. It goes hand in hand.'

Speaking about the inspiration behind the lunch menu Lynn, who does the cooking herself, said: 'We specialise in light lunches

and focus on seafood which again compliments the rest of the business and the area.'

The cook is now gearing up for the first summer season and hopes to see an increase in foot traffic to the cafe, which sits on Harbour Street, as the number of visitors to the area increases.

'It has been a struggle but with the summer coming we hope to get the support of the tourists. The locals have been fantastic and we have repeat business whilst we've had three great reviews on Trip Advisor,' she said.

New wage subsidy scheme launched to help local businesses get young people into work

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team is urging any small businesses, which are thinking of taking

on additional staff to look closely at the newly launched Employer Recruitment Incentive scheme (ERI).

Funded by the Scottish Government's Youth Employment Scotland Fund, the ERI means that businesses who take on a young unemployed person aged 16 to 24 can claim back 50 percent of the wage costs for that individual for six months.

The scheme is open for applications now and the young person must be employed by October 1, 2013 so any potential employers need to act now to take advantage of the funding.

The ERI scheme is available to private sector employers including small and medium sized businesses-

employing up to 250 staff- and third sector, voluntary sector or charitable organisations.

The job created must be additional to the existing workforce and be offered on the basis that the opportunity is sustainable.

Job description

The young person needs to be gainfully employed for the duration of the programme and a job description should be drawn up which outlines the duties and scope of the role.

The ERI scheme is administered by Argyll and Bute Council's Employability Team, which is also offering free 'Into Work Support' for any employer taking on staff via the ERI scheme. The support includes helping the business with adver-

tising, selecting and interviewing candidates, creating job descriptions and contracts of employment.

The business must provide a contract of employment and pay the national minimum wage appropriate to the age of the individual to all employees supported by the ERI.

The employer must agree a fixed contracted number of hours of employment for the duration of the 26 weeks.

The contracted hours must be fixed between 25 hours and 40 hours per week.

To find out more about the employer recruitment incentive contact Sheena McLean on 01586 551389 or email sheena.mclean@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Free food and drink workshop in Inverness

FOOD and drink businesses in the Mid Argyll have been invited to attend a free workshop that will focus on the development of new innovative products and packaging.

The Food and Drink Innovation Workshop 2014 is arranging The Legacy Challenge, which will be hosted by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

The aim of the workshop is to support businesses involved in food and drink to use 2014, which will see the Ryder Cup and Commonwealth Game in Scotland, as a way to drive sales and engage with new customers.

The workshop will focus on four areas which includes customer readiness, design readiness, business readiness and promotion readiness.

The event will be held at Cowan House, Inverness on Wednesday.

Help from Skills Development Scotland

NEARLY 1,700 people in Argyll and Bute turned to agency Skills Development Scotland last year for help with training or getting a job.

The body recently changed the way it supports people, reflecting the digital age, more flexible career paths and higher youth unemployment.

Head of career management skills at SDS, David Cameron, said: 'We are confident our new approach will provide the vital support people need to take control of their futures and to help them make a positive contribution to Scotland's economy.'

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Kilfinan Forest job creation recognised

KILFINAN Community Forest Company (KCFC) has been recognised for creating jobs in Tighnabruaich.

The social enterprise received a judges' commendation for 'promoting viable livelihoods' in the community woodlands category of Scotland's Finest Woods Awards 2013.

The commendation recognises the progress made by the company in the last year which has seen it employ four new members of staff and create a structured volunteering programme that develops participants' forestry skills.

David Blair, chairman of the KCFC board, said: 'This is a great accolade for all that's been achieved since we purchased the forest in 2010. Since the project started, promoting viable livelihoods within the Kilfinan community has been a core objective for us. We have many more exciting plans for the future, and hope to continue making our mark as one of Scotland's finest woods.'



Mid Argyll referee's delight at cup final appointment

MID ARGYLL football referee Peter Laing proudly shows off his medal, which he received for being an assistant referee at the Evening Times Cup Winner Cup Final at junior level.

The referee described his appointment as assistant referee, which was played at Newlandsfield Park, Glasgow, as the highlight of his career.

He said: 'It was great to finish the season with a cup final appointment as shown recently by the success of the local football teams, if you show commitment, dedication and determination to reach as high a level as possible, in any sport, you will always have a chance of doing so.'

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Funding sought to complete castle woodland project

AN EXCITING three-year project that would complete development of Tarbert Castle Community Woodland could get underway soon as organisers seek funding.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust hope to secure funding, which will be used to build an access path, planting of the pool area, woodland planting and seating areas.

The project would be the next stage in the development of the woodland, which sits in the valley behind the castle, with volunteers already hard at work clearing the site.

The ground has been cleared of rhododendrons and other unwanted

vegetation, exposed the ditch area, prepared fencing and access routes.

A pond area, which would have been there at the time of the castle, has been reinstated, with an excavator clearing the ditch of silt.

Tarbert Academy pupils working on a John Muir Award project have been working closely with the trust on the project and have assisted with the clearing work and path formation.

Robert McPhail, director of the trust, said: 'The pupils' efforts and enthusiasm have assisted greatly and the trust hopes this will be a continuing relationship between our school and the com-

munity woodland area.' He added: 'The pond is already maturing and when complete we will have an ideal outside classroom for nature study and observation by adults and school children.'

Plans also include looking at what woodland crafts can be developed in the area following the success of Fyne Spinners, who spin the wool from the Hebridean sheep that graze in the grounds of the castle.

The project has been supported by Forestry Commission Scotland, who funded tools for the work, and Robin Dixon and Son Ltd and Denis McGarrie who provided the digger.

Strachurmore shinty pitch and pavilion praised by Provost

THE QUALITY of the Strachurmore Shinty Pitch and pavilion has been praised by the deputy provost of Argyll and Bute following this week's AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup final.

Douglas Philand was amongst the healthy crowd that attended the exciting match between Argyll rivals Inveraray and Kyles Athletic.

Councillor Philand was particularly impressed with the Strachurmore facility, which is the result of several years of hard work by the local community. He said: 'Strachurmore is an excellent venue and is a valuable addition to the Argyll and Bute sports scene. Being able to host major competitions is a real boost for our communities and the fact

that young people have access to a facility like this can only be good for the future development of sport across the area. All those involved in organising the event have worked very hard, resulting in a great day of shinty for everyone. I look forward to many more major competitions being played at Strachurmore in the future.'

Doors set to open on new Otter Ferry bothy

OTTER Ferry residents will come together next week to celebrate the grand opening of a new facility that aims to increase the number of visitors to the area.

The Otter Ferry Pier Association will mark the opening of a bothy for sailors at the annual B on the Beach event next Saturday.

The bothy will provide high quality shore-side facilities, which includes toilets, showers and changing facilities,

and is designed to attract more visiting boats to the village.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, will be guest of honour at the celebration and will cut a ribbon to declare the facility open at 2pm.

The opening comes after months of hard work by the local community, which has seen residents build the facility from wood, which they have milled themselves.

The inside and out-

side of the building have been built using fallen in Ballimore Estate.

The facility is the next stage in the development of the shoreside, which has already seen the installation of 15 moorings and a 50-metre landing pontoon.

The project was part of the Highland and Island Enterprise application to the Sailwest programme, which aims to improve marine links with Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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Not only does it give you the opportunity to make your home work better for you, but it can even increase the value of your property and - best of all - make it feel brand new all over again.

Sometimes all it takes to revamp your rooms is a lick of paint, some wallpaper or some new furniture. Thankfully, there are plenty of places locally that can meet your requirements or provide that inspirational spark you need to find the perfect new look. From bespoke furniture, doors and curtains to paints of different colours and textures, you can refresh all but the most tired of rooms.

There are also several shops that stock the kind of ornaments, decorations and functional home accessories you would find nowhere else, such as hand-crafted statuettes, unusual clocks, wall designs and even candle-holders; all essential to give your home its own unique character.

DIY is always best done when you can retreat outside from the sawdust and paint fumes so why not take the bull by the horns and give your home a more ambitious revamp? There are plenty of local suppliers who can provide all but the most specialist goods for prices to suit you.

If you cannot get inspiration yourself you may wish to consider calling in the experts. Not can an interior designer devise a look that may not have considered at all yourself, but they can source bargains that will make your home feel a £1million for a mere fraction of the price.

You may feel you want to be a bit more ambitious though and have a complete redesign. This is where calling in the experts is not just a good idea, but sensible if you want the best result.

Maybe the rooms in your home aren't as convenient as you want them to be. For example, do you really need a light in the middle of your ceiling or would you like plug or television sockets in a different place - even concealed? An electrician can help you reposition everything, add more sockets or even take them away.

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P7 pupils at Ardrishaig Primary School celebrated the end of the year with a special graduation dinner.

Graduation dinner celebration

PRIMARY 7 pupils at Ardrishaig Primary School were rewarded for their hard work during the last year with a special graduation dinner.

Pupils headed to the Grey Gull for the dinner, which was organised by the Pupil and

Parent Council, with class teacher Miss Dudley and headteacher Mr Helbert. Following the meal the class was piped along the Crinan Canal by Andrew Cupples to the church hall, where they enjoyed mocktails before dancing the night away at a disco with

other youngsters from the school.

Headteacher Mr Helbert said: 'It was a fantastic night, made possible by the hard work and dedication of the parent council and was a great way to say well done to this outstanding group of young people.'



Pupils from Furnace and Minard Primary Schools were presented with certificates in recognition of their hard work this year. 06_a27furnace01

Special assembly rewards achievement

A SPECIAL assembly to mark the achievements of pupils at Furnace and Minard primary schools was held in Cumlodden Parish Church last Friday.

Parents and teachers

gathered to see prizes handed out to youngsters in both schools and said their final goodbyes to the students who will head to Lochgilphead High School after the summer.

The pupils, who will be heading to the high school, were presented with a book, pen and tie.

Ten-year-old Abby Wallace was presented with the Furnace Pri-

mary School outstanding achievement award. Minard's Toby Curaven, 9, and Adam Goodwin, 10, jointly received the star pupil award for all their hard work throughout the year.



Dick Edie, headteacher of Glassary Primary School, said his final farewells to pupils as he retires after eight years of teaching at the school. 06_a27glassary02

School bids farewell to head teacher

PARENTS, teachers and pupils at Glassary Primary School their final farewells to their headteacher at the annual prize giving service last week.

The assembly was the final event on the school calendar for head teach-

er Dick Edie, who is retiring after eight years at the school.

The teachers said he was looking forward to his retirement but would miss the parents, teachers and pupils.

'It has been fantastic working with the parents

and children over the years. It really has been wonderful,' he said.

Mr Edie, who raised £400 for First Aid for Gambia by cycling from his home in Achnamara to school this term, now plans to take his passion for cycling abroad.

'I'm going to be very busy and I'm going to cycle around Reykjavik for five weeks and later in the year I hope to go to Tasmania,' he said.

At the event, prizes were handed out to each pupil which recognised their hard work.

TV and radio recording work at Ashfield

CHILDREN at Ashfield Primary School have been busy recording for a BBC Radio show and a TV programme as part of their work with the Scottish Beaver Trial.

Pupils have spent the past term learning more about the trial and have taken part in a variety of activities with education rang-

er Oly Hemmings. Through their involvement with the trial the school was invited to record a radio broadcast, which will be used to inform other schools about the beaver trial.

P5-7 pupils turned TV directors and presenters for the day when they teamed up with youngsters at

Clachan Primary school to film a programme for Glow TV.

The school also carried out a visit to the beaver dam at Dubh Loch, which is home to their adopted beaver, Millie.

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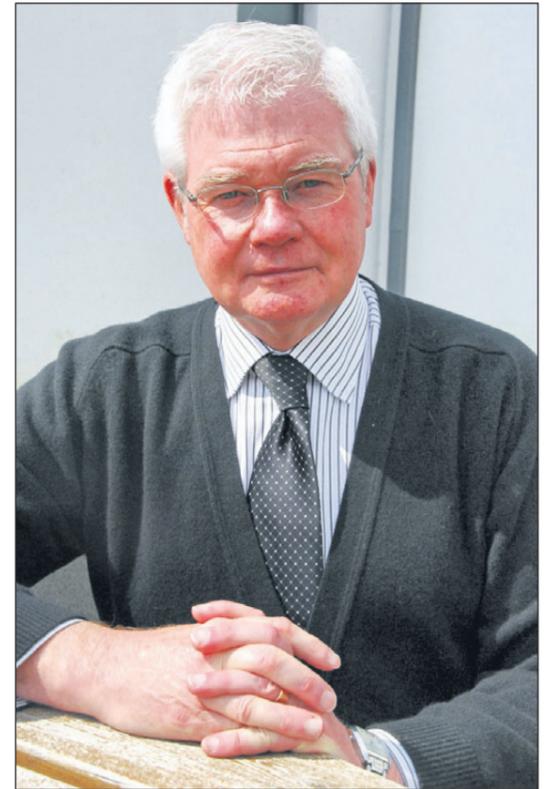
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Schools shout out!

Deputy head special guest as he retires after 25 years



Dr Michael O'Donnell, deputy head teacher of Lochgilphead High School, retired after 25 years at the school. 06_a27loch14

THE DEPUTY head-teacher of Lochgilphead High School was the special guest of honour at the annual prize giving as he retires after 25 years of teaching at the school.

Dr Michael O'Donnell gave a speech at the ceremony last week which reflected on his time at the school and discussed the significant changes to the teaching profession.

The teacher, who lives in Whitehouse, joined the school as the principal head of chemistry before working his way through the ranks to become deputy head.

Reflecting on his career Dr O'Donnell said: 'When I first started, teaching was much more relaxed and there was less accountability and a lot less administration. There are big, big changes to the curricu-

lum coming with the introduction of the curriculum of excellence. But, there was the changes from O Grade to Standard Grade and we just had to get the job done.'

Speaking about the highlights of his time at the school, he said: 'Moving to the new school was really great, the children are bril-

liant and working with my colleagues has been great.'

Now as Dr O'Donnell retires he said that he had no set plans in place.

'I don't really know what I'm going to do, but I've never had too much trouble getting through the long summer holidays so I think I'll be fine,' he said.

Meet Lochgilphead High's new head boy and girl



Elizabeth MacEachern and Mark Stark will take on the role of head girl and head boy at Lochgilphead High School next academic year. The pair will be supported by depute head boys Neil Malcolm, Mike Wilkes and Cameron Wragg and depute girls Caitlin Lemmon, Kirsty MacVicar and Madeline Ward.

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Pupils' delight as sun shines on end of term garden party

THE SUN was shining down on Achahoish Primary School as pupils hosted their a garden party to mark the end of the school year.

Pupils were busy last Monday morning pricing up plants, decorating cakes, filling up water balloons and preparing a fizzy juice fountain ahead of the event.

Dozens of locals turned up to show their support as the youngsters manned their a variety of stalls, which included soak the teacher, decorate a cup cake and a plant sale.

There was also a hat making competition which was a huge hit with everyone at the party.

Prizes went to Jacky Preece, who won the award for most flamboyant hat, whilst Jan-



The decorative hat competition was just one of many events at the Achahoish Primary School garden party.

ette Sheldrick's creation was named the most colourful and Ruby Bosomworth and Connor

Watson picked up prizes for most imaginative.

The event was finished off with a BBQ and chil-

dren soaked up the sun with a water fight. More than £200 was raised for the school at the event.

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Annual prizegiving at Tarbert Academy



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This year's junior dux prize was awarded to Rory Kemp Smith.



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Dozens of certificates and prizes were handed out to students at Tarbert Academy which recognised their academic achievements.

PROUD parents and family members gathered at Tarbert Academy to celebrate the academic achievements of pupils for 2012/13 at the annual prizegiving ceremony.

This year the award for senior dux was jointly awarded to Rose Richmond and Lyndsey Scott, whilst the junior dux was presented to Rory Kemp Smith.

The Mary Seddall Bruce-Lockhart Award for Services to Others was given to Maggie Richmond, whilst Marr Wilkie Award was given to Tarbert Academy Drama Club.

Katie Smith received the James McTaggart Memorial Award, which was presented by Kintyre Music.

The House Shield was handed to Lagan, whilst dozens of prizes were handed out to individuals across various subjects, which acknowledged their achievements in the classroom.

This year's ceremony focused on the school's position within the heart of the community and looked to the future as it welcomed new head teacher Neil McKnight.

The successes and achievements of the school were recognised in the review of the

year, which was provided by Mr Welsh through a photo and music montage on the big screen.

Principal guest for the event was Dr Neil MacDonald who has supported the school's Gaelic singing development over the years and was treated to two songs by Tarbert Folk Group.

Music was also provided by Primary Recorder and violinist Niamh MacKaveney, whilst pupils presented their re-

ports for the leavers and achievers of 2013 throughout the night.

Pupils gave a well researched and entertaining presentation, which traced the origins and background to the long established and endowed memorial awards at the school.

The ceremony was closed with a vote of thanks from Mrs Steele, which was followed by the Primary Samba Band that closed the show.



Rose Richmond, left, and Lyndsey Scott were presented with the Tarbert Academy secondary dux at this year's prize giving.



Pupils were congratulated for using their home economics lessons to help good causes. S2 students used their home economics classes to make the blankets and quilts for the Bonnie Babies charity in Campbeltown. The UK wide charity helps families with premature babies. Our photo shows pupils Haden Smith, Jacquelyn Clark, Judy Gorman, Emily Gilmour and Ben Davies show off their finished quilts. 20_c22blankets01

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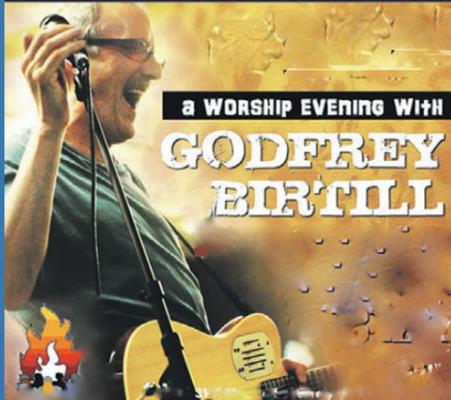



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Keen water sports enthusiasts are spoilt for choice, with Mid-Argyll and Kintyre recognised as having some of the best sailing waters in the world. Each year, nearly 2,000 boats make the journey along the Crinan Canal, linking Loch Fyne at Ardrishaig with the Sound of Jura. For the more experienced is the Corryreckan Whirlpool, located at the north end of the island.

Surfers regularly flock to Machrihanish and Westport beaches to take advantage of the waves on offer, with canoeing and kayaking also popular.

For those who'd prefer to sit back and spectate, sea tours

from locations such as Ardfern and Campbeltown offer speedy boat trips and an opportunity to view the wide variety of wildlife.

Back on dry land, there is much to explore. The Kintyre Way, opened in August 2006, crisscrosses the peninsula, worming its way south from Tarbert to Southend. Whether keen for a gentle stroll or some more serious hiking, there's the chance to become acquainted with Kintyre's people and wildlife. That's not to mention the various shorter walks, whether rambling in the hills, on forest tracks or enjoying a gentle sea breeze.

Some may be keen to explore Mid-Argyll and Kintyre at a slightly quicker pace by cycling. Mountain bikers can take advantage of the trails like those at Beinn Ghulean, Campbeltown, with no shortage of flatter routes for those looking for something a little less strenuous.

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Mid-Argyll and Kintyre, then, are bursting with opportunities when it comes to the great outdoors. Why not get involved?

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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (POLTALLOCH STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2013

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1), 2(2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Kennacraig Trunk Road known as Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead from its junction with Argyll Street, Lochgilphead to its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, a distance of 230 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day, 2013 and to enable members of the public to watch this event, will be in operation from 0001 hours on 6th July 2013 until 0001 hours on 7th July 2013 and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in connection with the placing of the required signage or vehicles being used in an emergency for fire brigade, coastguard, ambulance or police purposes or to acts done with the permission or upon the direction of a police constable in uniform.

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A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/policy/legal-requirements/road-and-traffic-orders/TRO's

For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.gov.uk

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF.



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DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20A AND 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they have determined that their proposal to install in-channel debris fences on tow watercourses associated with the A83 Trunk Road is-

(a) not a project which falls within Annex I of Council Directive No. 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive No. 97/11/EC and Council Directive No. 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and Council;

(b) is a relevant project within the meaning of Sections 20A (9) and 55A (7) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the said Directive but that having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive it should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require the publication of an Environmental Statement.

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (HALL STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

On Monday 1st July 2013, Argyll and Bute Council, made the above named Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be that for a temporary period, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, with the exception of emergency services vehicles, through that length of the southeast bound carriageway of Hall Street, Campbeltown extending from its junction with the roundabout at Old Quay Head to its junction with the roundabout at the New Quay a distance of 235 metres or thereby. Vehicles will still be permitted to travel in the north west bound carriageway.

The Order, which is necessary to facilitate the holding of the RNLI fundraising Gala Day, shall have effect when indicated by signs between 0930 hours and 1800 hours on Saturday 13th July 2013.

Alternative Route: Vehicles approaching from the North should proceed via Main Street, Argyll Street, Stewart Road, New Quay Street thence Kilkerran Road. Vehicles approaching from the south should proceed vice versa.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD

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Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre) will be holding surgeries during the month of JULY as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Monday 8th July	Town Hall, Campbeltown	6.15pm - 7.15pm
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Councillor Semple can also be contacted by email - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone on 01586 553765.

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Taylor will NOT be holding a surgery during the month of July but can be contacted by e mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone 01546 604184

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT is always a joy to visit the local art exhibitions around the area and I never fail to be amazed at the talent that exists amongst so many of the folk here. However it's the variety in style that fascinates me.

The same scene can be painted by ten different artists and ten different interpretations are expressed. Some artists are instantly recognisable by their style and we all have our favourites.

I was enchanted recently by a one woman exhibition which celebrated the 1,450 year anniversary of the arrival of Columba on our shores, both at Southend and Iona.

Christine Russell is one of my favourite artists and her skill combined with two of my favourite places unveiled a real treasure trove of glorious canvases.

We had been on Iona at Easter at the same time as Christine, and we couldn't wait to see what she produced from her visit to the island.

We were not disappointed!

The paintings were wonderful and they caught the colour and beauty of Iona, but they also caught the spirit of the place too.

Christine said that what inspired her was amongst other things, 'the timelessness of our land, the feeling it was always thus'.

How fortunate we are to live on this 'stunning West Coast of Scotland' where beauty and timelessness call us to look beyond our own horizons and catch a glimpse of things eternal.

Since time began people have tried to convey the beauty that escapes words and have done so in art, in music, in literature.

What a blessing these folk are and how wonderful to be invited to share with them in the song of life.

Thank you, Christine, and so many others for opening our eyes to the wonders we might have missed and filling our world with the timelessness of colour.

Ardrishaig Primary School sports day

Rain fails to dampen the spirits as pupils race to success

YOUNGSTERS at Ardrishaig Primary School hopped, skipped and jumped their way across the finish line last week as the annual sports day was held with aplomb. Steady with determination, the children took part in sprint races alongside an obstacle course, which saw them run, jump, hop and

wriggle through a giant parachute to be crowned winner.

Action

Adults also got in on the action as the highly anticipated mums and dads races were hotly contested.

Despite the traditional rainy west coast weather, a great day was had by all.



Spotting a gap in the market, the parent teacher council sold fruit juice and punch to thirsty children and parents. Setting up a beautiful table of healthy fruits and drinks, the stall was a hit with children and parents alike. 06_a26PTC01



P5 pupils Hazel Selfridge and Wiktoria Wietronek race to the finish line in the Obstacle course race. 06_a26ard03



Children from five to 11 years-old took part in sports day. 06_a26ard08



The Campbell speeds out of the parachute. 06_a26ard01



Lauren Johnson from P5 powers towards the finish line. 06_a26ard04



The young athletes were determined to be the first to cross the finish line. 06_a26ard05



Headteacher James Helbert battled it out with the dad's in the adult race. 06_a26ard07

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father ... Give us today our daily bread' (Matthew 6:11).

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

MARTIN - GRAHAM - At Castlehill Church Manse, on July 8, 1953, Jim to Cathie. Present address, 17 Mill Road, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BROWN - Suddenly, after a short illness, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on June 30, 2013, Marilyn Brown (née Stewart), aged 60 years, of Whyfield, Glengilp Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of Joe, dear daughter of the late Alex and Joan Stewart (formerly Brodie Crescent), a much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt to all the family. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Monday, July 8 at 11.15am, thereafter a memorial service will take place in Ardrishaig Parish Church at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

DOCHERTY - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on July 1, 2013, Mary McCallum, in her 72nd year, 23 Castleacres, Campbeltown, formerly of Glebe Street, dearly beloved wife of George Docherty, much loved mother of Caroline, loving granny of Nicole, Lynzi and Abbi and a much loved sister and aunt.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at her home, Dundalgan, Lochgair, with her family by her side, on June 27, 2013, Anne Martin Macdonald, née McInnes, beloved wife of the late Neil Cameron Macdonald. Funeral service was held in Lochgair Parish Church on Tuesday, July 2, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACIVER - Peacefully, at his home, Primrose Bank, West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, with his family by his side, on July 1, 2013, Donald Peter MacIver (Dondie), aged 82 years, beloved husband of Shirley and much loved dad of Elsa, Ruth and Donna. Adored Poppa to all the family and a dear brother and brother-in-law. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, July 5 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll Hospital and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MACLEISH - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Forth Valley Hospital, on June 24, 2013, in her 87th year, Jenny (last surviving child of Peter and Flora MacKinnon), dearly loved mother of Trena, mother-in-law of George, devoted granny, great granny, great-great granny and a beloved aunt. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ADAMS - The family of the late Sharon Harrogate Adams would like to thank all family and friends for all the support given to them at this sad time. Sincere thanks to Rev Philip Burroughs for the uplifting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficient and caring handling of the funeral arrangements and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the excellent purvey. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the church and cemetery. The sum of £403.52 was raised for the ICU at the Southern General Hospital.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN - Marilyn. My darling sister, goodnight. - Lots of love from her brother, Alex.

EDWARDS - In loving memory of our father, grandfather and great grandfather, Jimmy, passed away July 4, 2011. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed, still very dear.

- Love Janet x, Robert, Samantha, Ryley, Dexter and Aaliyah x, Peter, Heather and Lauren x.

LAFFERTY - In memory of our mother, who died July 5, 2010. - Lafferty family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Family Service 11:00 am with Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group Sunday School will resume after the summer holidays
Pastor Chris Holden
Member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
For more information please visit our website
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 7th July 12.45pm Worship Service
Rev David Ford
All welcome
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Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Friday 5th July 7pm Session Meeting
Kirk Street Hall
Saturday 6th July 2pm Sale of work
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Sunday 7th July 11.15am Rev C Hood
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 7th July Early Morning Informal Worship - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche)
Mr W. Crossan
Monday, 8th July to Friday, 12th July Holiday Club ('Space Academy')
Thursday, 11th July Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz) 6.30pm Evening Worship

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Mr George Stewart Kilmartin
7.00pm Youth Group
Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm Welcome meal - USA Youth Exchange
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 7 July - all welcome!

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Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am
Short service in Chalmers Court at 2.30pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

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DUNCAN Robertson's incredible start to the season continued at Inveraray Golf Club on Sunday as the Seniors Championship got under way.

Duncan swept the field aside with an emphatic win, carding 87 - a massive seven shots ahead of his closest competitor. Jimmy Kerr, who carded 91, was second with Donald Cameron third on 97.

The wet and challenging playing conditions took their toll on the rest of the competitors who were left trailing behind.

During the week Rory

GOLF

Campbell secured the Summer Stableford League Trophy with an impressive 27 points after six rounds of league competition.

Rory took the title ahead of a host of players including Paul Armstrong, Jimmy Kerr, John Smylie, D J MacDonald and Duncan Robertson who all finished on 25 points.

Entries are still being taken for the Inveraray Gents Open which will be played on July 13. Tee-times can be secured by calling 07527 929843.

STRACHUR will be hoping for a good result tomorrow (Saturday) as the majority of its first team return to league duty after a much needed rest.

The Cowal side had a rest week last week after a difficult game against Glasgow Mid Argyll, which saw one of the team's players suffer an asthma attack.

Young Angus Campbell was taken off the pitch because of the attack and was one of three players to come off the pitch in the first 20 min-

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utes because of injury. Speaking to the *Advertiser*, manager Donald MacDonald said: 'I'm glad there was no game last week as it gave the lads with injuries the chance to rest. Hopefully we will have a reasonable score against Aberdour so we can pick up some points.'

Strachur take on Aberdour at home tomorrow, with a throw up at Strachurmore Park at 2.30pm.

Tarbert ladies on course to success



Prizewinners from Tarbert Golf Ladies Championship, held last weekend. From left to right: Janeann Reppke, Seona Martin, Rona Young, Sheena Ferguson.

Rona narrowly takes top honours

VICTORY was sweet for golfer Rona Young after she triumphed at the Tarbert Ladies Championship last weekend.

With several players in good form, the competition was a closely fought affair.

At the end of the first round, Rae Bleasby had scored 87 and led by two shots over Rona Young on 89.

Sunday's events began with summer showers

and testing conditions but there was still plenty of good golf on show.

In the end, Rona's consistency shone through as she finished with a total of 179, narrowly ahead of Sheena Ferguson on 180.

In the handicap competition, Seona Martin was victorious scoring 134, with Janeann Reppke runner-up on 141.

Gross results: 1 Rona Young: 89+90=179;

2 Sheena Ferguson: 92+88=180; 3 Seona Martin: 90+92=182; 4 Janeann Reppke: 93+90=183; 5 Rae Bleasby: 87+105=192; 6 Catriona McKnight: 100+102=202; 7 Frances Hardie: 102+109=211; 8 Angela Vernel: 112+110=222; 9 Ann Queenan: 104+125=229; 10 Liz Fraser: 139+140=279; 11 Georgie Dickson: 103.

By Colin Hunter

THE CAPTAIN of Tarbert's ladies golfing team put in a strong performance at the Glenralloch course recently to win the Loch Fyne Gallery Ladies' Open.

Despite welcoming more than 50 women from Argyll, Arran, and Renfrewshire to Tarbert for the competition, it was captain Sheena Ferguson that was the outright winner.

Sponsor of the competition, Rae Bleasby of Tarbert's Loch Fyne Gallery, presented the crystalware and said: 'It's a pleasure to bring the girls together, to watch them grow and get better every year.'

Tarbert club presi-

dent Keith Blair praised the ladies' section of the club for its growth in recent years and the club's volunteers for their help in maintaining the course and running events. He said the visitors' support for the event reflected the ladies' efforts.

The competition was scored by experienced referee Bill Young.

Results: First overall: Sheena Ferguson, Tarbert. Scratch: 1. Anne Gallagher, Machrihanish, 2. Jen Owen, Old Ranfurly, 3. Lynsey Ramsay, Machrihanish.

Stableford: 1. Sheena Ferguson, Tarbert, 2. Margo Andrew, Kyles of Bute, 3. Helen Samborek, Tarbert.



Sheena Ferguson on her way to victory in the Loch Fyne Gallery Ladies' Open.

Bowlers flock to club to compete for new triples trophy

BOWLERS from across Argyll descended on Lochgilphead Bowling Club at the weekend to compete for the club's new Burnside Cup - an open triples championship.

The cup was donated to the club by new sponsors of the triples competition, Donald McDonald funeral directors and Golden Charter.

After a great day's bowling

it was Ian Guy, Sandy Crawford and George Annan that emerged the winners, defeating Jamie Lang, Fiona MacLachlan and Tommy McRae.

The cup was presented by Rod-

dy McDonald and Fiona McCuig from the funeral directors. For more information on Lochgilphead Bowling Club see the club's new blog at www.lochgilpheadbc.wordpress.com.



Ardrishaig quartet fly the flag for Scotland

Senior fours bowlers from Ardrishaig Bowling Club Margaret MacKinnon, Sylvia Stark, Margaret Annan and Fiona MacLachlan joined the Scottish Bowling Team in the recent British Isles Championships. The women were not successful in overcoming England, Wales and Northern Ireland in the competition but enjoyed the experience.

Black belt success a major milestone

A NUMBER of people attending Lochgilphead Kyokushin Karate Club recently achieved a major milestone in the sport and earned their black belts.

Chloe MacDonald and Owen Allen, from Tarbert, were successful in achieving their junior black belts, whilst Katie MacDonald, from Tarbert, and Ethan Lekalake, from Ardrishaig, have both become senior second degree black belts.

The sports men and women were awarded their belts after they undertook a grading test which was assessed by representatives of Ky-

okushin Karate Scotland.

The tests included basic and advanced techniques, breaking stacks of tiles and fighting. The juniors fought 15 opponents each, while the seniors going for second dan fought 40 opponents each.

The assessment day, held at Mid Argyll Sports Centre, also saw other members of Lochgilphead and Oban karate clubs gain coloured belts.

Anyone interested in training at the Lochgilphead club should contact Iain Rodger on 07584 166542 or email info@ksksotland.com.

Lottery numbers

JAMES Doyle was the lucky winner of £1,300 in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery. James had numbers 8, 10 and 18. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

THE £400 jackpot in this week's Tarbert Football Club lottery was won by Christine Cupples. The winning numbers were 5, 12 and 17. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

THE JACKPOT in next week's Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery will be £900 as another week passes with no winner. The numbers this week were 5, 6 and 16.

Oban Celtic triumph in MacQuiston

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WINTERRON Park in Inveraray hosted the MacQuiston Cup on Sunday, which saw Oban Celtic triumph over Glasgow Mid Argyll.

The Oban side put in an impressive performance to win 4-1 and bring the cup home for the first time in 17 years.

The south of Scotland under 17s trophy was in the Celtic trophy cabinet for three consecutive years between 1994 and 1996 but had proved elusive since the mid-90s.

Young Stars sign for Dumbarton

TWO YOUNGSTERS from Red Star's under 13 team have signed for professional football club Dumbarton.

Joseph Harper, from Slockavullin, and Cammy Williamson, of Ardrishaig, last week accepted pro-youth contracts with the Scottish first division club.

The boys, who enjoyed successful trials with the club last month, are now members of the club's under 13 pro-youth development squad and will participate in the National Player Pathway.

Cammy and Joseph signed their contracts on Friday at the Bet Butler Stadium and toured

what will become their home ground in the years ahead.

The deals represent a significant commitment for the lads, who will balance midweek training sessions in Dumbarton with match day weekends both home and away.

The boys, who both start Lochgilhead High School in August, will commence pre-season training with their new club on July 9 and are thrilled at the prospect of sharing training facilities with members of the first team squad.

Joseph, a left sided player, is a former Argyll age-group athletic champion and hopes to continue to representing Mid Argyll Athletic Club in future events, as well as turning out for The Sons.

Meanwhile midfielder/striker Cammy, who was voted player of the season for Lochgilhead Scorpions in the Oban Express League 2011/12, is football crazy and hopes that his selection in the Dumbarton team is but a first step as he pursues a cherished am-



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Inveraray miss out on Celtic Cup in sudden death penalty shoot out

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'We edged it in normal time but Kyles really increased the pressure in extra time. We deserved at least a penalty shoot-out but it was unfortunate that three of our better ball strikers missed their penalties.

Iain Cameron, Glasgow Celtic Society secretary,

said: 'A large crowd witnessed the most evenly contested Celtic Cup final for many years and only the second in the competition history to be decided on penalties. In a very tense atmosphere both goalkeepers were forced to make crucial saves towards the close of extra-time and every player gave their all.'

bition to make the professional grade.

Having participated in the East Dunbartonshire Development League 2012/13, where

they represented Lochgilhead Red Star, Cammy and Joseph would like to wish their former team mates well in the forthcoming season and

hope that they may cross paths once again.

Both also wish to pay tribute to Lochgilhead Soccer Centre and specifically wish to thank

Lochgilhead Red Star coaches Gordon Munro and Jonathan Scott for their significant support and commitment last season.

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Inveraray miss out on Celtic Cup in sudden death penalty shoot out

Inveraray's Allan MacDonald and Nicholas Crawford see off the threat of Kyles' Roddy MacDonald. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

Inset: Kyles hero Donald Irvine celebrates with the trophy after hitting the winning penalty. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.

THE TOP two teams in south shinty could only be separated by sudden-death penalties, as Kyles Athletic lifted this season's AJG Glasgow Celtic Society Cup.

After a battling performance by both Kyles and Inveraray throughout 90 minutes and extra time, with the scoreline

locked at 0-0, Kyles' man of the match Donald Irvine hit the winning penalty to bring the trophy to Tighnabruaich for the 30th time.

The result was in stark contrast to last season's Camanachd Cup final between the two teams - one of the most enthralling in the competition's

history - which finished 6-5 to the Kyles men.

A delighted Kyles trainer James Perlich said: 'Considering it has been a really frustrating year this was a great trophy to win.'

'I thought it was a really competitive game, with plenty of skill and determination. Donald

Irvine was fantastic and having him finish it off with the winning penalty was magnificent.'

Inveraray player-manager Garry MacPherson, who missed his sudden-death penalty, said his team was hugely disappointed and he has his work cut out to lift his players ahead of the

league visit of Oban Camanachd this weekend.

Commenting on only the second Celtic Cup final to go to penalties, he said: 'Both teams have played each other so often that we know how to play against each other, so there was nothing to separate us.'

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