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Residents in race to finalise Inveraray improvement bid



Youngsters enjoy summer camp 'Olympics'

Children enjoyed taking part in Olympic themed activities when they attended the Lochgilphead Baptist Church Summer Camp last week. Youngsters played sport, made arts and crafts and had fun whilst learning about Christianity and the importance of community spirit. For more on the summer camp and Family Week, see page 8. 06_a28church03

THE RACE is on for Inveraray residents as they prepare to bid for tens of thousands of pounds to help improve the look of the Royal Burgh.

Members of the Inveraray Regeneration Group are to work with Argyll and Bute Council in a bid to secure a share of a £10 million pot of funding from Historic Scotland.

If the funding bid is successful, Inveraray's renowned whitewashed facade and the troubled Reliefland building could be restored to their former glory.

The council will soon appoint a conservation consultant to prepare a robust bid to the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), ahead of the August 31 deadline.

With less than two months to go Inveraray businesses and residents are pulling together to show community support for the bid, a vital component of a success-

ful application.

Frances O'Hagan of the Inveraray Regeneration Group said the team is hoping to arrange an early meeting with the consultants.

'It will be good to find out exactly what they have been asked to look at by the council and then look at what we can do to help,' Mrs O'Hagan said.

'There are a number of things we can offer. Between all of us we know the burgh really well; there are a number of businesses and residents who have had surveys done for different purposes. There are individual properties with costings for improvements. All that could be valuable to these consultants.'

Explaining the bid was important to the future of the burgh, Mrs O'Hagan added: 'People always say when they first see it [Inveraray] from the road it is breathtaking. At the moment it looks

wonderful from a distance but close up the cracks are showing.'

It is believed a successful CARS bid could also bring to an end the Reliefland saga, where private homeowners are being asked to pay in excess of £25,000 for repairs to the listed building, partly owned by Argyll Community Housing Association.

Frances said: 'It is part of the old town so if the bid focuses on the old town, Reliefland would be included in that. I would like to think that having started the whole thing [regeneration group], and having had our own survey done by a historic buildings consultant means the building would be included.'

Lead councillor for development, infrastructure and tourism, John Semple said the CARS bid is 'a real opportunity' for investment in the built heritage of Inveraray and for wider economic regeneration.

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Charity's calendar call

MID ARGYLL'S manliest men are being sought to take part in a charity calendar.

Jane McDonald, owner of The Barber in Lochgilphead, is putting together the Barber's Boys Calendar to raise funds for Lochgilphead Phoenix Project's Clock Lodge appeal.

The Phoenix Project is low on funds and Jane, chairwoman of the project, hopes to recruit 24 models for two calendars – one featuring men under 30 and one with over 30s.

As the *Advertiser* went to press, Jane had already recruited eight Argyll adonises, and she said: 'I'm not particularly looking for beefcakes, I'm looking for men from all walks of life.'

If 24 volunteers are not found then only the under 30s calendar will be released this year, while the over 30s will be sold the following year.

Jane said: 'I think we will achieve our goal because deep down people are exhibitionists, especially if it's for charity.'



Representatives of Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, Mhairi MacVicar and Lisa McPhie, were presented with the Citizen of the Year Award by District Governor Roberta Gaitan, along with Assistant District Governor and member of Mid Argyll Rotary Andy Lees.

Soccer centre awarded Rotary Club honour

A SPORTS organisation that has made an 'outstanding contribution' to the local community has been recognised by the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll.

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre has been awarded the rotary's annual citizen of the year award.

In a break from tradition, the 2012 award was open to groups as well as individuals of all ages. Iain Davidson of

the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll said: 'Having considered several nominations, the club decided to make this award to a group, not a citizen of the year, but to citizens of the year to Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, which has been working quietly away for the last 18 years, during which time 300 to 400 children of all ages, boys and girls, have passed through the centre. 'The rotary club

viewed Lochgilphead Soccer Centre as an exemplar of sustained volunteer effort, of teamwork, with children and young people at its centre.'

There are about 30 adult volunteers, 22 of whom have coaching qualifications, currently working with the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, providing a sporting outlet to more than 140 young people living across Mid Argyll.

'Ghost' village could house holiday homes

EXCLUSIVE REPORT BY ALAN KENT

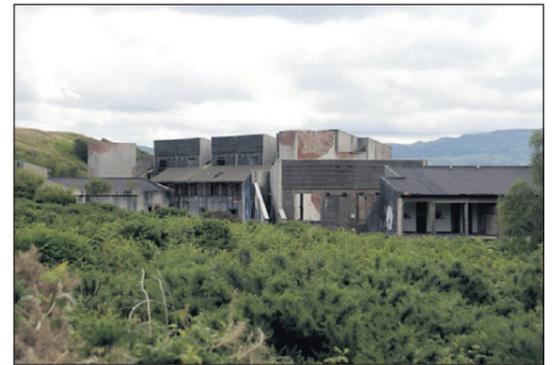
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A 'GHOST village' in Cowal, which has lain abandoned for more than 35 years, could become the location for a new holiday home complex, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* has learned.

Pollphail, a 25-acre site with 120 houses, was put on the market three weeks ago but with demand for the plot so high the sale is being brought to a close.

Estate agents managing the sale of site, situated less than a mile from the recently developed Portavadie Marina, have confirmed there has been significant interest from holiday home companies, keen to make the most of the village's scenic location on Loch Fyne.

With no original clos-



Pollphail village has had a good response from potential buyers after being put on the market. 06_a26ghostown02

ing date previously set, interested parties are now being told to place their expression of interest with the estate agent before July 25.

The sale is being conducted by CKD Galbraith on behalf of Brian Milne and Eileen Blackburn, administrators of French Duncan.

Nicola Charleston of CKD Galbraith said: 'I cannot verify the exact number of notes of interest or bids, however we have received several which is why the decision was made with the client's approval to set a closing date and conclude matters.'

With no fixed or guide price set for the site, Nicola said the notes of interest and subsequent bids would help agents see 'what the market perceives the site to be worth'.

Pollphail had previous-

ly been put on the market in 2009 but failed to generate any great interest.

Ms Charleston said the development of Portavadie Marina could 'possibly' now make the site more attractive to holiday home companies.

Pollphail village was built in the 1970s at a cost of £3.3 million to accommodate 500 construction workers, building concrete platforms for the UK's booming oil industry.

However, concrete quickly gave way to steel platforms, which were cheaper to build, and the village was never occupied as a result.

More recently, in 2009 Pollphail was the subject of an art project, where six renowned graffiti artists decorated the village's walls with a series of colourful murals.

Wildlife attractions key to tourism

TOURISM businesses need to do more to capitalise on wildlife attractions such as the Scottish Beaver Trial, according to Tourism Intelligence Scotland.

The tourism group made the claim in their new wildlife tourism guide which was launched in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry Commission Scotland and Wild Scotland.

The guide gives ad-

vice to businesses and individuals about how to make the most of the local flora and fauna in their area.

Claudia Rowse of Scottish Natural Heritage spoke about Scotland's 'outstanding wildlife and landscapes, adding: 'We want to help businesses capitalise on this by using nature as a marketing opportunity, encouraging more people to experience and enjoy it.'



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Downgrading branded 'atrocious' by veteran

THE DOWNGRADING of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders to a public duties company has been branded 'atrocious' by a Lochgilphead veteran.

Geordie Rhodick served with the Argylls for 22 years and says he is appalled by the UK government's decision to stop the Argyll's serving in active duty.

Defence secretary Philip Hammond last week announced the change of status to the Argylls as he revealed plans to reduce the number of army personnel from 102,000 to 82,000.

Geordie, whose family connection with the Argylls goes back several generations, says the

loss of the regiment status is a particularly hard blow to families who lost loved ones in conflict.

'It is not just the people that are serving now but the people that served before,' Geordie said.

'It is the memories that come back when people say the regiment is going; it's hard to take in.'

Service

Geordie's great, great grandfather and uncles have all served with the Argylls, with his 39-year-old son David in his 20th year of service.

His uncle Peter died in the Second World War. But Geordie said soldiers are committed to serving in conflict zones despite the risk.

'It is hard to explain but they are really happy to serve their country; they have no qualms about it,' he said.

Public figures in Argyll and Bute have all denounced the decision to downgrade the regiment.

MSP for the area, Michael Russell said: 'Like many people in my constituency I had a father who served in the Argylls during the war.'

Others will have had brothers, uncles, sons or other family members.

'All will be outraged at

this further attack on the regiment, which is being reduced to almost nothing.'

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute said: 'The government give poor recruitment as their reason.'

'I have tabled questions to the defence secretary to check the facts on this.'

'The army restructuring is not due to happen for at least two years, so I still hope that the reduction in the size of the Argylls will not be implemented.'



Geordie Rhodick with his son David, a colour sergeant in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regiment, at the recent Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day. 06_a26parade11

Pipe band hits the right notes

INVERARAY and District Pipe Band achieved third place at the recent British Pipe Band Championships in Annan.

The band achieved the impressive finish in the grade one championship despite a lack of experience at the top level.

Band secretary Jim McMillan said: 'We've only spent a couple of years at grade one and to finish in the top six is great.' Jim added 'a lot of practice and commitment' had gone into the performance.

The junior band also enjoyed a good performance, finishing fifth.

Police files

THREE youths are being sought in Lochgilphead after candle lighters were stolen from the town's Tesco Express store.

The theft occurred at about 8pm last Tuesday evening and police are urging anyone who may have witnessed the incident to contact them on 01546 702200.

A 22-year-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged possession of cannabis. The man, from Mid Argyll, was travelling in a car on the A83 in Lochgilphead at 12pm last Thursday when he was stopped by the police, who allegedly found him with a small quantity of the drug.

A YOUNG man is suffering from facial injuries this week after being assaulted by a man in Furnace on Saturday night.

Police were called to a disturbance in the village, where a 25-year-old Glasgow man is alleged to have hit another man.

The 25-year-old was charged with assault following the incident and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

POLICE arrested a woman in Lochgilphead last Thursday evening after a disturbance broke out in a house in the town.

The 48-year-old woman was charged with allegedly committing a breach of the peace and a minor assault on a 35-year-old man.

A TEENAGER has been charged with allegedly smashing a glass panel on a bus shelter in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, on Sunday night.

The 19 year-old, from the local area, is alleged to have committed the vandalism shortly after 10pm.

MOTORISTS are being reminded not to use a mobile phone whilst driving.

Lochgilphead police officers issued the warning after a 49-year-old man was issued with a fixed penalty ticket for allegedly driving while using his phone in the town on Monday.

Police officers are reminding people the penalty for the offence is a £60 fine and three points on a driving licence.

Track's cash boost

A SCENIC walk that attracts visitors to Furnace and Loch Fyne will undergo a facelift after a community group received a cash boost.

Leacainn Walk, a favourite amongst ramblers, will be cleared and new way markers erected.

The work will go ahead later this year after Furnace Amenity Association received more than £7,000 from An Suidhe Community Windfarm Fund.

Mike Masters, chairman of Furnace Amenity Association, welcomed the funding boost.

'This walk was created in 2000 as part of the Millennium celebrations and it is very well used by locals and visitors. It is 12-years-old now and sign posts need replacing and various works need to be done to get it brought back to a good condition.'

Part of the money will also be used to fund an options appraisal of the path to see if it can be extended and connected to nearby sites of historical interest.

The Furnace group was just one of many organisations to benefit from the community fund, with Dalavich Improvement Group granted £12,500 for a play park, Dalavich Social Recreational club £2,000 to upgrade the community hall kitchen and Loch Awe Safety Company £3,500 to purchase safety equipment.

Inveraray and District Branch of the Royal British Legion and the North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme were also awarded grants.

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Raft race appeal

BUDDING seafarers are being called upon to set sail on Loch Gilp for a good cause next month.

It is hoped an armada of home-made rafts will descend on the Lochgilphead Raft Race for the town raft race on August 4, with sea-dogs vying to be first across the loch in aid of the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project.

Entry is free and those wishing to test out their sea legs should contact Jane McDonald at The Barber in Lochgilphead or email to secretary@lochgilpheadphoenix.org. Or log on to www.lochgilpheadphoenix.org/contact.



Linda, Jennifer and Jean all smiles on their graduation day.

Delight as Mid Argyll sisters graduate on the same day

THREE Mid Argyll sisters have been celebrating this week after graduating from university on the same day.

The ladies, Linda Morrison, Jennifer Campbell and Jean Evans, gradu-

ated from Glasgow University with a Bachelor of Arts in Childhood Practice.

Already childcare professionals in Mid Argyll, Linda is an early years worker with Ar-

gyll and Bute Council and coordinates the Childminding Scheme, whilst Jennifer owns and runs Badden Farm Nursery with Jean as her assistant manager at the nursery.

Housing charity stats 'surprising' claim council

CLAIMS by homelessness charity Shelter Scotland that Argyll and Bute Council is not doing enough to tackle the issue are 'surprising' according to the authority.

The council's spokesman for housing, George Freeman, said Shelter's comments were based on outdated information, saying that since April, it has processed 100 per cent of unintentionally homeless applications as a priority.

Shelter's figures, which showed the council treated 92 per cent of the applications as priority need, were based on the 2011/12 financial year, up until April 1. The charity said the council 'must do more' to increase that figure to 100 per cent to keep in line with Scotland's Homelessness Act of 2003.

Mr Freeman said: 'We are slightly surprised at the tone of Shelter as

they obviously have not taken the council's policy change into account.

'In November last year the council agreed all unintentionally homeless applicants would be considered to be 100 per cent priority need from this April.

'The figures quoted by Shelter relate to last year, but since April this year we have achieved 100 per cent.

'We have also seen a further 19 per cent reduction on homeless applications in the first quarter of 2012/13.'

In 2010/11, the council dealt with 810 full homeless applications, compared with 604 in 11/12. There are currently 302 live priority, unintentional homeless applications.

The council attributes the reduction in homeless applications to the fact that since 2010 it has pro-actively embraced early interven-

tion and the housing options approach to the prevention of homelessness.

Mr Freeman said: 'We have worked with our HOMEArgyll partners - the four main housing associations in Argyll and Bute - to raise awareness amongst staff and customers that the homeless route is only one approach to meeting their housing need.'

'We have also limited the number of houses available under Right to Buy and we have an on-going programme which is scheduled to build on average 110 new homes every year for the next five years.'

In 2011-12 the housing service received 2,399 enquiries about housing information and advice - a seven per cent increase on the previous year and 136 per cent increase from 2007/08 when information and advice was first recorded.



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Energy group names Allt Dearg best UK community windfarm

A WINDFARM that will generate millions of pounds for Ardrishaig has been named the best in the UK.

Allt Dearg Community Windfarm was recently named best community project in the Energy Awards, organised by RenewableUK - the trade body representing the wind, wave and tidal energy industries.

The windfarm, built by Allt Dearg Wind Farmers partnership, was honoured at the awards as a project that has been 'developed in close partnership with a community'.

A unique partnership between landowners, investors and the local community, Allt Dearg Community Windfarm is expected to generate more than £4 million for Ardrishaig Community Trust over its 20-year

lifespan.

The trust, which owns one of the 12 turbines on the site, will use the income to fund social and economic regeneration initiatives in the area.

James Lithgow of Ormsary, who together with the neighbouring Stronachullin Estate

owns the site, said: 'There has been a huge amount of hard work from everyone to develop this community project without any public sector support so we're delighted it has won this award.'

Allt Dearg is located 12km south west of Lochgilphead.

The windfarm, due to be completed later this year, will feature 12, 81-metre high turbines with a capacity of 10MW, enough to provide power for all the homes in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead.

Work due to start soon on erecting turbines

WORK to erect turbines at Allt Dearg Community Windfarm is due to start on Monday.

It is hoped construction of the wind turbines will begin at the site, in the hills above Ardrishaig, at the start of the week weather permitting.

Parts of the turbines are still being transported to Allt Dearg by road from

Kintyre and Roseneath, with all large deliveries expected to be complete in the middle of August.

James Lithgow, of Allt Dearg Wind Farmers, said: 'We would like to apologise to anyone held up in traffic by these loads - the transport team are working hard to minimize disruption to local road users.'

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Shinty team help leukaemia campaign

Ailsa diagnosed with rare form of leukaemia

INVERARAY shinty team is putting its weight behind a campaign to help a two-year-old fighting leukaemia.

Ailsa Croll was a normal, healthy two-year-old until she was diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia, a rare form of leukaemia; she desperately needs a bone marrow transplant and doctors are scouring the donor register to find a match.

Hoping to raise awareness of Ailsa's plight and the Anthony Nolan bone marrow register, two Inveraray lads revealed t-shirts featuring a picture of Ailsa at the Celtic Cup final.

Russell MacKinlay, who met the tot a few weeks ago, and Garry McPherson pulled up their shirts to reveal 'Ailsa's appeal t-shirts' when they scored against Taynuilt.

Speaking to the *Advertiser*, firefighter Russell said he met Ailsa and her family a few weeks ago when they visited Clydebank Fire Station, which supports the Anthony Nolan register.

'It turns out they are big Inveraray supporters,' Russell said. 'I told them about the final and it was

meant to be on BBC Alba so I said I would wave to her but then Andrew Watt, our group commander made the suggestion of the t-shirts.

'We hoped the t-shirts would raise awareness, encourage people to do the spit test and ultimately find a match for her.'

Ailsa, and her family, from Ayrshire, developed an interest in shinty through holidays in Argyll, with Ailsa and her older sister supporting Inveraray and their dad Oban Camanachd.

'I think the girls liked the yellow shirts and that's how they became supporters,' Russell said.

Urging people to provide a sample of saliva, known as the spit test, and sign up as a donor to the Anthony Nolan bone marrow register, Russell said: 'I'm a father of three so to see her like that is heart breaking. To think that she needs a transplant quite soon; to be put in that position as parents, that is why we are more than happy to do anything we can.'

To join the register you need to be aged between 18 and 40 and in good health. Further details on how to join can be found at www.anthonynolan.org.



Russell MacKinlay and Garry MacPherson wore 'Ailsa's appeal t-shirts' to raise awareness at the Celtic Society Cup final. Photo: Stephen Lawson



Sandy Taylor (right) congratulates Carl Olivarius on becoming president of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll.

New Rotary president

CARL Olivarius has been named the new president of the Rotary Club of Mid Argyll.

Mr Olivarius takes up the role from recently elected councillor Sandy Taylor.

Mr Taylor was thanked for his leadership during the year, which saw significant sums of money collected for local and international causes.

More than £5,000 was raised to help eradicate polio, improve water supplies and sanitation in Malawi and provide support to individuals and organisations in Mid Argyll.

Mr Olivarius' appointment coincides with the appointment of a new vice president and club secretary, with Jane MacArthur and Garry Kidd taking up the respective roles.

Memorial service

A MEMORIAL service for an Ardrishaig-born lighting architect was held recently in Edinburgh.

Jonathan Spiers, considered one of the finest in his field, died last month after losing a long

battle with cancer. Jonathan helped light up some of the most prestigious buildings in the world, including the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, and also the 'Gherkin' in London.

ACHA offer advice on tenants facing welfare payment benefit cuts

HOUSING authority ACHA is urging its tenants facing cuts to their welfare payments to get in touch.

Argyll Community Housing Association is offering tenants advice on benefit payments in preparation for changes to the welfare system in April next year.

The association is urging its tenants, both in work and out of work, to make an appointment with its welfare rights officers to ensure they are getting all the in-

come they are entitled to.

The social landlord particularly wants to hear from people affected by the 'bedroom tax' which will see housing benefit cut for people living in a home with 'more bedrooms than they need', and tenants who feel they may struggle to pay their rent when housing benefit is cut.

ACHA said it is committed to helping people plan for these changes and aims to speak to every tenant it can.

Cancer campaign for cigarettes to be sold in plain unbranded packets

AN ARGYLL cancer campaigner travelled to Westminster recently, urging the UK government to back a national campaign discouraging children and young people from smoking.

Becky Stokes of Dunoon is involved with Cancer Research UK's *The Answer is Plain* campaign, calling for cigarettes to be sold in plain, unbranded packets.

Calling on Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid to support the campaign, Becky warned that children could be attracted to colourful logos and designs normally found on cigarette packaging.

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Those Were The Days

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Penniless void threat

THE FEARS that implications in the Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament will mean that many youngsters, particularly in remote areas of Mid Argyll, will be left in a penniless void, were voiced by Regional Councillor Carole MacIntyre this week.

The speech outlined Government proposals to withdraw benefit from youngsters who refuse a place on a YTS scheme. In the remote communities of Mid Argyll and the Islands, suitable work placements are often hard to find.

However under the new proposals, if a youngster refuses any scheme on offer within six months of becoming eligible for YTS, benefit will be withdrawn and the youngster left penniless.

Vacant village to vanish?

A VILLAGE which never was, and is now falling into ruin, a company with a registered office in the West Indies and a council who would like the village removed are the unlikely ingredients in a saga affecting Mid Argyll.

Pollphail village, which lies opposite Tarbert on Loch Fyne, was built in the early 1970s to provide accommodation for Portavadie, an oil platform construction yard nearby.

But the yard failed to win even one order, and the workers' village is now lying unused, falling into a worse and worse state of disrepair.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE are several breeding pairs of eagles on Arran and the ones over the distillery can frequently be seen harnessing the wind currents above the high peaks.

They were guests of honour at the opening of the distillery in 1995 as they provided a fly-past at exactly the right moment!

The owners like to think it was a 'thank you' from the birds for halting building work for a few weeks to allow the parents to hatch the chicks.

The distillery is fascinating and, as we know from our own distillery in Campbeltown, much effort goes into producing the perfect dram.

There is great skill in getting every stage of the process just right, and Scotland is recognised as being the best in the world at producing whisky. We were impressed by the techniques used, the precision regarding temperature, the lack of waste, and the re-cycling of certain materials. The local cattle evidently thrive on the discarded grist!

One thing that amused me was the fact that a little of the pure alcohol evaporates into the atmosphere and is affectionately known as 'the angels' share'.

I wondered if that is why most angels depicted in pictures are smiling and seem very proficient at playing their harps!

What a lovely thought that we could share something with the angels.

I also thought of the finished product – of all the expertise that has gone into its creation, and of the pride that is applied in making each dram perfect.

How good it is at the end of a day to share it, not just with the angels, but with friends around us now.

May you have walls for the wind

And a roof for the rain

And drinks beside the fire

Laughter to cheer you

And those you love near you,

And all that your heart may desire.

Response to Alan Reid's A83 letter

Sir,

I refer to MP Alan Reid's letter 'Wake up call to the Government' (29 June) about works being undertaken to establish an emergency diversion route at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

The Scottish Government realises the importance of the A83 to the communities of Argyll and Bute. I can assure your readers that every effort is being made to progress a diversion route project to completion as a matter of urgency.

A number of concerns about the forest track option have emerged, in particular the narrowness and steepness of the track alignment and the very steep side slopes.

Transport Scotland considers that the Old Military Road has a number of advantages over the forest track. It is wider with no steep slopes over most of its length.

The engineering is simpler and wind blown trees are less of a problem. The alignment is generally straighter with less severe consequences, should a vehicle leave the road.

In addition, the road construction is more substantial reducing the need for thick resurfacing layers to be laid to carry traffic loads.

The Old Military Road was originally thought not to be suitable because of the steepness of the incline and a hairpin bend at the western end, however a further assessment has indicated that an acceptable alignment could be achieved.

Discussions are ongoing with the landowner and the 12-week construction works are currently programmed to start in August and be completed before the onset of winter.

The protective landslide netting is current-



Down Memory Lane

THIS WEEK'S Down Memory Lane picture was taken from the Argyllshire Advertiser archives. The picture shows the late Duke of Argyll opening the new Inveraray Golf Course in June 1993. To submit a photograph to the Down Memory Lane section of the paper email the newsdesk your picture, along with a short description, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or pop into our office on 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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ly under construction and the completion of this work in August will allow us to remove the traffic signals.

Earlier this year I announced a £100,000 study to investigate the feasibility of improvements on the A83 trunk road.

The study will look closely at what more can be done in managing the effects of landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful, including long term engineering options such as rock shelters, stabilisation using vegetation techniques and investigating alternative access routes to Mid Argyll.

The study will also look into removing pinch points along the route. We remain on schedule to complete the study this autumn

Both the local MSP,

Mike Russell, and other local representatives, have regularly reinforced to me the vital nature of this project.

I will continue to press for this to be completed as soon as possible while respecting the need to make sure the right result is achieved to the highest standard.

Keith Brown MSP,
Transport minister.

Corryvreckan swim thanks

Sir,
Following the swim across the Corryvreckan on June 23, 2012, I just wanted to take a moment and say thank you to all the locals in the community who helped support Houses for Heroes Scotland; Sandy Campbell (Venture West), Tony Gill (Moonraker), Lynda Henderson, (For Ar-

gyll), Duncan Philips (Farsain), Nick Ryan (Crianan Hotel), The Mid Argyll Round Table, The Rotary Club of Mid Argyll, South Knapdale Community Council, Lodge Loch Fyne, to everyone who so kindly donated and of course to the *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

In the last 18 months, Houses for Heroes Scotland has housed 53 severely wounded soldiers disabled from injuries sustained on operations in Afghanistan.

We have another 38 houses to build in Scotland suitably adapted for wheelchair access and must press on.

Thank you for all your help; it really is very much appreciated.

Peter Minshall,
CEO
Houses for Heroes,
Edinburgh.

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Worthless SNP election promise?

Sir,

The lack of progress on building an emergency relief road at the Rest and Be Thankful is very worrying. Before the Council elections the SNP Government promised us that the relief road would be built on the forest track during the summer months. This now turns out to be a worthless SNP election promise.

The SNP now tell us that the forest track route is impractical and they are looking at the old road instead. Yet, when in the spring I asked about using the old road, I was told by a Scottish Government official that it was impractical. No wonder I'm frustrated. I'm sure your readers are too.

I appeal again to the SNP Government. Either route will do. Just get the relief road built as soon as possible before another landslide wrecks the Argyll economy.

Alan Reid,
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunnon,
PA23 8AL.

Step in the right direction

Sir,
After the January storm swept away the Port Wemyss bus shelter, its replacement has arrived. This is a very exposed spot to stand and wait for the bus making the new shelter very welcome.

We'd like to thank Mr Ferrier and the workers who installed the shelter and also the many locals who were extremely helpful in helping to organise the issue being raised and petitioned.

I am also happy to see a long overdue road repair in Portnahaven and would like to thank the Mr Ferrier and front line road workers for taking the time to come down and provide a much-needed repair.

This is a welcome and hopefully more frequent sight as we residents of both villages see a better return on our council tax payments, however there is a lot more repairs that need to be done.

Alastair Redman,
Islay, by email.

INVERARAY

Insight into tartan

EXPERTS from Inveraray's Redshanks Kilt-makers descended on the tourist office on Sunday to offer tourists an insight into tartan.

Frances O'Hagan from the Royal Burgh outlet spent Sunday morning showing tourists different samples of tartan including prominent Scottish weaves and samples from the renowned Harris Tweed.

The event, 'A Spiel About Tartan', offered people the chance to learn more about their clan colours, how tartan is woven in Scotland and the history behind the national dress.

Explaining there are 4,500 different types of tartan, Frances said Redshanks staff take 'pride' in having a sound knowledge of tartan and kiltmaking.

ARDENTINNY

Outdoor activities

PUPILS at Strone Primary School began their summer holidays with a morning of outdoor activities at Ardentinny.

The youngsters undertook a variety of exciting pursuits when they visited Ardentinny Outdoor Education Centre including canoeing, gorge walking through Ardentinny Forest and trekking along the rugged, rocky coastline of Loch Long.

Helen Brown, headteacher at Strone Primary, said: 'The range of activities on offer really pushed the pupils to develop their social skills and helped to increase their independence.'

The programme of events was arranged by Actual Reality Learning and Leadership Company, which runs the Cowal centre.

KILMARTIN

Dunadd Hill novel reading

AN AWARD-winning children's author will give a reading of her new novel from the top of Dunadd hill in the coming weeks.

Lari Don will read from *Maze Running*, part of which is set on Dunadd, and will also talk about the inspirations behind her work.

The Edinburgh-based writer will also be signing copies of her book at Kilmartin House Museum when she visits Mid Argyll on July 25.

People wishing to attend the reading should be at Dunadd car park at 1.40pm, with the reading beginning at 2pm.

ground was the reward for the 10 years worth of hard work it took to build it.

William added: 'There's a lot of effort that's been put into the ground and everyone is looking forward to the opening.'

The opening ceremony begins at 1pm.

KILMICHAEL GLASSARY

Dot gets her hands on the Olympic torch

FORMER Kilmichael Glassary resident Dot Blair got her hands on the Olympic Torch recently after meeting a sporting hero.

Dot, who now lives in Aberdeen, held the Olympic torch after meeting golfing star Colin Montgomerie when he carried the torch through the city centre.

One of hundreds of people gathered to witness the moment, Dot asked the former Ryder Cup captain for a photograph.

He responded by handing her the torch and posing with her for the picture.

Dot said: 'I used to watch the golf, never thinking for a moment I would be close to him, he was absolutely charming.'

Dot moved to Aberdeen six years ago to be closer to her son and daughter.

KAMES

Summer market

THE NEXT summer producers' market takes place at Kames Recreational Hall on July 28.

A host of local produce will be on sale including Kyles Allotment Group's homegrown vegetables and local crafts including wood-carvings and jewellery.

The event, organised by the Kyles Allotment Group, runs from 10am to 2pm.

ACHNAMARA

Good turnout for fun ride

HORSE and pony riders turned out in good numbers for the second annual Achnamara Fun Ride.

A total of 33 riders, aged six and upwards, were joined by six walkers as they made their way through Knapdale Forest.

A host of rosettes were handed out to the riders by chairwoman of Achnamara Village Hall Committee Liz Swan marking their contribution to the event.

CAIRNDOW

Loch Fyne Oysters sponsor Inveraray Games

LOCH Fyne Oysters has confirmed it is the sponsor of the 2012 Inveraray Highland Games.

Kicking off in the grounds of Inveraray Castle on Tuesday morning, the mobile oyster bar will be there to serve fresh seafood to participants and spectators alike.

The Games will again be host to the World Caber Tossing Championships.

Loch Fyne Oysters' events and marketing manager, Virginia Summison said: 'The competitive spirit of the games is great for the area and always proves to be a fun packed day.'

For more on the Inveraray Highland Games see page 10.

CRINAN

Stars and stripes fly over Crinan

AMERICAN holidaymakers arriving in Crinan last Wednesday were surprised to find their national flag flying from the mast outside Crinan Hotel.

Boyd and Heather Smith made the discovery as they arrived for a three-day stay at the hotel.

Owner of the hotel, Nick Ryan, had raised the flag to mark the pair's arrival and Independence Day.

Having holidayed several times in Crinan, Heather said: 'It was so odd to see our flag in Scotland, but it's always a magical treat to come to Crinan.'

'It's 105 degrees in Kansas right now so we're probably the only people in Scotland who don't complain about the weather.'

Nick said: 'I have a number of flags and since it was the national day I decided to put the American flag up, as people appreciate it.'



American couple Boyd and Heather Smith were surprised to see their flag flying in a small Scottish village. 06_a28usflag01

STRACHUR

New sports centre opens

THE OPENING of the new Strachurmore Sports Centre tomorrow (Saturday) will be 'pay-back' for the local community, according to the sports centre chairman.

William Montgomery said that the sports

LUSS

Drawing will appear on postcard

A DRAWING by a Luss Primary School pupil will feature on a new postcard produced by Loch Lomond Arms Hotel.

Justin Adam's drawing was chosen as the winning entry in an art competition, which challenged children to paint or draw the 18th century coaching inn.

The eight-year-old's picture will be printed on postcards that will be available at the newly refurbished hotel, which launched the competition.

The youngster was awarded a £50 voucher for arts and crafts materials for his winning picture and has been invited for dinner at the village hotel.



Justin Adam of Luss Primary with his prize-winning artwork.

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Christian Family Week

CHILDREN enjoyed Family Week got under-fun activities with a way. Christian message at An annual event or-Lochgilthead Baptist Lochgilthead Baptist Church this week as Church, Family Week

sees a host of activities organised in Lochgilp-head for children, teenagers and parents.

Reverend Derek Gibson said the blindfold games helped children relate to the story of Jesus healing blind man Bartimaeus.

Appreciate

'This is about how we can appreciate our sight and we have been doing a number of activities to show that,' Reverend Gibson said.

Adopting the theme of the Olympics for many of the activities throughout the week, the youngsters competed in sports competitions under the flags of nations from across the globe.

Explaining the aim of Family Week is to bring the community closer together, Reverend Gibson said: 'We're looking at what it is like to belong to Team Jesus.'

Exhibition at Crinan

SOME of the UK's finest up-and-coming artists are featured in an exhibition at the Crinan Hotel this month.

The artists, handpicked by the Royal Glasgow Institute, feature alongside a wealth of Mid Argyll talent in the exhibition which features both paintings and sculptures.

Celebration

Works of art by the late Glasgow painter and sculptor George Wylie also feature in the exhibition as a celebration of the icon, who spent a lot of time in Crinan.

George shot to fame with works including the Straw Locomotive, which famously hung from the Finnieston Crane in Glasgow, and the 80-foot-long Paper Boat, which sailed from Glasgow to New York.

Frances Ryan, who owns the Crinan Ho-

tel with her husband, said the exhibition was a good opportunity for young artists, based in the central belt, to reach new audiences.

'This exhibition gives artists a good start to their careers and it's a

good stepping stone for them,' Mrs Ryan said.

Chance

'Most of the artwork comes from Glasgow and this gives local people a chance to come and see these artists without having to go there.'

Among the local artists featured in the exhibition are Rebecca Barnett and Robert Walker of Crinan Ferry, Louise Oppenheimer of Kilmichael Glassary and Lesley Burr of Lochgilp-head.



Frances Ryan, who paints under the name of Frances Macdonald, launched a new exhibition which brings some of the finest talent in the country to Mid Argyll. 06_a28crinanart02

Inveraray Highland Games

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Community Noticeboard

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In the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown

Friday 20th July 7pm - 9pm
Saturday 21st July 10am - 4pm

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

Organised by the Fyne Art Club
Monday 23 July - Saturday 28 July
Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Mon: 9am - 9pm, Tue - Thu: 9am - 7pm, Fri: 9am - 6.30pm, Sat: 9am - 3pm

ADMISSION FREE
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Entry Fee: £5 for up to 4 original framed exhibits (£10 for non-members)
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Tea and raffle
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Rain fails to dampen the spirits at Tarbert Seafood Festival

HEAVY rain failed to dampen the spirits of people as they turned out in force for the Tarbert Seafood Festival.

Revellers turned out in a range of crazy, colourful outfits for the seafood parade, led by Seafood Festival Queen Heather Brown and her loyal princesses Keira Guy and Nell MacFarlane.

Following close behind was a procession of personalities ranging from Elvis riding a rickshaw to a trio of Rod Stewart

tribute acts, while the Mid Argyll Pipe Band provided a medley of marching music.

The Tarbert Majorettes again took part in the parade, dressed in glittering outfits, raising £640 for charity.

Appetising

On Harbour Street, the air was filled with the appetising aroma of freshly cooked fare as festival goers watched and tasted the best of produce from the west.

The Tarbert Oyster

Shucking Contest made a return to the event but the Scots were denied victory by Linda Arnussen from Sweden.

A music concert featured performances from local musicians including Struan Thorpe of the Mid Argyll Pipe Band and Genesis Manao.

Festivalgoer Neil Robertson from Tarbert said that he had enjoyed the day, despite the inclement weather, adding: 'It's a good day out and I can also help support the local community.'



Seafood Festival Queen Heather Brown and her princesses Keira Guy (left) and Nell MacFarlane. 06_a28seafood12



David Hunt, left, and Struan Thorpe provided musical entertainment at the festival. 06_a28sea-



The Tarbert Majorettes raised £640 for the Tarbert Seafood Festival. 06_a28seafood20



Tina Saville from Tarbert serves up a treat. 06_a28seafood08



Blair McKinnon, 5, from Glasgow was as happy as a Spiderman who just caught a fly. 06_a28seafood04



This Elvis impersonator was left All Shook Up when Captain America and Zorro hitched a ride. 06_a28seafood19

Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival

TODAY sees the launch of another festival in the Loch Fyne village – Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival.

The festival will see a host of vessels sail into Tarbert Harbour, charting the changes in boats through the ages. From traditional skiffs to modern yachts, the festival will be a must see event.

A host of shore-side activities have been arranged to coincide with the event with live music and a pop-up bar in the harbour-side marquee. There will also be plenty of entertainment as locals battle it out both raft and rowing races. The festival begins today (Friday) and runs until Sunday.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Synopsis: Prometheus
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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- 20 To be held in England's capital (8)
- 21 Diminish (4)
- 22 Married (6)
- 23 Time word (6)

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- 1 Sea anemones (6)
- 2 Outer jaw? (4)
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- 6 Automatic response (6)
- 12 Absolutely the most! (8)
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- 21 Soothing ointment (4)

Last week's solution

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Shellfish harvesters ordered to stop as algal toxin levels rise

Commercial shellfish harvesters in south Kintyre have been ordered to stop operations as raised levels of algal toxins have been found in the area.

Argyll and Bute Council has halted fishing in the area after finding the naturally occurring toxins in Kilbrannan Sound, Campbeltown Loch, Kildalloig Bay, Carradale Bay, Saddell Bay, Machrie Bay and Pirmill.

Eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor fish from these areas may pose a risk to human health.

Notices to warn the public and casual gatherers have been posted at various locations on the shore.

Corryvreckan swimmers congratulated by MSPs

A TEAM of Argyll swimmers who last month swam across the Corryvreckan for charity has been congratulated by MSPs in Holyrood.

Alex Johnstone, MSP for Aberdeen North East, tabled a motion at the Scottish Parliament to recognise Peter Minshall and his band of swimmers for raising more than £2,000 for Houses for Heroes.

Peter was joined by his son William, aged 17, in the challenge as well as Argyll men Andy Peden, Tony Barker and Colin MacFarlane, students Douglas and Emma Byatt, Cambridge University lecturer Tim Minshall and Jonathan Reah from the France.

The motion won the support of several MSPs, including Highland and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor.

World caber tossing championships at Inveraray Games

THE WORLD caber tossing championship will again be held in the Royal Burgh on Tuesday as the annual Inveraray Highland Games gets underway.

Attracting the highest calibre of athletes from across the globe, heavyweight athletes from Australia, New Zealand, America and Canada will be competing against home-grown talent for the Scottish Games Association Medal.

A test of skill and strength, the world championship caber is one of the biggest on the highland games circuit, measuring over 20 feet and weighing more than 140lbs.

Stephen King, heavyweight athlete and vice

convenor of the Inveraray Highland Games, said the world championship would again be a highlight of the Inveraray event.

'The favourite this year is a Dutch guy Hans,' Stephen said. 'He is a strong lad and has been very close to winning it the last three years. He is desperate to win it; it's a very prestigious title to win.'

'But Gregor Edmunds is in with a shout and Lorne Colthart, the Scottish junior champion is a contender. Other top Scots like Bruce Robb will also be at the games.'

The heavyweight events including the hammer throw, weight over the bar and stone putt, will take place

alongside track athletics, Highland dancing and piping competitions.

The piping event will be led by Inveraray's Jimmy Beaton following the sad loss of Robert Stewart, who had been piping convenor at the games for years.

This year also sees Robert's granddaughters Eilidh and Emma Carmichael acting as secretaries to the piping competition following the retirement of Agnes Liddell.

Proving a fun day out for local families and tourists, the games will feature a host of fun activities and stalls selling souvenirs, whilst local food producers will be serving up good food and drink.



Heavy weight athlete Lorne Colthart, formerly of Oban, is a contender for the 2012 caber tossing world championship

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The Highland Games will begin with a march through Inveraray to Winterton Park, in the grounds of Inveraray Castle. Starting at 10.45 am, the march will be led by the Duke of Argyll and Inveraray Pipe Band.

Chefs spoon out goodwill for Timebank lunch

BIG HEARTED chefs in Mid Argyll are donating lunches to the Timebank lunch club to ensure it goes with a swing.

Chefs from Kilmartin House Cafe, Lochgilphead's Argyll Cafe and Lord of the Isles, in Craobh Haven, have all offered to cook for a community lunch.

Embracing the ethos of timebanking, which sees people offer their time and expertise for a good cause, the chefs will be cooking a meal for the lunch club, which meets once a month.

Kitchen staff at the Argyll Cafe are due to cook up a storm for this month's lunch, which takes place next Friday at Lochgilphead Community Centre.

Community lunches are organised by Argyll Voluntary Action, in partnership with Timebank volunteers, as part of their work to develop services for older people.

Piping competition at Strachur

A WEALTH of young musical talent from across central Scotland competed in a prestigious piping competition at Strachur Memorial Hall last Saturday.

Steven McNair from Strachur was among the trophy winners who impressed the audience with a medley of marches, reels and piobaireachds at Strachur and District Piping Association's annual competition.

Donald McLaughlin, president of the piping association, said that he was pleased by the number of competitors at the event.

'The competition is based in the middle of Argyll and even though Strachur is a small village, people came from all over Argyll and beyond to take part,' Mr McLaughlin said.

Strachur, he added, was an important area for piping, evident by the number of locals involved in Inveraray Pipe Band, who are ranked third in the world.

Several of the competitors are students of the piping association and Donald explained how hard they had worked, undergoing a gruelling week-long training session in the final run-up to the competition.

The full list of winners at the competition were as follows:

Chanter march (10 years and under): 1. Josh Barbour, Campbeltown; 2. Amy Patterson, Campbeltown. Chanter march (11-12 years): 1. Iain Wylie, Campbeltown; 2. Daniel Anderson. Novice bagpipe march: 1. Jordan Brown, Campbeltown; 2. Jamie McKerral, Campbeltown. March (12 years & under): James Miller, Falkirk. Ground of piobaireachd (17 years & under): Harris MacLennan, Edinburgh. Slow march (14 years & under): Donald Stewart, Stewarton. March (14 years & under): Joshua Townsley, Chapelhall. Strathspey and reel (14 years & under): James Mill-

er, Falkirk. March (15-17 years): Ross Miller, Falkirk. Strathspey & reel (15-17 years): Daniel McDermott, Rothesay. Piobaireachd (17 years & under): Ross Miller, Falkirk. Hornpipe (17 years & under): Taylor Townsley, Chapelhall. Jig (17 years & under): Daniel McDermott, Rothesay. 6/8 march (17 years & under): Rebecca Tierney, Strathaven. Selection (17 years & under): Ross Miller, Falkirk. Best local competitor: Steven McNair, Strachur. Best open competitor (15-17 years): Ross Miller, Falkirk. Best open competitor (14 years & under): Joshua Townsley, Chapelhall. Best open competitor dress & deportment: Harris MacLennan, Edinburgh.



Beulah Sinclair of Colintrave competed at last Saturday's piping event in Strachur. 06_a28piping01

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A feature of the sale was 23 quality Limousin bullocks and heifers from M/s Pirie Laigh-Park, Milngavie when their 16 bullocks sold to £905 and 246p per kg to average 354kgs and averaged £812 per head and 229p per kg. The seven heifers sold to £670 and 213p per kg to average at 210p per kg. Thirty-five Holstein bullocks averaged 153p per kg, while forward cattle proved to be very short of requirements.

Native bred cattle sold to £1,080 for four 520kgs Aberdeen Angus bullocks from M/s Drummond Ladywell, Dunkeld.

Bullocks averaged 208p and sold to 246p per kg for three 350kg Limousins from Laigh Park, Milngavie and £1,135 for a 590kg Shorthorn from Ledlation, Milnathort.

Heifers averaged 204p and sold to 225p per kg for four 470kg Charolais from Wester Hill, Bish-oppbriggs and £1,140 for a 560kg Simmental from Wester Hill, Bish-oppbriggs.

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Many dairy farms are left unviable after cuts to farm gate milk prices took income below cost of production

Dairy sector in turmoil

ARGYLL milk producers were represented as hundreds of Scotland's dairy farmers gathered at Lanark this week to demonstrate against recent cuts in milk pricing which renders their businesses untenable.

NFU Scotland (NFUS) claims that if the industry cannot agree a fair code of practice, which guarantees farmers a realistic return from the marketplace and power to negotiate their contracts effectively, the UK government should step in and legislate for compulsory and equitable contracts.

NFUS president Nigel Miller said: 'There is no mistaking the sense of crisis among milk producers.'

Fear for the future
'Recent price cuts

have stripped millions of pounds out of dairy farmers' businesses and created anger, frustration and fear for the future.

'The situation has also created a level of unity within Scotland and the rest of the UK - between farmers and farming unions alike - to break the destructive power of discretionary pricing.

'We are at a crossroads, and our best option is to agree upon the goals which can actually lead to change. This may require legislation from Westminster or Holyrood, or both.

NFUS milk committee chairman Gary Mitchell added: 'Milk buyers have the power to set, raise and drop prices at their whim and with impunity.'

This cannot go on. 'We must insist that the UK and devolved governments work with us to rid processors and retailers of the ability to set milk prices solely on their own terms.'

Store trade rises at Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 418 store cattle and 127 cast cows at Stirling last Wednesday when trade for bullocks and heifers rose by an average of more than 2p per kilo.

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 An Tairbeart offers excellent facilities in this regard. It is planned to offer one-day or longer residential courses, as part of the project which was assisted financially through the Scottish Rural Development Program. The lecture room seats 40, and the outdoor demonstration areas can expand into the woods and hills of Stonefield Farm, literally on the doorstep.
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vironment and historic heritage are unsurpassed.
 The heritage centre has been re-opened as a Farm Shop and Coffee Shop, with fresh local produce and traditional home baking providing a place where passers-by will be made welcome. 'At An Tairbeart we aim to get the best of Argyll produce into our cooking' says Cara. 'Locally sourced produce does not have to be expensive, and freshness is quality'.
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 - Call in the professionals. Ask friends or relatives who have moved recently to recommend removal firms.
 - Get at least three estimates from different firms and don't automatically accept the cheapest.
 - Establish a written timetable with the removal firm and check the foreman has all the necessary details.
 - Make sure the removal firm has a clear map showing how to find your new home.
 - Ensure your possessions are insured for transit. Most removal firms provide such insurance. Check what it covers and whether there are exclusions. Remember that anything you pack yourself may not be covered by the removal firm's insurance. If you are planning to transport any precious items yourself, check that these are covered when in transit by your contents insurance.
 - Hire professional cleaners to give your new place a thorough going over before you move in. Some removal firms will arrange to do this. This will make the whole move a more comfortable process.
 - Before the big day, have a clear out. Valuable items that are no longer needed can be auctioned or sold to a dealer in second-hand furniture. Other items can be donated to charity shops or recycled.
 - Get someone to look after the children for the day. The same goes for pets - or book them into kennels or a cattery. Make sure they have identity tags with their new address.
 - Compile a fact file for the people who are moving into your property, such as instruction leaflets and service information for the heating system and appliances you're leaving, together with details of rubbish collection etc.
 - Round up all the keys to your home, including those left with neighbours, nannies and relatives, and give them to your solicitor or estate agent.
 - If the move is going to be spread over a couple of days, arrange accommodation and pack a bag for an overnight stop.
 - Make a scale plan of each room in your new home to give to the removal team so, in theory, they know exactly where everything is to go. Colour-code packing cases and furniture in the hope that this will mean it ends up in the right rooms.
 - Make a complete inventory of everything to be moved.
 - Advise the post office to redirect your post.
 - Cancel milk and newspapers.
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 - Upon arrival, read the meters and check that the phone, security alarm, electricity, gas, central heating and water work.
- Even if everything is in order and has run smoothly, the chances are by the end of the day you'll be too shattered to move, so collapse on the sofa, order a takeaway and crack open a bottle of champagne.

PERSONALS

Malcolm and Margaret would like to thank their families, friends and colleagues for making their Silver Wedding Party so memorable. Grateful thanks also for the many cards, gifts and good wishes received.



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Laura Mackay
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Thanks to everyone who came to my 40th and the Sunday session. Hope you all had a great time! Thanks for all the cards, presents and to all the helpers - especially Clare for the brilliant birthday cake. Also to Kenny and Lockie for helping to make it a great night.
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For this post, candidates will require a qualification in psychology at Higher level.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00960/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land South of High Loup Clachan Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/00974/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse.	Land South West of Achavraid Clachan Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/01284/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North of Sunnyside Glenbarr Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/01321/PP	Installation of replacement rooflights	Building 11 Hazelburn Business Park Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/01423/PP	Alterations to dwellinghouse.	Allt An Dubh Furnace Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XN	Sub Post Office Inveraray

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01322/LIB	Installation of replacement rooflights and internal alterations	Building 11 Hazelburn Business Park Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/01430/LIB	Repositioning of existing stone gateposts and the installation of new cast iron gates and railings.	Balinakill Country House Hotel Clachan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XL	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00933/MIN	Working of borrow pit to provide minerals for windfarm development	Borrow Pit 6 Allt Dearg Wind Farm Stronachullin Farm Ardrishaig Argyll and Bute PA31 8PE	Whitegates Offices, Lochgilthead
12/01317/PP	Erection of 70 metre high meteorological mast for a temporary period of 5 years	Land West of Loch Ciaran Clachan By Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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Notice is hereby given under regulation 5 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) regulations 1985 that:

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A copy of the financial statements will also be available on the following website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

The financial statements will be open to Public Inspection during business hours from Friday 27th July 2012 until Thursday 16th August 2012 inclusive.

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Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father ... forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors' (Matthew 6:12).

BIRTHS



BARKER - STEWART

Lisa and George are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Maisy Stewart, on June 22, 2012. A beautiful little sister for Kaiden. Special thanks to all midwives at Mid Argyll Hospital, especially Brenda and Jenifer.

HILL - Iain and Rebecca (née Watson) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Hope Sofia Elizabeth, on June 4, 2012.



REID - MACCALLUM

Allan and Lorna are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Robert William, on July 1, 2012, a beautiful wee brother for Liam. First grandchild for Willie and Sheila, Ballybracken, and third grandchild for Robert and the late Moira MacCallum, Sealand, Peninver. Many thanks to the staff at Southern General Hospital Maternity, and special thanks to Isabel Cook at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

WYROSLAWSKI

Stefan and Yvonne (née Inglis) are delighted to announce the birth of Evelina Lucy on Monday, June 11, 2012. A very special 30th birthday present for her dad.

MARRIAGES

COLEMAN - MACLEOD - At Kyles Parish Church, Kames, on Saturday, July 7, 2012, by the Rev Dr Roderick MacLeod, Mairi Christina, daughter of Murdo and Jane MacLeod, Lochgilphead, to James, son of Irene Paisley and James Coleman, Glasgow. Gach beannachd air a' chàraidh ùr-phosta.



HARVEY - MORGAN

On June 21, 2012, at St Columba's Church, Stirling, Steven to Kim.



MCLELLAN - SMIRNOVA

On June 30, 2012, near Valmiera, Latvia, in a most beautiful setting for the celebration with family and friends, the marriage of Martin Alexander McLellan to Dace Smirnova.

DEATHS

GILBERT - Peacefully, at Cradlehall Nursing Home, Inverness, after a long illness, on July 4, 2012, in her 64th year, Carol Gilbert, who spent many happy years of her life residing in Tayvallich. Much loved daughter of the late John and Connie and sister of Iain and Ronnie.

LANG - Robert (Roby) Gordon Lang, aged 33 years, of 87 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, suddenly but peacefully, beloved son of Erika, much loved brother of Kylie, Eden, Connor and Layla, loving uncle of Nyla and best friend of Stuart, treasured fiancé of Sarah and a devoted and much loved daddy of Adam. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, July 16 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Brain Tumour Research.

MACINTYRE - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on July 10, 2012, Archibald MacIntyre (Archie), in his 82nd year, 7 Isleview, Machrihanish, dearly beloved husband of Anna Duncan, much loved father of Ann, Fay, Morag, Lillian, Shona, Catherine and Archie, father-in-law of Hugh, Duncan, John, Graeme and David and a loving grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle.

MCLULLICH - Duncan, of Ancorran, Tayvallich, Argyll, peacefully at Ardfenaig, on July 6, 2012, three days short of his 99th birthday, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, father-in-law and uncle. Funeral service was held at Tayvallich Church, on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, followed by interment at Carsaig Cemetery.

WEST - Kathleen Emma. Peacefully, at Oban Hospital, on July 9, 2012, Kay, loving wife of Martyn, mother of Susan, Philip and Grahame, a much loved grandmother and proud great grandmother. Very much missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will be held in Fenwick Church on July 17, 2012 at 11.30am, followed by interment at Craufurdland Woods, Fenwick. Flowers very welcome! An informal gathering (light lunch etc) in memory of Kay will be held at the Grey Gull Inn, Ardrishaig, on Wednesday, July 18 at 2.30pm, which all friends and associates are welcome to attend.

WOODFORD - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on July 10, 2012, Margaret Buchanan McKerral, in her 90th year, 27 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Thomas Woodford, much loved mother of Thomas and the late Duncan, a loving and much loved mother-in-law of Ruth and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, July 13 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHRYSAL - The family of the late Flora Chrysal, wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and support and those who attended at Cardross and Inveraray Parish Church. Special thanks to all doctors, nurses and staff of Lorn and Islands Hospital for their wonderful care and compassion, to the Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and the Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for most comforting words, to Morag, John, Jake and Agnes for their musical contribution, much appreciated and to Stan Lupton for most efficient arrangements. Heartfelt thanks to all who donated the very generous sum, in excess of £1,100, for the purchase of treatment chairs for the Chemotherapy Unit at Oban Hospital.

GRAHAM - On the passing of her dear mum, Margaret, Mary would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported her through these difficult days. The cards, flowers and phone calls have been very comforting. The doctors and all the staff of the Campbeltown Hospital, who over the years cared for Mum with dedication, respect and made her last few weeks so comfortable. When she was at home district nurses, integrated care team and occupational therapists continued to support her to such a high level. The girls of the home care team not only gave practical help, but cheered Mum up on a daily basis. When she was able to get out and about, the time she spent at "The Tuesday Group" helped Mum through some hard times, so thank you to everyone there, also the Cookery Group and MS Society for their friendship and care. Jan Bell and Mary Scally have been dedicated, unfailing friends, to whom my thanks seems minute by comparison. The Rev Donald Lawrie gave such a tender and comforting service and has been a wonderful spiritual help to my family over many years. Paula McLean's music at the service was beautiful and I am so appreciative of her help. Thanks go to Alasdair Blair for a sensitive, professional service and to the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey. Margaret, Kirsteen and Dawn have been my rocks and kept me going through the difficult last few weeks. A final thank you held to the Graham and Kelly families, who have been towers of strength to me and I know will continue to be so. £375 was raised for the MS Society in the retiral collection.

HALL - The family of the late Hugh Hall, wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during their sad loss. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks to Mrs Agnes Stewart for her comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional service and to the Seaford Hotel for excellent catering. Many thanks to all who paid respects at the church and graveside. The collection, raised £396.73, to be shared between Campbeltown Hospital and RNLI.

MCFARLANE - The family of the late Gordon McFarlane, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for flowers, cards, telephone calls, home baking and numerous kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and Rev Roddy MacLeod for their joint comforting service, Stan Lupton, Funeral Directors, for professional services, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection, for Beatson Institute for Cancer Research, raised £350.

SLINGER - Bob would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received following the loss of Joan. Thanks also to doctors and nursing staff for their care and attention, to Margaret Sinclair for a most uplifting service, and to Donald MacDonald for caring arrangements. Finally, thank you to all who attended at the crematorium to pay their respect, your presence was most comforting and appreciated.

THOMSON - The family of the late Dorothy Thomson (MS McInnes), would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, for flowers, cards and telephone calls received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and Rev Roddy MacLeod for a lovely service, Stan Lupton for the funeral arrangements, sincere thanks to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Thank you also for your generous donations, totalling £150, for Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead.

IN MEMORIAMs

CARTER - Isabel, died July 16, 2008. Dear Mum, love and miss you still.

- Pat, Berny and Fiona.

GILLIES - In loving memory of my mother, Nettie. Loved and remembered every day.

- Christine.

GILLIES - Granny Gillies. Quietly today, your memory we treasure.

- Loving you always, Carolyn, Jim and family.

GILLIES - In loving memory of a special granny, Nettie, who passed away July 17, 2009. Always in our thoughts.

- Audrey, Craig, Ross and Lauren.

GILLIES - In loving memory of my dear sister and friend, our Auntie Nettie, sadly passed away July 17, 2009. Beautiful memories cherished forever

Of happy years spent together.

- Cathie and family xxxx.

MARTIN - In ever loving memory of my dear dad, papa and father-in-law, Charlie, who passed away July 17, 2008.

You were such a special dad and papa

In whom we always could confide

Always wise and caring

Always on our side

When we think of all the memories

That will never fade away

We're so thankful to have had a dad and papa

Who brought joy to every day.

- Your ever loving daughter Isabel, son-in-law Jim, granddaughter Kerry and great grandchildren Eilidh, Daniel and Linzi x.

MORRISON - In loving memory of our sister, Sarah Brodie (Sadie), who passed away July 11, 2008. Always remembered.

- Barbara, Christine, Edward, Martin and Kenneth.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny, Jane Brown Bell, died July 14, 1985.

In our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.

- Your loving daughter Norma, Jim and family.

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 15 July 2012
Pentecost 7
10.45am Family Communion
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 15th July 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Speaker - Andy Bell
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SUNDAY 15th JULY 2012
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Rev. Hilda Smith
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Sunday 15 July 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "Finishing well"
Thursday 19 July 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 15 July
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Sunday 15th July 2012
11.15am Morning Service
Rev. Catriona Hood
Church Coffee Morning
Saturday 14th July, 10am - 12
Usual Stalls
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
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Sunday, 15th July
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Morning Service - 11:15 a.m.
Rev. Philip Burroughs
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Catriona wins Tarbert Ladies Open

MORE THAN 50 golfers descended on Tarbert Golf Course recently as the ninth annual Ladies Open got underway.

The competitors, representing fourteen clubs from as far afield as Arran, Cowal and north Lorne, played in blustery but mostly dry conditions throughout the day.

The competition format was Stableford, with prizes also available for scratch, birdies, longest drives and nearest the pin.

The early leader in the clubhouse was Tarbert member Catriona McKnight with a very credit-

able 40 points. Despite many valiant efforts, this score remained unbeaten and a delighted Catriona secured the trophy.

The prize giving was well attended by club members and competitors. Lady captain Frances Hardie opened proceedings by thanking the Tarbert lady members who had worked so hard to make their guests day so enjoyable, also thanking Willie Young, John Hardie, Neil McKnight, Catherine Jane McCaffery, Laura McCaffery, Marion Murray and George Dickson for their hard work on and off the course.

Tarbert greens' man Steven Barclay was also commended for keeping the Tarbert fairways in such good condition.

Frances closed the day by extending a special thanks to the sponsors Loch Fyne Gallery for their nine years of support and looked forward to the tenth year in 2013.

Results: Ladies Open: 1. C. McKnight, 40 points, Tarbert; 2. H. Brownlee, 38 points, Tarbert; 3. S. Ferguson, 37 points, Tarbert.

Scratch: 1. A. Gallagher 77 points, Machrihanish; 2. Jenni Turnbull, 79 points, Shiskine; 3. L. Ramsay, 79 points, Machrihanish.

Longest Drive: silver: L. Ramsay, Machrihanish; bronze: A. MacCalman, Taynuilt.

Nearest the pin: 17th: A. Anderson, Shiskine; 4th: H. Brownlie, Tarbert.



L-R: Rae Bleasby, sponsor of the Ladies Open, Sheena Ferguson, Catriona McKnight, Heather Brownlee and Frances Hardie. Picture - Colin Hunter

Argyll-wide athletics competition begins

YOUNG athletes will be competing at the Inveraray Highland Games on Tuesday as an Argyll-wide athletics competition begins.

Athletes from across the county will be taking part in a host of track and field events at Highland Games throughout the summer in a bid to be named the overall Highland Games athletics champion.

Competitors between the ages of 11 and 15 will take part in disciplines including the 90-metre and 600-metre races, long jump, high jump and the shot putt.

Gaining points in each event at highland games in Inveraray, Mull and Oban, the boy and girl with the most points will win a trophy.

A new edition to the Highland Games schedule of events, the junior track and field sports are being held to encourage more local, Argyll based, athletes to take part in events.

Mid Argyll Athletics Club, Mull Athletic Club and Argyll and Bute Local Athletics Partnership are all backing the initiative.

For more information on the games, phone 01546 602664.

Third defeat in a row as Kilmory lose to Celtic

KILMORY suffered their third league defeat in a row on Saturday after early goals from Oban Celtic consigned them to a 2-0 defeat.

Celtic raced into the lead after only 18 minutes with goals by Alan Duffy and Kieran Gallagher.

The loss leaves the Macrae Park side in sixth place in South Division One and they face a tough fixture list in their final three games of the season, which are all away from home.

Next Saturday sees the maroons travel to Taynuilt, which will be followed up by matches against Glasgow Mid Argyll and Oban Camanachd, who have yet to drop a point this season.

Soccer Centre teams looking for players

LOCHGILPHEAD Soccer Centre teams Red Star 2000s and Scorpions finished their season in the Oban Express Primary Football League.

The players took part in an end-of-season presentation where every player was awarded

a medal for taking part in the 2012 league campaign.

Each team also chose their players of the year, with goalkeeper Iain Gillies taking the award for Red Star 2000s, while Cameron Williamson was chosen by

Scorpions.

Next season Red Star 2000s will make the jump into the Dunbartonshire Football Development League competing alongside other Lochgilphead Red Star teams in the under 14 and under 16s categories.

Scorpions will once again play in the Primary Football League next season.

All the soccer centre teams involved are looking for players in the run-up to the new season and anyone interested in taking part should

contact Arthur McCulloch on 01546 603214 if they were born in 1997 or 1998. Kathleen Young should be contacted on 01546 605278 for those born in 1999 and Gordon Munro on 07543 387298 for those born in 2000.



Red Star 2000s will compete in next season's Dunbartonshire Football Development League.



Soccer centre team Scorpions celebrated the end of the season at the Oban Express Primary Football League.

Swimathon will raise money for good causes

A CHARITY swimathon has been arranged at MACPool next Sunday.

The 12-hour-long session will be raising funds for four causes: MACPool, Cancer Research, Argyll Activities and the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services.

The swimathon is being organised by Alison Garrett of Argyll Activities, despite the fact she is recovering from a big operation.

Alison said: 'We're just hoping to get everyone in the spirit for London 2012 and to get people active.'

Volunteers as well as swimmers will be very welcome on the day to help out with home baking, or to serve teas and coffees.

To help out at the swimathon, contact Alison on 07901 836991.

Keyline Cup tournament takes place in Oban on Saturday

THE 19th annual Keyline Cup Tournament, organised by Oban Saints Football Club and sponsored by Keyline Builders Merchants, takes place at Mossfield Stadium and Glencruit Park on Saturday.

Champions

Taking part are Scottish Premier League teams Dundee United, St Johnstone and Scottish Cup winners Hearts, along

with Hamilton Accies from Scottish League Division One and Division Three champions Alloa Athletic, who won the Keyline Cup last year.

Amateur host club Oban Saints make up the six team tournament. Play starts at 11am.

The tournament is run on a round robin format with all the teams playing each other in short,

sharp 30 minute games which is ideal for pre-season match fitness. A total of 15 games will be played on the day.

Officiate

Mid Argyll referees Jimmy Litster and Peter Laing, along with seven others will officiate at the tournament.

Alloa manager Paul Hartley, the former Hearts, Celtic and Scotland player is looking

forward to the tournament.

He said: 'Last year was my first visit to the competition and was impressed with the standard of play from all the teams and the way the tournament was organised by Oban Saints'

'To win the cup was a bonus as we had a lot of new players in the squad, but we will certainly be going all out to

win it again this year. We know it will be tough as some of the best young players in Scottish football will be playing in the tournament.'

'We will be taking our first team squad to Oban as the way the tournament is structured we can give the whole squad at least 90 minutes of football, which you can't really do in a one-off friendly match.'



Alloa Athletic manager Paul Hartley.

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Total Soccer coaching at Lochgilphead Joint Campus

YOUNGSTERS wishing to hone their soccer skills will have the opportunity to learn from an ex-professional player at Lochgilphead Joint Campus next week.

Tony Gervaise will be holding coaching sessions during the Total Soccer Experience event between next Monday and Friday.

Tony, who played for Clydebank and Queen of the South, was also assistant coach of the Scottish women's national team.

Application forms can be obtained at the Mid Argyll Sports Centre or online at www.totalsoccerexperience.co.uk.

Club lottery numbers

THE NUMBERS in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw were 6, 15 and 19.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 10, 16 and 19 drawn.

The jackpot will be £400 next week.

The Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery this week drew numbers 3, 5 and 7.

There were no winners and the jackpot will be £300 next week.

Five substitute rule change for amateur teams

FROM the start of the new season amateur football clubs will be able to use five substitutes instead of three.

The new rule was passed at the Scottish Amateur Football Association AGM recently.

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Inveraray pay the penalty as they lose out in Macaulay Cup

Young Oban keeper saves two penalties and brought off a string of excellent saves

INVERARAY manager John Smylie described his team's first half performance last Saturday as, 'the worst I have seen as manager' after his team slumped to a Macaulay Cup defeat at Mossfield.

Having knocked 14 goals past Taynuilt in the Celtic Cup final, Inveraray were favourites to progress into the Macaulay Cup final at Oban Camanachd's expense.

But the home side put in a spirited display that caught the Royal Burgh cold in the opening exchanges.

Inveraray will now have to regroup for this Saturday when they take on Kilmallie in the Scot-

tish Hydro Camanachd Cup.

John said: 'We just never turned up on Saturday. The first 45 minutes was the worst I have seen them play since I became manager. The boys just didn't look up for it.'

At 3-1 down, Inveraray were given a chance to get back into the game when Camanachd defender Gareth Evans was sent off and levelled the tie at 3-3 thanks to goals from Garry MacPherson and Ruaridh Graham, adding to Russell McKinlay's early goal.

Sucker punch

However, as Inveraray wound the clock down towards extra time, Camanachd found a sucker

punch with 40 seconds left on the clock.

The defeat was hard to take as Gussie Campbell, co-manager of Oban Camanachd admitted the Royal Burgh side would have won if the game had gone to extra time.

Speaking after the game, Gussie said: 'We scored our winner with 40 seconds left to play, which was fantastic but also a relief because if we had gone to extra time Inveraray would have won. Our defence were out on their feet because they had been working overtime.'

The Oban victory was achieved without the influential Scott MacMillan and captain Daniel Cameron, as David MacMillan, Keith MacMillan and Allan MacGregor were brought into the first team.

Gussie said: 'In the first 45 minutes, especially, we were awesome and I am really proud of the boys that came into the team, who didn't put a foot wrong all day, despite not having played for a few weeks.'

Looking ahead to Saturday, Inveraray's John said: 'The Camanachd Cup was always going to be the main competition this season but the Macaulay Cup was so open this year and we are very disappointed not to be in the final.'



Inveraray's Allan MacDonald and Oban Camanachd's Andrew 'Papa' MacCuish in a tussle for the ball during last Saturday's Artemis Macaulay Cup semi final at Mossfield. The Oban side scored a last minute goal to give them a close-fought 4-3 win and a place in the final. Photo: John MacTavish.

Kyles travel to Skye this weekend

KYLES ATHLETIC face a long trip to Skye for their Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup clash this weekend.

Tactics

Although Kyles don't know much about their island opponents, trainer James Perlich said his team's tactics would centre around their own style of play.

'Skye are a strong

team but we will be concentrating on ourselves by focusing on our strengths. That method worked well for us last year.'

Kyles finally saw off Glasgow Mid Argyll in the previous round last weekend in a tie that has needed a replay and seen matches postponed.

The Tighnabruaich side comfortably won

the match 7-1, thanks to goals from Gordon Whyte, David Zavaroni, Roddy MacDonald (2), Fraser MacDonald (2) and Duncan Kerr.

Confidence

James added: 'One thing we hadn't done this season is put a few goals past a team, so Saturday's result was a big confidence boost for the forwards.'

Chris wins July Medal at Inveraray GC

A TIGHTLY-fought July medal saw Chris Crawford claim victory at Inveraray Golf Course on Sunday.

Chris added to his recent Summer Stableford League title by posting a 71-stroke total, three ahead of second-placed Kenny MacDougall on 74 with Paul Armstrong third on 76.

Tomorrow (Saturday) sees the start of the Gents Open and those wishing to enter should call 07527 929843.

Tarbert travel to take on Fort William

TARBERT AFC head north this Saturday to take on Fort William in a pre-season friendly.

The Dookers go head-to-head with the Lochaber side as preparations continue for the start of the new season on August 11. The Scottish Amateur Football League side kick off in the new Division 1A this season and will be hoping for another good campaign after finishing second last year.



Oban Camanachd keeper Robert Dunning saves an Inveraray penalty. Photo: John MacTavish

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